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Fulton County Jail Mug Shot of the Week

And now, yonder comes Lane Kiffin, the Roman Roy of the SEC.

Kirby Smart awaits:



But first, there was a game on Saturday. I've got to confess, fellow Dawg fans: I'm not tired of all this winning yet.

I think that all good Dawg fans owe Eric Ainge a great debt of gratitude. His trash talk last year before the Tennessee game about our crowd's ability to affect an opponent with a wall of sound produced as loud a stadium as I've ever heard. And ever since, the slap-ass full crowd has made life miserable for opponents and their ability to play with precision. Saturday was just the latest occasion when an opponent had difficulty executing when the fans in the stands got to roaring.

Missouri really showed out, and played like a team that thought it was championship material. They are close, but not there yet. There's a level that UGA has reached that remains unapproachable. I read about the talent gap before the game, comparing recruiting classes, where UGA has a huge advantage. The portal can be a great equalizer, though, and Missouri has relied on it to build a pretty good team. Anybody saying we are winning against a cakewalk schedule just isn't paying attention. And with Mississippi taking out the fading currency that is ATM Machine U and coming in next week with the intention of winning, we've got another tough one coming up. November is such a great month in college football.

Speaking of sinking ships, I wonder how Bear Alexander feels about being the main man on what was <u>referred to Sunday morning</u> a "sieve of a running defense" that is just part of the worst defense in the nation?

And dang, Lane Kiffin and Kevin Sumlin must be scratching their heads wondering what Riley and Fisher need to do to get fired at USC and ATM Machine U. If a relatively low-wage team like the Las Vegas Raiders can pony up \$85M for severance pay, surely a more well-heeled outfit like ATM Machine U can afford to buy out Jimbo.

And now, back to our regular programming. Missouri showed that their 7-1 record coming in was no fluke. As Coach Smart cautioned, Brady Cook is a very dangerous QB. That little dude Cody Schrader showed what a load he must have been in D-2 ball the

last four years. These cats came in unintimidated and playing to win, even if they came up short.

In a game earlier this season, the guys in the booth noted that at times our pass rush went past the QB, allowing him to escape up the middle for gains. That happened several times in the first half, allowing Cook to extend drives and take off for big gains. But the second half was a different story. The coaches made a key adjustment: dedicating a defender to spy on Cook. No more escape hatch. And no more time to get in rhythm in the pocket, as Cook finished 14-30 with 2 picks, one a magnificent theft by Nazir Stackhouse. Missouri scored a TD and a FG in each half, but the second half was just different. The game-breaking Luther Burden was held to 3 catches and 53 yards, and nobody this year has bottled him up before.

A second adjustment came in the OL play. I can't name a scheme change to match the shift to assigning a spy to Cook, but the OL wasn't reliable in either the run game or pass protection in the first half, giving Carson Beck a hard time, sacking him twice, and throwing off his timing. The second half, perhaps after some gentle words of encouragement from Coach Searles, they were sharper and more cohesive, and allowed the time and space needed for the O to put the game out of reach.

On player news, it was good to see Darris Smith back on the field. And as the season has progressed, we're seeing more of the hyped freshman class getting significant snaps at important moments, especially guys named Wilson.

I've got to hand it to the coaches for sticking with Peyton Woodring after his awful start to the season. Now the kid just can't miss, and often his kicks really matter in these games.

One quality that this year's team has, and last year's barely needed, is resilience in the face of adversity. Once again, they fell behind and came right back. Beck seems mentally and emotionally built to bring a team back from a deficit, and now has done it in most of this season's games against league opponents. They've got the character and the experience to play on when the going gets tough. I just expect it at this point. During the game I thought, today we are really missing Bowers. But the team filled his role with other guys, enough to put a W on the board.

And now, three games to go before the SEC championship game, likely against Alabama, where their once-demoted QB is playing really well and the team is rounding into shape. But Kirby's not looking ahead, what with a couple of teams with a combined record of 15-3 up next, followed by suddenly competitive Georgia Tech. One week at a time, folks. Mississippi isn't going to practice all week with the expectation of losing. Get out the popcorn and get ready for another tough one.

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: Lane Kiffin has been cast to play the lead in the remake of which of the following war movies?

- 1. Lawrence of Arabia
- 2. Full Metal Jacket
- 3. 30 Seconds over Tokyo
- 4. Black Hawk Down
- 5. The Tin Drum
- 6. Kelly's Heroes
- 7. Platoon
- 8. The Thin Red Line
- 9. Private Benjamin
- 10. Apocalypse Now

Answer: Lane Kiffin has been cast to play the lead role in the forthcoming remake of Das Booty.

