



WOMEN'S SOCCER



2018 Schedule & Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 9	Wyoming*	W, 2-0
Aug. 12	at North Florida*	W, 3-0
Aug. 19	FGCU	PPD
Aug. 24	vs. #21 Texas	5 p.m.
Aug. 26	at #4 North Carolina	2 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Miami	6 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Maryland	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	#5 Florida	6 p.m.
Sept. 13	George Mason	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Stetson	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Temple*	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	at UConn*	Noon
Oct. 4	ECU*	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	RV Cincinnati*	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	at RV Memphis*	8 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Tulsa*	2 p.m.
Oct. 18	SMU*	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	Houston*	1 p.m.
Oct. 26	at RV USF*	7 p.m.

The American Championship

Oct. 31	First Round
Nov. 2	Semifinals
Nov. 4	Championship

NCAA Championship

Nov. 19-11	1st Round (Campus Sites)
Nov. 16 & 18	2nd & 3rd Rounds (Campus Sites)
Nov. 23-24	Quarterfinals (Campus Sites)
Nov. 30 & Dec. 2	College Cup (Cary, N.C.)

* = Conference match • Home matches in bold
• All times Eastern and subject to change

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UCF, Not Central Florida

Please refer to the University of Central Florida as UCF, not Central Florida, on all references. Also, UCF is no longer "Golden" and instead simply known as the "Knights."

GAME 1 | #23 UCF (0-0-0) vs. #21 Texas (1-0-1)

Friday, Aug. 24, 2018 | 5 p.m. ET
Finley Fields South | Chapel Hill, N.C.
Series History: Tied 1-1-0
Last Meeting: UCF W, 2-0 (9/12/14, Tampa, Fla.)
Broadcast: ACC Network Extra

GAME 2 | #23 UCF (0-0-0) at #4 North Carolina (2-0-1)

Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018 | 2 p.m. ET
Finley Fields South | Chapel Hill, N.C.
Series History: UNC leads 17-1-4
Last Meeting: UCF W, 2-1 (2OT) (8/25/17, Orlando, Fla.)
Broadcast: ACC Network Extra

KNIGHT NOTES

GAMEDAY NOTABLES

- UCF travels to Chapel Hill for the second time in the last three years.
- The Knights hold the most recent victories in both series, including a double overtime win at home against North Carolina last season.
- This trip will serve as the season opener for UCF after its Aug. 19 matchup against FGCU was called off due to weather.

PRESEASON PICKS

- For the first time since the 2015 season, the Knights will open their campaign as a Top 25 squad. The United Soccer Coaches Association listed the Knights at No. 16 in its preseason poll.
- Vera Varis has accumulated accolades in the preseason. The Vantaa, Finland native was named to the MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List for the most prestigious individual award in college soccer presented to the most outstanding player of the year.
- Varis was also named the American Athletic Conference Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year and was TopDrawerSoccer's Best XI First Team Goalkeeper.
- Dina Orschmann joined Varis on the preseason all-conference team.

CAROLINA CONNECTION

- UCF's matchups against Texas and UNC hold connections to UCF head coach Tiffany Roberts Sahaydak.
- Roberts Sahaydak was an All-America midfielder at Carolina, playing for the Tar Heels from 1995-98. She won NCAA titles in 1996 and 1997.
- Texas head coach Angela Kelly graduated from UNC in 1995 and was a first-team All-America midfielder in 1994.
- Both Roberts Sahaydak and Kelly played under UNC head coach Anson Dorrance, who picked up his 1,000th career victory on Aug. 19.
- UCF associate head coach Tim Sahaydak is also a former Tar Heel.

