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UCF KNIGHTS

JACKSONVILLE STATE GAMECOCKS

Head Coach Scott Frost
Alma Mater Nebraska, 1997
At UCF (3rd Season) 19-7
Career (8th Season) 35-38
Last Game Nov. 29, 2024 vs. Utah
..... Loss, 28-14
UCF vs. Opp. First Meeting
Frost vs. Opp. First Meeting



0-0 (0-0 Big 12)



0-0 (0-0 CUSA)

Head Coach Charles Kelly
Alma Mater Auburn, 1990
At Jacksonville St. (1st Season) 0-0
Career (1st Season) 0-0
Last Game StaffDNA Cure Bowl
..... Dec. 20, 2024 vs. Ohio; Loss, 30-27
Jacksonville St. vs. Opp. First Meeting
Kelly vs. Opp. First Meeting

Orlando, Fla.
Acisure Bounce House (44,206)

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1 FIRST FROST 2

- It's been said the best songs deserve an encore, and for the Knights, head coach Scott Frost has the chance to prove exactly that. After turning an 0-12 program into a national championship winning team at 13-0 in just two seasons, UCF is looking to prove that the sequel can be better than the original.
- The Knights suffered a completely defeated season in 2015, making way for then-Oregon offensive coordinator Scott Frost to take the reins in Orlando. After inheriting a team with zero wins to six wins and a bowl appearance in 2016, Frost and company stunned the world in 2017. The Knights had the lone unblemished record at season's end, recording a 13-0 record punctuated by a 34-27 over No. 7 Auburn at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.
- While history doesn't repeat itself, it often rhymes. In this case, lots of Frost's return feels similar to the 2016 & 2017 years, but so much around the game has changed in the College Football Playoff, NIL and revenue sharing era. He welcomes a team of 63 newcomers, the bulk of them transfers.

2 63 NEWCOMERS

- In what is technically his third year at the helm of the Knights and the first in his second stint, over half of Frost's roster is new to UCF. Officially, 63 of the 112 players on the squad will be making their debut on the roster.
- Of the 63 newcomers, 36 are transfers from other D-I institutions. Another six transfers are from football programs throughout other levels while two are former Division I basketball players and one is a former MLB pitcher.
- A recruiting class of 18 true freshmen make up the remaining newcomers

3 FEELING TRENDY

- The return of Scott Frost as UCF's head coach reignites some trends from his first tenure, showcasing where the program was at 2017's end
- The Knights ride a 13-game winning streak under Frost after being the only team in the 2017 season to finish with a perfect record
- UCF outscored their opponents 627-329 in 2017, scoring 30 points or more in all 13 victories. The Knights' offense ranked No. 1 in the nation, averaging 48.2 points per game. UCF's high-powered offense continued even after Frost had departed, as the Black and Gold tacked on 18 more consecutive games scoring 30 points or more.
- An opening night victory against Jacksonville State would be the 10th consecutive win for the Knights in their first game of the season, a trend Frost got going in his first game as UCF's head coach in 2016
- UCF compiled 500+ yards of offense in eight of their 13 wins in 2017

4 NEW VS. NEW

- The Knights are one of 30 FBS programs that have a new head coach; 28 of which are completely new while the other two were elevated from interim.
- UCF will face three of those 30 as well as an additional opponent, North Carolina A&T of the FCS. The Knights will host the four: Charles Kelly with Jacksonville State (Aug. 28), Shawn Gibbs with N.C. A&T (Sep. 6), Bill Belichick with North Carolina (Sep. 20) and Rich Rodriguez with West Virginia (Oct. 18).
- Of the new crop this year, Frost and Rodriguez are the only pair of FBS head coaches that have coached at a school, left and then returned to the same place later. Including Frost, there are 16 sitting head coaches across all levels to have coached at a place, left and then returned. (Full list can be found in Knight Notes, along with more in depth information). There are well over 200 head coaches across all levels who have a similar path.

5 OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

- In addition to its head coach, there is plenty of new in UCF football in 2025
- The Knights will suit up in fresh uniforms, featuring the "Knighthood Eras" number font. The font consists of four different eras of UCF football tied into one bigger and bolder look for the numbers (more in Knight Notes).
- New grass was planted in the offseason, replacing the original field that was installed in 2007. The new grass is TifTuf® Bermudagrass.
- Roth Tower looks a little different this season as it is undergoing the first of two phases of construction to be completed in time for the 2026 season

6 THRIVING ON THURSDAYS

- UCF enters its contest against Jacksonville State with the third-longest active win streak on Thursdays at 10. Two conference mates, Oklahoma State and Utah, lead the active list with 12 straight Thursday wins each.
- Other active Thursday win streaks include Memphis with nine and Toledo and Clemson with eight each. The longest Thursday winning streak in college football history belongs to Miami (FL) at 15 which went from 1998-2008.

7 SEASON OPENING STREAK

- The Knights begin 2025 riding a 10-game winning streak on opening night, as started by Frost in 2016 with a 38-0 win over South Carolina State
- Beyond that, UCF has started 1-0 in 18 of the last 20 seasons and has won 20 of 30 openers since becoming an FBS program to begin the 1996 season
- The Knights have won 15 of 18 home openers at Acisure Bounce House, including four in a row and eight of the last nine

8 THE NATION IS WATCHING

- A trio of Knights begin the season on watchlists for the nation's finest awards
- Jaden Nixon earned a quartet of watchlist honors, making the Maxwell, Paul Hornung, Doak Walker and Earl Campbell lists. He, along with Nyjalik Kelly and Paul Rubelt, were honored by Phil Steele on his Preseason Big 12 Teams.
- Rubelt was named to the Allstate Wuerffel Trophy watchlist while Myles Montgomery joined fellow running back Nixon on the Doak Award watchlist

9 RETURNING PRODUCTION

- With 63 new players on the roster, returning production is slim
- Four players from the 2024 squad started in six or more games, with Paul Rubelt being the lone returner to start in all 12. Just behind him was Malachi Lawrence and Nyjalik Kelly with 11 starts while Braeden Marshall had six.
- In total, 17 returners from last year's roster played in seven games or more
- The three starters on defense who started six or more games last season account for 11.7% of tackles in 2024 (90 of 772), 22.2% of tackles for loss (18.5 of 83), 47.7% of sacks (10.5 of 22) and one of nine interceptions
- In total, 14 defensive returners from the 2024 roster tallied 148 tackles (19.2%), 22.5 tackles for loss (27.1%) 12 sacks (54.5%) and two of nine picks
- Offensive returners tallied 694 rushing yards (23.3%) and 88 receiving yards (3.7%)

10 UCF-CAST

- Running backs Myles Montgomery and Jaden Nixon are poised to be a one-two punch on the gridiron, and have already proved the same in podcasting.
- So far, the duo has hosted eight episodes in the preseason, welcoming guests such as legendary UCF running back Latavius Murray, as well as current teammates such as Paul Rubelt, Dalton Riggs, Keli Lawson and more.

BY THE NUMBERS

63

The Knights welcome 63 new players to the roster this season, with the total roster size being 112. Of the 63 newcomers, 36 are transfers from other DI schools while 18 are from high school.

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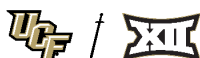
UCF is one of 30 FBS programs with a new head coach this season. The Knights will face three FBS programs (Jacksonville State, UNC, West Virginia) who also have a new head coach.

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UCF returns four players who started six or more games last season. Paul Rubelt is the lone returner who started all 12 games in 2024. Malachi Lawrence and Nyjalik Kelly each had 11 while Braeden Marshall had 6.

69

The Knights have compiled 69 victories since the start of the 2017, the most of any program in the Big 12 Conference. The win total is tied for 15th most in the nation since that time.



