

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:  
DAWGS HEEL HEELS**

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**SEPARATED@BIRTH?**



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BUTCH DAVIS**



**& SMOOTHER THAN A  
FRESH JAR  
OF SKIPPY  
JACKIE COOPER**

**SEPARATED@BIRTH? ARCHIVE**

“We’re going to win, win, win! We’re going to win so much, you’re going to get sick and tired of it. You’re going to say ‘Coach, we can’t take it anymore, we’re winning too much! Please, we don’t want to win that much anymore, we can’t take it, Coach!’ And I’m not going to care — we’re going to keep winning! Because we’re going to make UGA great again. We’re going to make it greater than ever before!”

~Kirby Smart

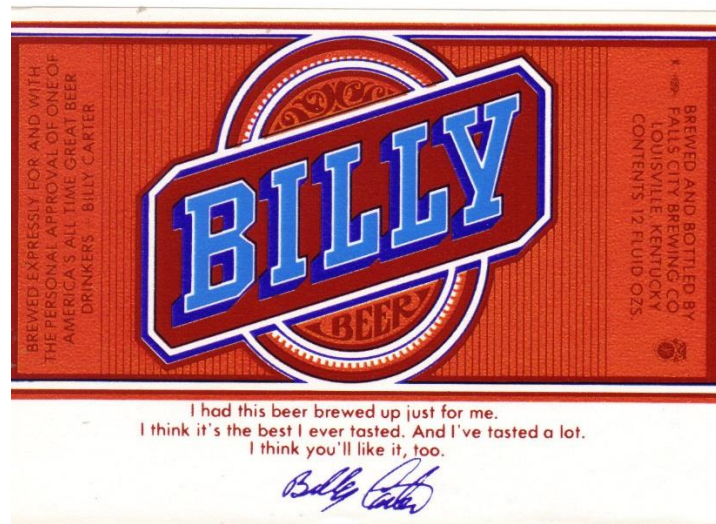


“We’re running up to the line, we’re doing everything we can in up-tempo. So it’s a very fast offense. That’s what we want to be, is a very fast, explosive offense, that has a good, dominant run game. So that’s what we’re working towards.”

~Jackson Harris, Spring 2016

“I think it’s probably maybe even going to be more uptempo. Schotty likes to go fast and I think that’s the way we’re going to beat people, defenses not being able to line up. They’re going to have trouble kind of covering our guys down field or the guys in the backfield.” ~Greg Pyke, Summer 2015

“Take everything you hear in the preseason, pour a can of Billy Beer on it, and set it on fire.” ~Little Woolly



Welcome back to all four of my readers to Year VIII of The Dawgmeister on The Dawgbone! Thanks to the Dawgboners for yet again hosting this weekly, fully fact-free foray into fall football. It’s exciting to be back for the beginning of the Smart Era. Right now he’s unbeaten, and the Nation is convinced that we’ve never been in better hands. It’s great to be a Georgia Bulldog.

What can we expect from our beloved Bulldogs, ranked but generally an afterthought in the national discussion? To Kirby Smart, we lack the talent and depth that he’s used to. He thinks our d-backs are overrated, because their reputation is tarnished by the fact that last year we played mostly running teams, and they were protected last season by the NFL-bound OLBs. The kicker will be kicking in his first game, and it appears that the punter will too. To Gary Danielson, we don’t have any linebackers. To everyone, we’ve got a young and inexperienced defensive line. The return men are good except when they fumble. The quarterback position will be manned either by the guy who thinks like Peyton Manning but throws like Cooper, or the kid with the big arm and zero SEC experience. The running backs are great when healthy, thin and inexperienced when not. The OL was regarded as disappointing last year, and graduation took the best of that group. The WRs return one playmaker, and the coach has his doubts about him. The tight ends appear promising, but are mostly inexperienced.

Or so the Scowlmeister says.

And last year's coaches got this bunch to 10-3 while losing only a handful of players to the draft? And then got fired? Let's hope we win at least 11 and salvage some pride from the season.

