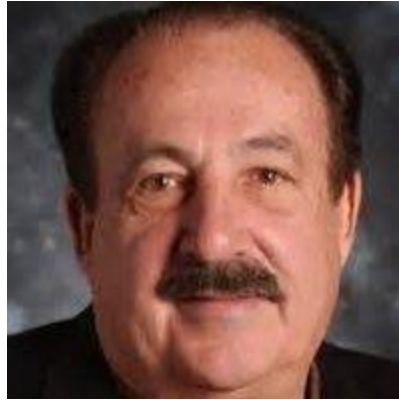


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Note to Butch Jones: Here's what's not Fake News: 41-0.

"Everyone should hurt. If it doesn't hurt, then that shows you're not heavily invested. If you're invested, you hurt. This one stings. It's going to take a while. Like I told them, if you don't feel like coming to practice, you better remember how you feel right now. And if that's not motivation, I don't know what is." ~Butch Jones

"Motivation to do what. Transfer?" ~Little Woolly

"Georgia will beat them as bad as they want to." ~Pregame comment from unnamed former UT player, as reported in the *Knoxville News Sentinel*.

"Neyland began to turn Georgia Red as the lead mounted. UT coach Butch Jones turned redder. . . . The Vols were in over their head. And so was their coach." ~*Knoxville News Sentinel*

"41-0 in our own house is like a man walking in your house slapping your momma kicking your kids and taking your girl at the same damn time!! Ayden said: Dad wake me up when we got another coach that can coach in the SEC East!!! I'm just here waiting for [@realdonaldtrump](#) to make Tennessee football great again. I think it's time for the UT leaders to have a come to Jesus meeting with Butch!!!" ~Albert Haynesworth

Aaaaaah, what a lovely afternoon in Knoxville. I've never been a Butch Jones fan, what with his protecting his players from things like criminal offenses, and seeing him get his ass kicked so utterly thoroughly was a satisfying way to enjoy a fall weekend. This game

has already been written about every which way, so there's not much I can add to whatever else anyone's read.

If I can make one point that seems to have been omitted in the general ecstasy over the utter domination of a hated rival on their field, one that was thought capable of intimidating our freshman QB what with all that noise the faithful fan base can create, it's that we are dominating not just the defensive line of scrimmage, but the offensive line as well. The team's biggest question mark by acclamation in the preseason was the OL, but is anyone complaining now? Fans were wondering just how many of those mammoth new guys would end up starting. One, it turns out, with the rest redshirting in hopes of competing down the road for snaps. Maybe Nick Chubb is just healthier; but he's also getting a lot more help from the big boys up front. Great job by Coach Pittman and his troops for bringing skill and toughness to the trenches. We still don't have the size that this staff hopes to build, but we've got what Coach Smart calls "country strong" guys opening holes and keeping the QB's uniform clean.

With little left to do but gloat, I'll take up the topic that Gary Danielson, who occasionally paused from gushing about Alabama to call our game, raised: the impending QB dilemma we have with Fromm being so impressive and Eason apparently in a reserve role for the immediate future. I suspect this will be topic #1 in the Nation the whole season.

[This guy](#) says that Coach Smart is "fool" if he changes QBs and we are still winning. I'm not loyal to one QB over the other, so whatever I think is not out of a man-crush on one of these guys. I just don't think the "he's a fool if he changes QBs" article is very sensitive to the contexts that surround the QB position, and is only looking at crude stats that need to be situated in team-produced changes from last year.

My thoughts:

1. Kirby Smart is no fool, no matter what he does with this positional dilemma.
2. Eason did not have this OL to keep him upright and to open holes for the running game last season. He played under a lot of defensive pressure last year that had him on the run in every game.
3. The WRs are better this year. Last year was filled with drops and other problems that have been greatly minimized in Y2 of the Smart Era. Last year we didn't have a clear top threat, which Godwin is filling, with Wims in pursuit. Nauta appears to be a bit in Kirby's Dawghouse for his practice habits, and has dropped in productivity, but the wideouts are more than making up for his lack of targets and catches. (But where on earth is Jeb Blazevich???)
4. Eason initiated the offense in terrible field position all last year. The punting was simply inadequate, and the kickoffs and coverage were a weakness. Not only could we not kickoff for touchbacks, we couldn't tackle the guys who received the kick and ended up giving opponents the ball with relatively short fields. This year, Fromm has had the benefit of a solid punting game that pins the opponent with long fields and helps get the ball back from the 25-yard line or farther out. And

Roddy Scholarship is becoming legendary for his touchbacks on kickoffs and ability to get points when we cross midfield.

