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A muffled and masked shout out to anyone with enough time on your hands to read this season's Fake Football News periodical from The Dawgmeister! To all four of you, welcome back, and thanks again for your time and attention. And thanks of course to Deke and The Dawgbones for hosting this fact-and-cost-free weekly commentary, now in Year XII on the galaxy's finest and most comprehensive source of Dawg-themed news.

I'm ready for the season. Since March I've stuck to a daily regimen that's kept me as healthy as a horse, and twice as frisky. I start every day with a cocktail made from 1 part Drano, 2 parts blood plasma transfusion from Wags the family bulldog, 3 parts bleach, 4 parts camel urine, and 5 parts Hydrooxydoxywaxahachiexychloroquinequarantinium. It also keeps me regular, and brightens my teeth, too.

The Scowlmeister and I, during our offseason meeting regimen, have assumed that this season would never really happen. We might still not make it through December. But Lordy, what a relief from the ongoing state of affairs out there. Heck, I've even watched parts of Georgia Tech games while waiting for the varsity season to begin.



Tom Crean reacts to news of the Todd Monken hire

Yes, that's the big news this season: the change in offensive philosophy and attack in the form of Todd Monken. The shiny new object always gets all the attention. But this team will once again be in every game because of the defense, a unit that is deep with talented, coachable athletes who understand that the goal is to stop the opponent rather than to build a statistical case for individual glory.

And of course I like to look at that shiny new object too. I can't wait to see how the offense looks with some key new players and more imaginative schemes and aggressive calls. I'm excited about what Monken brings to the team. And speaking of shiny new objects, I'm eager to see D'Wan Mathis run the show, assisted by the kind of guy I always love, Owen Condon, who came in as the lowest-ranked OL of the Pittman era this side of Solomon Kindley, who wasn't recruited by Oklahoma in his own home state, who has played his way past a lot of 4-5 star recruits, and who is set to protect the right side of the formation.

But I don't think that James Coley was as dull and dopey as most fans did. He called a perfect play vs. LSU to open with, but we dropped the ball. A lot of what looked like bad throws in that game were actually bad routes, including at least one that produced one of Fromm's rare picks. So I think that Coley went with what worked, which was our stable of backs running behind the Great Wall, moving the chains in spite of stacked boxes.


I heard the word "lackluster" many times to describe this approach, which was in part a function of the coaches' lack of confidence in receivers who were inconsistent in running

runnable routes and catching catchable balls. You can call all the plays you want, but if the player doesn't deliver on his responsibility, you may as well run the ball with confidence in the result, and that's what we did, no matter how much those of us on the couch wanted to see us air it out.

But that was then. This is now. Fromm decided to crush it, flush it, and take his talents to Buffalo. Swift has hooked up with another QB from UGA. The Curious Case of the 2020 draft, in which all but one player drafted from UGA came from the disappointing offense, while the stout defenders went to NFL camps as free agents, with only Tae "Mr. Irrelevant" Crowder making a team. Just imagine what the defense will achieve when it's stocked with talent.



Tom Crea shows results of Covid-19 test

- 🏈 A Coveted Dawgmeister Game Ball goes to [Quincy Carter](#), now clean and sober after decades of drug and alcohol abuse, and helping others fight their addictions.
- 🏈 A Coveted Dawgmeister Game Ball goes to the academic support staff in the Rankin Smith Center, described by Coach Smart as "The academic people at the University of Georgia who sacrificed their Saturdays, their Sundays, and their countless hours" of time in the recruiting effort and in supporting the players in the classroom after they've committed to the .

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

The Weekend Forecast is offered as a free service to its readers; neither the Dawgbone nor The Dawgmeister profits financially from its publication. If you read the Forecast and want to contribute something back to our communities, please consider making a donation to this week's featured Good Works service. There are many people living in needy circumstances, and every dollar helps to support them through another day, week, month, and year. This week's featured Good Works organization:

[Doc's Healing Hives Veteran's Apiary](#) was established when Tim Doherty redeployed from Afghanistan in 2016 and had a shoulder and a bicep that would need five surgical repairs to be fixed. As he waited for surgery to be approved and scheduled,

he began to experience the symptom of Transition Disorder and PTSD; meanwhile he had the opportunity to work with his sister as she cared for her honey bees at Redoubt Farm. He has founded a non-profit, Doc's Healing Hives and Honey Inc. to help veterans through the therapeutic power of beekeeping. Each veteran admitted into the program will receive beekeeping equipment and training, a colony of honey bees, a beehive, and mentorship. Tim is requesting donations to establish the apiary where they will have a safe bee yard to raise ten colonies of honeybees. These honey bees will be donated from bee removal companies or captured swarms. Please help other veterans heal.

