

KNIGHTS TENNIS



2021 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

30	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W, 7-0
29	#21 FLORIDA	W, 4-3
25	at #8 NC State !	L, 4-0
24	vs. #16 Wake Forest!	L, 4-3
JANU	ARY	

FEBRUARY

1	RV OLD DOMINION	W, 7-0
4	STETSON	W, 7-0
1 4 9 13	at #21 Florida	W, 4-1
17	RV MIAMI	W, 4-0
15	IX A TATIVATATI	**, - 0
25	at TCU	W, 5-1
25 27		,

MARCH

7 13 28	FAU UNF SMU #	W, 7-0 W, 6-1 W, 4-1
APRIL		
3 4	at #41 Oklahoma State	W, 4-2
4	at #33 Oklahoma	L, 4-1

SOUTH FLORIDA #^

W. 4-3

W, 7-0

W, 4-3

W. 4-2

POSTSEASON

AAC Tournament (Orlando, Fla.)

#46 TULSA #

at #4 FSU

#24 FURMAN

23	SOUTH FLORIDA	W, 4-1
24	HOUSTON	W, 4-0
25	#46 TULSA	W, 4-1

NCAA Tournament

MAY

9

16

19

7	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	W, 4-0
7 8 16 19 21 22	#23 MIAMI	W, 4-1
16	#18 DUKE	7 PM
19	Quarterfinals	
21	Final Four	
22	Championship	

All caps & bold indicates home match All times listed are EST

- ! ITA Kickoff Weekend
- ^ War On I-4 (regular season)
- # American Athletic Conference

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BACK-TO-BACK AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPS



UCF KNIGHTS

RECORD 20-4 (3-0), AAC RANKING (ITA) 9
NCAA BERTH Automatic, AAC Champs
HEAD COACH Bryan Koniecko (5th Season)

LAST TIME OUT

- The Knights beat Miami for the second time this season, advancing past them to the Round of 16 by a score of 4-1.
- UCF lost the doubles point, but came back to win all six first sets.
- Team captain Rebeka Stolmar earned the clinching victory on court two to send the team to their second straight Sweet 16.
- The Knights had never beaten Miami prior to this season



DUKE BLUE DEVILS

2	RECORD	17-6 (9-4), ACC
9	RANKING (ITA)	18
s	NCAA BERTH	At-large
)	NCAA BERTH HEAD COACH	Jamie Ashworth

SERIES HISTORY

	LAST 10	MEETINGS	
All-Time Seri	ies: 2-0 Duke		
3/9/12	Н	L	7-0
3/9/12 3/6/09	Н	L	7-0

KNIGHT **NOTES**

HOW SWEET IT IS!

- The Knights return to the Sweet 16 for the second straight season.
- Their previous appearance was in 2019 which was the first in program history. UCF had to travel across the country to face No. 6 nationally seeded Pepperdine and fell by a score of 4-2.

CHASING HISTORY

- The Knights are looking for their first Elite Eight berth in program history.
- In each of the last three NCAA Tournament appearances, they have improved on their previous best NCAA Tournament round reached.
- If the Black and Gold can advance, they'd be the first UCF program to reach the Elite Eight since the 2011 women's soccer team.

DEFENDING THE KINGDOM

- The Knights are 60-8 all time on their home courts, whether that be in the regular season, conference tournament, or NCAA Tournament.
- UCF has had two perfect seasons at home, going 18-0 in 2019 after winning the conference crown in Orlando and are 16-0 to this point in 2021, hosting the conference title again and adding two home NCAA Tournament match victories.
- The team is an incredible 39-2 at home over the last three seasons.

ZELEVA: RAISING THE BAR

- Zeleva has continuously raised the bar when it comes to highest singles ranking this season.
- She climbed as high as No. 17 in the Oracle/ITA singles rankings this seaon and has set her new personal and program best four times this season.
- Zeleva brings a 12-match winning streak into the weekend, the longest on the team this season. She hasn't lost since ITA Kickoff Weekend where she dropped two tough decisions.

A CRISP 20

- UCF has achieved 20 wins in a season for just the seventh time in program history.
- It is the third time that the Knights have reached the 20 win mark under Bryan Koniecko.
- There was a good shot that UCF could have achieved 20 wins in 2020 as they were 10-3 when the season got cut short, which would have made four straight 20 win seasons for Koniecko.

THE WINNING STREAK

- UCF is currently on their longest winning streak of the season, sitting at eight straight matches. It may be their most impressive so far, beating #4 FSU, #23 Miami, #46 Tulsa twice and beating rival USF twice.
- The Knights have won 13 of their last 14 matches, with their lone defeat coming at #33 Oklahoma in which the team was missing No. 1 singles player Valeriya Zeleva.

