

2019 UCF FOOTBALL

Oct. 19, 2019 Postgame Notes



UCF 41 (5-2, 2-1) vs. ECU 28 (3-4, 0-3)

Oct. 19, 2019 | Spectrum Stadium | Attendance: 42,906

Weather: Partly Cloudy | Temp: 82 degrees | Wind: 11 MPH from the south

General

- UCF captains: Sophomore linebacker Eriq Gilyard, junior defensive back Brandon Moore, sophomore defensive back Josh Kelly, junior wide receiver Tre Nixon and sophomore offensive lineman Cole Schneider.
- Coin Toss: UCF won the toss and elected to defer to the second half. ECU chose to receive and defend the north end zone.

Team

- The Knights improved to 17-3 with Josh Heupel at the helm
- UCF now trails ECU 10-8 in the all-time series between the two teams
- The Knights are now 39-11 at Spectrum Stadium against conference opponents
- UCF improved to 29-12 on Homecoming
- The Knights scored on the ground and through the air, its 33rd straight game doing so, a streak that leads the nation (Oklahoma, 2nd 20)

Offense

- Dillon Gabriel scored his second rushing touchdown of the season
- Marlon Williams's 52-yard reception in the first quarter was the longest of his career
- He finished with career highs of 5 catches and 78 yards
- The Knights scored on their first drive for sixth time in their first seven games of the 2019 season
- Jordan Johnson made his 45th straight start on the offensive line
- Greg McCrae rushed for his sixth touchdown on the ground this season and the 18th of his career
- Bentavious Thompson rushed for his third touchdown of the season, a 32-yard score, the longest rush of his career
- The Knights scored 21 points in the first quarter, nearly equaling the amount of points ECU has given up in the first quarter all season (24 points in six games)
- UCF totaled three rushing touchdowns, the third time this season scoring three of more rushing touchdowns
- Darriel Mack Jr. threw his second touchdown of the season, the fifth of his career
- Gabriel Davis caught two touchdown passes, his ninth and 10th of the season, which ranks 10th all-time at UCF
- It also marked the 20th and 21st receiving touchdowns of Davis's career, tying him for fourth alltime at UCF
- Davis finished with 164 receiving yards in the game, his fourth straight 100-yard game and the seventh of his career
- Only one Knight has had a longer 100-game streak (Ted Wilson, 5)
- Dillon Gabriel threw a touchdown pass for the seventh straight game to start his career,
- He finished with two touchdown passes, his 16th and 17th of the season



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- Gabriel finished with 365 yards passing, his third 300-yard passing game of the season, which is tied for the ninth most in a single season at UCF
- It was a career high for the freshman
- Tre Nixon caught his fourth touchdown of the season, the eighth of his career
- Nixon had 3 catches for 103 yards, his second 100-yard game of the season and the third of his career
- Otis Anderson led the way on the ground for UCF, finishing with 80 rushing yards
- Gabriel Davis led the way in receiving yards, finishing with 164 yards through the air
- After scoring 41 points, UCF has now scored 40 points or more in 20 of the last 33 games
- It was the third game this season the Knights tallied over 600 yards of total offense, finishing with 611 total

Defense

- The Knights held ECU scoreless in the first quarter, now having held their opponents scoreless in 11 quarters this season
- In seven games, UCF is outscoring its opponents 111-14 in the first quarter
- UCF held ECU without a touchdown in the first half, the fifth time the Knights have held their opponent without a touchdown in a half this season
- Stephon Zayas recorded the first forced fumble of his career
- Eric Mitchell recovered it, his first of the season and the second of his career
- Mitchell and Anthony Montalvo both recorded sacks in the game
- Kenny Turnier and Brendon Hayes combined for one sack
- Nate Evans had double-digit tackles for the second straight game, finishing with 10
- Antwan Collier grabbed his second interception of the season, the fourth of his career

Special Teams

- Andrew Osteen punted four times for 186 yards, downing one inside the 10-yard line
- Otis Anderson returned one punt for 10 yards
- Dylan Barnas went 5-for-5 on extra points