

## THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST: DAWGS GROUND AIR RAID

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### SEPARATED@BIRTH?



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**SEPARATED@BIRTH? ARCHIVE**

It was a weekend of largely inconsequential games, largely won by the teams that were supposed to win. I was once again left asking: Why does anyone consider Michigan to be a great program? The answer: because of things they did back when Army, Princeton, and the University of Chicago were national powers. Here are the years of the national championships that they claim, all before playoffs determined a conclusive winner, when people like Richard Nixon put themselves in charge of declaring the best team: 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1918, 1923, 1932, 1933, 1947, 1948, 1997. That 1997 title is disputed; the AP picked Michigan, the coaches picked Nebraska. And most of the others were disputed too; in 1904, there were 3 teams claiming to be national champs, with Minnesota and Penn also getting official sanction that year. That was typical for many years. This century, they were co-champs of the Big 10 in 2000 (with Northwestern and Purdue), champs in 2003, and co-champs (with Iowa) in 2004; they won a Citrus Bowl and lost 2 Rose Bowls with those titles. That's the same number of league championships won this century by Michigan State, whose have all come in the last decade. Help me out: How is this a great program?

Meanwhile, a breathless nation awaits the inevitable result of this season's competition: the national championship showdown between Indiana and Liberty.

To show how much college football has changed, here is the 1904 All American team:

Position	Name	Height	Weight (lbs.)	Class	Team
<a href="#">QB</a>	<a href="#">Vince Stevenson</a>	5'10"	148	Jr.	<a href="#">Penn</a>

<a href="#">QB</a>	<a href="#">Foster Rockwell</a>			Sr.	<a href="#">Yale</a>
<a href="#">HB</a>	<a href="#">Daniel Hurley</a>			Jr.	<a href="#">Harvard</a>
<a href="#">HB</a>	<a href="#">Willie Heston</a>	5'8"	190	Sr.	<a href="#">Michigan</a>
<a href="#">FB</a>	<a href="#">Walter Eckersall</a>	5'7"	141	So.	<a href="#">Chicago</a>
<a href="#">FB</a>	<a href="#">Andy Smith</a>			Sr.	<a href="#">Penn</a>
<a href="#">FB</a>	<a href="#">Henry Torney</a>			Jr.	<a href="#">Army</a>
<a href="#">E</a>	<a href="#">Tom Shevlin</a>	5'10"	195	Jr.	<a href="#">Yale</a>
<a href="#">T</a>	<a href="#">James Hogan</a>	5'10"	210	Sr.	<a href="#">Yale</a>
<a href="#">G</a>	<a href="#">Frank Piekarski</a>			Sr.	<a href="#">Penn</a>
<a href="#">G</a>	<a href="#">Joseph Gilman</a>				<a href="#">Dartmouth</a>
<a href="#">C</a>	<a href="#">Arthur Tipton</a>			Sr.	<a href="#">Army</a>
<a href="#">G</a>	<a href="#">Ralph Kinney</a>			Sr.	<a href="#">Yale</a>
<a href="#">T</a>	<a href="#">James Cooney</a>			So.	<a href="#">Princeton</a>
<a href="#">E</a>	<a href="#">Fred Speik</a>			Sr.	<a href="#">Chicago</a>

Really now. Why does anyone consider Michigan to be a historically great program?

Not much else to say about a week without drama, aside from whether or not universities will fire coaches and assume their salaries, along with a whole raft of new ones, while revenues are down because of the Covid hoax. And it's hard to make a forecast when it's not even clear that there will be games.



Paul Hornung, R.I.P.

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

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The mission of Norcross-based **Helping Mamas** is to connect helping mamas to mamas needing help. They serve as the baby supply bank for Georgia. Helping Mamas collects and distributes essential items for children of low-income parents, providing a rare coordinated effort to provide baby essentials to needy families. They serve over 15,000 children a year and have donated over a million basic essentials to women and children in need. In addition to providing diapers, clothing, and other essentials, Helping Mamas provides safe sleep education and car seat safety and is partnering with other agencies to reduce sudden infant death syndrome and infant mortality rates. Helping Mamas is a nonprofit organization and 501c3 organization and contributions are tax deductible.

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## **DAWG DOOTS**

- ☞ Because of the Covid restrictions, there are no Dawg Doots this week.

