



KNIGHTS

FOOTBALL



Houston Cougars (4-8, 2-6 B12)

Head Coach Dana Holgorsen
31-28 at UH / 92-69 Overall



UCF KNIGHTS (6-6, 3-6 B12)

Head Coach Gus Malzahn
24-15 at UCF / 101-53 Overall

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GAME INFO

Date	Saturday, November 25
Kickoff	12 p.m. ET
Duration	Orlando, Fla.
Stadium	FBC Mortgage Stadium
Attendance	43,610
Record at FBC	82-26
TV	Fox Sports 1
Record	6-4
Weather	Sunny 72 F
Coin Toss	UCF won and deferred

LEADERS

	PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
UCF KNIGHTS	John Rhys Plumlee	RJ Harvey	Kobe Hudson
	23-27-0 COMP/ATT/INT	21 - 6.5 ATT/AVG	12 - 9 TAR/REC
	253 YARDS	136 YARDS	98 YARDS
	1 TOUCHDOWN	2 TOUCHDOWNS	0 TOUCHDOWNS
HOUSTON COUGARS	Donovan Smith	Stacy Sneed	Stephon Johnson
	12-20-1 COMP/ATT/INT	3 - 11.3 ATT/AVG	6 - 8 TAR/REC
	161 YARDS	34 YARDS	69 YARDS
	1 TOUCHDOWN	0 TOUCHDOWNS	1 TOUCHDOWN

CAPTAINS

UCF KNIGHTS		
0	JASON JOHNSON	Linebacker
5	RICKY BARBER	Defensive Line
82	ALEC HOLLER	Tight End
HOUSTON COUGARS		
5	HASAAN HYPOLITE	Defensive Back
9	NELSON CEASER	Defensive Line
75	JACK FREEMAN	Offensive Line
97	PATRICK PAUL	Offensive Line

DRIPU

UCF	Black/Black/Black
HOU	Red/White/Red

TEAM NOTES

- UCF is now 6-6 on the season and 3-6 in Big 12 play.
- UCF is now 295-232-1 all-time and 198-146 at the FBS level.
- Gus Malzahn is now 101-53 all-time and 24-15 at UCF.
- UCF is now 8-3 against Houston all-time following its first meeting as members of the Big 12.
- UCF is now bowl-eligible for the eighth consecutive season (since 2015) and the 14th time in program history. That mark is the longest streak in the state of Florida.
- UCF is now 6-4 on Fox Sports 1 following its eighth contest of the season televised on the network.
- Malzahn secures his first career victory against Houston in his first-ever meeting with the program, moving him to 7-5 against Texas opposition all-time. Malzahn has achieved bowl eligibility for his teams in all 12 seasons as head coach.
- With 101 wins during his career as head coach at the FBS level, Malzahn is the only coach to have reached the century mark in wins at both the high school and collegiate level.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- UCF's offense tallied 476 yards, securing the Knights ninth game this season with at least 400 yards of total offense.
- The Knights ran for 223 yards on the ground, marking the ninth game this season they've surpassed 200 rushing yards.
- UCF is one of two teams (West Virginia) to have rushed for 140 yards or more in each game this season.
- The Knights' offense finished the regular season with 5,907 yards of total offense (2,798 rushing and 3,109 passing).
- UCF was 6 for 13 on third downs in the win, moving its season percentage to an even 50% (76 of 152).

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- In each of the Knights' wins this season, the defense has held the opposition to 30 points or less.
- UCF's defense allowed just 13 points in the win, marking the third-fewest allowed this season and the second fewest allowed in a Big 12 contest.

✦ PLAYER NOTES ✦

OFFENSE

- RJ Harvey notched his sixth multi-touchdown game of his career and the fifth this season following his two scores on the ground in the win.
- Harvey is now tied for second all-time for rushing touchdowns in a season with 16. It marks the second consecutive season the Knights have had a running back rush for 16 touchdowns (Isaiah Bowser, 2022).
- With 136 yards on the ground, Harvey secured his seventh career performance with 100 or more rushing yards and the sixth this season.
- Harvey now stands fourth in program history with 1,296 rushing yards this season. He is now 42 yards away from Willie English's 1991 campaign where he rushed for 1,338 yards.
- Over his final seven games of the season, Harvey has rushed for 918 yards, including four consecutive games with at least two touchdowns on the ground, becoming just the second player in program history to do so (Kevin Smith, 2007).
- John Rhys Plumlee completed 23 of his 27 attempts in the air for 253 yards and one touchdown. His 2,073 passing yards on the season mark back-to-back seasons with 2,000 or more passing yards.
- Kobe Hudson secured a career-high nine receptions in the win for 98 yards, propelling him past his UCF season high in receptions set in 2022 (39) as he now has 42 on the season, two shy of his career-high of 44 set in 2021 with Auburn.
- Xavier Townsend notched his third receiving touchdown of the season and his career following a 28-yard reception in the second quarter to give the Knights the lead.
- Alec Holler set a season high and matched his career high in receptions with five on the day while picking up 44 yards.

DEFENSE

- Corey Thornton secured his third interception of the season and the fourth of his career. He joins Nikai Martinez atop the Knights' interception leaderboard this season, each with three.
- Walter Yates tallied 12 tackles in the win, his second-best performance both this season and in his UCF career (two seasons).
- Jason Johnson surpassed 100 tackles for the season with eight in the win, securing his second consecutive season with 100 or more tackles at UCF (also his third consecutive season with 100+).
- Johnson becomes the first Knight to achieve back-to-back seasons with 100 or more tackles since both Clayton Geathers and Terrance Plummer did so in 2012-13.
- Johnson also set a career-high in sacks with two this afternoon, the most of any Knight in the win.
- Three Knights secured two tackles for loss in the win (Jason Johnson, Lee Hunter, and Malachi Lawrence).
- For Hunter, the performance marked a career high, besting three previous performances with one (last at Oklahoma on 10/21/23).