SAHAYDAK SPECIAL

- On Aug. 25, 2017, Tiffany Roberts Sahaydak accomplished a feat that no other Tar Heel alumnae had been able to accomplish - defeat her mentor Anson Dorrance in a head-to-head encounter.
- North Carolina lost for only the 68th time in its 39-year women's soccer history when UCF came from behind to defeat the Tar Heels 2-1 in double overtime in Orlando.
- Just three minutes in to the Aug. 25 match, then-No. 4 UNC took a 1-0 lead over the Knights.
- Ten minutes later, Dina Orschmann netted the equalizer on a rebound in the 13th minute.
- For the next 92 minutes, both teams had opportunities to tally the game-

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2018 UCF Women's Soccer Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Height	Pos.	Class	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
0	Caroline DeLisle	5-10	GK	Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Paul R. Wharton
1	Vera Varis	5-10	GK	Sr.	Vantaa, Finland/Makelanrinne Sports
2	Samantha Chung	5-2	M	Sr.	Boynton Beach, Fla./Oxbridge Academy (Florida)
3	Emily Tipton	5-4	D	Sr.	Lake Mary, Fla./Lake Mary HS
4	Carrie Lawrence	5-7	M	Sr.	Orlando, Fla./Timber Creek HS (South Carolina)
5	Adrienne Li	5-4	D	RJr.	Ottawa, Canada/E.S.P. Louis-Riel
6	Konya Plummer	5-8	D	Jr.	Epsom, St. Mary, Jamaica/Titchfield HS (Southeastern)
7	Kristen Scott	5-9	F	Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Edgewater HS
8	Lauren Nemeroff	5-3	F	Sr.	Park Hills, Ky./Dixie Heights (Kentucky)
11	Stefanie Sanders	5-11	F	So.	Hamburg, Germany/SV Werder Bremen
12	Elise Legrout		M	Fr.	Dieppe, France
13	Sydney Brown	5-2	D	Fr.	Winter Park, Fla./Oviedo HS
14	Mathilde Kack	5-7	D	Fr.	Nanteuil-la-Forêt, France/Lycee Henri Darras
15	Dina Orschmann	5-6	F	So.	Berlin, Germany/FC Union Berlin
16	Payton Grewal	5-3	F	Jr.	Oviedo, Fla./Oviedo HS
17	Dayana Martin	5-8	F	Fr.	Boca Raton, Fla./Boca Raton Community HS
18	Christina Trickett	5-5	M	Jr.	Independence, Ohio/Walsh Jesuit HS
19	Zandy Soree	5-6	M	Jr.	Weston, Fla./American Heritage HS
20	Madison Murnin	5-4	M	So.	Jacksonville, Fla./Sandalwood
21	Darya Rajae	5-3	M	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla./Saint Frances Catholic Academy
22	Mack Thompson	5-7	D	Jr.	Valrico, Fla./Durant HS
23	Maura Aman	5-7	D/F	Sr.	Annandale, Va./WT Woodson HS
24	Jaida Scott	5-6	D	So.	Plantation, Fla./American Heritage School
25	Piper Dotsikas	5-7	F/D	Fr.	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla./Ponte Vedra HS
26	Jessica Taylor	5-6	F	RJr.	Tampa, Fla./Steinbrenner HS
27	Eden Kawabe	5-3	D	Jr.	Mililani, Hawaii/Mililani HS (San Diego State)
28	Katriina Kuoksa	5-1	M	Jr.	Oulu, Finland/Kastelli Secondary School
30	Chloe N'gazi	5-9	GK	Jr.	Paris, France/Lycee Henri Darras
33	Asia Ervin	5-7	F/D	Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Timber Creek HS

Head Coach: Tiffany Roberts Sahaydak (UNC, 2005) – 6th season at UCF

Associate Head Coach: Tim Sahaydak (UNC, 2005)

Assistant Coach: Chris Cummings (Rollins 2010, 2013)

Pronunciation Guide

Maura Aman.....	Amin
Piper Dotsikas.....	Dot-sih-kas
Payton Grewal.....	GRAY-wall
Mathilde Kack.....	Mah-til-de Kack
Eden Kawabe.....	Kuh-wah-BE
Katriina Kuoksa.....	kw-AHK-suh
Chloe N'Gazi.....	EN-gah-zee
Darya Rajae.....	Dar-E-uh RAH-ji-E
Sahaydak.....	Sah-HAY-dack
Vera Varis.....	VARE-uh VAR-iss

