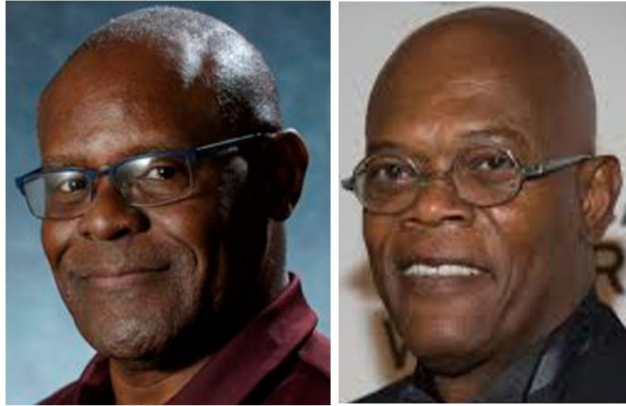


**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:
DAWGS RING MISSISSIPPI STATE'S COWBELL**

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“The team isn’t judged by shoulda, coulda, woulda. We’re judged by what we do. So let’s go do something.” ~Stetson Bennett, mid-week

Lamestream Sports Media, there you go again. You saw a shiny new orange object up in Knoxville, and became intoxicated with its aura. You saw a team that had played 6 of its 8 games at home, including all of the tough opponents, and all you saw was the W’s at the end. You fainted in awe at the Tennessee point production, without paying attention to the fact that it wasn’t too different from that of UGA, a team built for sustained drives and not long-shot glory. You overlooked the way that UGA deflates the ball with a big lead and doesn’t run up the score in the 4th quarter. You scoffed at our defensive backs, and declared our receivers to be ordinary. You ignored the fact that Georgia plays suffocating defense, and instead emphasized repeatedly the fact that they lost a lot from last year’s championship team. You maintained that even though this year’s defense has nearly identical stats to last year’s, our defense doesn’t really scare anyone. You looked for the right answers in all of the wrong places. And you have whiffed again.

The betting public was all on board with the narrative of the Tennessee juggernaut. Over 90% of the money wagered on the game in Las Vegas was bet on Tennessee. At least the oddsmakers had the good sense to install UGA as a 9-point favorite, the latest spread we have exceeded.

And I’m talking to you too, CFP Committee.

What stats can't track statistically is toughness. If you look at the game stats, nothing really stands out for UGA offensively. But Lordy, those cats are tough as nails. And they play to win. That means they're happy with long, grinding dives with rotating RBs that keep an opponent's much-hyped offense off the field, like the 15-play, 67-yard third-quarter drive that burned almost nine minutes and produced three points for UGA, and zero snaps for UT's previously unstoppable offense. The Dawg players are also happy with hurrying and pressuring a QB without necessarily getting the stat of the sack, although we got plenty of them on Saturday too.

Coach Smart said afterwards about the defensive front, "The players had to unselfishly buy into the plan because the plan included not rushing up the field, not running past the quarterback's level, pushing the pocket." There's no stat for unselfishness, either. Without a boatload of flashy stats, The Lamestream Sports Media still can't quite believe that Georgia has become the dominant program in the league, and possibly the nation. Go ahead, keep it up. Nobody here is listening.

Tea & crumpets, anyone? I could have used some crumpets to stuff in my ears to help muffle the crowd noise that still has my ears ringing on Sunday morning.

The Dawgs are getting some respect this morning, but some of it is grudging. With Stroud having an awful day at 1-win Northwestern, Young losing his second game of the season while completing under 50% of his many passes, and Hooker being severely outplayed by Bennett in Athens, the Heisman hierarchy got a major reshuffling. But according to the experts, Bennett is still an afterthought behind....the freshman QB at North Carolina? C'mon, man. Bo Nix, the latest loser to say they'd win a rematch? Bo? Nix?

This team never fails to amaze. Lost Jalen Carter for half a season? Rotate in reserves and the defense still dominates. Nolan Smith and Robert Beale both injured for Tennessee and its high-octane offense? Next man up plugs the hole. Meanwhile, teams elsewhere use injuries and illness as excuses for losses.

The Saturday Jermaine Burton stat line: 2 catches, 19 yards, 2 losses

It's hard to imagine a more remarkable game than what we got on Saturday. We absolutely crushed a team believed by most to be better than UGA. The crowd was historic, and by itself got about as many yards in false start penalties as Bru McCoy, Tennessee's #3 receiver, got in yardage. The game plan was outstanding and executed to perfection. Last season was a revelation. This season is too. It's Dawg Time, folks. Let's enjoy it.

SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: What is the most obnoxious sound heard in a global sports arena during the competition?

