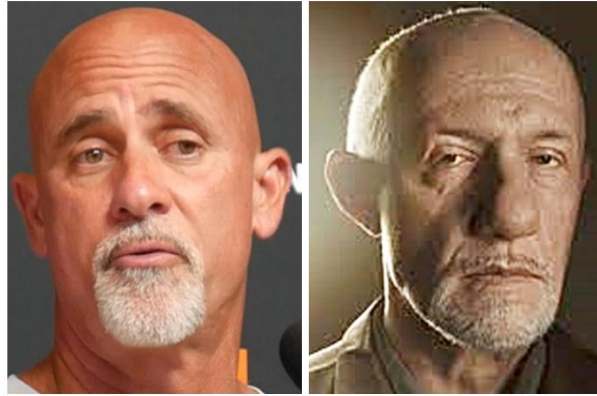


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Fulton County Jail Mug Shot of the Week



Josh Heupel styles the new UT chinstrap, with extra plush and furry cushioning

Welcome to 10-0. Entering the game, I thought we would win, for two main reasons. First, we have better players, even with some key injuries. Second, Mississippi's home/away splits were pretty lopsided. Even with only one loss up till 6:59 PM on Saturday, they play much better at home than on the road.

But I sure didn't expect a dominant blowout of this scale.

The week before, the Missouri game didn't leave me feeling that we are a dominant team. They played us tough and gave us a whale of a game. But the beatdown they put on Tennessee earlier in the day is a sign that they're a really good team. I thought that Schrader was the surefire SEC Player of the Week with his sensational game against UT, before I saw later that Jayden Daniels had torched Florida for record yardage. Florida is now beyond brush-fire stage and is but a tiny heap of smoldering weeds. But that's a story for the UF faithful, booster, and AD to sort out. Sorry Gator Nation, I can't help you with this one.

Here in Athens, Mississippi started the game the way everybody does: Straight down the field for an opening-drive touchdown. Because we've seen this in just about every game, and because we've come right back down to score so often, I wasn't even worried. And down we went, straight to the endzone. We must have a magical ability to win the coin toss and defer to the second half, because every game seems to start with an opponent's scoring drive, after which we adjust, hunker down, and ball out.

In the first half I had that feeling that our defense is really good, but lacks the suffocating, crushing, total domination of the last two years. That's probably true. But Mississippi came in averaging 479 yards per game. They got about 350 on Saturday, with a hunk of that against freshman reserves in the fourth quarter. Quinshon Judkins, one of the league's top backs, averaged 3.4 yards on 22 carries. Jaxson Dart threw for 112 yards before getting crushed trying to get an extra yard instead of running out of bounds. After that first drive, Mississippi had one more TD drive, then a field goal, then a trip back to Oxford. Maybe that defense is pretty good after all.

🏈 A Coveted Dawgmeister Game Ball goes to the offensive line. The glamour guys get all the attention, and they really played great, but it's all made possible when the QB faces so little pressure and the backs have lots of space to run through. It's been that way all year.

And Bobo haters, are you still out there? Any complaints about the game-planning, execution, and play-calling? Is 505 yards per game, and 40.6 points per game—both with reserves playing a lot of minutes in the fourth quarter—enough for you?

Meanwhile, Kendall Milton is looking like the guy we thought we had when we recruited him. What a game. Beck was great all night. Bowers is back. This team is clicking at the right time. So is Alabama, and we're headed to a showdown in a few weeks. This is what college football is all about.

ON THREEPEATING

It's become commonplace to describe UGA's quest to win three straight national championships as the first such achievement since Minnesota did it in the mid-1930s. But back then during the first two terms of Franklin Roosevelt, things were very different. The championship was determined by a vote, not a playoff, and many different systems were used to identify the champ, often arriving at different conclusions. Minnesota's claim is based on votes from the Helms Athletic Foundation and the National Championship Foundation in 1934, 1935, and 1936. But in 1934, other polls picked other teams.

- ☞ In 1934, 5 of the 13 selectors recognized as "major" by the NCAA (Berryman, Dunkel, Houlgate, Poling, and Williamson – all math systems) recognized unbeaten Alabama team as the national champion.
- ☞ In 1935, The Dickinson System and Houlgate selected Southern Methodist University #1. The Boand, Litkenhous and Poling systems picked Minnesota. The Dunkel System selected Princeton as its top team, without even using SAT scores. The Williamson System ranked Texas Christian University first.
- ☞ In 1936, Minnesota won the new AP poll while Boand and Houlgate went with Pitt.

So Minnesota's threepeat was not unanimous. Comparing their run to ours, should we complete it, is not apples-to-apples. More apples to raisins.

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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Let All the Big Dawgs Eat Food Scholarship: The scholarship is awarded by the Office of the Dean of Students and benefits UGA students who are battling food insecurity by awarding a full seven-day meal plan for the full academic year to support the university's neediest students.

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SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: Dawgmeister Analytics has conducted a study of college football broadcasters, and has reached final conclusions based on its analysis. Today's question: How can you tell the difference between Jim Nantz and Brad Nessler?

1. Brad Nessler sometimes refers to Gary Danielson as "Pardner"; Jim Nantz never calls Tony Romo "Pardner."
2. Nessler was born in 1956, Nantz was born in 1959.
3. Only Nessler has been inducted into the Minnesota State University-Mankato Hall of Fame.
4. Nantz has been married twice; Nessler has only been married once.

