

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:
DAWGS GIVE RED WOLVES THE BLUES**

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SEPARATED@BIRTH? ARCHIVE

A week ago, Georgia State went to Knoxville and came out with a W. Earlier in the day, Army took Michigan into 2 OTs and could easily have won the game. At the end of the first quarter in Athens, the score was tied 7-7, and Murray State was living up to its claim that it would be the harder-playing team on Saturday. There was a slight uneasiness to the deep-fried crowd that had come out to see a rout but was getting a ballgame.

And then the second quarter happened, and people got what they came for: havoc in the Murray State backfield, the celebrated freshmen celebrating in the endzone, Stetson Bennett showing why the coaches and team value him so highly, and a lot of uniforms getting dirty enough for a rare trip to the post-game laundry. That was pretty fun. The team left the coaching staff with plenty of points for practice this week, but the overall outcome was what you get when you schedule Murray State.

And no one got hurt.

Anyone out there still concerned about this year's WR corps? I know the opposition was lowly, but these cats can catch and block. Once we open up the offense when the competition gets stiff, I think we'll see one hell of a unit.

Thing that still mystifies me: People who question Jake Fromm's arm strength. It was evident when [he was a freshman](#), and he keeps throwing long, accurate passes. He might not look like Justin Fields with his shirt off, but what are people watching when they question his arm?

And so, the exhibition season heads into its final week, and the happiest man in town is surely Eli Wolf.

SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Day: Which current NCAA student-athlete matches the following profile when he was in high school?

Atlanta Journal-Constitution Class AAAA Honorable Mention...ESPN.com three-star prospect, #99 overall prospect in Georgia...Rivals three-star prospect, #51 ATH nationally and #56 overall prospect in Georgia...247Sports.com three-star prospect #61 ranked CB nationally and #66 overall prospect in Georgia...Scout three-star prospect, #37 ATH nationally and #7 ATH in Georgia

- A. Jo'Quavious Marks, Carver-Atlanta
- B. Quindarious Monday, Carver-Atlanta
- C. Lagondric Snell, Bacon County
- D. C'Borius Flemister, Pike County

Answer with name spelled backwards for dramatic effect: sekotS cirE

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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Books for Keeps (BFK), which since 2009 has given more than 260,000 books to children from low-income families in grades Pre-K through 12. For 11 months of the year, we collect, inspect, sort, and box books, only to give them all away each May. Books we can't use are sold at our annual BFK Book Sale each August. Books for Keeps' primary program is a research-based effort to end "summer slide," the learning loss suffered by many children when they are away from school. Children from low-income families are disproportionately affected by this loss, often due to a simple lack of access to books. Many children cannot or do not access their public libraries for reasons related to geography, transportation, or something as simple as an inability to pay fines for lost books. By middle school, the children from these families may be three grade-levels behind their peers. That gap is nearly insurmountable, and negatively affects their chances of graduating high school. Books for Keeps bridges the gap by giving them books – high-quality, exciting books with contemporary titles. It's a strategy proven to have a similar impact to attending summer school, but at a fraction of the cost.

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DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ Age of new Atlanta Hawk Jabari Parker, now beginning his 6th year in the NBA: 24
- ☞ Age of Larry Bird his rookie season with Boston: 23
- ☞ Following his release by the Oakland Raiders, Antonio Brown has been appointed U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan.
- ☞ Major sponsors for the Wimbledon tennis tournament: Rolex, Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar
- ☞ Major sponsors for UGA pregame radio program: bail bond services, Vegas betting insiders, pickup trucks
- ☞ People in stands at Wimbledon featured on TV: Queens, Princes, Princesses, Dukes, Duchesses, tennis royalty
- ☞ People in stands at Sanford Stadium featured on TV: Babes, dudes painted in red and black
- ☞ Question of the Decade we'll never know the answer to: If Jacob Lawrence had committed to UGA instead of Justin Fields in 2018, where would he have transferred after realizing he couldn't beat out Jake Fromm?
- ☞ "I think [Furman] will give us a tougher battle than we faced [in Knoxville], if you want to be honest." ~ Georgia State safety Remy Lazarus
- ☞ That guy in Tennessee who [sued Popeyes for running out of chicken sandwiches](#) is also suing the University of Tennessee after going to see a football game and finding that UT didn't field a team.
- ☞ Belated hat toss update: Following the loss to Georgia State, Tennessee WR Jordan Murphy and defensive back Terrell Bailey bailed on the team.
- ☞ Following open tryouts to replace them, Jeremy Pruitt awarded a scholarship to Bronco McFiercefukr, pictured below after hearing he'd made the team:



