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HE LIVES A BIT TO SCREAM WILL MUSCHAMP

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And at the end of the game, the cardboard cutouts that had returned to campus for Homecoming rushed the field and celebrated as the chapel bell tolled.

It was a night of mixed reviews and enigmatic performances. The Scowlmeister thought we were awful, aside from the play of Daniels. Our two most reliable units, the running game and the defense, got stuffed and torched, respectively. Our most spotty area, the passing game and especially the deep passing game, excelled and thrilled. To Kirby Smart, "We pass-(protected) better than they pass-rushed, and they run-stopped better than we ran." It appeared that MSU came in committed to stopping the run, which they did; Gurley, Chubb, Michel, and Swift would have had trouble getting through what seemed like 12 defenders in the box all night.

But what a night for the deep game. As rough a night as we had in most areas of the game, I haven't seen a vertical passing game like that since Matthew Stafford was taking snaps. I really have to admire the coaches for not rushing Daniels into action, which must have been very tempting, given the obvious difference in talent he brings to the QB position. But they did what was right for the player's health, waiting till he was physically ready and going with guys who just can't make the same throws he does.

Or maybe the coaches decided they wouldn't play him until he shaved off that moustache.





Before

After

Before Saturday night, it seemed unusual for a receiver and the ball to end up in the same spot, and for the receiver to then hold onto the ball. That could be an accuracy problem, a route running problem, or just a coordination problem. Those problems all seemed to disappear against MSU for the most part. For whatever reason, Daniels and the receivers seem more in synch than they did with other QBs, even as he looked a little rusty at times. It helps to get Pickens back. But Burton never seemed on the same page as QBs before Saturday. That problem's over now.

Leach's offense tries to induce death by a thousand cuts, and for whatever reason, our defense forgot the tourniquet. Our offense now, as of Saturday, goes for the beheading with one cleave of the sword. It seemed to me that we did a better job against their passing game when we applied pressure, but the strategy seemed to be to give up the short stuff, and we did, a lot. Are LeCount and Jordan Davis that good that we don't dominate without them? If so, I'm worried about next year already. Don't worry, so is The Scowlmeister.

I have, in anticipation of my first Pulitzer Prize for scientific reporting, released the <u>Separated@Birth Gallery of Honor</u> recognizing those people and other creatures who have 3 or more listings. Be sure to set aside several hours to enjoy this historic collection.

BONUS S@B COVERAGE





Jake Scott, R.I.P.

SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: Identify the player described in each of the following, taken from actual scouting reports on UGA's #1 recruiting class from 2020:

- A. Shows more shiftiness than you'd expect from a [player] his size.
- B. Quicker than appearance suggests
- C. Lacks an elite top gear as a downfield threat
- D. Not a burner

Answer:

- A. Kendall Milton
- B. Carson Beck
- C. Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint
- D. Daijun Edwards

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:

LaAmistad, which simply means "the friendship," is the premier organization serving Latinos in Atlanta. With a nurturing environment, rooted in a fundamental belief in the power of friendships and relationships, they foster academic excellence and help students, parents and families to achieve a better quality of life. LaAmistad was established in Atlanta in 2001 by Bill Maness. Serving as the director of the Gym at Peachtree Presbyterian Church at the time, he noticed a need for neighborhood children to have a safe place to improve their academics and develop strong character. In 2006 LaAmistad became a 501©3 non-profit to provide exceptional educational and lifeenrichment services to children and their families. Today LaAmistad has grown into a

holistic program that includes afterschool tutoring, parent education, English for Successful Living classes, and summer enrichment activities.

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DAWG DOOTS

- I couldn't be happier about the dismissal of all charges against Deandre Baker, who was (as we now know) falsely accused of a holdup by people looking to leverage their fake claim into a big payday. During his senior season, I profiled Deandre as a Good Guy of the Week based on his reputation as an impeccable citizen. It never made sense that he'd turn into a pistol-toting stickup man. I'm glad to see him cleared and ready to return to what he does best: shut down opposing wide receivers for the Kansas City Chiefs.
- In addition to being a Dawgophile, I am a devoted logophile. I subscribe to the Word a Day feature that presents—drumroll—a new word every day. Last week's selections, as noted by famed nameologist Brother Willy, included the first names of five high-profile Dawg recruits:

This week's words: Words having all five vowels and in order

anemious

acedious

adventitious

caesious

annelidous

- "The play by Nick there at the end [when he ran out of bounds rather than scoring against Houston] is indicative of the type of person and player he is. We told him, 'Hey, get the first [down] and game is over. Go down.' We have a code word for that (no mas), and he said, 'Yes sir,' ripped down the sideline there and just did his job. We're looking for smart, tough dudes, and Nick Chubb is that." ~Kevin Stefanski
- More Old School values: a set of Paul Hornung TV ads for Marlboros, and another by <u>Sam Huff.</u>

• And not to be missed: With such powerful endorsements, which brand to smoke?







