

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:  
DAWGS TRUMP TIGERS**

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**SEPARATED@BIRTH?**



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“We can’t change guys out. We’ve got no free agency. We’ve got no cuts. So we have to take what we’ve got, and we’ve got to get those guys better. They’ve got to play better.”  
~Kirby Smart

“You go to war with the army you have, not the army you might want or wish to have at a later time.” ~Donald Rumsfeld

Football is, at its most elemental, about blocking and tackling. On Saturday, we did alright on the tackling part, if not the parts concerned with pressuring the quarterback for much of the game.

But the blocking part was, by all accounts, the worst effort by a UGA team in Charlie Trippi’s lifetime, from the linemen to the receivers, with the exception of one ferocious de-cleater performed by Javon Wims on IMac’s long TD catch. We just could not, would not create running lanes for the backs and didn’t always protect the QB against what we all assumed would be a small, undermanned Nicholls team.

This was supposed to be Eason’s coming-out party, but his day ended with a pick that brought on Lambert to manage the rest of the game. Eason was not exactly helped out by receivers who dropped his passes during his series; 11-20 with about 4 drops is a decent game, even considering what we all assumed was a pushover of an opponent.

After sitting with Studs for the first half and watching him rapidly melt in the horrid heat—the heat that was supposed to wear down our short-handed opponent so that they, and not we, would falter in the fourth quarter—I spent the second half in the company of The Scowlmeister, Foghorn Bullhorn, and the Lovely Mrs. Bullhorn. Foghorn was so stunned by our lack of success that he only occasionally shook the stadium lighting standards, and then mostly when we created another third and long by getting stuffed early in the downs. And The Scowlmeister noted that we had a first during this regrettable afternoon: I, and not he, was in the role of Negatron, although it was hard to find anyone in the seats who thought that we were prepared to play football on Saturday.

Before the game, Brother Willy wrote of the decision to start Eason: “Eason had one very big throw vs. UNC but made several other ‘game management’ errors and Lambert took one bad sack but otherwise made several good throws and had a bad drop (by Nauta). Very interesting how all of that is a concise summary of the choice right now between the ‘high variance’ vs ‘low variance’ options available, as the data geeks might say.”

This is his way of saying, and I think he’s got an interesting point here,

$$E[(y - \hat{f}(x))^2] = \text{Bias}[\hat{f}(x)]^2 + \text{Var}[\hat{f}(x)] + \sigma^2$$

Where:

$$\text{Bias}[\hat{f}(x)] = E[\hat{f}(x) - f(x)]$$

and

$$\text{Var}[\hat{f}(x)] = E[\hat{f}(x)^2] - E[\hat{f}(x)]^2$$

I think we’ll continue to roll with either the high variance or the low variance, whichever Eason is, moving forward, with Lambert available to settle things down in case the team is out of synch. But really, really soon, we need to stop looking like a team breaking in a new coaching staff, a new system, and new players. Whatever we are, we are not the ninth-best team in the country right now.

- 🏈 A coveted Dawgmeister Game Ball is awarded this week to the Albanian Bane O’ Y’all, Faton Bauta, for being named QB1 at Colorado State by Coach Bobo. The Rams beat UTSA 23-14 for Bauta’s first win as a starter.



[UGA has a new logo.](#) Nicholls is also rebranding, and came up with this logo at a cost of \$20,000. Alumni are not pleased:

👤 "It looked like a Nazi soldier—a very angry Nazi soldier. My jaw dropped. I was speechless. I kind of thought it was a joke."

👤 "I was appalled. The new image seems evil, faceless and inhuman."

👤 "The old Tillou, like him or not, represented us and our area. What does this Nazi-Soviet thing represent? Nada. It doesn't feel like 'ours.' It feels like an outsider."

👤 "It comes down to one word: propaganda. That image calls to mind 50s- and 60s-style propaganda. It's not an image that conveys either trust or safety. To me, that's not an image that should represent a university."

