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**SEPARATED@BIRTH?**



**SMOOCHY  
MEGAN MULLEN**

**& HOOTCHIE KOOTCHIE  
THAT TEACHER WHO  
BANGED HER STUDENT**

**SEPARATED@BIRTH? ARCHIVE**

Explosivity was the theme of the week for Kirby Smart and his conception of the offense.

What we got was, in the words of Gene Chizik at halftime, “the world’s longest four-minute drill” and that UK had “bullied” us on their second-quarter-eating drive that produced their only score of the game. To Chip Towers the win was somewhere between “old school” and “ugly.” Mike Griffith described it as “a slugfest” featuring a “powerful but plodding ground game.” To Connor Riley the game was a “slog of a win.” According to some guy at Sports Illustrated named Brooks Austin, it was “a less than impressive 14-3 victory.” The Scowlmeister’s “cup is half-empty.” And 247 Sports says that “Georgia fans are concerned and angry . . . and it's hard to blame them,” grading the QB play at D+.

Missing from most of these judgments is that the defense played a terrific game in spite of a series of injuries that will cause concern for at least a few weeks. Stat of the game: UK averaged 3.6 yards per pass attempt, and 3.5 yards per carry over the course of the game, and that included much of the game with Jordan Davis and Julian Rochester out, along with other defenders on the sideline, and a resulting DL featuring Stackhouse and Carter from the true freshman ranks. That’s why the coach, normally playing the role of Kirby “Your Enthusiasm” Smart, said: “Four starters out on defense and having to recover from that? I was very proud and saw some resilient guys out there. That’s pretty to me when guys go out and finish the right way. But we certainly didn’t play our best game.” No, not our best game. But a road SEC win with a lot of reserves on the field against a good opponent who, said their coach afterwards, said his team “worked

extremely hard. Played with great energy. Played very physical. We're playing physical enough on both sides of the line of scrimmage to win a game like that."

It seemed that UK indeed got about 3.5 yards per play, every play and little more, which led to a lot of clock-draining possessions. We only scored 14 points, our lowest total vs. UK 1996, when we piled up 12. That, along with our own success running the ball between the tackles endlessly, kept the clock ticking and the score down. UGA had the ball for about 25 minutes to UK's 35, and it's hard to score without the ball, including when your best DB drops a pick-six.

The fans, writers, and pundits of course all want more scoring. They talk about Bennett's limitations and wonder when someone's going to take the job from him. We can't beat Florida with 14 points, says The Scowlmeister in his post-game breakdown. We surely can't win big games with multiple interceptions, even when one happened when the freshman receiver didn't keep running after a Bennett scramble. One thing that Jordan Rodgers said many times was that the problem of Bennett's height is exacerbated by his  $\frac{3}{4}$  delivery, which cuts another 6 inches from his release point and leads to batted passes and now, in consecutive games, interceptions. No can do.

Everyone outside the UGA locker room wonders when J.T. Daniels will get a shot and provide what Chizik said is missing in our offense: a vertical passing game. Most of the people who call for Daniels have never seen him play. None have ever attended a practice and seen the QBs run an offense. As is often the case, the backup QB—in this case, the one running with the 3s—is the team's most popular player. I still think the coaches know best and want to win more than anybody in the stands or on the couch. So I'm sticking with their guy as long as they do, because they know what they're doing and all I see is what happens on Saturdays.



"Florida, in the eyes of Florida fans, is equal to Alabama, and Georgia is just someone to trample on the way to the championship game." ~Paul Finebaum

"Florida Gators are going to win the SEC East next season. Book it." ~Danny Kanell, January 2020

"Danny Kanell, such a nasty little man." ~Granny Butts

"Georgia has a good squad but it's a transition year at quarterback and with the offensive coordinator. If Dan can keep that team healthy I think they'll be there right at the end. I think they should be in the playoff [in 2020]. I think it's time. Dan's built a good program." ~Urban Meyer in the preseason

News update from October 27 on "**If Dan can keep that team healthy**": "A day after the No. 10 Florida Gators resumed practice, [following] a two-week football shutdown, UF reported six new positive cases among football players in the past week. . . . The

numbers do not include coaches or staffers. At least three coaches have also tested positive this month, including head coach Dan Mullen.”

