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2023-24 UCF MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

UCF Knights
9-4 (0-1 B12)
Johnny Dawkins
140-91 | 296-206

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Kansas State Wildcats
11-3 (1-0 B12)
Jerome Tang
37-13 | 39-13

January 6, 2024 | Bramlage Coliseum | Manhattan, Kansas | 9,698 - Attendance

✕ **Starters** ✕

Player	Season
2 Shemarri Allen (G)	12
3 Darius Johnson (G)	12
5 Omar Payne (F)	13
24 Jaylin Sellers (G)	13
12 DeMarr Langford Jr. (G)	7

✕ **Series History** ✕

Overall	0-3
In Manhattan	0-2
Neutral	1-0

✕ **Top Performers** ✕

UCF Knights	
Darius Johnson	10 PTS 3 REB 2 AST
C.J. Walker	8 PTS 4 REB 4-8 FG
Kansas State Wildcats	
Taylor Perry	25 PTS 5 AST 7-13 FG
Arthur Kaluma	14 PTS 3 AST 6 REB

✕ **Comparison** ✕

	Knights		Wildcats	
1st Half	8-37 (21.6%)	FG	12-28 (42.9%)	1st Half
	2-11 (18.2%)	3PT	3-13 (23.1%)	
	1-2 (50%)	FT	8-10 (80%)	
2nd Half	14-28 (50%)	FG	13-30(43.3%)	2nd Half
	3-10 (30%)	3PT	6-11 (54.5%)	
	2-3 (66.7%)	FT	10-13 (76.9%)	
Full Game	22-65(33.8%)	FG	25-58(43.1%)	Full Game
	5-21 (23.8%)	3PT	9-24 (37.5%)	
	3-5 (60%)	FT	18-23 (78.3%)	

Team Notes

UCF is now: 9-4 on the season, 9-4 as a member of the Big 12, 140-91 under Johnny Dawkins

- Thirteen Knights saw playing time during the game, with 11 of the 13 Knights scoring
- UCF outnumbered the Wildcats on offensive rebounds, with the Knights tallying up 16 on the night and Kansas State having 13. Kansas State was ranked 12th in the nation in offensive rebounds entering the contest.
- The Black and Gold bench outscored the Wildcats' bench 22-10 with C.J. Walker accounting for eight of them, all on field goals
- The Knights had six blocks, keeping pace with their top-15 ranking in the nation. UCF averaged 5.6 blocks per game entering the contest.
- UCF's 19 points in the first half is the lowest scoring half of any game this season. The last time the Knights scored less than 20 points in a half was when they put up 17 points in the first half against Oklahoma State on November 18, 2022
- The Knights 52 points scored is the lowest in a game this season and the lowest since they scored 49 in a loss against then No. 7 ranked Houston on January 29, 2022
- UCF went 3-for-5 in free throw attempts, which is the least amount of free throws made in a game this season and the least since the Knights went 3-for-4 on free throws against Florida on March 15, 2023
- Five made free throws during the game ties a season low for UCF, which was done twice most recently against Charlotte on November 20, 2023

Player Notes

- Darius Johnson's 10 points extended his streak of scoring double-digit points to five games and his eleventh overall this season
- Omar Payne led the team in blocks with three, tying a season high. It's the second time he has had exactly three blocks in a game and boasts six games with multiple rejections
- Freshman Nils Machowski led the game for the Knights with three assists coming off of the bench, which is a single-game career high
- Marchelus Avery had seven rebounds which was a game high for UCF and also ties his single-game season high
- With eight points on the evening, Jaylin Sellers' streak of scoring double-digit points came to an end after 12 straight contests. He was chasing Aubrey Dawkins' mark of 18-straight games with double-digit points which he achieved to begin his Knights career.
- Kansas State's Taylor Perry's 25 points is the most scored in a single-game throughout his Wildcat career
- Four Kansas Players had double-digit points in the contest, including two of them having 5+ assists on the night

Dawkins' Perspective

"They got off to a really good start and got a lot of momentum early. We kept trying to fight back and tried to play catch-up throughout the night, and they just made the plays they needed to make to continue to maintain their lead. [The Big 12 Conference] has been the best basketball conference in probably eight of the last 10 years. For us, we're looking forward to competing. We've got one game under our belts; we have 17 more and every team is going to be like the type of team we played tonight. They're all going to be very good. We understand that and respect them all. We're going to keep working hard and keep growing as a team."