2018 UCF Women's Soccer Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Height	Pos.	Class	Hometown
23	Maura Aman	5-7	D/F	Sr.	Annandale, Va.
13	Sydney Brown	5-2	D	Fr.	Winter Park, Fla.
0	Caroline DeLisle	5-10	GK	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.
25	Piper Dotsikas	5-7	F/D	Fr.	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
33	Asia Ervin	5-7	F/D	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.
2	Samantha Chung	5-2	M	Sr.	Boynton Beach, Fla.
16	Payton Grewal	5-3	F	Jr.	Oviedo, Fla.
14	Mathilde Kack	5-7	D	Fr.	Nanteuil-la-Forêt, France
27	Eden Kawabe	5-3	D	Jr.	Mililani, Hawaii
28	Katriina Kuoksa	5-1	M	Jr.	Oulu, Finland
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5	Adrienne Li	5-4	D	RJr.	Ottawa, Canada
17	Dayana Martin	5-8	F	Fr.	Boca Raton, Fla.
20	Madison Murnin	5-4	M	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.
8	Lauren Nemeroff	5-3	F	Sr.	Park Hills, Ky.
30	Chloe N'gazi	5-9	GK	Jr.	Paris, France
15	Dina Orschmann	5-6	F	So.	Berlin, Germany
6	Konya Plummer	5-8	D	Jr.	Epsom, St. Mary, Jamaica
21	Darya Rajae	5-3	M	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla.
11	Stefanie Sanders	5-11	F	So.	Hamburg, Germany
24	Jaida Scott	5-6	D	So.	Plantation, Fla.
7	Kristen Scott	5-9	F	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.
19	Zandy Soree	5-6	M	Jr.	Weston, Fla.
26	Jessica Taylor	5-6	F	RJr.	Tampa, Fla.
22	Mack Thompson	5-7	D	Jr.	Valrico, Fla.
3	Emily Tipton	5-4	D	Sr.	Lake Mary, Fla.
18	Christina Trickett	5-5	M	Jr.	Independence, Ohio
1	Vera Varis	5-10	GK	Sr.	Vantaa, Finland

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2018 Quick Facts

UCF INFORMATION

LocationOrlando, Fla.
Founded.....1963
Enrollment.....67,000+
Nickname.....Knights
Colors.....Black and Gold
Conference American Athletic Conference
President..... Dr. Dale Whittaker
Director of Athletics..... Dr. Daniel J. White
Athletics Phone (407) 823-4114
Ticket Office Phone (407) 823-1000
Home Facility (Cap.)..UCF Soccer Complex (2,475)

COACHING STAFF

Head CoachTiffany Roberts Sahaydak
Alma Mater.....UNC, 2005
Career Record.....121-74-30 (11 years)
UCF Record68-24-11 (5 years)
Associate Head Coach Tim Sahaydak
Alma Mater.....UNC, 2005
Assistant Coach Chris Cummings
Alma Mater.....Rollins, 2010, 2013
Director of Operations..... Katy Ling

TEAM INFORMATION

2017 Overall Record.....13-2-3
2017 American Record/Finish.....7-0-2/First
2017 American Championship... Championship
Postseason.....NCAA First Round
Starters Returning/Lost.....6-5
Letterwinners Returning.....12

SOCCER HISTORY

First Year of Soccer1981
First Year at Division I Level1982
First Year in American Athletic Conference.....2013
All-Time Record.....457-192-61
NCAA Tournament Appearances/Last.....21/2017

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winner, but neither team was able to go ahead until 104:32 showed on the clock.

- A long ball deflected off a Tar Heel defender and landed at the feet of Kayla Adamek. She tipped it ahead to Christine Creighton, who delivered the game-winning goal.
- UNC entered the match with a 17-0-4 record against UCF, meaning the outcome gave the Knights their first-ever victory over the Tar Heels.
- The Knights faced the Tar Heels in the third round of the 2011 NCAA tournament in Gainesville and advanced to the Elite Eight 5-4 on penalty kicks. Since the teams finished knotted at 1-1 after two overtimes, like all postseason shootouts, that memorable match is officially entered in the record books as a tie.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- UCF has a trio of members on its current roster with international experience this fall.
- Dina Orschmann and Stefanie Sanders were both selected to play for Germany at the U20 Women's World Cup in France.
- Sanders scored Germany's lone goal in its opening match and added an assist while earning a starting in two matches. She saw time in all four of Germany's matches.
- Orschmann earned a starting spot in Germany's third contest in group play, taking a pair of shots that just missed becoming goals.
- Konya Plummer, who joined UCF this spring after two seasons at Southeastern University, is currently with the Jamaican National Team for the Final Qualifiers.