## **BONUS S@B COVERAGE**



**SPRY IN THE CRUNCH** & **GUY IN THE BUNCH**  
**STETSON BENNETT** **GREG BRADY**

## **SAT PREP SESSION**

SAT Question of the Week: What do the following have in common?  
Christian Hackenberg, Max Browne, Brice Ramsey, Mitchell Trubisky, Shane Morris, Cooper Bateman, Cody Thomas, Kevin Olsen, Asiantii Woulard, and J.T. Barrett?

- A. Each had a distinguished career quarterbacking his college of choice.
- B. Each became a starting quarterback on his favorite NFL team.
- C. Each was offered a scholarship by Ed Orgeron, but turned it down because they couldn't understand what he was saying.

D. On signing day, each was predicted by Mel Kiper, Jr., to be the first pick in the NFL draft someday.

Answer: These are the top 10 QB prospects, in rank order, of the generally stinky 2013 HS football class. Other notables:

#11 Joshua Dobbs

#23 Jared Goff

#57 Luke Del Rio

#79 Baker Mayfield

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

**Rodrigo Blankenship** has the rare distinction of being a crowd favorite as a placekicker, and one of the most popular Dawgs in recent memory. There are plenty of reasons, going back to his starting as a walk-on who had to demonstrate to the staff his worthiness before earning a scholarship in his second season. The drama over the Sprayberry HS grad's status became [the stuff of memes and legends](#). The [announcement to the team](#) that he had finally been awarded a full ride is among the most heartwarming scenes of recent memory. And yes, [the boy can even rap](#). Between his near-infallible performance on the way to the Lou Groza Award and his goofiness—exemplified by his rec-specs and helmeted post-game interviews—he became a much-beloved and essential part of the program. Sports Illustrated wrote that “Hot Rod stole the hearts of college football fans across the country in the Rose Bowl against Oklahoma, partly because he banged one in from 55 yards (a Rose Bowl record) and nailed a clutch kick in overtime, but also because he wears those goofy goggles. He just looks like an interesting character, and that’s because he is.” Rod is surely going to be in the NFL for a while, but that didn’t stop him from working hard in the classroom. He graduated cum laude from the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication with a focus on digital broadcasting. On the way to his degree he made the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll, the J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Honor Roll each semester at UGA, the team’s sophomore GPA award, and SEC’s Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. He also was presented the UGA Community Service Award, made the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, was one of 12 recipients of the National Football Foundation (NFF) Scholar-Athlete Award for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership, and won the Wuerffel Trophy for community service. He said, “It takes a lot of discipline [to balance academics and athletics.] You have to be fully committed to everything that’s going on in your life,” he said. “You have to have the discipline to not lose your motivation, no matter what time you get done. Football took up a big chunk of my day, but I knew that I was here to get an education and I did everything I could to make that my priority.” You betcha Rod. All that and he can kick.



## **THE FORECAST**

### **DAWGS VS. MISSISSIPPI STATE**

Mississippi State has been headed downward since their shocking win over LSU, which has turned out to be less shocking as LSU's weaknesses have been on display every week since. I think we're all pretty ready to see what a few weeks of retooling our offense, likely around a new QB, has done for our ability to move the chains and score touchdowns, and give the defense a break. I sure am. This game is very unpredictable simply in terms of whether or not we'll play a team with a lot of Covid issues. Let's say we play. Let's say we win. Good Guys over Leaches, 31-10.

### **NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: OKLAHOMA OVER OKLAHOMA STATE**

This game can be pretty nutty. The programs practice good old clean old-fashioned hate against one another, and they mean it. Both score points. Both allow them, even as Oklahoma supposedly allows fewer now than in recent years. Both can't win this game. OU will. Sooners 51, Pokes 41.

### **NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: UTAH OVER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

I really want to go with Indiana over Ohio State, but don't want to jinx the Hoosier's magic, so will chicken out and take this one. Mrs. Butts was out getting her tattoos refreshed on Saturday, so I watched USC come back to beat Arizona. I was intrigued by the reputation of Kedon Slovis, the guy who ran J.T. Daniels out of town, but came away with a "Huh?" response. Apparently a lot of other people did too, wondering if his arm was injured or if he needed to take time off to polish his mechanics or what else might be wrong with him to produce such a generally bad game against the PAC-12's preseason last-place team. USC runs a dink-and-dunk passing game, so his 130% completion percentage is wildly inflated; and on Saturday, he was really, really ordinary. He looked more like a lot of USC QBs who come in with fanfare, are often drafted way too high, and become short-term journeymen in the NFL: Matt Barkley, Matt Leinart, Mark Sanchez, Sam Darnold....and here we go again. Anyhow, they've barely won their first two games. It all ends next Saturday. Yutz 35, Trojans 24.