



2024 UCF FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

GAME INFORMATION



TCU HORNEFROGS (2-0, 0-0 B12)

Head Coach Sonny Dykes
3rd Season at TCU / 15th Overall
20-9 at TCU / 91-72 Overall

UCF KNIGHTS (2-0, 0-0 B12)

Head Coach Gus Malzahn
4th Season at UCF / 13th Overall
26-16 at UCF / 103-54 Overall

Date _____ Saturday, September 14, 2024
 Time _____ 7:30 p.m. ET/6:30 p.m. CT
 Site _____ Fort Worth, Texas
 Stadium _____ Amon G. Carter
 Surface _____ Natural Grass
 Capacity _____ 46,000
 TV _____ FOX
 Play-by-Play _____ Connor Onion
 Analyst _____ Mark Helfrich
 Radio _____ FM 96.9/AM 740 The Game,
 _____ Sirius XM 139 or 198
 Play-by-Play _____ Marc Daniels
 Analyst _____ Gary Parris
 Sideline _____ Scott Adams
 Spanish Radio _____ UCFKnights YouTube
 Play-by-Play _____ Carlos Bohorquez
 Analyst _____ Sergio Ruiz Torres
 Live Stats _____ UCFKnights.com
 Twitter/X _____ @UCF_Football

2024 RECORD BREAKDOWN

Overall _____ 2-0
 Conference _____ 0-0
 Home _____ 2-0
 Away _____ 0-0
 Neutral _____ 0-0

UCF, NOT CENTRAL FLORIDA

Please refer to the University of Central Florida as UCF, not Central Florida, on all references. Also, UCF is no longer the "Golden Knights" and instead simply known as the "Knights."

FIRST AND 10

- UCF hits the road for the first time this season when the Knights travel to Fort Worth, Texas, to take on the TCU Horned Frogs. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. CT/7:30 p.m. ET at Amon G. Carter Stadium in the first meeting between the programs. The game will air live on FOX with Connor Onion as play-by-play and Mark Helfrich as the analyst.
- The Black and Gold's first four opponents of 2024 (New Hampshire, Sam Houston, TCU and Colorado) are all first-time opponents. Additionally, UCF head coach Gus Malzahn is also facing those four opponents for the first time in his 13-year head coaching tenure. In total, the Knights' 2024 slate features seven first-time opponents (Iowa State, Arizona and Utah).
- In its last time out, UCF defeated Sam Houston, 45-14, to open the season 2-0 for the third time in four seasons under Malzahn. The win marked the eighth time in Malzahn's head coaching tenure that he has won the first two games to start a season.
- The Knights rushed for 384 yards and scored six rushing touchdowns in the victory, as UCF has now rushed for 838 yards with 11 touchdowns on the ground through the first two games of the season. The Knights lead the nation with 419.0 rushing yards per game, which is over 100 more than the next-closest Power Four Conference team (Rutgers 307.0). UCF has ranked among the nation's top 10 in rushing offense each of the past two seasons.
- UCF is the only team in the nation that has rushed for at least 140 yards in each of the last 15 games, dating back to last season. During that span, the Knights have rushed for 200 or more yards 11 times and 250 plus five times.
- UCF also earned its 200th victory as an FBS program (Since 1996) in the win against the Bearkats.
- Since the start of the 2017 season, UCF has accumulated 67 wins, the ninth-most wins by an FBS program. The Knights went 13-0 in 2017, 12-1 in 2018, 10-3 in 2019, 6-4 in the Covid-shortened 2020 season, 9-4 in 2021, 9-5 in 2022 and 6-7 last season. The Knights join Alabama, Georgia, Clemson, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Michigan and Appalachian State as the only programs to win at least 67 games since 2017.
- UCF's defense has intercepted four passes through the first two games and they have been by four different players. Linebacker Deshawn Pace had the Knights' first of the season in the opener against New Hampshire and defensive back Antione Jackson picked off the second of his career in that contest. Defensive backs Sheldon Arnold and Mac McWilliams each notched interceptions against Sam Houston. The Knights' four picks are the most by any Big 12 team and rank sixth in the nation.
- Through the first two games of the season, UCF leads the Big 12 with 102 points scored and has also allowed the second-fewest points of any team with 17, just five shy of Utah's mark of 12.
- Malzahn owns 103 career wins, as he is the only coach to ever win 100 career games as a high school coach and 100 career games at the FBS level as a collegiate head coach. UCF also is one of just 13 programs to earn bowl eligibility in each of the past eight seasons and the only team from the state of Florida.



2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS



New Hampshire
Aug. 29
7 p.m.
W, 57-3



Sam Houston
Sept. 7
6:30 p.m.
W, 45-14



at TCU*
Sept. 14
7:30 p.m.
FOX



Colorado*
Sept. 28
TBA



at Florida
Oct. 5
6-8 p.m.
Window



Cincinnati*
Oct. 12
TBA



at Iowa State*
Oct. 19
TBA



BYU*
Oct. 26
TBA



Arizona*
Nov. 2
TBA



at Arizona State*
Nov. 9
TBA



at West Virginia*
Nov. 23
TBA



Utah*
Nov. 29
8 p.m.
FOX

*Indicates Big 12 Conference Game, All times Eastern

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

School	University of Central Florida
City, State, Zip	Orlando, Fla., 32816
Founded	1963
Enrollment	68,442
Nickname	Knights
School Colors	Black and Gold
Stadium	FBC Mortgage Stadium
Capacity	44,206
Surface	419 Bermuda Grass
Affiliation/Conference	NCAA DI - FBS/Big 12
University President	Alexander N. Cartwright
Director of Athletics	Terry Mohajir
Ticket Office Phone	407-UCF-1000

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UCF FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach	Gus Malzahn
Defensive Coordinator/LBs	Ted Roof
Offensive Coordinator/WRs	Tim Harris
Co-Defensive Coordinator/DBs	Addison Williams (Booth)
Co-Offensive Coordinator/QBs	Darin Hinshaw (Booth)
Special Teams Coordinator/TEs	Brian Blackmon
Offensive Line	Herb Hand
Defensive Tackles	Kenny Martin
Defensive Ends/Rush	Kenny Ingram
Run Game Coordinator/RBs	Kam Martin
Special Teams Analyst	Ben Larson
Defensive Analyst	Conor Raad
Offensive Analyst	Neal Posey
Analyst	Sean Beckton Sr.
Offensive Graduate Assistant	Nate Craig-Myers
Offensive Graduate Assistant	Josh Fridrich
Defensive Graduate Assistant	Alex Ward
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Director of Football Strength & Cond.	Anthony Kincy
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Asst. Dir. of Sports Performance	Andrew Shirek Espinoza
Asst. Dir. of Sports Performance	Sean Beckton Jr.

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Bowl Seasons	2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
First Year of Football/First Year of FBS Football	1979/1996
All-Time Record	297-233-1 (.560)
FBS Record (Since 1996)	200-147 (.576)
Record at FBC Mortgage Stadium	84-26 (.763)

THE OPPONENT

• TCU owns a 2-0 record heading into Saturday's Big 12 Conference opener against UCF. The Horned Frogs defeated Stanford, 34-27, and LIU, 45-0, in their last outing on Saturday.

• Now in his third season with the program, head coach Sonny Dykes has a 20-9 record at TCU and a 91-72 overall record in his 15th season as a head coach.

• TCU is 5-7 all-time against teams from the Sunshine State, although Saturday's game will be the first meeting against UCF.

• The Horned Frogs are 11-3 in home games under Head Coach Sonny Dykes.

• TCU is averaging 39.5 points per game and has limited opponents to just 13.5. Sophomore quarterback Josh Hoover leads the offense averaging 310 yards per game and has thrown four touchdowns without an interception. Running back Cam Cook is tied for second in the conference with four touchdowns behind RJ Harvey's six to pace the league.

KNIGHT NOTES

A WIN WOULD...

- Give UCF a win in its Big 12 Conference opener for the first time in program history
- Give the Knights a 3-0 start to the season for the second consecutive season
- Give UCF a win in its first road opener for the third straight year
- Be better than a loss

RUNNING WILD

After ranking among the nation's top 10 in rushing offense the past two seasons, the UCF football program is poised to have another strong year on the ground in 2024. UCF has rushed for 838 yards with 11 touchdowns on the ground through the first two games of the season. The 838 yards are the most by any team in the nation and the 11 rushing TDs are tied for the most of any team in the country. The Knights lead the nation with 419.0 rushing yards per game, which is over 100 more than the next-closest Power Four Conference team (Rutgers 307.0).

The Knights rushed for 454 yards in the season opener against New Hampshire, the second most in program history. Additionally, UCF's 8.4 rushing yards per carry were the second most in a single game in program history.

The Knights were fourth nationally in rushing offense with 228.2 rushing yards per game last season. UCF rushed for 200 or more yards in nine of its 13 games in 2023 and has picked up where it left off to start the 2024 season.

ONE OF ONE

UCF is the only team in the nation that has rushed for at least 140 yards in each of the last 15 games, dating back to last season. During that span, the Knights have rushed for 200 or more yards 11 times and 250 plus five times.

HARVEY CLIMBING THE PROGRAM RECORD BOOKS

UCF running back RJ Harvey tied the program record and set a career high with four rushing touchdowns in the Knights' 45-14 victory against Sam Houston, while surpassing 100 yards rushing for the 10th time in his career and fourth consecutive game. The Orlando native finished with 126 rushing yards on 19 carries, finding the end zone four times – the first UCF player to do so since Isaiah Bowser in 2021.

Harvey's 27 rushing touchdowns are tied for fifth on UCF's career list with Alex Haynes. He will tie Greg McCrae with two more touchdowns for fourth in program history, while Latavius Murray is 37.

The preseason Doak Walker Award Watch List honoree recorded the first two touchdowns of the game, scoring from 19 yards out and on a two-yard rush to cap 80-yard and 76-yard drives, respectively. He had five rushes of 10 yards or more and two of at least 20 yards.

TCU SCHEDULE

A30	at Stanford	W, 34-27
S7	LIU	W, 45-14
S14	UCF	6:30 P.M.
S21	at SMU	4:00 P.M.
S28	at Kansas	TBD
O4	HOUSTON	6:30 P.M.
O19	at Utah	TBD
O26	TEXAS TECH	TBD
N2	at Baylor	TBD
N9	OKLAHOMA STATE	TBD
N23	ARIZONA	TBD
N30	at Cincinnati	TBD
All times CT		

KNIGHT TRENDS (2024)

Overall	2-0
Big 12	0-0
Non-Conference	2-0
Home	2-0
Away	0-0
Neutral	0-0
Current overall streak	Won 2
Current home streak	Won 4
Current conference streak	Won 1
Current road streak	Lost 1
Current neutral site streak	Lost 1
Current bowl streak	Lost 1
Last win	9/7/24, Sam Houston, 45-14
Last loss	12/21/23, vs Georgia Tech, 30-17
Day game	0-0
Night game	2-0
TV game	2-0
ABC	0-0
ESPN	0-0
ESPN2	0-0
Fox	0-0
Fox Sports 1	0-0
Fox Sports 2	0-0
August	1-0
September	1-0
October	0-0
November	0-0
vs. FBS Top-25 teams	0-0
vs. FBS non-ranked teams	2-0
On artificial turf	0-0
On natural grass	2-0
Scoring first	2-0
Opponent scores first	0-0
Leading after 1st quarter	2-0
Trailing after 1st quarter	0-0
Tied after 1st quarter	0-0
Leading at halftime	2-0
Trailing at halftime	0-0
Tied at halftime	0-0
Leading after 3rd quarter	2-0
Trailing after 3rd quarter	0-0
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
Overtime	0-0
Scoring 0-14 points	0-0
Scoring 15-28 points	0-0
Scoring 29-39 points	0-0
Scoring 40+ points	2-0
Allowing 0-14 points	2-0
Allowing 15-28 points	0-0
Allowing 29+ points	0-0
With 100-yard rusher	2-0
Allow 100-yard rusher	0-0
With 300-yard passer	0-0
Allow 300-yard passer	0-0
Outgain opponent	2-0
Total offense 300+ yards	2-0
Allow 300+ yards total offense	0-0
Total offense 400+ yards	2-0
Allow 400+ yards total offense	0-0
Total offense 500+ yards	2-0
Allow 500+ yards total offense	0-0
Total offense 600+ yards	1-0
Allow 600+ yards total offense	0-0
No turnovers	0-0
Less than three turnovers	2-0
Three or more turnovers	0-0
No takeaways	0-0
Two or more takeaways	2-0
Commit fewer turnovers	2-0
Equal turnovers	0-0
Commit more turnovers	0-0
Control time of possession	2-0
Opponent controls time of possession	0-0
Games decided by 1-8 points	0-0
Games decided by 9-16 points	0-0
Games decided by 17-24 points	0-0
Games decided by 25+ points	2-0
Win Coin Toss	1-0
Lose Coin Toss	1-0
Black Jerseys with White Numbers	2-0
Knightmode Black Jerseys with Gold Numbers	0-0
Lightmode Jerseys with Gold Numbers	0-0
White Jerseys	0-0

KNIGHT NOTES

In the season opener, Harvey had 142 rushing yards on 11 carries. He averaged 12.9 yards per rush in the victory, the second most by an individual in program history.

FAMILIAR FACES

UCF quarterback KJ Jefferson will notice several familiar faces when the Knights visit TCU this weekend, as the Horned Frogs' offensive coordinator Kendal Briles spent three seasons at Arkansas from 2020-22 where he was Jefferson's position coach and offensive coordinator.

Two of Jefferson's best seasons came with Briles directing the offense in Fayetteville, as he passed for 2,676 yards with 21 touchdowns in 2021 and threw for 2,636 yards with 24 touchdowns in 2022.

Jefferson will also recognize former Razorbacks running back Dominique Johnson, who spent the previous four seasons alongside him at Arkansas before transferring to TCU following the 2023 season.

THAT'S NEW

The Black and Gold's first four opponents of 2024 (New Hampshire, Sam Houston, TCU and Colorado) are all first-time opponents. Additionally, UCF head coach Gus Malzahn is also facing those four opponents for the first time in his 13-year head coaching tenure. In total, the Knights' 2024 slate features seven first-time opponents (Iowa State, Arizona and Utah).