Between Florida’s suspensions and illnesses, Dan Mullen’s conversion into Rick Flair on the field and Darth Vader at the presser, and UGA’s multitude of injuries after Saturday afternoon and Saturday night, I think we’ll be seeing the value of depth next weekend. This one should be viewed as a toss-up, because it’s not clear who’ll be lining up out there at a whole lot of positions on both side of the ball, who’ll get through the game without visiting the tent, and who’ll be providing depth by the fourth quarter. For both teams it may be a competition between next man up and last man standing.

## **THE DAWGMEISTER’S SOLUTION TO A PERSISTENT SOCIAL PROBLEM**

Earlier this year, the Washington Redskins finally took the step of dropping its Native American name and going instead with the very sensible Washington Football Team. To assist The Football Team and others in aligning their mascots with 2020 sensibilities, when Mrs. Butts was out digging the bunker during the off-week, I took the occasion to identify new names for teams looking for positive social change, along with logos for the new era. First I recommend a repair to the Washington situation (football only); then I solve the remainder of the world’s problems.



Washington Redskin Potatoes: Elegantly retains the original, while extending its brand simultaneously into the spud market.



Florida State Semolinas: Honors Italian Americans while also representing the state of FSU football.



Cleveland Windians: Combines appreciation for the breeze off Lake Erie with much-needed positive messaging.



Atlanta Depraves: Honors Atlanta’s strip club culture and helps bring the fans back after the coronavirus shutdown.



Chicago Black Hawks: Subtly shifts emphasis from Chief Black Hawk to an avian theme.



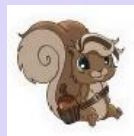
Utah Yutz: Utes, schmoots. Let's tell it like it is.



Illinois Fighting Alumni: It's what they do every 3 years when they fire the coach and can't agree on which savior to bring in next.



Kansas City Chefs: Honors a steak culture that'll harden your arteries.



Edmonton Pesky Foes: Instills fighting spirit in whatever sport it is that these guys play.



Golden State Glory Ho's: Links Oakland and San Francisco in new and uplifting ways.

## **DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK**

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**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta** seeks to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Nearly half a million children in Metro Atlanta live in communities with low or very low child well-being. BBBSMA's mission is to recruit volunteers to become mentors to children facing adversity. Their goal is to serve more children and increase positive outcomes by matching them with an adult who will ignite their full potential. They view mentors and mentorship a little differently than other organizations. In a world of causes, they make a difference by creating professionally supported one-to-one matches for kids who want to realize their full potential. More than offering advice, they help build meaningful connections for a bigger future.

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### **SAT PREP SESSION**

SAT Question of the Week: What is the correct pronunciation of the name of the pro football team in Jacksonville?

- A. Jag-wires
- B. Jag-you-ares
- C. Jag-wahrz
- D. Jag-offs

Answer: If you are Terry Bradshaw: Jag-wires. If you are David Attenborough: Jag-you-ares. If you are Mrs. Butts: Jag-wahrz. If you are from Chicago: Jag-offs.