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DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ From last year's post-season NFL headlines:
 - ☞ Stephen A. unsure Matt Rhule is the right hire for Panthers
 - ☞ Stephen A. less than thrilled with Cowboys' hiring of McCarthy
 - ☞ Stephen A: Judge is the best the Giants could get?
 - ☞ Mark Bradley: After two losing seasons, it's clear Dan Quinn isn't the man
 - ☞ Mark Bradley: Blinded by affection, Arthur Blank makes a major mistake
- ☞ From Little Woolly: Stephen A and Mark Bradley, where did you play?
- ☞ No matter what your political affiliation, you will doubtless be offended by the [Special Election Year Separated@Birth Special](#) from the summer of 2020.
- ☞ And what would the football season be without updates to the [Bad Hair Hall of Fame](#)?
- ☞ Will Ed Orgeron be the second coming of Gene Chizik? Chizik had been a solid coordinator at Texas and Auburn, including the Longhorn's only national championship since 1981. He got the Iowa State job, going 5-19 in two years before being hired at Auburn. He secured the services of Cam Newton and won a national championship in his second season, and was fired 2 years later when the team went 3-9. Will Coach Eaux be able to survive the graduation of Burrow—the best college QB I've seen since Newton—and a ton of talent across the roster, and sustain his success at LSU? Or did he end up in the right place at the right time with the right team in 2019 and can only go down from here?
- ☞ Dillon Gabriel, the accurate little lefty UCF QB who torched Georgia Tech, reminds me a bit of Kellen Moore, the QB who did us in under the dome.
- ☞ When I was in high school, the NBA was challenged by a new rival league, the ABA, which included gimmicks like a red, white, and blue ball and a 3-point shot. Three years after the leagues merged, the expanded NBA adopted the 3-point to resolve a problem with the game, which had gotten dominated by big guys playing bully ball around the basket, costing the game much of its beauty. And now, the upstart XFL has made a [few rules changes](#) that I think may be the 3-pointers of the NFL's future. I like the XFL rule of no PAT kicks, replaced by the options to go for one point from the 2-yard line, two points from the 5, or three points from the 10. I also had some [suggestions a few years](#) back to remove kicking from a game in which kicking doesn't otherwise play a role. I hope they do something to make the P.A.T. into something worth watching.

- ☞ You may have seen *The Last Dance*, where Michael Jordan was able to manufacture a reason to want to beat the snot out of every opponent. And now: LeBron James is pissed that he didn't get enough MVP votes. O man.
- ☞ "Liberty WR makes unreal one-handed grab" ~Headline story from last Saturday afternoon
- ☞ "And I thought he was good in practice." ~ Becki Falwell, last Saturday night

SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week (from that bygone era when Virginia was Game 1): Who the heck is Bill Dudley?

- A. A statue of this Revolutionary War hero was commissioned to replace the statue of Robert E. Lee in downtown Charlottesville.
- B. He is a direct descendent of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings on his mother's side; and Strom Thurmond and Carrie Butler on his father's.
- C. His nickname at UVA was The Rotunda.
- D. He married a sweet little gal named Charlotte Seville.

Answer: Bill Dudley is the only Cavalier ever taken first overall in the NFL draft, in 1942 when most athletes were fighting in WWII.

