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Meanwhile, casting has begun for the Netflix [STETSON BENNETT](#) bio-series.



Fulton County Jail Mug Shot of the Week

Concluding 2022

1. Nick Saban still thinks that 2-loss Alabama should have made the playoff, because Alabama had the best players and only lost 2 games with them; and because, if the Tide had Metchie and Williams back for another year, they'd have won them all.
2. Ryan Day still thinks that field goal was good.
3. Jim Harbaugh still thinks that if Michigan had beaten TCU, the team with the Joe Moore Award winners would have won the national championship.
4. Sonny Dykes at least knows how to read a scoreboard.

And now, on to 2023:

The higher up the mountainside
The greener grows the grass.
The higher up the monkey climbs
The more he shows his ass.
~Anthony Trollope, Victorian novelist

And that is the story of the UGA offseason, with every negative story amplified by the team's success. A tragic, deadly accident. A QB without a B.A. Away too many arrests for vehicular violations. A declined White House invitation to focus on recruiting and prepping for another natty. A dumb-ass video posted by an incoming player, who then was accused of assaulting a young woman, magnifying questions about the program's attention to domestic violence.

Efforts to tie Ja Morant, Jordan Addison, Henry Ruggs III, and Brett Favre to the UGA program are gaining steam.

It's not rat poison at work, eating away at the team's connectedness. It's just rats looking up that tree at the monkey's ass, wishing it were theirs.

And with that as prelude, welcome to Year III of the UGA Dynasty, where all things are magnified and everybody's watching. It's a hater's and doubter's paradise for those on the outside looking in.

And Welcome to Year XV of The Dawgmeister on The Dawgbone, the finest collection of writing on Planet Earth (the Dawgbone, that is). Thanks once again to my gracious hosts for allowing my Fake Sports News to grace their essential source of Dawg Intel with my weekly posts in the fall. And thanks to all 4 of my readers for their rapt attention to my ongoing malarky.

Carson Beck has nailed down the starting QB position. So did D'wan Mathis (now WR at Temple), JT Daniels (now in his 4th program), Stetson Bennett (now running with the 2's in Los Angeles), and, before a bad week of practice a few years ago, Carson Beck. I don't root for one Dawg over another, but I'm glad the position appears strong enough to withstand another rise and fall, should something go awry in the pecking order.

It was a season of tragic loss for the UGA program. My condolences to the friends and families of those who departed this earth in 2023.



Rest in Peace, Brother and Sister



Rest in Peace and Keep on Lifting Higher, Dave van Halanger



Akeem Hebron, Rest in Peace, Old Friend

And now, finally, there are games to be played.

Nationally in Week 1, there is only one top 25 matchup, and a good one, on Sunday night between LSU and FSU. Our game is one of many that, for ranked teams, will be yawners once the opening kickoff excitement has worn off and the blowout is underway. Of course, there might be an Appalachian State waiting to surprise someone, as often seems to happen. And who knows, maybe Nebraska-Wisconsin will be a thriller; we know that only one of the programs' new saviors will be 1-0. Maybe Howard-Eastern Michigan will be epic. For the most part on Saturday, though, the schedule is so weak that our 6PM game might attract a crowd of curiosity-seekers who wonder if we have a QB of Stetson Bennett's caliber on the roster this year.

Meanwhile, in Baltimore the main question is, Can Todd Monken win without Stetson Bennett at QB?

And so, we begin the beguine for 2023:

What moments divine, what rapture serene,
Till clouds came along to disperse the joys we had tasted,
And now when I hear people curse the chance that was wasted,
I know but too well what they mean.

Last year's rapture is in the past; the joys we tasted must be earned again by a new group ready to show that they belong in this dynasty. Other teams wasted their chances; the Dawgs took advantage of theirs. But that was a season ago. It's time for this year's team to stay connected, play one day at a time, make history every day, accept tough

coaching, endure the physical practices, and add a third championship to this era's extraordinary achievements.