5. Fromm has a much healthier, more versatile, and deeper stable of RBs this year than Eason had last year, and is getting far better playcalling from Chaney.
6. Fromm is benefitting from a superior defense, which shuts opponents down and gives him favorable field position.
7. Eason moved here from the West Coast, away from family and all things familiar, and into our hot and humid climate; Fromm moved up the road from Warner-Robbins, where everyone is fluent in Georgia dialect and where hunting and fishing are local pastimes. These adjustments can take time for 18-year-olds on their own first the first time (and as the Brad Nessler noted yesterday, both QBs are 19 years old right now). If you don't think so, then ask sure-fire Y1 starter Isaiah Wilson what it's like to move from el norte to SEC humidity and culture, not to mention the rigors of UGA academic demands compared to high school. It's not something a teenager just arrives and does with minimal adjustment.

The Scowlmeister and I have discussed this issue of late, with he of the view that we should not change QBs as long as we are winning, even if Eason can hop the length of the field on his bad leg alone and then up the stadium steps for good measure. I think that I have no qualifications for entering this discussion, which is why Coach Smart makes approximately 35 times the salary that I do, and I'm confident that his paychecks will rise faster and higher than mine over time. My pay grade just doesn't include decisions like this, and for that I'm happy. I simply cede personnel decisions to the coaches who know the game, attend the practices, watch the film, spend time in the locker room, and know their players and their families well. I trust that they want to win even more than I do, and will play the guys at every position who put them in the best position to succeed.

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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UNICEF USA is mobilizing to get immediate, critical support — Emergency Relief Kits — to the children of Puerto Rico. A donation of just \$28 will provide a kit containing basic, essential supplies such as water purification tablets, a water bucket with lid, water containers, soap, toothpaste, detergent and sanitary pads. The supplies will help children and their families keep clean and healthy, protecting them from diseases that can occur after the loss of equipment and infrastructure and the disruption of a safe water supply. 90% of every dollar spent goes directly to helping children.

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DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ I was down in Mexico all last week, working the street corners to collect pesos to build The Wall, since the government is now renegeing on its pledge to finance it. I was able to score enough cash to build most of one solar panel, but not enough to help prevent large bags of drugs from being lobbed over it to land on unsuspecting border agents. But I'm working on keeping our borders safe from invasions, of that you can be sure. I plan to head up to Montreal soon to get the Northern Wall project built soon, though I'm not sure if they use francs or pounds up there.
- ☞ http://bleacherreport.com/articles/2704613-vanderbilt-football-team-stars-in-sorority-recruitment-video-spoof?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=college-football
- ☞ "That's not my defense. Coach Tucker does a tremendous job with that defense. They play hard for Coach Tucker. At halftime I didn't have to go over and see the defensive players. They had it under control, the adjustments, doing a really nice job. So give credit where credit is due." ~Kirby Smart

THE COVETED DAWGMEISTER GOOD GUY OF THE WEEK AWARD

GOOD GUY ARCHIVE

Tra Battle came here from Mary Persons high school better known for his skills in math than his talent in football, skills he put to good use as a chemistry major. Tra continued getting it done in the classroom at UGA, earning a Joe B. Maxwell Family Football Scholarship to go with an Iron Man Award (players who do not miss a practice or summer workout during the year) and Coffee County Hustle Award for his efforts in spring practice. Tra was a walkon who, as a freshman, played ahead of his far more celebrated fellow recruit, Paul Oliver, who later played in the NFL before committing suicide. Oliver and Tra were roommates; and later Tra roomed with Quintin Moses, who also died young in a house fire. Losing his close friends has led Tra to reflect that "We have seasons of triumph and victories. I think in order to truly succeed in life is dependent on how you truly transition in those seasons." Enduring such close, personal losses was not something this young man was prepared for. Initially, he said, "I suppressed a lot of what I was feeling. I think it's my conditioning as a football player. Show no pain. Be stoic. But it proved to be a roadblock to healing." His mental toughness was evident in his recognition as second-team All-SEC and third-team All-American as a senior. Undrafted, he nonetheless made the San Diego Chargers' roster, where he and Oliver were reunited. Tre left the Chargers in 2008 for the Dallas Cowboys, then spent 2009 with Detroit, where his NFL career ended. These days, Tre works at Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital as an anesthesia technician. He and his wife Luisa have four children. Tre, 12, Tayte, 10, Natalie, 8, and Emmanuel, 6. We can only hope that they turn out as well as their dad.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. VANDERBILT

The Revenge Tour continues in Nashville. After Saturday, it's hard to say just how big a beatdown to expect, so let's just say that UGA will continue keeping its endzone free of opponents. Dawgs bear down and take care of business: Good Guys 45, Vandy 0.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: MIAMI OVER FLORIDA STATE

FSU haters like me are really enjoying this season, and who else to extend their misery but Mark Richt? CMR takes his alma mater over the outfit that gave him his start in coaching. I'm happy with how things are working out in Athens, but still think the world of this guy. Canes 24, Noles 17.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: MICHIGAN STATE OVER MICHIGAN

This is more a hope that that nasty man Jim Harbaugh gets his ass handed to him by the program that he and his fellow Wolverines consider to be decidedly inferior neighbors. MSU is a tough program and I hope they come to play. Sparty 21, UMich 20.