



## SAM HOUSTON BEARKATS

1-1, 0-0 CUSA | K.C Keeler (89-37 / 263-110-1)

## UCF KNIGHTS

2-0, 0-0 B12 | Gus Malzahn (26-16 / 103-54)



FBC Mortgage Stadium ✦ Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024

### ◆ GENERAL NOTES

- The win gives UCF's its 200th victory as an FBS team. UCF became an FBS program in 1996.
- With the win, **Gus Malzahn** has now started 2-0 for the eighth time in his 13-year head coaching career.
- Malzahn has won the opening two contests in back-to-back seasons and extended his non-conference home winning streak to four consecutive games. Malzahn is currently 8-2 in regular-season non-conference bouts with the Knights.
- The win over Sam Houston was the first meeting between the two programs, and the 72nd different opponent Malzahn has coached against in his head coaching career
- The Knights move to 84-26 at FBC Mortgage Stadium, marking one of the best home winning percentages in college football (.764).
- Sam Houston marks the 73rd opponent that Malzahn has recorded a win against in his 13-year career and the eighth victory against a Texas opponent.

### ◆ OFFENSE NOTES

- The Knights rushed for 384 yards 6 rushing touchdowns against the Bearkats. UCF has now rushed for 838 yards with 11 rushing TDs through the first two games of the season.
- The 384 yards also marked the first time UCF has rushed for at least 300 yards in consecutive games since the 2018 season.
- The Knights scored on six of their first seven possessions to start the game.=

### ◆ DEFENSE NOTES

- With interceptions by **Sheldon Arnold** and **Mac McWilliams**, four different UCF defenders have recorded one INT through the first two games.
- The two INTs mark the first time UCF has recorded two interceptions in back-to-back games since 2020 against Houston (10/31/20) and Temple (11/14/20).
- Outside of their second-quarter touchdown that went for 64 yards, the Knights did not allow the Bearkats to drive past midfield until late in the fourth quarter.
- The defense only allowed 67 rushing yards on the night.

### GAME INFO

Time ..... 6:30 p.m. ET  
 City ..... Orlando, Fla.  
 Attendance ..... 43,807  
 TV ..... ESPN+  
 Weather ..... Sunny | 83

### LEADERS

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 Passing ..... **KJ Jefferson**  
 12-15-0 | 169 YDS | 0 TD  
 Rushing ..... **RJ Harvey**  
 19-6.6 | 126 YDS | 4 TD  
 Receiving ..... **Kobe Hudson**  
 5-20.8 | 104 YDS | 0 TD  
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 Passing ..... **Noah Smith**  
 1-1-0 | 64 YDS | 1 TD  
 Rushing ..... **Hunter Watson**  
 6-1.7 | 10 YDS | 0 TD  
 Receiving ..... **Simeon Evans**  
 3-29.7 | 89 YDS | 1 TD

### CAPTAINS

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

SAM HOUSTON  
**Ife Adeyi**  
 2 - WR

**Caleb Weaver**  
 3 - DB  
**Noah Smith**  
 6 - WR  
**Kavian Gaither**  
 14 - LB

### DRIP-U

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**White/Black/Black**  
 UCF  
**Orange/White/Orange**  
 SHSU

### UCF OFFENSE

**QB** KJ Jefferson  
**WR** Ja'Varius Johnson  
**WR** Kobe Hudson  
**TE** Evan Morris  
**TE** Randy Pittman Jr.  
**RB** RJ Harvey  
**OL** Amari Kight  
**OL** Adrian Medley  
**OL** Caden Kitler  
**OL** Marcellus Marshall  
**OL** Paul Rubelt

### UCF DEFENSE

**DT** Lee Hunter  
**DT** Ricky Barber  
**DE** Malachi Lawrence  
**LB** Xe'Ree Alexander  
**LB** Ethan Barr  
**LB** Brandon Adams  
**DB** Quadric Bullard  
**S** Mac McWilliams  
**S** Braeden Marshall  
**CB** Sheldon Arnold II  
**DE** Nyjalik Kelly

### SHSU OFFENSE

**QB** Hunter Watson  
**RB** John Watson  
**WR** Ife Adeyi  
**WR** Simeon Evans  
**WR** Noah Smith  
**TE** Elijah Sohn  
**OL** Luke Ackardt  
**OL** Ethan Hagler  
**OL** Rhett Larson  
**OL** James Dawn II  
**OL** MarKendrick Beall

### SHSU DEFENSE

**DL** Chris Murray  
**DT** Richard Outland  
**DT** Matthew Aribisala  
**LB** Kavian Gaither  
**LB** Trey Fields  
**LB** Sincere Jackson  
**DB** Da'Veawn Gaither  
**DB** Caleb Weaver  
**DB** David Fisher  
**S** Isaiah Cash  
**S** Jaylon Jimmerson

## UCF

Passing .....	170
Cmp-Att-Int .....	14-17-0
Rushing .....	384
Att-Rush Avg .....	57-6.74
Total Offense .....	554
Possession.....	34:03
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## SHSU

Passing .....	219
Cmp-Att-Int .....	17-24-2
Rushing .....	67
Att-Rush Avg .....	30-2.23
Total Offense .....	286
Possession.....	25:57

## SCORING

### 1ST

(7-0) UCF Rushing TD  
HARVEY - 19 YDS.

(14-0) UCF Rushing TD  
HARVEY - 2 YDS.

### 2ND

(17-0) UCF Field Goal  
BOOMER - 50 YDS.

(17-7) SHSU Passing TD  
SMITH TO EVANS - 64 YDS.

(24-7) UCF Rushing TD  
HARVEY - 22 YDS.

### 3RD

(31-7) UCF Rushing TD  
MONTGOMERY - 49 YDS.

(38-7) UCF Rushing TD  
HARVEY - 59 YDS.

### 4th

(45-7) UCF Rushing TD  
BOONE - 3 YDS.

(45-14) SHSU Passing TD  
BAUER TO PHOENIX - 22 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 129 yards and a tied a school record with four rushing touchdowns. His 129 yards marked his 10th career 100-yard rushing performance.
- Harvey now has 2,483 rushing yards in his career as a Knight, the sixth most in school history.
- Harvey now has at least two rushing TDs in his last six regular season games dating to last season.
- Harvey also now has eight career games with multiple rushing TDs.
- Harvey's four scores give him 27 rushing TDs for his career, tying him for fifth on UCF's career list.
- **WR Kobe Hudson** finished with 104 yards receiving, the sixth 100-yard game of his career. He also extended his streak with at least one catch to 25 games.

## OFFENSE

## DEFENSE

- **DB Sheldon Arnold** recorded his eighth career INT and his first as a Knight in the first quarter on Sam Houston's opening drive.
- **DE Nyjalik Kelly** recorded UCF's first sack of the season in the second quarter, forcing a fumble in the process. Kelly finished with 6.0 total tackles on the night, tying for the team lead with **LB Xe'ree Alexander**.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

- **K Colton Boomer** connected on a 50-yard FG in the second quarter, the third of his career of at least 50 yards.