



WAKE THE GIANT

2021 UCF BASEBALL GAME NOTES

11 Conference Championships | 13 NCAA Regional Appearances | 108 MLB Draft Picks

GAME INFORMATION

Date: Feb. 26
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Site: Oxford, Miss.
Stadium: Oxford-University Stadium at Swayze Field
Watch: ESPN+
Live Stats: ucfknights.co/stats

2021 SCHEDULE

February
19 FAU L, 12-6
20 FAU L, 20-15
21 FAU W, 15-6
23 Stetson L, 7-0
26 Ole Miss 5 pm
27 Ole Miss 2:30 pm
28 Ole Miss 1 pm

march

3 Stetson 6:30 pm
5 Liberty 6 pm
6 Liberty 4 pm
7 Liberty 12 pm
10 North Florida 6 pm
12 North Florida 6 pm
13 North Florida 5 pm
14 North Florida 2 pm
16 FAU 6 pm
19 Jacksonville 7 pm
20 Jacksonville 2 pm
21 Jacksonville 1 pm
24 Florida State 6 pm
26 Troy 7 pm
27 Troy 4 pm
28 Troy 2 pm
30 Jacksonville 6 pm

april

1 South Florida 6 pm
2 South Florida 2 pm
South Florida dh
3 South Florida 1 pm
9 Cincinnati 1 pm
Cincinnati dh
10 Cincinnati 4 pm
11 Cincinnati 1 pm
16 South Florida 2 pm
South Florida dh
17 South Florida 4 pm
18 South Florida 1 pm
23 East Carolina 1 pm
East Carolina dh
24 East Carolina 4 pm
25 East Carolina 12 pm
30 Memphis 2 pm
Memphis dh

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1 Memphis 4 pm
2 Memphis 1 pm
7 Wichita State 2 pm
Wichita State dh
8 Wichita State 4 pm
9 Wichita State 1 pm
14 Tulane 2 pm
Tulane dh
15 Tulane 5 pm
16 Tulane 2 pm
20 Houston 2 pm
Houston dh
21 Houston 6 pm
22 Houston 4 pm

25-30 The American Championship
NCAA Regionals
6/18-6/30 NCAA Super Regionals
College World Series

Home games in bold
\* Denotes games in The American
All game times are EST.

WEEKEND SERIES 2



UCF KNIGHTS

RECORD: 1-3, 0-0
CONFERENCE: The American
HEAD COACH: Greg Lovelady, Miami '01
CAREER RECORD: 251-127 (.664)
SCHOOL RECORD: 127-71 (.641)



OLE MISS REBELS

RECORD: 4-0, 0-0
CONFERENCE: Southeastern Conference
HEAD COACH: Mike Bianco, LSU '89
CAREER RECORD: 871-511-1 (.630)
SCHOOL RECORD: 771-440-1 (.637)

KNIGHT NOTES

leading off

- The Knights return to the diamond after a COVID-19 shortened 2020 campaign with a 15-3 overall record, and were ranked as high as No. 12 by four of the major six national baseball polls.
The Knights combined for 30 runs in back-to-back games to end the series with Florida Atlantic. It was the most in two consecutive games since 2015, when the Knights plated 16 against Fairfield at home, and scored 18 in their next contest at Bethune-Cookman.
Seven Knights have combined for eight home runs for the Knights, which is tied for ninth in the country. UCF has also plated 36 runs across three games, tied for 16th in the nation

ranked opposition

- UCF is 25-27 against ranked opposition under head coach Greg Lovelady and went a combined 8-6 against Top 25 opponents in 2019 and 2020.
In the last two seasons, the Knights defeated No. 3 Florida and No. 14 Florida State in mid-week matchups and swept No. 8 Auburn at Plainsman Park in a three-game set.
This is UCF's first meeting with a No. 1 ranked team since defeating Florida, 9-7 and 4-2 in back to back nights in 2018

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- For the 13th straight year, the Knights had representation in the Major League Baseball Draft when Jeff Hakanson was selected by the Tampa Bay Rays as the 155th pick in the shortened five-round 2020 MLB Draft.
Jeff Hakanson became the 108th draft pick in Knights history, and the 19th pick in the first five rounds of the MLB Draft.
Knights pitcher, Trevor Holloway also joined the professional ranks at the conclusion of the 2020 campaign, signing a free agent deal with the New York Yankees over the summer.

preseason honors

- Colton Gordon and Jack Sinclair brought in the first accolades of the 2021 campaign as the pair of Knights were named to the American Athletic Conference Preseason All-Conference Team in late December.
Redshirt sophomore Colton Gordon posted a 2-0 record with a 2.35 ERA over 23.0 innings of work, the most of any Knights pitcher.
Jack Sinclair made eight appearances out of the bullpen in 2020, tied for the most on the Knights roster. Sinclair racked up 20 strikeouts in just 12.1 innings of work and maintained a 1.35 ERA
Freshman Alex Freeland also reigned in preseason honors as the d1baseball.com American Athletic Conference Preseason Freshman of the Year. The Cape Coral, Fla. native was also tabbed No. 27 on the Top 500 Incoming Freshman by Perfect Game.

weekly conference honors

- David Litchfield and Ben McCabe were named to the American Athletic Conference weekly honor roll for their performances against Florida Atlantic over the weekend.
Litchfield earned the win for the Knights against Florida Gulf Coast on Feb. 21, striking out five batters in 2.1 innings of work with one run allowed
McCabe hit .308 (4-13) with two doubles and two home runs for the Knights against Florida Gulf Coast. The sophomore catcher scored five runs and drove in nine runs, including eight on Feb. 20.

A WIN WOULD

- Be better than a loss
Be the first ranked win for the Knights in 2021
Be the first win over a No. 1 ranked team since 2018

A SERIES WIN WOULD

- Be the first series win for the Knights in 2021
Be the first road series win since sweeping No. 8 Auburn

A SWEEP WOULD

- Be the second sweep of a ranked SEC opponent on the road in as many years.

SERIES NOTES

OLE MISS 2-5
H: 2-1, A: 0-3, N: 0-1, PS: N/A
5/27/1995 N L 7-6
2/28/2014 A L 4-3 (13)
3/1/2014 A L 5-4 (10)
3/2/2014 A L 9-2
2/27/2015 H W 5-4
3/1/2015 H W 3-2 (7)
3/1/2015 H L 4-3

STARTING ROTATION

Friday
Colton Gordon - LHP LHP - Doug Nikhazy
0-0, 1 App, 1 GS, 2.25 ERA, 4.0 IP, 1 ER, 1 BB, 6 K 0-0, 1 App, 1 GS, 16.20 ERA, 1.2 IP, 3 ER, 4 BB, 3 K
Saturday
Hunter Patteson - LHP RHP - Gunnar Hoglund
0-1, 1 App, 1 GS, 54.00 ERA, 1.2 IP, 10 ER, 4 BB, 1 K 1-0, 1 App, 1 GS, 5.06 ERA, 5.1 IP, 3 ER, 3 BB, 11 K
Sunday
TBD RHP - Derek Diamond
1-0, 1 App, 1 GS, 1.50 ERA, 6.0 IP, 1 ER, 1 BB, 8 K

TALE OF THE TAPE

UCF OFFENSE OLE MISS UCF PITCHING/DEF. OLE MISS
Batting Avg. .264 9.26 ERA 2.25
Slugging Pct. .459 0 Complete Games 0
On-Base Pct. .396 1 Saves 2
Doubles 7 42/23 Strikeout/Walks 60/17
Triples 1 .305 Opp. B.A. .175
Home Runs 4 5 Errors 1
Walks 18 .964 Fielding Pct. .992
Stolen Bases/Att 3-6



**SERIES SNAPSHOT**

OPP	GP	AVG	R	H	SB-AT	ERA	BB	K	TOP PITCHER	TOP HITTER
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	3	.302	36	35	1-3	10.04	19	31	DAVID LITCHFIELD	BEN MCCABE
OLE MISS										
LIBERTY										
NORTH FLORIDA										
JACKSONVILLE										
TROY										
SOUTH FLORIDA										
CINCINNATI										
SOUTH FLORIDA										
EAST CAROLINA										
MEMPHIS										
WICHITA STATE										
TULANE										
HOUSTON										
AAC CHAMPIONSHIP										

**MIDWEEK SNAPSHOT**

OPP	AVG	R	H	SB-AT	ERA	BB	K	TOP PITCHER	TOP HITTER
STETSON	.125	0	4	0-0	7.00	4	11	BEN VESPI (2.0 IP, 3 K, 0 ER)	GEPHRY PENA (1-3, BB)
STETSON									
FLORIDA ATLANTIC									
FLORIDA STATE									
JACKSONVILLE									

**RECORD WHEN**

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
<b>UCF SCORES</b>	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
<b>OPP SCORES</b>	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2

**RECORD WHEN**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>UCF LEADS AFTER</b>	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
<b>UCF TRAILS AFTER</b>	0-2	0-3	0-3	1-3	1-3	0-3	0-2	0-3
<b>GAME IS TIED AFTER</b>	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0

**THE SCORING**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	Total
<b>UCF</b>	0	2	1	2	3	9	6	2	11	0	36
<b>OPP.</b>	5	15	0	9	1	0	1	11	3	0	45

**THE AMERICAN**

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK
East Carolina	0-0	0.000	4-0	1.000	4-0	0-0	0-0	W4
Houston	0-0	0.000	4-0	1.000	4-0	0-0	0-0	W4
Memphis	0-0	0.000	1-0	1.000	0-0	0-0	1-0	W1
Tulane	0-0	0.000	2-2	0.500	2-2	0-0	0-0	W1
UCF	0-0	0.000	1-3	0.250	0-2	1-1	0-0	L1
Wichita State	0-0	0.000	0-2	0.000	0-2	0-0	0-0	L2
Cincinnati	0-0	0.000	0-3	0.000	0-0	0-3	0-0	L3
USF	0-0	0.000	0-3	0.000	0-2	0-1	0-0	L3





**QUICK FACTS**

**general information**

School Name: University of Central Florida  
 Location: Orlando, Fla.  
 Founded: 1963  
 Enrollment: 72,000+  
 Nickname: Knights  
 Colors: Black and Gold  
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I  
 Conference: American Athletic Conference, The American  
 Interim President: Dr. Thad Seymour (Texas A&M '83)  
 Athletics Director: Terry Mohajir (Arkansas St. '93)  
 Baseball Administrator: David Hansen (Florida '92)  
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**program information**

First Year of Baseball: 1973 (49th Season)  
 All-Time Record: 1618-1072-10 (.601)  
 Division I Record: 1,285-802-1 (.613)  
 Postseason Record: 18-26 (.409)  
 Record in The American: 64-79 (.447)  
 Championships in The American: 1 (2017)  
 Tournament Championships in The American: 0  
 Record in The American Tournament: 7-11 (.388)  
 Conference Championships: 11 (Last 2017)  
 NCAA Regional Appearances: 12 (Last 2017)  
 NCAA Regional Titles: 0  
 NCAA Super Regional Appearances: 0  
 NCAA Super Regional Titles: 0  
 College World Series Appearances: 0  
 National Championships: 0

**stadium information**

Name: John Euliano Park (Renamed 2018)  
 Capacity: 3,841  
 Field Dimensions: LF - 320, CF - 390, RF - 320  
 Alleys: LCF - 360, RCF - 360  
 Surface: Natural Grass  
 Record at John Euliano Park: 433-219 (.667)

**staff information**

Head Coach: Greg Lovelady (Miami '01)  
 Record at UCF: 111-56 (.665)/3rd Season  
 Career Record: 235-121 (.660)/6th Season  
 Contact Info for Coach Lovelady: Collin Yeager  
 Baseball Office Phone: (407) 823-4869  
 Asst. Coach: Nick Otte (Indiana '02)/2nd  
 Asst. Coach: Ted Tom (Shawnee State '04)/3rd  
 Asst. Coach: Chris Cates (Louisville '07)/1st  
 Director of Operations: Stephen Branca (Tenn. Wesleyan '12)  
 Student Managers: Peter Amalbert and Tyler

**2021 team information**

Position Starters Returning/New: 6 / 2  
 Position Players Returning/New: 12 / 6  
 Pitchers Returning/New: 13 / 5  
 Newcomers: 11  
 Newcomers Pitchers/Position Players: 6 / 5

**UCF KNIGHTS... that's it...that's who we are... call us that**

Please refer to the University of Central Florida as UCF when shortening the title. Derivatives such as C. Florida, Cent. Florida and C. Fla., should not be used.