BROADCAST INFORMATION

TV



Play-by-Play: AJ Ricketts
Analyst: Rene Ingoglia

RADIO

Station: FM 96.9 / AM 740 The Game
Play-by-Play: Marc Daniels
Analyst: Gary Parris
Sideline: Scott Adams

SPANISH RADIO

Location: YouTube.com/UCFKnights
Play-by-Play: Carlos Bohorquez
Analyst: Sergio Ruiz Torres

2025 SCHEDULE

Overall: 0-0 • Conference: 0-0
Home: 0-0 • Away: 0-0 • vs. Top 25: 0-0

Aug. 28	Jacksonville State	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Sep. 6	North Carolina A&T	ESPN+	7 p.m.
BYE WEEK			
Sep. 20	North Carolina	TBD	-
Sep. 27	at #17/20 Kansas State*	TBD	-
Oct. 4	Kansas*	TBD	-
Oct. 11	at Cincinnati*	TBD	-
Oct. 18	West Virginia*	TBD	-
BYE WEEK			
Nov. 1	at Baylor*	TBD	-
Nov. 7	Houston*	FS1	-
Nov. 15	at #23/24 Texas Tech*	TBD	-
Nov. 22	Oklahoma State*	TBD	-
Nov. 29	at -/#23 BYU*	TBD	-

* - Big 12 Conference game
Home games are in **bold**
Rankings listed are AP/Coaches polls, receiving votes not displayed
All times Eastern

A WIN WOULD...

- Be better than a loss
- Give UCF its 300th win in program history
- Be the 20th of Coach Frost's UCF career
- Be the 10th straight season starting 1-0, beginning with 2016
- Be the 14th straight UCF victory under Coach Frost

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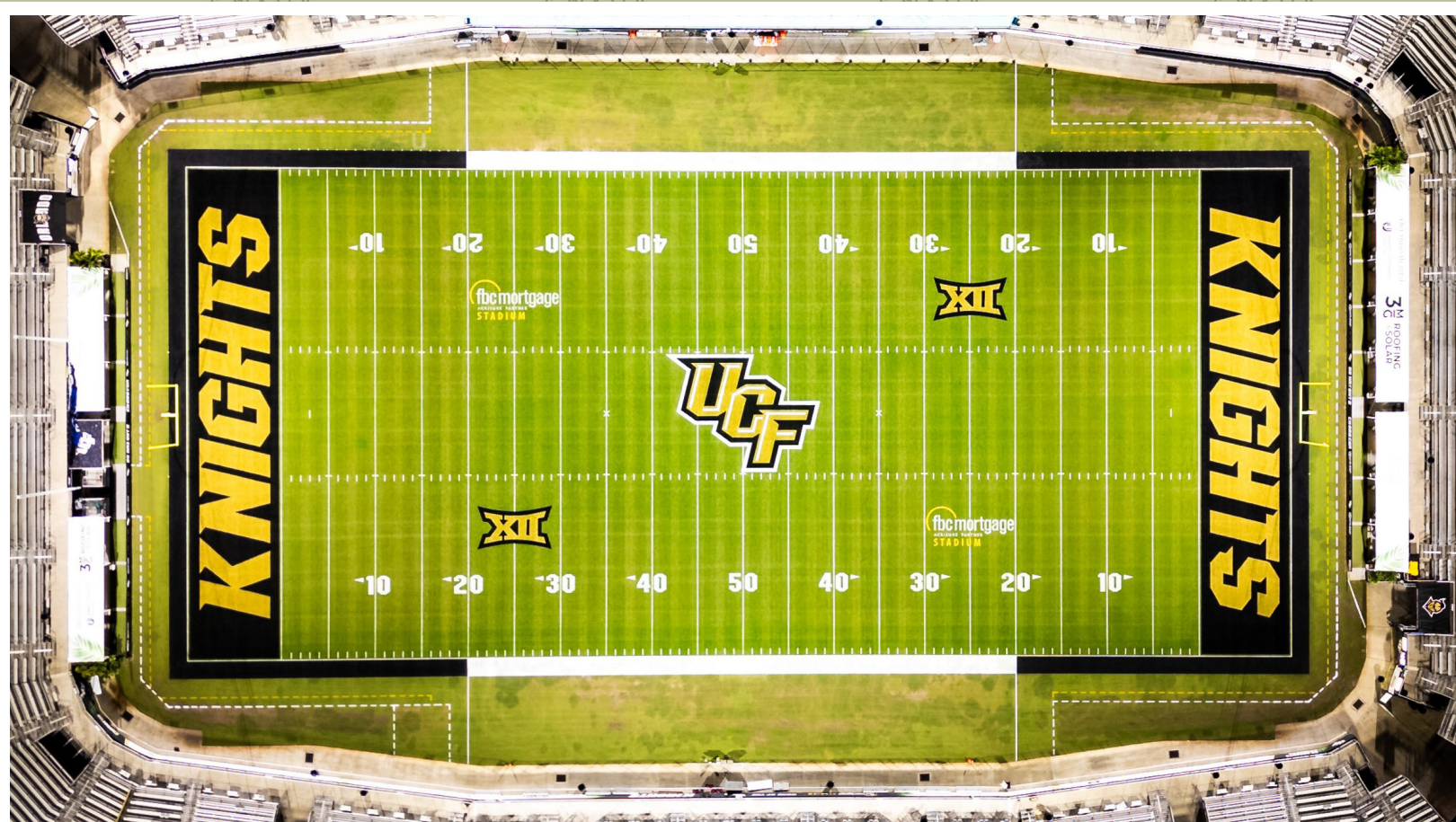
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2025 UCF ROSTER