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

Isaiah Wynn came to UGA after a tremendous career at Lakewood HS in the Tampa area, where he was a consensus 4-star OG and rated as high as the #6 player at his position nationally. At UGA he made an impression immediately, making the OL rotation in his first year and starting for the next 3. He ended up a consensus All SEC player and 2nd team All American before being a first-round choice by New England in the 2018 draft, losing a year to an Achilles tendon injury before earning a starting role on one of history's best sports franchises. He did all this as an undersized but "country strong" kid who stayed in Sam Pittman's starting lineup even though he was a good 30 pounds shy of Pittman's ideal player. While at UGA he nailed it in the classroom as well, earning 3 Harriett Reppard Evans Football Scholarship Endowments, and landing on the UGA J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Honor Roll for his excellence in his Human Development and Family Science major. His coaches and teammates appreciated not only his ability but his work ethic, which earned him a team a Most Improved Player Award, the Hugh Hendrix Award for being a player who most pushes his potential following spring practice, the Physicality/Headhunter Award following spring practice, the Frank Sinkwich Award for toughness, and the "Up Front" Award for his essential role on the offense. He hasn't let up on or off the field following graduation. He has established a "[Win for Wynn](#)" organization based in St. Petersburg, FL, which donates back-to-school supplies to kids and their families, leading Coach Smart to say, "I told him [I'd wear \[a t-shirt for his charity typically reserved for camp volunteers\] at one of my press conferences](#). I saw his video of what he did for kids before school started. He just did an unbelievable job. It's so indicative of him, what he did, so I asked him for one of those shirts." Talk about a winner: This guy has made it big in ways that most people never do.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. ARKANSAS

Let's kick this thing off! Let's see, the last 4 recruiting classes have seen UGA ranked 3, 1, 2, and 1. Arkansas, even with the Pittman Effect last winter: 27, 45, 23, 30. That's consistency on both teams, y'all. And it adds up to a huge talent and depth advantage for the good guys. Of course, that didn't prevent Kansas, Kansas State, and Iowa State from losing to directional schools on September 12, so we need to be wary. But teams with new coaches have a lot of adjusting to do. Remember Y1 of the Kirby Smart Era? How about years 1 and 2 for Geoff Collins at GT, where weightlifting on the sidelines remains more advanced than good play on the field? Sam Pittman can't build a competitive OL in one class, so I expect us to stuff their offense into next week. Will the O click? Enough for this one. Dawgs 31, Hawgs 10.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: FLORIDA OVER OLE MISS

Yes, two of the most-hated coaches in the game go at it in Oxford, where they won't be flying their old freak flag, per SEC ruling. Dan or Lane, whom do you hate more? Lane is walking into the problem that Hugh Freeze left in a steaming pile of elephant dung that Matt Luke couldn't put enough lipstick on to win in the SEC West. Freeze has since gone on to become Head Pool Boy at Liberty University. Matt now oversees the Great Wall of Georgia. And now Ole Miss has a Head Pool Boy of its own.

Florida's recruiting classes have landed at the bottom of the top 10 lately; Mississippi's have tended toward the mid-30s in rank. That's a talent advantage, along with the fact that the Florida program has had a few years with this staff, albeit one led by Dan Mullen; while Mississippi is breaking in a lot of new people without spring practice. That's hard to overcome. So is Lane Kiffin. I don't think they will. Gators 31, Rebels (name pending) 21.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: WEST VIRGINIA OVER OKLAHOMA STATE

Yes, it's possible for Big 12 favorites to lose league games, too. I suspect that we're in for another year when Oklahoma scores 65 points a game against the likes of Iowa State, Kansas, and Kansas State, blows through their schedule, makes the playoff based on their incredible statistics and piles of points, has a Heisman QB candidate with miles of yards and completions on every pass, and gets their asses handed to them by the first good team they play in a playoff.

But I digress. We now go from Mullen to Mullet, who had a revolt on his hands over the summer when he realized to his amazement that most of his team is the same color as the people his favorite news source likes to compare to vermin. They almost lost to Tulsa on Saturday to a team that, since 1951, had been 0-21 in games played in Stillwater. As reported in the [Tulsa World](#) of this “unsightly season opener”: “In the only game of the day involving a Big 12 team, this performance didn’t do much to repair the conference’s reputation after last week’s Iowa State and Kansas State home losses to Sun Belt opponents.” I have to wonder how hard the team will play for Gundy as the fall unfolds. The slide begins on Saturday. WVU 38, OSU 35.

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