NEW YEAR, NEW FACES

- The Black and Gold welcome 11 newcomers to the squad this fall.
- In its February signing class, UCF added seven freshmen that all hail from the Sunshine State.
- The Knights added a pair of French rookies in Mathilde Kack and Elise Legrouit.
- Senior Samantha Chung became a Knight after three seasons at Florida, while junior Konya Plummer came to UCF after an outstanding career at Southeastern.

STORIED TRADITION

- Since 1981, UCF has accumulated 22 conference championships and 21 NCAA Tournament berths, which include appearances in the 1982 NCAA title game, 1987 Final Four, 2011 Elite Eight and 2014 Sweet 16.
- Vera Varis became the 17th Knight to earn United Soccer Coaches (formerly NSCAA) All-America honors. Former USWNT goalkeepers Amy (Allmann) Griffin and Kim Wyant (current NYU men's soccer head coach) and National Soccer Hall of Famer Michelle Akers all contributed to UCF's 21 All-America accolades.
- Former All-American forward Tishia Jewell (2009-12) is the only female Knight in UCF Athletics history to win the Senior CLASS Award.

A YEAR AGO

- Last season, the Knights posted another championship season under Roberts Sahaydak, going unbeaten in The American to clinch the regular season title.
- The Black and Gold finished the 2017 campaign with a 13-2-3 record, the most wins since the 2014 campaign.
- Returning to the United Soccer Coaches poll, UCF climbed as high as No. 6 and finished the regular season ranked eighth. The Knights posted a 16-match unbeaten streak, the longest since the 2013 campaign.
- UCF swept The American's major awards for the first time in program history, picking up Offensive, Defensive, Midfielder, Rookie, Goalkeeper and Coach of the Year.
- Five Knights earned All-Region recognition, with Vera Varis going on to earn United Coaches All-America honors.

2017 OVERALL TEAM STATS

UCF Combined Team Statistics

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	13 - 2 - 3	6 - 1 - 1	5 - 1 - 1	2 - 0 - 1
Conference	7 - 0 - 2	4 - 0 - 1	3 - 0 - 1	0 - 0 - 0
Non-conference	6 - 2 - 1	2 - 1 - 0	2 - 1 - 0	2 - 0 - 1