Also only call UCF the Knights, not the Golden Knights.  
 REPEAT - **NOT THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS**... it's been over a decade.

**UCF KNIGHTS**

(Please don't make the SID come talk to you during the game.)

**SINGLE-GAME RECORDS**

**batting**

At-Bats 56, (2 times) last Monmouth (16 inn.), 3/9/08  
 Runs Scored 29, UAB, 4/24/09 & Armstrong State, 4/30/87  
 Hits 28, Hartford, 3/14/10 & 28, UAB, 4/24/09  
 Doubles 10, Monmouth, 3/3/06  
 Triples 5, (3 times) last Florida Memorial (8 inn.), 4/14/79  
 Home Runs 7, (2 times) last at Troy, 5/6/05  
 RBI 26, UAB, 4/24/09 & Florida Memorial 4/14/79  
 Total Bases 58, Florida Memorial (8 inn.), 4/14/79  
 Walks 19, LIU Brooklyn, 2/17/12  
 Strikeouts 19, vs. Oklahoma, 5/11/18  
 Stolen Bases 13, Colby, 3/29/88  
 Hit By Pitch 8, Manhattan, 2/24/17 & Wagner, 3/11/06  
 Sacrifice Hits 5, (2 times) last Eckerd, 4/12/84  
 Grand Slams 2, (30 times) last vs. Cincinnati, 4/14/18  
 Average .605, Grace (23-for-38), 4/3/85

**pitching**

Innings 17.0, Rollins, 4/29/82  
 Hits 28, Miami (Fla.), 5/12/85  
 Runs 28, Miami (Fla.), 5/12/85  
 Earned Runs 28, Miami (Fla.), 5/12/85  
 Walks 20, Miami (Fla.), 3/9/78  
 Strikeouts 19, Bethune-Cookman, 3/21/17  
 Wild Pitches 7, LSU, 3/1/09 & Maryland, 2/16/07  
 Pickoffs 5, Rider, 2/24/96

**batting**

At-Bats 8, (2 times) last Eric Kallstrom Mon. (16 inn.), 3/9/08  
 Runs Scored 6, D.J. Hicks UAB, 4/24/09  
 Hits 6, (2 times) last Tommy Williams at BCU, 3/17/15  
 Doubles 4, (3 times) last Shane Brown Tulane, 5/21/10  
 Triples 3, Wayne Gardner Fla. Memorial, 4/14/79  
 Home Runs 4, (3 times) last Dalton Wingo at FAU, 5/14/19  
 RBI 8, (2 times) last George Cox Charl. Southern, 2/26/02  
 Total Bases 13, (2 times) last Logan Heiser at FSU, 3/11/15  
 Walks 5, Vince Zawaski SIU-Edwardsville, 3/29/86  
 Strikeouts 5, (2 times) last Rylan Thomas at USF, 4/8/17  
 Stolen Bases 6, (2 times) last Tony Marilla West Virginia, 3/18/93  
 Hit By Pitch **3, (4 times) last Ben McCabe Cincinnati, 4/12/19**  
 Sacrifice Hits 2, (36 times) last Kam Gellinger at USF, 5/14/15  
 Grand Slams 1, (29 times) last Kam Gellinger UConn, 4/14/17

**pitching**

Innings 17.0, Tommy Foy Rollins, 4/29/82  
 Hits 13, (7 times) last Owen Dew ECU, 5/15/10  
 Runs 11, (4 times) last Austin Hudson ECU, 3/20/09  
 Earned Runs 9, (2 times) last Jules Van Lunduyt Stetson, 4/10/93  
 Walks 8, Chris Matulis Rice, 4/12/13  
 Strikeouts 18, (3 times) last Jay Scott Bradley, 3/15/88  
 Wild Pitches 6, Caleb Graham LSU, 3/1/09  
 Hit By Pitch 6, Mitch Houck Missouri, 2/25/08  
 Pickoffs 5, Tim Riegert Rider, 2/24/96  
 Balks 2, (5 times) last Kyle Sweat UAB (10 inn.), 5/9/08

**fielding**

Putouts 19, Shane Brown Mon. (16 inn.), 3/9/08  
 Assists 11, Carlos Morales Bethune-Cookman, 2/29/88  
 Errors 4, Griffin Bernardo 2x last vs. UConn, 4/7/18

**2021 RECORD RUNDOWN**

	All	Conf.	Lovelady
Overall	1-3	-	127-68
Conference	-	-	39-32
at Home	0-2	-	90-36
on the Road	1-1	-	34-28
at Neutral Sites	-	-	4-7
Ranked Teams	-	-	24-27
Top-10 Teams	-	-	7-6

Day Games	1-0	-	41-31
Night Games	0-3	-	85-38
Midweek Games (Tue-Wed)	0-1	-	36-18
Weekend Games (Thur-Sun)	1-2	-	91-53
1-Run Games	-	-	28-20
2-Run Games	-	-	19-11
5+ Run Games	1-3	-	54-20
Extra-Inning Games	-	-	11-3
Shutouts	0-1	-	21-7

Starter lasts 5+ innings	-	-	88-37
Starter lasts <5 innings	1-3	-	39-34
Staff strikes outs <10	0-2	-	54-43
Staff strikes out 10-14	1-1	-	63-27
Staff strikes out 15+	-	-	10-1

When UCF scores first	1-1	-	80-24
When Opp. scores first	0-2	-	47-45
Scoring 0-2 runs	0-1	-	8-23
Scoring 3-5 runs	-	-	32-36
Scoring 6-9 runs	0-1	-	51-11
Scoring 10+ runs	1-1	-	37-1
Opponent scores 0-2 runs	-	-	73-3
Opponent scores 3-5 runs	-	-	33-20
Opponent scores 6-9 runs	1-1	-	17-33
Opponent scores 10+ runs	0-2	-	3-13

Outhit opponents	0-1	-	96-13
Outhit by opponents	1-2	-	19-54
Tied hits	0-0	-	11-4
Made no errors	0-2	-	52-18
Made 1 error	0-0	-	45-18
Made 2 or more errors	1-1	-	36-32
Leading after 7 innings	1-0	-	101-11
Trailing after 7 innings	0-2	-	13-54
Tied after 7 innings	0-1	-	13-4
Walk-offs	-	-	15-4

On Tuesday	0-1	-	21-14
On Wednesday	-	-	11-6
On Thursday	-	-	3-1
On Friday	0-1	-	35-13
On Saturday	0-1	-	30-24
On Sunday	1-0	-	16-15
Series Openers	0-1	-	38-15
Middle Games	0-1	-	27-15
Series Finales	1-0	-	35-19
In February	1-3	-	30-11
In March	-	-	42-21
In April	-	-	30-20
In May	-	-	24-16
In June	-	-	0-2

The Pins (Pinstripes)	0-1	-	
The Camos	0-1	-	
The Whites (White Knights)	-	-	
White Heat (Pegasus)	0-1	-	
Black Ice (All Black)	-	-	
The Grays	1-0	-	
The Scripts	-	-	





## UCF ROSTER

No.	Name	B/T	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
1	David Litchfield	R/R	RHP	6-0	175	R-Jr.	Longwood, Fla. / St. John's River State
2	Matt Archer	R/R	INF	5-9	179	Fr.	Fort Salonga, N.Y. / St. Thomas Aquinas
3	Nick Gottilla	L/L	LHP	6-0	176	Fr.	Davenport, Fla. / Davenport Assumption
4	Vince Bonanni	R/R	RHP	6-3	195	Fr.	Jupiter, Fla. / Cardinal Newman
5	Trent Taylor	R/R	UTL	6-0	185	Jr.	Merritt Island, Fla. / Daytona State College
6	Tom Josten	S/R	INF	6-2	200	So.	Palatine, Ill. / Marshalltown CC
7	Jordan Rathbone	R/R	OF/UTL	5-11	200	R-Sr.	Spokane, Wash. / South Mountain CC
8	AJ Jones	R/R	RHP	6-5	220	Sr.	Sarasota, Fla. / Jacksonville University
10	Colton Gordon	L/L	LHP	6-4	225	R-So.	Bradenton, Fla. / Hillsborough CC
11	Kenny Serwa	R/R	RHP	6-1	192	R-Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Saint Patrick / SIU-Edwardsville
12	Jack Sinclair	R/R	RHP	6-4	170	Jr.	Coral Springs, Fla. / J.P. Taravella
13	Billy McKay	R/R	RHP	6-1	205	R-Jr.	Plant City, Fla. / Polk State College
15	Zack Bennett	R/R	RHP	6-0	220	Fr.	Port Orange, Fla. / Spruce Creek
16	Hunter Patteson	L/L	LHP	6-4	170	Fr.	Vero Beach, Fla. / Vero Beach High School
17	Nick Romano	R/R	1B	6-3	234	Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Hillsborough High School
18	Zack Hunsicker	R/R	RHP	6-4	230	So.	Wentzville, Mo. / Francis Howell
20	Michael Brooks	R/R	INF	5-11	180	Fr.	Wellington, Fla. / Palm Beach Central / Arkansas
21	Noah Orlando	R/R	INF	6-0	180	Jr.	Winter Park, Fla. / Palm Beach State College
22	Colin Flynn	R/R	OF/C	6-1	190	Fr.	Coral Springs, Fla. / Marjory Stoneman Douglas
24	Alex Freeland	S/R	INF	6-2	200	Fr.	Cape Coral, Fla. / Mariner
25	Nolan Lepkoske	R/R	RHP	6-5	240	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Mandarin
26	Andrew Brait	R/R	INF	5-8	176	Fr.	Melbourne, Fla. / Viera High School
27	Gephry Pena	R/R	OF	6-0	165	So.	Santiago, Dominican Republic / Florida Prep Academy
28	Ryan Saltonstall	L/R	LHP	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / South Mountain CC
29	Pablo Ruiz	R/R	UTL	5-9	190	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. / Forest Hill High School
30	Matthew Menendez	R/R	1B/C	6-2	195	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. / Elite Squad Baseball Academy
31	Elijah McCormack	R/R	RHP	6-3	173	Fr.	Coppell, Tx. / Coppell High School
32	Ben Rushing	R/R	UTL	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Weston, Fla. / Cypress Bay
33	Keegan Pulford-Thorpe	R/L	LHP	6-2	206	Fr.	Newmarket, Ontario, Canada / Newmarket High School
35	Nick Vieira	R/R	RHP	6-6	220	Fr.	Margate, Fla. / Elite Squad Baseball
37	Ben Vespi	R/R	RHP	6-3	190	Fr.	Boynton Beach, Fla. / Central Florida Elev8
39	Connor Allen	L/L	1B	6-4	225	R-So.	Merritt Island, Fla. / Miami
40	Ben McCabe	R/R	C/UTL	5-11	170	So.	Sarasota, Fla. / Sarasota High School
42	John Montes	L/R	INF	6-0	170	Fr.	Toa Alta, Puerto Rico / Leadership Christian Academy
44	Joshua Crouch	R/R	C/UTL	6-1	200	Jr.	Sebring, FL / State College of Florida

## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Greg Lovelady, 23 (4th, Miami '01)  
**Assistant Coach:** Nick Otte, 41 (2nd, Indiana 02)  
**Assistant Coach:** Ted Tom, 9 (3rd, Shawnee State '04)  
**Assistant Coach:** Chris Cates (1st, Louisville '07)  
**Director of Operations:** Stephen Branca  
**Assistant Sports Performance Coach:** Jeremy Fradin  
**Athletic Trainer:** Patrick O'Donnell  
**Equipment Manager:** Bryan Hill

## KNOW THE LINGO

## LEAVING A LEGACY

One of the mantras that Coach Lovelady has instilled in the program is Leaving a Legacy. Each player realizes that they are a part of a larger picture that encompasses the entire history of UCF Baseball.

