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Oops, we did it again.

And I think we even beat the spread.

[Fired up by Kirby Smart's pregame motivational speech](#), Georgia was led to its championship by the greatest quarterback in program history. To Aaron Murray, he is the greatest *player* in UGA history. Stetson Bennett has now secured himself a place in the College Football Hall of Fame and the hearts of all Dawg fans, and no doubt those of admirers across the land. Rumor has it that there is a person living in a cave in Montana who hasn't heard his rags-to-riches narrative. But that may change after Monday night.

And he's not done yet. At the next level, the Chicago Bears have secured the NFL draft's #1 overall pick. Because they already have a QB they like, it'll be interesting to watch other teams compete to trade up for the top pick so they can use it to select Stetson Bennett IV, and invest a future pick in Stetson Bennett V.

The defense was led by....everybody. Aside from one blown coverage that put TCU in position for its only, lonely score, they dominated the way only this team can. Quentin Johnston, possibly the first WR to be taken in the 2023 draft, caught 1 pass for 3 yards after torching Michigan the way Marvin Harrison Jr torched UGA. As impressive as the offense was in scoring on almost every possession, the defense's dominance was no less of a beatdown. Holding TCU's sack-deflated run game to a total of 36 yards was a staggering achievement. Three different UGA backs ran for more, and Sevaughn Clark from deep on the bench nearly matched their total. A team that was behind from the

get-go and needed to throw the ball a la LSU compiled 152 yards, a figure matched by Brock Bowers, who didn't play most of the fourth quarter.

This was a game unlike any other.

The buildup to the game included a lot of talk about a UGA dynasty. I thought that was premature, and assumed that we'd beat a team that planned to win and had a great record as an underdog. One championship does not indicate a dynasty. But two? In a row? Mos' def. Perhaps this figure ends the argument:

Kirby Smart, in first seven seasons: 81-15, 2 natties

Nick Saban, in first seven seasons: 79-15, 3 natties

The game showed once again that Georgia, no doubt through the craftiness of Todd Monken, knows how to neuter a dominant opposing player. They did it last year with Aiden Hutchinson, and does anyone remember Will Anderson doing much in the natty? Against LSU in this year's SEC championship game, they made Harold Perkins disappear from the Dawgs' side of the line of scrimmage and become a downfield tackler of last resort. And they did the same with Dee Winters, TCU's terrific LB who terrorized Michigan, who, like Perkins, led his team in tackles, all on the TCU side of the line of scrimmage, none of consequence, and none among the 2 TCU tackles for loss and zero sacks.

Meanwhile, Kirby Smart is already working on antidotes to next year's rat poison, with UGA already installed as the favorite to defend its title, a situation that can set a team of 20-year-olds on a course to complacency. Said Kirby after the game:

The biggest challenge is the same as we face in society: entitlement. I personally think next year is going to be much more of a challenge. Last year, we had a bunch of guys leave. This team has a lot of guys coming back. The disease that comes into a young program is entitlement. We have to work like we work for this one. I've seen it firsthand. If you can stomp it out with leadership, then you can stay hungry. And we have a saying around our place: We eat off the floor. And if you're willing to eat off the floor, you can be special. As long as you don't have entitlement in your program, you've got a shot. And right now we don't have that.

And with that mindset and a coach who is on top of pretty much everything and never hesitates to push for improvement, I don't think we will.

For 2023: Hit me baby one more time.



Former Tennessee QB Erik Ainge has had a lot to say about UGA this season, all negative, all stupid. At Dawgmeister Analytics, we conducted a comparative study of his record and that of Stetson Bennett, and the findings help explain his inability to live in the real world. The Skunk and The Punk emerged from the study as follows:

Erik Ainge

Height 6'-5", Weight 221

High School 247 Recruiting Rank: #162 Overall, #10 Pro-style QB, #2 overall in Oregon

Record as UT starter: 34-17

TD-INT ratio: 72-35

SEC Championships: 0

National Championships: 0

Championship Game MVP Awards: 0

Film Credits: *Jackass 3D*

Nickname: Danny Ainge's Nephew

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Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	AY/A	TD	Int	Rate
*2004	Tennessee	SEC	FR	QB	9	109	198	55.1	1452	7.3	7.0	17	9	135.9
2005	Tennessee	SEC	SO	QB	8	66	145	45.5	737	5.1	3.6	5	7	89.9
*2006	Tennessee	SEC	JR	QB	12	233	348	67.0	2989	8.6	8.5	19	9	151.9
*2007	Tennessee	SEC	SR	QB	14	325	519	62.6	3522	6.8	7.1	31	10	135.5
Career	Tennessee					733	1210	60.6	8700	7.2	7.1	72		

Stetson Bennett

Height 5'-11", Weight 190

High School 247 Recruiting Rank: #2,569 Overall, #104 Pro-style QB, #286 overall in Georgia

Record as UGA starter: 29-3

TD-INT ratio: 66-21

SEC Championships: 1

National Championships: 2

Championship Game MVP Awards: 4

Film Credits: 2 National Championship Game Film Appearances

Nicknames: The Mailman, The Milkman, The GOAT

						Passing								
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	AY/A	TD	Int	Rate
*2019	Georgia	SEC	SO	QB	4	20	27	74.1	260	9.6	9.4	2	1	172.0
*2020	Georgia	SEC	JR	QB	8	86	155	55.5	1179	7.6	6.9	8	6	128.7
*2021	Georgia	SEC	SR	QB	14	185	287	64.5	2862	10.0	10.9	29	7	176.7
*2022	Georgia	SEC	SR	QB	14	292	430	67.9	3823	8.9	9.2	23	7	157.0
Career	Georgia					583	899	64.8	8124	9.0	9.4	62	21	158.8

*Note: Bennett's totals here do not include this season's National Championship game

Perhaps jealousy has motivated Ainge's diatribe against Bennett. Or perhaps, per Wikipedia..... "In a first person account written for ESPN.com in March 2011, Ainge admitted that he struggled with drug and alcohol abuse from the time he was twelve years old, and by his senior year at Tennessee he had become addicted to pain killers. Ainge continued to struggle with these issues in the NFL before seeking help. He

also suffers from rapid cycling bipolar disorder, for which he has been treated in addition to his drug and alcohol treatment. On July 28, 2013, Ainge was arrested for driving under the influence in Knoxville.”

I'm sympathetic with people who have mental health challenges. But not flaming assholes.

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- ☞ What are we to make of the fact that two of the top kick returners in the NFL are named [Nixon](#) and [Agnew](#)?
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And see y'all next year.