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	##	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gwg	pk-att
08/18/17	at #4 South Carolina	L 0-2	2638	12	FERRARA, Morgan	18	13	3	29	43	.302	26	.605	6	2-2
08/20/17	STETSON	W 2-0	250	9	ADAMEK, Kayla	18	10	3	23	36	.278	23	.639	1	0-0
08/25/17	#4 NORTH CAROLINA	W 2-1	848	15	ORSCHMANN, Dina	16	6	8	20	51	.118	23	.451	0	0-0
09/01/17	vs Arizona	W 2-1	0	11	SANDERS, Stefanie	11	4	1	9	31	.129	16	.516	1	0-0
09/03/17	at Arizona State	W 2-1	390	6	CALLAHAN, Bridget	17	3	1	7	22	.136	5	.227	1	0-0
09/21/17 *	at Cincinnati	T 0-0	581	4	LAWRENCE, Carrie	16	2	5	9	13	.154	8	.615	1	0-0
09/24/17 *	at East Carolina	W 4-0	396	20	MURNIN, Madison	18	2	1	5	19	.105	8	.421	1	0-0
09/28/17 *	TULSA	W 6-1	206	2	CREIGHTON, Christine	16	2	5	9	17	.118	4	.235	1	0-0
10/01/17 *	MEMPHIS	W 5-0	207	26	TAYLOR, Jessica	11	1	0	2	5	.200	2	.400	0	0-0
10/05/17 J	at Houston	W 4-0	453	TM	TEAM	0	1	1	3	0	Infinity	1	Infinity	1	0-0
10/08/17 *	at SMU	W 4-0	286	7	MOORE, Julia	15	1	0	2	7	.143	3	.429	0	0-0
10/15/17	at LSU	W 4-0	402	23	AMAN, Maura	18	0	2	2	7	.000	3	.429	0	0-0
10/19/17 *	CONNECTICUT	W 2-0	255	19	SOREE, Zandy	18	0	3	3	21	.000	9	.429	0	0-0
10/22/17 *	TEMPLE	W 4-1	205	27	DEBOSE, Hannah	17	0	0	0	9	.000	4	.444	0	0-0
10/27/17 *	SOUTH FLORIDA	T 1-1	1410	3	TIPTON, Emily	14	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
11/03/17	vs Memphis	W 3-0	535	28	KUOKSA, Katriina	18	0	4	4	23	.000	9	.391	0	0-0
11/05/17	vs South Florida	Tot 0-0	952	17	VERA, Jen	10	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
11/11/17	WASHINGTON STATE	L 0-1	603	16	GREWAL, Payton	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				22	THOMPSON, Mack	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				8	NEMEROFF, Lauren	13	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				14	FREDRIKSSON, Saga	16	0	1	1	5	.000	4	.800	0	0-0
				33	SOUZA, Kathellen	18	0	2	2	6	.000	2	.333	0	0-0
					UCF	18	45	41	131	317	.142	150	.473	13	2-2
					Opponents	18	9	6	24	163	.055	65	.399	2	1-1

* Conference game

	UCF	Opponents
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SHOT STATISTICS

Goals-shot attempts	45-317	9-163
Goals per game	2.50	.50
Shot pct.	.142	.055
Shots/game	17.61	9.06
Shots on goal	150-317	65-163
SOG pct.	.473	.399

GOAL BREAKDOWN

Penalties	2	1
Unassisted	7	3
Overtime	1	0

CORNER KICKS

UCF	96	44
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PENALTY KICKS

UCF	2-2	1-1
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PENALTIES

Yellow cards	10	14
Red cards	2	1

ATTENDANCE

Total	3984	5146
Dates/Avg Per Date	8/498	7/735
Neutral Site #/Avg	3/496	

##	Goalie	gp	min	ga	gaavg	saves	%	w	l	t	sho	Ssho
1	VARIS, Vera	18	1315:06	4	.27	40	.909	11	2	3	8	2
30	N'GAZI, Chloe	8	334:26	5	1.35	14	.737	2	0	0	0	2
	Total	18	1649:32	9	.49	56	.862	13	2	3	8	2
	Opponents	18	1828:32	42	2.07	105	.714	2	13	3	4	0

Goals By Period

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
UCF	21	23	0	1	45
Opponents	4	5	0	0	9

Shots By Period

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
UCF	154	145	9	9	317
Opponents	76	75	9	3	163

Saves By Period

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
UCF	19	32	3	2	56
Opponents	55	40	4	3	102

Corners By Period

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
UCF	46	43	2	5	96
Opponents	29	10	2	3	44

Fouls By Period

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
UCF	85	86	4	3	178
Opponents	85	85	4	6	180

RANKINGS AND AWARDS

United Soccer Coaches Top 25

	School	Record
1	Stanford (34)	1-0-0
2	UCLA	1-0-0
3	Penn State	2-0-0
4	North Carolina	2-0-0
5	Florida	2-0-0
6	Florida State (1)	2-0-0
7	Virginia	2-0-0
8	Southern California	1-0-0
9	Texas A&M	2-0-0
10	South Carolina	2-0-0
11	Duke	1-1-0
12	Santa Clara	1-0-0
13	Tennessee	2-0-0
14	Princeton	0-0-0
15	Georgetown	1-0-1
16	NC State	1-0-0
17	Baylor	2-0-0
18	Kansas	2-0-0
19	Northwestern	2-0-0
20	Notre Dame	2-0-0
21	Texas	1-0-0
22	Washington State	2-0-0
23	UCF	0-0-0
24	Auburn	2-0-0
25	West Virginia	0-1-1