### **DAWG DOOTS**

- ☞ Let me introduce [the next two speakers](#) in Urban Meyer's Ohio State course in character and leadership.
- ☞ Urban Meyer is, as of this week, rumored to be the leading candidate to be the next coach of Louisville, the University of Southern California, LSU, Kansas, Georgia Tech, the Atlanta Falcons, the New York Jets, the Minnesota Timberwolves, the Pittsburgh Pirates, Manchester United, the Wolverhampton Wanderers, and the United States of America.
- ☞ During our weekly call, I'm going to recommend to Todd Monken that we throw Darnell Washington at least 10 passes a game. The guy is gigantic and athletic and has excellent hands, and there are no 6'-8" defensive backs or linebackers who can go up and get a ball with him.
- ☞ "All I've ever been everywhere I've been is successful. All I've done everywhere I've been is won and developed my players to the highest level possible. Sometimes, it's really quick. Sometimes, it's fast. Sometimes, it takes a little bit longer to get it going. But it always, and will always, end up being in the positive. And here's why: because I will not stop until it happens. A lot of people just want to look at results. They don't want to see the progress and the steps in the journey, which I see every single day. Every single day, we're building, and we're building something that's very special." ~Geoff Collins after Georgia Tech's 2-4 start in which they were outscored 247-137, following his 3-9 record his first year and before getting crushed by Notre Dame.
- ☞ "When you are picked to be the 15th team out of a 14-team league, and you get two really good wins early, things start being viewed in a very different lens. My lens is very clear. . . . The cultural piece is real here. We've got to continue to build it and fight for it every single day." ~Geoff Collins after the Notre Dame loss, referencing wins over 2-4 Florida State and 1-5 Louisville, with one of FSU's wins over Louisville
- ☞ A tale of two SEC West programs in their first year of coaching transitions: [Sam Pittman at Arkansas](#), and [Mike Leach at Mississippi State](#).

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

After arriving in Athens from Stone Mountain in 1981, **Kevin Butler** became widely regarded as the best kicker in Dawg history, and an all-time great in the college and pro games after playing 13 seasons for the Chicago Bears, including their Super Bowl team. The only kicker in the College Football Hall of Fame, he was selected on All-Century teams provided by Sports Illustrated, ABC Sports, and the Walter Camp Football Foundation. He's also returned to help more recent UGA kickers develop and challenge his records, suggesting that he's all for the program and not his personal glory. He did so as a student assistant after returning to campus to complete his Economics degree in 2018. "It gave me a lot of pride," he said. "Being able to go back over there and give back to the program that gave me a head start in life and gave me the discipline and talent that I was able to harness back then. It gave me all the opportunity in the world. To help the kickers and the punters and the snappers, it was a dream come true." It also opened up the opportunity to be recognized with one of the university's highest honors: election to the Circle of Honor, which is designed, according UGA, to "pay tribute to extraordinary student-athletes and coaches who by their performance and conduct have brought honor to the university and themselves, and who by their actions have contributed to the tradition of the Georgia Bulldogs. The criteria for selection also stipulate that each recipient has earned his or her academic degree." Kevin's post-football career included a job with UgMo Technologies, a King of Prussia, Pennsylvania-based company that focuses on turf irrigation. Fans who follow the Dawgs on the radio also know him as an astute commentator on games, players, and all else pertaining to UGA football. His legacy thus continues to grow and shine, and we can expect even more from him in years to come.



**THE FORECAST**

And now, the game that matters most. As I said above, it's a very unpredictable game. It's the opposite of the UK game where they either ran or dumped short passes; UF's ground game is OK, and they mostly win by passing. We're very banged up in the secondary and on the DL, so we'll see how those guys in reserve can play. I suspect we'll



keep it on the ground as we did on Saturday and hope to control clock against a team that won't chew it to death the way Kentucky did. Who gets positioned for another shot at Alabama? The Good Guys, of course. Dawgs 31, Gators 30.

#### **NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: CLEMSON OVER NOTRE DAME**

No Trevor? No problema. I'll take the Tigers anyhow. BC scared the bejesus out of Clemson on Saturday, and that's all they need against these guys. No matter how much the ABC booth guys sell Notre Dame football every week, they are still the team that gets manhandled by top programs. I'll believe they're better than that when they win one like this. Tigers 31, Irish 27.

#### **NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: STANFORD OVER OREGON**

Why? I have no idea. I sure ain't picking Rutgers over Ohio State. Other games are hard to figure since I write this thing before the new rankings come out, and by then Indiana over Michigan won't be an upset. I couldn't name anybody on either one of these teams, so this is a pick entirely in the dark. So bet on it at your risk. Cardinal 34, Ducks 33.