



2019 UCF FOOTBALL

Nov. 2, 2019
Postgame Notes



UCF 44 (7-2, 4-1) vs. Houston 29 (3-6, 1-4)

Nov. 2, 2019 | Spectrum Stadium | Attendance: 41,361

Weather: Partly cloudy | Temp: 81 degrees | Wind: 6 MPH from the north-northeast

General

- UCF captains: Junior defensive back Antwan Collier, senior quarterback McKenzie Milton, junior wide receiver Gabriel Davis, junior defensive back Alex Swenson, and senior linebacker Nate Evans.
- Coin Toss: Houston won the toss and elected to receive. UCF chose to defend the north end zone.

Team

- The Knights improved to 18-3 with Josh Heupel at the helm
- UCF now leads Houston 6-3 in the all-time series
- The Knights have won 32 of their last 35 games
- UCF has now won at least seven games in three straight seasons
- The Knights scored on the ground and through the air, its 35th straight game doing so, a streak that leads the nation (Oklahoma, 2nd – 22)
- It marked just the second time this season UCF was trailing at the half (Pittsburgh, 21-10)
- UCF outscored Houston 21-0 in the third quarter and has outscored its opponent 49-0 in the third quarter in the last two games (28-0 at Temple)

Offense

- The Knights failed to score on their first offensive drive for just the second time in nine outings (at Pittsburgh)
- Jordan Johnson made his team-leading 47th straight start on the offensive line
- UCF had five scoring drives under two minutes, increasing the season total to 41 scoring drives under two minutes
- UCF has scored 40 points or more in 22 of the last 35 games
- Dillon Gabriel threw a touchdown pass for the ninth straight game to start his career, and threw multiple touchdown passes for the eighth time in nine games
- It marked the fifth time this season that Gabriel has had three or more passing touchdowns
- Gabriel had 298 passing yards in the game and has now passed for 2,516 yards on the season, the most ever by a UCF freshman (Ryan Schneider, 2,334 – 2000)
- He also rushed for his third touchdown of the season
- Marlon Williams caught his fourth touchdown pass of the season and the seventh of his career
- Tre Nixon caught two touchdown passes and now has seven touchdown passes on the season
- Nixon finished with 123 receiving yards, his third 100-yard receiving game of the season and 13 yards off of his career high
- Bentavious Thompson ran for a 43-yard touchdown, his longest run of the season
- He added a second touchdown and now leads the team with seven rushing touchdowns on the season



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- It marked back-to-back games with multiple touchdowns for Thompson

Defense

- It marked the second straight game UCF's opponent has scored first and just the third time overall this season
- Kenny Turnier recorded his first solo sack of the season and led the Knights with 3.5 TFLs
- Houston's 17 first-quarter points were the most UCF has given up in the first quarter this season and the 10-point deficit marked the Knights' largest in the first quarter in 2019
- Prior to Saturday, the Knights had only given up 21 first-quarter points in eight games
- Nevelle Clarke recorded his second interception of the season, the fifth of his career
- The UCF defense gave up a season-high 240 rushing yards
- Houston's 23 first-half points were the most UCF has given up this season
- Brendon Hayes's two sacks gave him a team-leading 6.5 on the season
- Hayes also had a safety, which was the first for UCF since Aug. 31, 2017
- The Knights held Houston scoreless in the third quarter, the second straight game holding their opponent to no points in the third quarter
- UCF held Houston to just 62 second-half yards, giving the Knights' opponents a total of 81 second-half yards in the last two games
- The Knights, who came in ranked third in the nation with 9.0 TFLs per game, totaled a season-high 17 on Saturday

Special Teams

- Andrew Osteen punted seven times for 288 yards, an average of 41.1 yards per punt
- Dylan Barnas went 6-for-6 on extra points