Receiving Votes: Rutgers (120), Texas Tech (109), South Florida (104), Minnesota (100), Pepperdine (72), Oklahoma State (40), California (38), Butler (18), Mississippi (17), Cincinnati (11), North Dakota State (8), Clemson (6), Oregon (5), Arkansas (4), Long Beach State (4), North Texas (3), UC Irvine (2), Nebraska (2), Illinois (2), Memphis (1), La Salle (1), Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1)

*Week 1 poll - Aug. 21

TopDrawer Soccer Top 25

	School	Record
1	Stanford	1-0-0
2	UCLA	1-0-0
3	North Carolina	2-0-0
4	Florida	2-0-0
5	Virginia	2-0-0
6	Penn State	2-0-0
7	South Carolina	2-0-0
8	Florida State	2-0-0
9	Texas A&M	2-0-0
10	Southern California	1-0-0
11	Duke	1-1-0
12	Princeton	0-0-0
13	Santa Clara	2-0-0
14	UCF	0-0-0
15	Tennessee	2-0-0
16	NC State	2-0-0
17	Notre Dame	2-0-0
18	West Virginia	0-1-1
19	Oklahoma State	1-0-0
20	Baylor	2-0-0
21	Texas	1-0-0
22	Washington State	2-0-0
23	Georgetown	1-0-1
24	California	1-1-0
25	Auburn	2-0-0

Receiving Votes: Arizona, South Florida, Colorado, Kansas, Rutgers

*Week 1 poll - Aug. 20

Active Career American Weekly Award Winners

Defensive Player of the Week

Name	Total	2018
Carrie Lawrence	1	

Rookie of the Week

Name	Total	2018
Madison Murnin	1	
Dina Orschmann	4	
Jessica Taylor	1	
Vera Varis	3	

Goalkeeper of the Week

Name	Total	2018
Vera Varis	1	

2018 American Athletic Conference Preseason Poll and Honors

Preseason Coaches' Poll

School	Points (1st Place Votes)
1. UCF	76 (6)
2. USF	73 (3)
3. Memphis	68 (1)
4. Cincinnati	54
5. SMU	53
6. UConn	39
7. Houston	34
8. ECU	24
9. Tulsa	18
10. Temple	11

Preseason All-Conference Team

Vera Varis, UCF
Dina Orschmann, UCF*
 Sophie Gorman, Cincinnati*
 Vivien Beil, UConn
 Jazmin Grant, Houston
 Olivia Gauthier, Memphis
 Marie Levasseur, Memphis*
 Elizabeth Woerner, Memphis*
 Andrea Hauksdottir, USF
 Evelyne Viens, USF*
 Allie Thornton, SMU

* denotes unanimous selection

Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year

Vera Varis, UCF

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Evelyne Viens, USF

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

Olivia Gauthier, Memphis

HEAD COACH TIFFANY ROBERTS SAHAYDAK



An Olympic gold medalist, World Cup champion and two-time NCAA champion, Tiffany Roberts Sahaydak was named head women's soccer coach at UCF in May 2013.

A three-time American Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, Roberts Sahaydak has wasted no time in putting her stamp on UCF's successful program. Under her guidance, the Knights have earned four NCAA Tournament bids and four American Athletic Conference championships while boasting 11 conference Player of the Year awards and 38 all-league and tournament selections.

In 2017, Roberts Sahaydak coached the Knights to a 13-2-3 record, the most wins since the 2014 campaign. UCF climbed as high as No. 6 and finished the regular season ranked eighth. The Knights posted a 16-match unbeaten streak, the longest since the 2013 campaign, captured the American Athletic Conference regular season championship and made their 21st NCAA Tournament appearance.

