



# 2019 UCF FOOTBALL

Nov. 23, 2019  
Postgame Notes



*UCF 34 (8-3, 5-2) at Tulane 31 (6-5, 3-4)*

*Nov. 23, 2019 | Yulman Stadium | Attendance: 21,032*

*Weather: Partly cloudy | Temp: 65 degrees | Wind: 12 MPH from the west-northwest*

## General

- UCF captains: Junior running back Otis Anderson, senior linebacker Nate Evans, senior defensive end Brendon Hayes, junior tight end Jake Hescock, sophomore defensive back Jon Powell
- Coin Toss: UCF won the toss and elected to defer to the second half. Tulane will receive and defend the south end zone.

## Team

- The Knights improved to 20-4 with Josh Heupel at the helm
- UCF now leads Tulane 7-2 in the series and 3-2 in games played in New Orleans
- The Knights have won 33 of their last 37 games dating back to the start of the 2017 season
- The Knights scored on the ground and through the air, its 37<sup>th</sup> straight game doing so, a streak that leads the nation (Clemson, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 21)

## Offense

- The Knights scored on their first offensive drive for eighth time in 11 games
- Jordan Johnson made his team-leading 49<sup>th</sup> straight start on the offensive line
- UCF had two scoring drives under two minutes, increasing the season total to 45 scoring drives under two minutes on the season
- Dillon Gabriel threw a touchdown pass for the 11<sup>th</sup> straight game to start his career
- He now has 25 passing touchdowns on the season, which is tied for the sixth most in a single season at UCF
- Gabriel also rushed for a season-high 58 yards on the ground
- He finished with 317 yards passing, his fourth 300-yard game of the season, which is tied for the sixth most in a season by a UCF quarterback
- He eclipsed the 3,000 mark for the season, currently ranking fifth in most passing yards in a season at UCF with 3,123 yards
- Marlon Williams caught his career-best fifth touchdown of the season and the eighth of his career
- Williams finished with career highs of nine receptions and 119 yards, the first 100-yard game of his career
- Otis Anderson scored his fifth rushing touchdown of the season and his eighth overall touchdown in 2019
- Darriel Mack Jr. rushed for his second touchdown on the ground this season, the eighth of his career and also threw his fourth touchdown of the season
- Anthony Roberson caught the first reception of his career, a fourth-down touchdown catch from Mack



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- The UCF defense shutout Tulane in the first quarter, bringing its season total to 15 quarters shutting out the opposition
- The seven points allowed in the first half to Tulane were the least amount of points for an opponent since holding ECU to six on Oct. 19
- UCF came into Saturday leading the nation with 9.4 tackles for loss per game and had nine against Tulane
- Eric Mitchell and Tre'mon Morris-Brash each had two tackles for loss in the win
- Nate Evans broke up two passes

## Special Teams

- Dylan Barnas connected on both of his field goal attempts to improve to 11-for-12 on the season
- Barnas came into the game ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation with a 90.0 percent mark on field goals
- He now has a field goal percentage of 91.7, which would be the best in program history if it held until the end of 2019
- The Knights gave up a 98-yard kick return for a touchdown, the first kick return for a touchdown against UCF since Oct. 28, 2017 (Austin Peay)