

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:
DAWGS BEGIN RUN OF W'S OVER TENNESSEE
INSTITUTIONS AFTER STEALING THEIR TOP PROSPECTS**

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SEPARATED@BIRTH? ARCHIVE

If this keeps up, Prather Hudson will go for 1,000 yards this season.

This was not at all what I expected. I figured we'd play a talented, determined opponent, ready to stake a claim on the East. But Lordy, we absolutely manhandled South Carolina on Saturday. The defense played with sudden violence from the beginning and throttled SC throughout. Bentley threw 47 passes, and our defenders tipped more of them than Deebo Samuel caught. SC averaged 2.7 yards per carry, and Samuel averaged 5.5 yards per catch.

Aside from a second quarter that got our punting unit some work, that reminded us that Jake Fromm is occasionally human, and that had the broadcasters wondering if SC's running of more plays might wear us down in the second half, the O was all go. As Will Muschamp said afterwards, "We got whooped on the line of scrimmage." That should be the story of the season. So much for trendy upset picks.

First-World Problems, Dawgie Style:

- ☹ The team's biggest problem is that the punter kicks the ball too far.
- ☹ In practice, we need to work on finishing the pick-six.
- ☹ Our QB threw a bad pass, and that can't happen again.
- ☹ We will never get to see an opponent's kickoff return team in action.
- ☹ When our starting LT goes down with an injury, we have to play a freshman, and the size at that position shrinks from 320 to 318.
- ☹ Where will we find the opportunity to play Demetris Robertson behind all that talent at WR and in the slot, and with the OL making a downhill running game a certainty every week?

- ☞ When Justin Fields mops up at the end of the game, he mostly hands off, as did Jacob Eason last year, and so we don't get much development of his passing skills.
- ☞ Our coach is a stable genius, but can get excitable at times.
- ☞ Georgia had 226 yards and 12 first downs on 21 plays in the third quarter. Almost half of the plays didn't go for first downs, although 3 of them went for TDs. Unacceptable.
- ☞ According to the players, we are a fourth quarter team, but by then, the players who are supposed to own the fourth quarter were on the sidelines.
- ☞ Because of Deandre Baker, we won't get to see much from our opponents' best receivers this year.
- ☞ Our best RB, D'Andre Swift, had the team's 4th best yards-per-carry average on Saturday, lagging well behind Holyfield and Herrien (sorta cheating there with Hardman's pass/lateral reception giving him a 30-yard-per-carry average).
- ☞ Because we distribute the ball and pull the starters halfway through the second half, we are not likely to have any big-stat competitors for national awards on offense.
- ☞ Because one of Fromm's greatest and most unique strengths is his ability to read the field before the snap and adjust the play, and because that isn't reducible to a statistic, he won't have a gaudy stat chart to be a Lamestream Sports Media darling.
- ☞ If we ever play a close game, we might have to play reserves in the fourth quarter because our starters won't be in shape to play a whole game.

I've got to hand it to Brian Herrien. He's the 3-star RB competing against waves of 4-5 star kids brought in to take his place. He's now a junior, and nobody's managed it so far. Helped by an injury to Holyfield their freshman year that got him on the field, he's been a steady rotation back ever since, never losing his place no matter who else is in the meeting room. His versatility has always been his ticket to playing time, but Saturday he hammered the middle of the field and ran like a stallion. I'm not betting against this guy again. He's here to stay.

If my vision didn't fail me and Trey Hill was playing center in the 4th quarter at 330 lbs., we will have the biggest OL on earth next season, and in the 4th quarter of games this year.

I caught some flak from one of my 5 readers, this one a Florida alum, for my upset pick of Kentucky over the Gators. I believed that one when I made it, and it looks as though it's going to be a long year in Gainesville. How often does a rotation RB quit the team after the second week of the season? My Gator reader thinks that Felipe Frank might be the worst quarterback Florida's had since the Tebow era. I think the problem with their program might be that he's the *best* QB they've had since Tebow left town.

And with Miami starting slowly and FSU barely beating Samford at home, has the locus of Sunshine State football shifted to Central and South Florida?

