

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:
DAWGS WIN SECOND SEC CHAMPIONSHIP THIS SEASON**

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In Spanish, they call it *corazón*.

In English, the dictionary will hereafter define the term with a picture of this year's UGA Bulldogs next to the term. These guys play with *heart*.

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My pregame forecast had OU scoring 30 points. They had more than that by halftime in a game that was looking like a blowout. The Scowlmeister wrote saying, well, it's been a good season, we've got much to be proud of; but this buzzsaw of an Oklahoma offense is just ripping right through us. We have much to look forward to, but tonight's not our night. Oklahoma was playing downhill at warp speed, and we always seemed a step behind throughout the first half. After 3 possessions, OU had run 17 plays, had gained 209 total yards, and led 21-7. We looked dazed and confused and in a bit over our heads, until Michel took it to the house from 75 yards out to give us hope, if we could just slow that OU offense down.

Did the players think they were getting torched? Jake Fromm said afterwards: "We knew we were a four quarter team. Everybody in this locker room at halftime kept believing." And starting with the third quarter kickoff, believing turned into producing, and it was Game On after a stop and a score to open the second half.

Mayfield the Magnificent suddenly looked human. He was sacked three times and was 2 for 4 through the air in the 3rd quarter when suddenly, the blowout became a game. He got better in the 4th quarter, going 5-9 for 57 yards, but 36 of those yards came on one throw. If you had dropped me off at the game as a perfect stranger to the teams, and told me that one team was playing the Heisman winner and the other a true freshman at QB, I could not have told you which was which, and might have leaned toward the kid who didn't throw any catastrophic interceptions on Monday night.

Does this team have heart? OU led 21-7, 31-14 and 31-17 at halftime, with only a gift from the Squib Gods giving us a lift. We took the lead at 38-31, then OU went up 45-38, before we tied it late at 45 to head to OT before winning it in Round 2. Heart and Soul. We've got it in waves, each one greater than the last.

What does a winning head coach say after what many people consider the greatest Rose Bowl ever, the best semifinal game in a young tournament, the best game of the bowl season, and a historically great comeback? "I'm really disappointed and upset. I don't think we played to the level that we're capable of. I do think the players fought, and they are a good offensive football team, but we stunk it up and played really bad."

That's how we need to approach the next week: We stunk it up and played really bad, and need to fix a lot of things before next Monday. The coaches have the film to show just how bad we were. Davin Bellamy cautioned Baker Mayfield to humble himself after Mayfield showboated for the crowd when he did something swell, but stood stunned and mute when things went against the Sooners. And now our team needs to do the same. Humble yourselves, men, because we've got one more to play, and the opponents will be stout and ready.

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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DAWG DOOTS

- "Baker Mayfield . . . trolled like a champion in his final game. It began with a pregame message to Lee Corso, continued in warmups where he managed to annoy the entire UGA receiving corps and into the game with a throat slash after a Georgia missed field goal. . . . If karma is a thing, he'll be a Brown." ~ [Sports Illustrated](#)
- People keep wondering about Jake "Le Grande Frommage" Fromm, that true freshman who doesn't play like one, and [when the moment will become too big for him](#). All this for a guy who has already started more games than Mitch Trubisky, last year's #2 NFL draft pick and Chicago's pick over Deshaun Watson, did in his college career.
- "The Sooners were destined to more than a lifetime of what-ifs. They are faced with the realization that the critics were right. The Sooners simply weren't tough enough or strong enough or stout enough to win on this big stage. SEC football beat Big 12 football. Oklahoma zipped to a 31-14 lead, then got pushed around. And not just on defense, where we thought the Sooners were most vulnerable. OU's offense had 10 possessions after halftime and produced 10 points. The Sooners failed to make a first down on six of those possessions. . . . Georgia got after the Sooners like few teams have in the Mayfield Era." ~Barry Tramel, *Daily Oklahoman*
- "We got to [Mayfield] in the second half, and it felt good. We got him on the ground, and that's what we wanted to do. You kind of just go into savage mode, and a lot of guys did just that. It was a lot of hungry dudes out there eating."
~Jonathan Ledbetter
- Game stats stolen directly [from here](#):
 - 10.5 Yards per play for Georgia, which had 527 total yards; OU's 531 yards came from 7.1 yards per play.
 - 17 Point-deficit overcome by Georgia, the largest in Rose Bowl history. The previous high was 15 points; USC overcame a 42-27 deficit to beat Penn State 52-49 last year.
 - 29: Yards of offense by the Sooners in the third quarter to the Bulldogs' 130. Georgia outscored OU 14-0 in the quarter and tied the game.
 - 61-4: OU's record in the last 10 seasons when scoring at least 24 points in the first half as it did Monday.