Follow this story on the Facebook page "I hate the new Tillou a.k.a. 'Nicholls the Nazi.'"

## **RB DUO NICKNAMES**

We've had some interesting RB combos that have bundled nicely for a catchy nickname:

Todd Gurley + Keith Marshall = Gurshall

Sony Michel + Nick Chubb = Sonic the Hedge Dawg

Elijah Holyfield + Brian Herrien = The Holy Hellions

And now, incoming, we can expect:

D'Andre Swift + Toneil Carter = The Swift Boat Captain & Toneil

Speaking of RBs: One of my country club friends—admittedly, a very small circle—wrote the following after reading last week's **RB U@UGA** feature:

*The 1952 RB you listed as "Tony Morocco": While his name was Anthony Morocco, everyone knew him as Zippy. He is in the UGA ring of honor for both football and basketball. He led the SEC in points per game in 1953 and was UGA's first basketball All American that season.*

*Zippy was from Youngstown, OH. He played in the Big 33 All Star football game (Ohio v. PA) after his senior high school football season. He and another player from Northeastern Ohio, Vic Janowicz, roomed together that weekend and the two dominated the game. Ohio State cornered them after the game, and said, we are not letting them get away. They told Zippy he would not be permitted to play basketball at Ohio State, so Zippy passed on the scholarship and went to UGA. Janowicz did sign with Ohio State and won the Heisman Trophy in 1950. Zippy told me that story several times.*

*Zippy was business partners with Charley Trippi until they had a falling out. The story of their fist fight in the parking lot of Athens Country Club just a few years ago when both men were quite elderly is stuff of legend.*

*The first time Zippy met Mrs. McMachoman, he told her that he had a successful career in real estate around the Athens area and he chose to retire when "the broads took it over."*

*Back in the heyday, of the local bands wrote a [song about him](#). Zippy was not a fan.*

He [killed himself this spring](#) by jumping out of his bedroom window. He was battling lymphoma and had issues with depression.

I would eat lunch with him often and told me countless fascinating stories about his youth. He was a sweet and pleasant old man and he was a good friend. When a guy has a name as ridiculously awesome as Zippy Morocco, you've got to get it right.



Voter making statement by urinating on ballot box

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

The Weekend Forecast is offered as a free service to its readers; neither the Dawgbone nor The Dawgmeister profits financially from its publication. If you read the Forecast and want to contribute something back to our communities, please consider making a donation to this week's featured Good Works service. There are many people living in difficult circumstances, and every dollar helps to support them through another day, week, month, and year. The Dawgmeister himself will pledge \$10 to each organization featured for its Good Works throughout the football season. Please consider doing the same yourself.

This week's featured Good Works organization is

**The Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund, an Athens-based fund that provides scholarships and support for low-income women 35 and older across the U.S. to build better lives through college completion. The Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund makes financial awards without regard to race, creed, religion, color, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, national origin, or disability.**

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## DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ "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 dismissing charges against Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
- ☞ Why people in Georgia don't read the *New York Times*: On a Fall Friday, their sports section was filled with stories about tennis.
- ☞ "I have been the personal physician of Nick Chubb since he arrived at Georgia. I am pleased to report that Mr. Chubb has no significant medical problems. Mr. Chubb has had a recent complete medical examination that showed only positive results. If he plays, Mr. Chubb, I can state unequivocally, will be the healthiest individual ever to play tailback at UGA." ~Ron Courson

