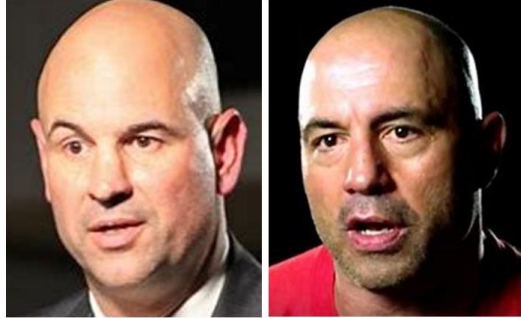


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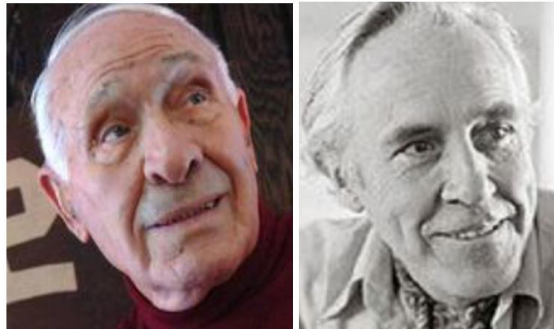
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“I feel like I was doing pretty good until those last few minutes of the first half.”
~Anthony Richardson, Monday, on his scoreless first half vs. UGA, 2021

“Everybody is going to have a game like that every once in a while.”
~Anthony Richardson on the last minutes of last year’s first half, in an article that described the end of the first half as “arguably Florida’s worst 2½ minutes of football in the history of the Gators’ rivalry with Georgia.”

I’m guessing that Richardson again thinks he did pretty good on Saturday. He had a terrific third quarter, after all. The broadcasting team stated about 200 times that a solid hit by Javon Bullard took the run out of Richardson’s game in the first half, making him a pocket passer. He then got back to running in the third quarter to great effect, but also kept running into traffic and getting hit. I have never been dissuaded from my view that if you run your QB into defenders, he’ll get tacked, and eventually injured. So you can’t use a running QB’s injury as an excuse for losing. It’s what you should expect. And these days when Florida plays Georgia, losing is also what you should expect.

What is unexpected is the continuing chatter about Richardson being a top QB prospect in next year’s draft. He’s only started a handful of games, and plays a style that will get him broken in half in the NFL. He’s always looked better in a t-shirt and shorts than on the field of play. Unless something changes, he’s the second coming of Mitch Trubisky. And NFL General Managers continue to draft QBs way too high because they have measurables they like. And Stetson Bennett continues to outplay the guys the size of Richardson and Levis, with his greatest unmeasurable being his heart.

The guys in the booth continued to harp on UGA’s talent advantage. Indeed, they have one. But it’s started to obscure the fact that these guys are really well coached. Of course it starts at the top, at the program level, with the Head Ball Coach. Of course, Gary Danielson credited Kirby Smart’s expertise to Nick Saban. Of course, Brad Nessler agreed.

But if that’s all it takes, what happened to the [Saban assistants](#) who didn’t win national championships, or league championships, or enough games to keep their jobs? Why this guy, in this place? No doubt, Kirby Smart is an elite recruiter, and builds his staff with coaches who can relate to players and coach ‘em up. But the talent emphasis tends to mask the organization, the summer workouts, the practices, the game plans, the execution, and everything else that keeps a team in games even when they play a lousy quarter. The games have four quarters, they tell me, and you’ve got to have the most points at the end to be the winner. It’s no accident when that happens every week. It all depends on what you do with that talent so it plays together, values blocking as well as making plays, has guys pulling for competitors at their own position, and sees the game as 11 on 11 and not me-me-me as the agent of my social media status.

Here's a guy I think we are really starting to appreciate: Daijun Edwards. I had mistakenly seen him as a banger, a guy who punches way above his weight in getting tough yards. But his footwork going into a hole, his vision, and his hand-foot coordination are really impressive. He manages to navigate a hole as the hole develops,

with really quick feet continually adjusting his drive forward. When he was a HS recruit he was downgraded for not being a burner. But who would you rather see back there on third and short?

We've gotten used to Malaki Starks' heroics, and he's rarely disappointed. Yet Kirby keeps reminding us that young guys make mistakes, and he made a whopper on Saturday that cost a long TD. We played a lot of young guys on Saturday, and they both shined and made errors. But that's why we were able to reload so impressively this season: A lot of guys were ready to play, because they have already played. The new guys are already in the rotation, and will have game experience when their bigger opportunities open up for them. They've earned those game reps in practice. They'll make mistakes. But they'll learn. It's the Kirby Smart Way.