In order to leave their legacy, players must reach the bar that former teams have set for them, then raises it for future generations of Knights. Players are reminded of this phrase on the dugout card on game days.

## TODAY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE SEASON

Another of Coach Lovelady's mantras directs players to not take a day off or for granted.

The team hears that phrase before every practice and game. It also appears on the dugout card.

## #BUILTBYUCF

Heading into the 2021 season, the Knights will have 24 former student-athletes competing at various professional levels. This hashtag is used when praising their professional accomplishments.

## #SKINNERSTRONG

In December of 2015, Joe Skinner signed a National Letter of Intent to play for UCF. He never got the opportunity, as he was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia and passed away in April of 2016.

Close with other members of the Knights 2016 signing class, UCF honors Skinner with special wrist bands and by raising money for his foundation every year.

The Knights Player of the Game will don Skinner's No. 38 jersey for the teams next contest. A running list of every #SkinnerStrong Player of the Game will be maintained in the notes.

## QUIZ TIME

Here's a quick Q&A for broadcasters to make sure they've read the notes:

## How should you refer to the Knights?

- The UCF Knights
- The UCF Knights
- The UCF Knights
- Other (almost ensuring a visit from the SID in game)

## HOW TO SAY IT

**Nick Gottilla** - Guh-till-uh  
**Tom Josten** - Joe - stin  
**Nick Otte** - ought-EE  
**Gephry Pena** - Jeffrey PAIN-ya  
**Kenny Serwa** - sir-wuh

## UCF ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
39	Connor Allen	INF
2	Matthew Archer	INF
15	Zack Bennett	RHP
4	Vince Bonanni	RHP
26	Andrew Brait	INF
20	Michael Brooks	INF
44	Joshua Crouch	C/UTL
22	Colin Flynn	OF
24	Alex Freeland	INF
10	Colton Gordon	LHP
3	Nick Gottilla	LHP
18	Zack Hunsicker	RHP
8	AJ Jones	RHP
6	Tom Josten	INF
25	Nolan Lepkoske	RHP
1	David Litchfield	RHP
40	Ben McCabe	C/UTL
31	Elijah McCormack	RHP
14	Billy McKay	RHP
30	Matthew Menendez	C
42	John Montes	INF
21	Noah Orlando	INF
16	Hunter Patteson	LHP
27	Gephry Pena	OF
33	Keegan Pulford-Thorpe	LHP
7	Jordan Rathbone	OF
17	Nick Romano	1B
29	Pablo Ruiz	INF
32	Ben Rushing	UTL
28	Ryan Saltonstall	LHP
11	Kenny Serwa	RHP
12	Jack Sinclair	RHP
5	Trent Taylor	UTL
37	Ben Vespi	RHP
35	Nick Vieira	RHP

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

position	12, rhp	5 lhp	9, inf
	3, c	3, of	2, utl
class	18, fr	6, so.	9, jr.
	1, sr.	1, gr.	

how they bat 14, right 2, left 2, switch  
 how they throw 15, right 1, left  
 how they pitch 12, right 5, left  
 position players 12, returning 6, new  
 pitchers 13, returning 5, new  
 newcomers 9, fr. 1, jr. 1, gr.

## SKINNER JERSEY

## february

19	FAU	Ted Tom
20	FAU	Tom Josten
21	FAU	Ben McCabe
23	Stetson	AJ Jones
26	Ole Miss	
27	Ole Miss	
28	Ole Miss	

## march

3	Stetson
5	Liberty
6	Liberty
7	Liberty
10	North Florida
12	North Florida
13	North Florida
14	North Florida
16	FAU
19	Jacksonville
20	Jacksonville
21	Jacksonville
24	Florida State
26	Troy
27	Troy
28	Troy
30	Jacksonville

## april

1	South Florida
2	South Florida
3	South Florida
9	South Florida
	Cincinnati
	Cincinnati
10	Cincinnati
11	Cincinnati
16	South Florida
	South Florida
17	South Florida
18	South Florida
23	East Carolina
	East Carolina
24	East Carolina
25	East Carolina
30	Memphis
	Memphis

## may

1	Memphis
2	Memphis
7	Wichita State
	Wichita State
8	Wichita State
9	Wichita State
14	Tulane
	Tulane
15	Tulane
16	Tulane
20	Houston
	Houston
21	Houston
22	Houston

6 pm  
4 pm



**A UCF BATTER HAD**

Pinch Hit Home Run	Brody Wofford, vs. Chicago State, 3/17/18
Pinch Hit Grand Slam	Brody Wofford, vs. Chicago State, 3/17/18
Leadoff Home Run	Matthew Mika, vs. Bethune-Cookman, 4/23/19
Back-to-Back Home Runs	Dalton Wingo, Pablo Ruiz, vs. Jacksonville, 3/3/20
Back-to-Back-to-Back Home Runs	Darnell Sweeney, Ronnie Richardson, Beau Taylor, 7th inning, vs. Marshall, 5/21/11
Inside the Park HR	Blaine Schulte vs. Monmouth, Game 2, 3/1/03
Two Home Run Game	Pablo Ruiz, vs. Jacksonville, 3/3/20
Three Home Run Game	Dalton Wingo, at FAU, 5/14/19
Grand Slam	Tom Josten, vs. Florida Atlantic, 2/19/21
Walk-Off Home Run	Rylan Thomas, vs. Wagner, 3/2/18
Walk-Off Hit	Dallas Beaver, vs. Memphis, 4/22/19
Walk-Off Sac Fly	Max Wood, vs. Tulane, 5/18/18
Walk-Off BB	BB, Derrick Salberg vs. Presbyterian, 3/20/15
Walk-Off WP	WP, Dylan Moore vs. #9 Louisville-2, 4/17/14
Walk-Off FC	FC, David Phrathep vs. LIU Brooklyn, 3/11/16
Walk-Off Error	E6T, Ray Alejo, vs. Siena, 2/15/19
Five-Hit Game	Ryan Crile vs. Cornell, 3/27/16
Six-Hit Game	Tommy Williams at B-CU, 3/17/15
Four-Double Game	Shane Brown at Tulane, 5/22/10
Three-Triple Game	Wayne Gardner vs. Florida Memorial, 1979
Two-Triple Game	Drake Wade vs. Wagner, 3/17/04
Five-Run Game	Matthew Mika vs. Siena, 2/20/16
Six-Run Game	D.J. Hicks at UAB, 4/24/09
Eight-RBI Game	George Cox vs. Charleston Southern, 2/26/02
Seven-RBI Game	Rylan Thomas, vs. Central Michigan, 3/10/17
Six-RBI Game	Dalton Wingo, at FAU, 5/14/19
Five-RBI Game	Tom Josten, vs. Florida Atlantic, 2/19/21
Hit for the Cycle	Tommy Williams vs. Fairfield, 3/13/15
Stole Three Bases	Ray Alejo, at Houston, 5/6/18
Stole Four Bases	Ray Alejo, at Houston, 5/6/18
Stole Home	Matthew Mika, vs. Florida, 2/27/19
Home Run in 3-Straight Games	Rylan Thomas, vs. Central Mich., 3/10/17
Home Run in 4-Straight Games	Jonathan Griffin, April 8-12, 2011
Hit by a pitch twice in one inning	Ronnie Richardson vs. UMass, 3/9/12

**A UCF Pitcher Had**

A Complete Game	Jordan Spicer, vs. Memphis (AAC) 5/24/19
At Home	Grant Schuermann, vs. UConn, 3/29/19
On Road	Jordan Spicer, vs. Memphis (AAC) 5/24/19
By a Freshman	Cre Finrock vs. USF, 5/2/15
Consecutive Complete Games	3, Zach Rodgers at Cincinnati, 4/4/14 vs. UConn, 4/12/14 at Tulane, 4/18/15
A Shutout	Robby Howell vs. JU, 3/17/17
At Home	Robby Howell vs. JU, 3/17/17
On Road	Zach Rodgers at Tulane, 4/18/15
By a Freshman	Mitch Houck at South Florida, 4/4/06
Consecutive Shutouts,	3, Kyle Bono vs. Gardner-Webb, Game 1, 3/13/04 at Campbell, Game 1, 3/20/04, vs. Stetson, Game 2, 3/27/04
10 Innings Pitched	Jason Arnold vs. Florida Atlantic, 3/18/01
17-Strikeout Game	Tim Bascom vs. Siena, 3/5/05
15-Strikeout Game	Matt Fox at Campbell, 3/19/04
14-Strikeout Game	Brett Bordwine vs. Northeastern, 3/7/07
13-Strikeout Game	Mitch Houck vs. Wagner, 3/17/08
12-Strikeout Game	Mitch Houck vs. Pittsburgh, 3/11/08
11-Strikeout Game	JJ Montgomery, vs. Chicago State, 3/19/18
10-Strikeout Game	Trevor Holloway, vs. Butler, 3/7/20
5 HBP in a Game	6, Mitch Houck vs. #5 Missouri, 2/25/08
Solo No-Hitter	Pete MacLaughlin vs. Columbia, 4/73
Combined No-Hitter	Mitch Houck, 7.0 IP and Austin Hudson, 2.0 IP vs. Wagner, 3/17/08
Combined One-Hitter	Cre Finrock 6 IP, and Thad Ward, 3 IP, at USF, 4/20/18
One-Hitter	Darren Newlin vs. Belmont, Game 2, 4/17/04
Two-Hitter	Tim Bascom vs. East Carolina, 4/7/06
Three-Hitter	Robby Howell vs. JU, 3/17/17

**EJECTION**

Head Coach	Greg Lovelady, vs. #26 Oklahoma, 5/12/18
Assistant Coach	Kevin Schnall vs. Marshall, 4/21/13
Player	Tyler Osik, at Wichita State, 4/20/19

**PRESEASON/WEEKLY/ANNUAL AWARDS**

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**Preseason Freshman of the Year**

