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“War Chicken!” ~disoriented S. Carolina fan, 3rd quarter

“I said ‘good throw’ and he just said ‘yeah’ and seemed a little down. Then somebody told me he threw up. It’s awesome.” ~Brock Bowers

“We were in the red zone, and all of a sudden I feel something tugging on the back of my jersey. It’s him signaling to huddle and he’s throwing up at the same time. It was pretty cool.” ~Sedrick Van Pran-Granger

And Stetson Bennett’s vomitorium was the story of the day on another day when the Dawgs just couldn’t be stopped, and when their defense was ferocious.

Let’s start with some QB comparisons. Keep in mind the following.

QB	HS QB Rank	HS Glory	Preseason Status	Preseason SEC QB Rank	Comparison
Spencer Rattler	#1	Featured on QB 1	2021 Heisman Favorite	3	Patrick Mahomes
Anthony Richardson	#5 dual	Labeled UF QB of the future, a “stud” who had Dan Mullen feeling “giddy”	2022 Heisman finalist (after 1 game)	6	Cam Newton
Stetson Bennett IV	#74 pro-style	Featured in story in <i>Blackshear Times</i>	2021 3 rd string at UGA	8	Stetson Bennett III

And on Saturday:

	C/ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	INT	QBR
Stetson Bennett	16/23	284	12.3	2	0	97.6
Spencer Rattler	13/25	118	4.7	0	2	26.2
Anthony Richardson	10/18	112	6.2	0	2	11.6

And for Rushing:

	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Stetson Bennett	3	36	12.0	1	16
Spencer Rattler	2	8	4.0	0	7
Anthony Richardson	7	24	3.4	0	16

Anybody out there getting disconcerting signals from the difference between appearance and reality?

My state of mind at kickoff: A little nervous, as always in an away SEC game. I've got to hand it to the SC fans. Even with a nice run with Steve Spurrier as coach, the program has always been in the SEC's mid-tier. But their fans have always been terrific, and Lordy, they were stoked at noon for a competitive game. And what chutzpah for Shane Beamer to win the coin toss and elect to receive. That didn't go well, and neither did anything else. By the second quarter the Cock Nation was booing the home team, and by the third quarter they were off drinking mint juleps somewhere else, and the stadium had turned to red.

I think that offensive coordinators are already beginning each play by locating Malaki Starks, and running the play someplace else. And I wonder if the running clock we used in the fourth quarter against Samford will become a standard offer to teams we play.

But back to Spencer Rattler getting nowhere against UGA's defense. I doubt if he ever saw anything like this in the Big 12. I'm reminded of how Demetris Robertson transferred to UGA after tearing up the Pac-12, with visions of an early-out to the NFL, but could barely get on the field on a team that some people think doesn't produce WRs. One thing you've got to do to play WR here is block. I love watching how these guys (not to mention the TEs) just annihilate defenders and play for each other. As Kirby Smart and the Old Testament would say, iron sharpens iron. And there's no iron sharper than what's played in this league, and between these hedges.

Sorry, Shane. You're a good guy. But not yet.

SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: Who is the college quarterback who made this humility-drenched self-assessment following the 2021 season?

"I'm a man of faith. I'm a man that just believes in God and truly believes that God has a plan for me. I'm a super-humble guy. As a player, I'm a great leader, and I can rally a team better than anyone else. I want to show I have no limitations athletically or mentally. I can handle an NFL system. I can handle any system the coordinator wants to run, and I can make any throw on the field. So trying to show people everything there is about me."

- A. Bailey Zappe
- B. Malik Willis
- C. Carson Strong
- D. Stetson Bennett
- E. Bo Nix
- F. Emory Jones
- G. Bryce Young
- H. Kenny Pickett

The correct answer: The super-humble Sam Howell

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ Dawgmeister Surveillance Services has intercepted a call made by Nebraska Plenipotentiary Trev Alberts regarding the A-list to replace Scott Frost as head Husker Ball Coach. The first call to restore the program's glory will go to Geoff Collins. If he is not available, next up are Urban Meyer, Jon Gruden, Lou Holtz, Rush Probst, Jeremy Pruitt, and Bo Pelini.
- ☞ "The progression has not gone as quickly as we wanted it to." ~Geoff Collins, on Georgia Tech's progress on his watch.

