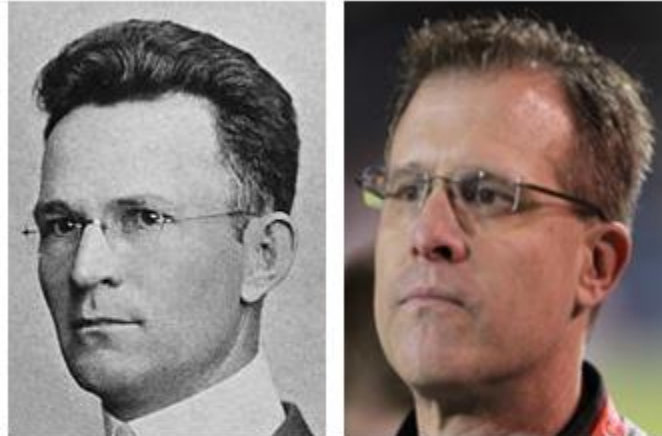


THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST: DAWGS UNDO MIZZOO

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SEPARATED@BIRTH? ARCHIVE

My hat's off to Florida. My hate is still on. But they had the better team, and played better football. Not much I could do from the couch to change any of that, and I don't think a recount will change the outcome.

It doesn't help to play a good team when our defense is depleted, and they took advantage of it. I think I might have seen Netori Johnson in at cornerback in the fourth quarter; I definitely saw Bill Norton and Zion Logue, who hadn't been in the meaningful-snaps rotation before Saturday. They might end up being All Americans, but this season, on Saturday, the absence of Jordan Davis let Florida do what few have done: run the ball against us. Not good.

I think that the jury is now in on Stetson Bennett, although the coaches aren't yet saying how they've evaluated the position. The jury is still out on D'Wan Mathis; and J.T. Daniels and Carson Beck haven't yet gone to trial. Gary Danielson's theme for the game was that you can't win in college football without a great offense, and that you can't have a great offense without a great quarterback, and that a "walk-on" like Stetson Bennett might better be replaced by a scholarship player who'll make us more dynamic in this new era of explosiveness. Now, the fact is that Stetson Bennett came in as a walk-on, but left and returned with a scholarship, something that nobody has yet informed Danielson about. But he's probably right that beating the top teams takes more productivity out of the QB position than we've gotten.

Is Mathis the man? I don't know. Is Daniels healthy, or as good as originally assumed? Don't ask me. Can Beck do what plenty of other true freshmen have done, and play right

away? I have never seen him aside from his HS highlight reel. Do we need more out of the position than we've seen from QB1 and QB2 so far? Everyone seems to think so.

Amazingly enough, in what was generally regarded as a rout, we'd have been within one score if Mark Webb had held on to a sure pick-six, and the outcome would have been wide-open. But that's how it went on Saturday, an inch late, a dollar short, and too many dropped passes and inaccurate throws from being able to compete against teams that get it done in the passing game. And that's all you need to lose a game against a good team.

There's plenty to sort out in the November schedule at the position, and I hope that somebody becomes the player we need to compete against teams whose offenses are clicking. And it would help, too, if our receivers could catch the ball as well as Florida's and Alabama's receivers do. Most unfathomable in this equation: What on earth has become of Demetris Robertson, thought to be a one-and-done after transferring from Cal, where he tore up the PAC-12, yet is now apparently playing behind walk-on Jaylen Johnson and many others.

The rest of the schedule should produce wins. I'm happy for them. I like winning. I think Kirby Smart is a terrific coach, in spite of the beating he's taking from fans because we lost a game. The question, I think, is what we're now building in terms of adjusting to the reality that even Nick Saban has acknowledged: You need a great offense with a vertical passing game to compete against top teams. Our QBs can throw deep passes, they just have trouble connecting on them. I wish I knew the answer, but have faith that the coaches care more than I do and are working to fix what's clearly not working.

SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: What do the following humans have in common? Phillip Sims, Devin Gardner, Rob Boldin, Jesse Scroggins, Jake Heaps, Connor Wood, Tyler Bray, Blake Bell, Chase Rettig, Barry Brunetti

- A. Each has translated an Ed Orgeron poem into English.
- B. Each has shared a bong with Snoop Dogg, Laremy Tunsil, and Martha Stewart.
- C. Each asked Erin Andrews out on a date, to which she replied, "Get your #@%\$& ass off my &!\$#%@ porch before I call the @\$!#*% cops."
- D. Each said later that Erin Andrews "is not my type."