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

Nick Chubb needs little introduction to this era's Dawg fans. A spectacular RB from Cedartown, Georgia, he ran hard for 4 years through injuries and a stunning load-sharing backfield stocked with future NFL stars, before being drafted by Cleveland and becoming one of the top RBs in the NFL in his first season. By the end of his first NFL training camp, his teammates named him Old School because of, as fellow RB Duke Johnson put it, "The way he goes about football. The way he dresses. The way he barely talks. Just his whole demeanor." When the Browns were featured on *Hard Knocks*, Chubb was barely in the picture, as the more charismatic and quotable Baker Mayfield provided a far more telegenic and compelling personality for the program. Meanwhile, Nick played his way past everyone by mid-season, becoming a starter and huge impact player. But this isn't about his football ability. It's about his character. His family upbringing has gotten much attention, and that no doubt has contributed to his humility and team spirit. Nick hasn't forgotten his roots. He recently presented his high school alma mater, a small school with simple resources, 65 top-of-the-line "Epic-Plus" football helmets by Xenith, with whom he recently signed an endorsement deal. "It's a chance to give something back to a place where I grew up and loved so much and is so dear to me. So, it was a perfect way for me to show how appreciative I am of this town that made me a better person." His football millions and additional endorsement deals, however, have not turned him into a bling fashionista. You'll still find him in old blue jeans and t-shirts. He still drives the car he had in college, and puts his earnings in the bank. "I haven't done anything. I try to act like I'm broke," he recently said. He still spends a lot of time back home in Cedartown, where in spite of his celebrity he remains grounded and humble. That low-key personality has served him, his teammates, and the people from his community well, as has the work ethic that led him to say, following his rookie year's training camp, "You've just got to go in there and work and do what you've got to do" to contribute. The NFL is finding what we knew all along: This cat can play, he's the hardest working man in the football business, and he does it without screaming for attention and reward. He's a team player all the way, as he was at UGA, and as he'll no doubt remain throughout his career and life.



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Or, we could just show the film of the Murray State game. The main thing is the main thing, and that's to get the starters enough reps to stay sharp and in shape, and then

getting them out uninjured. Then getting the backup defenders a chance to tackle someone other than Zamir White; and giving the offensive reserves an opportunity to block someone other than Travon Walker. The defense continues to make the case that they are the team's most dominant unit in spite of concerns about the front five going into the season. The Dawgs finish the opening segment of the season in style. Dawgs 59, Wolves 3.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: KENTUCKY OVER FLORIDA

I picked Kentucky over Florida last year. They won, yet it would be an upset to do it again this year. The Lamestream Sports Media's fawning over Dan Mullen is based on his having coached a lot of future NFL talent at Florida when Urban Meyer was doing the recruiting and winking at infelicities to keep that talent on the field and in his schemes, and on making Mississippi State competitive. But making a team better is different from winning championships. Meanwhile, Mark Stoops is at least the second-best Stoops as a HC, and apparently as a DC. I think it's great that he's stayed at UK. Too many guys think they need to be at a historic program to have a great career. And they're fired when they can't do it. There's no shame in being the best coach in a program's history. I think he'll outcoach Mullen, chase Franks into mistakes, win the game, and win the hearts of Kentucky fans through eternity: Cats over Gators, 31-24.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: CHATTANOOGA OVER TENNESSEE

OK, by this time, it might not be an upset. But I'm going to call it anyhow. In Knoxville, they are already asking, [Can Pruitt last past October?](#) Mocs 24, Vols 23.