THE COVETED DAWGMEISTER GOOD GUY OF THE WEEK AWARD

GOOD GUY ARCHIVE

Nate McBride came to UGA from Vidalia as a much-hyped linebacker with high-end speed and an anticipation that the nation's #6 ranked ILB was a star in the making. In addition to making every All-Everything team in high school, he won four Class AA championships (4x100, 4x400, 100m, 200m) at the state track meet in 2017. He never quite developed into the playmaker that the gurus imagined, mostly being an important

contributor to special teams, playing behind a lot of guys now making NFL money. But he never even thought of leaving: “I love it here. I love the guys here. The coaches are awesome. I believe they’re the best coaches in the conference and in the nation. Who better to learn from? I also look past football because I know football doesn’t last forever and the connections here that I would get, the networking that I would get would set me up for a great job afterwards and the education here is really good. So that’s the biggest reason I’ve stayed besides being who I’m with.” How about that: sticking with a program because he loves it, even without breaking into the lineup. In his farewell statement to the team, he wrote, “I wanna thank UGA, coach Smart, and coach Schu for giving me an opportunity to play the game I love on the highest level of college ball. I have made so many friends and close relationship with my teammates and that will never die out!” Well said by a guy whose hustle made him a fan favorite, even with limited opportunities. On his way to graduation with a Marketing major, Nate earned himself a pair of scholarships awarded in the names of Wallace Butts and Erskine “Erk” Russell. That’s some damn good company for this DGD to find himself in, and it won’t be his last.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. KENT STATE

And now, the last breather on the schedule before the Georgia Tech game. Against Samford, the “name your own score” game turned out to be about 20 points closer than anticipated. Still a blowout, but not epic. The Golden Flashes stomped Long Island University 63-10 for their first win on Saturday. According to Wikipedia, “The Sharks are members of the Northeast Conference and play their home games in the 6,000 seat Bethpage Federal Credit Union Stadium.” And their campus is in Brooklyn, which is only sorta on Long Island. Anyhow, they were no match for the Kent State Golden Flashes. And the Flashes will not pan out in Athens. UGA 52, KSU 0.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: ARKANSAS OVER TAMU

Jimbo Fisher is a puzzling case. He won a natty at FSU before cratering the program and leaving a pile of steaming ruins that has already tarnished a few of his successors’ reputations.

2017, 2019	Odell Haggins	2	4-2	.667	Interim, still on staff
2018-2019	Willie Taggart	2	9-12	.429	Fired
2020-2022	Mike Norvell	3	10-13	.435	Not fired

Future	Deion Sanders	0	0-0	.000	Awaiting coronation
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Just as Jimbo has essentially replicated the record of his predecessor and gotten a mammoth contract full of untold riches, Norvell has done the same as the guy he replaced and is still viewed as the guy who'll turn things around. Go figure.

Jimbo will do something good one week (beat Alabama in 2021) and then lose to App State at home. He's got tons of highly ranked, wealthy players who don't play together, and among whom there is not one good QB. Time to give him another 10 years on that contract, I'm sure. I suspect that everyone in the SEC West would love to see him keep that job for years to come. Every league needs a dependable program to occupy fourth place.

Meanwhile, Arkansas is getting better every day. They'll get a little better next week. Sam's Pitbulls 34, Jimbo's Fishboil 31.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: WAKE FOREST OVER CLEMSON

I'm still waiting for DJ Uiagalelei to look like a championship QB. I'd settle for a starting QB at Missouri. But I don't think it'll ever happen. Clemson's got a good D and an offense led by a guy whose high recruiting ranking was based on how good he looks in shorts and a t-shirt, rather than how well he plays football. Wake is at home, and I think they'll take down Dabo, no matter how much he's paid. Deacons over Tigers, 20-17.