Alex Freeland

*The American*

**Preseason All-Conference**

Colton Gordon

Jack Sinclair

*The American*

**Weekly Honors**

Ben McCabe, Honor Roll Week 1

David Litchfield, Honor Roll Week 1

**UCF AS A TEAM**

Shutout an Opponent	6-0, vs. Jacksonville, 3/3/20
At Home	6-0, vs. Jacksonville, 3/3/20
On Road	6-0, vs. Bethune-Cookman, 2/25/20
On Neutral Field	12-0 vs. USF, 5/26/17
Back-to-Back Shutouts	1-0 & 2-0, vs. Siena, 3/10/18
Scored 20 Runs in a Game	20, vs. Chicago State, 3/17/18
At Home	20, vs. Chicago State, 3/17/18
On Road	29 at UAB, 4/24/09
Scored 10 Runs in an Inning	10, First vs. Siena, 2/17/17
20 Hits in a Game	21 vs. Siena, 2/17/17
5 Home Runs in a Game	5, at FAU, 5/14/19
4 Home Runs in an Inning	Seventh Inning vs. Marshall, 5/21/11
Hit for the Home Run Cycle	vs. Chicago State, 3/18/18
Drew 10+ Walks	14, vs. Ball State, 3/6/19
Left 15 Runners on Base	at Cincinnati, 4/12/19
Left 16 Runners on Base	at UConn, 4/8/18
Left 19 Runners on Base	Monmouth, 16 innings., 3/9/08
Turned a Triple Play	at Stetson, 3/27/07
Hit Into a Triple Play	Justin Weiss, P to Dwayne Bailey, 2B to Kiko Vazquez, 1B vs. Siena, 3/8/00
	Mike Cohan, RF to Corey Blair, 1B to Kevin Murray, 3B
Longest Winning Streak	29 Games, 3/8-4/21/95
Won Against a Ranked Opponent at Home	#30 Wichita State, 4/29/18
Won Against a Ranked Opponent on the road	at #8 Auburn, 2/23/20
Won Against a Ranked Opponent at Neutral Site	#11 Maryland, 7-6, 2/21/15
Lost to a Ranked Opponent	#14 ECU, 3/24/19
Defeated a No. 1 Ranked Opponent	#1 Florida, 3/6-7/18
Swept a No. 1 Ranked Opponent	#1 Florida, 3/6-7/18
Swept a Ranked Opponent, 3 Games	at #8 Auburn, 2/21-2/23/20
Swept by a Ranked Opponent, 3 Games	#14 at ECU, 3/22-24/19
Swept a Conference Opponent, 3 Games	ECU, 4/13-4/15/17
Swept a Conference Opponent at Home, 3 Games	Rutgers, 4/25-27/14
Swept a Conference Road Opponent, 3 Games	ECU, 4/14-16/17
Swept a Ranked Opponent on the Road, 3 Games	at #8 Auburn, 2/21-2/23/20
Swept a Ranked Opponent at Home	#30 Houston, 4/26-28/13
Rallied from a Seven-Run Deficit	Down 8-0 - B4, Won 10-9, vs. Wagner, 3/3/18
Rallied from a Eight-Run Deficit	Down 8-0 - B4, Won 10-9, vs. Wagner, 3/3/18
Rallied from a Nine-Run Deficit	Down 9-0 - B8, Won 10-9 in 12. vs. Campbell, 4/4/03
Rallied from a 10-Run Deficit	Down 10, B4, Won 13-12, vs. Stetson, 4/21/09
Committed Six or More Errors	6 vs. UAB, 4/6/12
Did Not Commit an Error in 8-Straight Games	May 6-17, 2011

**A UCF Opponent**

Shutout UCF	7-0, vs. Stetson, 2/23/21
Shutout UCF in Two-Straight Games	#24 Miami, Jacksonville, 3/6-3/8/13
Hit a Grand Slam	Caleb Pendleton 2x, at Florida Atlantic, 2/20/21
Stole Home	Nick Crucet, vs. Columbia, 3/15/13
Threw a No-Hitter	Never
Threw a One-Hitter	Randy Beam *, Florida Atlantic, Game 1, 4/19/03
Threw a One-Hitter, More Than One Pitcher	*, seven innings at #6 Rice, Three pitchers, 4/22/07
Hit Three HR in a Game	Jamie Bruno, Tulane, 4/11/09
Hit an Inside-the-Park HR	Garrett Cannizaro, at Tulane, 5/20/10
Hit for The Cycle	Andrew Garner, vs. Tulane, 5/11/13
Five-Hit Game	Marc Bourgeois, #20 Southern Miss, 4/2/11
Scored 10 Runs in an Inning	13, Fifth, UAB, C-USA Tourney, 5/24/12
Had a Pinch-Hit HR	Hunter McMullen, at No. 3 Florida, 2/27/19
Threw a Complete Game	Anthony Kay, UConn, 4/14/15
Threw a Shutout	Bret Neilan, Stetson, 2/23/21
Had 10+ Strikeouts	12, Evan Shawver, at Cincinnati, 4/13/19
Had 15+ Strikeouts	16, Jon Duplantier, at Rice, 3/6/15
Walk-Off Home Run	Joey Weimer, at Cincinnati, 4/13/19
Walk-Off Wild Pitch	at Uconn, 4/8/18





**KNIGHTS IN THE POLLS**

BASEBALL AMERICA			DIBASEBALL.com			PERFECT GAME			NATIONAL KNIGHTS					
Rk.	Team	Rec.	Rk.	Team	Rec.	Prev. Rk.	Rk.	Team	Rec.	Prev. Rk.	Walks	Nat.	Conf.	Total
1.	Mississippi	2-0	1	Ole Miss	3-0	6	1	Mississippi	3-0	5	Ben McCabe	t-21	t-1	5
2.	Virginia	2-1	2	Arkansas	3-0	8	2	Louisville	3-0	2	Gephyr Pena	t-21	t-1	5
3.	Miami	2-1	3	Vanderbilt	2-0	4	3	Miami	2-1	7	<b>Batting Average</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
4.	Vanderbilt	0-0	4	Louisville	3-0	5	4	Florida	1-2	1	-	-	-	-
5.	Louisville	3-0	5	Mississippi State	2-1	7	5	Arkansas	3-0	20	<b>Doubles</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
6.	Arkansas	2-0	6	Miami	2-1	21	6	Vanderbilt	2-0	6	-	-	-	-
7.	Florida	1-2	7	Florida	1-2	1	7	Virginia	2-1	9	<b>ERA</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
8.	Mississippi State	1-1	8	UCLA	1-2	2	8	Mississippi State	2-1	12	-	-	-	-
9.	Florida State	2-1	9	UC Santa Barbara	2-1	11	9	Texas Tech	0-3	3	<b>Games Started</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
10.	Texas Christian	1-1	10	Texas Tech	0-3	3	10	LSU	2-1	8	-	-	-	-
11.	Duke	2-1	11	LSU	2-1	12	11	UC Santa Barbara	2-1	10	<b>Hit Batters</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
12.	Texas Tech	0-2	12	Virginia	2-1	16	12	East Carolina	3-0	13	-	-	-	-
13.	Louisiana State	1-1	13	NC State	2-0	13	13	UCLA	1-2	4	<b>Hit by Pitch</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
14.	UCLA	1-2	14	TCU	1-2	10	14	Indiana	DNP	14	-	-	-	-
15.	North Carolina State	2-0	15	Georgia Tech	2-1	15	15	NC State	2-0	16	<b>Home Runs</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
16.	South Carolina	3-0	16	Wake Forest	2-1	17	16	Arizona State	2-1	15	-	-	-	-
17.	Tennessee	3-0	17	South Carolina	3-0	18	17	Auburn	3-0	17	<b>On-Base %</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
18.	Texas	0-2	18	Tennessee	3-0	19	18	Michigan	DNP	18	-	-	-	-
19.	UC Santa Barbara	2-1	19	Texas	0-3	9	19	Arizona	2-2	11	<b>RBI</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
20.	Michigan	0-0	20	Oklahoma State	2-0	20	20	Georgia Tech	2-1	19	-	-	-	-
21.	Georgia Tech	2-1	21	Auburn	3-0	23	21	Duke	2-1	NR	<b>Sac Bunts</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
22.	Alabama	3-0	22	East Carolina	3-0	25	22	Florida State	2-1	21	-	-	-	-
23.	Arizona	1-2	23	West Virginia	2-2	14	23	Ohio State	DNP	23	<b>Saves</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
24.	East Carolina	3-0	24	Florida State	2-1	24	24	Georgia	3-1	24	-	-	-	-
25.	Oklahoma	0-1	25	Duke	2-1	NR	25	TCU	1-2	NR	<b>Slugging %</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
											-	-	-	-
											<b>Stolen Bases</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
											-	-	-	-
											<b>K-to-BB</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
											-	-	-	-
											<b>Total Bases</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
											-	-	-	-
											<b>Triples</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
											-	-	-	-
											<b>WHIP</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
											-	-	-	-
											<b>BB/9 Inn.</b> Nat. Conf. Total			
											-	-	-	-

USA TODAY/ESPN			NCBWA			COLLEGIATE BASEBALL					
Rk.	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Rk.	Team	Rec.	Prev. Rk.	Rk.	Team	Pts.	Prev. Rk.
1	FLA	0-0	766	1.	Ole Miss	3-0	5	1.	Miami, Fla. (2-1)	495	6
2	UCLA	0-0	701	2.	Vanderbilt	2-0	3	2.	Vanderbilt (0-0)	493	2
3	VAN	0-0	670	3.	Arkansas	3-0	8	3.	Florida (1-2)	491	1
4	TTU	0-0	668	4.	Louisville	3-0	6	4.	Mississippi (2-0)	490	5
5	MISS	0-0	637	5.	Miami (FL)	2-1	10	5.	Arkansas (2-0)	486	22
6	LOU	0-0	631	6.	Mississippi State	2-1	7	6.	Louisville (3-0)	485	11
7	MSST	0-0	563	7.	Florida	1-2	1	7.	Georgia (3-1)	483	12
8	ARK	0-0	468	8.	NC State	2-0	11	8.	U.C. Santa Barbara (2-1)	478	8
9	LSU	0-0	454	9.	UCLA	1-2	2	9.	UCLA (1-2)	476	3
10	TEX	0-0	425	10.	LSU	2-1	13	10.	Texas Tech. (0-2)	473	4
11	TCU	0-0	416	11.	UC Santa Barbara	2-1	14	11.	Louisiana St. (1-1)	470	7
12	NCST	0-0	407	12.	Virginia	2-1	15	12.	Mississippi St. (1-1)	468	9
13	UCSB	0-0	365	13.	Texas Tech	0-3	4	13.	N.C. State (2-0)	465	13
14	UVA	0-0	364	14.	TCU	1-2	11	14.	Virginia (2-1)	463	14
15	MIA	0-0	329	15.	Tennessee	3-0	20	15.	Arizona St. (2-1)	460	15
16	TENN	0-0	204	16.	South Carolina	3-0	23	16.	East Carolina (3-0)	457	16
17	GT	0-0	193	17.	Georgia Tech	2-1	18	17.	Oklahoma St. (1-0)	455	17
18	OKST	0-0	192	18.	East Carolina	3-0	19	18.	Michigan (0-0)	453	18
19	ARIZ	0-0	190	19.	Florida State	2-1	16	19.	Texas Christian (1-1)	450	19
20	SCAR	0-0	152	20.	Oklahoma State	2-0	26	20.	South Carolina (3-0)	448	21
21	FSU	0-0	150	21.	Texas	0-3	9	21.	Dallas Baptist (2-0)	446	24
22	WVU	0-0	146	22.	Auburn	3-0	25	22.	Clemson (3-0)	445	25
23	ECU	0-0	129	23.	Georgia	3-1	24	23.	Alabama (3-0)	444	27
24	UGA	0-0	111	24.	Wake Forest	2-1	30	24.	Arizona (1-2)	442	10
25	WAKE	0-0	108	25.	Duke	2-1	27	25.	Florida St. (2-1)	440	28
				26.	Alabama	3-0	30	26.	Auburn (3-0)	439	37
				27.	West Virginia	2-2	21	27.	Tennessee (3-0)	437	35
				28.	Dallas Baptist	3-0	35	28.	Duke (2-1)	434	36
				29.	Arizona	2-2	17	29.	San Francisco (2-1)	431	-
				30.	Clemson	3-0	32	30.	Ball St. (2-1)	428	-

Receiving Votes: Auburn 101; Oklahoma 60; Duke 59; Arizona State 56; Alabama 52; Michigan 51; **UCF 43**; Clemson 40; Coastal Carolina 34; Dallas Baptist 31; Texas A&M 21; Tulane 13; Indiana 12; USC 11; Pepperdine 8; Oregon State 6; Long Beach State 6; San Diego State 5; Notre Dame 5; Baylor 5....

