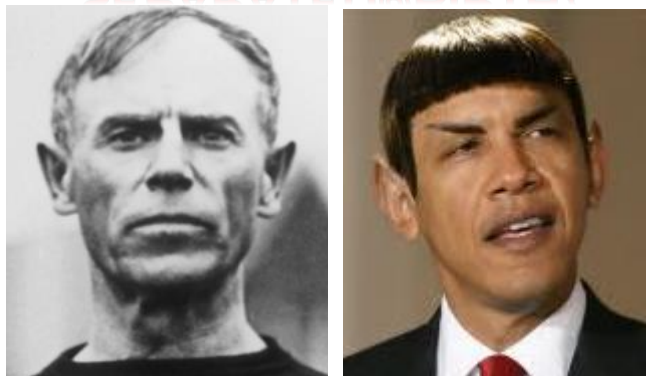


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**TECH TYRANT & TREK ASPIRANT  
JOHN HEISMAN      BARSPOCK OBAMA**

**SEPARATED@BIRTH? ARCHIVE**

I begin with the shameful confession that The Day Job had me out of town over the weekend, and I had to watch the game Sunday night on tape. By then I knew that we'd blown out a good UK team, averaged close to 10 yards per carry, and romped through the end of the game with reserves and lots of smiles on the sideline.

But watching the game, I saw how badly we struggled through the middle of the second quarter. The turning point was not a fabulous play by our offense or defense. No, it was a roughing the punter call deep in our own territory that completely changed the game. Without that call, UK would have had the ball close to midfield, down by a point and knowing that they'd shut us down for the game's first 22 or so minutes. Without that call, this could have been a very different afternoon between the hedges.

I'm writing this late, and by now the game has been well digested, so I'll turn to a bizarre turn of events, the apparent debate about whether we made a mistake firing Mark Richt and regret the Smart hire. Huh? I love Coach Richt, and am very happy to see him doing so well so soon in Miami. They are 11-0, we are 10-1. I think that's sensational. I don't think there is any basis for comparing us unfavorably to Miami; in virtually every respect, Coach Smart has this program ahead of schedule in building a championship team. The Auburn loss was surely sobering and discouraging. But wondering if we'd made a mistake with the change? I thought we'd passed that one a long time ago. I hope that UGA and Miami become the greatest, most dominant programs in the country with these coaches leading the way. But I don't see any need to do comparative thinking. There's plenty of room for two programs to be happy and successful, and I'm pulling for both to run the table, meet in the playoffs, and then do it again year after year.

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

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## **DAWG DOOTS**

- ☞ Did you know that John Heisman's father was a German immigrant named von Bogart, who was disinherited by his father for marrying a peasant, leading his father to take his mother's name, Heisman, when they emigrated to the US? And wouldn't it be cool if Nick Chubb won the Bogart Award?
- ☞ This is just for you fellas: It turns out that women don't like having their asses pinched, their pussies grabbed, their thighs squeezed, and their bodies commented on like prize sows at the state fair. They are also not keen on men whacking off in front of them, I hear, or more modestly, removing their manhood and putting it on open display in hallways and elevators. Now, honestly, I had no idea, but according to the newspapers, fake news proprietors they might be, women really don't care for these things. Just a tip: Leave it alone, bro.
- ☞ "And keep your hands off the boys too." ~Little Woolly
- ☞ "You mean when a guy grabbed my ass and I spent a week in jail for biting his ear off and kicking his balls into next week, **he** was the one who was wrong?"  
~Granny Butts
- ☞ "No." ~Judge Roy Moore & Al Franken, joint statement

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

**Demarcus Dobbs** is a young man whose prospects in life are a direct consequence of his ability to play football. He grew up in Savannah in foster homes before moving, at age 7, into the [Bethesda Home for Boys](#) with his brother Daniel, with other siblings living elsewhere. This unsettled home life did not prevent his head from becoming squarely attached to his shoulders. Always a good student, in the ninth grade he enrolled at Calvary Day School, a private Christian academy in Savannah, while still living at

Bethesda. And he could play some football too, earning a slew of honors and scholarship offers before committing to play at Georgia, where he ultimately earned a degree in consumer economics in 2010. As he did at Calvary, he excelled in the classroom, receiving three Joseph E. Espy football scholarships during his studies to go along with Athletic Director's Honor Roll and Dean's List appointments. His leadership on the field was also evident, earning him recognition through a Coaches' Leadership Award for defense to go along with a pair of Coffee County Hustle Awards for his spring practice performance. Although undrafted, Demarcus was one of two free agents to make the 49ers roster the next fall, playing his accustomed defensive line position while also getting snaps as a blocking tight end. He has since moved to Seattle to play for the Seahawks. Always one to beat the odds, Demarcus continues to make his alma mater proud by continuing to perform high above expectations. That's a tribute to his smarts, his work ethic, and to his resilience in the face of adversity. These qualities should get him mighty far in life. They already have.



## **THE FORECAST**

### **DAWGS VS. GEORGIA TECH**

Good Ol' Clean Old-Fashioned Foaming-at-the-Mouth Hate-Thy-Neighbor Week: It's your time once again. I'm less worried about Tech's running game than I normally am, because I think that our lateral speed is up to the task of shutting these guys down. What worries me is that their most effective weapon is the deep pass after play-action, and our vulnerability to the long ball in the secondary. In my brief viewing of the Big Ugly Yellow this year, I saw a WR get about 15 yards behind Virginia Tech's secondary and go for a score. I suspect they'll burn us a time or two on Saturday, but not enough to win. The Dawgs continue the Revenge Tour and avenge last year's awful loss: UGA 30, GT 21.

### **NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: ALABAMA AT AUBURN**

Who else but our opponent in next week's championship game? I guess I'd prefer to play unbeaten Alabama than the team that manhandled us on the Plains, and suspect that their close call with Mississippi State has gotten their attention enough to prepare for this one. I'm going to go with the team that is hard to bet against, not that it matters what I think. Tide 28, Tigers 27.

### **NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: STANFORD OVER NOTRE DAME**

Now that Miami has exposed ND, their magic season is over. Now it turns to dust as the Cardinal rub it in. Stanford 27, Irish 24.