- 87 Consecutive wins for OU when leading by 17 points at any point in the game, a streak dating to 2007 and ending Monday.

THE COVETED DAWGMEISTER GOOD GUY OF THE WEEK AWARD

GOOD GUY ARCHIVE

Matt Stinchcomb came to UGA from Parkview HS, at the time a state powerhouse in football, and played from 1995-1998 as an offensive tackle. Was he good? He was a two-time All American and then the 18th pick of the 1999 draft by Oakland. He was ultimately named to the SEC First Team All-Decade Team for the 1990s. A Lombardi Award finalist, he earned the NCAA Top Eight Award, the Jacobs Blocking Trophy, and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Male Athlete of the Year award. But he was never just about football. He nailed it in the classroom, graduating within a 4-year window with Summa Cum Laude recognition in his finance major. Matt was awarded the Academic Heisman: the 1998 William V. Campbell Trophy, presented by the National Football Foundation to the scholar-athlete with the best combination of academics, community service, and on-field performance. He was UGA's 1998 Academic All-American of the Year, the Burger King Scholar Athlete of the Year, a two-time Academic All-America First Teamer, recipient of the *Wall Street Journal* National Student Achievement Award, a two-time honoree of the AFCA National Good Works Team, an SEC "Living Legend," and a UGA Circle of Honor inductee. Matt's pro career with Oakland and Tampa Bay suffered from an endless series of injuries; his only healthy season was 2004, before he retired in 2006 after blood clots and heart trouble developed following surgery. Matt has kept busy in the last decade. With little brother Jon and David Greene, he hosts the Countdown to Kickoff charity event; and he is the founding president of the Stinchcomb Family Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization that supports public children's charities. He serves on the board of the Georgia Transplant Foundation and is an FCA Regional Huddle Speaker, is an organizer for the annual Feed the Children program in Athens, and serves as a SouthSide Church High School small group leader. Matt's got to earn a living too, and, with Greene operates the Atlanta offices of Seacrest Partners, an insurance brokerage firm. He can also be found as a football analyst on a variety of networks when not at home with his wife and three children. Good guy? He's one of the greats across the board.



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DAWGS VS. ALABAMA

And now, we're down to one game. I'm sure that the national narrative will be on upstart Kirby Smart taking on master mentor Nick Saban, and the likelihood that he'll lose, as have old St. Nick's former assistants time and time again. From what I can tell, though, those two guys aren't suiting up. It's the players who'll win this game for one of these programs. I can't imagine that there's a person alive who's not a direct Alabama product who could possibly want the Tide to win next Monday. The national vibe will be All Dawg.

But vibes won't win this one either. It's the players on teams who'll mirror each other in many ways. I think it'll be tight. I think we've got *muy corazón*, and an incredible will to win. Alabama expects this sort of thing, and we're still on the rise; and before long, we will have their expectations, possibly by next year. Right now we're riding the crest of a wave of emotion that I think will matter on Monday. I don't think we'll score 54 points on Alabama, but I don't think they'll score 48 on us either. Humble yourself, Dawgmeister, and pick something reasonable. And here it is: Dawgs win, 24-21, and bring that trophy home to Athens. Where it belongs.