RECORD TEAM RANKING

- The Knights' ranking of #8 after beating FSU was their highest in program history, breaking into the top 10 for the first time.
- UCF was #18 in the Oracle/ITA preseason poll, which was six spots shy of tying the program record.
- The team's previous best ranking was #12 which was acheived early in the 2020 season.





Website:



2021 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Name	CI.	Ht.	Hometown / Previous School
Nadja Bay Christians	Fr.	5-9	Castelldefels, Spain
Sara Culbertson	R-Jr.	5-5	Miami, Fla. / Miami
Marion Deloziere	Fr.	5-9	Wimille, France
Anique Kattenberg	Fr.	5-7	Satellite Beach, Fla.
Ksenia Kuznetsova	Jr.	5-7	Moscow, Russia
Jaleesa Leslie	Fr.	5-7	Apopka, Fla.
Evgeniya Levashova	Jr.	5-7	Moscow, Russia / Pepperdine
Marie Mattel	So.	5-6	Le Plessis-Bouchard, France
Nandini Sharma	R-So.	5-3	Chandigarh, India
Rebeka Stolmar	Sr.	5-6	Budapest, Hungary
Valeriya Zeleva	R-Jr.	5-7	Moscow, Russia

COACHING STAFF

Bryan Koniecko - Head Coach - 5th season Cristina Sanchez-Quintanar - Assistant Coach - 5th season

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Nadja Bay Christians	Nad-EE-uh Bye
Marion Deloziere	
Anique Kattenberg	Uh-Kneek
Ksenia Kuznetsova	Sen-yah Kooz-net-sova
Evgeniya Levashova	Evv-GEN(hard G)-yuh Leva-shova
Marie Mattel	Muh-ree Muh-tell
Nandini Sharma	
Rebeka Stolmar	Rebecca Stoll-mar
Valeriya Zeleva	Va-lair-ee-uh Zel-eh-va
Bryan Koniecko	Brian Kun-YECK-oh
Cristina Sanchez-Quintanar	KEEN-tan-AR

QUICK FACTS

	GENERAL INFORM	ATION
٦	School Name:	University of Central Florida
ı	Location:	Orlando, Fla
ı	Founded:	1963
ı	Enrollment	71,000+
ı	Nickname:	Knights
ı	Colors:	Black and Gold
ı	Affiliation:	NCAA Division
ı	Conference:	American Athletic Conference, The American
ı	President:	Dr. Alexander Cartwright
ı	Athletics Director:	Terry Mohajii
ı	Athletics Departme	nt Phone: (407) 823-3213
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

First Year of Tennis:	1978-79 (43rd Season)
All-Time Record:	520-377 (.580)
Division I Record:	477-313 (.604)
Record in The American (Reg. Seaso	on): 22-15 (.595)
Record in The American Tournamen	it: 10-5
Championships in The American:	2
Conference Championships:	7 (Last 2021)
NCAA Tournament Appearances:	7 (Last 2021)
Record in the NCAA Tournament:	5-6
National Championships:	0

VENUE INFORMATION

Name: UCF Collegiate Tennis Center at the USTA National Campus
Capacity: 1,200
Surface: Plexicushion
Record at the USTA Nat'l Campus: 60-8 (.882)

STAFF INFORMATION

Record at UCF:
Career Record:
Asst. Coach:
Cristina Sanchez-Quintanar (Texas A&M '14)

2021 TEAM INFORMATION

Newcomers/Returners/Lost 3/8/2 2020 Overall Record 10-3

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

North America (3)

JALEESA LESLIE, APOPKA, FLA. SARA CULBERTSON MAMI, FLA ANIQUE KATTENBERG - SATELLITE BEACH, FLA



Ksenia Kuznetsova - Russia Evgeniya Levashova - Russia Valeriya Zeleva - Russia Nandini Sharma - India



Europe (4)

NADIA BAY CHRISTIANS - SPAIN
MARION DELOZIERE - ERANCE

NADIA BAY CHRISTIANS - SPAIN MARION DELOZIERE - FRANCE MARIE MATTEL - FRANCE REBEKA STOLMAR HUNGARY

Senior - 1

REBEKA STOLMAR ^

Junior - 4

SARA CULBERTSON ^ KSENIA KUZNETSOVA ^ EVGENIYA LEVASHOVA VALERIA ZELEVA

Sophomore - 2 Marie Mattel

Nandini Sharma

Freshman - 4

NADJA BAY CHRISTIANS MARION DELOZIERE* ANIQUE KATTENBERG* JALEESA LESLIE*

*DENOTES FIRST YEAR WITH UCF
^DENOTES FINAL YEAR WITH UCF





American Athletic Conference Postseason Awards

Coach of the Year: Bryan Koniecko (3rd straight season)

