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The University of Georgia's **Beat the Snot out of the SEC** tour came through Athens on Saturday night. It was a night when the defense brought its B game, and so it was the offense's turn to carry the team. And my oh my, did they carry it. Roddy Scholarship's mighty right leg was surely on ice Saturday night, because he was booting that ball through the uprights and out of the endzone all night long.

The postgame interview with Coach Smart, well, good heavens, do we need to improve. That film is going to be used to show the problems on special teams where we lack explosiveness. "We've got to get better in this off week," Smart said, "to get where we want to go. . . . That defense needed a wakeup call." On the postgame show he actually called it a "work week," not an off week, because there's work to be done to get this team to the championship level. Meanwhile, as ranked teams continue to fall to the unranked, the Dawgs just keep overpowering opponents with waves of talent and some mighty fine coaching.

And yes, I'm talking about Jim Chaney here. Although some of the faithful in the stands bemoaned our predictability in running between the tackles on first down, there has been some masterful planning and playcalling this season. Maybe he's got more to work with this season, or maybe his offseason come-to-Jesus moment has given him some genuine juice. Whatever it is, running up nearly 700 yards on a league rival, no matter how bad they are this season, while taking our foot off the gas the whole fourth quarter, doesn't come from a bad offensive conception or boring playcalling. We've got to give the big man his due. Just ask Oklahoma, Clemson, Washington, and other teams how easy it is to just show up and beat down a struggling league opponent.

The defense mostly played well aside from getting torched on a couple of bombs. The secondary took the blame, but John Atkins said, “I was disappointed in those big plays. We can’t point fingers though. I really blame that on the defensive line. We didn’t put a lot of pressure on them, so we can’t leave the passer out like that for such a long time.” The lack of pressure was notable from the stands; we just weren’t getting our rush on. Perhaps the injuries and depth problems contributed; Coach Smart was thankful after the game for the bye week because this team has got some healing to do. And some learning. We might be dancing a Homecoming Jig over the win and the season in general, but the film will be sobering, I’m sure, in the locker room and on the practice field.

A good five defenders were sidelined from injuries or excessive inhaling of glaucoma reduction vegetable products, and that probably did not help the pass rush. But “We had a lot of guys step up like Michail Carter, Justin Young, Malik Herring, Michael Barnett for the guys that went down,” said run-stuffer John Atkins. And then we had about 25 future NFL players currently enrolled in high school classes licking their chops about playing between the hedges and getting into that rotation.

I think we’re all happy for Mark Richt and what he’s done at Miami, especially their takedown of the Nerds on Saturday. But in Athens, last year’s transition seems increasingly remote. This thing is here to stay.



Before the game, UGA players take a knee.

At 3AM, the POTUS tweeted, “Bad Dawgs! Discusting.”

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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Camp Red Clay is a summer writing camp for rising 3rd-12th graders. Students will work on a variety of written pieces, and the camp will culminate in a Writer's Cafe during which students will read their favorite pieces from the week. Camp Red Clay is a program offered by the Red Clay Writing Project, which is The University of Georgia's site of the National Writing Project and promotes writing education for youth and adults. Donations will be applied to students' enrollment costs, materials, and snacks.

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DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ According to [this story](#), there's a WR prospect in upstate NY named Phelony West. Ole Miss, or [Auburn](#)? What do you think?
- ☞ Move over, Maryland: Florida has now worn the ugliest uniform I've ever seen. They looked like rejected designs from Tennessee's Halloween game. And if you wear something that unsightly, you'd damn well better win your game.
- ☞ "You definitely better have your helmet and shoulder pads tight, make sure they're all intact, because he's definitely a load when he's coming through the hole." ~Roquan Smith on the prospect of tackling Nick Chubb in practice
- ☞ If anyone can understand this trade, you are way ahead of me: The Cleveland Cavaliers have agreed in principle to send forward Richard Jefferson, guard Kay Felder, two second-round draft picks, and \$3 million to the Atlanta Hawks, who will then waive Jefferson and Felder. The Cavaliers will send the lesser of second-round picks owed to them from the Los Angeles Lakers and Minnesota Timberwolves in 2019 and a 2020 second-round pick via Portland. The Hawks will send back the draft rights to Dimitrios Agravanis and Sergii Gladyr.
- ☞ "It's a tough situation, and I haven't gotten everything figured out yet, but you know, these are the hard times of being a coach. It's definitely tough, and [I'm] just trying to figure it out." ~Tyronn Lue
- ☞ "If you're a Tennessee fan who wants to believe in better days ahead and also that Butch Jones is coaching his last season, this game was for you." ~*Knoxville News Sentinel*
- ☞ "I'm proud of this football team. We had two very, very good weeks of preparation. . . . That was a team that laid it on the line today against a very good football team." ~Butch Jones
- ☞ "Say Butch, are you set up on LinkedIn these days?" ~Little Woolly
- ☞ "Why, oh why, did we ever get rid of Phil Fulmer?" ~The Volmeister

