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- UCF is now 3-0 on the season.
- UCF is now 292-226-1 all-time and 195-140 at the FBS level.
- UCF is now 80-24 all-time at FBC Mortgage Stadium.
- Gus Malzahn is now 98-47 all-time and 21-9 at UCF.
- UCF is now 2-0 against Villanova all-time. Tonight's matchup was the first between the two programs at FBC Mortgage Stadium as their first meeting in 2006 was UCF's last home opener at the Citrus Bowl.
- UCF is now 3-0 as a member of the Big 12.
- UCF's 3-0 start marks the first time since 2019 that UCF has remained unbeaten in its first three games.
- Gus Malzahn secured his first victory against Villanova, edging closer to 100 career wins as a head coach (Arkansas State: 9, Auburn: 68, UCF: 21).

## × OFFENSIVE NOTES

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- UCF's 600 yards of total offense marks the third consecutive game the Knights have accumulated more than 500 yards of total offense. The last time UCF achieved the feat was in 2020 (798 at Memphis on 10/17/20, 689 vs. Tulane on 10/24/20, 681 at Houston on 10/31/20). The Knights are now averaging 617.7 yards of total offense.
- UCF's 34-0 lead at the half marked the largest for the Knights since leading 42-0 lead at the half versus UConn on Sept. 28, 2019.
- When scoring first, UCF is 17-3 under Gus Malzahn. Since 2021, UCF has scored first in 20 of its 30 games. The Knights haven't lost when scoring first in 12 games, dating back to Nov. 20, 2021, versus UConn.
- UCF's opening 14-play/69-yard drive marked the longest scoring drive of the season, besting the 11-play/75-yard opening drive against Kent State on Aug. 31, 2023.
- Timmy McClain threw for a career-high 321 yards in his first start for UCF. McClain matched his career high in passing touchdowns with two and surpassed 2,000 career passing yards, his current total stands at 2,262.
- Jordan McDonald notched two rushing touchdowns in the first quarter marking his first career multi-touchdown game. McDonald rushed for two one-yard touchdowns, his second and third of the season and fourth of his career.
- Javon Baker's second-quarter 25-yard touchdown reception was his first of the season and seventh of his career.
- R.J. Harvey's second-quarter five-yard rushing touchdown was his third of the season and eighth of his career. Harvey has recorded a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games for the first time in his career.
- Harvey's third-quarter 24-yard rushing touchdown and second of the night marked his single-game high and second game in his career he's tallied two rushing touchdowns (first vs. Cincinnati on 10/29/22).
- Harvey and McDonald's multi-touchdown night marks the second game this season two Knights have rushed for multiple rushing touchdowns (Plumlee and Harvey vs. Kent State on 08/31/23).
- Kobe Hudson's 147 receiving yards set a new career high, besting last week's 134 receiving yards at Boise State. Hudson is the first Knight to record two consecutive 100+ receiving yards in a game since Ryan O'Keefe a season ago (117 vs. SMU on 10/5/22 and 111 vs. Temple on 10/13/22).
- Jaylon Griffin's 36-yard touchdown reception was both the first touchdown and longest reception of his career.
- Dylan Rizk threw for 28 yards on four completions in his first career appearance for UCF.

## × DEFENSIVE NOTES

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- UCF is one of 10 in the Power 5 and one of two in the Big 12 to have held opponents to under 16 points in each of its first three games.
- UCF has yet to allow a touchdown in the second (three) and third (three) quarters through its first three games. The Knights shut out Villanova through the first three quarters.
- Nikai Martinez's first-quarter interception was the first of his career and the third by a Knight this season. Martinez returned the interception for 42 yards, the longest interception return since Clarke Nevelle's 48-yard return on Sept. 28, 2019, against UConn.
- UCF has opened the season with an interception in three consecutive games, marking the longest stretch with at least one interception since 2021. The Knights recorded an interception in Gus Malzahn's first three games as UCF head coach (1 vs. Boise State on 9/2/21, one vs. Bethune-Cookman on 9/11/21, one at Louisville on 9/17/21).
- Matthew Alexander recorded his first career sack in his first career start, recording two tackles and one for a loss.
- John Walker's four tackles and two for a loss were both a career-high.

## × SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

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- Boomer went 2-for-2 on Field Goals in the win, converting from 26 in the first quarter and 41 in the second quarter. Boomer remains perfect on the season (6/6) following his career night in Boise State last week. He has converted on all six of his PATs, moving his streak to 53 consecutive PATs made.
- Mitch McCarthy punted three times for 144 yards, with his farthest traveling 52 yards. His career tally stands at 1,977 yards.