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# 2024-25 UCF MEN'S BASKETBALL

# **POSTGAME NOTES**



# **UCF Knights**

- + 5-2 (0-0 Big 12)
- + Johnny Dawkins
- + 153-105 | 309-220

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# **Milwaukee Panthers**

- + 5-3 (0-0 Horizon)
- + Bart Lundy
- + 47-30 | 476-220

# November 27, 2024 | Addition Financial Arena | Orlando, Fla.

### **Game Info**

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### **Starters**

No.	Player	Season	Career
0	Jordan Ivy-Curry	7	44
3	<b>Darius Johnson</b>	7	74
4	Keshawn Hall	7	35
6	Dallan Coleman	7	43
35	<b>Rokas Jucius</b>	1	30

# Top Performers

#### **UCF KNIGHTS**

<u>Player</u>	Pts	Ast	Reb	+/-
<b>Darius Johnson</b>	28	2	2	+9
Jordan Ivy-Curry	14	3	2	+3
Dior Johnson	9	2	2	+6

#### **MILWAUKEE PANTHERS**

<b>Player</b>	Pts	Ast	Reb	+/-
Kentrell Pullian	15	2	8	0
Jamichael Stillwell	14	2	12	-2
Themus Fulks	13	6	2	-4

# **Stat Comparison**

	Knights		<b>Panthers</b>
<b>=</b>	18-35 (51.4%)	FG	15-33 (45.5%)
t Half	4-11 (36.4%)	3PT	3-8 (37.5%)
<b>Ist</b>	3-4 (75%)	FT	7-9 (77.8%)
Half	12-28 (42.9%)	FG	15-32 (46.9%)
P	7-13 (53.8%)	3PT	5-14 (35.7%)
<b>2nd</b>	10-12 (83.3%)	FT	1-5 (20%)
Game	30-63 (47.6%)	FG	30-65 (46.2%)
	11-24 (45.8%)	3PT	8-22 (36.4%)
	13-16 (81.3%)	FT	8-14 (57.1%)

# **Team Notes**

- UCF moved to 5-2 on the season following its 84-76 win over the Milwaukee Panthers, the first against the Horizon League program in school history.
- Strong starts have been a conistent theme under head coach Johnny Dawkins, as the Knights have started 5-2 in their first seven games in each of the last four seasons. Their 4-0 start this campaign matched Dawkins' best with the Knights (2021-22, 2017-18).
- The offense was efficient from the field during the win, connecting on 30 of 63 shots, the second-best percentage of the season (47.6%).
- The Knights protected the ball tonight, suffering only eight turnovers, marking the lowest tally of the season and 11th time dating back to last season committing fewer than 10.
- Facing the frond-waving faithful in the second half, the Panthers shot just 20 percent from the line, missing four shots (one-for-five). The season tally currently stands at 19.

### **Player Notes**

- **Darius Johnson** was dominant from the field tonight, hitting eight three pointers on 10 attempts, a career high and the second most by a player in the Johnny Dawkins era (2016-17). During Dawkins' first season, former Knight Matt Williams connected on 11 shots from behind the arc against South Florida on Jan. 17, 2017 in a 86-64 win.
- With 28 points in the win, Johnson secured his fourth-highest points tally during his four-year career and the most in a contest at Addition Financial Arena. During the 2023-24 season, the then junior tallied two 30+ point performances, with each of his four 28+ point performances coming over his last 16 games across both seasons.
- The newly inducted 1,000-point club member tallied his fourth 20+ point performance of the season, on pace to break his career-high of six set a season ago.
- **Tyler Hendricks** produced a productive 11 minutes on the floor, tallying his first six points of the season on a pair of field goals and another two from the free throw line.
- **Jordan Ivy-Curry** led the Knights with five rebounds and authored his 63rd double-digit performance of his career and seventh of the season (14 Pts.). He leads the team in double-digit performances this season
- **Benny Williams** was impactful across the floor tonight (+10, team high). The senior assisted four Knights, a season high for the Syracuse transfer and the fourth time in his career reaching the total.

# **Dawkins' Perspective**

"Our guys did a really good job of understanding what we had to do to be successful, following the game plan for the most part. There are areas we need to improve in, especially playing a team like this [Milwaukee].