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Georgia (OLLI@UGA) in Athens began as Learning in Retirement (LIR) in 1994. In February 2009, LIR became [OLLI@UGA](#), a dynamic Learning and Social Community. OLLI@UGA is a member-led organization with elected officers and board members, as well as professional staff. Membership in OLLI@UGA is open to anyone age 50 or older.

- OLLI@UGA is one of 125 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes of The Bernard Osher Foundation, each affiliated with a college or university across the country
- OLLI@UGA membership: 1,000+ members from the Athens area
- 400+ non-credit courses per year in literature, history, religion, health, science, food, social sciences, art, architecture, personal finance, computers, lifestyle issues and more topics
- Travel/Study Adventures: local, regional, national, and international
- 30+ Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) exclusively for members: hiking, writing, photography, bridge, gardening, music, kayaking, film/book discussions, and so much more
- Social events throughout the year: Lifelong Learning Fair, holiday Dutch-treat luncheons, parties, picnics, volunteer appreciation events
- Primary location is UGA's River's Crossing building, 850 College Station Road in Athens, GA ([contact us here](#))
- 4 full- or part-time staff
- Volunteer leadership: 4 officers elected annually, 10 board members elected to 2-year terms, 12 committee chairs.

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DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ If I had a nickel for every time this has happened to me: [Audit: LSU accidentally overpaid Kelly \\$1M in '22](#)
- ☞ Heard this one before?
 - 🐾 [Michigan's Corum Predicts National Championship for Wolverines in 2023](#)
 - 🐾 "We're hungry. We're coming for [the national championship]. Vengeance. We're going to shut everything down. It's not over. Ain't nothing over. No culture change and no dynasty over. We're setting the tone from the jump on the very first play all the way to the national championship when we're holding that trophy." ~JC Latham, Alabama DT, 2023 SEC Media Days

- ☪ “That first year, we hoped to win. Now, we expect to win ... every game. There’s a difference. Everybody on this team will tell you that we expect to win the East.” Tennessee DT Omari Thomas, summer, 2023
- ☪ And don’t forget this from the 2022 preseason: [Alabama is overwhelming media pick to win SEC title, beating Georgia, 158-18 in votes](#)
- ☪ Texas A&M has reportedly named George Santos as its new Sports Information Director. In his first press release, he has stated that “Jimbo Fisher—former Heisman Trophy Winner, Rhodes Scholar, Holocaust survivor, and Captain of the Titanic—has been awarded a McDonald’s Genius Grant for his ability to form football teams out of wealthy teenagers. He will next attempt to teach them how to win football games.”
- ☪ In another development, Jimbo Fisher is reportedly planning to add former Michigan offensive coordinator Matt Weiss and former Ohio State assistant coach Zach Smith to his staff, and has contracted Urban Meyer to run Texas A&M’s character education program.
- ☪ “Trevor Lawrence completed four of his first 16 passes and threw four interceptions, three of them to cornerback Asante Samuel Jr., becoming ***the first quarterback since Gary Danielson in 1983*** to throw four picks in the first half of a playoff game.” ~Tidbit from report on San Diego’s playoff meltdown vs. Urban Meyer’s former team
- ☪ Do people who hold signs over their heads at stadiums think they are invisible to the people behind them?
- ☪ If you’ve got four hours to spare, [this long look at the 2022 season](#) might help fill the time.

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

Devin Willock was the sort of player I always admire. He came out of high school undervalued by just about everyone. His 247 rank was 3 stars, 908th player in the nation, 70th best offensive tackle, #22 player in NJ. He had 2 SEC offers, a few ACC scholarships, a handful of offers from the Big 10, and scholarships to a lot of lesser programs from the East Coast. He came in as one of the lowest-ranked recruits of the Kirby Smart era, and made the OG rotation by his sophomore year, ahead of a lot of players with much bigger incoming reputations. Devin’s mindset helps explain how he surpassed so many people’s expectations: “I have the size to be an NFL-caliber talent, but I am going to make sure the reason I make the NFL is my work ethic. Not my size.” Upon his shocking death right after the championship celebration, Georgia coach Kirby Smart said, “Devin was an outstanding young man in every way. He was always smiling, was a great teammate and a joy to coach.” Said his high school coach at Paramus Catholic, John Whitehead, “He was all into Georgia. Oh my god was he all into Georgia. He was on the honor roll at Georgia. Again. He gets all A’s. He was on the ‘Principal’s List’ [the school’s highest track] every quarter. Took all AP classes. Took all honors classes. He got A’s in everything.” The poignant story of his kindness toward a young fan hours before he died shows that his big heart extended to those from outside the football program. To Nolan Smith, Devin was “a kid that never did anything wrong. He was one of my teammates that I can count on the most. He worked hard and never did anything wrong. Never was late. Never. Not even since the first day he showed up.” It’s worth