A. The announcer's "...for THREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!" plus siren at Hawks games.

- B. The monotonous droning chorus of vuvuzelas at South African soccer games.
- C. The Horn that they blow at the Benz when the Falcons score (recently removed from storage).
- D. The playing of Rocky Top at Tennessee games.

Answer: The most annoying sound at any sports arena is the cowbells at a Mississippi State game, which are used to “call in the cows.”



Carson Beck, Home Alone

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 is

Next Generation Focus (NGF), a public charity that is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, is the brainchild of Amy Sol, a resident of Forsyth County, Georgia. By addressing academic deficiencies early, NGF increases the chances for our children to succeed in middle school, high school, and beyond, reaching their full potential in life. Our program also provides a safe haven for children to thrive academically and socio-emotionally, which will reduce juvenile crime in the long run. NGF hopes to help end the cycle of poverty by focusing on education and youth development. NGF focuses in providing underprivileged children in Pre-K – 12th grades the opportunity to participate in educational programs and other life-enrichment activities which they may not otherwise be able to access. We have an early literacy program to help children who are struggling with reading. NGF partners with schools to identify eligible children; the students are nominated by social workers, counselors, and teachers.

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DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ [Report: UGA dismisses linebacker Brenton Cox](#)
- ☞ [Napier: 'Cumulative effect' led to Cox's UF exit](#)
- ☞ Saddened by the firing of Brian “The Liz Truss of the Plains” Harsin, Auburn faculty members have started a “pass the hat” campaign in their classes to pay off the \$15 million he’s owed for his 1.5 seasons at the university. They are also hoping to honor Harsin by having the grass in the stadium replaced by blue plastic. If the first round of fund-raising goes as well as expected, they aspire to raise enough to additionally retire the \$21.5 million debt owed to Gus Malzahn.
- ☞ Marcus Rosemy-St. Jack (Neuheisel); Marcus Rosemary-Jacksaint (Danielson); who’s next, and what’ll they say?

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

Dominick Blaylock arrived in Athens from Walton HS as a can’t miss prospect, and started his career like a house afire. A wide receiver with NBA bloodlines, he was a superb athlete with a good head on his shoulders. But can’t-miss soon became Missing in Action as a series of injuries kept him off the field. Dom has blown out his left ACL twice, a devastating sequence that would leave most people limping off to find a way to spend their time other than engaging in collisions. It takes a special mindset to rehab, especially when prior rehabs have been followed by additional painful injuries and more painful rehab. But Kirby Smart has found his dedication to be impressive: “Dominick has done an incredible job in rehab. He’s worked really hard. It’s been a tough year for him when you think about what he’s been through. He fought all the way back, he re-tears the same ACL and now it’s over a year from the time he tore it. It’s been 12 months. He’s gaining confidence in it. Like today, he was out there running routes. He actually went out with the scout team and did everything against the defense so we could get an even better look against a good wide out over there.” What does a former 4-5 star recruit do while working his way back from injuries? “One of my big roles on the team last year, most people probably don’t like being on scout but I would go on scout team last year and go have fun down there. I’d try to give [the defense] the best look to help them see what they’re going to expect in the national championship or before the Michigan game. I just tried to play a big role in scout team and help the defense.” The Consumer Journalism major has earned a Vernon and Patricia Brinson Family Football Scholarship to support his studies, showing that his mental preparation in football has a correlate in the classroom. It doesn’t seem to matter which field of play you pick, this guy is a winner.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. MISSISSIPPI STATE

MSU has a good team this year, and won in OT on Saturday over Auburn. I hope they enjoy the victory. One thing I like about UGA is that we are recession-proof. You can't survive those practices and think that showing up is sufficient. Guys out? Put some others in and keep playing like a team. We won't have our high-decibel crowd in Starksville, but you can ring a cowbell just so loud. Dawgs tune it out and take it home. UGA 41, Miss State 10.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: OLE MISS OVER ALABAMA

There aren't many major battles this week, so I'll take the biggest game in the SEC West for this week's featured forecast, even as the Auburn-TAMU trainwreck is tempting to go with. I think Kiffin is all done with the popcorn business and is eating asparagus this week. Saban is gnawing on roadkill marrow trying to get his team to play up to their high school ratings, and might have ingested some parasites in the process. Alabama fans are gnawing on their own arms trying to figure out how putting on an Alabama uniform no longer means you're a winner. This one should be pretty interesting. Rebs 41, Tide 35.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: TEXAS OVER TCU

This is a huge game over in that part of the world. The Horned Frogs are downright giddy over their wild hay ride of a season. The Longhorns are competitive if uneven. This week they show up and give the playoff committee another dilemma to solve. Texas 34, TCU 31.