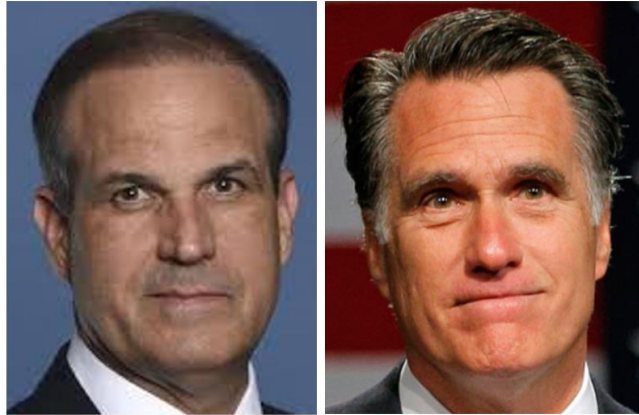


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HUGH FREEZE DONALD TRUMP**

Fulton County Jail Mug Shot of the Week

Let's open with a National Roundup before getting to our game.

- 🍷 Against Oregon, Colorado tried to party like it's 2022.
- 🍷 Joel Klatt insists that if Travis Hunter had played, they'd-a won.
- 🍷 Little Woolly insists that if you play a guy 100 snaps a game, he's going to get injured sooner or later. Most likely, sooner.
- 🍷 I guess this is what Dan Lanning was talking about when he critiqued Colorado for focusing on glitz: [Colorado's Shedeur Sanders Arrived at Oregon Game](#)

[Alongside Terrell Owens](#). It might have been a better idea to focus on game-planning than making an entrance.

- According to Dawgmeister Analytics, it's really dumb to say someone is revolutionizing a sport, assume that winning a few games predicts a seismic shift in the balance of power, pick Heisman frontrunners, speculate on who will replace Nick Saban at Alabama, rave about stats, select the Final Four, and get too excited after a few games against lesser opponents. And so, even the following requires context: "Carson Beck's 1,184 passing yards through four games are the third most by a Georgia quarterback since 2000. Stetson Bennett and Aaron Murray are the only names ahead of him."
- "I think it's going to go down as one of the biggest wins in Ohio State history."
~Ryan Day, intoxicated by his own coaching after a late score to beat #9 Notre Dame
- Alabama ended up with a convincing win, but Lordy, they sure don't look like Alabama.
- And finally, this occurred to me earlier on Saturday while watching Clemson fall to FSU and continue their slide into ordinariness, while allowing FSU to continue thinking they are something special:



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DABO SWINNEY & CADE KLUBNIK
THE CLEMSON COACHES COLLECTION

And so, with the nation under control, on to the game between the hedges. The Dawgs finally started fast, then throttled down, then turned it back up. The offense could have been a little better in connecting on deep balls, and the defense will undoubtedly hear it from the coaches about letting UAB score 2 first-half TDs against our front-line defenders. But it was, ultimately, the game we mostly expected. When we sub into the QB depth chart in the third quarter, it's a good night at the stadium.

Slow starts have previously characterized UGA's performances, and also those of many ranked teams this year. Alabama was down 7-6 at halftime on Saturday to an OK Mississippi team. UCLA put up 7 points in 60 minutes on Utah. Ohio State was up on ND 3-0 at the half.

Slow starts? How about a re-emphasis on defense? It wasn't long ago that the shift in emphasis went to explosive offenses, with even Nick Saban seeking sexier, more high-scoring attacks. But over here in Athens, defense remained central to the team philosophy, even as the offense has been lighting it up to complement them. It seems that others have realized that shutting down opponents is a pretty good idea. I think that

Kirby Smart is going to go down in the game's history as not only a great champion, but as the man who made defense matter again.

"We expect to hold the standard here and we haven't been holding it." So said Kirby Smart after the game, primarily over yielding 2 TDs in the first half. We've got plenty of excuses, especially the 16 scholarship players held out with injuries. But that doesn't matter. With luck, we'll bring closer to a full roster to Auburn next week and see what we can do to elevate our game to that very exacting standard.

Is UGA a championship team? So far, no more so than a dozen or so other impressive, yet flawed, unbeaten teams. This team still has some things to prove. From here on out, the games all matter, and the competition will be fierce. Because it's the SEC, and it just matters more here.

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

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Angel Flight Soars: The mission of Angel Flight Soars is to remove the obstacle of transportation for individuals with medical and financial needs. We will accomplish this mission by coordinating free air transportation, as often as possible, to those who need it most. Angel Flight Soars serves the community by flying patients to distant medical facilities, delivering supplies to disaster areas, and reuniting families during desperate times. This community service is made available to any individual, medical agency or health care organization for medically stable and ambulatory patients traveling from, to or through the States of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, and the Carolinas.

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SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: What is the best name ever for a college athlete?

1. Sonny Sixkiller
2. I.M. Hipp
3. Bronko Nagurski
4. Dick Butkus
5. Cosmo Iacavazzi
6. Steve Stonebreaker
7. General Booty
8. Boogie Knight
9. Wonderful Terrific Monds II
10. Yourhighness Morgan
11. Bacarri Rambo
12. Ha-Ha Clinton-Dix

Answer: According to Dawgmeister Analytics, the greatest college sports name ever is Baskerville Holmes.

DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ According to the Dawgmeister mole deep in the Deep State of the Alabama football program, Nick Saban, dissatisfied with OC Tommy Rees, is planning to replace him mid-season with Brian Ferentz.
- ☞ Because he only sexually harassed one woman, Michigan State has announced that Mel Tucker has been suspended for “unprofessional behavior and not living up to the core values of the department and university,” set by Mark Dantonio, Larry Nassar, and Tom Izzo.
- ☞ 2021: George Pickens misses most of season, returns for playoff with a bang.
- ☞ 2022: A.D. Mitchell misses most of season, returns for playoff with an explosion.
- ☞ 2023: Ladd McConkey misses the beginning (or more?) of the season.....
- ☞ “Coach Freeze is an amazing man. What makes our relationship unique is that it’s faith based. You know his track record with winning. So I think a faith-based institution, a faith-based person leading a program that naturally gets a lot of talent in the state of Alabama in the Southeastern Conference, it’s a force to be reckoned with. I think coach Freeze is in a perfect position to be successful here.”
~ Vandy DL transfer Elijah McAllister, July, 2023, without explaining why Auburn needs to raid the Commodores’ roster to field a team
- ☞ [Sources: Chubb believed to have torn only MCL](#). That’s great news for one of the greatest Dawgs of all.

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

The legend of **Stetson Bennett** has been told so many times I don’t need to repeat the narrative here. His football heroics have been so well chronicled that they have been committed to heart by the Bulldog Nation. What I think matters here are the qualities that enabled this consummate underdog to rise to become the greatest quarterback, and to some the greatest player, in UGA football history. Throughout his time in the program, people doubted him. As a walkon he had to earn his teammates’ respect, most famously as a scout team quarterback who tore up the starters in game preparations. He had some in-house boosters, particularly Richard LeCounte, who had been burned by Stetson in high school games and knew how good he was, and how big a heart he has. After returning from a year in JC, this time on scholarship, Stetson was viewed as a safety valve, not a candidate for the starting job, by everyone, including the coaches. But he kept showing out in practices, where jobs are won in Kirby Smart’s program, and was the guy who took the field when JT Daniels got injured. Not all fans were pleased; they wanted the blue chippers from the recruiting wars to run the team, not the undersized, undervalued Bennett. But he believed in himself, and had a team full of believers and supporters. By his senior year, there were still fans who doubted him, and a host of media observers who just couldn’t accept him as a legitimate QB, much less a Heisman finalist. And he kept playing past their doubts and assumptions, all the way to a second

National Championship, where along the way he outplayed QBs who had come out of high school with stars galore. A lot of people out there still underrate him. But those of us who learned to appreciate his talent and moxie know better. Stetson is an inspiration to all of us to outperform our expectations and take our game to another level. Thanks for the example, big guy. You are a better man than any of your detractors.



THE FORECAST

DAWGS VS. AUBURN

The Dawgs' season begins in earnest. Hugh Freeze has got quite a mess to clean up on The Plains, and it won't start against UGA. But can he recruit the way he did when he had bags of money to distribute to recruits under the table, now that everybody else can finance their recruits legally? Ironically, he ran his payola scheme at Ole Miss, where Lane Kiffin now laments that his NIL vault is too small to compete with the programs with better financing.

I caught parts of Auburn's game against TAMU, and they have a pretty mediocre offense. There's a good RB but no passing attack. To Alex Kirshner, "Auburn is seeing the results of what Bryan Harsin did to them today. Gonna be a bad time. Also a prime opportunity for A&M to develop an inflated idea of itself based on knocking down what was already rubble." And indeed, they stink.

Unlike other programs that started 3-0 with an exciting new coach before losing their first game to a serious competitor, Auburn has flown under the radar so far. Now that the league play has begun, expect them to fly even lower.

After 3 blowouts and one comeback, it's that time of year for the Dawgs to put it all together against an SEC rival. Auburn beat Kirby Smart in 2017, otherwise it's been all L's against our current management. Add another one for 2023. Dawgs over Tigers, 31-3.

NATIONAL GAME OF THE WEEK: USC OVER COLORADO

Colorado has gotten more attention for beating some weak teams than any team in memory. They will probably score a bunch on Lincoln Riley's "defense," but also give up plenty, especially if Travis Hunter is limited or unavailable. It should be an entertaining game with gobs of points and big plays. But not enough for Colorado to do what they did to the likes of Nebraska and Colorado State. Let's take the Trojans over the Buff, 48-35, a game that will reveal just how little defense USC plays in contrast with Oregon, and

how far to go Colorado has to go to justify the endless spotlight they have been under this season courtesy of the Lamestream Sports Media.

NATIONAL UPSET OF THE WEEK: S. CAROLINA OVER TENNESSEE

I just don't know about Tennessee. They got a ton of hype last year when they had a draftable QB and some NFL WRs, and scored a lot of points. Joe Milton, I'm just not seeing a scary QB, and his weaponry is also degraded from 2022. People keep talking about his incredible arm strength, but on how many plays do you throw the ball 75 yards? Seems to me that accuracy on the majority of throws is more important than the ability to throw it a mile occasionally. Florida pretty much did what they wanted against them, running at will and stuffing the vaunted UT attack. Meanwhile, although SC wilted against UGA, they played one fierce half. Let's make it two as Tennessee reverts to the glory of the Butch Jones Era. Cocks over Vols, 35-34.