Under Roberts Sahaydak's tutelage, five members of the team received All-Southeast Region recognition and goalkeeper Vera Varis was named to the United Soccer Coaches Association All-American Third Team. In addition, five of her starters were recognized as American Athletic Conference Players of the Year, including Morgan Ferrara (Offensive), Kathellen Sousa (Co-Defensive), Vera Varis (Goalkeeper), Kayla Adamek (Midfielder), and Dina Orschmann (Rookie). A total of seven Knights were placed on the All-American Athletic Conference Teams, and three were recognized on the all-tournament team.

In 2016, four student-athletes were named to the All-American Athletic Conference Teams. Saga Fredriksson was named to the All-Northeast Region Team and recognized as the American Athletic Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year. Off the field, the Knights earned recognition for their academic success as they received the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award.

Roberts Sahaydak tackled the 2015 season with team that featured more newcomers (14) than returners (12) and lost three key members due to injury for the year before the season-opening weekend was in the books. Eight of their starters, including their American Athletic Conference Offensive Player, Defensive Player and Goalkeeper of the Year, had moved on from the year before. But the Knights earned a berth to their ninth-straight NCAA Tournament (20th overall) and nabbed a hosting gig for the first round for the fifth straight season. In addition, Carol Rodrigues was named the American's Co-Offensive Player of the Year.

In 2014, she guided the Knights to their second NCAA Sweet 16 appearance in four years and the American regular season title. Under her direction, three Knights were recognized as conference Players of the Year: Tatiana Coleman (Co-Offensive); Carleigh Williams (Defensive); and Connie Organ (Goalkeeper). UCF posted its first undefeated home slate (11-0) since 1999, matched the school record for wins in a season (18) and was nationally ranked through much of the year.

In her first season (2013), she led UCF to a school-record unbeaten streak (18 matches), an NSCAA national standing through much of the year and the program's first undefeated conference season since 1999. In addition, UCF made history as the first program to win an American Athletic Conference Championship. Roberts Sahaydak came to Orlando after serving six seasons at VCU alongside her co-head coach, husband and current UCF associate head coach Tim Sahaydak. Roberts Sahaydak spent a decade with the U.S. National Team from 1994-2004, earning 110 caps (with 60 starts). Her career was highlighted by three women's World Cups - among them, the unforgettable 1999 championship - and a gold medal with the 1996 Olympic team.

After retiring from the USWNT, she has served as an ambassador for U.S. Soccer with the U.S. Department of State Sports Envoy Program since 2007, promoting the power and benefit of sport internationally. With the program, she has visited Indonesia, Uganda, the Philippines, Thailand, Namibia, Brazil and France. In 2014, she was appointed to President Barack Obama's Presidential Delegation to the Federative Republic of Brazil at the opening of the FIFA World Cup in Brazil. She is a native of San Ramon, Calif., and was selected as the 1994 California High School Player of the Year. She was a three-time Parade High School All-American, a three-time NSCAA All-American and was the two-time National Girl's High School Player of the Year.

She debuted for the Stars and Stripes in 1994 when she was only 16 as one of the youngest players ever to suit up for the National Team. She played in her first FIFA Women's World Cup a month after her 18th birthday and won Olympic gold before she was out of her teens (USSoccer.com).

As a collegian, Roberts Sahaydak was a standout midfielder for North Carolina (1995-98) as a three-time All-ACC First Team selection. She led the Tar Heels to two NCAA titles (1996, 1997) during her tenure, was voted the 1998 ACC Tournament MVP and finished third in voting for collegiate soccer's highest honor, the Hermann Trophy. She still ranks among the top five for career starts in UNC's record book.

She was a two-time captain for the Carolina Courage in the first fully professional U.S. women's league (Women's United Soccer Association). She helped the Courage win the 2002 title after finishing last in the team's inaugural campaign one year prior.

Roberts Sahaydak took over VCU's program in 2007 and led the Rams to three conference championship game appearances. She was voted as the 2011 Colonial Athletic Association Co-Head Coach of the Year, along with her husband Tim. The duo mentored two CAA Defenders of the Year, one CAA Rookie of the Year and 20 all-conference players, including six first-team honorees.

The Sahaydaks reside in Orlando with their two daughters, Layla and Evie.

