

Week 2 Preview

Before I get into this week's matchups, I have to mention the Boise State – Virginia Tech game on Monday. Great game, but what took away from the excitement was those hideous Virginia Tech uniforms. Boise State was almost as bad with the Bronco on only one side of the helmet and pants, but the Hokies uniforms were the worst I have ever seen.

I pulled a Walter Sobchak when I turned the TV to ESPN and saw what was on the field. "HAS THE WHOLE WORLD GONE CRAZY?!?!?!?!?!?" And just like Solbcheck, if I had a gun I would have pointed it at my TV.



Like everything else these days in college football, the powers that be will find a way to make a buck. But selling out to a corporate sponsor to completely butcher your uniform is the most ridiculous thing I have ever seen in college football. Well, if you don't count watching Gary Danielson every Saturday...

Coach B and I had a long talk about what we saw Monday, and it was not pleasant. Here are a few items:

"I don't know which is worse, the idiot who designed them or the bigger idiot who approved them."

"I didn't know the *Tron* reunion movie was being held here."

"Nike must be stopped at all costs."



"What did the guy at Nike do, find a soiled diaper, open it up and say, 'That's what Tech's new uniforms are going to look like.'"





Clowning around with Gary Danielson (cue the circus music)

Each week, Coach Scooter's SEC chalkboard will highlight the best of boneheaded comments from those behind the microphone. And who better to promote this than the worst announcer ever in the history of broadcasting, Gary Danielson.

I admit I have been too hard on the former Purdue QB. In fact, I have to state that Danielson is my second favorite announcer. Who is #1? Everyone else on the list...

This week's bloopers:

"This South Carolina offense is discombobulated."

Rece Davis made this comment after USC's first possession of the season. Good thing USC was able to get the ball back to redeem themselves or Davis might have gone off like the father from *The Great Santini*.

"I disagree. It creates a frenzied atmosphere even more so. I think it works to Hawaii's advantage. Granted, it took away a TD, but there's a frenzy created in this stadium. Granted, they lost four points there, maybe."

Bob Davie's rambling comments as he argued with Mark Jones after Hawaii lost a chance at a TD at the end of the 1st half. Davie must have been the first person ever to convince himself that not getting a TD was a good thing.

Dave Pasch: "Other than Florida turning the ball over, what would you say is the biggest surprise so far?"

Bob Griese: "I think it's the fact that Florida has turned the ball over twice so far. Pasch: Um....other than that..."

Griese must have fallen asleep in the booth.

"You need a sense of urgency here, but take your time."

Chris Spielman at the Florida - Miami (OH) game. I think Spielman was using the old "Hurry up and wait" strategy.

"Hey Marvin, get yourself a sign that says 'Don't Drink & Twitter.' Put it up on a billboard."

Brent Musburger commenting on the suspension of UNC DT Marvin Austin. Um, Brent, you want to walk up to Marvin and tell him that?

"One of the best hand jobs we've seen from a quarterback today."

Brad Nessler during the TCU – Oregon State game. Next time Nessler calls a game, instead of ESPN theme to open the show, listen for cheesy porno music.

"The goal of the Notre Dame offense is to score points this year."

NBC play-by-play announcer Tom Hammond. Really? I thought they were going to depend on their defense to shutout every opponent this year and hope for the best.

"We come to you from the nation's capital on this great holiday weekend."

Brent Musburger opening the Boise State – Virginia Tech game. Brent, the capitol is in Washington D.C.. However, since Musburger is 134 years old, we know he has been slipping. Then again, as old as he is, he was probably alive when the capitol was moved to Washington D.C.

Week 2 Predictions

Sterling, Cooper, Draper, Pryce, Cougar, Mullencamp's best ad man, Don Draper, stopped by the classroom this week to say hello to Coach Scooter and look over this week's games on the SEC Chalkboard. He shared his predictions, and assigned a Man Men character to each game so you get an idea of what you will be seeing.



Thursday Night

Auburn at Mississippi State

7:30pm - ESPN

Rece Davis, Craig James, Jesse Palmer, Jenn Brown

Both teams are filled with promise and have been mentioned as SEC West contenders if Alabama should stumble. You have to like what Bulldogs coach Dan Mullen has done so far in Starkville and Auburn better not take them too lightly. I think both teams are going in the right direction, but are not there yet. I will predict Auburn gets out of Scott Field with a win...but barley.

Mad Men Character: Peggy Olsen. Both teams are heading in the right direction, but need a little time to leave their mark. Maybe this is the game that promotes them up the ladder in the SEC.



Saturday

#22 Georgia at #24 South Carolina

12:00pm - ESPN 2

Mark Jones, Bob Davie, Quint Kessenich

The best matchup of the week finds the Dawgs going to Columbia to play the 'Cocks. I went on record earlier this year in saying the winner of this game would win the SEC East. After one week, I stand by my comment, especially after seeing both teams play, and given Florida's struggles, it's a three-team race.

