

**THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST:  
DAWGS BALL OUT**

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**SEPARATED@BIRTH?**



**FALL GREAT  
JEFF GARLIN**

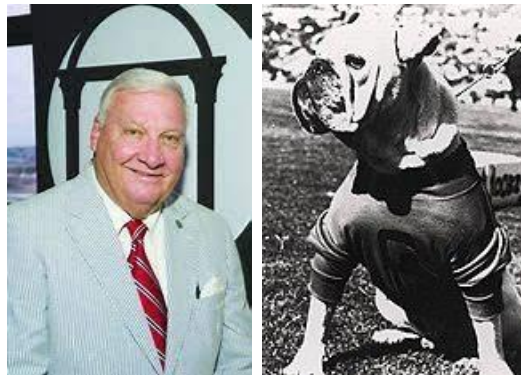
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**BALL STATE  
BRADY HOKE**

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**Fulton County Jail Mug Shot of the Week**



*Rest in Peace, Sonny, with UGAs 1-10*

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“Slow start” seems to be the way every article on Saturday’s game begins. Many then apply the term to Carson Beck’s first few quarters under center. And the first half was indeed a clunky, underwhelming way to open a national title defense.

Fortunately, most of the eyes of the nation were on that shiny new object in Boulder. Maybe it was a good thing the game was only available on ESPN+.

Or maybe, in the end, it wasn’t so bad after all. The view from my seat didn’t lay all of the responsibility on the QB. In spite of the widespread belief that the UGA OL is the best in the country, the Skyhawks’ stacked-box defenders won the line of scrimmage on a lot of plays, which limited the running game. We were substituting a lot, which disrupts continuity. A number of key players were on the sidelines, although the talent differential should have made that point moot. And the two-time defending Ohio Valley Conference champion UT-M is a very competitive team at their level, and they came to play.

Still, it wasn’t a rousing first half for the offense, and some fans are already concerned about [Mike Bobo’s vanilla game plan](#) in a game where one of the goals was not to show too much. I think he’s saving the mint-chip rocky road with pecans and pistachios and a caramel swirl for the SEC schedule. The second half was more like what we expected, and the backups got the game reps they came into the evening anticipating.

Ultimately, the Dawgs’ O totaled 559 yards of offense, which would have been their 4<sup>th</sup> best total in 2022. And, the defense did what our defense does. By game’s end, Beck had a good stat line, the final margin was 41 points (albeit short of the spread), and they rang the Chapel Bell in Glory when it was all over. So, maybe Mike Bobo can come back next week after all.

Displaying his famed gentle manner and subtlety, after the game Coach Smart said, “The next step in this process is, what is the feedback? And I’m not talking about feedback from you guys [reporters]. Unfortunately, I don’t care what you think or what you say. We get to watch the tape and say, ‘What does the feedback say?’ and figure out who we are and where we go from here.” Sometimes a performance below the standard can have a positive outcome in that the coaches have a lot of points of emphasis in the next week’s practice. They’ll have plenty between now and next Saturday at noon. And you don’t want to be on the other end of Kirby’s bullhorn when they work on that feedback.

## **DAWG DOOTS**

- ☛ Jimbo Fisher has hired [Harvard Women’s Ice Hockey Coach Katey Stone](#) to replace Urban Meyer as Director of the TAMU Character Development Program following [Meyer’s declaration that the Texas Longhorns, not the Aggies, have the best talent in the country](#). The program is designed to teach the players how to develop healthy relationships grounded in mutual respect and care.

- ☞ “Football is 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical.” ~Amarius Mims, April 2023
- ☞ “So says the guy who is 6’-8”, 335 pounds.” ~Little Woolly
- ☞ “We all should be about diversity, equity and inclusion.” ~Jim Harbaugh, last week, doing his darndest to prevent himself from ever teaching PE or coaching high school football in Georgia
- ☞ In a shocking development, The Scowlmeister and yours truly, The Dawgmeister, have been banned from Russia. We are taking the precaution of avoiding upper-story windows, poisoned underwear and tea, and airplanes.



*Trying to restore Alabama’s program to glory, Nick Saban goes full Kim Mulkey to bring back the Tide Mojo*

*Meanwhile, Kirby Smart rocks it Old School*



**SATURDAY NIGHT BELIEVER  
KIRBY SMART**



**& SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER  
JOHN TRAVOLTA**

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

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### **SAT PREP SESSION**

**SAT Question of the Week:** The '21–22 coaching firing cycle produced the biggest buyout price tag in history, until the next one. How much buyout money was paid out to them individually, that is, not including payouts to assistants, coordinators, and other staffers?