Player of the Year: Valeriya Zeleva (2nd straight season) (unanimous)

All Conference Team:

Rebeka Stolmar Valeriya Zeleva Ksenia Kuznetsova Evgeniya Levashova

American Athletic Conference Player of the Week Jaleesa Leslie

2/2/21

Clinched the team's win over #21 Florida as the last court standing. Went 3-0 in singles that week as well.

Valeriya Zeleva (twice)

<u>2/16/21</u>

Went a combined 4-0 across singles and doubles. Earned the clinching win against Miami at the No. 2 singles spot, beating No. 87 Achong to clinch the 4-0 sweep. Paired with Ksenia Kuznetsova to earn the doubles clinching point against Miami.

Went 2-0 in singles and 1-1 in doubles. Zeleva topped Furman's No. 15 Kozarov in straight sets in UCF's 4-3 win. Got the call to return to the #1 doubles spot with Kuznetsova.

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RECORD WHEN UCF Wins Doubles Point
CLINCHERS Rebeka Stolmar 5 Nandini Sharma 4 Ksenia Kuznetsova 3 Valeriya Zeleva 3 Evgeniya Levasova 2 Jaleesa Leslie 2 Marie Mattel 1
RECORD BY CALENDAR
Days Monday 2-1 Tuesday 1-0 Thursday 2-0 Friday 5-0 Saturday 7-1 Sunday 3-2
Months January 2-2 February 5-1 March 4-0 April 7-1 May 2-0

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Shutout an Opponent......4-0 vs. Charlseston Southern, 5/7/21 Back-to-Back Shutouts......7-0 vs. Stetson, 2/4/21 7-0 vs. RV Old Dominion, 2/1/21 Beat a Ranked Opp. (Home) 4-0 vs. #23 Miami, 5/8/21 Beat a Ranked Opp. (Away) 4-3 at #4 FSU., 4/16/21 Lost to a Ranked Opponent 4-1 at #33 Oklahoma, 4/4/21 Was Shutout....... 4-0, at #2 Texas, 2/27/21

KNIGHTS IN THE POLL

TEA	M		SIN	GLES		DO	UBLES	
	ITA	Rebeka	Valeriya	Marie	Evgeniya	Stolmar/	Kuznetsova/	
Poll	Rank	Stolmar	Zeleva	Mattel	Levashova	Mattel	Zeleva	
Jan. 13/14	18	42	67	72	95	6	60	
Jan. 27 *	22	42	67	72	95	6	60	
Feb. 10 *	20	42	67	72	95	6	60	
Feb. 17 *	18	42	67	72	95	6	60	
Feb. 24 *	18	42	67	72	95	6	60	
Mar. 3 *	18	42	67	72	95	6	60	
Mar. 10 *	16	42	67	72	95	6	60	
Mar. 17 *	17	42	67	72	95	6	60	
Mar. 24	18	33	25	-	93	32	-	
Mar. 30	16	38	25	-	85	30	75	
Apr. 7*	18	38	25	-	85	30	75	
Apr. 14	18	28	22	-	110	44	-	
Apr. 21	8	30	19	-	99	78	-	
Apr. 28	8	37	<i>17</i>	-	-	-	-	
May 5	9	38	22	-	-	-	-	

*Denotes week with just update team rankings

8 - indicates best ranking in program hisotory

17 - indicates best singles ranking in program hisotory

ITA Rank - indicates computer ranking







2021 DUAL MATCH SEASON STATS

Overall record: 20-4 • Conference: 3-0 • Region: 0-0 • Home: 16-0 • Away: 4-3 • Neutral: 0-1 vs National ranked: 8-4 • vs Regional ranked: 0-0

