

the LINE



Week 4 – State Motto of the Week

Minnesota: 10,000 Lakes...and 10,000,000,000,000 Mosquitoes

How **the LINE** Fared in Week 3

Pickin' Winners

Week 3's Record, **16-5 (76% correct)**

For the Season, **32-8 (80% correct)**

Give or Take?

"where the goal is to be 50/50"

In Week 3, you were nominally better off to give the points & pick the Favorite (11 games, 52%) versus take the points & choose the Underdog (10 games, 48%).

For the Season: No advantage to either giving the points & picking the Favorite (20 games, 50%) or taking the points & choosing the Underdog (20 games, 50%)—exactly **the LINE**'s goal!

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the LINE's Closest Calls from Week 3

Game	the LINE sed	Actual Outcome
Fresno State at #6 Washington	Huskies by 32 ½	Huskies by 32
Army at #8 Ohio State	Buckeyes, 40-10	Buckeyes, 38-7
#23 Tennessee at #24 Florida	Gators, 27-23	Gators, 26-20
New Mexico at Boise State	Boise State by 16 ½	Boise State by 14
* Samford at #13 Georgia	Dawgs, 38-17	Dawgs, 42-14
Air Force at #7 Michigan	Michigan, 35-13	Michigan, 29-13

* No point spread from Vegas, only in **the LINE**!

Mississippi State's Nick Fitzgerald grew up a Georgia fan, but that won't matter Saturday

Will Sammon, The Clarion-Ledger Sept. 18, 2017



STARKVILLE — When Nick Fitzgerald was in elementary school, he had an area rug at the foot of his bed in his room. The rug's colors: red, black and white. There was a large "G" in the middle of it.

The curtains in Fitzgerald's room were the same color pattern and featured various logos for the UGA Bulldogs. Georgia football posters decorated the walls, including one of his uncle Charles Pledger, who played cornerback for Georgia from 1990-93.

His family settled down just outside Savannah, Georgia when he was about 8 years old. That was right around the time Fitzgerald went to his first Georgia football game. Fitzgerald once got an autographed picture with former Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford, and even attended former longtime Georgia coach Mark Richt's two-day camp when he was 8 or 9.

"He was a Dawg forever," his father Derrick said. "Georgia was his thing."

Fitzgerald tried to land a Georgia scholarship in high school and never received one, but **his dream of playing in Athens will come true Saturday — in a twist, he'll just be in a Mississippi State uniform.**

This is #17 Mississippi State (3-0) at #11 Georgia (3-0) in primetime (6 PM Central, ESPN). The winner earns the right to be called the second-best team in the SEC behind #1 Alabama.

For Fitzgerald, this is an opportunity to build off his best game of the young season and, against a defense widely-regarded as one of the nation's finest, further legitimize the idea that he is the SEC's top quarterback.

"When it came time to get recruited, I went to every Georgia camp I could and it would've been awesome and I would've loved it," Fitzgerald said. **"They just didn't want me."**











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^ AP Rankings ^ HOME team in CAPS ^ Central Times ^ SATURDAY unless noted ^
split decision means that Vegas and the computer predictions do not all agree on the winner



vs.





- The #21  SOUTH FLORIDA Red Bulls over the  Temple Fledging by 17 ½, 38-21 ~ THURSDAY 6:30 PM ESPN
- The #23  Utah Caffeine Free over the  ARIZONA Serena Turnips by 3 ½, 30-26 ~ FRIDAY 9:30 PM FOX Sports 1
- The #10  OHIO STATE Sub-Urban over Runnin' for their Lives  unlv by 40 ½, 51-10 ~ 11:00 AM big ten
- The #12  FLORIDA STATE Second Stringers over the  Snc state Sir Walters of Raleigh by 14 ½, 34-20 ~ 11:00 AM ABC/ESPN2
- **From neutral AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX:** The  texas a&m Lackluster over the  Arkansas Un-Gleaming by 2, 28-26 ~ 11:00 AM ESPN



vs.





- The #1  Alabama Mannheim Steamrollers over the  VANDERBILT Deputy Dogs by 19 ½, 33-13 ~ 2:30 PM CBS

- #2 (By Default)  CLEMSON over the  Boston College Pastry Chefs by 34 ½, 44-10 ~ 2:30 PM ESPN2
- The #5 “Who Are We? No, Really?”  usc over Defense-Minded (for reals)  CALIFORNIA by 15 ½, 38-23 ~ 2:30 PM ABC



vs.







- **Top 20 Clash in the Big 12—or 10, or whomever you are:** The #6 Festus Hagens of  OKLAHOMA STATE over the #16  tcu Koch Brothers by 13, 40-27 ~ 2:30 PM ESPN



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- The #14  MIAMI Irmi over the  Toledo Rockettes by 12, 35-23 ~ 2:30 PM ACC/FOX Regional/Local
- #8  “We need Solutions, not Problems!” Michigan over “Watch Out Baby Cause Here We Come!”  PURDUE by 10 ½, 31-21 ~ 3:00 PM FOX

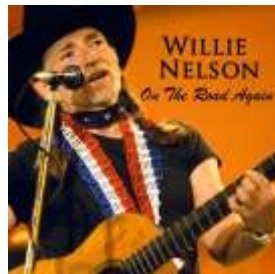


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- The #3  Oklahoma Wagon Masters over the  BAYLOR Barely Bears by 27 ½, 44-17 ~ 5:30 PM FOX Sports 1



- **split decision**—**Top 20 Collision in the SEC:** #11 “Not Always Their Best at Home...and Please, No Black Uniforms”  GEORGIA over the #17 New Darlings of  MISSISSIPPI STATE by 2, 26-24 ~ 6:00 PM ESPN

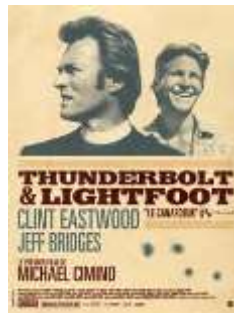


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- #4 (Finally) On the Road Again  Penn State over the “Chicky Chicky”  IOWA Slim Shady by 12 ½, 33-20 ~ 6:30 PM ABC

- #15 Plain Ol’  Auburn over the  MISSOURI Toothless by 21, 38-17 ~ 6:30 PM ESPNU











- The #20  Florida Thunderbolt over the  KENTUCKY Lightfoot by 3 ½, 24-21 ~ 6:30 PM SEC



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- The (Unranked and Irrelevant)  Notre Dame Life of Brian (“Keep Looking on the Bright Side of Life!”) over “We were Contenders!”  MICHIGAN STATE by 4, 28-24 ~ 7:00 PM FOX
- The #7  Washington Pretty Much Untested over the  COLORADO Cowed by 10 ½, 30-20 ~ 9:00 PM FOX Sports 1
- The #24  Oregon Resurgent over the  ARIZONA STATE Shockers by 14, 42-28 ~ 9:00 PM PAC 12 Network
- **Battle of the Unranked PAC 12 Powerhouses?** The  STANFORD (1-2) Sliding over the  ucla (2-1) Unchosen Ones by 7 ½, 31-24 ~ 9:30 PM ESPN

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**We just sometimes need a reminder
to return to our senses
and get out of our own way.**

- Marc Lesser

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