

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:  
DAWGS BEAM COCKS UP**

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“Samford is a good team. Their quarterback can really play ball.” ~~Vince Dooley~~ Kamari Lassiter, mid-week

I never get too excited about routing a visiting minor league team that’s here to get a payday and some exposure. The talent gap is so great that anything other than a blowout is a disappointment. I wonder if we should even count the stats for these games, because the opponent doesn’t have a single player who’d be on our 4-deep.

Right, Notre Dame? Right, A&M? Right, um, Nebraska? Right, Russia?

The Dawgs took care of business, if not at peak sharpness on offense. We are still short on reps for the punting unit, but 5 FG attempts suggests that we didn’t finish drives against a team that shouldn’t be stopping us in the red zone. The RBs at RBU got 4 yards a carry. The coaches will have a lot to work on this week in practice.

On the other hand, on a roster where Kirby Smart has expressed concern about WR depth, 15 different players caught passes.

Meanwhile, over at Alabama, Jermaine Burton might soon tweet “Can I come back?” after he caught 2 passes for 10 yards, with one drop, in a game [giftwrapped by Big 12 officials](#) who let Texas know that the league is miffed at their departure. Texas played with a one-legged backup QB for most of the game and still would have won if the officials hadn’t let the Tide DBs interfere on every pass and hadn’t given Bryce Young his

standard official turnover of a turnover on an endzone sack. I'm not big on conspiracies, but Texas got screwed all game by the refs.

But back to UGA's WR unit. It's a sign of the good times in Athens when AD Mitchell gets compared to George Pickens for his *blocking*. All of those receivers can block like hell, and seem to enjoy springing a teammate free. Because they're here for the team, not to transfer to a place where they get more targets, or as it turns out, fewer. Watching the whole offense take joy in one man's score, doing their job without a stat to put in their portfolios, is really impressive. I'm guessing that NFL scouts notice such things.

But I'm also guessing that the coaches will notice about 1,000 things to improve on after a 3-point second half and a bunch of stalled-out drives in the red zone. South Carolina got thumped by Arkansas on Saturday, but Arkansas might win the SEC West, if Alabama is actually as flawed as they played on Saturday. It should be a rugged week on the practice field, with much to do to get ready for a road game against a league opponent that has ambitions of its own.

Heisman race stat line of the day:

	C/AT	YDS	AVG	TD	INT	QBR
Anthony Richardson	14/35	143	4.1	0	2	3.8

“Whenever you know that your brother next to you is thinking the same way you do, then you trust him, and you worry about your job and you execute your job and they execute their job, and it just is a domino effect.” ~Stetson Bennett

“The day will come when people will hear the name Baker Mayfield and say, ‘Is he the guy that Stetson Bennett role-played when he was a freshman at UGA?’” ~ Little Woolly

### The Aggie Report

**Kevin Sumlin's record at TAMU:** 51-26 overall (66%), 25-23 in the SEC, 3-2 in bowl games

Record after 4 years: 36-16, 3 bowl wins

Losses to FBS opponents: 0

Salary: 5 years, \$25 million

Fate: Fired

**Jimbo Fisher's record at TAMU:** 35-15 overall (70%), 21-12 in the SEC, 3-0 in bowl games [plus one Covid cancellation]

Record after 4 years: 34-14, 3 bowl wins

Losses to FBS opponents: 1

Salary: 10 years, \$95 million

Fate: Celebrated [check back on status]

### **SAT PREP SESSION**

SAT Question of the Week: Who is the person who said the following early in 2022?  
“Certainly, I'm the right man for the job. There's no doubt about it. No one is going to have a better plan than I do, but we've got to change some things. This place is not going to be a championship program until we change some things. You've got to let the head coach be the head coach and support him.”