##	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown/High School (Previous Schools)
0	Dylan Wade	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Orlando, Fla./Jones (Maryland)
0	Keli Lawson	LB	6-4	223	r-Sr.	Stephens City, Va./Sherando (Virginia Tech)
1	Kylan Fox	TE	6-4	229	So.	Valdosta, Ga./Grayson
1	Ja'Cari Henderson	DB	6-0	171	r-Jr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
2	Tayven Jackson	QB	6-4	212	r-Jr.	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove (Indiana/Tennessee)
2	Phillip Dunnam	DB	6-1	190	Sr.	North Miami Beach, Fla./North Miami Beach (FAU/Indiana)
3	Marcus Burke	WR	6-3	190	r-Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian Academy (Florida)
3	Tony Williams	DB	6-1	190	Fr.	Miami, Fla./Miami Central
4	Taeion Swint	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	Kissimmee, Fla./Osceola
4	Braeden Marshall	DB	5-10	183	Jr.	Lake Mary, Fla./Lake Mary
5	Jaden Nixon	RB	5-10	185	r-Sr.	Las Colinas, Texas/Lone Star (Western Michigan/Oklahoma St.)
5	DJ Bell	DB	6-4	195	r-Jr.	Pensacola, Fla./Pensacola (Memphis)
6	Ric'Darious Farmer	WR	5-11	170	So.	Melbourne, Fla./Melbourne Central Catholic (West Virginia)
6	Isaiah Nixon	EDGE	6-4	240	r-So.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood
7	Duane Thomas Jr.	WR	5-8	175	Jr.	Miami Gardens, Fla./Chaminade - Madonna (Charlotte)
7	Antione Jackson	DB	6-1	175	Jr.	Lauderhill, Fla./Dillard (East Carolina)
8	Bredell Richardson	WR	6-1	195	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Carrollwood Day
8	Demari Henderson	DB	6-0	179	r-Jr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
9	DJ Black	WR	6-4	190	r-Jr.	Inman, S.C./Chapman (Limestone/South Carolina)
9	Nyjalik Kelly	EDGE	6-5	250	Sr.	Oakland Park, Fla./Dillard (Miami)
10	Davi Belfort	QB	5-11	196	r-Fr.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil / Western [Fla.] (Virginia Tech)
10	Sincere Edwards	EDGE	6-3	240	So.	Orlando, Fla./Wekiva (Pittsburgh)
11	Jacurri Brown	QB	6-4	220	r-Jr.	Valdosta, Ga./Lowndes (Miami)
11	Jaeden Gould	DB	6-2	190	r-Jr.	Somerset, N.J./Bergen Catholic (Syracuse/Nebraska)
12	Carl Jenkins Jr.	WR	6-2	177	Fr.	St. Augustine, Fla./St. Augustine
12	Aymeric Koumba	EDGE	6-5	260	r-So.	Bordeaux, France / Lycée Alfred Kastler (Michigan)
13	Chris Domercant	WR	6-1	187	r-Sr.	Bellingham, Mass. / Bellingham (Chattanooga/Stonehill)
13	Horace Lockett	DT	6-6	355	r-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake (Georgia Tech)
14	Cam Fancher	QB	6-2	200	r-Sr.	Dayton, Ohio/Wayne (Florida Atlantic/Marshall)
14	Isaiah Reed	DB	6-0	185	5th	Lake Wales, Fla. / Seffner Christian Academy (Brown)
15	Jyaire Brown	DB	5-11	177	r-Jr.	New Orleans, La./Lakota West (LSU/Ohio State)
16	Noe Ruelas	K/P	6-1	197	r-Sr.	West Hartford, Conn. / Hall (James Madison/UConn)
16	TJ Bullard	LB	6-1	200	r-Jr.	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep
17	Brock Hansel	QB	5-10	168	r-Jr.	Lake Worth, Fla./Park Vista
17	Jaylen "AP" Heyward	DB	6-0	185	So.	Rockledge, Fla./Rockledge
18	Caden Piening	TE	6-5	250	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson
18	Jakob Gude	DB	5-11	182	So.	Atlanta, Ga./Langston Hughes
19	Waden Charles	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla./Somerset Academy
19	Hudson Gibbs	DB	5-9	185	r-So.	Winter Park, Fla./Winter Park
20	Lewis Carter	LB	6-0	224	Jr.	Tampa, Fla./Tampa Catholic (Oklahoma)
21	Stacy Gage	RB	5-11	210	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
22	Myles Montgomery	RB	5-11	205	r-Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Fletcher (Cincinnati)
23	Jayden Williams	DB	5-11	185	R-Sr.	Valrico, Fla. / Bloomingdale (FAU)
25	Rukeem Stroud	DB	5-11	160	Fr.	Plant City, Fla./Tampa Bay Tech
26	Christian Peterson	DB	5-9	175	So.	Dothan, Ala./Westlake
27	Nicholas Antoine	DB	6-4	198	r-Jr.	Daytona Beach, Fla./Mainland
28	Troy Ford Jr.	LB	6-2	235	r-So.	Savannah, Ga./Calvary Day
29	Jayden Bellamy	DB	6-1	175	r-Jr.	Freehold, N.J./Bergen Catholic (Syracuse/Notre Dame)
30	Kam Moore	LB	6-1	205	r-Jr.	Sanford, Fla./ Seminole
31	Noah McGough	K/P	5-11	175	Fr.	Dallas, Texas / Jesuit
32	Tyler Wrenn	RB	5-11	195	r-Sr.	Fort Pierce, Fla./Vero Beach (Chowan)
32	Malakhi Boone	LB	6-2	235	Fr.	Bushnell, Fla. / South Sumter
33	Phil Picciotti	LB	6-3	245	r-So.	Perkasie, Pa./IMG Academy (Oklahoma)
34	Terrell Jackson	DB	6-1	181	r-Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian
35	Agyeman Addae	RB	5-9	182	Fr.	Miami, Fla./Columbus
36	Chase Jarrett	DB	6-0	195	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Plant
37	Rocklyn Kelley	LS	6-1	235	Fr.	Denton, Texas / Guyer
38	Jayden McDonald	LB	6-4	232	r-Sr.	Salem, Va. / Salem (Virginia Tech)
39	Andrea Parisi	WR	5-11	167	r-Fr.	Bergamo, Italy/Saint Andrew's
40	Anthony Venneri	P	6-0	225	r-Jr.	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada/St. Thomas More (Ohio State/Buffalo)
42	Chance Nixon	RB	5-9	179	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla. / Oviedo
43	Cole Kozlowski	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Spring Lake, N.J./ Manasquan (Colgate)
44	Josh Dorsainvil	EDGE	6-5	230	r-Sr.	Orange Park, Fla./Ridgeview (Savannah State)

CLASS BREAKDOWN

Seniors & Fifth Years (25)

QB - 14 - Cam Fancher (r-Sr.)	OL - 77 - Keegan Smith (r-Sr.)
RB - 5 - Jaden Nixon (r-Sr.)	EDGE - 9 - Nyjalik Kelly (Sr.)
RB - 22 - Myles Montgomery (r-Sr.)	EDGE - 44 - Josh Dorsainvil (r-Sr.)
RB - 32 - Tyler Wrenn (r-Sr.)	EDGE - 51 - Malachi Lawrence (r-Sr.)
WR - 3 - Marcus Burke (r-Sr.)	EDGE - 96 - Anthony Coaxum (r-Sr.)
WR - 13 - Chris Domercant (r-Sr.)	LB - 0 - Keli Lawson (r-Sr.)
TE - 83 - Dallan "Deebo" Coleman (5th)	LB - 38 - Jayden McDonald (r-Sr.)
OL - 50 - Pat Barnett (5th)	LB - 43 - Cole Kozlowski (Sr.)
OL - 55 - Cameron Kinnie (5th)	DB - 2 - Phillip Dunnam (Sr.)
OL - 62 - Jabari Brooks (5th)	DB - 14 - Isaiah Reed (5th)
OL - 64 - Gaard Mommelaar (5th)	DB - 23 - Jayden Williams (r-Sr.)
OL - 66 - Colin Cook (5th)	K - 16 - Noe Ruelas (r-Sr.)
OL - 69 - Paul Rubelt (5th)	

Juniors (35)

QB - 2 - Tayven Jackson (r-Jr.)	DT - 99 - Jamaal Johnson (r-Jr.)
QB - 11 - Jacurri Brown (r-Jr.)	EDGE - 45 - Quentin Hatch (r-Jr.)
QB - 17 - Brock Hansel (r-Jr.)	LB - 20 - Lewis Carter (Jr.)
WR - 7 - Duane Thomas Jr. (Jr.)	LB - 30 - Kam Moore (r-Jr.)
WR - 9 - DJ Black (r-Jr.)	DB - 1 - Ja'Cari Henderson (r-Jr.)
WR - 87 - Dwartney Wortham (r-Jr.)	DB - 4 - Braeden Marshall (Jr.)
TE - 0 - Dylan Wade (Jr.)	DB - 5 - DJ Bell (r-Jr.)
TE - 84 - Thomas Wadsworth (r-Jr.)	DB - 7 - Antione Jackson (Jr.)
OL - 52 - Carter Miller (r-Jr.)	DB - 8 - Demari Henderson (r-Jr.)
OL - 53 - Laparka Langston (Jr.)	DB - 11 - Jaeden Gould (r-Jr.)
OL - 58 - Connor Meadows (r-Jr.)	DB - 15 - Jyaire Brown (r-Jr.)
OL - 61 - Owen Spell (Jr.)	DB - 16 - TJ Bullard (r-Jr.)
OL - 63 - Shaheem Hill (r-Jr.)	DB - 27 - Nicholas Antoine (r-Jr.)
OL - 72 - Dominick Campbell (r-Jr.)	DB - 29 - Jayden Bellamy (r-Jr.)
OL - 78 - Preston Cushman (r-Jr.)	DB - 34 - Terrell Jackson (r-Jr.)
DT - 13 - Horace Lockett (r-Jr.)	LS - 47 - Dalton Riggs (r-Jr.)
DT - 91 - Keshawn Hudson (r-Jr.)	P - 40 - Anthony Venneri (r-Jr.)
DT - 95 - RJ Jackson Jr. (Jr.)	

Sophomores (22)

WR - 6 - Ric'Darious Farmer (So.)	DT - 94 - Rodney Lora (r-So.)
TE - 1 - Kylan Fox (So.)	EDGE - 6 - Isaiah Nixon (r-So.)
TE - 80 - Max Drag (r-So.)	EDGE - 10 - Sincere Edwards (So.)
OL - 68 - Ethan Higgins (r-So.)	EDGE - 12 - Aymeric Koumba (r-So.)
OL - 74 - Matthew Prigmore (r-So.)	LB - 28 - Troy Ford Jr. (r-So.)
OL - 75 - Andrew Phelan (r-So.)	LB - 33 - Phil Picciotti (r-So.)
OL - 76 - Justin Royes (r-So.)	DB - 17 - Jaylen "AP" Heyward (So.)
DT - 55 - John Walker (r-So.)	DB - 18 - Jakob Gude (So.)
DT - 87 - Andrew Rumph (r-So.)	DB - 19 - Hudson Gibbs (r-So.)
DT - 88 - Derrick LeBlanc (r-So.)	DB - 26 - Christian Peterson (So.)
DT - 92 - Jeffson Lafontant (r-So.)	DB - 49 - Donnell Johnson (r-So.)