I see this as an even game, but the difference is Carolina has an experienced QB, UGA does not, and the game is in Columbia. Gamecocks take their first big step to their first SEC East championship.

Mad Men Character: Joan Bennett. This one will get sexy, steamy and saucy.



USF at Florida

12:21pm - SEC Network

Dave Neal, Andre Ware, Cara Capuano

Florida struggles against Miami-Ohio last week. USF beat Stony Brook 59-14. A lot of people predict an upset of biblical proportions. Well, given that, call me an atheist because I think Urban and the boys will turn it around, especially as they get tuned up for a date in Knoxville next week.



Mad Men Character: Lane Pryce. The Gators will bring a dry, no humor attitude into Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, and at the end of the day, they will have met their bottom line. It won't be sexy, but it will have teeth. (Thanks to Mitch McDeere for that comment).

#18 Penn State at #1 Alabama

7:00pm - ESPN

Brent Musberger, Kirk Herbstreit, Erin Andrews

This one is going to be a big time slugfest in Tuscaloosa as Bama gets its first test in 2010. You have to figure that with the Lions are breaking in a new QB in front of over 100,000 crimson-faced fanatics, that is a tough burden to overcome. How can Saint Nick and the Red Elephants lose in their own jungle? They won't.



Mad Men Character: Don Draper. Hard-nosed, tough talking, no nonsense, no soft spot for the weak. However, there is something to love out of all that macho stuff if you look hard enough. And when I look, I see Julio Jones making a lot of big time plays on Saturday night.

#7 Oregon at Tennessee

7:00pm – ESPN 2

Mike Patrick, Craig James, Heather Cox

As much as I would like to think the Vols will uphold the pride and honor of the SEC, they are just too young to stand toe to toe with the defending Pac-10 Champions. Good thing this game is in Knoxville, otherwise, I would say it would get out of hand in a hurry. As it is, the frenzied home crowd and the emotion of the moment will carry Dooley's team for a while, then fall short once the fourth quarter arrives.

Mad Men Character: Pete Campbell. The Vols are young and talented, but not ready just yet to be the big dog in the office.



#19 LSU at Vanderbilt

7:00pm – ESPNU

Clay Matvick, Herm Edwards, Jessica Mendoza

Remember this was the game where Cake got to sit with Miss Babs while they watched Gavin Grey tear up the field for LSU in *Everybody's All-American*. I have a feeling the Tigers will be the ones sitting pretty once this one is over in Nashville, especially since LSU has the better team, while Vandy is coming off a loss to....GASP...Northwestern! How does that song go? Nuts, hot nuts, get 'em from the peanut man...

Mad Men Character: The Sweet Betty Draper. The Tigers will look like their Magnolia Queen in this one.



#14 Arkansas vs. Louisiana-Monroe (at Little Rock)

7:00pm – ESPN Gameplan

Bob Rathbun, Tim Couch, Jenn Hildreth

Ryan Mallet and the Hogs look for victory #2 and should get it over Louisiana Monroe. Warhawks RB Frank Goodin rushed for 1,126 yards and 13 TD's last season, and will give the Arkansas defense all they want. However, the ULM defense return only four starters and will be facing one of the best QB's in the country. Ouch!



Mad Men Character: The evil Betty Draper. The Hogs will look good, while the Warhawks will look a little ugly, especially on defense. Mix the two and you have a very bi-polar type contest in Little Rock.

Western Kentucky at Kentucky

7:30pm – ESPN Gameplan

Matt Stewart, Chris Doering, Allison Williams

Kentucky football is relevant again. Well, since the Bear Bryant days, anyway. No matter, Joker Phillips has the Cats on the right track after winning their rivalry game with Louisville last week. Now they are looking to win the state championship by blasting the Hilltoppers. After this one, Big Blue gets Akron, then the first big test at Florida. Look for a nice tune up here and next week, before reality sets in down in Gainesville.

Mad Men Character: Jane Sterling. UK is coming from obscurity to now being in the mix with the big names around the office. Question is, how long will the honeymoon last in Lexington?



Mississippi at Tulane
9:00pm – ESPN Classic
Bob Wischusen, Brian Griese

Holy (Bob) Toledo, the Green Wave are 1-0! However, they have the misfortune of getting a very angry Ole Miss team that was embarrassed at home last week. Tulane opened their season with a 27-21 victory over Southeast Louisiana, so they come in with a better record than the Rebs. Who would have thought that? As much as I would like to pick the Green Wave, go with Houston Nutt to bring Ole Miss back from last week's loss.

Man Men Character: Roger Sterling.

When things get tough, like they are in Oxford right now, you need a laugh to get through the tough times. Nobody does that better than Mr. Sterling in New York, and you'll see Mr. Nutt do it in New Orleans on Saturday.