NEW LOOK SCHEDULE

Despite being in its second year in the Big 12 Conference, UCF only plays two opponents that it played in 2023 – Cincinnati and West Virginia. That mark is tied with BYU (Kansas and Oklahoma State) for the fewest among returning Big 12 teams.

ALL OF THE NEWCOMERS

UCF is the only team in the Big 12 that will play each of the four newcomers to the league. The Knights host Colorado (Sept. 28), Arizona (Nov. 2) and Utah (Nov. 29), while traveling to Arizona State on Nov. 9.

VETERAN EXPERIENCE

UCF has veteran experience on both sides of the ball, as the Knights have numerous players ranked among the nation's top 25 in various active career categories. Below is a comprehensive list.

RJ Harvey

Rushing Touchdowns: 9th
 Rushing Yards: 12th
 Total TDs Scored: 12th
 Rushes per game: 24th

Kobe Hudson

Receiving Touchdowns (19): 12th
 Receiving Yards (2,356): 15th
 Receiving Yards Per Game (47.1): 22nd

KJ Jefferson

Rushing Touchdowns by a QB (22): 1st
 Passing Yards Per Attempt (8.32): 4th
 Passing Touchdowns (69): 6th
 Completion Percentage (65.1): 8th
 Passing Efficiency (154.11): 10th
 Passing Yards (8,244): 12th
 Passing Completions (645): 14th
 Rushing Touchdowns (22): 22nd

Deshawn Pace

Total Tackles (254): 16th
 Interceptions (7): 24th



KNIGHT NOTES (Cont.)

ANOTHER 50-YARDER FOR BOOMER

Junior kicker Colton Boomer connected on his lone field goal attempt in last Saturday's game against Sam Houston, a 50-yarder that split the uprights. He was a perfect 6-of-6 on PATs and 1-of-1 on field goals.

The Lake Mary, Florida, native now owns three field goals of at least 50 yards in his career to tie Ed O'Brien (1984-87) for the second most in program history. Only UCF Hall of Famer ('02) Scott Ryerson has more with seven.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS GAME

The UCF football team, in conjunction with the Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, recognized Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in last Saturday's game against Sam Houston.



After a successful spring game, which featured pediatric patients from the hospital creating their own UCF helmet logos for the game, the helmets helped showcase the brave patients once again during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month as they continue in the fight for their lives. The football team donned specially designed logos on each side of their helmets.

UCF IN SEASON OPENERS

UCF now owns a 35-10 all-time mark in season openers and has won the first game of the season in each of the last nine years dating back to the 2016 season with last Thursday's victory against New Hampshire.

MALZAHN IN SEASON OPENERS

In 13 seasons as a collegiate head coach, Gus Malzahn has compiled a 12-1 record in the opening game of the year with his program. He's 4-0 as the head coach of the Knights and has won his last nine season openers dating back to the 2016 season at Auburn. His UCF teams have outscored opponents 205-50 in season openers.

OFFENSIVE GURU

Known as one of the best offensive minds in college football, not only have UCF offenses ranked among the nation's best each season under head coach Gus Malzahn, but also several of the nation's other top offenses have connections to Malzahn.

North Carolina, which ranked seventh nationally in total offense (491.2) last season, is led by offensive coordinator Chip Lindsey, who spent the 2022 season as UCF's offensive coordinator and also worked under Malzahn at Auburn. Texas State head coach GJ Kinne had the Bobcats ranked 15th in total offense last year. Kinne accepted the head coaching job after spending the 2021 season as the Knights' offensive coordinator.

SMU, which was 16th in the nation in total offense in 2023, is coached by Rhett Lashlee, who Malzahn coached at Springdale High School in Arkansas and then later hired at Auburn.

ELITE TERRITORY

UCF head coach Gus Malzahn is the only coach to ever win 100 career games as a high school coach and 100 career games at the FBS level as a collegiate head coach. Malzahn was the head coach at Hughes High School from 1992-1995, Shiloh Christian High School from 1996-2000 and Springdale High School from 2001-05 with all three located in the state of Arkansas.

Malzahn's first collegiate head coaching job was at Arkansas State in 2012, before spending the next eight seasons at Auburn and then taking over at UCF.

UCF CONSISTENTLY AMONG NCAA STAT LEADERS

UCF finished the 2023 season ranked among the top 10 in two major offensive categories: eighth nationally in total offense (487.0 yards per game) and fourth in rushing offense (228.2).

The Knights are no strangers to qualifying among the nation's top offenses and rushing attacks. Here's a recent history of where UCF has landed in final NCAA stat numbers and rankings:

Total Offense

2024	3rd	596.5
2023	8th	487.0
2020	2nd	568.1
2019	2nd	540.5
2018	5th	522.7
2017	5th	530.5

Rushing

2024	1st	419.0
2023	4th	228.2
2022	9th	228.4
2019	19th	223.8
2018	8th	265.2

HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE

UCF's all-time record of 84-26 (.761) ranks in the top 15 in the nation for best win percentage in a current home stadium. The Knights earned win No. 80 against Villanova in 2023.

Since 2017, the Knights are 41-6 in home games at FBC Mortgage Stadium.

The Knights finished last season with a 4-2 home record and were undefeated at home in 2021, marking the seventh time in UCF's FBS era, the ninth overall, and the fourth time in five years.

UCF AT HOME

2017 (7-0)

W—Florida International (8-31-17)
 W—Memphis
 W—East Carolina
 W—Austin Peay
 W—Connecticut
 W—#22 South Florida
 W—#16 Memphis (AAC Championship)

2018 (8-0)

W—South Carolina State
 W—Florida Atlantic
 W—Pittsburgh
 W—SMU
 W—Temple
 W—Navy
 W—#19 Cincinnati
 W—Memphis (AAC Championship)

2019 (6-0)

✕ KNIGHT NOTES (Cont.)

W—Florida A&M
 W—Stanford
 W—Connecticut
 W—East Carolina
 W—Houston
 W—South Florida

2020 (2-2)

L—Tulsa (34-26, 10-3-20, ended 21-game home win streak)
 W—Tulane
 W—Temple
 L—#7 Cincinnati (36-33, 11-21-20)

2021 (7-0)

W—Boise State
 W—Bethune-Cookman
 W—East Carolina
 W—Memphis
 W—Tulane
 W—Connecticut
 W—South Florida

2022 (5-2)

W—South Carolina State
 L—Louisville, 20-14, 9-9-22, ended eight-game home win streak
 W—Georgia Tech
 W—SMU
 W—Temple
 W—#20 Cincinnati
 L—Navy

2023 (4-2)

W—Kent State
 W—Villanova
 L—Baylor
 L—West Virginia
 W—#15 Oklahoma State
 W—Houston

2024 (2-0)

W—New Hampshire
 W—Sam Houston

KEEP AN EYE ON...

Seven UCF student-athletes appeared on a preseason watch list in advance of the start of the 2024 season. Below is a comprehensive list:

- RB RJ Harvey (Doak Walker Award, Maxwell Award)
- WR Kobe Hudson (Biletnikoff Award)
- DT Lee Hunter (Outland Trophy, Bednarik Award, Lombardi Trophy, Bronko Nagurski Trophy)
- QB KJ Jefferson (Maxwell Award, Davey O'Brien Award, Johnny Unitas Award)
- OL Caden Kitler (Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award)
- WR Xavier Townsend (Paul Hornung Award)
- DB William Wells (Wuerffel Trophy)

NEW COORDINATORS, NEW COACHES

UCF's offense and defense could look different in 2024, as the Knights have new coordinators on both sides of the ball. Tim Harris Jr. returns to the Black and Gold to help direct the offense after spending the

2023 season at Miami. He spent the 2021-22 seasons on staff with the Knights in Malzahn's first two seasons.

Ted Roof, who won a national championship with Malzahn when the two were coordinators at Auburn in 2010, takes over the defense for the season. Additionally, Trovon Reed was hired as cornerbacks coach in January 2024.

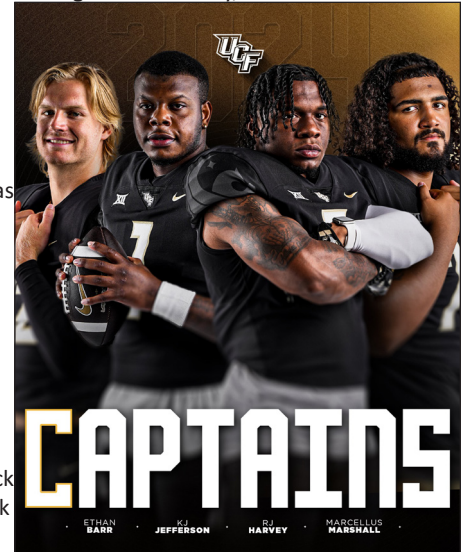
LEADING THE CHARGE

Quarterback KJ Jefferson, running back RJ Harvey, offensive lineman Marcellus Marshall and linebacker Ethan Barr have been voted team captains of the 2024 UCF football quad. The selections mark the first time that each captain has been a transfer student-athlete.

SENIOR BOWL WATCH LIST

A program-record 11 UCF football standouts—defensive back Brandon Adams, defensive tackle Ricky Barber, running back Peny Boone, running back RJ Harvey, wide receiver Kobe Hudson, defensive lineman Lee Hunter, quarterback KJ Jefferson, defensive end Malachi Lawrence, offensive lineman Marcellus Marshall, defensive back Mac McWilliams and linebacker Deshawn Pace — were named to the watch list for the 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl All-Star Game.

Held annually in Mobile, Alabama, the 2025 game is slated for Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025 at Hancock Whitney Stadium on the South Alabama campus.



PRESEASON PROJECTIONS

For the second consecutive year, UCF was picked to finish eighth in the Big 12 Conference Preseason Poll by the media. Conference newcomer Utah was picked to win the league in 2024.

2024 Big 12 Football Media Preseason Poll

1. Utah (20)	906
2. Kansas State (19)	889
3. Oklahoma State (14)	829
4. Kansas (5)	772
5. Arizona (3)	762
6. Iowa State	661
7. West Virginia	581
8. UCF	551
9. Texas Tech	532
10. TCU	436
11. Colorado	400
12. Baylor	268
13. BYU	215
14. Cincinnati	196
15. Houston	157
16. Arizona State	141

UCF FOOTBALL ON THE RADIO

Longtime UCF radio play-by-play veteran Marc Daniels is in his 30th season in that role in 2024. He's also UCF's director of broadcasting. Analyst Gary Parris (a former Florida State player) is in his 29th season in that position. They are joined by Scott Adams (pre-game host and sideline reporter—in his 23rd season) and Frank Lovre (engineer, in his 33rd season).

Pre-game coverage begins two hours before kickoff and features a preview of the game with interviews from UCF players and coaches--including coach Gus Malzahn and athletics director Terry Mohajir. All games and radio shows can be heard on 96.9FM/740AM--and UCF fans can access all broadcasts from anywhere with the iHeart app (search for 96.9 The Game).

MALZAHN VS. OPPONENTS

Alabama	3-5	Ole Miss.....	7-1
Alabama A&M	1-0	Mississippi State	5-3
Alabama State	1-0	Missouri.....	2-0
Alcorn State	1-0	Navy.....	0-2
Arkansas	7-1	Nebraska.....	0-1
Arkansas State	2-0	New Hampshire.....	1-0
Baylor	0-1	North Texas.....	1-0
Bethune-Cookman	1-0	Oklahoma	0-2
Boise State.....	2-0	Oklahoma State.....	1-0
Cincinnati.....	2-1	Oregon.....	1-1
Clemson.....	0-2	Purdue.....	1-0
Duke	0-1	Samford.....	2-0
East Carolina.....	1-1	Sam Houston	1-0
Florida	1-1	San Jose State	2-0
Florida Atlantic	2-0	South Alabama	1-0
Florida International.....	1-0	South Carolina	1-1
Florida State	0-1	South Carolina State.....	1-0
Georgia.....	2-7	SMU.....	1-1
Georgia Southern	1-0	Southern Miss	1-0
Georgia Tech.....	1-1	South Florida	2-0
Houston.....	1-0	Temple.....	2-0
Idaho	1-0	Tennessee.....	2-1
Jacksonville State.....	1-0	Texas A&M.....	5-3
Kansas.....	0-1	Texas Tech.....	0-1
Kansas State	1-1	Troy.....	1-0
Kent State	2-0	Tulane.....	3-1
Kentucky.....	2-0	UCF	0-1
Liberty	1-0	UConn.....	1-0
LSU.....	3-5	Vanderbilt	1-0
Louisiana	1-0	Villanova	1-0
ULM.....	3-0	Washington	1-0
Louisiana Tech	1-0	Washington State	1-0
Louisville.....	1-2	West Virginia	0-1
Memphis	3-0	Western Carolina.....	1-0
Mercer.....	1-0	Western Kentucky	0-1
Middle Tennessee.....	1-0	Wisconsin	0-1
Minnesota	0-1		

MEDIA POLICIES

INTERVIEW POLICY

All interviews must be coordinated through the UCF Athletics strategic communications office. Please do not attempt to contact players, coaches or other team personnel directly by any means of communication, including personal phone numbers, email and social media accounts.

CLOSED PRACTICES

Practices are not open to the media during the season.

MEDIA AVAILABILITIES

The UCF football team will hold a Monday press conference with head coach Gus Malzahn and two players each week at 11:30 a.m. in the Steve and Brenda Sloan Media Room at FBC Mortgage Stadium.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Coach Malzahn and selected student-athletes will meet the media following the game in the Steve and Brenda Sloan media room for home games and will use a designated location for road games. UCF's locker room is closed to the media.

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ATTENDANCE NOTES

Milestone Attendance Marks

• Including an exhibition game against Team Moscow in 1992, **6,381,645** spectators have attended UCF home games since 1979.

• Including all games, home, away, neutral and exhibition, since 1979 **12,886,168** spectators have watched the Knights play in person.

• Since opening FBC Mortgage in 2007, **3,573,087** fans have attended UCF home football games.