**KNIGHTS WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE POLLS**

	BA	DI	PG	USA	CB	NCBWA
Preseason	24	-	25	RV	32	28
Week 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Week 15	-	-	-	-	-	-
FINAL	-	-	-	-	-	-

Weeks Ranked:  
-  
First Week Ranked:  
24, Baseball America, Preseason 2021  
Last Week Ranked:  
24, Baseball America, Preseason 2021  
Highest Ranking:  
24, Baseball America, Preseason 2021  
BA - Baseball America  
CB - Collegiate Baseball  
DI - DI Baseball.com  
NCBWA - National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association  
PG - Perfect Game  
USA - USA Today/ESPN

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## head coach

4th year at UCF • 7th year as a head coach  
miami '01 • sports management

### LOVELADY & THE DRAFT

#### miami hurricanes (22)

<b>2002</b>	<b>7</b>
Kevin Howard	5th, 135, Cincinnati
Javy Rodriguez	5th, 144, LAA
Kiki Bengochea	11th, 322, Texas
Matt Dryer	15th, 457, San Francisco
T.J. Prunty	21st, 632, Minnesota
Danny Matienzo	23rd, 692, Minnesota
Troy Roberson	47th, 1394, NYM

<b>2003</b>	<b>1</b>
Jim Burt	35th, 1040, Toronto

<b>2004</b>	<b>6</b>
Erick San Pedro	2nd, 54, Montreal
Adam Ricks	10th, 299, CWS
Jim Burt	19th, 554, NYM
J.D. Cockroft	26th, 771, Texas
Richard Giannotti	38th, 1133, LAA
Danny Figueroa	40th, 1207, Oakland

<b>2005</b>	<b>8</b>
Ryan Braun	1st, 5, Milwaukee
Cesar Carrillo	1st, 18, San Diego
Gaby Sanchez	4th, 126, Miami
Paco Figueroa	9th, 273, Baltimore
Chiqui Chirino	10th, 305, CWS
Brendan Katin	23rd, 685, Milwaukee
Vince Bongiovanni	24th, 711, Arizona
Danny Figueroa	43rd, 1289, Baltimore

<b>2006</b>	<b>1</b>
Joe Smith	3rd, 94, NYM

<b>2007</b>	<b>1</b>
Ross Oeder	28th, 862, St. Louis

<b>2008</b>	<b>3</b>
Jeremy Hamilton	5th, 166, Philadelphia
Justin Parker	6th, 198, Arizona
Ross Vagedes	35th, 1061, Chicago Cubs

<b>2010</b>	<b>3</b>
Greg Robinson	32nd, 961, Arizona
Aaron Fields	42nd, 1260, Cleveland

<b>2015</b>	<b>1</b>
Andre Elliott	30th, 913, Baltimore

<b>2016</b>	<b>5</b>
Sean Murphy	3rd, 83, Oakland
Jesse Scholtens	9th, 264, San Diego
Mitch Roman	12th, 356, CWS
Robby Sexton	14th, 356, Boston
Ryan Fucci	25th, 747, Seattle

<b>UCF knights (13)</b>	
<b>2017</b>	<b>4</b>
Jason Bahr	5th, 156, San Francisco
Robby Howell	10th, 287, Cincinnati
Jordan Scheftz	23rd, 702, Cleveland
Andy Rohloff	37th, 1116, San Francisco

<b>2018</b>	<b>6</b>
Thad Ward	5th, 160, Boston
JJ Montgomery	7th, 205, Baltimore
Bryce Tucker	14th, 406, San Francisco
Rylan Thomas	26th, 769, Cincinnati
Eric Hepple	27th, 816, Colorado
Cre Finrock	29th, 866, Toronto

<b>2019</b>	<b>3</b>
Jordan Spicer	24th, 729, Colorado
Garrett Westberg	26th, 786, Seattle
Tyler Osik	27th, 800, Chicago White Sox

<b>2020</b>	<b>3</b>
Jeffry Hakanson	5th, 155, Tampa Bay

# GREG LOVELADY

Greg Lovelady was named the head baseball coach at UCF on July 11, 2016. He will enter his third season in charge at UCF for the 2019 season.

The 2019 campaign was a big year for Lovelady and the Knights at home. UCF posted 23 wins at home, reaching 20+ wins at home for the 16th time in the last 19 years.

It was also a big year against other Florida schools. They beat Florida for the fourth consecutive time and beat Florida State for the first time since 2014. The Knights posted a 15-3 record against in-state opponents.

Three Knights received all conference honors. Matthew Mika made first team All-Conference, Grant Schuermann and Ray Alejo made second team All-Conference.

UCF also saw postseason success, reaching the AAC semifinal for the second time in the last three years.

After the season was over there were five Knights that joined the #BuiltByUCF ranks, as Jordan Spicer, Garrett Westberg, and Tyler Osik were drafted in the 2019 MLB Draft. In total, 13 Knights have been drafted in the Lovelady era.

The 2018 campaign saw the Knights post some historic storylines. On March 6, the Knights downed the top-ranked team in the nation for the first time in program history with a 9-7 victory over Florida. UCF turned around and completed its first sweep of a No. 1 ranked opponent with a 4-2 win in Gainesville the next night.

Lovelady guided UCF to its fifth-longest winning streak in program history at 13 games during the 2018 season. The Knights also recorded the second most shutouts in a single campaign with nine.

Pitching was the bedrock of the Knights' success in 2018. The pitching staff led the nation with nine shutouts and finished third in the country in hits allowed per nine innings, a school record 7.2. UCF's 3.32 ERA was among the top-15 nationally, while 9.8 strikeouts per nine innings ranked seventh and a 1.22 WHIP was ninth. The Black and Gold notched its second most punchouts in a single season with 556.

Continuing to improve the culture and talent level at UCF, Lovelady brought in the 16th ranked recruiting class, per Collegiate Baseball, prior to the 2018 campaign. After replacing 20 graduating seniors, the Knights went 35-21 with a 13-10 mark in The American to finish in fifth place, but the season came to a close when the Black and Gold found itself in the first four out of the NCAA Tournament.

In his first campaign with the Knights, Lovelady guided UCF to the American Athletic Conference regular-season title with an overall record of 40-22 and a 15-9 mark in league action, earning The American Coach of the Year honors in the process.

The Knights saw drastic improvements offensively and pitching in Lovelady's first year. UCF jumped up to 66th in the nation in scoring from 222nd in 2016, eighth in

stolen bases up from 77th and 44th in runs from 189th.

The pitching staff posted the fifth best ERA in the nation with a 3.0, compared to the 4.23 mark during the previous year. Pitchers took the team to 28th in strikeouts per nine innings, 24th in strikeouts-to-walks ratio and 10th in WHIP.

In his career, Lovelady has coached 38 MLB Draft picks between his three coaching stops, including 14 Top-10 round selections and nine tabbed in the first five rounds. Three players under Lovelady's tutelage have gone in the first round, including the fifth overall pick in 2005 and Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Ryan Braun.

Lovelady came to Orlando after spending three years as the head coach at Wright State, where he led the Raiders to consecutive runner-up finishes at NCAA Regionals in 2015 and 2016. As the Raiders' head coach, he has compiled a 124-56 record in three campaigns and was with the Raiders for a total of 12 years. Wright State has won the Horizon League Regular Season or Tournament Championship (or both) in each of Lovelady's three seasons at the helm. He was named the 2014 and 2016 Horizon League Coach of the Year, as well as the 2016 ABCA/Diamond Mideast Regional Coach of the Year.

Lovelady went to WSU after a successful playing career and three-year stint with one of the nation's elite teams in Miami (FL). The Hurricanes won two national championships, in 1999 and 2001, with Lovelady as the catcher. A four-year letterman for the 'Canes, Lovelady captained the 2001 squad that won its second national championship in three years.

Lovelady hit a career best .314 with a 14-game hitting streak during his 1999 campaign. Lovelady was also a fan favorite in Coral Gables, receiving the Arnold Novins Award in 2001, an honor bestowed on the "Most Popular Player" as voted by the fans of Miami. The 'Canes made a postseason appearance during each of Lovelady's years as a player and coach in Coral Gables. UM Reached the College World Series five times and advanced to the NCAA super regional seven times while Lovelady was on campus.

Lovelady graduated from Miami in 2001 with a degree in Finance and a minor in Sports Management as a member of the university's deans list. Professionally, Lovelady played with the Utica Blue Sox, an affiliate of the Florida Marlins, and helped develop two UM catchers and numerous pitchers into major league draft choices.

### LOVELADY'S MILESTONES

<b>career</b>	
<b>1st win</b>	7-1, WSU vs. Michigan State, 2/16/14
<b>50th win</b>	6-5, WSU vs. Milwaukee, 3/22/15
<b>100th win</b>	4-0, WSU vs. Miami (OH), 4/13/16
<b>200th win</b>	2-1, UCF vs. Siena, 2/15/19

<b>UCF</b>	
<b>1st win</b>	17-6, vs. Siena, 2/17/17
<b>50th win</b>	6-1, at Bethune-Cookman, 2/27/18
<b>100th win</b>	12-11, Memphis, 4/26/19

### THE LOVELADY FILE

**name:** Greg Lovelady  
**birthdate:** Jan. 11, 1979 (Miami, Fla.)  
**hometown:** Miami, Fla.  
**alma mater:** The University of Miami '01  
**major:** Sports Management  
**wife:** Lindsay Lovelady  
**children:** Noah (10), Gavin (6)  
**hired at UCF:** July 11, 2016  
**playing career:**  
 Miami - 1998-01, Utica Blue Sox - 2001  
**coaching career:**  
 Miami - 2002-04 - assistant  
 Wright State - 2005-06 - assistant  
 Wright State - 2007-13 - associate head  
 Wright State - 2014-16 - head  
 UCF - 2017-present - head  
**career honors:**  
 National Champion - 1999, 2001  
 College World Series -1998, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004  
 Arnold Nevins Award - 2001  
 NCAA Super Regionals - 2000, 2002  
 NCAA Regionals - 2006, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017  
 Conference Coach of the Year - 2014, 2017  
 Head Coach of League Champion -2015, 2016, 2017

### LOVELADY'S CAREER

year	school	position	w-l	NCAA
2002	Miami	AC	35-30	Super Regional
2003	Miami	AC	45-18-1	CWS
2004	Miami	AC	51-14	CWS
2005	Wright State	AC	26-33	
2006	Wright State	AC	32-27	Regional
2007	Wright State	AHC	36-22	
2008	Wright State	AHC	30-23	
2009	Wright State	AHC	33-30	Regional
2010	Wright State	AHC	31-25	
2011	Wright State	AHC	36-19	Regional
2012	Wright State	AHC	37-21	
2013	Wright State	AHC	25-35	
2014	Wright State	HC	35-22	
2015	Wright State	HC	43-17	Regional
2016	Wright State	HC	44-15	Regional
2017	UCF	HC	40-22	Regional
2018	UCF	HC	35-21	
2019	UCF	HC	36-22	
2020	UCF	HC	15-3	

\*season shortened due to COVID-19 pandemic  
**Seasons as a full-time Division I coach:** 18  
**Winning seasons:** 16  
**NCAA Tournament appearances:** 9  
**College World Series appearances:** 2  
**Record as an assistant coach:** 417-404-1  
**Record as a head coach:** 250-124



**PITCHER BIOS**
**1 | David Litchfield | RHP | R.Jr. | 6'0 | 175**  
 Longwood, Fla. | Lake Mary Prep | St. John's River State

**redshirt junior (2020)** Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made all eight appearances out of the bullpen, tied for the most on the team
- One of four relievers with at least 10.0 innings of work
- One of three relievers with at least 10.0 innings of work to maintain a sub-1.50 ERA
- Season-high three strike outs vs. CSUN in 2.0 innings (2/28)

- Made UCF debut with one inning and one strikeout against Memphis (4/27)
- Earned first career win on the road at Tulane (5/5) after one inning of work
- Rolled off a career-best four strikeouts over 1 1/3 innings at Miami (5/8)
- Missed the remainder of the year through injury

**redshirt**

- Missed the 2018 season due to injury

**redshirt sophomore (2019)**

- Appeared in three games on the year after returning from a season-ending injury in 2018

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2019	5.40	1-0	3	0	0	0	0	3.1	2	2	2	4	5
2020	0.73	2-0	8	0	0	0	0	12.1	10	1	1	3	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.72</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>

**4 | Vince Bonanni | RHP | RSr. | 6'3 | 200**  
 Jupiter, Fla.

**prior to ucf**

- Named to the 2020 Perfect Game Preseason Florida All-Region Second Team
- High Honorable Mention in 2019 Perfect Game Preseason Underclassmen All-American Team and Honorable Mention in 2018
- Attended 2018 Junior National Showcase in Cartersville, Ga.