**Answer:** The following fired FBS head coaches combined to earn about \$94 million in buyout cash. The list and their compensation:

Ed Orgeron \$17M

Dan Mullen \$12M

Gary Patterson \$12M

Clay Helton \$10M

Jimmy Lake \$9.9M

Justin Fuente \$8.7M

Matt Wells \$7.4M

Rod Carey \$4M

Manny Diaz \$4M

Steve Addazio \$3M

Skip Holtz \$3M

Walt Bell \$940K

Chad Lundsford \$800K  
Chip Lindsey \$700K  
Tom Arth \$640K  
Randy Edsall \$400K

**Bonus Question:** What was the return on Trevor Bauer's contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers?

**Answer:** The Dodgers paid Bauer more than \$64 million for 17 games pitched.

### How the Aging Process Works

#### Barack Obama



Before 2008 & After 2016

#### Billy Napier



Before 2022 & After 2023 Game 1

[How much is Billy Napier's buyout? Gators are stuck with him](#)

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

**Roland "Champ" Bailey** came to UGA from Folkston, Georgia's Charlton County HS, down near Okefenokee Swamp. Even growing up amidst gators, he came to Athens to be a Bulldog. In HS Champ played football, basketball, and track, demonstrating the athleticism and speed that made him into an All American between the hedges. Although he graduated from CCHS in 1996, he still owns the school record book, remaining as the program's leader in season rushing yards (1,858), season rushing touchdowns (28), season scoring (180), single-game rushing (417 yards), and single-game rushing touchdowns (tied). As you might recall, he also played defense, taken as the #7 overall player in the 1999 draft and eventually making 12 Pro Bowls, the most

ever for a cornerback; being a first-ballot NFL Hall of Famer; and being considered the top cornerback of his era and one of the greatest ever. His personal qualities of diligent leadership enabled him to take his athleticism and turn it into a historically great career. Since leaving the NFL in 2013, Champ founded Bailey Companies & Investments, Inc., a family business led by Bailey and made up of his cousins and siblings, with investments in a variety of industries. Said Champ, “I love building a business from scratch and working together as a team. I’m always trying to figure out where I can add value, whether it be in real estate, early-stage start-ups or helping guys be smarter with their money.” A great teammate in football, Champ continues to emphasize teamwork as an entrepreneur, adding value wherever he goes and continuing to be a great guy representing his alma mater in the business world.



## **IMPORTANT UPDATE**

With funds generated by the weekly Win a Date with the Dawgmeister competition, we have redesigned the [Dawgmeister Bad Hair Hall of Fame](#), and have made many fine additions to this great Honor Society. Updates include these outstanding new inductees:



**KOWACIE REEVES**



**QUIN SNYDER**



**NICHOLAUS IAMALEAVA**



**JOHNNY WEIR**



**JOHN DALY**

Along with new galleries for [Arts & Education](#), [Politics](#), and [Religion](#).

## **THE FORECAST** **DAWGS VS. BALL STATE**

The preseason games continue in Athens. I wish it were otherwise, because it’s hard to develop your team when you don’t have to compete or convert third downs against a talented defense, or play in the fourth quarter while tired, bruised, and challenged. So, sit back and enjoy the blowout, and hope that the practices are preparing us for the SEC season. The offense will still be vanilla, the somewhat injured players will cheer from the

sidelines, and we again get to see Vandagriff and Stockton show their stuff. Dawgs 55, Cardinals 7.

### **NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: ALABAMA OVER TEXAS**

Some think that [UT has the best players in the country](#). Some think [Alabama will win the West, the SEC, and the natty](#). I think that if Alabama couldn't do it with Bryce Young at QB, they won't do it with whoever takes snaps for them this year. Some wonder if Quin Ewers is as good as he seemed in high school and if his new 'do will help him turn the corner, and others wonder if Arch Manning is a [4-star talent with a 5-star name](#). And others wonder how Steve Sarkisian keeps being called a genius and getting top jobs with a 60-47 record as head coach, and if he is the Second Coming of Dan Mullen. Let's make that 60-48. It's hard to pick a guy with a just-above-mediocre record at historically successful programs over the greatest head coach in the history of coaches and possibly the greatest leader in the history of gods and generals, per George Santos. Tide 38, Horns 28.

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

The worst offense of this century somehow is ranked, but I'll believe they can score in double figures when I see it. So I'll take the underdog here on the assumption that they can somehow score some points, which is more than Iowa can do, provided that either team can field a roster of guys who haven't been suspended for placing bets on their opponents against their own team. Cyclones over Hawkeyes, 2-0.