



NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDCATS

1-0, 0-0 CAA | Ricky Santos (21-15 / 21-15)

UCF KNIGHTS

1-0, 0-0 B12 | Gus Malzahn (25-16 / 102-54)



FBC Mortgage Stadium ♦ Thursday, Aug. 29, 2024

♦ GENERAL NOTES

- For the fourth consecutive year, UCF opened its season on a Thursday night at home.
- Thursday night was the first meeting between the programs.
- Head coach Gus Malzahn is now 4-0 in season-openers at UCF and 12-1 overall in 13 seasons as a head coach.
- UCF now owns an all-time record of 35-10 in season openers.

♦ OFFENSE NOTES

- The Knights recorded 639 yards of total offense, including 454 on the ground, the most in the Gus Malzahn era and the second most in program history (461 in 1992).
- The UCF offense recorded 12 plays of at least 15 yards.
- The Knights averaged 8.4 yards per rush, which marks the second-consecutive year UCF has broke the program record in its season opener.

♦ DEFENSE NOTES

- The Knights held UNH to just four first downs through the first three quarters of play.
- UCF held the Wildcats to just 67 net rushing yards and 95 passing yards for only 162 total net yards.
- The Knights totaled 7.0 TFL for minus-26 yards.
- The Knights held the Wildcats to just 2 of 15 on third-down conversions.

GAME INFO

Time 7 p.m. ET
 City Orlando, Fla.
 Attendance 44,206
 TV ESPN+
 Weather Partly Sunny | 93

LEADERS

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 Passing KJ Jefferson
 7-14-1 | 164 YDS | 2 TD
 Rushing RJ Harvey
 11-12.9 | 142 YDS | 2 TD
 Receiving Kobe Hudson
 2-30.5 | 61 YDS | 0 TD
 Passing Seth Morgan
 14-28-2 | 95 YDS | 0 TD
 Rushing Matt Veza
 2-10.5 | 21 YDS | 0 TD
 Receiving .. Logan Tomlinson
 6-12.2 | 73 YDS | 0 TD

CAPTAINS

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 UCF
 KJ Jefferson
 1 - QB
 RJ Harvey
 7 - RB
 Ethan Barr
 32 - TB
 Marcellus Marshall
 72 - OL

NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Logan Tomlinson
 5 - WR

Josiah Silver
 8 - DE
 Ryan Toscano
 39 - LB
 Drew Danson
 88 - TE

DRIP-U

.....
 Black/Black/Black
 UCF
 White/White/Blue
 UNH

UCF OFFENSE

QB KJ Jefferson
 WR Trent Whittemore
 WR Kobe Hudson
 WR Xavier Townsend
 RB RJ Harvey
 LT Amari Kight
 LG Adrian Medley
 C Caden Kitler
 RG Marcellus Marshall
 RT Paul Rubelt
 TE Evan Morris

UCF DEFENSE

DE Malachi Lawrence
 DT Lee Hunter
 DT Ricky Barber
 DE Nyjalik Kelly
 LB Ethan Barr
 LB DeShawn Pace
 DB Braeden Marshall
 S Sheldon Arnold
 S Quadric Bullard
 CB Mac McWilliams
 CB Brandon Adams

UNH OFFENSE

QB Seth Morgan
 WR Joey Corcoran
 WR Josh Fillion
 WR Logan Tomlinson
 RB Myles Thomason
 LT Tolu Olajide
 LG Luke Swaine
 C Dylan Poirier
 RG Mason Davis
 RT Beau Riley
 TE Colby Ramshaw

UNH DEFENSE

DE Josiah Silver
 DT Neil Politano
 DT Jacoby Sherard
 DE Felix Ruiz
 LB Ryan Toscano
 LB Brandon Perkins
 DB Zedane Williams
 S Wande Owens
 S Brendan Tighe
 CB Caleb Mead
 CB Noah Stansbury

UCF

Passing	185
Cmp-Att-Int	11-22-1
Rushing	454
Att-Rush Avg	54-8.4
Total Offense	639
Possession.....	29:33
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UNH

Passing	162
Cmp-Att-Int	14-28-2
Rushing	67
Att-Rush Avg	29-2.3
Total Offense	162
Possession.....	30:27

SCORING

1ST

(3-0) UCF Field Goal
BOOMER - 25 YDS.

(6-0) UCF Field Goal
BOOMER - 44 YDS.

2ND

(13-0) UCF Rushing TD
JEFFERSON - 3 YDS.

(15-0) UCF Safety
TENNISON - Blocked Punt

(22-0) UCF Rushing TD
HARVEY - 1 YD.

(22-3) NHU Field Goal
Mazzie - 38 YDS.

(29-3) UCF Rushing TD
Harvey - 13 YDS.

3RD

(36-3) UCF Passing TD
JEFFERSON TO MONTGOMERY - 49-YDS.

(43-6) UCF RUSHING TD
BOONE - 59 YDS.

(50-3) UCF Passing TD
JEFFERSON TO RICHARDSON - 22 YDS.

(57-3) UCF Rushing TD
MONTGOMERY - 25 YDS.

UP NEXT



vs. Sam Houston
SAT (9/7) at 6:30 PM



at Holy Cross
SAT (9/7) at 2 PM



PLAYER NOTES

- **RB RJ Harvey** rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns for 12.9 yards per carry. It marked the ninth 100-yard rushing game of his career and his eighth multiple-touchdown game of his career. His 12.9 rushing yards per attempt rank second in program history.
- **QB KJ Jefferson** scored on a 3-yard touchdown rush run early in the second quarter, the 21st rushing touchdown of his career. He also passed for two touchdowns. He now is responsible for 88 career touchdowns: 67 through the air and 21 on the ground.
- Playing in his first game as a Knight, **RB Myles Montgomery** recorded a 49-yard touchdown reception early in the third quarter, the first receiving touchdown of his career. He also rushed for 77 yards and a score.
- **RB Peny Boone**, also playing in his first game in the Black and Gold, ripped off a 59-yard touchdown in the third quarter, the 21st of his career.
- **RB Johnny Richardson** recorded his third career receiving touchdown, and his first since the 2022 season, with a 22-yard catch-and-run from Jefferson in the third quarter.

OFFENSE

- **LB Deshawn Pace** recorded his first interception as a Knight and the seventh of his career on the first play of the second quarter. He returned it 37 yards to the UNH 3-yard line, setting up a 3-yard touchdown run by KJ Jefferson. Pace also led the Knights with 5 tackles.
- **DB Braeden Marshall** recorded a career-high 2.0 TFL for minus-11 yards.
- **DB Antoine Jackson** recorded his second career INT in the third quarter.

DEFENSE

- **DB Ladarius Tennison** blocked a UNH punt with 13:12 left in the second quarter, resulting in a safety for the Knights. The last blocked punt by the Knights came against Georgia Tech in 2022 (Jarvis Ware), and the last safety also came that season against Cincinnati.

SPECIAL TEAMS