

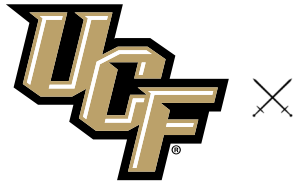
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2023-24 UCF MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

UCF Knights
12-8 (3-5 Big 12)
Johnny Dawkins
143-95 | 299-210

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Baylor Bears
15-5 (4-3 Big 12)
Scott Drew
435-238 | 455-249

January 31, 2024 | Addition Financial Arena | Orlando, Florida | 8,683 Attendance

Starters

Player	Season
1 Antwann Jones (G)	1
3 Darius Johnson (G)	19
31 Thierno Sylla (F)	9
24 Jaylin Sellers (G)	19
11 Ibrahima Diallo (F)	7

Series History

Overall	0-1
In Orlando	0-1
Neutral	N/A

Top Performers

UCF Knights	
Darius Johnson	23 PTS 9 AST 9-12 FG
Marchelus Avery	16 PTS 4 REB 6-12 FG
Baylor Bears	
Langston Love	24 PTS 7-7 FT 7 REB
Jalen Bridges	12 PTS 6 REB 5 AST

Comparison

	Knights		Bears		
1st Half	15-26 (57.7%)	FG	12-25 (48%)		1st Half
	8-13 (61.5%)	3PT	5-9 (55.6%)		
	0-1 (0%)	FT	3-4 (75%)		
2nd Half	12-24 (54%)	FG	12-26(63.6%)		2nd Half
	6-14 (42.9%)	3PT	4-11 (36.4%)		
	1-6 (16.7%)	FT	17-21(81%)		
Full Game	27-50(54%)	FG	24-51(46.2%)		Full Game
	14-27 (51.9%)	3PT	9-20 (45%)		
	1-7(14.3%)	FT	20-25(80%)		

Team Notes

UCF is now: 12-8 on the season, 12-8 as a member of the Big 12, 143-95 under Johnny Dawkins

- After UCF led for most of the first half, the Knights were defeated by No. 18 Baylor in a game where they once lead by double-digits, leading by as many as 10 with 14:49 left in the first.
- At the half, UCF led Baylor 38-32, which is now three-straight conference games where the Knights have led at halftime.
- The 57.7% from the field in the first half set the season high for the Knights for the highest field goal percentage in the first half this season.
- Overall, UCF had a 54% field goal percentage, which is the highest percentage in a single game this season
- UCF made 14 three-pointers against the Bears which is the most in a conference game and the second most in a single-game this season
- Baylor who leads the Big 12 in average points per game and rank 12th nationally were held to 77 points on the night. This is now the second straight and sixth out of eight conference games that the Knights defense has held their opponents to below their season points per game average.
- UCF held the Bears to 10 under their season average in rebounds per game while out rebounding the team, 29-26
- Continuing their blocking trend, the Knights put up three blocks on the night. This is the 18th straight game that UCF has had three or more blocks this season

Player Notes

- Antwann Jones made his first start as a Knight during tonight's matchup, this also marks his first start in a game since Nov. 21, 2021 against Jackson State as a member of Louisiana
- Darius Johnson had a season high 16 points in the first half en route to his team leading 23 point performance
- Johnson also emassed a career-high in three-pointers made with five, breaking his previous total of four. The last time a Knight had five three pointers in a game was Ithiel Horton against ECU on March 5, 2023. He also tied his career high in field goals made with nine.
- The junior also recorded 10 assists on the night, which ties his career-high and also gives him sole possession of 10th place on the Knights all-time assists list with 270, moving ahead of Daiquan Walker who had 268.
- Johnson, who scored his first double-double of the season and third overall in his career, was also three rebounds away from obtaining a triple-double, which not been accomplished by a Knight since 2013
- Marchelus Avery also tied his career-high with four three-pointers made, which he tied again last game against Cincinnati and set it earlier in the year at South Dakota State.
- Baylor's Langston Love scored 24 points in the contest which was a game leading feat and a new career high

Dawkins' Perspective

"I give Baylor a lot of credit. I thought they came in and played a really good basketball game. I'd heard a lot about the ability to shoot the basketball and watched a lot on tape. They were even better than I saw on tape. They really shot the ball well, they played the right way, they played hard... I thought we had a chance at the end and they closed the game out better than we did coming down the stretch. Coming down the stretch is pretty much anyone's ballgame. I thought they made just a few more plays coming down the stretch than we did to close the game."