

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:  
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Lordy, Lordy, Lordy.

I had this one much tighter than the whopping point spread. Instead, the Dawgs doubled it. I guess that's how you attack the over/under when the opponent can't get past midfield.

An elite crowd. An elite defense. Elite special teams. And an elite ground game, one that doubters and haters across the nation thought we lacked.

I'm sure that UGA's utter reliance on running the ball between the guards is going to lead people out there to assume that SB4 needed a cushion to beat a top ten team. But I see it as a Todd Monken scheme that showcases the team's versatility, no matter who's taking snaps. Arkansas plays a defense designed to stop the spread, and stop deep balls. That leaves the middle of the line of scrimmage vulnerable to a focused attack. And what an attack the ground game unleashed on that slim front. The Hogs' best defender, Trey Williams, plays on the edge. But if you never run there, he's neutered. And all those DBs back there to stop a spread RPG game? Their job becomes to tackle the endless waves of fresh running backs after they've gained 8 yards.

The dominance of the defense is so obvious that it requires little Dawgmeister analysis. 99-0 in the last two league games says it all. OK, one was Vandy, which barely beat the nation's worst team, UConn, on Saturday. The other was ranked #8 and had hammered

everyone in Texas. They had 7 3-and-outs and not much more when they got a first down. The defense destroyed an offense that had moved the ball on the \$9 million man at TAMU and a Texas team that's handled everyone but Arkansas. I'm pretty confident that they can shut down anyone who shows up, and because defense travels better than offense, it doesn't matter where we play.

Nationally, it was one of those college football Saturdays that make it such a fun sport to follow. Cincy over ND. UK over UF. Temple in a big comeback over Memphis. Princeton went to 3-0. It was an idiotic day across the board for Lane "Popcorn" Kiffin, which even made an Alabama win satisfying. Oregon dropped a game, and with it, the Pac-12 into the abyss. Another loss for Jimbo. Squeaky wins for Oklahoma (again), Clemson, and Auburn.

Meanwhile, it's great to be a Georgia Bulldog.

Will UGA try to run the ball down Auburn's throat? It depends on their scheme. If they play the same "umbrella" defense that Arkansas runs, then it'll be another day of running everything behind Sedric the Center-Grader. If they load the box, it's back to Brock and company.

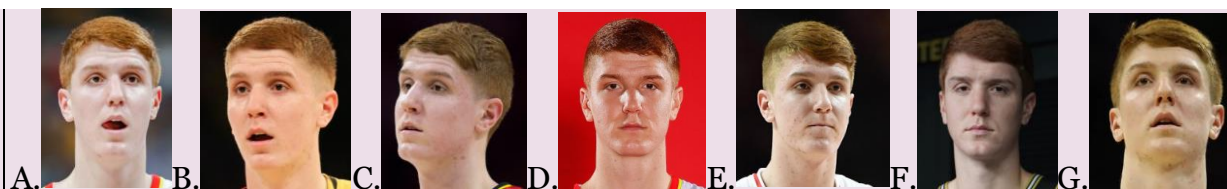
The fragility of JT Daniels might present challenges. It also might bring him back next year. Here's the *Sporting News*' latest mock draft, first round, QBs: #4, Malik Willis, Liberty; #9, Matt Corral, Mississippi; #13, Carson Strong, Nevada; #15, Sam Howell, North Carolina; #17, Spencer Rattler, Oklahoma; #29, Desmond Ridder, Cincinnati. No JT in sight. I imagine that teams might be reluctant to invest millions in a guy who appears injury-prone. In the meantime, SB4 can run this show pretty damned well, with JT back whenever he's ready. It's on to Auburn for another ranked opponent, and another step toward a showdown with Alabama.

### **New Covid Guidelines Released**

Auburn is introducing a novel coronavirus treatment, the War Eagle Booster. The first step is to donate \$100,000 to the Auburn Sports Boosters. This contribution enables you to kiss the boils on Bobby Lowder's bum cheeks, which contain vital anti-virus secretions that you must swish around in your mouth for two hours for optimal absorption. You are then encouraged to lick a fellow War Eagle devotee in a spot where you have the recipient's consent, with the recommendation that the discharge not be disturbed, thus enabling it to sink in to the bloodstream and provide full immunity to Covid-19, ringworm, and Alabama fans.

### **SAT PREP SESSION**

SAT Question of the Week: In each of the following photographs, what is Kevin "The Big Hurt" Huerter reacting to?



Answer:

- A. Hitting the NBA Finals Game 7 game-winning shot.
- B. Getting laid.
- C. Mooning the crowd at Madison Square Garden.
- D. Having his hair set on fire at a gender reveal event.
- E. Dunking on Rudy Gobert.
- F. Getting his second technical foul of the game and ejection for extended, vociferous argumentation with officials
- G. Meeting The Dawgmeister in person.

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

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### **Strong Girls**

Strong Girls Serve creates opportunities for young women to connect with each other and their community through school groups, service projects, and events. We believe our programs develop compassionate and inspired leaders. Strong Girls Serve is a nonprofit organization. It empowers girls from elementary school to high school through community service, team-building, and leadership activities. Our elementary school groups are located within underserved schools in the Athens area and focus on leadership and service. The middle school and high school groups have a bi-monthly book club meeting during their planned school time. Each year, the community service branch of Strong Girls Serve partners with a local, non-profit agency, where they volunteer at least once a month.