- A. Urban Meyer, Jacksonville Jaguars
- B. Tom Crean, UGA
- C. Geoff Collins, Georgia Tech
- D. Joe Judge, NY Giants
- E. Steve Sarkisian, Texas
- F. Butch Jones, Arkansas State
- G. Clark Lea, Vanderbilt
- H. Scott Satterfield, Louisville
- I. Mike Norvell, FSU
- J. Jimbo Fisher, TAMU

The correct answer: Bryan Harsin, Auburn

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

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## DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ “In Bennett’s last three games against Michigan, Oregon and Alabama, he’s accounted for eight touchdowns and just one turnover.” ~Connor Riley.
- ☞ And remember, Connor, that “turnover” was an incomplete pass, just like Bryce Young’s, the one Nakobe Dean returned for a scoop-n-score that the officials decided wasn’t a fumble.
- ☞ “You know when somebody is ready to play based on how they practice.” ~Kirby Smart
- ☞ “You base it on who practices the best. His work ethic and his humility have been off the charts.” ~Kirby Smart on Mykel Williams
- ☞ “We sitting in here—I’m supposed to be the franchise player, and we in here talking about practice. I mean, listen: We talking about practice. Not a game. Not a game. Not a game. We talking about practice. Not a game. Not the game that I go out there and die for and play every game like it’s my last. Not the game. We talking about practice, man.” ~Allen Iverson
- ☞ Tough week for the Smiths:  
*Georgia football injury report for Week 2 game against Samford*  
Arian Smith (out, ankle)  
Chris Smith (questionable, shoulder)  
Tykee Smith (probable, knee)  
CJ Smith (doubtful, knee)
- ☞ “Nolan, stay healthy.” ~Granny Butts
- ☞ “One thing people at Tech can do is count.” ~Steve Zelnak, Georgia Tech “Golden Jacket” (million dollar donor) booster, on Geoff Collins’ record

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

Sometimes, those ratings guys really get it wrong. Most Dawg fans would scoff at bringing in a 3-star safety ranked #43 at his position and #526 overall. That’s how the experts ranked **Tykee Smith** coming out of Imhotep HS in Philadelphia, on his way to West Virginia. Once on campus, he made Freshman All American. The next year he was an AP third-team All American. By the time he hit the portal to join UGA, he was considered the nation’s top safety prospect. Usually, guys who outperform their ratings are intelligent, committed, and practice warriors, and Tykee fits the description well. His HS coach Devon Johnson described one of his attributes is his memory, considered by many psychologists to be a major factor in intelligence: “I think the biggest thing with him is, his memory is amazing. He can sit here and tell you plays like specific plays and coverages and adjustments we made in games going back to his sophomore year in high school. I mean he remembers exactly. He’s like a coach out there on the field. He’s special. Like that memory of his is amazing. Without a doubt, the greatest tool he has in his arsenal for being a great player is his mind. It really is something. He just gets it. Just a baller, man. This might sound like I am lying but I really just can’t say enough good stuff about him.” As a HS junior the team’s top RB got injured, and Tykee volunteered to learn the position on the team’s drive to the game, and proceeded to, as Coach Johnson said, “run for like 250 yards and five touchdowns to send us to the state finals his junior year. That was one of the truly great and special performances we have

had in Imhotep football history. Learning and playing the running back position like that three hours before the game and for him to perform like that was amazing.” In his short time at UGA, Tykee has been awarded a Rebecca & Leon Farmer III Scholarship to support this studies, underscoring his “film room junkie” reputation as a guy who studies as hard as he plays. We’re all excited to see him getting back on the field after being mostly injured in Athens, and to leave a legacy behind at UGA, as he’s done every place he’s been.



## **THE FORECAST**

### **DAWGS VS. SOUTH CAROLINA**

Shane Beamer presents a dilemma to the schadenfreude-fueled Dawg fan who loves to hate opponents. He’s a damn nice guy, difficult to hate. We’ve now lost Dan Mullen off the top of the list, and there hasn’t been enough time to hate Napier yet, though we are working on it. Stoops is a solid guy, very unhateable. Heupel is working on a Michelin-man physique but hasn’t yet earned hatred. Missouri, are they still in the league? Vanderbilt doesn’t even count. Out West, they still have Jimbo Fisher, Lane Kiffin, Mike Leach, Bryan Harsin, and Nick Saban: a hater’s paradise. The East requires an effort, as if Sam Pittman is coaching several teams. Being a hater requires a hateful object, and Beamer’s not a good fit.