Largest Home Crowds in UCF History

Opponent (Year)	Attendance
1. Tulsa (2005 - C-USA Champ.)	51,978
2. Virginia Tech (2000)	50,220
3. Miami (2009)	48,453
4. Cincinnati (2018)	47,795
5. South Carolina (2013)	47,605
6. South Florida (2017)	47,129
7. South Florida (2008)	46,805
8. South Florida (2006)	46,708
9. Marshall (2007)	46,103
10. South Florida (2013)	45,952

UCF played at the Florida Citrus Bowl from 1979-06 until FBC Mortgage Stadium opened in 2007.

Largest Away Crowds in UCF History

Opponent (Year)	Attendance
1. Michigan (2016)	109,295
2. Ohio State (2012)	104,745
3. Penn State (2002)	103,029
4. Penn State (2004)	101,715
5. Texas (2009)	101,003
6. Penn State (2013)	92,855
7. Florida (2006)	90,210
8. Georgia (1999)	86,117
9. Florida (1999)	85,346
10. Alabama (2000)	83,818

RECORD AT FBC MORTGAGE STADIUM

OVERALL	84-26
CONFERENCE	52-16
POSTSEASON	3-0
Outscored Opponents	3,447-1,886

GAMES (without 1992 exhibition game)

1	9/22/79	at St. Leo	W	21-0
100	10/8/88	New Haven	L	23-31
200	9/27/97	at Auburn	L	14-41
250	11/24/01	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	31-0
300	9/9/06	at Florida	L	0-42
350	9/4/10	South Dakota	W	38-7
400	11/29/13	S. Florida	W	23-20
450	11/18/17	at Temple	W	45-19
500	11/20/21	UConn	W	49-17
531	9/7/24	Sam Houston	W	45-14

HOME WINS

1	9/29/79	Fort Benning	7-6
100	10/26/02	Akron	28-17
195	9/7/24	Sam Houston	45-14

AWAY WINS (does not include neutral-sites)

1	9/22/79	at St. Leo	21-0
50	10/24/09	at Rice	49-7
95	11/4/23	at Cincinnati	28-26

FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION ERA GAMES

1	8/29/96	William & Mary	W	39-33
100	11/13/04	at Ball State	L	17-21
300	10/24/20	Tulane	W	51-34
347	9/7/24	Sam Houston	W	45-14

FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION ERA WINS

1	8/29/96	William & Mary	39-33
50	10/21/05	Tulane	34-24
100	10/13/12	Southern Miss	38-31 (20T)
150	9/29/18	Pittsburgh	45-14
200	9/7/24	Sam Houston	45-14



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
0	Johnny Richardson	RB	5-7	170	5th	Lake Wales, Fla./Lake Wales
0	Brandon Adams	DB	6-3	190	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Arabia Mountain
1	KJ Jefferson	QB	6-3	247	5th	Sadie, Miss./North Panola (Arkansas)
1	Ja'Cari Henderson	DB	6-0	171	r-So.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
2	Kobe Hudson	WR	6-1	200	5th	Pine Mountain, Ga./Troup County (Auburn)
2	Lee Hunter	DT	6-4	320	r-Jr.	Mobile, Ala./Blount (Auburn)
3	Xavier Townsend	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep
3	Deshawn Pace	LB	6-2	212	5th	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain/Cincinnati)
4	Chauncey Magwood	WR	6-0	187	r-Jr.	Leesburg, Ga./Lee County (Kentucky)
4	Braeden Marshall	DB	5-10	183	So.	Lake Mary, Fla./Lake Mary
5	Randy Pittman Jr.	TE	6-2	225	So.	Panama City, Fla./Mosley
5	Ricky Barber	DT	6-3	295	5th	Louisville, Ky./Doss (Western Kentucky)
6	Kylan Fox	TE	6-4	229	Fr.	Valdosta, Ga./Grayson
6	Isaiah Nixon	DE	6-4	240	r-Fr.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood
7	RJ Harvey	RB	5-9	208	5th	Orlando, Fla./Edgewater (Virginia)
7	Antione Jackson	DB	6-1	175	So.	Lauderhill, Fla./Dillard (East Carolina)
8	Bredell Richardson	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Carrollwood Day
8	Demari Henderson	DB	6-0	179	Jr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
9	Ja'Varrius Johnson	WR	5-10	180	5th	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville (Auburn)
9	Sheldon Arnold	DB	6-1	191	5th	Loganville, Ga./Loganville (ETSU)
10	Dylan Rizk	QB	6-2	205	r-Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons
10	Quadric Bullard	DB	6-0	170	5th	Dania Beach, Fla./Chaminade-Madonna
11	Jacurri Brown	QB	6-4	220	r-So.	Valdosta, Ga./Lowndes (Miami)
11	Nyjalik Kelly	DE	6-5	250	Jr.	Oakland Park, Fla./Dillard (Miami)
12	EJ Colson	QB	6-1	200	Fr.	Byron, Ga./Cedar Grove
12	Bryon Threats	DB	5-10	195	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio/Coffman (Cincinnati)
13	Peny Boone	RB	6-1	232	Sr.	Detroit, Mich./Martin Luther King (Toledo)
13	Ladarius Tennison	DB	5-10	200	5th	Rockledge, Fla./Rockledge (Auburn/Ole Miss)
14	Jesiah Pierre	LB	6-2	246	5th	Mount Dora, Fla./Mt. Dora Christian (Texas Tech)
15	Tyree Patterson	WR	6-2	186	r-Fr.	Eustis, Fla./Eustis
15	Daylan Dotson	DE	6-3	255	r-Sr.	Savannah, Ga./Jenkins (Tennessee-Martin)
16	Jacoby Jones	WR	6-3	228	5th	Tunica, Miss./Rosa Fort (Ohio)
16	TJ Bullard	LB	6-1	200	r-So.	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep
17	Riley Trujillo	QB	6-3	219	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Bartram Trail
17	Jaylen "AP" Heyward	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	Rockledge, Fla./Rockledge
18	Jakob Gude	DB	5-11	182	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Langston Hughes
19	Jarrad Baker	WR	5-11	170	5th	Eau Gallie, Fla./Eau Gallie
19	Hudson Gibbs	DB	5-9	185	r-Fr.	Winter Park, Fla./Winter Park
20	Kam Ingram	RB	5-8	184	r-Jr.	Auburn, Ala./Fayetteville (Bethune-Cookman)
20	Mac McWilliams	DB	5-10	185	r-Sr.	Pensacola, Fla./Pine Forest (UAB)
21	Stacy Gage	RB	5-11	210	Fr.	Tampa, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
21	Cedrick Hawkins	DB	6-0	185	r-Fr.	Titusville, Fla./Cocoa (Ohio State)
22	Myles Montgomery	RB	5-11	205	r-Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Fletcher (Cincinnati)
22	Qua Birdsong	LB	6-3	202	Fr.	Roanoke, Ala./Troup County
23	Tre'Quon Fegans	DB	6-1	190	r-So.	Alabaster, Ala./Thompson (Alabama/USC)
24	Xe'ree Alexander	LB	6-2	223	So.	Auburn, Wash./Kennedy Catholic (Idaho)
25	Camden Vining	LB	6-0	225	r-Jr.	Bradenton, Fla./St. Stephens Episcopal
26	Brock Hansel	QB	5-10	168	r-So.	Lake Worth, Fla./Park Vista
26	Christian Peterson	DB	5-9	175	Fr.	Dothan, Ala./Westlake
27	Chasen Johnson	DB	6-1	181	Fr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
28	Andrew Harris	LB	6-2	223	So.	Altamonte Springs, Fla./Lake Brantley
29	William Wells	DB	6-2	196	Sr.	West Palm Beach, Fla./Suncoast
30	Kam Moore	LB	6-1	221	Jr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
31	DJ McCormick Jr.	LB	6-1	201	Fr.	Rockledge, Fla./Rockledge
32	Ethan Barr	LB	6-3	245	5th	Flower Mound, Texas/Marcus (Vanderbilt)
32	Michael Carter	P	6-2	188	r-So.	Clermont, Fla./Lake Minneola
33	Kaven Call	DE	6-3	240	So.	Apopka, Fla./Apopka
34	Terrell Jackson	DB	6-1	181	r-So.	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian
35	Colton Boomer	PK	5-10	175	Jr.	Lake Mary, Fla./Lake Mary
36	Chase Jarrett	DB	6-0	195	Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Plant
37	Preston Foreman	RB	5-11	190	r-So.	Cocoa Beach, Fla./Viera
38	Jashad Presley	DB	6-2	220	Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Dr. Phillips
39	R.D. Cooper	DB	6-2	185	r-Jr.	Fort Myers, Fla./Fort Myers (North Alabama)
40	Mitch McCarthy	P	6-5	230	Jr.	Melbourne, Australia/Frankston
41	Jack Morgan	TE	6-4	215	r-Jr.	Mount Dora, Fla./Mount Dora
41	Gage King	LS	6-4	250	5th	El Dorado Hills, Calif./Oak Ridge (Arizona State)

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
42	Aidan Fedigan	LS	6-0	213	r-So.	DeLand, Fla./DeLand
43	Tyler Wrenn	RB	5-11	195	r-So.	Fort Pierce, Fla./Vero Beach (Chowan)
44	Evan Morris	TE	6-5	245	5th	Ovid, Mich./Ovid-Elsie (Michigan State)
44	Matthew Alexander	DT	6-3	280	r-Jr.	Buford, Ga./Buford
45	Quentin Hatch	LB	6-1	215	r-Jr.	Orlando, Fla./West Orange (Lake Erie College)
46	Nicholas Antoine	DB	6-4	198	r-Fr.	Daytona Beach, Fla./Mainland
48	Troy Ford Jr.	LB	6-2	235	r-Fr.	Savannah, Ga./Calvary Day
49	Quinten Johnson	LB	6-0	240	r-Jr.	Detroit, Mich./Voyager College Prep (Fresno City)
50	Pat Barnett	OL	6-6	315	r-Sr.	Key West, Fla./Key West
51	Jack Bernstein	LS	6-0	235	r-So.	Alpharetta, Ga./Alpharetta (Georgia State)
51	Malachi Lawrence	DE	6-4	250	r-Jr.	Louisville, Ky./DuPont Manual
52	Caden Kitler	OL	6-3	295	r-So.	Plano, Texas/John Paul II
53	Keeron Henderson	LB	6-2	225	r-Jr.	Richmond, Va./Highland Springs (Army)
54	Waltclaire Flynn	OL	6-2	304	Fr.	Grayson, Ga./Grayson
55	Cameron Kinnie	OL	6-3	315	r-Sr.	Suwanee, Ga./Collins Hill (Georgia)
55	John Walker	DT	6-4	300	So.	Kissimmee, Fla./Osceola
56	Jonathan Cline	OL	6-4	315	r-Fr.	Cartersville, Ga./Cartersville
58	Josh Dorsainvil	DE	6-5	230	r-Jr.	Orange Park, Fla./Ridgeview (Savannah State)
59	Keyon Cox	OL	6-5	300	r-Fr.	Phenix City, Ala./Central
62	Jabari Brooks	OL	6-3	335	r-Sr.	Sandersville, Ga./Washington County (Samford)
64	Shaheem Hill	OL	6-4	342	r-So.	Orlando, Fla./Edgewater
66	Colin Cook	OL	6-3	339	r-So.	Baton Rouge, La./Parkview Baptist (Evangel [Springfield])
68	Ethan Higgins	OL	6-6	280	r-Fr.	Brooksville, Fla./Hernando Christian
69	Paul Rubelt	OL	6-11	330	r-Sr.	Frankfurt-Oder, Germany/Frankfurt-Oder
70	Chase Malamala	OL	6-6	321	Fr.	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla./Benjamin
71	Thomas Gearity	OL	6-4	312	Fr.	St. Cloud, Fla./Osceola
72	Marcellus Marshall	OL	6-5	310	r-Sr.	Morgantown, W. Va./Morgantown (Kent State)
73	Wes Dorsey	OL	6-7	315	5th	Knoxville, Tenn./Grace Christian (Western Kentucky)
74	Matthew Prigmore	OL	6-2	320	r-Fr.	Weston, Fla./Cypress Bay
75	Andrew Phelan	OL	6-3	279	r-Fr.	Orlando, Fla./East River
76	Adrian Medley	OL	6-5	305	5th	Pensacola, Fla./Pensacola
77	Keegan Smith	OL	6-3	314	r-Jr.	Jackson, Mich./ Jackson Lumen Christi Catholic (Central Michigan)
78	Amari Kight	OL	6-7	318	5th	Alabaster, Ala./Thompson (Alabama)
80	Trent Whittemore	WR	6-4	211	r-Sr.	Gainesville, Fla./Bucholz (Florida)
80	Grant Reddick	K/P	5-10	200	r-Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Boone
81	Kason Stokes	WR	6-2	186	Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Armwood
82	Jordyn Bridgewater	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	New Orleans, La./West Orange (FL)
83	Reece Adkins	TE	6-6	250	r-Sr.	Lake Mary, Fla./Lake Mary (Eastern Kentucky)
84	Thomas Wadsworth	TE	6-3	240	r-So.	Melbourne, Fla./Melbourne
85	Carson Hinshaw	WR	5-10	170	Fr.	Lake Mary, Fla./Lake Mary
86	Jordan Davis	TE	6-4	250	r-Sr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
87	Dwartney Wortham	WR	6-0	175	r-So.	Columbus, Ga./Troup County
87	Andrew Rumph	DT	6-3	305	r-Fr.	Palmetto, Fla./Palmetto
88	Derrick LeBlanc	DT	6-5	295	r-Fr.	Opa-locka, Fla./Osceola (Oklahoma)
88	Grant Stevens	TE	6-4	225	r-So.	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla./Nease
89	Caleb Rollerson	WR	6-2	205	Fr.	Ocala, Fla./Hawthorne
90	Marcus Downs	DT	6-5	300	Fr.	Greenville, S.C./Riverside
91	Keshaun Hudson	DT	6-1	323	r-So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Dillard
98	Tyreek'e Robinson	DT	6-2	320	Fr.	Bradenton, Fla./Manatee
98	Kevin Carrigan	K/P	6-1	198	Jr.	Warrington, Pa./Central Bucks South (Bloomsburg)
99	Jamaal Johnson	DE	6-2	252	r-So.	Miami, Fla./Chaminade-Madonna