### **DAWGS, OR DOGS?**

Asked what he thought who'd start at quarterback way back in June, [Aaron Murray said](#), "They have to go there and study their butts so they can compete, play fast, and have fun."

### **DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK**

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*This week's featured Good Works organization is*

**The Cottage Sexual Assault Center & Children's Advocacy Center, an Athens center that raises awareness and facilitates the healing of individuals, families and communities affected by sexual violence and child abuse. The Cottage serves adult survivors of sexual assault from Clarke, Oconee, Madison and Oglethorpe Counties, as well as child survivors of abuse and their families from Clarke and Oconee Counties.**

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### **DAWG DOOTS**

- ☞ "Make America fellate again!" ~Bill Clinton
- ☞ [Dr. Whitney Cranshaw](#) of Colorado State University has found that for getting rid of slugs, the best method that her research has found is to lure them into a trap filled with Budweiser, Bud Light, or Michelob beer.
- ☞ At Dawgmeister Labs, we have found that Budweiser and Bud Light are good for one thing: luring slugs into beer traps.
- ☞ In *Game of Thrones*, if your head is still attached to your body, you ain't dead yet.
- ☞ Tim Tebow has announced that for the next stage of career, he will be either an NFL quarterback, a major league baseball player, a broadcaster, a politician, an astronaut, or the Pope.
- ☞ Little Woolly says that he wants to hire Tim Tebow's agent, because that guy could get a chicken appointed as Surgeon General.
- ☞ In a shocking development, O. J. Simpson has revealed that, after two decades of searching for the real killer of Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman, he now has conclusive evidence that the murderer is none other than Aaron Hernandez.

- ☞ "Coach Saban wants to abolish—essentially abolish Maurice Smith's right to transfer to UGA. By the way, if he gets to pick, if he gets to pick where people can transfer, nothing you can do, folks. Although the Second Amendment people, maybe there is, I don't know." ~Kirby Smart, August 1
- ☞ Before you get excited about a recruiting class, [see how this one turned out.](#)
- ☞ "I want to emphasize once again that the main reason I'm doing this is that I refuse to ruin the lives of two young men who have spent their adolescence and teenage years, working and sweating, while we were all in the air conditioning." ~Judge in trial of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols

### The Quote Board

"At Georgia Southern, we don't cheat. That costs money, and we don't have any." ~Erk Russell

"I don't expect to win enough games to be put on NCAA probation. I just want to win enough to warrant an investigation." ~Bob Devaney

"I never graduated from Iowa. But I was only there for two terms: Truman's and Eisenhower's." ~Alex Karras

### THE COVETED DAWGMEISTER GOOD GUY OF THE WEEK AWARD



The Coveted Dawgmeister Good Guy of the Week to open the Kirby Smart Era is OL **Michael Scullin**. Perhaps you've never heard of Michael. He's not a scholarship player or a guy likely to appear high on the depth chart. From a football standpoint, he's a guy on the roster who is happy to get a few snaps in the G-Day Game. But there's a lot more to the players on our team than what they show on Saturdays in the fall. Michael's decision to come forward and tell his story about [his experiences with depression and feelings of committing suicide](#) make him a special young man. In the macho world of football, admitting to a personal weakness just isn't done. In a game that is driven by emotion, depression must be a difficult condition to have coursing through your body and mind. Many people can't understand how an honors student and exceptional athlete—a preferred walkon who could have been a star at a lower classification or mid-major university—could feel depressed. But the neurological system is funny that way, at times producing imbalances that make even the most seemingly glorious existence mask

feelings that can drive suicidal thoughts. Michael knew how to “pass” with a smile, an outward appearance that belied what went on inside. In his essay he talks about overcoming his depression, although does not share the details. Pharmaceutical research has produced a number of medications that help to correct the neurological system’s misfires and reduce the effects of depression, and they have given hope to many who would otherwise feel themselves in the grip of depressive thinking. Michael plans to create an app for others who need a confidante or outlet for sharing their feelings and experiences. As the [response to his essay](#) suggests, sharing can be an important part of coping. Follow him on Twitter at [https://twitter.com/michael\\_scullin](https://twitter.com/michael_scullin) to get a sense of what it means to be a tough hombre and outstanding teammate without ever seeing the field, and with a neurological infrastructure that makes even the best days a challenge to survive.

