



# 2019 UCF FOOTBALL

Aug. 29, 2019  
Postgame Notes



#17/17 UCF 62 (1-0, 0-0) vs. Florida A&M 0 (0-1, 0-0)

Aug. 29, 2019 | Spectrum Stadium | Attendance: 44,073

Weather: Partly Cloudy | Temp: 86 degrees | Wind: 12 MPH from the northeast

## General

- UCF captains: Senior offensive lineman Jordan Johnson, junior wide receiver Gabriel Davis, senior defensive lineman Brendon Hayes, junior safety Richie Grant and sophomore defensive back Jon Powell
- Coin Toss: Florida A&M won the toss and elected to receive; UCF chose to defend the north end zone.

## Team

- UCF improved to 27-14 all-time in season openers and 32-9 in home openers, marking its fourth straight win in a season opener
- The Knights improved their program record home winning streak to 16 games, the second longest streak in the nation
- UCF scored on the ground and through the air, its 27<sup>th</sup> straight game doing so, a streak that leads the nation (Oklahoma, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 15)
- The Knights improved to 13-1 with Josh Heupel at the helm
- UCF evened the all-time series with Florida A&M, 1-1.
- The Knights are now 32-2 as a ranked team
- UCF has now scored in 31 straight quarters
- Making first career starts on Thursday for UCF: Samuel Jackson, Parker Boudreaux, Greg McCrae, Kenny Turnier, Noah Hancock, Dyllon Lester
- There were 33 players that made their first career appearances as a Knights on Thursday

## Offense

- UCF scored 30 or more points for the 27<sup>th</sup> straight game, the nation's longest such streak and the longest streak of the AP era (since 1936)
- Brandon Wimbush is now 2-0 in games in Orlando, having defeated LSU as Notre Dame's quarterback in the Citrus Bowl during the 2017 season.
- Wimbush has now won six consecutive games as a starting quarterback, winning four in 2018 and the final game of the 2017 campaign.
- He threw a touchdown on his first drive as a Knight, finding Gabriel Davis for a 37-yarder
- Wimbush found Davis again in the second quarter, marking the receiver's first multi-score game in his career
- Wimbush finished 12-of-23 with 168 yards and two touchdowns through the air, as well as eight rushes for 20 yards
- Freshman Dillon Gabriel saw his first collegiate action as well, throwing a touchdown on his first drive, finding Otis Anderson for a 24-yard score
- He finished with 127 yards and three touchdowns on 9-for-13 passing
- Gabriel's third touchdown was to Alex Harris, the receiver's first career score



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- Quadry Jones also threw a touchdown, the second in his career, finding Amari Johnson for his first receiving touchdown
- Jordan Johnson, who came into the 2019 season ranked fifth in the nation for consecutive starts, made his 39<sup>th</sup> straight start on the offensive line Thursday
- Greg McCrae rushed for a 25-yard score in the second quarter, his 13<sup>th</sup> career rushing touchdown
- Adrian Killins rushed for a score in the second quarter as well, the 19<sup>th</sup> of his career, which is the 10<sup>th</sup> most in UCF history
- It marked the 27<sup>th</sup> total touchdown of his career, which ranks sixth all-time at UCF
- He finished with 106 yards in the game, his fifth career 100-yard rushing game
- Ten different Knight receivers made a catch on Thursday

## Defense

- The Knights saw their nation-leading turnover streak end at 32 straight games (Indiana, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 18)
- UCF allowed just 96 total yards to the Rattlers and eight first downs
- It was the least total yards by a UCF opponent since holding Tulane to 50 yard on Nov. 21, 2009.
- The Knights had 12 tackles for loss
- Brendon Hayes and Tre'mon Morris-Brash recorded a sack, the latter's first in his first career game
- It was UCF's first shutout since defeating South Carolina State 38-0 on Sept. 8, 2018 and the Knights' second-straight home opener shutout

## Special Teams

- Dylan Barnas kicked his first career extra point in Black and Gold to give UCF a 7-0 lead and then made it 10-0 with his first field goal as a Knight
- Barnas finished 2-for-2 on field goals with a long of 42 yards
- Daniel Obarski played in his first collegiate game as the kickoff specialist and added an extra point in the fourth quarter
- Andrew Osteen's first career punt in the first quarter went 17 yards
- Otis Anderson, who was 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation in 2018 with 11.9 yards per punt, totaled 79 punt return yards on Thursday, including a 49-yarder in the second quarter