Play of the game: Nazir Stackhouse running down a Florida ballcarrier after coming from the other side of the field and tackling him way down field. The Dawg D continues to summon its inner Travon Walker and not quit till the whistle.

[Quote of the Week, post-game](#): "Napier, whose Florida team dropped to 4-4 overall and 1-4 in league play, thinks his Gators found something special. 'I think today might have been a turning point to some degree relative to what is really in there, in your heart, in your soul, between your ears,' Napier said, waxing poetic after the game. 'We challenged them at halftime and certainly they responded the right way. We were able to get a score, create some takeaways, get it back to a game.'"

Something special.....a 22 point loss to a hated rival.....Get back to me when you've done something special.

The Drive of the Game: No, not the one that Kirby later called the Drive of the Season, our TD drive after Florida pulled within a TD. To me, it was when Georgia got the ball with about 9 minutes remaining. In a drive that would have warmed the heart of Vince Dooley, they ran 11 plays, moved the ball 51 yards, and burned 7:27 off the clock. No points, but Game Over.

Did anyone hear the name Brenton Cox on Saturday? If [tweeting and trolling](#) before games were events at the NFL Combine, he'd be a first-rounder. Unfortunately, you've then got to show up, show out, and ball out to be a factor in football games.

And now, the game we've all been waiting for, UGA vs. Tennessee. No more worrying about who's ranked higher or who beat whom by how much, in whose stadium. No more speculation about what will happen when UT's offense meets our defense. Will UT fans be like the Florida fans and leave the stadium by halftime? Or will this be a game for the ages, as everyone hopes? Does it get any better than this?

"We have to keep getting better, like, we're not there. People want to put us there, but we're not there." ~Kirby Smart, post-game

SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: Which current UGA offensive lineman fits the following profile based on his high school ranking by recruiting gurus?

National rank: 909

Position rank: 70

State rank: 22

Aliou Bah, Austin Blaske, Drew Bobo, Warren Ericson, Dylan Fairchild, Earnest Green, Jacob Hood, Broderick Jones, Cameron Kinnie, Chad Lindberg, Warren McLendon, Amarius Mims, Micah Morris, Tate Ratledge, Griffin Scroggs, Xavier Truss, Sedrick Van Pran, Devin Willock, Jared Wilson.

The correct answer: rotation guard Devin Willock

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ I would like to thank politicians around the nation for keeping me informed about how terrifying, un-American, and incompetent their opponents are. Every day I get voting advice from states near and far, along with requests for money.

By my calculation, if I gave \$10 to every email or text request for donations, I'd have been broke on September 1. If I voted according to TV ads, I'd change my mind every 15 seconds, then retire to my bomb shelter and never come out. I have resolved the problem of our current dystopia by voting early, if not often. For every contest on the ballot, I cast a write-in vote for The Scowlmeister. Compared to everyone running, he's the sunniest and most optimistic person available.

- ☞ “Ten out of 10 times, the call stands on the field. Unless it's an LSU call, right? Or is it just me? I just don't think they like the guy from up north.” ~LSU Coach Brian Kelly
- ☞ “True dat.” ~Little Woolly
- ☞ Is it just me, or does Urban Meyer look like the world's most uncomfortable person on that panel of experts on FOX's Big Noon Kickoff?
- ☞ Which will last longer?



- ☞ Dawgmeister Analytics has conducted a study of the top news stories of the month of October. The three most widely covered events: #3: the war in Ukraine. #2: the November US elections; #1: Taylor Swift's new album
- ☞ The 2022 Greener Pastures Award for college football: #2: Mario Cristobal leaving Oregon for Miami; #1: Texas A&M firing the successful Kevin Sumlin for the loser Jimbo Fisher
- ☞ “The Bulldogs, the defending national champions, have tight end Brock Bowers, who averages 15.1 yards per catch with five total TDs, along with defensive tackle Jalon Carter and cornerback Christopher Smith.” [The Sporting News](#) presenting their Midseason All American team, unaware apparently that Carter has barely played this season. I'll take that as a tribute to the quality of play we're getting from the two-deep and beyond. Or maybe there's a Jalon Carter, and not the Jalen I'm familiar with, who's having an under-the-radar standout season for us.
- ☞ This violence must stop: “Michigan players reportedly said Penn State players threw peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at them as the teams headed to the locker room.”
- ☞ How you talk when you've got nothing else:
 - ☞ “Got dirt” enough to “blow up” several NFL owners who “can't fuck with me.” ~Daniel Snyder
 - ☞ “Some people think they are God. Go dig into how God did his deal and you may find out a lot about a lot of things you don't want to know. We build him up to be this czar of football, go dig into his past. You can find out anything you want to find out or what he does or how he does it.” ~Jimbo Fisher