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Gus Malzahn (Henderson State, 1990) - Fourth Season

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers: Ted Roof (Georgia Tech, 1985) - First Season

Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers: Tim Harris Jr. (Miami, 2008) - Third Season, First as OC

Associate Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs: Addison Williams (South Carolina, 2010) - Fourth Season

Co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks: Darin Hinshaw (UCF, 1993) - Second Season

Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends: Brian Blackmon (Troy, 1996) - Fourth Season

Run Game Coordinator/Running Backs: Kam Martin (Auburn, 2019) - Second Season

Offensive Line: Herb Hand (Hamilton, 1990) - Fourth Season

Defensive Ends/Rush: Kenny Ingram (Arkansas State, 1999) - Fourth Season

Defensive Tackles: Kenny Martin (Western Kentucky, 2012) - Fourth Season

Cornerbacks: Trovon Reed (Auburn, 2015) - First Season

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

QB	1	KJ Jefferson (6-3, 247, 5th)
	11	Jacurri Brown (6-4, 220, r-So.)
RB	7	RJ Harvey (5-9, 220, 5th)
	0	Johnny Richardson (5-7, 170, 5th)
	or 13	Peny Boone (6-1, 242, Sr.)
	or 22	Myles Montgomery (5-11, 205, r-Jr.)
TE	5	Randy Pittman Jr. (6-2, 225, So.)
	44	Evan Morris (6-5, 245, 5th)
WR	80	Trent Whittemore (6-4, 211, r-Sr.)
	4	Chauncey Magwood (6-0, 187, r-Jr.)
WR	2	Kobe Hudson (6-1, 200, 5th)
	16	Jacoby Jones (6-3, 228, 5th)
WR	3	Xavier Townsend (5-11, 185, Jr.)
	9	Ja'Varrius Johnson (5-10, 180, 5th)
LT	78	Amari Kight (6-7, 318, r-Sr.)
	59	Keyon Cox (6-5, 280, r-Fr.)
LG	76	Adrian Medley (6-5, 305, 5th)
	62	Jabari Brooks (6-3, 335, 5th)
C	52	Caden Kitler (6-3, 295, r-So.)
	55	Cam Kinnie (6-3, 315, r-Jr.)
RG	72	Marcellus Marshall (6-5, 310, r-Sr.)
	77	Keegan Smith (6-3, 314, r-Jr.)
RT	69	Paul Rubelt (6-11, 330, r-Sr.)
	73	Wes Dorsey (6-7, 315, 5th)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	35	Colton Boomer (5-10, 175, Jr.)
	80	Grant Reddick (5-10, 190, r-Fr.)
P	40	Mitch McCarthy (6-5, 214, Jr.)
	32	Michael Carter (6-2, 188, r-So.)
LS	41	Gage King (6-4, 240, 5th)
	42	Aidan Fedigan (6-0, 195, r-So.)
H	40	Mitch McCarthy (6-5, 214, Jr.)
	80	Trent Whittemore (6-4, 211, r-Sr.)
PR	3	Xavier Townsend (5-11, 185, Jr.)
	9	Ja'Varrius Johnson (5-10, 180, 5th)
KR	3	Xavier Townsend (5-11, 185, Jr.)
	7	RJ Harvey (5-9, 220, 5th)

DEFENSE

DE	51	Malachi Lawrence (6-4, 243, r-Jr.)
	6	Isaiah Nixon (6-4, 215, r-Fr.)
DT	2	Lee Hunter (6-4, 320, r-Jr.)
	44	Matthew Alexander (6-3, 280, r-Jr.)
DT	5	Ricky Barber (6-3, 295, 5th)
	15	Daylan Dotson (6-3, 255, r-Sr.)
	or 98	Tyreek'e Robinson (6-2, 320, Fr.)
DE	11	Nyjalik Kelly (6-5, 250, Jr.)
	33	Kaven Call (6-3, 240, So.)
	or 99	Jamaal Johnson (6-2, 250, r-So.)
WILL	3	Deshawn Pace (6-2, 220, 5th)
	24	Xe'Ree Alexander (6-2, 215, So.)
	or 28	Andrew Harris (6-2, 223, So.)
MIKE	32	Ethan Barr (6-3, 245, 5th)
	14	Jesiah Pierre (6-2, 240, 5th)
NICKEL	4	Braeden Marshall (5-10, 175, So.)
	20	Mac McWilliams (5-10, 185, r-Sr.)
CB	0	Brandon Adams (6-3, 180, Sr.)
	27	Chasen Johnson (6-1, 180, Fr.)
CB	20	Mac McWilliams (5-10, 185, r-Sr.)
	7	Antione Jackson (6-1, 175, So.)
S	9	Sheldon Arnold (6-1, 191, 5th)
	12	Bryon Threats (5-10, 195, Sr.)
S	13	Ladarius Tennison (5-10, 200, 5th)
	or 10	Quadric Bullard (6-0, 170, 5th)
	29	William Wells (6-2, 196, Sr.)

PRONUNCIATIONS

#1	Ja'Cari Henderson	Juh-CAR-ee
#3	Xavier Townsend	X-ZAY-vier
#3	Deshawn Pace	Dee-Shawn
#8	Demari Henderson	duh-MAR-ee
#10	Dylan Rizk	Risk
#10	Quadric Bullard	Quad-rick
#11	Jacurri Brown	Juh-CAR-ee
#19	Jarrad Baker	JARE-ed
#51	Malachi Lawrence	MAL-uh-kie
#69	Paul Rubelt	ROO-belt
#80	Trent Whittemore	Whit-UH-more

OFFENSE

QB	1	KJ JEFFERSON 6-3 247 5TH ARKANSAS	Year	C/A/I	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Year	Comp.	Yds.	TD	NOTABLES
	11	JACURRI BROWN 6-4 220 R-SO. MIAMI	2024	19/29/1	333	166.5	2	53	2024	12	169	2	
			Career	645/991/19	8,244	179.2	69	91	Career	29	385	5	
RB	7	RJ HARVEY 5-9 220 5TH VIRGINIA	Year	Att.	Yds.	Yds./G	TD	Long	Year	Att.	Yds.	TD	NOTABLES
	0	JOHNNY RICHARDSON 5-7 170 5TH	2024	9	59	29.5	0	12	2024	7	40	--	
			Career	377	2,483	80.1	27	92	Career	24	206	4	
	13	PENY BOONE 6-1 242 JR. TOLEDO	Year	Att.	Yds.	Yds./G	TD	Long	Year	Att.	Yds.	TD	NOTABLES
	22	MYLES MONTGOMERY 5-11 205 R-JR. CINCINNATI	2024	17	135	67.5	2	59	2024	10	81	1	
			Career	384	2,232	55.1	22	71	Career	24	211	3(2)	- Reigning MAC Offensive Player of the Year at Toledo and First-Team All-Mac - Eighth in the nation and first in the MAC in 2023 in rushing yards (1,400) - 11th in the country in rushing yards per game (107.7)
TE	5	RANDY PITTMAN 6-2 225 SO.	Year	Rec.	Yds.	Yds./G	TD	Long	Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	NOTABLES
	44	EVAN MORRIS 6-5 245 5TH MICHIGAN STATE	2024	3	52	26.0	0	20	2024	2	32	--	
			Career	22	267	17.8	1	39	Career	3(2)	50	1	
WR	80	TRENT WHITTEMORE 6-4 211 R-SR. FLORIDA	Year	Rec.	Yds.	Yds./G	TD	Long	Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	NOTABLES
	4	CHAUNCEY MAGWOOD 6-0 187 R-JR. KENTUCKY	2024	1	11	5.5	0	11	2024	1(2)	11	--	
			Career	37	472	10.7	2	45	Career	4(2)	45	1(2)	
	2	KOBE HUDSON 6-1 200 5TH AUBURN	Year	Rec.	Yds.	Yds./G	TD	Long	Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	NOTABLES
	16	JACOBY JONES 6-3 228 5TH OHIO	2024	--	--	--	--	--	2024	--	--	--	
			Career	12	161	5.6	1	26	Career	3	37	1	
	3	XAVIER TOWNSEND 5-11 185 SR.	Year	Rec.	Yds.	Yds./G	TD	Long	Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	NOTABLES
	9	JA'VARRIUS JOHNSON 5-10 180 5TH AUBURN	2024	7	165	82.5	0	53	2024	5	104	0	
			Career	141	2,356	47.1	19	75	Career	9	147	3	
	3	XAVIER TOWNSEND 5-11 185 SR.	Year	Rec.	Yds.	Yds./G	TD	Long	Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	NOTABLES
	9	JA'VARRIUS JOHNSON 5-10 180 5TH AUBURN	2024	--	--	--	--	--	2024	--	--	--	
			Career	116	1,852	40.1	11	61	Career	10	121	2(2)	
	3	XAVIER TOWNSEND 5-11 185 SR.	Year	Rec.	Yds.	Yds./G	TD	Long	Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	NOTABLES
	9	JA'VARRIUS JOHNSON 5-10 180 5TH AUBURN	2024	4	21	10.5	0	7	2024	3	17	0	
			Career	60	473	17.5	3	37	Career	6	81	1(3)	
	9	JA'VARRIUS JOHNSON 5-10 180 5TH AUBURN	Year	Rec.	Yds.	Yds./G	TD	Long	Year	Rec.	Yds.	TD	NOTABLES
	9	JA'VARRIUS JOHNSON 5-10 180 5TH AUBURN	2024	1	0	0.0	0	0	2024	1	--	--	
			Career	65	1,114	30.9	8	56	Career	6	117	1(8)	

LINE

LT	78	AMARI KIGHT 6-7 318 5TH ALABAMA	Year	G/S	NOTABLES
			2023	13/10	
	59	KEYON COX 6-5 280 R-FR.	Year	G/S	NOTABLES
			2023	1/0	
LG	72	MARCELLUS MARSHALL 6-5 310 SR. KENT STATE	Year	G/S	NOTABLES
			2023	13/11	
	62	JABARI BROOKS 6-3 335 R-SR. SAMFORD	Year	G/S	NOTABLES
			2023	11/11	
C	52	CADEN KITLER 6-3 295 R-SO.	Year	G/S	NOTABLES
			2023	5/2	
	55	CAM KINNIE 6-3 315 R-JR. GEORGIA	Year	G/S	NOTABLES
			2023	3/0	
RG	76	ADRIAN MEDLEY 6-5 305 5TH	Year	G/S	NOTABLES
			2023	8/6	
	77	KEEGAN SMITH 6-3 314 R-JR. C. MICHIGAN	Year	G/S	NOTABLES
			2023	11/11	
RT	69	PAUL RUBELT 6-10 330 R-SR.	Year	G/S	NOTABLES
			2023	13/0	
	73	WES DORSEY 6-7 315 5TH WKU	Year	G/S	NOTABLES
			2023	12/11	

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	35	COLTON BOOMER 5-10 | 175 | JR.	Year	FGM/A	FG%	LONG	PATM/A	PAT%	FG	PAT	NOTABLES	
			2024	3/3	100%	50	13/13	100%	2	7		- Connected on third-career 50-plus yard FG vs. Sam Houston
	40	MITCH MCCARTHY 5-10 | 175 | JR.	Year	PUNTS	AVG	LONG	YDS	IN20	PUNT	YDS	NOTABLES	
			2024	4	38.3	42	153	3	2(2)	78		- Former professional Australian Rules football player (7th pick in '16)
	41	GAGE KING 6-4 | 240 | 5TH | ARIZONA ST.	Year	PUNTS	AVG	LONG	YDS	IN20	PUNT	YDS	NOTABLES	
			2024	79	42.2	64	3,336	25	7(2)	322		- Tabbbed to the Phil Steele Preseason second-team All-Big 12
PR	3	XAVIER TOWNSEND 5-11 | 185 | SR.	Year	ATT	YDS	TD	AVG/R	AVG/G	ATT	YDS	TD	NOTABLES
			2024	7	99	0	14.1	49.5	6	86	--		- Career-high 86 yards across six punt returns vs. New Hamp. - Athlon Sports Preseason Third-Team All-Big 12
	40	MITCH MCCARTHY 6-5 | 214 | JR.	Year	ATT	YDS	TD	AVG/R	AVG/G	ATT	YDS	TD	NOTABLES
			2024	4	104	0	26.0	52	3	84	--		- Going on third year as holder for junior Colton Boomer (Australiana native)
	41	GAGE KING 6-4 | 240 | 5TH | ARIZONA ST.	Year	ATT	YDS	TD	AVG/R	AVG/G	ATT	YDS	TD	NOTABLES
			2024	13	328	0	25.2	12.1	3	84	--	