5. Nantz played on the Houston Cougars men's golf team, rooming with Fred Couples and Blaine McCallister; Nessler never played college sports.
6. Nessler once did play-by-play radio announcing for Georgia Tech basketball; Nantz once called BYU football games.
7. Nantz is a oenophile with his own wine label whose name follows from the Master's Golf tournament; Nessler has an IMDB profile that lists acting credits in *American Underdog*, *The Sixth Man*, and *The Slugger's Wife*.
8. You can call Brad Nessler "Ness," but you can't call Jim Nantz "Nan."

Answer: Dawgmeister Analytics has determined conclusively that there is no difference between Jim Nantz and Brad Nessler.

DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ I saw the Michigan-Penn State game earlier in the day, and have some observations to share.
 - M** Because [Jim Harbaugh is a cheater](#) and is sitting out while assistants coach the team through the rest of the schedule, Penn State decided, in sympathy, to employ guest coordinators, with Brian Ferenz running the offense and Todd "Third And" Grantham overseeing the defense.
 - M** If you were alarmed about the multiple F-bombs dropped by Michigan interim coach Sherrone Moore when interviewed coming off the field, consider that when you stick a microphone in the face of an emotional person immediately after an emotional game, you are going to get an unfiltered response.
 - M** Michigan's decision to run the ball on every play in the second half, and most of the first half, suggests that Michigan stole their own signals during the game.
 - M** Penn State appeared to have borrowed Colorado's offensive line for the afternoon.
 - M** For their next game, Michigan is going to have a guest coach from the political ranks, Ron DeSanctimonious, given that his demeanor is the perfect fit for Michigan's historical and current belief that they are just better than the rest of us, in spite of a mountain of evidence to the contrary.
- ☞ Dawgmeister Analytics has conducted a study of football broadcasters' claims about good players. On Saturday alone, guys in the booth identified 15 "generational talents" (it means once a generation, not really good this year), 41 Heisman candidates, 247 All Americans, 63 likely first-round picks, and 139 guys who are the best in the country at their positions.

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

Warren McClendon is a family legacy Georgia Bulldog. Uncle Willie McClendon was a stellar running back between the hedges, and his cousin Bryan "B-Mac" was a terrific WR, now back on staff and considered a head coach candidate down the road. Warren came to UGA from Brunswick with a four-star rating, the #20 OT and 227th prospect

overall. Warren was a 280-pound HS player, and ended up at 300, relatively light for both the SEC and the Great Wall of Georgia. But he used his intelligence and commitment to improve and to play past more mountainous competitors to hold down the right tackle position for his final three years at UGA. Incredibly, in his career Warren gave up a total of 2 sacks, both in his sophomore year. He never feared the competition, serving as a mentor to younger players, particularly the gargantuan Amarius Mims. That disposition was part of his effort to bond with everyone in the OL room and make the team better by making every individual better. Said Mims, "He's the most technically sound offensive tackle I've ever met in my life. I learn so much from him. I may be bigger than him, but I watch his game more than anybody I know. I ask him for tips, like what can I do to get better. Sit down in the film room together. I've modeled my game after him more. Like that big brother role." Tate Ratledge, the guard lining up next to Warren, was unabashed in his admiration, saying, "Warren is a great leader. He doesn't show it as much vocally out in front of everybody but behind the scenes he's really a vocal leader trying to help everybody." Warren never took anything for granted. He said, "My parents have always been there in my ear telling me, you know you haven't made it yet. Whether this stuff has happened yet or not you still have to keep going and keep pushing. All my coaches have instilled into me that no matter what's going on, you can always get better." These lessons paid off in the classroom as well, with Warren taking a major in Sport Management supported by a Joseph S. Espy Football Scholarship and a Doug and Diane Magnus Football Scholarship. Warren's championship celebration ended with the car crash that took the lives of Devin Willock and Chandler LeCroy, fortunately sparing him through his use of a seatbelt. But it was a horrific event that undoubtedly will follow him through life. That's a sobering way to leave behind his beloved University of Georgia, and no doubt will motivate him to stay focused on what's important in life. We could all benefit from more of that in our lives.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. TENNESSEE

UT still runs plays at a fast pace, but more on the ground than in the air; and against Missouri, more underground than anyplace else. Milton is a good QB and can run and according to legend throw a ball the length of three football fields. But will it hit a target? Not always. Tennessee is a good example of the fallacy of thinking that a program is on the rise and will improve every year toward "the standard." But that assumption overlooks the way in which players graduate and must be replaced. UT just

doesn't have the talent this year that got them a #1 ranking before we crushed them between the hedges. Assuming that they would continue going up without the same players just isn't viable. Yet it happens all the time.

I'm sure the UT crowd will be very loud after we blasted them off the field with noise last year. But I'm also confident that our coaches anticipate what they'll do and be ready with a good game plan, perhaps after watching film of Saturday's game in which Missouri destroyed them in every facet of the game. We might have a number of key guys out with injuries, but this team has never made excuses, no matter who's been on crutches during games. The Dawgs dig deep and come to play. UGA 35, UT 10

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: UCLA OVER USC

I only picked this one because it's a rivalry game, and because it's not a great weekend for huge games. Riley has finally fired the Grinch, but really, will that matter since he's playing the same guys who couldn't tackle or cover anybody before the second week of November? They gave up plenty on Saturday. So here we go again. It doesn't matter who lines up on offense for UCLA; they'll score points. And I'm sure that having Penix and Nix outscore him, officially eliminating him from the Heisman race, Caleb Williams will put up points, which will make Lincoln Riley happy. But not happy enough. Bruins 51, Trojans 48

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: IOWA STATE OVER TEXAS

Texas, Schmexas, I say. They've played with fire plenty this year, and this week they go on the road and get burned, I say. I'm taking the Cyclones to end the Longhorns' pretensions to finally being "back." Back to the slaughterhouse, I say. ISU 30, UT 27