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## **DAWG DOOTS**

- ☞ Pee Wee Ellis, R. I. P.
- ☞ This week's shocking headline: [Dan Mullen says he was not outcoached in historic Florida loss](#). Because 15 penalties is not a sign of poor preparation and focus.
- ☞ [Remember when, not so long ago](#), Florida coaches and players were very vocally looking forward to their rematch with Alabama in the SEC championship game?
- ☞ [From the Gainesville Sun](#): "If you go by social media reaction (which you never should), Mullen should be applying for work this morning at Burger King."

- ☞ Or, maybe [social media reaction](#) is really what you should seek out in this case.
- ☞ “He’s a guy that goes to class, does what he’s supposed to do, has discipline, is fun to coach, appreciates hard coaching. You know, he’s one of the guys that’s come up to me before and thanked me and said, ‘Coach, I really appreciate how hard you push me and how hard you coach me.’ Not everybody feels that way and it makes me respect how far he’s come, and he’s a great young man and he’s gotten better from being here and he’s a good role model for our players.” ~Kirby Smart on Latavious Brini
- ☞ Should football junkies be alarmed that one of the main sponsors of the Dawg Nation podcasts is a divorce lawyer?

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

The transfer portal is full of guys like **Ameer Speed**. Ameer came in as a 4-star, 6’-4” cornerback from Jacksonville who arrived at UGA at a time when the defensive backfield was loaded with future NFL players. Now in his fifth year, Ameer is on the field beyond the special teams work he’s done to this point, and contribute the way he was expected to when Coach Smart recruited him to come to Athens. Said his high school coach Adam Geis, “he’s 6-4, 210, fast as hell and looks like he’s carved out of marble. When I brought [transferring] up to him, he said, ‘Nah, man, I really love it up here.’” His love for UGA, his coaches, and his teammates didn’t help him move past the guys ahead of him, though, an obstacle that has sent many to the portal. Instead, Coach Smart is sending him to the podium as a representative to the press, a sign of his leadership and maturity. He’s also an example to the relatively young backfield he leads this season: “I’m just helping my team out the best way that I can, trying to hone in on my technique and be that old guy that the young pups can lean on and just be there when they need me. I bring good length and good speed to the defense. Also, I know the scheme very well, so those things can help me out. I’m blessed to be here. God’s timing is different than everybody else, so I’m just here working and getting better and just waiting for that right moment where I’ll be able to step up and take my role. I love my teammates; I love the University of Georgia. Pretty much everything you want to say, that’s why I’m still here today. So, it’s just realizing and understanding my situation and just knowing that it’s God’s timing and that’s different than everybody else’s has kept me real humble and patient about my experiences.” While at UGA, the Communication Studies major earned an Alisa and Robert O. Tate Scholarship to support his studies, suggesting that there’s more to him than what’s visible to football fans. With his healthy, team-oriented attitude, he’s a leader and major contributor. This guy’s got it, whether on the field or off.



## **THE FORECAST**

### **DAWGS VS. AUBURN**

Auburn got off to a fantastic start by playing lesser opponents at home:

- 🏆 60-10 over 1-4 Akron, which got hammered on Saturday by 1-4 Ohio.
- 🏆 62-0 over Alabama State, which defeated Miles College and Bethune-Cookman and nobody else.
- 🏆 Georgia State, now 1-4, in a game where the GSU coach has been screaming “Stop the steal!” since the final whistle.
- 🏆 A road loss to Penn State where they put 20 points on the board but gave up 28.
- 🏆 A win over LSU in Baton Rouge, where Ed Orgeron may be sliding toward retirement after a historic collection of talent got him a championship not so long ago.

Auburn is in defend-that-decision mode after Bryan Harsin got blast-furnaced by Tony Franklin in a [War Eagle!](#) special roast. I’ll cede to Franklin’s knowledge about football and all other matters in life. Auburn won’t score 60 points on UGA, although I’m sure they are as confident as Arkansas was when they sneered at Nolan Smith’s pregame boast that “I don’t care if we’re playing the New England Patriots, they don’t get in our end zone.” Auburn spirit goes even lower than Ben Simmons’ trade value: Dawgs 31, Auburn 0.

### **NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: PENN STATE OVER IOWA**

This is a pretty big game in the Big 10, and will start the process of elimination that leads to the Final Four. Or Eight. Would you believe Sixteen? This will be a trench battle. Iowa rushers are averaging 3.3 yards per carry. Penn State’s are averaging 3.4. With Woody Hayes coaching both teams, it’s bound to be a thrill ride. I’ll lean with the Lions over the Hawkeyes, 13-10.

### **NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: RUTGERS OVER MICHIGAN STATE**

Two rebuilding programs, one from the wreckage of a few decades of sexual assault and coverup, one from coaches who couldn’t turn a program all the way around. Mel Tucker has quite a task of creating new cultures in the locker room and off the field, and it’s too early for that to be complete. Greg Schiano has turned around Rutgers before, and here he goes again. Knights 27, Sparty 21.