DEFENSE

POS	NO.	NAME	HT	WT	POS	YR	2024 T/S/A	2024 TFL	2024 SACK	2024 FF	2024 PDEF	2024 INT	CAREER T/S/A	CAREER TFL	CAREER SACK	CAREER FF	CAREER PDEF	CAREER INT	NOTABLES
DE	51	MALACHI LAWRENCE	6-4	243	R-JR.	2024	1/1/0	0	0	0	0	0	30/19/11	11	8	0	1	0	- Honorable Mention DL pick on All-Big 12 team, chosen by league's head coaches - Registered 10.5 tackles for loss and ranked fifth in Big 12 in sacks per game (0.58) - Tabbled to Athlon Sports and Phil Steele Preseason All-Big 12 First Team's
	6	ISAIAH NIXON	6-4	215	R-FR.	2024	2/1/1	0	0	0	0	0	3/1/2	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	- Appeared in two games for the Knights in '23 and made debut vs. Kent State - Registered a half-sack and a half tackle-for-loss against the Golden Flashes - Four-star DE from Lakewood High School in St. Petersburg, Fla.
DT	2	LEE HUNTER	6-4	320	R-JR. | AUBURN	2024	4/3/1	1	0	0	0	0	90/50/40	13	4	0	1	0	- Tabbled to the Preseason All-Big 12 Team and Bednarik Award Watch List - Honorable Mention DL pick on '23 All-Big 12 Team, voted on by league's coaches - Led DTs in the nation for the most tackles (69) according to PFF
	44	MATTHEW ALEXANDER	6-3	280	R-JR.	2024	4/3/1	1	0	0	0	0	29/13/16	3	1	0	1	0	- Appeared in all 13 games for the Knights in '23 and registered 16 tackles - Made four tackles in start vs. Oklahoma State - Tallied one sack and TFL in '23
DT	5	RICKY BARBER	6-3	295	5TH | WKU	2024	3/1/2	0	0	0	0	0	164/70/94	24.5	12.5	1	6	0	- Tabbled to the Athlon Sports Preseason Fourth-Team All-Big 12 - Started 10 games for the Knights in '23 and recorded 18 tackles and two TFLs - First-Team All-AAC selection in 2022 according to league coaches, PFN and Phil Steele
	15	DAYLAN DOTSON	6-3	255	R-SR. | UT-MARTIN	2024	6/2/4	3	0	0	0	0	118/52/66	37	14.5	4	8	0	
DE	11	NYJALIK KELLY	6-5	250	JR. | MIAMI	2024	7/3/4	1	1	1	1	2	26/14/12	6.5	5	1	2	0	- Tallied a career-high six tackles and a strip-sack vs. Sam Houston - Joined former Hurricane teammate Jacurri Brown from Miami ahead of '24 - Played in 17 games for Miami in '22 and '23
	33	KAVEN CALL	6-3	240	SO.	2024	2/2/0	0	0	0	0	0	3/2/1	0	0	0	0	0	
WILL	3	DESHAUN PACE	6-2	220	5TH | CINCINNATI	2024	8/5/3	0	0	0	0	0	254/126/128	25.5	3	9	7	0	- Tabbled to Athlon Sports and Phil Steele Preseason All-Big 12 Second Team's - Joined Montgomery and Threats from Cincinnati ahead of the '24 season - Honorable Mention All-Big 12 selection in '23 (80 tackles led Cincinnati)
	24	XE'REE ALEXANDER	6-2	215	SO. | IDAHO	2024	8/5/3	1	0	0	0	0	83/34/49	5	0	1	0	0	
MIKE	32	ETHAN BARR	6-3	245	5TH | VANDERBILT	2024	4/1/3	0	0	0	0	0	223/108/115	7	1	8	3	0	- Named one of four team captains prior to first season with the Knights - Team Captain in both '22 and '23 at Vanderbilt where he started at LB - Recorded at least two tackles in each game in '23
	14	JESIAH PIERRE	6-2	246	5TH | TEXAS TECH	2024	6/2/4	0	0	0	0	0	147/75/72	10	5	1	0	0	- Honorable Mention All-Big 12 pick at LB in '23 with Texas Tech - Ranked fourth in tackles on team with 66, along with 1.5 TFL and a half-sack in '23 - Tallied team-high 13 tackles in regular-season finale at Texas
NICKEL	4	BRAEDEN MARSHALL	5-10	175	SO.	2024	7/6/1	2	0	1	0	0	29/20/9	4	0	2	1	0	- Led the Knights with a career-high two TFLs vs. New Hampshire - Started three games (Cincinnati, Texas Tech, Houston) and appeared in all 13 during his freshman season, recording 22 tackles and one interception
CB	0	BRANDON ADAMS	6-3	190	SR.	2024	1/1/0	0	0	0	0	0	75/60/15	3	0	9	0	0	- Tabbled to Athlon Sports Preseason All-Big 12 Fourth Team - Started in 10 games and appeared in all 13 for the Knights in '23 - Registered two PBLUs vs. Kent State in the '23 season-opener
	27	CHASEN JOHNSON	6-1	180	FR.	2024	--/--/--	--	--	--	--	--	--/--/--	--	--	--	--	--	- One of two freshman (Tyreek'e Robinson) to be listed on the depth chart - Latest Knight to sign from Seminole High School (joining Ja'Cari and Demari Henderson, Kam Moore)
CB	20	MAC MCWILLIAMS	5-10	185	R-SR. | UAB	2024	4/3/1	1	0	0	1	0	105/79/29	7	0	23	2	0	- Recorded second-career interception and first with UCF vs. Sam Houston - Team captain at UAB last season - Started all 12 games for the Blazers
	7	ANTIONE JACKSON	6-1	175	SO. | EAST CAROLINA	2024	2/1/1	0	0	1	1	1	21/12/9	0	0	3	1	0	- Registered second-career interception vs. New Hampshire in season opener - Played in 10 games and started three at East Carolina last season - Had 19 tackles, three pass breakups and one interception
S	9	SHELDON ARNOLD	6-1	191	5TH | ETSU	2024	3/2/1	0	0	0	0	0	148/98/50	11	1	8	8	1	- Secured eighth-career interception and first with UCF vs. Sam Houston - Tabbled an FCS All-American at ETSU - Recorded 87 tackles, nine TFLs, four interceptions and three fumble recoveries
	12	BRYON THREATS	5-10	195	SR. | CINCINNATI	2024	4/4/0	1	0	0	0	0	127/81/46	8	2.5	9	4	0	- Played 12 games with nine starts at Cincinnati last year - Finished the season with 57 tackles - Led the Bearcats in tackles five times
S	13	LADARIUS TENNISON	5-10	200	5TH | OLE MISS	2024	1/0/1	0	0	0	0	0	137/82/55	18	2.5	2	0	0	- Recorded a blocked punt and safety vs. New Hampshire in Knights debut - Tabbled an All-SEC Special Teamer of the Year by College Football Network - Rated one of the top special teams players in the nation by PFF
	10	QUADRIC BULLARD	6-0	175	5TH	2024	9/4/5	0	0	0	0	0	165/116/49	6	2	12	1	0	- Started seven games for UCF last season and played in every game - Ended the year with 34 tackles - Recorded an interception at Oklahoma
	29	WILLIAM WELLS	6-2	196	SR.	2024	2/2/0	0	0	0	0	0	27/20/7	2	1	0	0	0	- Played in 10 games last season - Finished the season with 14 tackles, two QB hurries and a forced fumble - Notched four tackles against Oklahoma State

GUS MALZAHN | HEAD COACH • FOURTH SEASON

**Hometown**

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Education

Henderson State, 1990

Family

Wife - Kristi

Children - Kylie and Kenzie

Head Coaching Record

Year	School	Record
2012	Arkansas State	9-3
2013	Auburn	12-2
2014	Auburn	8-5
2015	Auburn	7-6
2016	Auburn	8-5
2017	Auburn	10-4
2018	Auburn	8-5
2019	Auburn	9-4
2020	Auburn	6-4
2021	UCF	9-4
2022	UCF	9-5
2023	UCF	6-7
2024	UCF	2-0
Total	12 Seasons	103-54

Bowl Games

2014	BCS Championship
2015	Outback Bowl
2015	Birmingham Bowl
2017	Sugar Bowl
2018	Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl
2018	Music City Bowl
2020	Outback Bowl
2021	Gasparilla Bowl
2022	Military Bowl
2023	Gasparilla Bowl

Coaching Experience

2021-present	UCF (HC)
2013-20	Auburn (HC)
2012	Arkansas State (HC)
2009-11	Auburn (OC/QBs)
2007-08	Tulsa (Asst. HC/Co-OC/QBs)
2006	Arkansas (OC/WRs)
2001-05	Springdale HS (Ark.) Head Coach
1996-2000	Shiloh HS (Ark.) Head Coach
1991-95	Hughes HS (Ark.) DC (1991), HC (1992-95)



Gus Malzahn was named the ninth head coach in UCF football history on Feb. 15, 2021. He has long been known as one of college football's great offensive innovators, and over his 18 seasons as a coordinator and head coach at the collegiate level, he has the resume to prove it.

Malzahn, now 103-54 (.65) in 13 seasons overall as a head coach, has guided his teams to eight conference championship game appearances, including a pair of SEC Championships at Auburn (2010, 2013) and a Sun Belt Championship at Arkansas State in 2012.

He was the first head coach to implement the "Hurry-Up, No Huddle" offense in the SEC at Auburn in 2009, and his offensive philosophy and strategies have since been implemented by most collegiate programs, in addition to several NFL teams.

In nine of Malzahn's 18 seasons as a head coach or coordinator, his teams have been ranked in the Top 20 in total offense and/or rushing offense, including seven seasons in the Top 10. His 2022 and 2023 UCF teams finished the season ninth and fifth, respectively, in rushing offense, including eighth overall in total offense last season. Malzahn has produced 16 1,000-yard rushers in his career, including RJ Harvey in 2023, Tre Mason (1,816) and Nick Marshall (1,068) in 2013 and Cameron-Artis Payne (1,608) in 2014. Malzahn's Auburn teams still hold SEC Championship game records for points scored (59), total offense (677 yards), rushing yards (545), individual rushing yards (304), individual rushing TDs (4), individual receiving yds (217) and largest margin of victory (39).

Malzahn's first three seasons as UCF head football coach in 2021, 2022 and 2023 have featured three consecutive postseason bowl invitations (now 12 straight for teams coached by Malzahn and eight straight for UCF), overall nine-win marks in 2021 and 2022—plus a 2022 conference title-game qualification—as his Knight teams have injected themselves onto the list of elite collegiate programs.

Malzahn, who spent one year as a head coach in the Sun Belt Conference, eight years in the high-powered Southeastern Conference and two years in the American Athletic Conference, coached his first season in the Big 12 Conference in 2023.

Highlighted by a 45-3 late-season triumph over 15th-ranked Oklahoma State, Malzahn's Knights defeated two teams that played in 2023 conference championship games—the Cowboys (Big 12) and Boise State (Mountain West). UCF's initial year in the Big 12 saw them qualify for a Gasparilla Bowl matchup with Georgia Tech.

His UCF crew in 2023 ranked among the nation's top offensive units—standing fourth in the country in rushing (233.2 yards

per game) and seventh in total offense (492.2). In addition, the Knights allowed the fewest passing yards in the Big 12—with Knight players pacing the league in receiving yards per game (Javon Baker) and tackles for loss (Tre'mon Morris-Brash). UCF also ranked sixth in the country in third-down conversions at 50 percent and 10th in yards per pass completion (14.67).

Baker and Morris-Brash received first-team All-Big 12 recognition in voting by league coaches—while senior linebacker Jason Johnson made the second team after his third straight season with 100-plus tackles and Harvey (1,296 regular-season yards and 16 rushing touchdowns) became a Doak Walker Award semifinalist.

UCF's impressive win against Big 12 runner-up Oklahoma State marked the 100th by Malzahn while coaching FBS programs—making him the first coach in college football history to win 100-plus games at both the high school level as well as while coaching at FBS institutions.

His 2022 squad produced significant regular-season victories over ranked Cincinnati and Tulane squads—followed by an appearance in the AAC Championship Game for the first time since 2018. In 2021 Malzahn's unit finished with six wins in the Knights' final seven games, a 29-17 Gasparilla Bowl triumph over Florida, a perfect 7-0 home record—and an eye-opening response to a parade of injuries to key personnel.

The Knights in 2022 excelled on both sides of the line of scrimmage. UCF finished among the national leaders on offense while also leading the nation in red-zone defense much of the season. Malzahn's team also ranked 11th in first downs, 13th in fumbles recovered to pace the league.

In 2022 UCF ranked second in the AAC in total offense and rushing. The improved Knight attack jumped 50 spots in the NCAA rankings in total offense, 19 in rushing, 34 in passing and six in scoring. The Knights also had 14 All-AAC first- or second-team selections while cornerback Davonte Brown was named the AAC Cornerback of the Year by Pro Football Network.

Malzahn's Knights began the 2021 season by recording the largest comeback victory in UCF history in a 36-31 triumph over Boise State. His first team in Orlando prospered by pulling out three other wins by four-point margins and playing six games overall decided by a touchdown or less—with two UCF defeats coming by a combined 11 points. In recognition of his efforts, Malzahn was named one of three finalists for the Steve Spurrier Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America to the best head coach in his first year at a school.

That season UCF ranked seventh nationally in team pass efficiency defense (after ranking 104th in that NCAA statistical



category the previous year), while also showing dramatic improvement in several other statistical categories:

- An upgrade of 86 slots in passing yards allowed compared to 2020, while permitting 89.1 fewer passing yards in 2021
- An improvement of 70 slots in total defense, while allowing 122.5 fewer yards per game compared to the previous season

In eight years as head football coach at Auburn, Malzahn led the Tigers to an SEC Championship, two SEC West Division titles and six New Year's Day bowl selections to go with those eight postseason appearances.

The 2013 Bear Bryant, Bobby Bowden, Eddie Robinson, Home Depot, Sporting News, SB Nation, Liberty Mutual and Associated Press National Coach of the Year, Malzahn earned SEC Coach-of-the-Year honors that season after guiding Auburn to the biggest turnaround in SEC history. He led the Tigers to a 12-2 record and one of the most memorable seasons in school history in 2013, with historic wins over Georgia and top-ranked Alabama and a record-setting SEC Championship Game win over fifth-ranked Missouri. He became just the third coach in SEC history to win an SEC title in his first year at a school.

The 34-28 victory over top-rated Alabama in 2013 came on a memorable 100-yard "Kick-6" return of a Tide missed field goal on the final play of the game. Malzahn's Tiger squads also defeated seventh-ranked Texas A&M in 2013, seventh-rated Ole Miss in 2014, second-ranked Georgia and top-rated Alabama in 2017 and fifth-ranked Alabama in 2019.

After his eight seasons at Auburn, Malzahn qualified as the second-longest tenured head coach at one school in the SEC and he remains one of only a handful of active FBS head coaches to take a team to a national championship game. During his time with the Tigers, Auburn was one of only three SEC schools to play in multiple SEC Championships games and play for a national championship.

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On three occasions, Malzahn has had two 1,000-yard rushers in the same season: 2013 and 2010 (both Auburn) and 2006 (Arkansas). Malzahn has also coached five 1,000-yard receivers and three 3,000-yard passers. His 2007 Tulsa team had three 1,000-yard receivers.

During Malzahn's eight years at Auburn, the Tigers had the top rushing offense in the SEC, averaging 228.6 yards per game. In 2013, Auburn led the nation in rushing at 328.3 yards per game, the first SEC team to do so. Three of the top six team rushing totals in SEC history (2010, 2013, 2016) came under Malzahn's leadership. Auburn became just the second team in SEC history to gain more than 7,000 yards of total offense in a season in 2013, finishing the year with 7,018 yards (also Texas A&M in 2012).