Freshmen (30)

QB - 10 - Davi Belfort (r-Fr.)	OL - 57 - Camp Lott (Fr.)
RB - 4 - Taeion Swint (Fr.)	OL - 65 - Jaquez Joiner (Fr.)
RB - 21 - Stacy Gage (r-Fr.)	OL - 67 - Noah Senka (r-Fr.)
RB - 35 - Agyeman Addae (Fr.)	OL - 70 - RaiShaun McHaney (Fr.)
RB - 42 - Chance Nixon (Fr.)	OL - 71 - Thomas Gearity (r-Fr.)
WR - 8 - Bredell Richardson (r-Fr.)	OL - 73 - Jacob Maiava (Fr.)
WR - 12 - Carl Jenkins Jr. (Fr.)	DT - 54 - Trenton Turner (Fr.)
WR - 19 - Waden Charles (Fr.)	DT - 98 - Tyreek'e Robinson (r-Fr.)
WR - 39 - Andrea Parisi (r-Fr.)	LB - 32 - Malakhi Boone (Fr.)
WR - 81 - Zack Palmer (Fr.)	DB - 25 - Rukeem Stroud (Fr.)
WR - 82 - Jordyn Bridgewater (r-Fr.)	DB - 3 - Tony Williams (Fr.)
WR - 85 - Carson Hinshaw (r-Fr.)	DB - 36 - Chase Jarrett (r-Fr.)
WR - 86 - Chase Hinshaw (Fr.)	LS - 37 - Rocklyn Kelley (Fr.)
WR - 89 - Caleb Rollerson (r-Fr.)	K/P - 31 - Noah McGough (Fr.)
TE - 18 - Caden Piening (Fr.)	K/P - 97 - Mason Denaburg (Fr.)

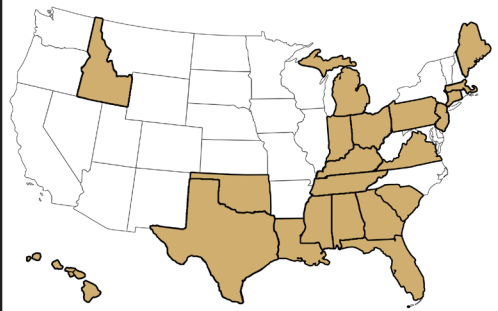
2025 UCF ROSTER

##	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown/High School (Previous Schools)
45	Quentin Hatch	EDGE	6-1	215	r-Jr.	Orlando, Fla./West Orange (Lake Erie College)
47	Dalton Riggs	LS	6-3	230	r-Jr.	Eagle, Idaho / Eagle (BYU)
49	Donnell Johnson	DB			r-So.	Tallahassee, Fla./Monroe
50	Pat Barnett	OL	6-6	315	5th	Key West, Fla./Key West
51	Malachi Lawrence	EDGE	6-4	250	r-Sr.	Louisville, Ky./DuPont Manual
52	Carter Miller	OL	6-4	280	r-Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas/Ravenwood (Louisiana Monroe/James Madison)
53	Laparka Langston	OL	6-7	320	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Mundy's Mill (Northwest Mississippi)
54	Trenton Turner	DT	6-2	320	Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lakeland
55	Cameron Kinnie	OL	6-3	315	5th	Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill (Georgia)
55	John Walker	DT	6-4	324	r-So.	Kissimmee, Fla./Osceola
57	Camp Lott	OL	6-6	250	Fr.	McComb, Miss. / Parklane
58	Connor Meadows	OL	6-4	300	r-Jr.	Trenton, Tenn. / Peabody (Tennessee State/Tennessee)
61	Owen Spell	OL	6-8	310	Jr.	Jesup, Ga. / Wayne County (Limestone/Madonna)
62	Jabari Brooks	OL	6-3	335	5th	Sandersville, Ga./Washington County (Samford)
63	Shaheem Hill	OL	6-4	342	r-Jr.	Orlando, Fla./Edgewater
64	Gaard Memmelaar	OL	6-4	315	5th	Middleton, Idaho/Middleton (Washington)
65	Jaquez Joiner	OL	6-4	260	Fr.	Cocoa, Fla./Cocoa
66	Colin Cook	OL	6-3	339	5th	Baton Rouge, La./Parkview Baptist (Evangel [Springfield])
67	Noah Senka	OL	6-2	265	r-Fr.	Seminole, Fla./Indian Rocks Christian
68	Ethan Higgins	OL	6-6	280	r-So.	Brooksville, Fla./Hernando Christian
69	Paul Rubelt	OL	6-11	330	5th	Frankfurt-Oder, Germany/Frankfurt-Oder
70	RaiShaun McHaney	OL	6-8	260	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lutheran of Indianapolis
71	Thomas Gearity	OL	6-4	312	r-Fr.	St. Cloud, Fla./Osceola
72	Dominick Campbell	OL	6-9	268	r-Jr.	Scarborough, Maine/Phillips Exeter Academy (Howard/Notre Dame)
73	Jacob Maiava	OL	6-2	275	Fr.	Kahuku, Hawaii / Santa Margarita
74	Matthew Prigmore	OL	6-2	320	r-So.	Weston, Fla./Cypress Bay
75	Andrew Phelan	OL	6-3	279	r-So.	Orlando, Fla./East River
76	Justin Royes	OL	6-5	310	r-So.	Suffolk, Va./Lakeland (Virginia Union)
77	Keegan Smith	OL	6-3	314	r-Sr.	Jackson, Mich./ Jackson Lumen Christi Catholic (Central Michigan)
78	Preston Cushman	OL	6-5	305	r-Jr.	Saint Petersburg, Fla./Calvary Christian (Ole Miss)
80	Max Drag	TE	6-4	230	r-So.	Chapin, S.C. / Chapin (App State)
81	Zack Palmer	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. / Boone
82	Jordyn Bridgewater	WR	6-0	170	r-Fr.	New Orleans, La./West Orange [Fla.]
83	Dallan "Deebo" Coleman	TE	6-6	220	5th	Memphis, Tenn. / West Nassau [Fla.] (Georgia Tech)
84	Thomas Wadsworth	TE	6-3	240	r-Jr.	Melbourne, Fla./Melbourne
85	Carson Hinshaw	WR	5-10	170	r-Fr.	Lake Mary, Fla./Lake Mary
86	Chase Hinshaw	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	Lake Mary, Fla. / Lake Mary
87	Dwartney Wortham	WR	6-0	175	r-Jr.	Columbus, Ga./Troup County
87	Andrew Rumph	DT	6-3	330	r-So.	Palmetto, Fla./Palmetto
88	Derrick LeBlanc	DT	6-5	310	r-So.	Opa-locka, Fla./Osceola (Oklahoma)
89	Caleb Rollerson	WR	6-2	205	r-Fr.	Ocala, Fla./Hawthorne
91	Keshaun Hudson	DT	6-1	323	r-Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Dillard
92	Jeffson Lafontant	DT	6-3	295	r-So.	North Miami Beach, Fla. / North Miami Beach Senior (Bethune-Cookman)
94	Rodney Lora	DT	6-3	300	r-So.	North Arlington, N.J. / Woodberry Forest (North Carolina)
95	RJ Jackson Jr.	DT	6-3	310	Jr.	Choctaw, Okla./ Choctaw (Tulsa)
96	Anthony Coaxum	EDGE	6-5	255	R-Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Western (WV Wesleyan/Kentucky Christian/Carson-Newman)
97	Mason Denaburg	K/P	6-4	195	Fr.	Merritt Island, Fla. / Merritt Island
98	Tyreek'e Robinson	DT	6-2	340	r-Fr.	Bradenton, Fla./Manatee
99	Jamaal Johnson	EDGE	6-2	252	r-Jr.	Miami, Fla./Chaminade-Madonna

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Scott Frost (Nebraska, 1997) – First Season, Third Overall
 Offensive Coordinator: Steve Cooper (Portland State, 2008) – First Season
 Defensive Coordinator: Alex Grinch (Mount Union, 2001) – First Season
 Special Teams Coordinator: Pete Alamar (Cal Lutheran, 1983) – First Season
 Associate Head Coach/Wide Receivers: Sean Beckton Sr. (UCF, 1993) – 21st Overall
 Defensive Run Game Coordinator/Edges: Mike Dawson (U-Mass Amherst, 1997) – First Season, Third Overall
 Defensive Tackles: Kenny Martin (Western Kentucky, 2012) – Fifth Season
 Offensive Line: Shawn Clark (App State, 1998) – First Season
 Defensive Backs: Brandon Harris (Miami, 2017) – First Season
 Running Backs: Jimmy Beal (Montana State, 2006) – First Season
 Linebackers: Mark D'Onofrio (Penn State, 1992) – First Season
 Quarterbacks: McKenzie Milton (UCF, 2019) – First Season

