

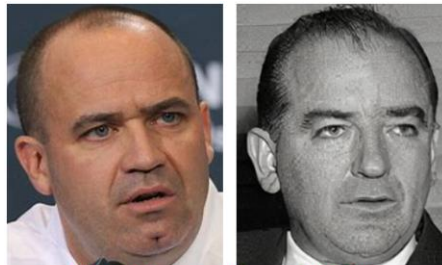
THE DAWGMEISTER'S WEEKEND FORECAST: A TRAGIC WEEK ENDS IN A HARD DEFEAT

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My heart goes out to the victims of the attack in New Orleans and their loved ones, and to all in the city and beyond whose lives have been affected. Please pardon anything frivolous (that is, everything) that follows. Much of it was written before Wednesday's attack.

And it was written before Thursday's game, a sad outcome but nothing compared to a terrorist's binge. The S@B pieces were created before we knew who we'd play in the semis, assuming we won v. ND.

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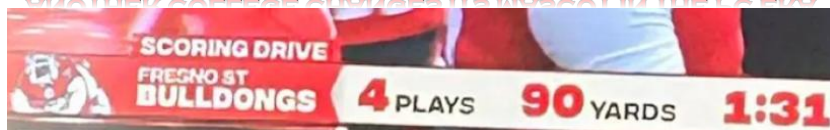
I'll let Dylan Fairchild say it: "Gave up too many sacks. Gave up too many pressures. Didn't run block efficiently enough. You know, just not what we—wasn't our standard. Straight, just simple as that."

I'm not one to pile on our players or coaches, or walkons who get so excited they enter the forbidden zone on the sideline during a big play. Fairchild's assessment seems on-target to me: the OL, which Greg McElroy and I believed would ultimately wear down the much smaller ND front 7, got the worst of the line-of-scrimmage for much of the afternoon. Gunner Stockton did what he could, but couldn't win the game on his own. He needed help, and didn't get nearly enough.

The defense was mostly good, aside from a short-field TD following a fumble and some QB keepers. The special teams gave up a back-breaking TD return. But 10 points in a game of this magnitude just isn't going to get you to the next round.

Thanks to the team for a generally satisfying season, ending in a dispiriting defeat. Notre Dame won it at the line of scrimmage, where UGA usually has the advantage. There's a lot to build on, and a lot to work on. I trust the coaches and players to do what they can to produce a better outcome with next year's team.

ANOTHER COLLEGE CHANGES ITS MASCOT IN THE PC ERA



🏈 A Coveted Dawgmeister Game Ball goes to Chip Towers, who retired at the close of 2024 from the AJC. See [Bill King's column](#) where various Dawg insiders praise his work at the Red & Black, ABH, and AJC dating to the Hershel Walker era. Thanks Chip!



Disconcerting Signals



Clay Travis 
@ClayTravis

Alabama is begging its fans for money to pay players. Tide's in trouble because they don't have that many super rich boosters compared to other top SEC programs. This is why Saban retired. He saw this coming. But the current system is also untenable for college athletics.

DAWGMEISTER GOOD WORKS OF THE WEEK

The Weekend Forecast is offered as a free service to its readers; neither the Dawgbone nor The Dawgmeister profits financially from its publication. If you read the Forecast and want to contribute something back to our communities, please consider making a donation to this week's featured Good Works service. There are many people living in needy circumstances, and every dollar helps to support them through another day, week, month, and year. This week's featured Good Works organization:

Young Men Rising Incorporated is a 501c3 Nonprofit Organization that exists to provide male students with an avenue to greatness through mentoring, positive communication and exposure to different cultural experiences. Our motto is, "No Young Man Left Behind." We foster a connection between male students and adult male role models who will work with these students to develop character, self-esteem, and confidence through mentoring, positive communication and cultural exposure. Young Men Rising Incorporated was formed in May of 2019 and is presently seeking a full-time presence in the Georgia Henry, DeKalb and Clayton County School systems.

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R.I.P., Jimmy Carter

SAT PREP SESSION

SAT Question of the Week: What is the source of the following quote:
"Mssklwewlwlsndfnfsfnalsdfhsladfaskg"

- A. This is Lou Holtz explaining how Notre Dame will win the national championship.
- B. This is the sound made by The Scowlmeister when he fell asleep during the Notre Dame-Indiana game.
- C. This is what Wags, the family bulldog, said when he opened his presents and found a Yellow Jacket chew toy.
- D. These are the lyrics to The Kingsmen's "Louie Louie."

Answer: This is how my TV's closed captioning translated the opinion expressed by a caller to the Paul Finebaum show.

DAWG DOOTS

- ☞ They stole my gag: fsf-[UGA Recruiting: Former Georgia EDGE Has Committed to Texas aTm](#)
- ☞ With the regular season complete, the national record for season pass completion percentage now belongs to The Man with the Golden Arm, Drew Bobo.
- ☞ "A lot of guys play to a higher standard when they get ready to play Alabama. It's their Super Bowl. They're ready to storm the field." ~Alabama DL Tim Smith
- ☞ "We know we're everybody's Super Bowl." ~Colorado QB Shedeur Sanders
- ☞ BYU 36, Colorado 14

THE COVETED DAWGMEISTER GOOD GUY OF THE WEEK AWARD

GOOD GUY ARCHIVE

Kris Durham came to UGA from Calhoun, GA, where his career was so dominant that he was voted into the Calhoun Gordon County Sports Hall of Fame. At UGA from 2006-2010, the wide receiver emerged as a favorite target of Matthew Stafford during an impressive career hauling in passes between the hedges. He also got a lot of attention when he undertook [student teaching](#) as preparation for entering that most noble of professions, middle school social studies teacher. His detour into the NFL sidetracked those plans, and his MBA from LSU-Shreveport took him in a different direction altogether, one that combined football and business acumen. But first, football: Kris developed from a three-star prospect into a fourth-round draft pick of the Seattle Seahawks, who cut him after training camp. He landed comfortably with his old UGA roommate, Stafford, in Detroit, where he established himself as a reliable receiver. After a few years the Lions released him, after which he bounced from the Titans to the Raiders and ultimately to the Parma Panthers of the Italian Football League, with whom he played two seasons, retiring in 2018. Kris used his background to move to NFL Player Marketing for a year, after which he was named Vice President Marketing for Southern Pointe Developments in Hiawassee, Georgia. His interests converged with his return to the Parma Panthers, this time as the team's General Manager. Once again he used one experience to set up the next: Kris is now the Head of Football NFL Academy in the United Kingdom. Undoubtedly his rise through sports administration has only just begun. The lessons he learned at UGA have paid off for him and those he's led, and if football takes off in England, we know whom to thank.



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