## THE COVETED DAWGMEISTER GOOD GUY OF THE WEEK AWARD



**Ty Frix** came to UGA from Calhoun HS and a family of UGA long snappers. His dad Mitch snapped for the Dawgs in the early 1980s, and Ty doubled that term of service while on campus. Little Brother Trent has succeeded Ty in this role as well. Before walking on for the Dawgs and redshirting his first year, Ty was a stellar baller at Calhoun. He lettered for four years for the four-time Region champions and one-time state runner up Yellow Jackets, lettered twice in baseball while winning the 2005 state championship, and earned a final letter in basketball. His achievements extended to the classroom and student government; Ty was both Student Council President and Senior Class President and member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club and Key Club, earning status as class valedictorian to boot. At UGA he played the position that nobody notices unless he flubs a snap, and to his credit, he was only noticed during the two tackles he made during his career, during which he started 54 consecutive games. In addition to his flawless performance in this underappreciated position, Ty continued his exceptional work in the classroom: multiple CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-District awardee, UGA's Student-Athlete Leadership Academy inductee, recipient of the William C. Hartman, Jr. Scholarship, multiple SEC Academic Honor Roll and Athletic Director's Honor Roll member, Peach of an Athlete honoree, Scholar-Athlete for 2010, Ramsey Academic Scholarship recipient, and Aldredge-Kimberly Football Scholarship winner. To no one's surprise, he was named UGA's special teams captain as a senior, graduated in 2012 with *magna cum laude* honors in Biomedical Engineering, and completed an MBA in 2014. Following graduation, Ty and former teammate Andrew Johnson co-founded Ichor, which offers specialized health and fitness products for use in all levels of



athletics. The company earned a No. 3 ranking on the Atlan10 list, which ranks tech start-ups according to their potential in the idea, in the market, and in its execution. “How cool would it be to see Athens become a technology hub?” he has asked. “We have all the ingredients to make it happen.” And when it does, we can thank this Dawg Good Guy for helping to get it all started.

#### **GOOD GUY ARCHIVE**

### **THE FORECAST**

#### **DAWGS VS. MISSOURI**

And thus began the SEC schedule. Before Saturday, I was downright gleeful that Tennessee and Florida had escaped with wins over overmatched teams, and had concluded that the march to the SEC championship game now runs between the hedges. Right now, I have no idea of what we’ve got. If you asked me to explain our offensive philosophy, I’d say that we run the ball between the tackles a lot and sometimes run jet sweeps or throw it, but otherwise I’m not seeing a distinctive style at work other than emphasizing the ground game. If I were one of those 4-star WRs we keep hearing about who are about to choose their educational destinations, I’d be concerned that I’d see about 5 balls per season. But, Mizzou hasn’t really gotten traction this season either. I assume that the coaches will really blister the ears of our beloved Dawgs this week during practice, challenging their manhood, their effort, their knowledge, their ability, their chemistry, and their dedication to playing football. Will that get them into a frame of mind to play watchable football? I can only hope so. Good guys, 24-21.

#### **NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: OHIO STATE AT OKLAHOMA**

OSU goes to OU, nosing out Alabama and Mississippi for this week’s national game. OU will be desperate after getting manhandled by Houston in their opener; it’s their last chance to redeem the season, and it’s only Week 3. Dunno ‘bout them Sooners. I think it’s time to retire the Big Game Bob Stoops moniker, which has become a misnomer. (Someone please alert Coach Smart: This is how you use *misnomer* properly in a sentence, “nom” meaning “name” in French, as in *nom de plume*.) OU just never seems to live up to its promise this century. The question for OSU is whether or not they’ve reached the Urban Meyer Boiling Point, when the intensity starts to work against the program and the internal problems begin. I’ll still go with the Buckeyes on Saturday: OSU over OU, 38-31.

#### **NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: LOUISVILLE OVER FLORIDA STATE**

Lamar Jackson, that dude is sensational. As much as I hate his head coach, I’ve gotta say, this cat is special. Louisville might not be able to match FSU’s overall talent, but then, how many stars did those kids from Nicholls bring to Athens with them on Saturday? I think that the ACC gets a major makeover on Saturday. Kentuckians over Floridians, 41-38.

*Caveat Emptor: The Dawgmeister’s forecasts should never form the basis for anyone’s cash wager on game outcomes. At the same time, so far this season I’ve picked Texas over Notre Dame and Arkansas over TCU.*