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 Brazil (1) Germany (1)
 Canada (1) Italy (1)

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0	Keli Lawson	Kelly	--
1	Kylan Fox	KAL-lynn	--
1	Ja'Carri Henderson	Juh-CAR-ee	--
4	Braedan Marshall	BRAY-den	--
4	Tae'vion Swint	TAY-vee-on	--
7	Antoine Jackson	ANN-twan	--
7	Duane Thomas Jr.	Duh-wayne	--
8	Demari Henderson	Duh-MAR-ee	--
9	N'jalik Kelly	Nai-juh-leak	--
10	Davi Belfort	Dah-vee	Bell-fort
11	Jacurri Brown	Juh-CAR-ee	--
12	Aymeric Koumba	AM-mer-ick	Koom-buh
13	Chirs Domercant	--	Dahm-mer-cant
16	Noe Ruelas	No-ay	Roo-EL-us
18	Jakob Gude	Jacob	Guude
18	Caden Piening	--	Pean-ing
19	Waden Charles	Way-dun	--
27	Nicholas Antoine	--	ANN-twan
29	Jayden Bellamy	--	BELL-uh-mee
31	Noah McGough	--	Mc-guew
32	Malakhi Boone	MAL-uh-kai	--
33	Phil Picciotti	--	Puh-CHAHT-ee
35	Aqyeman Addae	AHH-juh-min	UH-die
40	Anthony Venneri	--	Vuh-nare-ee
44	Josh Dorsainvil	--	Door-SIN-vill
51	Malachi Lawrence	MAL-uh-kai	--
55	Cameron Kinnie	--	Kin-knee
62	Jabari Brooks	JUH-bar-ee	--
63	Shaheem Hill	Shah-heem	--
64	Gaard Memmelaar	Guard	Mem-MUH-lar
65	Jaquez Joiner	Ja-kwez	--
69	Paul Rubelt	--	ROO-belt
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71	Thomas Gearity	--	Gare-eh-tee
73	Jacob Maiava	--	My-ah-vuh
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Scott Frost

Head Coach / First Season, Third Season Overall at UCF

After an unforgettable two-year run that saw the UCF football program rise to national prominence, Scott Frost is coming back home.

Known for sparking the "Charge On" spirit and guiding UCF to its first perfect season, Frost was re-introduced as the program's next head coach by UCF Vice President and Director of Athletics Terry Mohajir on Dec. 8, 2024.

Frost originally served as UCF's head coach from 2016 to 2017, culminating in a historic 13-0 season, an AAC championship and a national championship that captured the nation's attention. In his final game, Frost guided UCF to a victory over No. 7 Auburn in the 2018 Peach Bowl, securing the program's first undefeated season in school history.

Frost posted the greatest two-year turnaround in college football history at UCF, inheriting a 0-12 team in 2015 and taking the Knights to a perfect season in his second and final year, when he was named the national coach of the year.

"I'm deeply honored to return to UCF, a school that has always held a special place in my heart," Frost said. "The foundation we built here has only grown stronger, and I am thrilled to continue shaping this program's legacy. As we prepare for year three in the Big 12 Conference, I look forward to working alongside our dedicated student-athletes, talented staff, and passionate fans to reach new heights together."

Frost went a combined 19-7 in two seasons at UCF, helping turn an 0-12 team into a 13-0 squad in just two years. In Frost's first season, he took the Knights to a bowl game and finished with a 6-7 record. The turnaround was historic, as Frost became the only first-year coach in FBS history to make a bowl game with a team that was winless the previous season. UCF led the nation with a six-win improvement in 2016 and exceeded that mark in 2017 as the nation's only undefeated team. The Knights put together the first undefeated regular season in UCF and AAC history in 2017, posted the longest winning streak in school history at the time of his departure (13 games), achieved the highest in-season ranking in program history (10th), highest final ranking (6th) and set an AAC record with 16 all-conference selections.

UCF was led by its high-powered offense and improved defense under Frost. The Knights led the nation in scoring at 48.2 points per game and were the only FBS team to score at least 30 points in every game in 2017. Defensively, UCF improved its scoring defense by 65 spots in Frost's two seasons.

In addition to being the unanimous choice as the 2017 AAC Coach of the Year, Frost was honored as the national coach of the year by the Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association, the Touchdown Club of Columbus, the Lombardi Award and FCA in addition to winning the Home Depot, Paul "Bear" Bryant and Eddie Robinson coach-of-the-year awards.

Frost began his coaching career at Northern Iowa in 2007 as a linebackers coach and was promoted to co-defensive coordinator in 2008. That season, his defense excelled, tying for third in the FCS with 40 takeaways and ranking ninth in scoring defense, allowing just 17.7 points per game. The 12-3 Panthers also led the Missouri Valley Football Conference in both rushing defense (107.1 yards per game) and scoring defense.

In 2009, Frost joined the Oregon coaching staff as the wide receivers coach under head coach Chip Kelly and offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich. Frost helped Oregon post a 79-14 record in his seven seasons, during which time the Ducks won four conference titles and twice played for the national championship.

Oregon never ranked lower than eighth nationally in scoring offense during Frost's seven seasons on staff, and the Ducks led the nation in scoring in 2010. Frost was promoted to offensive coordinator in 2013, and Oregon ranked in the top five nationally in both scoring and total offense each of his three seasons calling plays. The Ducks scored 681 points in 2014, the second-highest total in NCAA history. Oregon made it to the College Football Playoff Championship Game that year, when Frost was one of five finalists for the Broyles Award, presented annually to the nation's top assistant. Frost's quarterback, Marcus Mariota, won the Heisman Trophy and was the No. 2 overall pick in the 2015 NFL Draft.

After Kelly left for the Philadelphia Eagles, Oregon promoted Mark Helfrich to head coach and named Frost offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 2013. In this role, Frost guided Marcus Mariota to a Heisman Trophy win and a berth in the national championship game. During Frost's tenure as offensive coordinator, Oregon recorded a 33-8 record and consistently ranked among the nation's top teams in scoring and total offense. His standout performance in 2014 earned him a finalist spot for the prestigious Broyles Award, recognizing the nation's top assistant coach.

Following his two years at UCF, Scott Frost served as the head football coach at the University of Nebraska for four-plus seasons from 2018 to 2022, coaching the first three games of the 2022 season. Frost posted a 16-31 record with the Cornhuskers. His tenure was defined by close losses, as 23 of his 31 losses were by single digits, including each of his final 13. Nebraska lost 22 one-score games during Frost's career, including 12 games by five or fewer points.

Last season, Frost had been serving as a coaching consultant for Sean McVay and the Los Angeles Rams.



COACHING RECORD

Season	School	Record	Pct
2016	UCF	6-7	.462
2017	UCF	13-0	1.000
2018	Nebraska	4-8	.333
2019	Nebraska	5-7	.417
2020	Nebraska	3-5	.375
2021	Nebraska	3-9	.250
2022	Nebraska	1-2	.333
2025	UCF	0-0	-
At UCF	3 Seasons	19-7	.731
Total	8 Seasons	35-38	.479

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2004	Nebraska	Graduate Assistant
2006	Kansas State	Graduate Assistant
2007	Northern Iowa	Linebackers Coach
2008	Northern Iowa	Co-Defensive Coordinator/LB Coach
2009-12	Oregon	Pass Game Coordinator/WR Coach
2013-15	Oregon	Offensive Coordinator/QB Coach
2016-17	UCF	Head Coach
2018-22	Nebraska	Head Coach
2024	Los Angeles Rams	Senior Analyst
2025-pres.	UCF	Head Coach

PLAYING CAREER

1993-94	Stanford	FBS
1995-97	Nebraska	FBS
1998 NFL Draft	Selected by New York Jets	Round 3, Pick 67
1998-2000	New York Jets	NFL
2001	Cleveland Browns	NFL
2002	Green Bay Packers	NFL
2003	San Francisco 49ers/Tampa Bay Buccaneers	NFL

CHAMPIONSHIPS

2017	National Champions (Colley)
	Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Champion
	American Athletic Conference Champion
	American Athletic Conference - East Division Champion
1997	National Champion
1995	National Champion

AWARDS

2017	AP National Coach of the Year
	AFAA National Coach of the Year
	Paul "Bear" Bryant Award
	Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year
	Woody Hayes Trophy
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	American Athletic Conference Coach of the Year
1997	Second Team All-Big 12
1996	Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year

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ASSISTANT COACHES



Alex GRINCH

Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
Mount Union, 2001 / 1st Season at UCF
Gameday Location: Field

- ◆ Four-time nominee and two-time Broyles Award semifinalist, earning his semifinal nods in 2019 at Oklahoma and 2017 at Washington State
- ◆ He joins the Knights after spending the 2024 season as the co-defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Wisconsin.
- ◆ A safety at Mount Union (1998-2001), Grinch and the Purple Raiders went 54-1 and won three NCAA Division III championships (1998, 2000, 2001) and four Ohio Athletic Conference titles. He earned All-America third team honors as a 2001 senior.