THE COVETED DAWGMEISTER GOOD GUY OF THE WEEK AWARD

GOOD GUY ARCHIVE

Verron Haynes joins the list of walkons who earned glory between the hedges. After transferring to UGA from Western Kentucky in 1998, he rose from obscurity to be the hero in one of the most celebrated plays in program history, his TD catch against #6 Tennessee that produced Larry Munson's famed "hobnail boot" call. If you've come to the UGA party late, that play ended a painful, long period of Tennessee dominance and helped Mark Richt establish his regime as a SEC power. UGA hadn't won in Knoxville in 21 years; now they own the place, and it began with that play. But Verron's start under Jim Donnan was a slow, hard climb, paralleling his itinerant life that moved him from Trinidad to the Bronx to Mt. Vernon (NY) to Georgia. He had never played football before enrolling at North Springs HS in Atlanta, where he hoped to play basketball. He overcame his initial failures to become a starter at RB and LB, then signed with Western Kentucky, where he played with QB Willie Taggart and was coached by Jack Harbaugh. Once he understood his potential, he decided to walk on at UGA. His first two years he played on special teams and blocked, roles that don't predict the NFL Super Bowl player he became. He moved from fullback to tailback as a senior after injuries sidelined Musa Smith and after Jasper Sanks got in Mark Richt's doghouse, and became a team captain and an NFL prospect. How did he develop from barely-recruited fullback to a fifth-round draft pick by Pittsburgh and 8-year NFL back? "Some people say luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. Nothing had changed in my mind. Honestly, I was just always preparing myself. I was the guy doing sit-ups and pushups in the corner of a room during a house party. I was always up early in the morning, running by myself. I was the guy just waiting for my opportunity. And lo and behold, that opportunity came. I had no idea when my opportunity would come, if it was to ever come. But I was always prepared for that opportunity." As he did at UGA, Verron came up the hard way, starting on special teams before moving to the RB room in Pittsburgh. Since retiring, the finance major has also done quite well as a real estate developer, earning enough to start the [Verron Haynes Foundation](#), which gives back to underprivileged kids and promotes breast cancer awareness, while feeding the homeless and granting college scholarships. Verron was always a scrapper, exceeding expectations at every stop and leaving every place better than how he found it. We're proud to count him among UGA alums.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. TENNESSEE

Both teams can score a lot. One can prevent opponents from scoring. And they'll be the home team. Brother Willie comes to town for the game, and he's got a great winning percentage on his trips to Sanford Stadium. The UT fan base won't be going home with any goalposts this season; tearing down goalposts is what you do when you don't expect to win, and somehow do. [It's what Dawg fans did way back in 2000](#) when they finally beat UT after years of domination, leading Tom Jackson to say, "That's not something a winning team should do. That's not the Georgia way." Expect our goalposts to stay upright on Saturday, and expect our extra points to whistle through them many a time. UT might actually score a few TDs with Henden Hooker under center. That cat can play. But so can we. I'll take my Dawgs in what's shaping up as the national game of the season. UGA 38, UT 31.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: FLORIDA OVER TAMU

Well it's not really the game of the week, but after our game, there isn't one. So I'll take a game between the game's most overrated and overpaid coach, and a program left in a dumpster fire by a series of coaching failures. It's amusing these days to see Urban Meyer and Dan Mullen pontificating in the studio about what other coaches ought to be doing. Maybe Jimbo will be with them next year. Heck, how about a Dream Team that includes Jeremy Pruitt as well. Meanwhile, here goes TAMU again, all talk, hype, and dollar signs from January to September, all disappointment during the season. Somewhere, Kevin Sumlin is asking, We had about the same record at the same point, why is this guy still employed at this place, when I'm not? Jimbo has settled into a tie for last place in the West, and took his 4th 5th loss of the season a bit early this year. It won't be his last. Who does he think he is, Geoff Collins? Gators 35, Aggies 30.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: LSU OVER ALABAMA

Why? Because I just have a feeling. Alabama's shaky performance in several games this season can't just be rat poison. It's ratty play. Maybe Saban's edge is going the way of his hair, and he's getting thinner on top than a sideline reporter on a crash diet. The Tide crashes this time and Death Valley claims another victim as Alabama players console themselves with their high school ratings, and the hope that the 2023 recruiting class will be the same factor next season that TAMU's 2022 class has been this season. LSU 33, Alabama 31.