Answer: These are the top ten HS QB prospects of 2010 in the 247 composite ratings, possibly the worst QB class of all time. Other notables (there weren't many):

#4 Duel-threat: James Franklin (Missouri)

#30 Pro-style (#664 overall): Hutson Mason (UGA)

#43 Pro-style (#1220 overall): Blake Bortles (UCF)

2 stars, unranked by anyone: Jimmy Garoppolo (Eastern Illinois)

NAMING NAMES

During the NBA playoffs I saw the possibility of combining American sports figures' first names with European NBA players' last names to produce the next generation of NBA stars. This would make Jeff Van Gundy's job a lot more interesting and give him even more strange things to discuss during broadcasts. Some early returns (all votes counted):

Tuanigamanuolepola Antetokounmpo
Barkevious Bogdanović
Dequartavious Luwawu-Cabarrot
Equanimeous Ntilikina
Tre'Davious Pasečniks
Key'vantanie Valančiūnas
Jaquiski Smailagić
Halapoulivaati Mykhailiuk

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:

Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS) is a private nonprofit located in Atlanta whose mission is to promote self-sufficiency and equity for immigrants, refugees, and the underprivileged through comprehensive health and social services, capacity building, and advocacy. Founded on the belief that "people need people," CPACS is the first, largest and oldest organization in the Southeast to focus on issues and concerns of Asian Americans, especially women, children and families with low incomes. Although CPACS has a unique capacity to serve Asians, it has evolved to provide services that benefit the entire community.

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DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ The UGA Office of Legal Affairs has reportedly filed a lawsuit arguing that any points scored after the first four minutes of Saturday's game should not be counted.
- ☞ Reports that Kirby Smart spent the fourth quarter of the Florida game playing golf at Mar-A-Lago appear to be entirely unfounded.

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

Nolan Smith came to UGA via Calvary Day in Savannah and ultimately the IMG football factory as the nation's top recruit. As a freshman he made plenty of plays, combining outlandish athleticism with intelligence and a motor that never quits. As Coach Smart put it after his first drills: "Nolan plays hard all the time. He doesn't always play smart but he plays with great effort and does a good job." I suspect that the "doesn't always play smart" part got jettisoned pretty fast as he learned his way around the system. His work ethic was evident to DL coach Ernie Logan as soon as he arrived at IMG and their D-1-heavy roster: "Even when he first got out here, he immediately jumped out. He was busting his tail during my drills but I noticed him doing special team drills. He was showing up everywhere. I could tell soon as I saw him out on the field and the way he worked and how he went about his business he was a natural leader. He started displaying those qualities from the beginning. I made sure to pull him aside and say 'Look, man don't let what class you are in or you just getting here dictate how you see yourself on this team as a leader. You can lead now. You are showing those types of qualities.' He started shining as soon as he hit the field. The kid works his tail off and has qualities you can't really coach. Competes and competes his tail off. Has what you call that 'Dawg' in him." As ferocious as he is between the lines, Nolan is kind and charismatic off it, going home to feed homeless people in Savannah through his church every Christmas. His faith drives him to excellence, leading him to say at one point, "At the lowest point of my life nobody was there but God to get me out; and I Thank him for that! So now that he brought me up, I REFUSE TO LET YALL bring me down." He also carries his dedication into the classroom, where he majors in engineering, a remarkable outcome for someone of whom his mother said, "Where we are from so many kids never finish high school. I have a young black man who finished high school [half a year] early when you have so many people in your ear saying he will not be anything and I owe it all to God. I thank God for giving me a son like him because there were so many people that doubted me about why I didn't let him play with certain kids outside." Nolan's now playing with the big kids, and making every minute count, on and off the field.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. MISSOURI

It'll be a week of reckoning. I don't think we'll become the Greatest Show on Turf in one week, but hope we find a way to open it up and connect downfield. We have enough firepower for this one, so let's let 'er rip. Dawgs 31, Tigers 17.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: ALABAMA OVER LSU

If you're looking for a top matchup on Saturday, keep looking. There ain't one. So I'm mainly picking this one to see just how many points a Bo Pelini defense can possibly give up. The answer? A whole lot. The LSU ship keeps sinking. Tide 65, Tigers 0.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: MARYLAND OVER OHIO STATE

Yes, it's the Big 10 Battle of SEC Transfer QBs. Fields has been immaculate so far. How will he do against Taulia? I guess we'll find out. Terps shock the world and create a clear path for Indiana to win the Big 10: Maryland 35, Ohio State 34.