Mike DAWSON

Defensive Run Game Coordinator/Edge
UMass-Amherst, 1997 / 3rd Season at UCF
Gameday Location: Field

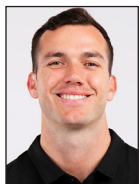
- ◆ Dawson returns to UCF after serving as a defensive analyst at Kansas (2024) and Ohio State (2023)
- ◆ He previously coached UCF's defensive line during Frost's first tenure, leading the defensive front in their undefeated 2017 season
- ◆ Has spent time on NFL staffs with the Giants and Eagles
- ◆ Began his coaching career at the collegiate level in 1998 and climbed through the ranks coaching at UMass-Lowell, Maine, Pittsburgh, New Hampshire, Akron, Boston College and eventually the NFL



Brandon HARRIS

Defensive Backs
Miami, 2010 / 1st Season at UCF
Gameday Location: Field

- ◆ Harris, selected in the second round of the 2011 NFL Draft by the Houston Texans, brings professional playing experience to UCF
- ◆ Harris spent three seasons (2022-2024) at Florida Atlantic, rising to co-defensive coordinator and cornerbacks coach. In 2024, the Owls tallied 11 interceptions and two defensive touchdowns while forcing at least one turnover in eight games, while ranking among the nation's top 40 in red-zone defense



McKenzie MILTON

Quarterbacks
UCF, 2019 / 1st Season at UCF
Gameday Location: Field

- ◆ One of the most iconic players to don a UCF uniform, he to Orlando as the Knights' quarterbacks coach in December 2024
- ◆ A former two-time AAC Offensive Player of the Year, earning the honor under Frost during his first stint at UCF in 2017, Milton led the UCF to a 27-6 overall record as the starter under center and led the Knights to two AAC Championships and consecutive New Year's Six bowl games.
- ◆ Joins UCF following two seasons as an offensive analyst at Tennessee, helping the Volunteers earn a spot in the inaugural 12-team CFP
- ◆ threw for 8,683 yards and 72 touchdowns during his time in a UCF uniform. His 9,761 yards of total offense rank third in program record books



Steve COOPER

Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends
Portland State, 2008 / 1st Season at UCF
Gameday Location: Box

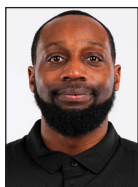
- ◆ Spent four seasons with Scott Frost at Nebraska
- ◆ Was at Boise State in 2024 as an offensive analyst, helping the Broncos earn a spot in the inaugural 12-team College Football Playoff
- ◆ Spent the 2023 season as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Maine, leading the Black Bears to the 10th-ranked passing offense in FCS with 3,081 yards.
- ◆ Was a part of the top passing offense in FCS as a wide receiver at Portland State for his final two collegiate seasons



Kenny MARTIN

Defensive Tackles
Western Kentucky, 2012 / 5th Season at UCF
Gameday Location: Field

- ◆ Since joining UCF in 2021, Martin has helped transform the Knights' defense. His defensive tackle units have contributed significantly to national rankings in red-zone defense and multiple bowl game appearances.
- ◆ A four-year letterman for Western Kentucky, Martin started 42 games from 2009-12 (74 career tackles) and was a member of the Hilltoppers' first FBS bowl team in the 2012 Little Caesar's Pizza Bowl.
- ◆ An Orlando native, the Knights finished the 2024 campaign 29th in rushing defense, including third in the Big 12.



Jimmy BEAL

Running Backs
Montana State, 2006 / 1st Season at UCF
Gameday Location: Field

- ◆ Beal brings nearly 20 years of collegiate coaching experience, highlighted by his recent success in developing high-powered rushing offenses.
- ◆ At Utah State (2024), he helped orchestrate a rushing attack that averaged nearly 200 yards per game, placing the Aggies among the top five in the Mountain West
- ◆ Beal began his coaching journey at Rocky Mountain College (2005-2008) working with wide receivers and running backs followed by a graduate assistant role at Texas State and sprinter coaching at MSU Billings



Pete ALAMAR

Special Teams Coordinator
Cal Lutheran, 1983 / 1st Season at UCF
Gameday Location: Field

- ◆ Brings over 40 years of experience as an assistant coach—including more than 20 years specializing in special teams
- ◆ Alamar thrived at Rice as both Associate Head Coach and Special Teams Coordinator, stepping in as interim head coach for the final four games of the 2024 season, where he led the team to two victories
- ◆ During his tenure at Stanford (2012-2022), Cal (2003-2009), Fresno State (2010-2011), and Rice (2023-2024), Alamar consistently coached specialists to national prominence, including Christian McCaffrey who earned national returner awards, Joshua Karty was a Lou Groza Award finalist



Sean BECKTON SR.

Associate Head Coach/Wide Receivers
UCF, 1993 / 21st Season at UCF
Gameday Location: Field

- ◆ Beckton remains with UCF in his fourth stint with the Knights, after rejoining the program as an analyst in July 2024. He served on staff from 2009-2017 in multiple roles: 2009-11, defensive backs; 2012-15, wide receivers; 2016-17, tight ends and recruiting coordinator. He was also wide receivers coach from 1996-2003, after working as a graduate assistant from 1992-93.
- ◆ Coached tight ends at Nebraska with Coach Frost from 2018-22
- ◆ Beckton led the Knights in receiving yards in three consecutive years as a player, highlighted by 1,030 yards as a sophomore in 1988



Shawn CLARK

Offensive Line
Appalachian State 1998 / 1st Season at UCF
Gameday Location: Field

- ◆ Spent the previous five seasons as an FBS head coach. He comes to Orlando after compiling a 40-24 record at Appalachian State, headlined by a 10-win season in 2021.
- ◆ As App State's offensive line coach (2016-2019), he powered dominant rushing offenses, ranking top 25 nationally in both rushing yards and fewest sacks, earning Joe Moore Award recognition in 2018 and 2019
- ◆ Was a two-time All-American (1996 & 1998) and three-time all-conference selection during his playing days at Appalachian State



Mark D'ONOFRIO

Linebackers
Penn State, 1992 / 1st Season at UCF
Gameday Location: Field

- ◆ Has tallied more than 20 years of coaching experience
- ◆ Spent 12 seasons as a defensive coordinator at Temple, Miami, and Houston, during which he coached and recruited numerous all-conference players, including 10 NFL draft picks in the first three rounds, such as linebacker Denzel Perryman and tight end David Njoku.
- ◆ Most recently spent two seasons working with Stanford's inside linebackers, dramatically improving the run defense, lifting Stanford from 126th to 40th nationally, allowing 132.9 rushing yards per game in 2024