So we’ll just have to concentrate on football. Nobody’s forgotten the hideous loss at home to SC a few years ago, one of the worst games of Kirby’s tenure. I sure hope the team remembers how that felt.

Kirby said this month that “Being balanced (on offense) to me means taking what the defense gives you, whatever that is. A lot of times that decision is made by the defense, not by the offense. A lot of times what they do determines what you do. Plays will be packaged run or pass, and they (defense) tell you what to do.” Although the offense didn’t click against Samford the way it did against Oregon, they are very versatile. They can make a team play left-handed on every snap by taking the option the defense gives it. That’s a consequence of excellent coaching and smart QB play, and we’ve got plenty of that. The Dawgs shape up the offensive laxness and continue to let ‘er rip on defense. UGA 31, USC 6.

### **NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: OKLAHOMA OVER NEBRASKA**

For many years, Oklahoma-Nebraska was one of the marquee events of the football season. They played on Thanksgiving, and both teams, in 2-team league, were always unbeaten. For many years, before scholarship limits were imposed, they had unlimited stockpiles of talent, with their 4<sup>th</sup> strings the 3<sup>rd</sup> best team in the league. Their first game was in 1912, and within a decade it was a hot rivalry that continued through Nebraska's disastrous decision to move to the Big 10. In doing so, a tradition-drenched program burned down its traditions, and now annually looks forward to playing Maryland and Indiana in the battle for 9<sup>th</sup> place. Buried in the rubble of their departure was their annual showdown with Oklahoma, which everyone in the nation watched as the only show on TV, rather than the endless possibilities for the 21<sup>st</sup> century fan. I lived nowhere near the Great Plains, and watched that game every year.

Nebraska hoped to restore old glory by hiring ex-QB and legend Scott Frost, and that's been a disappointing move so far. Meanwhile, Oklahoma has continued to dominate their mediocre league to appear to be a greater power than they actually are, as evidenced by the league's failures in postseason games. They will soon learn just how hard it is to win a division when everybody's good, and some are great.

Next weekend the programs return to competition in a slow second week of the season, when UCLA-South Alabama is the norm. If anyone's still paying attention, Scott Frost occupies the hottest seat in coaching, with a record of losing close games dogging him every week. Oklahoma is playing out the string in the Big XII before it makes its Nebraska move and chucks its history to finish 4<sup>th</sup> annually in the SEC West. They still are smarting from Lincoln Riley's bailout to coach in an even worse league before USC tries to muscle its way up with the more competitive Big 10, which he'll find harder than anything he's done so far on the golden pathway he's walked since Bob Stoops burned out in Norman. OU will take the field with a new staff under a first-time head coach. That can work: See Kirby Smart. Or it can bomb: See about a thousand other failed coordinators leading teams to the bottom of the standings. See, e.g., Scott Frost, still hoping to make Nebraska the Central Florida of the Plains. What Frost apparently took for granted in Orlando—tons of football prospects—isn't available in a state that produces a handful every year.

In this revival of a rivalry that has gone cold, I'm going to go with the Sooners here, with apologies to the Huskermeister, one of my four readers. This game won't be close, like many Nebraska games of late. And here they go again. OU 31, NU 17

### **NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: NEVADA OVER IOWA**

After Saturday's amazing set of upsets, no pick is too ridiculous. Is this game even an upset? I consider it so because the leagues are leagues apart. Iowa demonstrably has the nation's worst offense. Nevada is 1-1. Which team goes to 2-1? Nevada wins, 17-7 as the Hawkeyes become only team ever to start the season with three games where they score 7 points in each.