**personal**

- Son of Barb and Mark Bonanni
- Has one sister, Ella
- Plans to major in Kinesiology
- Born May 10, 2002 in Annapolis, Md.

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**10 | Colton Gordon | LHP | RSo. | 6'4 | 225**  
 Bradenton, Fla. | Lakewood Ranch | Hillsborough Community College

**prior to ucf**

- Played a season at Hillsborough Community College and redshirted a season at the University of Florida
- Started 13 and appeared in 15 for Hillsborough Community College last season, tossing a total of 88.2 innings
- Completed his HCC career with a 2.44 ERA and a 7-4 record with 86 strikeouts
- Ranked No. 51 overall in Florida by Perfect Game and the No. 6 LHP in Florida coming out of high school
- 2017 Perfect game/Rawlings High Honorable Mention Preseason All-American

**personal**

- Born on Dec. 20, 1999
- Son of Lisa Zimring and Steve Gordon
- Plans to major in communications with a minor in sports business administration

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	2.35	2-0	4	4	0	0	0	23.0	18	7	6	5	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>

**12 | Jack Sinclair | RHP | Jr. | 6'4 | 170**  
 Coral Springs, Fla. | St. Johns River State

**junior (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made all eight appearances out of the bullpen, tied for the most on the team
- Opened the year with no earned runs allowed through first 12.1 innings (seven appearances)
- One of three relievers with at least 10.0 innings of work to maintain a sub-1.50 ERA
- Struck out a career-high 10 batters against Siena (2/16)
- Tossed a career-high 4.0 IP against Siena (2/16)

- Fanned at least two batters in 10 appearances
- Struck out a career-high six batters against Penn State (3/8)
- Also tossed a career-high 69 pitches against Penn State (3/8)
- Tied single-season record with five intentional walks issued on the year

**freshman (2018)**

- Made UCF debut against Stetson (2/20) for 1 1/3 innings
- Struck out a career-high four batters against Chicago State (3/16)
- Tossed three hitless innings in second start against Bethune-Cookman (4/18)
- Did not allow a run in five appearances
- Finished the year with a 2.31 ERA and 12 strikeouts over 11 2/3 out of the bullpen

**redshirt**

- Missed the 2018 season due to injury
- Received a medical redshirt from the NCAA

**sophomore (2019)**

- Came out of the bullpen for all 25 appearances, the second most on the team
- Opened the year with no earned runs allowed through first 4 2/3 innings

- Did not allow an earned run in 13 outings
- Went a season-long three innings in back-to-back outings against Penn State (3/8) and Yale (3/12)

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2018	4.41	0-0	9	2	0	0	1	16.1	13	9	8	7	16
2019	5.20	4-3	25	0	0	0	1	36.1	54	28	21	25	37
2020	1.55	4-0	8	0	0	0	0	13.1	8	2	2	6	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.23</b>	<b>8-3</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>73</b>

**15 | Zack Bennett | RHP | Fr. | 6'5 | 225**  
 Port Orange, Fla. | Spruce Creek

**prior to ucf**

- Four-year letterwinner at Spruce Creek High School
- Struck out five batters in 3.0 innings in his lone appearance during his senior season in 2020 (season shortened due to COVID-19 outbreak)
- Named to 2019 First Team All-Area by The News-Journal and named Team Pitcher of the Year by his teammates.
- As a junior in 2019 issued just two walks in 46 innings, compared to 58 strikeouts, and went 7-2 with a 1.06 ERA on the year.

**personal**

- Son of Glen and Justine Bennett
- Has one brother, Christian
- Plans to major in Education
- Born October 10, 2001 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**3 | Nick Gottilla | LHP | Fr. | 6'0 | 185**  
 Davenport, Fla. | Lake Mary Prep | St. John's River State

**freshman (2020)** Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic

- Came out of the bullpen in six games
- Made collegiate debut with 1.0 IP vs. Siena (2/15)
- Fanned a season-high three in a career-long 2.0 innings against Jacksonville (3/3)

- 95 strikeouts with a 1.31 ERA. Also carried a .365 batting average with five homers and a six triples
- Earned First Team All-State, Elite All-State, First Team All-Iowa, Conference Player of the Year his senior season

**prior to ucf**

- Won seven letters across baseball and football at Davenport Assumption High School
- Two-time state baseball state champion in 2017 and 2018 and four-time All-District as a football player
- Went 9-1 on the bump as a senior, tallying

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	0.00	0-0	6	0	0	0	0	6.1	0	0	0	4	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>

**personal**

- Born on Feb. 7, 2001
- Son of John Gottilla and Stasha Prins
- Brother to Keaton and Zander
- Plans to major in communications

**8 | AJ Jones | LHP | Sr. | 6'5 | 220**  
 Sarasota, Fla. | Sarasota | Florida Atlantic | State College of Florida | Jacksonville

**prior to ucf**

- Spent two years at Jacksonville University where he amassed 20 appearances, 19 of which came as starts. Jones carried a 3.78 career ERA across 109.2 innings pitched with 93 strikeouts.
- Earned ASUN Pitcher of the Week twice in as a junior 2019
- Started 11 of 14 appearances on the mound for State College of Florida as a sophomore, went 6-0 with a 3.22 ERA with 54 strikeouts in 72.2 innings
- Appeared in nine games in relief as a freshman at Florida Atlantic, threw 10.2 innings with a 2.53 ERA
- Two-year letterwinner at Sarasota High School, pitched 10 innings and went 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA as a senior, but season was cut short due to injury. Tossed 30 innings as a junior and posted a 3-1 ERA with a 0.93 ERA in helping the Sailors to finish Class 8A State Champion Runner-Up

**personal**

- Son of Trevor and Elizabeth Jones
- Has one sister, Victoria
- Plans to major in business
- Born May 27, 1998 in Sarasota, Fla.

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2017 (at FAU)	2.53	0-0	9	0	0	0	0	10.2	11	3	3	3	7
2019 (at JU)	3.30	7-4	15	15	0	0	0	87.1	74	39	32	31	77
2020 (at JU)	5.64	1-1	5	4	0	0	0	22.1	33	14	14	7	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.66</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100</b>

**11 | Kenny Serwa | RHP | Jr. | 6'1 | 195**  
 Chicago, Ill. | SIUE-Edwardsville

**prior to ucf**

- Was named to Baseball America's "Offseason's 25 Best Impact Transfers in College Baseball" list
- Went 4-0 at SIUE-Edwardsville with a 1.33 ERA and 42 strikeouts in 27 innings.
- Second Team All-Ohio Valley Conference Selection in 2019 after making seven starts with three wins, 3.19 ERA, 33 strikeouts, while only walking six through 42.1 IP.
- In his first season at SIUE, Serwa led the Cougars in most pitching categories. Made 14 starts and paced the staff with a 4.45 earned run average through 85.0 IP.
- Made one appearance in two seasons at Division II St. Joseph's College before transferring to SIUE
- Earned All-Conference honors as a junior and senior at Saint Patrick's high school and was an All-State selection as a SS as a senior.

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2018 (at SIUE)	4.45	3-7	14	14	1	0	0	85.0	94	51	42	15	57
2019 (at SIUE)	3.19	3-2	7	7	2	0	0	42.1	41	15	15	6	33
2020 (at SIUE)	1.33	4-0	4	4	0	0	0	27.0	20	5	4	4	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.56</b>	<b>10-9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>154.1</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>132</b>

**13 | Billy McKay | RHP | R.Jr. | 6'1 | 205**  
 Plant City, Fla. | Polk State College

**rs junior**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Came out of the bullpen for all eight appearances, tied for the most on the team
- Made UCF debut against Siena (2/15), recorded two outs with two pitches
- Struck out a career-high 3 batters against Siena (2/16) in 1.0 IP
- Most pitches came in 2.0 IP against Butler with 31 (3/8)

**prior to ucf**

- Three-year letter winner at Plant City High School. Spent two seasons at Polk State College
- McKay led the Eagles in ERA in 2019 with a 3.45 ERA with 35 game appearances and tossing 75.2 innings.
- Made 27 appearances for the Kenosha Kingfish of the Northwoods League, striking out 38 batters in 36.2 innings with a 2.70 ERA
- Won seven games a senior in high school, tossed a no hitter and carried a 1.53 ERA
- Received Second-Team All-Conference in the Suncoast Conference

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	3.12	0-1	8	0	0	0	0	8.2	3	3	3	6	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.12</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

**16 | Hunter Patteson | LHP | Fr. | 6'4 | 170**  
 Vero Beach, Fla. | Vero

**freshman (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made four appearances with two starts
- Struck out at least three batters in games started
- Tossed 5.1 innings in first collegiate start and UCF debut against Siena (2/15)
- Recorded career-high seven strikeouts against Siena (2/15)

**prior to ucf**

- Four-year letter winner at Vero Beach High School
- Tossed 51 innings and tallied 81 strikeouts his senior season for Vero Beach
- Ended his senior year with a 6-1 record with a 0.91 ERA on his way to being named First Team All-Treasure Coast for the fourth straight time
- Participated in the FACA State All-Star Game

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	4.91	1-0	4	2	0	0	0	14.2	13	8	8	8	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.91</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>



PITCHER BIOS

**18 | Zack Hunsicker** | RHP | So. | 6'4 | 230  
Wentzville, Mo.

**sophomore (2019)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made five appearances, all out of the bullpen
- Career-high four strikeouts in 3.0 innings at No. 8 Auburn (2/23)
- Extended to 2.0 innings in three of our outings

**freshman (2019)**

- Made 21 appearances with one start in rookie campaign
- Was the lone freshman to pitch for the Knights in 2019
- Did not allow an earned run in 10 appearances
- Extended to at least two innings in nine appearances
- Made debut against Ball State (3/6) with one strikeout over two innings
- Threw a career-long 3 2/3 innings against Cincinnati (5/25) in the American Athletic Conference Tournament
- Fanned a career-high three batters over two innings of work against Yale (3/13)
- Started for the first time at Wichita State (4/20)

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2019	4.59	3-1	21	1	0	0	0	33.1	35	22	17	12	15
2020	2.25	0-0	5	1	0	0	0	8.0	8	4	2	6	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.14</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>

**28 | Ryan Saltonstall** | LHP | R.Jr. | 6'0 | 195  
Phoenix, Ariz. | St. Johns River State

**redshirt junior (2019)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made six appearances, all out of the bullpen
- Did not allow a run in 4.1 innings of work
- Longest outing came in season debut, with 2.0 innings and 3 strikeouts against Siena (2/15)

**junior (2019)**

- Made one appearance before season ended due to injury
- Debuted for one inning against Siena (2/17)
- Received a medical redshirt from the NCAA

**prior to ucf**

- Played two years at South Mountain in Phoenix, Ariz.
- Posted a 2.41 ERA, 84 strikeouts and an 8-2 record in 82 innings as a sophomore
- Picked up Second Team All-Conference honors in 2018
- Finished with 56 punchouts, a 6-1 mark and a 2.36 ERA over 72 1/3 innings after his freshman season

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2019	9.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	2	1	1	2	0
2020	0.00	0-0	6	0	0	0	0	4.1	4	0	0	3	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

**33 | Keegan Pulford-Thorpe** | LHP | Fr. | 6'2 | 206  
Newmarket, Ontario, Canada

**freshman (2020)**

- Did not make an appearance in 2020

**prior to ucf**

- Selected in the 33rd round of the 2019 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft
- Represented Canada on the bronze-winning COPABE U18 Pan Am Championships in Panama in 2018
- Perfect Game Preseason All-American Canada/Puerto Rico - All-Region First Team
- Ontario Hockey League draftee to the Sudbury Wolves in 2017 as a defenseman

**personal**

- Born on Feb. 19, 2001
- Son of Jull Pulford and Paul Thorpe
- Has one sister, Allie Pulford-Thorpe
- Plans to major in medical sciences

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**37 | Ben Vespi** | RHP | Fr. | 6'3 | 190  
Boynton Beach, Fla.

