

Alabama Kicker Cade Foster Sent Death Threats and Hateful Tweets After Final Second Loss

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Suffice it to say, this wasn't how Cade Foster saw his final Iron Bowl going. Sure, the biggest play of Alabama's 2013 season came on a field-goal attempt from an impossible length. Fifty-seven yards for a chance at Crimson Tide immortality and a victory over rival Auburn. There was just one second remaining on the clock. The Alabama kicker held a possible three-peat on his right leg. It was frankly every kicker's dream scenario.



Only Foster wasn't the kicker. Nick Saban had pulled him after a nightmarish evening of missing three field goals and passed over for a fourth-down conversion attempt on another. With Alabama and Auburn tied at 28-28, Saban sent out the seldom-used freshman Adam Griffith to kick the game-winner. I'm sure you all know how that played out. If not, view here first:
<http://youtu.be/8GKmkD1pUG0>

With one second remaining on the clock, Auburn defensive back Chris Davis returned Griffith's short kick for 109 yards, giving the Tigers a 34-28 upset of No. 1 Alabama and likely ending the Tide's bid for a third straight national championship. It was one of the greatest endings in college football history, but it could not obscure the fact that the senior was benched in favor of the freshman.

Nights like Foster's bring up perhaps the murkiest subject when discussing collegiate sports: How much can you criticize a 22-year-old kid? What is the proper line here? At what point does the dichotomy between proper observation and unfairness begin? Well, good luck finding that proper line on social media. In the time since Davis' thrilling return, Foster has been inundated with angry words from disgruntled Alabama fans.

All it takes is a quick Twitter search to reveal homophobic, vile hate speech (which won't be linked to, since this is a family website), death threats and any number of other disgusting insults being tossed Foster's way. His Twitter account, which I won't link to out of respect, has even gone dark, and his top-line name has been changed so it doesn't show up in the search function. Heat of the moment aside, I think all of us can agree that threatening someone's life over a football game—whether it's via social media or not—is out of hand. Here's to hoping that Foster and his family make it back to Tuscaloosa safely and Alabama fans choose against giving the program a black eye by acting irrationally.



On a more positive note however, Krissie and Jeff Daughtry were discreetly captured celebrating on camera last Saturday night at historic Toomer's Corner in downtown Auburn, Alabama immediately following the unprecedented 109-yard kickoff return victory of epic and mammoth proportions.

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1. In appropriate paragraph form, compare and contrast the pros and cons synonymous with a celebrity or otherwise high profile personality maintaining a personal social network account enabled to receive public commentary. Provided the exceedingly increased popularity of mass communication via social media, identify a series of proactive measures one may implement forthwith to tactfully combat a similar online bullying dilemma. Assuming you or someone you know is consciously aware of an individual involuntarily subjected to cyber bullying, outline a series of necessary interventions one may employ to ensure this immoral, unethical, and unauthorized behavior discontinues immediately. Thoroughly explain your reasoning and provide specific artifacts and evidence *not* limited solely to article above to support your response. Create and illustrate a Venn Diagram to effectively explore relationships and patterns and to make arguments about relationships between sets.
(LA.910.3.2.2; LA.910.1.6.2; MA.912.D.7.2; MA.912.A.10.1)
2. In silent protest of the tragic unforeseeable demise of the previously undefeated beloved Alabama football program, a disgruntled lifelong fan of the Crimson Tide ceremoniously sacrifices the self-proclaimed infamous football *allegedly* carried by Chris Davis across the goal line to secure the victory. While chanting indiscernible nonsense coupled with something remotely comparable to the school song, he boldly scales the Sunshine Skyway Bridge and reaches the pinnacle of precisely 431 feet. Upon releasing the official NCAA football in a feeble attempt to replay the hideous scene, the force of the gravity causes the product to fall rapidly into the bay. The function h is equivalent to negative sixteen x squared increased by 431 reveals the height of the football h in feet after t seconds. Height h is dependent on time t . Graph t on the x -axis and h on the y -axis. Use nonnegative values for t . Illustrate the table and graph this quadratic equation. Does the football fall as far from $t = 1$ to $t = 2$ as it does from $t = 0$ and $t = 1$? Explain. Identify the *axis of symmetry*, *vertex*, *parabola*, *minimum*, and *maximum*.
(MA.912.A.10.1; MA.912.A.7.1; MA.912.A.7.2; MA.912.A.7.10; MA.912.A.7.8)
3. During a recent failed field goal attempt, University of Alabama kicker, Cade Foster, kicked from ground level into the air. Its height, y , in feet, after x seconds can be represented by the following algebraic equation $y = 40x - 16x^2$. What is the total elapsed time, in seconds, from the time the ball is kicked until it reaches ground level again?
(MA.912.A.10.1; MA.912.A.7.1; MA.912.A.7.2; MA.912.A.7.10; MA.912.A.7.8)
4. Merely out of frustration coupled with an insatiable thirst and deep seeded passion for demonstrating mathematical concepts, a University of Alabama offensive lineman in excess of 370 pounds, he elected to exact vengeance upon a defenseless NCAA football – the culprit of his insurmountable anger. Goliath has maliciously removed the circular portion creating multiple two-dimensional figures. To complete his mathematical masterpiece, he must identify and define the following pertinent geometric components: *chord*, *radius*, *diameter*, *secant*, *tangent*, *point of tangency*, and *center*. Illustrate a series of recently decapitated footballs and identify *tangent* and *concentric circles*.
(MA.912.G.1.2; MA.912.G.6.2; MA.912.G.6.4; MA.912.G.6.5; MA.912.G.7.4)
5. Identify and thoroughly support your reasoning regarding which of the following that best describes the author's attitude toward cyber bullying: flippant disregard, mild frustration, passive resignation or an informed citizen. Explain the intended purpose of this article and identify any indicators or supporting evidence, which suggest the author may possess a bias for or against one resorting to social media to publicly address issues and concerns regarding a particular individual's actions. What is the central idea and what conclusion might one obtain? Provide an inference a cadet presently experiencing cyber bullying may derive from this material. The point of view assumed throughout the passage is best described as first person, second person, third person, or a combination of first and third person. How may this article be referenced for an independent student research project addressing social media etiquette and cyber bullying?
(RI.9-10.1 – 10.6)
6. Using contextual clues *only*, determine the most complete and accurate definitions of following italicized terms: *irrationally*, *vile*, *disgruntled*, *dichotomy*, *inundated*, *murkiest*, *obscure*, *conversion*, *rival*, *immortality*, and *suffice* as obtained from the passage above. Additionally, use each word in a complete sentence to demonstrate further comprehension.
(LA.910.1.6.3; LA.910.1.6.1)
7. **SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY WORD-OF-THE-WEEK** Create a concluding paragraph aligned with the passage above incorporating the following italicized terms: *Mammoth* adj. Huge or gigantic **(LA.910.1.6.1; LA.910.1.6.5)**

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