											vs	ranked		Last
SINGLES	Overall	Dual	Tour	Conf	1	2	3	4	5	6	Nat'l	Reg'l	Strk	10
Nadja Bay Christians	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-1			1-0	0-1	0-2		0-1	0-0	L3	1-3
Sara Culbertson	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0						1-1	0-0	0-0	W1	1-1
Marion Deloziere	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0						0-1	0-0	0-0	L1	0-1
Ksenia Kuznetsova	13-3	13-3	0-0	2-0		1-1	3-2	7-0	2-0		0-1	0-0	W3	7-2
Jaleesa Leslie	15-4	15-4	0-0	2-0				2-1	8-2	5-1	0-1	0-0	W3	7-1
Evgeniya Levashova	12-5	12-5	0-0	2-1	1-1	3-2	7-2	1-0			0-2	0-0	W3	6-2
Marie Mattel	7-4	7-4	0-0	1-0			2-0	3-3	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	W1	3-3
Nandini Sharma	10-2	10-2	0-0	3-0					3-0	7-2	0-0	0-0	L1	6-1
Rebeka Stolmar	13-6	13-6	0-0	1-1	4-1	8-4	1-1				3-3	0-0	W3	6-2
Valeriya Zeleva	12-2	12-2	0-0	1-0	9-2	3-0					7-2	0-0	W12	7-0
Totals	84-31	84-31	0-0	12-3	14-4	15-7	14-5	13-5	15-4	13-6	10-11	0-0		
Percentage	.730	.730	.000	.800	.778	.682	.737	.722	.789	.684	.476	.000		

								VS	ranked		Last
DOUBLES TEAMS	Overall	Dual	Tour	Conf	1	2	3	Nat'l	Reg'l	Strk	10
Marie Mattel/Rebeka Stolmar	5-7	5-7	0-0	1-1	4-7	1-0		2-4	0-0	L2	5-5
Sara Culbertson/Ksenia Kuznetsova	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0		1-1		0-1	0-0	L1	1-1
Marion Deloziere/Valeriya Zeleva	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0			1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	1-0
Ksenia Kuznetsova/Valeriya Zeleva	13-4	13-4	0-0	2-0	5-4	8-0		0-3	0-0	L1	6-4
Evgeniya Levashova/Nandini Sharma	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0			2-0	0-0	0-0	W2	2-0
Nadja Bay Christians/Evgeniya Levashova	7-4	7-4	0-0	2-0		3-3	4-1	0-1	0-0	L1	6-4
Nandini Sharma/Rebeka Stolmar	5-1	5-1	0-0	0-0			5-1	0-0	0-0	L1	5-1
Jaleesa Leslie/Nandini Sharma	2-0	2-0	0-0	1-0		1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	W2	2-0
Ksenia Kuznetsova/Jaleesa Leslie	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0			0-1	0-0	0-0	L1	0-1
Totals	36-18	36-18	0-0	6-1	9-11	14-4	13-3	2-9	0-0		
Percentage	.667	.667	.000	.857	.450	.778	.812	.182	.000		

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Nation	Region
1/24/2021	vs #16 Wake Forest	L	3-4	0-1	0-0	#18	
1/25/2021	at #8 NC State Wolfpack	L	0-4	0-2	0-0	#18	
1/29/2021	#21 FLORIDA	W	4-3	1-2	0-0	#22	
1/30/2021	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W	7-0	2-2	0-0	#22	
2/1/2021	OLD DOMINION	W	7-0	3-2	0-0	#22	
2/4/2021	STETSON	W	7-0	4-2	0-0	#22	
2/9/2021	at #21 Florida	W	4-1	5-2	0-0	#22	
2/13/2021	MIAMI	W	4-0	6-2	0-0	#20	
2/25/2021	at TCU	W	5-1	7-2	0-0	#18	
2/27/2021	at #2 Texas	L	0-4	7-3	0-0	#18	
3/6/2021	#24 FURMAN	W	4-3	8-3	0-0	#18	
3/7/2021	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	W	7-0	9-3	0-0	#18	
3/13/2021	NORTH FLORIDA	W	6-1	10-3	0-0	#16	
* 3/28/2021	SMU	W	4-1	11-3	1-0	#18	
4/3/2021	at #41 Oklahoma State	W	4-2	12-3	1-0	#16	
4/4/2021	at #33 OU	L	1-4	12-4	1-0	#16	
* 4/9/2021	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	W	7-0	13-4	2-0	#18	
4/16/2021	at #4 Florida State University	W	4-3	14-4	2-0	#18	
* 4/19/2021	#46 TULSA WOMEN'S TENNIS	W	4-2	15-4	3-0	#18	
4/23/2021	USF	W	4-1	16-4	3-0	#8	
4/24/2021	HOUSTON	W	4-0	17-4	3-0	#8	
4/25/2021	#46 TULSA	W	4-1	18-4	3-0	#8	
5/7/2021	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	W	4-0	19-4	3-0	#9	
5/8/2021	#23 MIAMI	W	4-1	20-4	3-0	#9	