quoting his high school coach again: “I’ve coached for almost 40 years, man. I’ve never had a kid like this. Before. Or after. And I never will. Never. He was literally the perfect kid, man. That’s how odd this whole thing is. He was a perfect kid. He was always walking in the hallways with his books and his notebooks. He didn’t run with the crowd. He kind of kept to himself because he didn’t hang out.” What a loss to the world. We’ll miss you Devin. I don’t know if it’s true that only the good die young, but in Devin Willock, we lost one of the best. Rest in peace.

This profile borrows heavily from [Jeff Sentell’s piece](#) on Devin shortly after his death.



SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: Twenty-seven (or 28) QBs entered the portal shortly after the 2022 season. Who were they, and how were they ranked by 247 among the nearly-200 student-athletes in the portal? Bonus question: Which QB who entered the portal was not included on the list?

Answer:

5. Sam Hartman
6. Devin Leary
7. Grayson McCall
11. Hudson Card
24. Collin Schlee
25. Shedeur Sanders
32. D.J. Uiagalelei
37. Brennan Armstrong
44. Luke Altmeyer
62. Jeff Simms
63. Kyron Drones
85. Brett Gabbert
86. Malik Hornsby
96. Mikey Keene
98. Kedon Slovis
103. Spencer Sanders
112. Nick Evers
119. Tony Muskett
122. Cade McNamara
126. Drew Pyne

129. Graham Mertz
147. Hank Bachmeier
150. Brendon Lewis
181. Haynes King
183. Deacon Hill
189. Jack Tuttle
191. Emory Jones

Not included: JT Daniels

THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. UT-MARTIN

Finally, we get to see what UGA's freshmen and walkons can do with the lights and cameras on. We'll start to see them in the third quarter, after the 2-deep has long left the field. It's a luxury to start the year with a practice game or 3 before the serious work of defending the championship gets under way. There's really not much to say or predict given that the talent levels are so inequitably stacked in our favor. So let's just call it Sky-High Dawgs over Skyhawks. By the score of 65-7.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: TCU OVER COLORADO

And now, the long-awaited Power 5 debut of Deion Sanders, who has filled the air with braggadocio and self-anointed name "Coach Prime" since the day he got hired, after losing his final game at Jackson State and driving out most of Mel Tucker's recruits at CU and replacing them with guys from Jackson State and other remote points on the planet. Finally we'll get to see what it takes to play football and not just talk about it. Meanwhile, the worst position in college football is backing up guys named Sanders on CU's team. On the other side of the field—yes, when Deion coaches, there's actually another coach out there—a truly humbled team from blue collar Ft. Worth seeks redemption after getting run off the field in LA to start the calendar year, and managing not to talk about how they'd-a won if only some guy hadn't gotten injured, you know, like Nolan Smith. I'm taking the guys who know that the game requires more than endless self-promotion from its coach to succeed. Frawgs over Buffs, 65-7.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: S. CAROLINA OVER N. CAROLINA

Shane Beamer is so damn likable, I almost root for him. I think he's built a pretty good program in a place where it's been mighty hard to do, and they are at home against their rivals from the north. UNC keeps threatening to be good, but has trouble doing it. They love their QB, but then, SC loves Spencer Rattler. But there's more to a program than a QB, and I like what Shane's done in Columbia. Cocks peck the Heels, 38-35.