**prior to ucf**

- No. 235 on Perfect Game Top 500 Incoming Freshman
- 2020 Perfect Game Preseason Second Team All-Region Team
- Competed at the 2018 and 2019 Perfect Game National Showcase

**personal**

- Son of Bo and Tina Vespi
- Three brothers, Caleb, Nick, and Adam
- Nick Vespi is a LHP currently playing in the Baltimore Orioles minor league system
- Adam Vespi currently plays football at NCAA Division III member Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Caleb Vespi played soccer at Owens Community College in Perrysburg, Ohio
- Plans to major in Kinesiology
- Born May 28, 2001 in Clearwater, Fla.

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**25 | Nolan Lepkoske** | RHP | R.Fr. | 6'5 | 260  
Jacksonville, Fla.

**redshirt freshman (2020)**

- Made one appearance, faced two batters vs. Siena (2/15)

**prep**

- Three-year letterwinner at Mandarin High School
- Tabbed as a 1010xl Scholar-Athlete
- 2018 Rawlings-Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American
- Earned All-Conference honors as a junior

**personal**

- Born on Sept. 1, 1999
- Son of Andrew and Christine Lepkoske
- Solid beard

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**31 | Elijah McCormack** | RHP | Fr. | 6'3 | 173  
Coppell, Texas.

**freshman (2020)**

- Did not make an appearance in 2020

**prior to ucf**

- Three-year letter winner at Coppell High School in Coppell, Texas
- Tossed 45 innings and accumulated 70 strikeouts in 2019
- Perfect Game Preseason All-American for the 2019 season

**personal**

- Born on Aug. 12, 1998
- Son of Robert and Christina McCormack
- Has three siblings, Jonah, Julia and Anastasia
- Plans to major in finance

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**35 | Nick Vieira** | RHP | Fr. | 6'6 | 225  
Margate, Fla.

**prior to ucf**

- Picked up Honorable Mention honors in the 2020 Perfect Game Preseason All-Region awards for the Florida region
- Named Honorable Mention in the 2019 Perfect Game Preseason Underclassmen All-American Teams
- Perfect Game No. 50 RHP in Florida, Top 500 Nationally

**personal**

- Son of Kevin and Dana Vieira
- Has one brother, Nathan
- Plans to major in Human Communication
- Born January 2, 2002 in Boca Raton, Fla.

Year	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**HITTER BIOS**
**2 | Matt Archer | INF | Fr. | 5'9 | 179**  
 Longwood, Fla.

**freshman (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- One of eight Knights to record a home run on the season
- Drove in 10 RBI, tied for second most on the team
- First extra base hit as a Knight came as a double in 7-3 win at No. 8 Auburn (2/22)
- First collegiate home run came in 4-1 victory vs. Butler (3/8)

**prior to ucf**

- Two-year letter winner at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Miami, Fla.
- Hit .462 at the plate his senior year, with 20 RBI and scored 38 runs
- Two-time Miami Herald First-Team All-County and Miami Herald Broward County Player of the year his senior season
- Named St. Thomas Aquinas Team MVP after earning First Team All-American
- Played in the 2019 FACA State All-Star game

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.291	18	17	55	10	16	1	0	1	10	.364	3	1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>.291</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>.364</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>

**6 | Tom Josten | INF | So. | 6'2 | 200**

Palatine, Ill. | Marshalltown Community College

**prior to ucf**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- One of four Knights to start in all 18 contests
- Smashed three home runs, tied with Pablo Ruiz and Jordan Rathbone
- Collected 13 walks, the most on the team and ranked fourth in the American Athletic Conference
- Went 3-for-3 with his first homer and double as a Knight against Siena (2/15)
- First multi-RBI game came against No. 8 Auburn as he homered in a 12-2 victory

**prior to ucf**

- Two-sport athlete at William Fremd High School and played a single season at Marshalltown Community College
- Played in 45 games for the MCC Tigers
- Hit .308 at the plate, while slugging 11 home runs with 33 RBI in 2019
- Named Second-Team All-Region in the ICCAC Region in 2019

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.196	18	18	56	13	11	4	0	3	10	.429	13	2	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>.196</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>.429</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>

**17 | Nick Romano | 1B | Fr. | 6'3 | 234**

Tampa, Fla.

**junior (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Appeared in 17 games, starting 16 of them
- Topped the team with a .315 batting average (min. 31 plate appearances per game)
- Topped off a six-game hitting streak with a career-high four hits at No. 8 Auburn (2/23)

**prior to ucf**

- Four-year letter winner at Hillsborough High School
- Spent the last two seasons at St. Johns River State College
- Played 51 games last season and hit 10 home runs on his way to collecting 57 RBI
- Tallied a .348 batting average on the season

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.315	17	16	54	5	17	4	0	0	9	.389	4	1	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>.315</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.389</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

**21 | Noah Orlando | INF | Jr. | 6'0 | 180**

Orlando, Fla. | Edgewater | Palm Beach State

**junior (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made 16 appearances, earning 9 starts on the season
- Swiped six bases, second most on the UCF squad
- Only extra base hit came as a double against No. 5 Miami (3/11)

**prior to ucf**

- Three-year letter winner at Edgewater High School
- Appeared in 34 games at Palm Beach State College
- Averaged .318 at the plate with 42 hits and 17 RBI

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**5 | Trent Taylor | UTL | Jr. | 6'0 | 185**

Merritt Island Fla. | Daytona State College

**junior (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Came off the bench for all 10 appearances
- Had three at-bats as a pinch hitter
- Primarily used as a pinch runner or defensive substitution in the field
- Drove in first career RBI on 12-2 victory at No. 8 Auburn (2/23)
- Went 2-for-3 on stolen base attempts with swipes vs. Siena (2/15) and vs. No. 5 Miami

**prior to ucf**

- Four-year letter winner in Baseball and two-year letter winner in football at Merritt Island High School
- Played two seasons at Daytona State College, where he played 77 games for the Falcons
- Hit .304 in his two-year career at Daytona State, while driving in 33 runs.
- Played for the Sanford River Rats in the Florida Collegiate Summer League and finished second in the league with a .347 batting average, first in the league with 31 stolen bases and had 11 multi-hit games.

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.000	10	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**7 | Jordan Rathbone | UTL | r-Sr. | 5'11 | 200**

Spokane, Wash.

**redshirt senior (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- One of four Knights to start in all 18 contests
- Finished atop the team with 34 total bases and a .507 slugging percentage (min. 31 plate appearances per game)
- Maintained a .313 batting average, two points below the team leader and third best on the team (min. 31 plate appearances per game)
- Smashed three home runs, tied with Pablo Ruiz and Tom Josten for most on the team
- Named American Athletic Conference Player of the Week (2/24) after hitting .478 with

- three HR and seven RBI in four games
- Had three consecutive games with home runs, 2/18 vs. Stetson, 2/21-22 at No. 8 Auburn

**redshirt junior (2019)**

- Played in 11 games, starting three
- Made two starts at catcher and one in left field
- Recorded first UCF hit against Siena (2/17) that drove in a run
- Notched a three-game hit streak
- Worked with young pitchers in bullpen sessions to help with their control

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2019	.190	11	3	21	4	4	0	0	0	1	.190	2	2	9
2020	.313	18	18	67	14	21	4	0	3	17	.507	3	5	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>.284</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>.432</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>

**20 | Michael Brooks | INF | Fr. | 5'11 | 180**

Wellington, Fla.

**prior to ucf**
**personal**
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**personal**

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**22 | Colin Flynn | OF | Fr. | 6'1 | 195**

Coral Springs, Fla. | Marjory Stoneman Douglas

**prior to ucf**

- Three-year letterwinner at Marjory Stoneman Douglas
- Named First Team All-District after his junior and senior seasons
- Slugged .352 with 1 HR, 5 RBI and .923 OPS during the 2020 season
- Hit a career high 4 HR
- Maintained a .400 batting average with 20 RBI and .580 on-base percent in his sophomore season, named Third Team All-County

**personal**

- Son of Maria and Tom Flynn
- Has one brother, Aiden
- Plans to major in Political Science
- Born November 21, 2001 in Coral Springs, Fla.

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>



HITTER BIOS

**24 | Alex Freeland | INF | Fr. | 6'2 | 200**  
Cape Coral, Fla.

**freshman**

- Named d1baseball.com American Athletic Conference Preseason Freshman of the Year

**prior to ucf**

- Four-year letterwinner at Marnier High School
- Finished his high school career with a .323 average at the plate, .455 OBP, and drove in 63 RBI across 92 games
- Concluded a shortened 2020 senior campaign with a .429 batting average after collecting 5 doubles and 1 HR on the year
- No. 27 on Perfect Game Top 500 Incoming Freshman
- Attended the 2020 Perfect Game World Showcase, was named to the Rawlings Top Prospect Team
- Named 2020 Perfect Game Preseason First Team All-Region in the Florida region
- Attended the 2019 Perfect National Showcase

**personal**

- Son of Bobby and Amy Freeland
- Has two brothers, Jacob and Adam
- Plans to major in Psychology

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**27 | Gephry Pena | OF | So. | 6'0 | 180**  
Santiago, Dominican Republic

**sophomore (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- One of four Knights to start in all 18 contests
- Posted a team best 17 RBI and .415 on-base percentage, with a second-most 22 hits (min. 3.1 PA/game)
- Tied for second in the nation, first in The American, and first on the team in stolen bases (13)
- Ninth in the nation and first in the conference in stolen bases per game with 0.72 per game
- Hit first collegiate home run opening weekend against Siena (2/16)

**freshman (2019)**

- Came off the bench for all 30 appearances
- Had three plate appearances as a pinch hitter
- Primarily used as a late-game pinch runner or defensive substitution in left field
- Recorded first career hit against Penn State (3/10)
- Went 2-for-2 on stolen bases with the swipes against Yale (3/12) and at Wichita State (4/20)
- Scored the game-winning run against Memphis (5/22) in an elimination game of the American Athletic Conference Tournament

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2019	.091	30	0	11	6	1	0	0	0	1	.091	1	2	4
2020	.314	18	18	70	17	22	3	1	1	9	.429	10	2	17
Total	.284	48	18	81	23	23	3	1	1	10	.383	11	4	21

**30 | Matthew Menendez | C | Fr. | 6'2 | 220**  
Pembroke Pines, Fla.

**prior to ucf**

- Three-year letterwinner at Elite Squad Baseball Academy
- Named a 2020 Perfect Game Preseason All-American Honorable Mention in the Florida Region

**personal**

- Born Matthew Menendez on August 2, 2002
- Son of Julio and Suzanne Menendez
- Has one sister, Kimberly
- Plans to major in Sports and Exercise physiology

**39 | Connor Allen | INF | RSo. | 6'4 | 255**  
Merritt Island, Fla. | Miami

**redshirt sophomore (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made 17 appearances with three starts, primarily coming into games as a defensive replacement
- Swiped a pair of bases in back-to-back games on Opening Weekend against Siena (2/14-15)
- First hit as a Knight came as a two RBI triple against Siena (2/15)

**redshirt 2019**

- will redshirt the 2019 due to NCAA transfer regulations

**freshman - miami (2018)**

- Saw action in four games with one start
- Reached base in first plate appearance of career at FAU (Feb. 28) on hit-by-pitch
- Made first start of career at first base vs. Notre Dame (March 9)

2018 season at miami

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2018	.000	4	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	5
2020	.263	17	3	19	3	5	0	1	0	5	.368	2	1	7
Total	.200	21	4	25	3	5	0	1	0	5	.320	2	2	12

**44 | Josh Crouch | C | Jr. | 6'1 | 200**  
Sebring, Fla. | State College of Florida

**junior (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Appeared in 11 games, picking up 10 starts. Split time at catcher with Ben McCabe, made one designated hitting appearances
- Knocked a double and drove in three RBIs against Siena (2/15)
- Threw out two runners attempting to steal a base

**prior to ucf**

- Spent two seasons at the State College of Florida in Bradenton, Fla.
- Earned the Highlands County Baseball Athlete-of-the-Year award and participated in the 2017 FACA State All-Star game
- Slashed a .290 batting average in 101 games for SCF. Crouch drove in 65 RBI and hit 12 homers in his two seasons playing junior college baseball.