**GOOD GUY ARCHIVE**

## **THE FORECAST**

### **DAWGS VS. NORTH CAROLINA**

An opening game under the Dome in Atlanta: I’d hoped I’d never see one of these things again. Playing indoors in [one of the NFL’s worst stadiums](#) on a gorgeous September afternoon? Playing on plastic turf and not pure natural green lay-and-play sod? Playing on the same field where we got manhandled by Boise State in one inglorious bastard of a fall day? Bah. Humbug. The matchup is great, the venue is terrible. Thank heaven Foghorn Bullhorn is watching from home, or they might need to call the game at halftime because the soundwaves from his abuse of the officials would send chunks of ceiling panels raining down on the field by halftime.

But enough about the demolition-listed field of play. We finally get to see the Dawgs under Kirby Smart’s management, after many months of the greatest hype I’ve seen since Mark Richt was hired to turn around a winning program 15 years ago. Unlike most coaches who walk into a fired coach’s fire sale, he’s inherited much of last year’s 10-3 team, which competed without its best player for the most part.

He’ll have plenty to work with, the Scowlmeister’s reservations to the contrary. Will he have enough to take this opener against a ranked opponent that is coming off one of their best seasons in memory? Most people believe that Jim Chaney is an improvement Schotty, not only in offensive design and playcalling but in the danger he poses to a bucket of wings. A more diverse and vertical game plan seems to be something that both the staff and the coaches on the couch are hoping for. If the punditry and practice reps are right, we’ll open with a QB with a downfield arm to throw it deep, ideally to guys in red, black, and silver. Fortunately, the coaches have let me call one play for this game, and I’ve dialed a beauty: Hand it to #27. It’s so foolproof that I think they may even run it more than once.

On the other side of the ball, can the defense stop the mighty Carolina offense from outscoring us? That’s yet another mystery that will ramp up the online clicking for the rest of the week, along with questions about our punting, kicking, return games, and whether we can shut down Carolina’s return game, centered on The White I-Mac and his jets.

Will we win? You betcha! For the 20<sup>th</sup> straight season, I'm picking UGA to be undefeated national champions, and this game should kick off a season of glory. Dawgs win, 34-28.

### **NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK**

Clemson at Auburn: Of course I would prefer to pick the SEC team here, but don't see Auburn taking down Dabo's team, even at home. In spite of Clemson's heavy losses to the NFL, they still have the nation's best QB, who ran up points on Alabama as if he was playing against The Scowlmeister on a PlayStation 4. Gus Malzahn was a great coach when he had Cam Newton, an outstanding coach when he had Nick Marshall, and a coach on the hot seat when he had last year's revolving door of QBs. That door seems to be on spin cycle again this year, and I just don't see them winning this opener. That should rile up the fan base on the Plains to the point where by the UGA game, he might be back in Arkansas writing his memoirs. They sure have short memories across the state line. Glad that could never happen here. Got to go with the Tigers from the ACC over the Tigers from the SEC: Clemson, 45-31.

### **NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK**

Texas over Notre Dame: I always thought Charlie Strong was a terrific coach, going back to his days coordinating SEC defenses. He was a winner at Louisville, but had one rough season to start his term with the Longhorns. With a season to remake the culture and bring in players who fit his schemes, I think he's ready to take down the ever-overrated Irish. With the game in Austin, there will be a lot of loud people wearing Orange and shooting pinkie and index fingers skyward. I like this one to start off the season of upsets: Bevo's Boys, 21-17.