



GAME INFORMATION

Score _____ UCF 36 (1-0) vs. Boise State 31 (0-1)
 Date _____ Thursday, September 2 | 7 p.m. ET (Kicked at 9:45 p.m.)
 Location _____ Orlando, Fla. | Bounce House
 Attendance _____ n/a* insufficient data due to delay
 TV/Radio _____ ESPN/FM 96.9 The Game
 Weather _____ Mostly Cloudy | Temp: 73 degrees | Wind: 5 MPH W

OFFENSE NOTES

- UCF has now scored at least one rushing touchdown and one passing touchdown in 50 consecutive games, a streak that leads the nation.
- UCF allowed an interception return for a touchdown for the first time since doing so against Marshall on Dec. 23, 2019 in the Gasparilla Bowl. The 100-yard return by Boise State was the longest against UCF in program history.
- The first quarter marked the first quarter that the Knights failed to score in since failing to score in the fourth quarter against Temple on Nov. 14, 2020.
- Dillon Gabriel threw a touchdown pass to Alec Holler in the second quarter, Gabriel's 24th consecutive game with a passing touchdown, tying him with McKenzie Milton for the second longest streak in UCF history.
- Holler's touchdown catch was the first reception of his career.
- Gabriel also found freshman Titus Mokiao-Atimalala for a second-quarter touchdown, the first of his career.
- It was Gabriel's 20th career game with multiple touchdown passes, 12th with three or more, and seventh with four or more touchdown passes.
- Gabriel found Brandon Johnson in the end zone in the third quarter, the former Tennessee Volunteer's second career touchdown, his first score as a Knight and first since the 2017 season.
- Isaiah Bowser rushed over 100 yards for the fifth time in his career and scored his first touchdown as a Knight.
- Gabriel hit Jaylon Robinson for a third-quarter touchdown, Robinson's seventh career score. Robinson went over 100 yards for the seventh time in his career, which is one shy from breaking into the UCF top-10.
- Gabriel tied Blake Bortles for fifth place in UCF history with 71 career touchdowns responsible for.

DEFENSE NOTES

- The Knights held Boise State scoreless in the third quarter and allowed just negative seven yards of offense in the third quarter.
- It was the first time holding an opponent scoreless in a quarter since doing so in the third quarter against Temple on Nov. 20, 2020.
- Dyllon Lester recorded his first-career interception.
- Quadric Bullard and Jeremiah Jean-Baptiste led the Knights with nine tackles each, both career highs
- Kalia Davis recorded a career high 3.0 tackles for loss, while Jean-Baptiste matched a career high with 2.0 TFLs

GENERAL NOTES

- UCF captains: Senior Big Kat Bryant, junior Dillon Gabriel, senior Samuel Jackson, senior Brandon Johnson.
- Coin Toss: UCF won the toss and elected to defer. Boise State chose to receive and defend the north end zone.
- It marked the 27th time since the start of the 2018 season that UCF has appeared on ABC, ESPN or ESPN2, ranking in the top 10 in the nation in major network appearances during that time.
- There was a two hour and 40 minute delay to kickoff due to lightning.

TEAM NOTES

- It marks UCF's sixth straight win in a season opener.
- Gus Malzahn is still perfect in home openers as a head coach, at 10-0.
- Malzahn is now 78-38 in his career as a head coach.
- It marked the 175th FBS win in the history of the UCF football program.
- It was the first meeting between UCF and Boise State in football.
- UCF is now 42-8 in its last 50 games.
- The Knights are now 2-4 against teams currently in the Mountain West, with the other win coming against New Mexico on Nov. 21, 1998.
- First-time Knights who saw first action at UCF: Big Kat Bryant, Ricky Barber, Bryson Armstrong, Isaiah Bowser, Brandon Johnson, Titus Mokiao-Atimalala, Kaedin Robinson, Mark-Antony Richards, Devunte Dawson, Brandon Adams, Nate Craig-Myers.
- Freshmen with collegiate debuts: Titus Mokiao-Atimalala, Brandon Adams, William Wells.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Andrew Osteen punted six times for 255 yards, an average of 42.5 yards per punt.
- Osteen had a long of 53 yards and punted one inside the 20 yard line
- He moved into eighth all-time with 103 career punts
- Daniel Obarski kicked off six times for 368 yards with four touchbacks
- Titus Mokiao-Atimalala returned two punts for negative three yards, while Amari Johnson returned one for 12 yards
- Johnny Richardson returned two kicks for 32 yards, while Ryan O'Keefe returned one kick for 37 yards

DRIPU NOTES

- This is the first time UCF wore black jerseys in a season opener since 2013
- UCF is now 3-0 all-time when wearing white helmets in a season opener
- The Knights have worn seven new looks in their last 10 games
- UCF has worn white helmets in every home opener since 2007 except last season
- This marks the 51st unique look UCF has worn since redesigning in 2016

Uniform Records Since 2016

White Helmet: 13-4
 Black Pegasus Jersey: 11-5
 White Pants: 10-5
 White/Black/White: 0-1