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.200	11	10	35	6	7	2	0	0	5	.257	3	0	12
Total	.200	11	10	35	6	7	2	0	0	5	.257	3	0	12

**26 | Andrew Brait | INF | Fr. | 5'8 | 176**  
Melbourne, Fla.

**freshman (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Appeared in 15 games, starting nine
- Notched first collegiate RBI on Opening Weekend against Siena (2/15)
- Recorded two multi-hit games against CSUN (2/28) and Jacksonville (3/3)

**prior to ucf**

- Born on Sept. 9, 2000
- Son of Matt and Jackie Brait
- Has two siblings, Alex and Anna Brait
- Brother Alex Brait plays baseball at FGCU
- Father Matt Brait played hockey at Kent State
- Plans to major in accounting

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.226	15	9	31	5	7	0	0	0	3	.226	6	1	11
Total	.226	15	9	31	5	7	0	0	0	3	.226	6	1	11

**29 | Pablo Ruiz | INF | Fr. | 5'9 | 190**  
West Palm Beach, Fla.

**freshman (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Appeared in 14 games, starting 13 of them
- Smashed three home runs, tied with Tom Josten and Jordan Rathbone
- Hit a season-high four hits against No. 8 Auburn (2/23), including his first homer as a Knight
- Posted his first multi-home run game with two bombs vs. Jacksonville (3/3)

**prior to ucf**

- Name Palm Beach County Player of the Year and Sun Sentinel Player of the Year in 2019
- Ruiz led Palm Beach County in batting average, doubles, stolen bases and tied for the lead in runs scored.
- As a senior hit .563 (36 hits in 64 at-bats) and had an on-base percentage of .670 (reaching base 59 times out of 87 plate appearances).
- Also put up at slugging percentage of 1.016 by hitting 12 doubles, four triples and three home runs his senior season.

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	.275	14	13	51	9	14	2	0	3	7	.490	2	0	11
Total	.275	14	13	51	9	14	2	0	3	7	.490	2	0	11

**32 | Ben Rushing | UTL | RFr. | 6'0 | 205**  
Weston, Fla.

**redshirt freshman (2020)**

- Season cut short due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Made three appearances, earning one start
- First career hit as a Knight came as a three-run home run vs. Siena (2/15)
- Only other hit came as a triple vs. Siena (2/16)

**prior to ucf**

- Four-year starter for Cypress Bay High School
- Named a 2018 Rawlings-Perfect Game Hornable Mention All-American in 2018
- Hit .312 to earn All-District honorable mention honors as a senior
- Notched a .464 batting average with an on-base percentage of .558 and 24 RBI as a junior
- Tabbed as a 2017 Underclass Honorable Mention by Perfect Game

**42 | John Montes | INF | Fr. | 6'0 | 175**  
Toa Alta, Puerto Rico

**prior to ucf**

- No. 40 on Perfect Game Top 500 Incoming Freshman
- Named to the 2020 Perfect Game World Showcase Top Prospect List in January 2020
- Attended the 2019 Perfect Game National Showcase at Chase Field in Phoenix, Az.
- Named to the Perfect Game 2020 Preseason First Team All-Region in the Canada/Puerto Rico Region

**personal**

- Son of Maria Torres and Johnny Montes
- One brother, Andrés
- Plans to major in Integrated Business
- Born August 27, 2001 in Bayamón, Puerto Rico

Year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	slg%	bb	hbp	so
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



## 2021 UCF Baseball Overall Statistics (as of Feb 21, 2021)

Overall Record: 1-2 Conf: 0-0 Home: 0-1 Away: 1-1 Neutral: 0-0

### All games Sorted by Batting Avg

#	Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
24	Freeland, Alex	.545	3-3	11	6	6	0	0	1	1	9	.818	4	0	2	1	.667	0	0	0-1	7	3	1	.909
27	Pena, Gephry	.455	3-3	11	5	5	0	0	1	1	8	.727	4	2	2	0	.647	0	0	1-1	6	0	0	1.000
44	Crouch, Josh	.429	3-3	14	3	6	0	0	0	0	6	.429	2	1	6	0	.529	0	0	0-0	27	3	0	1.000
2	Archer, Matt	.417	3-3	12	4	5	0	0	1	7	8	.667	1	1	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	3	3	1	.857
40	McCabe, Ben	.308	3-3	13	5	4	2	0	2	9	12	.923	3	1	5	0	.471	0	0	0-0	5	0	0	1.000
7	Rathbone, Jordan	.273	3-3	11	4	3	1	0	1	5	7	.636	1	4	5	0	.471	1	0	0-0	3	0	0	1.000
6	Josten, Tom	.200	3-3	15	2	3	1	0	1	7	7	.467	2	0	6	0	.294	0	0	0-1	4	0	0	1.000
17	Romano, Nick	.077	3-3	13	4	1	0	0	1	1	4	.308	3	1	3	0	.294	0	0	0-0	18	3	0	1.000
42	Montes, John	.222	2-1	9	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	.333	0	0	0	0	.222	0	0	0-0	1	7	1	.889
32	Rushing, Ben	.000	1-1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.000	0	0	0-0	1	1	1	.667
21	Orlando, Noah	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>.302</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>.552</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.442</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.952</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>.322</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>.593</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.441</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.958</b>

LOB: Team (30), Opp (29) DP's Turned: Team (0), Opp (3) IBB: Team (0), Opp (1)

### All games Sorted by Earned Run Avg

#	Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	B/AVG	WP	HP	BK	SFA	SHA
18	Hunsicker, Zack	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0-0	0	3.1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	.111	0	0	0	0	0
37	Vespi, Ben	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	2.2	2	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	.200	0	0	0	0	0
3	Gottilla, Nick	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.333	0	1	0	0	0
10	Gordon, Colton	2.25	0-0	1	1	0	0-0	0	4.0	6	5	1	1	6	2	1	0	.300	1	1	0	0	0
1	Litchfield, David	3.86	1-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	2.1	4	1	1	1	5	1	0	0	.333	0	0	0	0	0
8	Jones, AJ	6.75	0-0	1	1	0	0-0	0	4.0	4	3	3	0	7	1	0	1	.250	0	1	0	0	0
15	Bennett, Zack	10.80	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	1.2	3	6	2	3	1	0	0	1	.333	1	1	0	0	0
12	Sinclair, Jack	15.00	0-0	2	0	0	0-0	1	3.0	6	5	5	4	3	0	0	0	.400	0	2	0	0	0
28	Saltonstall, Ryan	20.25	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	1.1	2	3	3	2	2	0	0	2	.286	0	0	0	0	0
13	McKay, Billy	27.00	0-1	2	0	0	0-0	0	1.1	4	4	4	1	1	1	0	1	.571	1	0	0	1	0
16	Patteson, Hunter	54.00	0-1	1	1	0	0-0	0	1.2	5	10	10	4	1	2	0	2	.500	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>10.04</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.322</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>11.67</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.302</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

PB: Team (1), McCabe (1), Totals (1), Opp (1) Pickoffs: Team (0), Totals, Opp (0)



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Overall Statistics (as of Feb 21, 2021)

All games Sorted by Fielding Pct

#	Player	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	DP	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
44	Crouch, Josh	30	27	3	0	1.000	0	0	1	—	0	0
17	Romano, Nick	21	18	3	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
27	Pena, Gephry	6	6	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
40	McCabe, Ben	5	5	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	1	0
6	Josten, Tom	4	4	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
7	Rathbone, Jordan	3	3	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
18	Hunsicker, Zack	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	1	—	0	0
28	Saltonstall, Ryan	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
8	Jones, AJ	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
21	Orlando, Noah	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
24	Freeland, Alex	11	7	3	1	.909	0	0	0	—	0	0
42	Montes, John	9	1	7	1	.889	0	0	0	—	0	0
2	Archer, Matt	7	3	3	1	.857	0	0	0	—	0	0
32	Rushing, Ben	3	1	1	1	.667	0	0	0	—	0	0
1	Litchfield, David	1	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
10	Gordon , Colton	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
13	McKay, Billy	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
12	Sinclair, Jack	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
37	Vespi, Ben	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
16	Patteson, Hunter	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
3	Gottilla , Nick	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
15	Bennett, Zack	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.952</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>118</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.958</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.400</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

Hitting minimums - 75% of games played, 2 AB/G


**1**
**David Litchfield**  
rJr. • RHP

**2**
**Matthew Archer**  
Fr. • INF

**3**
**Nicholas Gotilla**  
Fr. • RHP

**4**
**Vince Bonanni**  
Fr. • RHP

**5**
**Trent Taylor**  
Jr. • UTL

**6**
**Thomas Josten**  
So. • INF

**7**
**Jordan Rathbone**  
rSr. • UTL

**8**
**AJ Jones**  
Sr. • RHP

**10**
**Colton Gordon**  
rSo. • LHP

**11**
**Kenny Serwa**  
rJr. • RHP

**12**
**Jack Sinclair**  
Jr. • RHP

**13**
**Billy McKay**  
rJr. • RHP

**15**
**Zack Bennett**  
Fr. • RHP

**16**
**Hunter Patteson**  
Fr. • LHP

**17**
**Nick Romano**  
Jr. • 1B

**18**
**Zack Hunsicker**  
So. • RHP

**20**
**Michael Brooks**  
Fr. • INF

**21**
**Noah Orlando**  
Jr. • INF

**22**
**Colin Flynn**  
Fr. • OF

**24**
**Alex Freeland**  
Fr. • INF

**25**
**Nolan Lepkoske**  
rFr. • RHP

**26**
**Andrew Brait**  
Fr. • INF

**27**
**Gephry Pena**  
So. • OF

**28**
**Ryan Saltonstall**  
rJr. • LHP

**29**
**Rablo Ruiz**  
Fr. • INF

**30**
**Matthew Menendez**  
Fr. • C

**31**
**Elijah McCormack**  
Fr. • RHP

**32**
**Ben Rushing**  
rFr. • UTL

**33**
**Keegan Pulford-Thorpe**  
Fr. • LHP

**35**
**Nick Vieira**  
Fr. • RHP

**37**
**Ben Bespi**  
Fr. • RHP

**39**
**Connor Allen**  
rSo. • INF

**40**
**Ben McCabe**  
So. • C

**42**
**John Montes**  
Fr. • INF

**44**
**Josh Crouch**  
Jr. • C/UTL

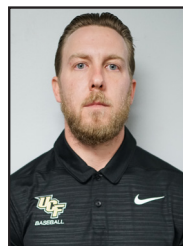
**23**
**Greg Lovelady**  
Head Coach  
2nd mound visit

**41**
**Nick Otte**  
Assistant Coach  
1st mound visit

**9**
**Ted Tom**  
Assistant Coach  
1st base

**-**
**Chris Cates**  
Assitant Coach

**-**
**Stephen Branca**  
Director of Operations

**-**
**Patrick O'Donnell**  
Athletic Trainer

**-**
**Jeremy Fradin**  
Sports Performance

**-**
**Bryan Hill**  
Equipment