From the Gainesville Sun: “The Wildcats were simply better. Better on both lines of scrimmage. Better at quarterback. Way better at running back. Better in coaching. Better in all phases. . . . there was nothing fluky about this streak-snapping victory. The 'Cats outplayed the Gators. . . . Florida didn't lose to Kentucky for the first time in three decades because of the field goal that was ruled no good. It didn't lose because Kentucky was due. The Gators lost because they have a lot further to go than any of us imagined. . . . We all knew that Florida was a long way from being back among the elite of college football. We just didn't realize how far away it is. . . . Florida got beat by a quarterback playing his second college football game and his first ever in the SEC. He rarely flinched and when he did he usually was getting out of a Florida tackle. . . . Florida lost both lines of scrimmage and that's not a good sign because the Gators will see better ones. . . . There is still no pass rush living in Gainesville.”

Sounding a lot like Butch Jones, Dan Mullen said: ““We'll see as the season goes on. One game never defines anything. That's one game in a long season. Much more importantly to me is not where our attitude is right at this very second, it's where our attitude is going to be Monday when we show up to get ready for next week's game. I'll have a better idea at that point where we might be as a program.”

And I haven't even checked to see what Paul Johnson said after losing to South Florida.

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ Dawg doots may be found all over Williams-Brice Stadium and around Tori Gurley's locker.

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

“She means everything man. She just gives me something to work for. Just having her around it’s a cool atmosphere for the family to enjoy everything that they have set up. She’s everything to me. My only daughter. My first one. It’s special.” So says **Reshad Jones**, Dawg safety from 2007-2009, 5th round selection in the draft, and now stud defensive back for the Miami Dolphins and Pro Bowler. He’s also managed to get a Guinness Book of World Records listing for throwing the longest pass to himself at 31 yards. Reshad came to UGA with plenty of accolades. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, where he earned AAAA All-State and Defensive Player of the Year honors from the AJC and Georgia Sports Writers Association, and was ranked the nation’s top safety prospect by PrepStar 100 and Rivals Top 100. The cat can play. But in addition to being a dedicated father and heavy-hitting safety, Reshad was named an Atlanta-area Boy Scouts of America Pro Award winner, given to a prominent professional athlete “who exemplifies the qualities of responsible citizenship and outstanding character.” Now that’s the stuff that the Coveted Good Guy of the Week is made of. Of course, that’s not why the Dolphins signed Jones to a five-year, \$60 million contract extension with \$35 million guaranteed and a \$9.2 million signing bonus, but he’s worth at least that much for the kind of man he is. Keep it going Reshad, and be an inspiration to the Miami kids who look up to their Dolphins for outstanding role models.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Probably, Austin Peay redux, although I don’t think we’ll play with a running clock in the second half. I hope never to see that again. I’m a little surprised the coaches didn’t get more guys at the end of the bench a few minutes of game time, but it’s their job to run things and my job to watch, and it’s my job to do my job, so I’ll hold me end of the bargain and watch them coach. Back to the game: Expect to see a lot of those freshmen getting some experience by the fourth quarter, and the score tamped down by a slow-tempo approach with the game out of reach. Dawgs 48, Blue Raiders 0.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: LSU AT AUBURN

Wow, this is really a big game. I don't think the loser can run the rest of the West intact, so the stakes are high if these teams want to play in January. Auburn sure played well at home last season. That tips the game their way in my view from the comforts of the couch. Tigers 31, Bengal Tigers 28.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: TCU OVER OHIO STATE

How long can Ohio State tune it out? How long can Ohio State keep Urban Meyer as coach and claim to be a university with a straight face? When we hired Jim Harrick, we should have known full well, based on his history, that the ethical bar would be low during his tenure. We remain the butt of jokes about final exams and joke classes because we let him violate nepotism laws to hire his son to coach and teach and embarrass us all. Urban Meyer is the same sort of irredeemable person, with such a consistent record of tolerating criminal conduct as long as he wins that nobody should be surprised that he allowed it to happen or that he is covering his ass with a sorry story about his emphasis on treating women with respect, yet his selective difficulties remembering conversations with his wife about his assistant coaches beating up their wives. But as long as he wins, he's OK with Ohio State. Not with me. Horned Frogs, 28-27.