



# 2019 UCF FOOTBALL

Sept. 21, 2019  
Postgame Notes



*#15/16 UCF 34 (3-1) at Pittsburgh 35 (2-2)*

*Sept. 21, 2019 | Heinz Field | Attendance: 42,056*

*Weather: Clear | Temp: 88 degrees | Wind: 8 MPH from the west*

## General

- UCF captains: Senior offensive lineman Jake Brown, sophomore defensive lineman Randy Charlton, sophomore defensive back Derek Gainous, junior defensive back Richie Grant, junior wide receiver Tre Nixon
- Coin Toss: UCF won the toss and elected to receive. Pittsburgh chose to defend the south end zone

## Team

- The Knights' program-record road game winning streak was snapped at 10 games
- UCF scored on the ground and through the air, its 30<sup>th</sup> straight game doing so, a streak that leads the nation (Oklahoma, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 17)
- The Knights fell to 15-2 with Josh Heupel at the helm
- Pittsburgh took a 2-1 lead in the all-time series against UCF
- The Knights are now 34-3 as a Top 25 team and 11-1 on the road as a ranked team, the program's first loss as a ranked team in a true road game
- It marked the first time UCF trailed in a game this season
- After going down 21-0, UCF scored 31 unanswered points to take a 31-21 lead
- The loss snapped UCF's streak of 25 straight regular season victories

## Offense

- UCF scored 30 or more points for the 30<sup>th</sup> straight game, the nation's longest such streak and the longest streak of the AP Poll era (since 1936)
- The Knights had won 70 straight games when scoring 33 or more points, dating back to the 2007 season, but lost with 34 points on Saturday
- The Knights did not score a touchdown on their first drive for the first time this season
- Jordan Johnson, who came into the week ranked seventh in the nation for consecutive starts, made his 42<sup>nd</sup> straight start on the offensive line
- Dillon Gabriel threw two interceptions, his first career turnovers, and the Knights' first interceptions of the season
- UCF failed to score in the first quarter, the first time UCF has not scored in the first quarter since Oct. 20, 2018 at ECU.
- Adrian Killins Jr. scored his third rushing touchdown of the season, the 21<sup>st</sup> rushing td of his career (7<sup>th</sup> in school history) and the 30<sup>th</sup> total touchdown of his career (4<sup>th</sup> in school history)
- Dillon Gabriel threw a touchdown pass for the fourth straight game to start his career
- Gabriel also threw multiple touchdown passes for the fourth straight game to start his career
- Gabriel Davis caught two touchdown passes, his fourth and fifth of the season and the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of his career



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- Davis has now had a touchdown reception in three out of four games this season and had multiple touchdowns twice this season
- Davis finished with 151 receiving yards, his first 100-yard game of the season and the fourth of his career
- It was a career high receiving yards for Davis, who previously recorded 128 yards at Memphis on Oct. 13, 2018

## Defense

- Pittsburgh scored a touchdown in the first quarter, just the second time UCF has allowed a first half touchdown this season, giving up three to the Panthers
- UCF had held its opponents without a touchdown in nine out of 12 quarters, but then allowed Pitt to score touchdowns in all four quarters on Saturday
- UCF, which came into the game leading the nation with 11.3 tackles for loss, had five in the game against the Panthers
- The Knights recovered their first fumble of the season, as Eric Mitchell forced it and Tay Gowan recovered it, the first of his career

## Special Teams

- Andrew Osteen had a punt blocked in the second quarter that Pittsburgh returned for a touchdown, the first punt block returned for a score against UCF since Dec. 17, 2016 at the Cure Bowl
- Osteen also had a 58 yard punt and a 71-yarder, the longest of his career and the third longest in UCF history
- Dylan Barnas connected on a career-long 43 yard field goal and is now five-of-six on the season after going 2-for-2 on Saturday
- Otis Anderson returned a third quarter punt 87 yards for a touchdown, the second longest punt return in UCF history (91 is longest, 11/21/98)
- It was Anderson first punt return for a touchdown and the first UCF punt return for a touchdown since Mike Hughes on 10/14/17