The Tigers set a school record with 48 rushing TDs in 2013 and set a school record against SEC opponents with 677 yards of total offense versus Missouri in the 2013 SEC Championship Game.

Mason, the 2013 SEC Player of the Year, ranked

third in the nation with 23 TDs and sixth with 169.57 all-purpose yards per game. He also set Auburn single-season records for rushing yards and all-purpose yards (2,374).

In Malzahn's eight seasons at Auburn 32 players were selected in the National Football League Draft while 14 of his players were named All-Americans.

The Tigers faced the nation's most difficult schedule collectively during Malzahn's eight years at Auburn, facing 38 ranked opponents, including 21 in the top 10. Auburn was the nation's only program in 2016 to face both the No. 1- and No. 2-ranked programs and in 2017 it faced three of the four College Football Playoff semifinalists a total of four times, earning two wins.

Malzahn, who won the Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach in 2010 while helping the Tigers to the national title, returned to Auburn after serving as the head coach at Arkansas State in 2012 when he led the program to a 9-3 regular-season mark and the Sun Belt Conference title. In that role he worked hand in hand with current UCF vice president and director of athletics Terry Mohajir who was named the Red Wolves' vice chancellor and director of athletics in the middle of that 2012 season and remained in that role until coming to UCF in early 2021.

As offensive coordinator, Malzahn made an immediate impact during his tenure at Auburn, highlighted by a record-setting offense in 2010 when the Tigers finished 14-0 and claimed the school's first national title since 1957. Malzahn's arrival in 2009 and style of offense marked a drastic turnaround from the 2008 season when Auburn struggled offensively. In a two-year period, the Tigers improved from a tie for 110th to seventh in the nation in scoring offense (from 17.3 to 41.2) and from 104th to seventh in total offense.

The 2010 Auburn offense set nine school records while leading the SEC and finishing in the top 10 nationally in six statistical categories. Malzahn coached Heisman Trophy winner Cam Newton, who had one of the best single-season performances at the position in college football history. Newton threw for 2,908 yards and 30 TDs, while rushing for 1,586 yards and 20 TDs. Newton, the number-one overall selection in the 2011 NFL Draft, also won the Davey O'Brien, Manning and Maxwell awards.

During two seasons (2007-08) as assistant head coach and co-offensive coordinator at Tulsa, Malzahn's offenses were among the nation's finest, ranking first nationally in total offense. Tulsa's offense in 2007 established nine team and 12 individual school records. The 2008 Tulsa offense averaged 569.9 yards per game and was second nationally, averaging 47.2 points per games. Malzahn in 2006 spent one season at Arkansas as offensive coordinator, coaching Heisman Trophy runner-up Darren McFadden and helping the SEC West champion Razorbacks finish fourth nationally in rushing.

Malzahn's coaching career began in his home state of Arkansas at the high school level. In 14 seasons as a high school head coach, Malzahn led seven teams to the state championship game and won three titles. In July 2013, he was inducted into the Arkansas High School Sports Hall of Fame. After one year as defensive coordinator in 1991 he spent four years (1992-95) as head coach at Hughes (Arkansas) High School, five years in 1996-2000 as head coach at Shiloh (Arkansas) High School and five years (2001-05) as head coach at Springdale

PRODUCTIVE OFFENSES

Gus Malzahn was responsible for two of the four most productive offenses in SEC history: Auburn in 2013 (7,018 yards of total offense and Auburn in 2010 (6,989 yards of total offense).

50-POINT GAMES

Since the year 2000, in the eight years Malzahn was at Auburn, the Tigers posted 25 50-point games. In the 10 seasons without Malzahn, Auburn recorded just seven 50-point games. The Tigers recorded three 50-point games in a season four times with Malzahn as head coach (2013, 2016, 2018, 2019)

MALZAHN AT HOME

Malzahn now holds a record of 62-16 (.795) at home as a collegiate head coach. He was 5-1 in 2012 at Arkansas State, at Auburn went 8-0 in 2013, 6-1 in 2014, 3-4 in 2015, 6-2 in 2016, 7-0 in 2017, 5-2 in 2018, 6-1 in 2019 and 4-1 in 2020, finished 2021 with UCF 7-0, 5-2 in 2022, 4-2 in 2023 and 2-0 this season. He started his tenure at Auburn with 13 consecutive home victories.

NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Gus Malzahn earned multiple national coach of the year awards in 2013, including the Eddie Robinson Award, the Bobby Bowden Award, and the Bear Bryant Award, as well as national coach of the year honors from Home Depot, the Associated Press, Liberty Mutual, Sporting News, SB Nation, and USSA Amos Alonzo Stagg.

MALZAHN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	School	Championship
2013	Auburn	SEC
2013	Auburn	SEC West
2012	Arkansas State	Sun Belt
2010	Auburn	BCS
2010	Auburn	SEC
2010	Auburn	SEC West
2008	Tulsa	C-USA West
2007	Tulsa	C-USA West
2006	Arkansas	SEC West

(Arkansas) High School.

His overall record as a high school head coach was 144-36-1 (.798). He won two Arkansas 2A titles at Shiloh Christian (15-0 in both 1998 and 1999) and one 5A crown at Springdale (14-0 in 2005).

Born in Irving, Texas, Malzahn graduated from high school in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and played football at Arkansas (wide receiver in 1984-85) and Henderson State (receiver and punter in 1988-89), earning his bachelor's degree from Henderson State in 1990. As a player he helped the Razorbacks to the 1984 Liberty Bowl and the 1985 Holiday Bowl (a win over Arizona State).

Malzahn and his wife Kristi (Otwell) are parents of two daughters, Kylie (Collin) Peek and Kenzie (Charl) Stander.

Malzahn's full bio is available at UCFKnights.com

KNIGHTS SCORING DRIVES**New Hampshire**

1st	#35 C.Boomer 25 yd FG	12 plays	61 yards	4:00
1st	#35 C.Boomer 44 yd FG	9 plays	22 yards	3:44
2nd	#1 K.Jefferson 3 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick)	1 yard	3 yards	0:05
2nd	SAFETY			
2nd	#7 R.Harvey 1 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick)	2 plays	61 yards	0:19
2nd	#7 R.Harvey 13 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick)	4 plays	80 yards	0:49
3rd	#22 M.Montgomery 49 yd pass from #1 K.Jefferson (#35 C.Boomer kick)	5 plays	88 yards	1:57
3rd	#13 P.Boone 59 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick)	3 plays	70 yards	1:05
3rd	#0 J.Richardson 22 yd pass from #1 K.Jefferson (#35 C.Boomer kick)	4 plays	63 yards	1:53
3rd	#22 M.Montgomery 25 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick)	2 plays	29 yards	0:43

Sam Houston

1st	#7 R.Harvey 19 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick)	12 plays	80 yards	6:37
1st	#7 R.Harvey 2 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick)	10 plays	76 yards	4:11
2nd	#35 C.Boomer 50 yd FG	11 plays	36 yards	5:14
2nd	#7 R.Harvey 22 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick)	10 plays	75 yards	4:42
3rd	#22 M.Montgomery 7 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick)	4 plays	42 yards	1:58
3rd	#7 R.Harvey 2 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick)	1 play	2 yards	0:04
4th	#13 P.Boone 3 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick)	8 plays	88 yards	2:49

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

Opp.	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	RB/WR	WR	WR/TE	TE	K
New Hampshire	Kight	Medley	Kitler	Marshall	Rubelt	Jefferson	Harvey	Hudson	Whittemore	Townsend	Morris	Boomer
Sam Houston	Kight	Medley	Kitler	Marshall	Rubelt	Jefferson	Harvey	Hudson	Johnson	Pittman	Morris	Boomer
at TCU												
Colorado												
at Florida												
Cincinnati												
at Iowa State												
BYU												
Arizona												
at Arizona State												
at West Virginia												
Utah												

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

Opp.	DE	DT	DT	DE	MIKE	WILL	NICKEL	CB	S	S	CB	P
New Hampshire	Lawrence	Barber	Hunter	Kelly	Barr	Pace	Marshall	Adams	Arnold	Bullard	McWilliams	McCarthy
Sam Houston	Lawrence	Barber	Hunter	Kelly	Barr	Alexander	Marshall	Adams	Arnold	Bullard	McWilliams	McCarthy
at TCU												
Colorado												
at Florida												
Cincinnati												
at Iowa State												
BYU												
Arizona												
at Arizona State												
at West Virginia												
Utah												



Quarterback KJ Jefferson (1) in his first start at UCF against New Hampshire in the season opener.

THE LAST TIME

TEAM	UCF	OPPONENT
90+ offensive plays	Tulane (99)	10/24/20 at South Florida (93) 11/27/20
500+ of total offense	Sam Houston (554)	9/7/24 at Cincinnati (515) 11/4/23
600+ of total offense	New Hampshire (639)	8/29/24 vs. #13 BYU (655) 12/22/20
700+ of total offense	Kent State (723)	8/31/23 at Memphis (703) 10/17/20
500+ team passing yards	at Memphis (601)	10/17/20 South Florida (503) 11/24/17
Two players 100 yds passing	Florida A&M (B. Wimbush, 168; D. Gabriel, 127)	8/29/19 at Cincinnati (Gunner Kiel, 319; Hayden Moore, 154) 10/31/15
300+ team rushing yards	Sam Houston (384)	9/7/24 at Kansas (399) 10/7/23
Two players 100 yds rushing	vs. Florida (Isaiah Bowser, 155; Ryan O'Keefe, 110)	12/23/21 at Cincinnati (Kiner:114, R. Montgomery:113) 10/7/23
Two players 100 yds receiving	Temple (Kobe Hudson, 121; Ryan O'Keefe, 111)	10/13/22 ---
100 rush, 100 rec, 300 pass	at Florida Atlantic	9/17/22 at South Florida 11/27/20
	John Rhys Plumlee (121 rushing)	Kelly Joiner (116 rushing), Brian Battie (102 rushing)
	Alec Holler (115 receiving)	Bryce Miller (121 receiving)
	John Rhys Plumlee (339 passing)	Jordan McCloud (404 passing)
Three defensive scores	vs. Tulane (Drico Johnson - fum + int; Saquill Griffin - int)	11/5/16 --- ---
Recover onside kick	East Carolina	11/19/15 UAB 11/24/12
Record a safety	New Hampshire (Tennison, blocked punt)	8/29/24 Tulsa 10/3/20
Come from down 10 points	Boise State (21 points, 21-0)	9/2/21 Baylor (28 points, 35-7 to win 36-35) 9/30/23
Score on first play of game	Baylor (Richardson, 79-yard run)	9/30/23 ---
Win on final snap of reg.	at Boise State (18-16, Colton Boomer, 40 FG)	9/9/23 vs. Penn State (Sam Ficken 36-yard field goal) 8/30/14
Convert two-point conv.	at South Florida (Keene pass to Bowser)	11/26/22 Baylor (Shapen pass to Nabors) 9/30/23

INDIVIDUAL

50+ passing attempts	Tulsa (Dillon Gabriel, 51)	10/3/20 at Memphis (Brady White, 50) 10/17/20
60+ passing attempts	---	Louisiana Tech (Tim Rattay, 64) 9/5/98
30+ completions	at Memphis (Dillon Gabriel, 35)	10/17/20 at South Florida (Jordan McCloud, 32) 11/27/20
40+ completions	---	---
400+ yards passing	Tulane (Dillon Gabriel, 422)	10/24/20 vs. #13 BYU (Zach Wilson, 425) 12/22/20
500+ yards passing	at Memphis (Dillon Gabriel, 601)	10/17/20 South Florida (Quinton Flowers, 503) 11/24/17
5+ passing touchdowns	Tulane (Dillon Gabriel, 5)	10/24/20 at Memphis (Brady White, 6) 10/17/20
6+ passing touchdowns	Liberty (Darin Hinshaw, 6)	11/6/93 at Memphis (Brady White, 6) 10/17/20
30+ rushing attempts	vs. Florida (Isaiah Bowser, 35)	12/23/21 at Memphis (Darrell Henderson, 31) 10/13/18
40+ rushing attempts	Memphis (Brynn Harvey, 42)	10/3/09 Eastern Michigan (Anthony Sherrell, 43) 11/8/03
150+ rushing yards	Oklahoma State (RJ Harvey, 206)	11/11/23 at Kansas State (DJ Giddens, 4) 9/23/23
200+ rushing yards	Oklahoma State (RJ Harvey, 206)	11/11/23 at Kansas State (DJ Giddens, 4) 9/23/23
250+ rushing yards	vs. Tulsa (Kevin Smith, 284)	12/1/07 Akron (Mike Clark, 255) 9/27/86
4+ rushing touchdowns	Sam Houston (RJ Harvey, 4)	9/7/24 at Kansas State (DJ Giddens, 4) 9/23/23
5+ rushing touchdowns	---	Virginia Tech (Lee Suggs, 5) 11/11/00
150+ yards receiving	Tulane (Marlon Williams, 174)	10/24/20 Baylor (Monaray Baldwin, 150) 9/30/23
200+ yards receiving	vs. Nevada (Brandon Marshall, 210)	12/24/05 South Florida (Tyre McCants, 227) 11/24/17
3+ receiving touchdowns	at South Florida (Jacob Harris, 3)	11/27/20 Memphis (Anthony Miller, 3) 12/2/17
4+ receiving touchdowns	Ohio (Doug Gabriel, 4)	11/30/02 Valdosta State (Darrien Teals, 4) 10/22/88
75-yard touchdown reception	Oklahoma State (Kobe Hudson, 75)	11/11/23 at Temple (Branden Mack, 75) 10/26/19
70-yard non-scoring reception	Temple (Jaylon Robinson, 70)	11/14/20 Austin Peay (Kyran Moore, 74) 10/28/17
50+ yard field goal	Sam Houston (Colton Boomer, 50)	9/7/24 vs. Marshall (J. Rohrwasser, 50) 12/23/19
4+ field goals	at Boise State (Colton Boomer, 4)	9/9/23 vs. LSU (Cole Tracy, 4) 1/1/19
5+ field goals	---	Southern Miss (Danny Hrapmann, 5) 11/12/11
2+ sacks	at Cincinnati (Morris-Brash: 2.5)	11/4/23 Navy (John Marshall, 4) 11/19/22
3+ sacks	at South Florida (Landon Woodson, 3)	11/27/20 Navy (John Marshall, 4) 11/19/22
3+ interceptions	---	---
2+ interceptions	Oklahoma State (Demari Henderson)	11/11/23 Boise State (Tyric LeBeauf, 2) 9/2/21
Interception for TD	vs. Marshall (Richie Grant, 39)	12/23/19 vs. Marshall (Micah Abraham, 75) 12/23/19
Fumble return for TD	Baylor (Demari Henderson, 87 yards)	9/30/23 Baylor (Caden Jenkins, 72 yards) 9/30/23
Kickoff return for TD	USF (Mike Hughes, 95)	11/24/17 at Tulane (Stephon Hudson, 98) 11/23/19
Opening kickoff for TD	at Tulane (Quincy McDuffie, 95)	11/20/10 Pittsburgh (Lowell Robinson, 97) 10/13/06
70-yard punt	at Pittsburgh (Andrew Osteen, 71)	9/21/19 at Georgia Tech (Pressley Harvin III, 70) 9/19/20
Punt return for TD	at Pittsburgh (Otis Anderson, 87)	9/21/19 at Kansas (Trevor Wilson, 82) 10/7/23
Blocked punt for TD	Georgia Tech (2nd Qtr, Q. Bullard)	9/24/22 at Navy (Daniel Taylor, 0) 10/2/21
Blocked punt	New Hampshire (2nd Qtr, L. Tennison)	8/29/24 South Carolina State (3rd Qtr, Zanjerri Dunham) 9/1/22
Blocked field goal	at Florida Atlantic (3rd Qtr, K. Hester)	9/17/22 Baylor (2nd Qtr, Cooper Lanz) 9/30/23
Blocked extra point	at Kansas (3rd Qtr, D Henderson)	10/7/23 at Navy (1st Qtr, J'arius Warren) 10/2/21