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

Nakobe Dean arrived from Horn Lakes, Mississippi, with a reputation for being a great football player and an equally great student. His football prowess earned him such accolades as the Touchdown Club of Atlanta's National Lineman of the Year, Dick Butkus Award for nation's top HS linebacker, Gatorade Mississippi Football Player of the Year, and an Under Armour All-American. His off-field performance got plenty of notice as well, including the Franklin D. Watkins Memorial Award presented by the National Alliance of African-American Athletes, an organization founded in 1989 to empower African American males through athletics, education, and public programs. J. Everette Pearsall, executive director of The Alliance, said at the time of the award, "Nakobe Dean is an amazing young man. We were very impressed with his contributions in the community, his excellence in the classroom, and his success on the football field." Nakobe famously never made a "B" in high school at Horn Lakes, with the only non-A in his academic history coming in 7th grade in a business education course that involved typing, which he found difficult to do with speed and accuracy because his hands were so large. Otherwise, Nakobe earned a 4.3 GPA and a National Honor Society appointment for academics, and volunteered as an elementary school mentor, Toys for Tots program, and homeless shelter. In his copious spare time, he participates in Fellowship of Christian Athletes activities. His career at UGA is still in formation, but he developed into a regular in the LB rotation as a freshman in spite of a bad ankle injury to begin the season, and now is creating havoc as a sophomore. He's tearing it up in the classroom too. We were fortunate to recruit him to Athens, where he'd be a star with or without football. But he's mighty good at that too.



THE FORECAST DAWGS VS. SOUTH CAROLINA

Welcome to UGA, Mike Bobo. It's more stunning with every week that S. Carolina beat us last year in Athens. The program has absolutely cratered, both before and after that horrible day that will live in infamy. Even with revenues in the toilet, SC chose to fire Will Muschamp and pay him \$15 million for coordinating some lucky team's defense. Will has had an eerie career of winning big at first, then spiraling down; recall he was SEC Coach of the Year at Florida, fired a couple of years later. At SC Muschamp was 28-30 overall, with more wins in his first three seasons (22) than any coach in school

history; after four years he only trailed Steve Spurrier (28) in his four-year win total. It would be nice if everyone who lost convincingly had the grace and accountability to say what Will said when Florida let him go: "I was given every opportunity to get it done here and I simply didn't win enough games—that is the bottom line. I'm disappointed that I didn't get it done, and it is my responsibility to get it done."

And now he's gone, joining an endless parade of South Carolina coaches canned within 4 seasons, pretty much everyone but Rex "Roundhouse" Enright (overall record: 64–69–7; also coached UGA basketball), Paul Dietzel (43-53-1), and Steve Spurrier (86-49) dating to 1892. I wonder who SC thinks it'll get to replace him and do better? Or is this program, even with a loyal and dedicated fan base, never going to quite become a consistent winner, in spite of its hard-to-believe overall record of 583-553-44?

I think we'll avenge last year's debacle and continue the slide. I love Mike Bobo, a good man in a bad situation, but don't think he's got the ponies. But then, that is what I thought last year. And yet: Dawgs 38, Cocks 13.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: ALABAMA OVER AUBURN

This is shaping up as the only game between ranked teams, and we've been here before. Looks a bit like a mismatch, but yeah, we've here before too. Can Gus do it and cool down the annual hotseat? Mmmmmm, not this time. Tide 45, Tigers 27.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: NORTH CAROLINA OVER NOTRE DAME

UNC is on a wild ride. Who said Mac Brown couldn't do it? They will bring a terrific QB to the task of taking down the one-and-done ACC team; and who ever anticipated a world in which Maryland is in the midwestern Big 10, and the Chicago-area Notre Dame team is in the ACC? Or for that matter, a world in which Nebraska and Rutgers are now Big 10 league rivals? Anyhow, both teams think they're for real. Only one can win. I'm taking the Tar Heels: UNC 41, UND 35.