



2019 UCF FOOTBALL

Dec. 23, 2019
Postgame Notes



2019 Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl

UCF 48 (10-3) vs. Marshall 25 (8-5)

Dec. 23, 2019 | Raymond James Stadium | Attendance: 33,539

Weather: Cloudy | Temp: 62 degrees | Wind: 13 MPH from the west

General

- UCF captains: Senior placekicker Dylan Barnas, junior wide receiver Tre Nixon, senior linebacker Nate Evans, senior offensive lineman Jake Brown, junior defensive lineman Kenny Turnier.
- Coin Toss: UCF won the toss and elected to defer to the second half. Marshall will receive and defend the north end zone.

Team

- The Knights improved to 22-4 with Josh Heupel at the helm
- UCF now leads Marshall 9-3 in the all-time series and has won each of the last nine games against the Thundering Herd.
- The Knights have won 35 of their last 39 games dating back to the start of the 2017 season
- The senior class won 41 games in four years, the winningest four-year stretch in program history
- The Knights scored on the ground and through the air, its 39th straight game doing so, a streak that leads the nation (Clemson, 2nd – 23)
- UCF is now 5-6 in bowl games and 5-3 since 2010
- The Knights have played in a bowl each of the last four seasons, the first time in program history
- UCF scored 21 points in the first quarter, tied for the most in the first quarter in Gasparilla Bowl history
- The 73 combined points marked the most in Gasparilla Bowl history

Offense

- Jordan Johnson made his team-leading 51st straight start on the offensive line
- UCF had two scoring drives under two minutes, increasing the season total to 49 scoring drives under two minutes on the season
- The Knights scored 30 or more points for the 11th time in 12 games this season
- UCF's 48 points marked the Gasparilla Bowl record for points scored
- Greg McCrae scored his seventh rushing touchdown of the season and the 19th of his career
- Dillon Gabriel threw a touchdown pass for the 13th straight game, which is the fifth longest streak in UCF history
- He now has 29 passing touchdowns on the season, which is the third most in a single season at UCF (37; McKenzie Milton, 31; Ryan Schneider)
- Gabriel now has 3,653 passing yards on the season, the fourth most in a season at UCF
- He also rushed for a touchdown, his fourth of the season
- Otis Anderson caught a touchdown pass, the ninth receiving touchdown of his career
- Marlon Williams also caught his sixth touchdown of the season and led the Knights with 132 receiving yards



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- Richie Grant recorded his first interception of the season and the seventh of his career
- He returned it 39 yards for a touchdown, the first pick-six of his career
- It was UCF's first interception return for a touchdown since Sept. 29 against UConn and just the team's second of the year
- Grant also forced a fumble, which was recovered by Antwan Collier
- It was Grant's first forced fumble of the season and the fifth of his career
- Collier recovered two fumbles on the day, giving him three recoveries in his career
- He also recorded an interception, his team-leading fourth pick of the season
- Aaron Robinson was credited with the forced fumble on Collier's second recovery, the first forced fumble of his career
- Tre'Mon Morris-Brash forced a fumble and recovered it, his first in both categories
- Morris-Brash returned it for a touchdown, the first score of his career
- It marked the first time UCF scored multiple times on defense since Nov. 5, 2016
- The four turnovers forced are the most by UCF in a bowl game
- The UCF defense shutout Marshall in the first and fourth quarters, bringing its season total to 20 quarters shutting out the opposition
- UCF came into Saturday leading the nation with 9.3 tackles for loss per game, but had just five against the Herd

Special Teams

- Dylan Barnas is now 15-for-17 on the season after going 2-for-2 on field goals against the Herd