So you wanna be a football coach? I was unfamiliar with Dino Babers, the guy who runs the offensive clinic at Syracuse, which scored at will over Clemson, whose Brent Venables is longed for at Oklahoma, where [Mike Stoops is now the fans' whipping boy](#) and [Lincoln Riley is already on the hot seat](#) after being the Next Big Thing just a little over a week ago. So I checked out his career, and I've got to admire a man who is this persistent and willing to keep his bags packed:

1984	Hawaii (GA)
1985	Arizona State (GA)
1987	Eastern Illinois (RB)
1988–1989	UNLV (ST/RB)
1990	Northern Arizona (ST/DB)
1991–1993	Purdue (WR)
1994	San Diego State (WR)
1995–1996	Arizona (WR)
1997	Arizona (RB)
1998–2000	Arizona (OC/QB)
2001–2002	Texas A&M (OC/QB)
2003	Pittsburgh (RB)
2004–2005	UCLA (WR)
2006	UCLA (RB)
2007	UCLA (AHC/RB)
2008	Baylor (WR/RC)
2009–2011	Baylor (ST/WR)
2012–2013	Eastern Illinois (HC)
2014–2015	Bowling Green (HC)
2016–present	Syracuse (HC)

Let's just hope he hasn't brought any of that Baylor Magic to Syracuse.

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

Brett Millican played high school ball for what was at the time one of the state's powerhouse programs, Parkview, where he was a first-team All Stater. After redshirting, he earned himself carries amidst a number of backs who would later play for pay. That was never Brett's destination, but he was a Good Guy and heck of a student. While at UGA majoring in finance, he earned a slew of academic and service-related honors: several SEC Academic Honor Roll honors, Robert E. Dicks Endowed Athletic Scholarship, Irvin M. Wofford Endowed Football Scholarship SEC Good Works Team, Southeastern Conference Community Service Award. He also served as the chapter president for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, participated in the Clarke County Mentor Program, volunteered for the Special Olympics and the Homeless Shelter, and served as a youth minister at Snellville United Methodist Church. He was ultimately

named to the National Good Works Team by the American Football Coaches Association. Since graduating, Brett has continued his good works through his role in the church. Brett has 10 years doing international missions and has been a pastor at [Mosaic Church in Austin, TX](#) since 2002. He and his wife, Melissa, were married in 2001 and have 3 children. This great Dawg's life of service reflects well on his family and alma mater, and his impact will uplift the lives of many as he continues to do the Lord's work.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. FLORIDA

Nobody, absolutely nobody, can run on this Dawg defense. That's bad news for the Gators, because they aren't passing the ball so well these days, either. Can the Dawgs continue to not just beat, but dominate every opponent, the early road game at Notre Dame being the only exception to this Season of the Beatdown? And is the offense's showing in the last few weeks now the rule, and not the exception? I think so. In fact, I believe it's not too radical to say that right now, Jake "Le Grande Frommage" Fromm is one of the SEC's top two QBs, along with Jalen Hurts. His masterful third-down play on Saturday, especially given that it was often third and long, jumped him over most of the rest of the league. I think that the bye/off/work week will be healthy for the team, instructive in the film room, and devastating when we bring two weeks of prep to Jacksonville. Dawgs continue their championship run: Good Guys 31, Gators 0.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK

WEEK 8: PENN STATE OVER MICHIGAN

Michigan went into overtime to take down Indiana, the Missouri of the Big 10. I'm sure they were looking ahead to Penn State, but still, the Top Ten Takedown almost lost another one on Saturday. Meanwhile James Franklin is showing up on every other school's shortlist for the coaches they want to fire at Nebraska, Tennessee, A&M, and other institutions of higher learning, even though you might say he already has a good job and wonder why the hell he would want to leave it to jump into the middle of somebody else's dumpster fire. Harbaugh's return to college football has been reported by the Lamestream Sports Media as a savior's return, but so far, he hasn't returned Michigan to glory, and Michigan's glory has always been more an enhanced memory than a reality. Nittany Lions roar: PSU 27, UM 24.

WEEK 9: OHIO STATE OVER PENN STATE

Let' just make it really easy on Wisconsin and have Penn State turn around and get hammered by Ohio State, which has recovered nicely from its opening loss and has been pounding people lately in Urban Meyer fashion. Not that I like the guy, but he gets results. Bucks 41, Lions 31.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK

WEEK 8: TEXAS OVER OKLAHOMA STATE

Mike Gundy has been a grown man for about a decade now, but all that growing hasn't produced anything like a championship at T. Boone Pickens University and Football Facility. Texas is not even close yet to being competitive at high levels, but I think they'll win this one. Horns 41, Pokes 40.

WEEK 9: ARIZONA STATE OVER SOUTHERN CAL

Arizona State, you might admit 125% of the applicants to your university, but you have won my thanks for taking out overrated, sad Washington and putting UGA in the driver's seat for a spot in the Final Four. USC has been toying with defeat all year, in spite of the Lamestream Sports Media's love affair with the handsome, hirsute Sam Darnold. ASU beats another pretender and adds a twist to the old Steve Spurrier line: You can't spell Cactus Bowl without USC. Sun Devils take down University of Spoiled Children, 38-35.