BOLD indicates play or game from 2024 season

UCF Runs Past New Hampshire in Season Opener, 57-3



Scoring Summary report
 New Hampshire vs UCF (Aug 29, 2024)
 New Hampshire (0-1) vs UCF (1-0)

Date: Aug 29
 Site: Orlando
 Stadium: FBC Mortgage Stadium
 Attendance

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
New Hampshire	0	3	0	0	3
UCF	6	23	28	0	57

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play
1st	10:55	UCF - #35 C.Boomer 25 yd FG, 12-61, 04:00
1st	04:56	UCF - #35 C.Boomer 44 yd FG, 9-22, 03:44
2nd	14:45	UCF - #1 K.Jefferson 3 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 1-3, 00:05
2nd	13:12	UCF - SAFETY, 01:33
2nd	09:40	UCF - #7 R.Harvey 1 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 2-61, 00:19
2nd	04:31	UNH - #37 N.Mazzie 28 yd FG, 8-55, 05:09
2nd	00:43	UCF - #7 R.Harvey 13 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 4-80, 00:49
3rd	09:15	UCF - #22 M.Montgomery 49 yd pass from #1 K.Jefferson (#35 C.Boomer kick), 5-88, 01:57
3rd	06:39	UCF - #13 P.Boone 59 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 3-70, 01:05
3rd	03:05	UCF - #0 J.Richardson 22 yd pass from #1 K.Jefferson (#35 C.Boomer kick), 4-63, 01:53
3rd	01:28	UCF - #22 M.Montgomery 25 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 2-29, 00:43

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 07:02 PM
 End of Game: 10:26 PM
 Total elapsed: 03:23

OFFICIALS

Referee: Cravonne Barrett
 Umpire: Rick Podraska
 Linesman: Kirk Mattson

ORLANDO – After ranking among the nation’s top 10 in rushing offense the past two seasons, the UCF football program is poised to have another strong year on the ground in 2024. The Knights rushed for 454 yards, the second most in program history, Thursday night en route to a 57-3 victory against New Hampshire in the season opener at FBC Mortgage Stadium.

Additionally, UCF’s 8.4 rushing yards per carry are the second most in a single game in program history. The Black and Gold had eight different players carry the football in the contest with five Knights rushing for at least 40 yards. UCF had 14 rushes of 10 yards or more, headlined by a 60-yard rush from running back RJ Harvey.

“I’m proud of our team,” said UCF head coach Gus Malzahn. “Taking care of business with a convincing win. Looking at the game, I just told the players the thing that stood out to me is only three penalties. We’ve been really focused on not beating ourselves.

“Defensively, we played a big-time game. I think [Deshawn] Pace’s Interception, that was the one that really turned the game into being able to breathe a little bit. [Ladarius] Tennison had the block punt right there. I mean, he was one of the better special teams players in college football last year, and it showed. Xavier Townsend was big time in the return game.”

In addition to the offense, the Knights’ defense was stellar throughout the contest limiting the Wildcats to just nine first downs. UCF’s aggressive defense forced two interceptions, as linebacker Deshawn Pace swung the momentum in the Knights’ favor early in the second quarter when he jumped in front of Seth Morgan’s pass for his sixth career pick.

Following a pair of Colton Boomer field goals in the first half, Pace nearly recorded a pick six as he was knocked out of bounds at the three-yard line after a 37-yard return. One play later, quarterback KJ Jefferson found the end zone for the Knights’ first touchdown of the season to give UCF a 13-0 lead.

Tabbed as one of the top special teams players in the country by College Football Network last season, Ladarius Tennison raced through the middle of the UNH punt unit to block the attempt and it was recovered by the Wildcats in the endzone for a safety.

From there, the Black and Gold scored 23 points in the second quarter to own a 29-3 lead at halftime behind a pair of rushing TDs from Harvey. The 2024 Doak Walker Award Preseason Watch List selection surpassed 100 yards rushing for the third consecutive game dating back to last season and the ninth time in his career. The Orlando native finished with 11 carries for 142 yards, averaging 12.9 yards per rush – second most by an individual in program history.

Following the intermission, UCF forced four consecutive punts to pull away from the Wildcats with 28 points in the third quarter. Making his debut in the Black and Gold, Myles Montgomery notched his first career receiving touchdown on a 49-yard catch from KJ Jefferson. His backfield mate, Peny Boone found the endzone a few minutes with a 59-yard scamper to push the Knights’ advantage to 43-3.

Boone had seven rushes for 81 yards and Montgomery logged 77 yards on eight rushes. Johnny Richardson pitched in with 40 rushing yards and a 22-yard touchdown reception.

Sophomore Antione Jackson came up with the Knights’ second interception of the day and Montgomery quickly turned it into six points for UCF, scoring from 25 yards out. It marked the first time he’s scored a touchdown on the ground and receiving in the same game in his career. Pace led the defense with five tackles, including three solo, while Braeden Marshall had a great game with four tackles, including two tackles for loss and a pass breakup. Mac McWilliams notched four tackles with a TFL.

UCF Football Earns 45-14 Win Over Sam Houston



Scoring Summary report
 Sam Houston vs UCF (Sep 07, 2024)
 Sam Houston (1-1) vs UCF (2-0)

Date: Sep 07
 Site: Orlando
 Stadium: FBC Mortgage Stadium
 Attendance

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Sam Houston	0	7	0	7	14
UCF	14	10	14	7	45

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play
1st	08:17	UCF - #7 R.Harvey 19 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 12-80, 06:37
1st	03:07	UCF - #7 R.Harvey 2 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 10-76, 04:11
2nd	10:26	UCF - #35 C.Boomer 50 yd FG, 11-36, 05:14
2nd	08:41	SHSU - #3 S.Evans 64 yd pass from #6 N.Smith (#49 C.Pavon kick), 4-75, 01:55
2nd	03:59	UCF - #7 R.Harvey 22 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 10-75, 04:42
3rd	09:58	UCF - #22 M.Montgomery 7 yd rush (#25 C.Boomer kick), 4-42, 01:58
3rd	07:14	UCF - #7 R.Harvey 2 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 1-2, 00:04
4th	12:36	UCF - #13 P.Boone 3 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 8-88, 02:49
4th	04:14	SHSU - #4 M.Phoenix II 22 yd pass from #6 J.Bauer (#49 C.Pavon kick), 11-80, 05:27

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 07:02 PM
 End of Game: 10:04 PM
 Total elapsed: 03:01

OFFICIALS

Referee: Henry Johns
 Umpire: Bryan Hay
 Linesman: Andy Warner
 Line judge: Lawrence Doss
 Back judge: Brian Ernest
 Field judge: Matthew Mills

ORLANDO – Saturday’s game was delayed 30 minutes due to lightning in the area, but that didn’t have any impact on a hot start for UCF, as the Knights scored on six of their first seven drives to earn a 45-14 victory against Sam Houston at FBC Mortgage Stadium.

For the second consecutive game, the Black and Gold compiled more than 550 yards of total offense, including 384 rushing yards. Defensively, UCF forced two turnovers and held Sam Houston to just 67 rushing yards.

“I’m real proud of our team, we earned a convincing win against a quality opponent,” said UCF head coach Gus Malzahn. “They’ve got good players and that’s a Hall of Fame Coach. He’s won two national championships. It was a good measuring stick for our guys.”

UCF has now opened the season with a 2-0 record in three of Malzahn’s four seasons in Orlando. Saturday’s game also marked the 200th FBS win for the Knights as a program since making the transition from FCS in 1996.

Knights running back RJ Harvey tied the program record and set a career high with four rushing touchdowns, while surpassing 100 yards rushing for the 10th time in his career. The Orlando native finished with 126 rushing yards on 19 carries, finding the end zone four times – the first player to do so since Isaiah Bowser in 2021.

The preseason Doak Walker Award Watch List honoree recorded the first two touchdowns of the game, scoring from 19 yards out and on a two-yard rush to cap 80-yard and 76-yard drives, respectively.

“It feels great to score four times,” said Harvey. “All praise goes to the offensive line. Without them, that wouldn’t have been possible. So, I’m just super blessed for them to have done their job tonight to allow me to have success.”

For the third time in his career, UCF kicker Colton Boomer booted a 50-yard field goal as he split the uprights to extend the Knights’ early advantage to 17-0 in the second quarter. The Lake Mary native had a pair of 50-yarders in the Boise State game last season, including the game-winner.

KJ Jefferson led the offense from his quarterback position, going 12-for-15 passing for 169 yards. He also rushed for 50 yards on nine attempts. Wide receiver Kobe Hudson reeled in 104 of those, eclipsing the 100-yard receiving mark for the sixth time in his career.

Defensively, the Black and Gold were dominant throughout the game, limiting the Bearkats to 118 yards and just 16 rushing at halftime. In comparison, UCF had already rushed for 243 yards and Harvey accounted for 115 yards on 16 carries with three rushing touchdowns in the first 30 minutes.

The Knights tallied two interceptions for the second straight game, as Mac McWilliams and Sheldon Arnold each came down with their first interceptions in a UCF uniform.

Quadric Bullard, Nyjalik Kelly and Xe’ree Alexander led the defensive effort each with six tackles. Kelly notched the Knights’ first sack of the season, forced a fumble and had a pass breakup.

UCF returns to action next weekend when the Knights travel to TCU to open Big 12 Conference play. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. ET on FOX from Amon G. Carter Stadium.



TEAM STATISTICS

	UCF	OPP
Scoring	102	17
Points per game	51.0	8.5
Points Off Turnovers	28	0
First Downs	56	21
Rushing	45	4
Passing	11	14
Penalty	0	3
Rushing Yardage	838	134
Yards gained rushing	871	169
Yards lost rushing	33	35
Rushing attempts	111	59
Average per rush	7.5	2.3
Average per game	419.0	67.0
TDs Rushing	11	0
Passing Yardage	355	314
Comp-Att-Int	25-39-1	31-52-4
Average per pass	9.1	6.0
Average per catch	14.2	10.1
Average per game	177.5	157.0
TDs Passing	2	2
Total offense	1193	448
Total plays	150	111
Average per play	8.0	4.0
Average per game	596.5	224.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	4-104	6-119
Punt returns: #-Yards	8-102	0-0
Int returns: #-Yards	4-95	1--1
Kick return average	26.0	19.8
Punt return average	12.8	0.0
Int return average	23.8	-1.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-0
Penalties-Yards	9-80	13-75
Average per game	40.0	37.5
Punts-Yards	4-153	17-616
Average per punt	38.3	36.2
Net punt average	38.3	30.2
Kickoffs-Yards	18-1148	6-373
Average per kick	63.8	62.2
Net kick average	40.5	36.5
Time of possession / game	31:48	28:12
3rd-down conversion	12/24	7/27
3rd-down pct	50%	26%
4rd-down conversion	2/5	0/1