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Tyler Bride	SAF	5-10	180	R-Sr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Minnesota	35	Aidan Thompson	LB	6-2	230	R-So.	Winder, Ga. / Winder-Barrow HS
0	Andrew Paul	RB	6-0	220	R-Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas / Georgia	36	Collin Westfelt	LS	6-1	220	R-Sr.	Acworth, Ga. / Troy
1	Michael Pettway	WR	5-10	180	R-Sr.	Alabaster, Ala. / Washington State	37	Garrison Rippa	K	5-10	205	R-So.	Locust Grove, Ga. / Luella HS
1	Caleb Nix	SAF	6-0	202	R-Jr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Clemson	39	Keith Christein	SAF	5-10	185	R-So.	Hoover, Ala. / Hoover HS
2	Morven Joseph	LB	6-3	220	Sr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Florida Atlantic	39	Bryson Rouillier	WR	5-9	183	R-Fr.	Gulf Breeze, Fla. / Gulf Breeze
2	Gavin Wimsatt	QB	6-3	227	Sr.	Owensboro, Ky. / Kentucky	40	Walker O'Steen	LB	6-3	215	R-Jr.	White Plains, Ala. / White Plains HS
3	Brock Rechsteiner	WR	6-2	225	R-Sr.	Woodstock, Ga. / Etowah HS	41	Luke Reynolds	SAF	6-0	190	Fr.	Hoover, Ala. / Briarwood Christian
3	Tre'Quon Fegans	CB	6-1	190	R-Jr.	Anniston, Ala. / UCF	43	Trevor Woods	SAF	6-2	209	Sr.	Katy, Texas / Colorado
4	Cam Cook	RB	5-11	200	Jr.	Round Rock, Texas / TCU	44	Khurtiss Perry	DL	6-3	280	R-Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Virginia Tech
4	Shane Payton Hodges	DE	6-4	250	R-So.	New Orleans, La. / St. Augustine HS	44	Jameson Scissum	TE	6-4	226	Fr.	Attalla, Ala. / Etowah HS
5	Tyrin Taylor	CB	6-2	185	R-Sr.	Huntersville, N.C. / Memphis	46	Drew Keller	SAF	6-0	185	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, Ala. / Tuscaloosa County HS
5	Dylan Gentry	WR	5-9	160	R-Fr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Auburn	47	Corbet Mims	DL	6-5	254	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / SW Mississippi State
6	Rod Elston	SAF	5-9	190	So.	Anniston, Ala. / Auburn	48	Wes Ryan	TE	6-7	240	Fr.	St. Petersburg, Fla. / Shorecrest Prep
6	Jalen Likely	RB	5-8	190	R-Fr.	Brewton, Ala. / W.S. Neal HS	49	Thaxton Gallagher	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Dunwoody, Ga. / Charleston (W.Va.)
7	Tee Denson	SAF	6-0	195	R-Sr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Purdue	49	Nate Thomas	RB	5-10	192	Fr.	Thorsby, Ala. / Thorsby HS
7	Harrison Hamsley	TE	6-3	250	Sr.	Valdosta, Ga. / Valdosta State	50	Lucas Mrachkovskiy	OL	6-2	295	R-Fr.	Odenville, Ala. / St. Clair County HS
7	Isaac Walker	OLB	6-2	235	R-Sr.	Greensboro, N.C. / Georgia Southern	50	Cole Marszalek	LS	5-11	205	R-So.	Goodyear, Ariz. / Arizona State
8	Cade Cunningham	QB	6-4	205	Sr.	Wake Forest, N.C. / Memphis	51	Ethan Ferguson	LS	6-1	225	R-So.	Munich, Germany / Dickinson
8	Travis Franklin, Jr.	SAF	5-11	185	Jr.	Riverdale, Ga. / Sandy Creek HS	52	Storm Fain	OL	6-3	290	Fr.	Hoover, Ala. / Hoover HS
8	Larry Preston	CB	6-0	190	R-Sr.	Apopka, Fla. / Murray State	53	Ian Mitchell	OLB	6-4	245	Fr.	Pleasant Grove, Ala. / Pleasant Grove HS
9	Wyatt Sonderman	WR	6-1	185	R-Fr.	Marietta, Ga. / Walton HS	54	Amare "Bubba" Grayson	OL	6-3	310	So.	Stockbridge, Ga. / Stockbridge HS
9	Patrick Taylor	SAF	6-0	180	R-Sr.	Johns Creek, Ga. / Georgia	54	Khari Bendolph	LB	6-1	205	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Naples HS
10	RJ Rainer	CB	6-0	180	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / William A. Hough HS	55	Tae Floyd	DL	6-3	250	R-So.	Ocala, Fla. / Forest HS
10	AJ Watkins	WR	6-1	191	So.	Lithonia, Ga. / Norcross HS	55	Markevin Blake	OL	6-2	295	Fr.	Gainestown, Ala. / Jackson HS
10	Kadyn Mitchell	QB	5-11	205	Fr.	Dothan, Ala. / Houston Academy	56	Daylan Martin	OL	6-4	310	R-Fr.	Bay Minette, Ala. / Saraland HS
11	Deondre Johnson	WR	6-8	220	R-So.	Newburgh, N.Y. / Rutgers	57	Oliver Maldonado	OL	6-4	306	Fr.	Miami, Fla. / Parker HS
11	Walter Reddick	OLB	6-3	250	R-Fr.	Thomasville, Ga. / Thomas Co. Central HS	59	Mac Sanders	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	McDonough, Ga. / Ola HS
12	Caden Creel	QB	6-0	200	R-So.	Fairhope, Ala. / Fairhope HS	60	Cameron Griffin	OL	6-4	305	Jr.	Selma, Ala. / Pinson Valley HS
12	Malcolm Jones	SAF	6-1	206	R-Jr.	Camilla, Ga. / Michigan State	62	Cole Roberson	OL	6-4	295	R-So.	River Forest, Ill. / Oak Park-River Forest
13	Pearson Baldwin	TE	6-2	230	R-Sr.	Springville, Ala. / Springville HS	63	Ryland Bragg	OL	6-2	298	R-Fr.	Pensacola, Fla. / Pensacola Catholic HS
13	Jacob Cruz	OLB	6-4	230	Jr.	Acworth, Ga. / Georgia Tech	67	Shaun Martin	OL	6-4	290	R-Fr.	Mobile, Ala. / W.P. Davidson HS
14	Chase Alexander	SAF	5-10	190	R-Sr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Miss. Valley State	69	Adrian Gumm	OL	6-4	320	R-Jr.	Maryville, Tenn. / Tusculum
14	Blake Wallace	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	Boca Raton, Fla. / Spanish River HS	70	Jeremiah Orr	OL	6-5	325	R-Sr.	Pineland, S.C. / Hampton
15	Manny Watkins	SAF	6-1	190	Fr.	Temple, Ga. / Temple HS	72	Nate Smith	OL	6-5	265	R-So.	Jacksonville, Ala. / Jacksonville HS
15	Jack Moran	QB	6-5	225	Fr.	Hillsborough, N.J. / The Hun School	73	J.R. Jernigan	OL	6-4	270	Fr.	Brewton, Ala. / T.R. Miller HS
16	Caleb Coombs	WR	5-11	187	R-Sr.	Leesburg, Va. / FAU	75	KD Small	OL	6-4	295	R-Jr.	Tuscaloosa, Ala. / SW Mississippi State
16	Quay Hood	DL	6-2	275	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Decatur HS	77	Reggie Jackson	OL	6-5	300	R-So.	Orlando, Fla. / Lake Minneola HS
17	Cai Mayowa	LB	6-2	220	R-Jr.	Hoover, Ala. / Hoover HS	79	Lance Johnson	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Ramsay HS
17	Nate Zills	TE	6-5	230	R-So.	Cullman, Ala. / Cullman HS	80	Cianan Williams	WR	6-4	175	R-Jr.	Salem, Ala. / Catawba
18	Santonio Jones	WR	5-10	165	So.	Tuscaloosa, Ala. / Pickens County HS	81	Gabe Glover	WR	6-1	200	Fr.	Dothan, Ala. / Houston Academy
19	Greg Jones	QB	6-4	205	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / Independence CC	82	Colton Pitchford	WR	5-11	190	R-So.	Columbus, Texas / Columbus HS
21	Myles Butler	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Campbellsville	84	Franklin Baret Jr.	WR	6-4	200	R-Fr.	Raleigh, N.C. / Appalachian State
21	Justus Savage	RB	5-10	205	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Langston Hughes HS	85	Jaxon Shuttlesworth	TE	6-5	230	R-Fr.	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea HS
22	Khristian Lando	RB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Cartersville, Ga. / Cartersville HS	86	Nabi Hoyt	WR	6-0	195	R-Fr.	Karmiel, Israel / Ort Psagot
22	Jaheim Jenkins	CB	6-2	190	Sr.	Bainbridge, Ga. / Eastern Michigan	87	Aghogho Eyafe	WR	5-10	180	R-Sr.	Andover, Minn. / Ellsworth (Iowa) CC
23	Temarion Foster	CB	5-11	190	Fr.	Pahokee, Fla. / Inlet Grove HS	87	Conor Donaghy	P	6-2	195	Fr.	Tyrone, Ireland
24	Jayke Jones	CB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Trinity Christian HS	88	Timothy Taylor Jr.	DL	6-0	280	Fr.	Starke, Fla. / Williston HS
25	JQ Brooks	CB	6-3	180	Fr.	Bessemer, Ala. / Hueytown HS	88	Kam Bell	TE	6-4	230	R-So.	Leesburg, Ga. / FAU
26	Lucas Farrington	RB	5-9	195	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Walton HS	89	DJ Vinson	WR	6-4	195	Fr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Montgomery Acad.
26	Brice McKenzie	S	5-9	192	So.	Highland Home, Ala. / Highland Home HS	91	Gharin Stansbury	DE	6-6	270	R-Sr.	Franklin, La. / Arizona State
27	Riggs Dunn	SAF	6-0	185	R-Fr.	Trussville, Ala. / Hewitt-Trussville HS	92	Talan Carter	DL	6-1	300	So.	Ocean Springs, Miss. / Ocean Springs HS
28	Christopher Johnson	DL	6-3	290	Fr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Percy Julian HS	93	Jawaun Campbell	DL	5-11	282	So.	DeFuniak Springs, Fla. / Walton HS
29	Cade Backe	P	6-0	185	R-Sr.	Crystal Lake, Ill. / Col. of DuPage	94	Jumarion Larry	DE	6-4	260	R-Jr.	Hazlehurst, Miss. / Hazlehurst HS
29	Carter Lambert	WR	6-0	185	R-Jr.	Boaz, Ala. / Boaz HS	96	Darrell Prater	DL	6-3	300	R-Jr.	Fort Payne, Ala. / Fort Payne HS
30	Omarion Foster	SAF	6-2	197	R-Jr.	Piedmont, Ala. / Delta State	97	McCade Wright	DL	6-5	260	Fr.	Gadsden, Ala. / Southside HS
30	Luke Gilbert	TE	6-3	215	Fr.	Pisgah, Ala. / Pisgah HS	97	Cleat Forest	K	5-9	165	Fr.	Alexandria, Ala. / Alexandria HS
31	Marc Woods	SAF	6-4	202	R-Fr.	Madison, Ala. / James Clemens HS	98	Jackson Veasy	DL	6-0	290	R-Fr.	Gadsden, Ala. / Gadsden City HS
32	Micah McCarroll	CB	5-9	170	R-So.	Pleasant Grove, Ala. / Pleasant Grove HS	99	Emmanuel Oyebadajo	DE	6-7	295	R-Jr.	Manchester, England / Exeter