DAWG DOOTS

- Gary Danielson is, I think, the most astute color man in college football, and also often the most annoying when he can't shut up about Alabama or 5-stars (and I suspect that the decision to call the evening LSU-Alabama game instead of the 3:30 UGA-Mizzou game was GD's, because he just loves him some Bama). Anyhow, I think he's made two excellent points during recent UGA games. One concerns Carson Beck's quick release. His elapsed time between finding his target and making the throw is miniscule, which allows him to hit guys when they are open, before a defender arrives. The other point concerns Daijun Edwards and his feel for the game. To Danielson, DE just understands football and how to find and navigate holes and evade defenders. He also notes how Daijun plays faster than his speed measures. Just a total baller.
- "I want to go home and cuddle with my dog and watch some shows." ~Caleb Williams after another loss, showing the value of extensive film study
- "My job is to go try to beat Oregon next week and to coach what we have here." ~Lincoln Riley, commenting on the players he recruited and coached as if he somehow inherited a lousy roster
- "Whenever you win all the time you don't ever really go through that grit, that pain, that suffering. So, sometimes it's good to go through this process to make

sure you don't ever feel like that again. So, I'm fine with it." ~ Shedeur Sanders on losing yet another game after starting the season as the nation's second-most-hyped celebrity after Taylor Swift, and after some wins against a few mediocre-to-bad teams that the Lamestream Sports Media pumped up into sensational achievements



Lane Kiffin letting recruits know that the Oxford, Miss. community welcomes people of all races, creeds, and colors.

- "Ok, you have a fucking head coach, this is a job, guess what, if I have mental issues and I'm not diminishing them, I can't not see my fucking boss. When you were told again and again the head coach needs to see you, wasn't to make you practice, wasn't to play a position you don't fucking want to, ok? It was to talk to you and explain to you in the real world, ok? So I don't give a fuck what your mom says, ok, or what you think in the real fucking world, you show up to work, and then you say, 'Hey, I have mental issues, I can't do anything for two weeks, but if you change my position I won't have mental issues.' Get out of here. Go, you're off the team. You're done. See ya. Go. And guess what? We can kick you off the team. So go read your fucking rights about mental health. We can kick you off the team for not showing up. When the head coach asks to meet with you and you don't show up for weeks, we can remove you from the team. It's called being a pussy. It's called hiding behind shit and not showing up to work."
- Scouting assessment of Mike White's new Dawg point guard <u>Silas Demary Jr</u>.: "Defensively, he shows flashes of moving his feet but tends to open his toes too easily when defending dribble penetration." ~AI gone too far

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

Scott Cochran came to UGA as a decorated strength-and-conditioning coach seeking to advance in the coaching ranks with an on-field assignment. The New Orleans native caught on with LSU as a graduate assistant in 2001, became their assistant strength-and-conditioning coach in 2003, held the same position with the New Orleans Hornets of the NBA in 2004, and then become the head strength-and-conditioning coach at Alabama from 2007-2019, where he was a tremendous program asset. At Alabama he earned the admiration of Kirby Smart, who brought him to UGA in 2020, this time as an

on-field coach running the special teams. Wherever he's been and whatever his assignment has been, Scott has been known as a ball of fire, a passionate and animated warrior who demands the most out of his players. He was called the heart and soul of the Alabama program, and was the object of a 60 Minutes feature while in Tuscaloosa. Scott's effects on his players extended beyond the weight room and practice field, according to Jamaree Salyer: "[His] energy, I'm telling you, it's every day. Forget the practice field. In the hallway, he's energetic. You hear that voice, and it just cracks me up. Where you can find something wrong with a situation, he is going to find a way to get that extra 1% from you." But along the way, Scott developed a problem with alcohol. In 2021 he stepped away from the program for what were called health and personal reasons. He came back clean and sober, using July 4th as his point of recovery. I admire people who can put alcohol dependence behind them. As they say, it's one day at a time for the rest of your life. That takes extraordinary discipline and commitment every day. I'm sure the rest of the staff is looking out for him and helping him maintain his sobriety. But Scott's the one doing the work. Good guys make mistakes, and do something about them. Scott Cochran has been a champion throughout his adult life. Let's stay behind him as he continues to conquer his greatest challenge.





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THE FORECAST DAWGS VS. MISSISSIPPI

Our "soft" schedule brings another ranked team to town, and everyone loves Lane Kiffin loves to see Lane Kiffin get his punk ass kicked. I sure do. UGA has played its best

against its best opponents, and Mississippi is coming to Athens as cocky as you'd expect a ranked Kiffin team to be. They've got some terrific players, especially RB Quinshon Judkins and the sensational WR Tre Harris. I don't expect a shutout. But I also expect UGA to come in focused and prepared, and they tend to win when they have their priorities in order. Mississippi might score first, and might take a lead, but that's happened before. Once it gets going, the Dawgs take it to the Rebs in style: UGA 35, Ole Miss 24.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: WASHINGTON OVER UTAH

The Owlmeister thinks Michael Penix will win the Heisman, and he just might. Penix was terrific at Indiana before looking great in Seattle, and rang up half-a-hundred on USC....well, that can happen when you play a defense coached by Alex Grinch. Utah is coming down from its early-season high and looking to salvage honor in this one. But are they good enough? Or were they benefitting from what now looks like a pretty easy schedule, with Florida the most impressive fish in their creel? I'm not betting on it. Huskies over Utes, 38-31.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: MIAMI OVER FSU

If Bowling Green can beat Georgia Tech and Georgia Tech can beat Miami, then surely, Miami can beat FSU. Right? Why not? As predicted in this space just last week, Clemson emerged from the grave just after Halloween to beat Notre Dame. It's all possible. I'm calling this one in favor of the team from the south of Florida, for reasons that remain obscure to me. Canes over Noles, 30-27.