TEAM STATISTICS

	UCF	OPP
4rd-down pct	40%	0%
Sacks by-Yards	1-9	3-18
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	13	2
Field goals - attempts	3-3	1-1
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(10-12) 83%	(2-2) 100%
Red-zone touchdowns	(8-12) 67%	(1-2) 50%
PAT-attempts	(13-13) 100%	(2-2) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	88013	0
Games / Avg per game	2/44007	0/0
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
UCF	20	33	42	7	0	102
Opponents	0	10	0	7	0	17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
RJ Harvey	2	30	269	1	268	8.9	6	60	134.0
Peny Boone	2	17	135	0	135	7.9	2	59	67.5
Myles Montgomery	2	17	130	2	128	7.5	2	25	64.0
Jacurri Brown	2	9	92	0	92	10.2	0	30	46.0
KJ Jefferson	2	20	109	20	89	4.5	1	14	44.5
Xavier Townsend	2	6	67	4	63	10.5	0	18	31.5
Johnny Richardson	2	9	63	4	59	6.6	0	12	29.5
Dylan Rizk	1	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	3.0
Kameron Ingram	2	2	3	2	1	0.5	0	3	0.5
Total	2	111	871	33	838	7.5	11	60	419.0
Opponents	2	59	169	35	134	2.3	0	17	67.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
KJ Jefferson	2	177.8	19-29-1	65.5	333	2	53	166.5
Jacurri Brown	2	76.1	5-9-0	55.6	22	0	6	11.0
Dylan Rizk	1	100.0	1-1-0	100.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	2	152.4	25-39-1	64.1	355	2	53	177.5
Opponents	2	107.6	31-52-4	59.6	314	2	64	157.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kobe Hudson	2	7	165	23.6	0	53	82.5
Xavier Townsend	2	4	21	5.3	0	7	10.5
Randy Pittman Jr.	2	3	52	17.3	0	20	26.0
Jarrad Baker	2	2	5	2.5	0	4	2.5
Johnny Richardson	2	2	27	13.5	1	22	13.5
Kylan Fox	2	2	11	5.5	0	6	5.5
Ja'Varius Johnson	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Trent Whittmore	2	1	11	11.0	0	11	5.5
RJ Harvey	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
Myles Montgomery	2	1	49	49.0	1	49	24.5
Grant Stevens	2	1	6	6.0	0	6	3.0
Total	2	25	355	14.2	2	53	177.5
Opponents	2	31	314	10.1	2	64	157.0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Xavier Townsend	7	99	14.1	0	26
Trent Whittmore	1	3	3.0	0	3
Total	8	102	12.8	0	26
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mac McWilliams	1	27	27.0	0	27
Deshawn Pace	1	37	37.0	0	37
Sheldon Arnold, II	1	22	22.0	0	22
Antione Jackson	1	9	9.0	0	9
Total	4	95	23.8	0	37
Opponents	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Xavier Townsend	4	104	26.0	0	38
Total	4	104	26.0	0	38
Opponents	6	119	19.8	0	31

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	2	9	4.5	0	9

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT			dpx	saf	pts	
			kick	rush	rcv				pass
RJ Harvey	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	
Colton Boomer	-	3-3	13-13	-	-	-	-	22	
Myles Montgomery	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
Peny Boone	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
KJ Jefferson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Johnny Richardson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Total	13	3-3	13-13	0	0	0	0	1	102
Opponents	2	1-1	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	17

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Colton Boomer	3-3	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-1	50	0
Opponents	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	38	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	UCF	Opponents
New Hampshire	(25),(44)	(38)
Sam Houston	(50)	

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
KJ Jefferson	2	49	89	333	422	211.0
RJ Harvey	2	30	268	0	268	134.0
Peny Boone	2	17	135	0	135	67.5
Myles Montgomery	2	17	128	0	128	64.0
Jacurri Brown	2	18	92	22	114	57.0
Xavier Townsend	2	6	63	0	63	31.5
Johnny Richardson	2	9	59	0	59	29.5
Dylan Rizk	1	2	3	0	3	3.0
Kameron Ingram	2	2	1	0	1	0.5
Total	2	150	838	355	1193	596.5
Opponents	2	111	134	314	448	224.0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Mitch McCarthy	4	153	38.3	42	0	3	3	0	0
Total	4	153	38.3	42	0	3	3	0	0
Opponents	17	616	36.2	59	0	4	2	3	1

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydIn
Colton Boomer	13	844	64.9	11	0			
Grant Reddick	4	239	59.8	0	0			
Evan Morris	1	65	65.0	1	0			
Total	18	1148	63.8	12	0	6	40.5	24
Opponents	6	373	62.2	2	0	4	36.5	28

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
10	Quadric Bullard	2	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Xe'ree Alexander	2	5	3	8	1-2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	
3	Deshawn Pace	2	5	3	8	.	.	1-37	.	.	.	.	.
4	Braeden Marshall	2	6	1	7	2-11	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
11	Nyjalik Kelly	2	3	4	7	1-9	1-9	.	1	.	.	1	.	
14	Jesiah Pierre	2	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Daylan Dotson	2	3	3	6	3-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Mac McWilliams	2	3	1	4	1-2	.	1-27	.	.	.	.	.
12	Bryon Threats	2	4	.	4	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Lee Hunter	2	3	1	4	1-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	
44	Matthew Alexander	2	3	1	4	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Ethan Barr	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Ricky Barber	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.
9	Sheldon Arnold, II	2	2	1	3	.	.	1-22	.	.	.	.	.
1	Ja'Cari Henderson	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Jamaal Johnson	2	.	3	3	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Kaven Call	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Andrew Harris	2	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	William Wells	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Isaiah Nixon	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Andrew Rumph	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Antione Jackson	2	1	1	2	.	.	1-9	1	.	.	.	.
91	Keshaun Hudson	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Kam Moore	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Tre'Quon Fegans	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Quinten Johnson	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Tyreek'e Robinson	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
16	TJ Bullard	2	.	1	1	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Xavier Townsend	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Chauncey Magwood	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Malachi Lawrence	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.
0	Brandon Adams	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Ladarius Tennison	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
53	Keeron Henderson	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Ja'Varrius Johnson	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		2	63	48	111	13-41	1-9	4-95	4	8	0-0	1	1	1
Opponents		2	96	74	170	8-32	3-18	1--1	5	1	2-9	2	0	0

TEAM GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Pen	Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Comp-Att.-Int			Yards				
New Hampshire	57-3	27 / 9	21 / 3	6 / 4	0 / 2	54-454 / 29-67	11-22-1 / 14-28-2	185 / 95	76-639 / 57-162	219 / 80	2 / 2	
Sam Houston	45-14	29 / 12	24 / 1	5 / 10	0 / 1	57-384 / 30-67	14-17-0 / 17-24-2	170 / 219	74-554 / 54-286	82 / 47	1 / 2	
Totals	102-17	56 / 21	45 / 4	11 / 14	0 / 3	111-838 / 59-134	25-39-1 / 31-52-4	355 / 314	150-1193 / 111-448	301 / 127	3 / 4	

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
New Hampshire	4-11 / 2-15	1-3 / 0-0	29:33 / 30:27	-00:54	8.4 / 2.3	8.4 / 3.4	8.4 / 2.8	2-37.5 / 11-40.5	3-35.0 / 7-40.0	0 / 1
Sam Houston	8-13 / 5-12	1-2 / 0-1	34:03 / 25:57	08:06	6.7 / 2.2	10.0 / 9.1	7.5 / 5.3	2-39.0 / 6-28.3	6-45.0 / 6-35.0	1 / 2
Totals	12-24 / 7-27	2-5 / 0-1	63:36 / 56:24	07:12	7.5 / 2.3	9.1 / 6.0	8.0 / 4.0	4-38.3 / 17-36.2	9-80.0 / 13-75.0	1 / 3

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category



TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	57	Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	454	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	8.4	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
TD RUSHES	6	Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	22	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	14	Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
YARDS PASSING	185	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	10.0	Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
TD PASSES	2	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	76	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	639	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	8.4	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
POINTS	57	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
SACKS BY	1	Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	29	Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
PENALTIES	6	Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	45	Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
TURNOVERS	2	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
PUNTS	2	Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
	2	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	39.0	Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	42	Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	26	New Hampshire (08/29/2024)

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	19	RJ Harvey vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	142	RJ Harvey vs New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
TD RUSHES	4	RJ Harvey vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
LONG RUSH	60	RJ Harvey vs New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	15	KJ Jefferson vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	12	KJ Jefferson vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
YARDS PASSING	169	KJ Jefferson vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
TD PASSES	2	KJ Jefferson vs New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
LONG PASS	53	KJ Jefferson vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
RECEPTIONS	5	Kobe Hudson vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
YARDS RECEIVING	104	Kobe Hudson vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Johnny Richardson vs New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
	1	Myles Montgomery vs New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
LONG RECEPTION	53	Kobe Hudson vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
PUNTS	2	Mitch McCarthy vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
	2	Mitch McCarthy vs New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
PUNTING AVG	39.0	Mitch McCarthy vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	42	Mitch McCarthy vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Mitch McCarthy vs New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	26	Xavier Townsend vs New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	38	Xavier Townsend vs New Hampshire (08/29/2024)
TACKLES	6	Quadric Bullard vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
	6	Nyjalik Kelly vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
	6	Xe'ree Alexander vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
SACKS	1	Nyjalik Kelly vs Sam Houston (09/07/2024)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2	Braeden Marshall vs New Hampshire (08/29/2024)

PLAYER PARTICIPATION

##	Player	GP-GS	UNH	SHSU
0	Johnny Richardson	2/0	XXX	XXX
0	Brandon Adams	2/2	START	START
1	Kj Jefferson	2/2	START	START
1	Ja'Cari Henderson	2/0	XXX	XXX
2	Kobe Hudson	2/2	START	START
2	Lee Hunter	2/2	START	START
3	Deshawn Pace	2/1	START	XXX
3	Xavier Townsend	2/1	START	XXX
4	Chauncey Magwood	2/0	XXX	XXX
4	Braeden Marshall	2/2	START	START
5	Ricky Barber	2/2	START	START
5	Randy Pittman Jr.	2/1	XXX	START
6	Isaiah Nixon	2/0	XXX	XXX
6	Kylan Fox	2/0	XXX	XXX
7	RJ Harvey	2/2	START	START
7	Antione Jackson	2/0	XXX	XXX
8	Demari Henderson	0/0	...	...
8	Bredell Richardson	0/0	...	...
9	Ja'Varrius Johnson	1/1	...	START
9	Sheldon Arnold, II	2/2	START	START
10	Quadric Bullard	2/2	START	START
10	Dylan Rizk	1/0	...	XXX
11	Jacurri Brown	2/0	XXX	XXX
11	Nyjalik Kelly	2/2	START	START
12	Bryon Threats	2/0	XXX	XXX
12	Ej Colson	0/0	...	...
13	Ladarius Tennison	2/0	XXX	XXX
13	Peny Boone	2/0	XXX	XXX
14	Jesiah Pierre	2/0	XXX	XXX
15	Daylan Dotson	2/0	XXX	XXX
15	Tyree Patterson	0/0	...	...
16	Jacoby Jones	2/0	XXX	XXX
16	TJ Bullard	2/0	XXX	XXX
17	Jaylen Heyward	2/0	XXX	XXX
17	Riley Trujillo	0/0	...	...
18	Jakob Gude	2/0	XXX	XXX
19	Jarrad Baker	2/0	XXX	XXX
19	Hudson Gibbs	1/0	XXX	...
20	Mac McWilliams	2/2	START	START
20	Kameron Ingram	2/0	XXX	XXX
21	Cedrick Hawkins Jr.	1/0	XXX	...
21	Stacy Gage	1/0	XXX	...
22	Myles Montgomery	2/0	XXX	XXX
22	Qua Birdsong	1/0	XXX	...
23	Tre'Quon Fegans	2/0	XXX	XXX
24	Xe'ree Alexander	2/1	XXX	START
25	Cam Vining	2/0	XXX	XXX
26	Brock Hansel	0/0	...	...
26	Christian Peterson	0/0	...	...
27	Chasen Johnson	2/0	XXX	XXX
28	Andrew Harris	2/0	XXX	XXX
29	William Wells	2/0	XXX	XXX
30	Kam Moore	2/0	XXX	XXX
31	DJ McCormick	0/0	...	...
32	Ethan Barr	2/2	START	START
32	Michael Carter	1/0	XXX	...
33	Kaven Call	2/0	XXX	XXX
34	Terrell Jackson	0/0	...	...
35	Colton Boomer	2/0	XXX	XXX
36	Chase Jarrett	0/0	...	...

##	Player	GP-GS	UNH	SHSU
37	Preston Foreman	0/0	...	...
38	Jashad Presley	1/0	XXX	...
39	R.D. Cooper	0/0	...	...
40	Mitch McCarthy	2/0	XXX	XXX
41	Gage King	2/0	XXX	XXX
41	Jack Morgan	0/0	...	...
42	Aidan Fedigan	0/0	...	...
43	Tyler Wrenn	0/0	...	...
44	Evan Morris	2/2	START	START
44	Matthew Alexander	2/0	XXX	XXX
45	Quentin Hatch	0/0	...	...
46	Nicholas Antoine	0/0	...	...
48	Troy Ford Jr.	0/0	...	...
49	Quinten Johnson	2/0	XXX	XXX
50	Patrick Barnett	0/0	...	...
51	Malachi Lawrence	2/2	START	START
51	Jack Bernstein	0/0	...	...
52	Caden Kitler	2/2	START	START
53	Keeron Henderson	1/0	XXX	...
54	Waltclaire Flynn	0/0	...	...
55	Cameron Kinnie	2/0	XXX	XXX
55	John Walker	0/0	...	...
56	Jonathan Cline	0/0	...	...
58	Josh Dorsainvil	1/0	XXX	...
59	Keyon Cox	2/0	XXX	XXX
62	Jabari Brooks	2/0	XXX	XXX
64	Shaheem Hill	0/0	...	...
66	Colin Cook	0/0	...	...
68	Ethan Higgins	0/0	...	...
69	Paul Rubelt	2/2	START	START
70	Chase Malamala	1/0	...	XXX
71	Thomas Gearity	0/0	...	...
72	Marcellus Marshall	2/2	START	START
73	Wes Dorsey	2/0	XXX	XXX
74	Matthew Prigmore	1/0	XXX	...
75	Andrew Phelan	0/0	...	...
76	Adrian Medley	2/2	START	START
77	Keegan Smith	2/0	XXX	XXX
78	Amari Kight	2/2	START	START
80	Trent Whittemore	2/1	START	XXX
80	Grant Reddick	1/0	XXX	...
81	Kason Stokes	0/0	...	...
82	Jordyn Bridgewater	0/0	...	...
83	Reece Adkins	0/0	...	...
84	Thomas Wadsworth	2/0	XXX	XXX
85	Carson Hinshaw	0/0	...	...
86	Jordan Davis	0/0	...	...
87	Dwartney Wortham	1/0	XXX	...
87	Andrew Rumph	2/0	XXX	XXX
88	Grant Stevens	2/0	XXX	XXX
88	Derrick LeBlanc	0/0	...	...
89	Caleb Rollerson	0/0	...	...
90	Marcus Downs	0/0	...	...
91	Keshaun Hudson	2/0	XXX	XXX
98	Kevin Carrigan	0/0	...	...
98	Tyreek'e Robinson	2/0	XXX	XXX
99	Jamaal Johnson	2/0	XXX	XXX