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CHARLES KELLY HEAD COACH

Alma Mater: Auburn (1990)

Record at Jax State: 0-0 (First Season)

Career Record: 0-0



Jacksonville State Vice President for Athletics Greg Seitz announced the hiring of Charles Kelly as the 31st head football coach in program history on December 21, 2024.

Kelly, a native of Ozark, Alabama, brings 35 years of coaching experience to the Gamecocks with 19 of those coming at the Power Five level and 21 as a defensive coordinator.

His first five seasons as a full-time college coach came at Jax State after being hired by Hall of Fame coach Bill Burgess. In total, his resume includes 208 wins, 15 bowl games, and nine seasons with 10 or more wins.

Kelly has spent time at some of the top programs in college football, including Alabama, Florida State, Auburn, Tennessee, and Georgia Tech. He has been part of teams that have won two national championships and numerous conference titles.

In total, five of the head coaches Kelly has worked under have won national championships (Bill Burgess, Chan Gailey, Paul Johnson, Jimbo Fisher, and Nick Saban).

Most recently, Kelly served as the co-defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Auburn, his alma mater. Under his guidance, the Tigers' defense ranked among the SEC leaders in several categories, including scoring defense and rushing defense.

Before his time at Auburn, Kelly was the defensive coordinator at Colorado in 2023, where he played a pivotal role in helping turn around the Buffaloes program under head coach Deion Sanders. His players included 2024 Heisman Trophy winner Travis Hunter and All-Pac-12 safety Shiloh Sanders.

Kelly also spent four seasons at Alabama with Nick Saban as the associate defensive coordinator and safeties coach. During his tenure, the Crimson Tide achieved a 47-6 record and won a national championship in 2020. In his four seasons in Tuscaloosa, the Tide made two College Football Playoff appearances and qualified for an additional New Years Six Bowl.

In recognition of his recruiting prowess, Kelly was named the 2023 247Sports National Recruiter of the Year and consistently ranked among the top recruiters in the country.

Kelly was on staff at Florida State during the 2013 season when the Seminoles were national champions and led the NCAA in scoring defense (12.1), pass defense (156.6), and interceptions (26). He was also in charge of the special teams during the championship season when kicker Roberto Aguayo was third nationally in scoring and Kermit Whitfield had two kickoff return touchdowns.

Prior to Florida State, Kelly coached at Georgia Tech for seven seasons which included serving as interim defensive coordinator in 2012 when he helped the team recover from a 2-4 start to the season to make the ACC Championship and then win the Sun Bowl over USC's high-powered offense.

Kelly's coaching journey also includes stints at Tennessee, Georgia Tech, and Nicholls State. Earlier in his career, Kelly held roles at Eufaula High School, Henderson State, and Phenix City High School.

Kelly and his wife, Kristy, have three daughters: Caroline, Kathleen, and Charli Grace.

KELLY YEAR-BY-YEAR COLLEGE COACHING EXPERIENCE

Auburn			1 Season: 11-0
1993	11-0	No. 4 AP	Graduate Assistant
Jacksonville State			5 Seasons: 20-34
1994	4-7		Running Backs
1995	7-4		Defensive Backs
1996	1-9		Offensive Coordinator
1997	1-10		Defensive Coordinator
1998	7-4		Defensive Coordinator
Henderson State			1 Seasons: 2-9
1999	2-9		Defensive Coordinator
Nichols State			4 Seasons: 18-24
2002	7-4		Defensive Backs
2003	0-11		Defensive Backs
2004	5-5		Defensive Coordinator
2005	6-4	Southland Champs	Defensive Coordinator
Georgia Tech			7 Seasons: 56-37
2006	9-5	ACC Coastal Champs	Special Teams Coordinator
2007	7-6	Humanitarian Bowl	Special Teams Coordinator
2008	9-4	Humanitarian Bowl	Cornerbacks Coach
2009	10-3	ACC Coastal Champs	Cornerbacks Coach
2010	6-7	Independence Bowl	Defensive Backs Coach
2011	8-5	Sun Bowl	Defensive Backs Coach
2012	7-7	ACC Coastal Champs	Defensive Backs Coach/Interim DC

Florida State				5 seasons: 54-13
2013	14-0	National Champs	Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers	
2014	13-1	ACC Champs/CFP Semifinals	Defensive Coordinator	
2015	10-3	Peach Bowl	Defensive Coordinator	
2016	10-3	Orange Bowl	Defensive Coordinator	
2017	7-6	Independence Bowl	Defensive Coordinator	
Tennessee				1 season: 5-7
2018	5-7		Special Teams Coordinator/Safeties	
Alabama				3rd season: 48-6
2019	11-2	Citrus Bowl	Asst. Defensive Coordinator/Safeties	
2020	13-0	National Champs	Asst. Defensive Coordinator/Safeties	
2021	13-2	SEC Champs/CFP Final	Asst. Defensive Coordinator/Safeties	
2022	11-2	Sugar Bowl	Asst. Defensive Coordinator/Safeties	
Colorado				1 season: 4-8
2023	4-8		Defensive Coordinator/Safeties	
Auburn				1 season: 5-7
2024	5-7		Co-Defensive Coordinator/Safeties	
Jacksonville State				1st season: 0-0
2025	0-0		Head Coach	

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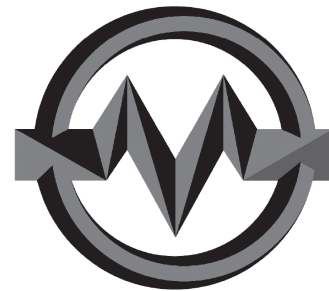
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