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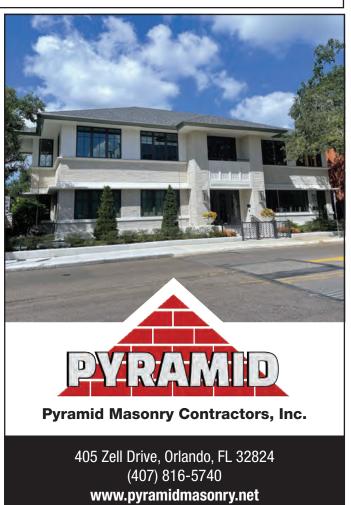


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UCF KNIGHTS



NORTH CAROLINA A&T AGGIES

Head Coach	Scott Fros
Alma Mater	Nebraska, 1997
At UCF (3rd Season)	20-7
Career (8th Season)	36-38
Last Game .Aug. 28 vs.	. Jacksonville St
	Win, 17-10
UCF vs. Opp	First Meeting
Frost vs. Opp	First Meeting





Head Coach	Shawn Gibbs
Alma Mater	.N.C. Central, 2001
At N.C. A&T (1st Seas	son) 0-1
Career (4th Season)	22-10
Last GameThe John	n A. Merritt Classic
Aug. 30 vs. Tennesse	e State; Loss, 24-21
N.C. A&T vs. Opp	First Meeting
Gibbs vs. Opp	First Meeting

Orlando, Fla.

Acrisure Bounce House (44,206)

1ST AND 10

1 FIRST FROST 2 = WIN NUMBER 1

- After posting the best two-year turnaround in the recent history of college football back in 2016 and 2017, the second first game of Scott Frost's UCF career resulted in a victory, beating Jacksonville State 17-10.
- ◆ The Knights' Tayven Jackson tossed a 33-yard strike to DJ Black near the endzone on 3rd and 9 with 1:03 left to play for the game-winning touchdown
- → A two-hour, seven-minute weather delay paused the game with 10:45 left in the second quarter. UCF's starting quarterback Cam Fancher was injured just before the weather delay in a 0-0 game.
- ◆ The game remained scoréless into the half, just the sixth time in Big 12 history and first since Ohio and Iowa State in 2023.
- ◆ In three season openers under Frost, UCF has shut out its opponent in seven of 12 possible quarters. Frost improved to 3-0 in openers as a Knight

2 RETURNING TO THE AIR

- ◆ The two quarterbacks to play in UCF's opener totaled 314 passing yards. UCF didn't pass for over 300 yards at any point last season; the last time before 2025's opener was the third game of the 2023 season, tallying 349 vs. Villanova
- ◆ Tayven Jackson accounted for 282 passing yards vs. Jacksonville State, the second highest total of his career behind his career-best 299.
- ◆ As of Sunday, Jackson graded out as the fourth best QB performance in the Big 12

3 WIN NUMBER 300

- → UCF earned its 300th victory in program history in the season opener.
- It took the Knights 542 games to reach the mark, making them the second-fastest of the Power 4 teams in Florida (Florida State, 479; UCF, 542; Miami, 552; Florida, 560)
- Additionally, it makes UCF the seventh-fastest to reach that mark out of members in the Big 12 Conference (Arizona, 463; Utah, 466; Colorado, 483; Arizona State, 494; West Virginia, 501; TCU, 526; UCF, 542; Kansas and Texas Tech, 547; Baylor, 560; Houston, 574; BYU, 598; Cincinnati, 604; Iowa State, 661; Oklahoma State, 673; Kansas State, 815)

4 FROST'S WINNING STREAK

- With the opening night victory, Coach Frost has won 14 straight games as UCF's head coach after going 13-0 in 2017, putting him among some of the nation's elite coaches in terms of consecutive victories leading a school.
- ◆ The victory over Jacksonville State tied him with Florida State's Mike Norvell and Oregon's Dan Lanning. Norvell strung together 14 across the 2022 and 2023 seasons while Lanning did it through 2023 and 2024.
- → A UCF win against North Carolina A&T would tie Frost with Jim Harbaugh and the 15 victories Michigan compiled in its 2023 championship season. Frost and the Knights would have to put together another magical season to catch Kirby Smart who ripped off 29 straight wins from 2021-23 at Georgia.

5 DJ BLACK: D-II TO P4 TD

- → DJ Black, who was on the receiving end of the game-winning touchdown to lift UCF to a 17-10 victory, earned the start in his first game in the Power 4
- Last season, Black was a member of Limestone, a Division II program that closed the football program down last season. Black plastered his name all over the statsheet, scoring 11 touchdowns and recording 939 receiving yards.
 → Offensive lineman Owen Spell was also at Limestone with Black in 2024

6 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 MiLB pitcher.
- ◆ A class of 18 true freshmen make up the remaining newcomers

7 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
- → 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.
- ◆ UCF compiled 500+ yards of offense in eight of their 13 wins in 2017

8 SEASON OPENING STREAK

- ◆ The opening night victory against Jacksonville State was the 10th consecutive win for the Knights in their first game of the season, a trend Frost started as UCF's head coach in 2016 with a 38-0 win over South Carolina State
- ◆ Beyond that, UCF has now started 1-0 in 19 of the last 21 seasons and has won 21 of 31 openers since becoming an FBS program to begin the 1996 season
- The Knights have won 16 of 19 home openers at Acrisure Bounce House, including five in a row and nine of the last 10

9 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 historically across all levels who have a similar path.

10 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 "Knighted 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 construction to be completed in time for the 2026 season

BROADCAST INFORMATION

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Play-by-Play: Peter Sousa Analyst: Todd Doxson

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: 1-0 → Conference: 0-0 Home: 1-0 → Away: 0-0 → vs. Top 25: 0-0

Aug. 28	Jacksonville State	ESPN+	W, 17-10
Sep. 6	North Carolina A&T	ESPN+	7 p.m.
	BYE WEEK		
Sep. 20	North Carolina	TBD	-
Sep. 27	at 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 #24/23 Texas Tech*	TBD	-
Nov. 22	Oklahoma State*	TBD	-
Nov. 29	at -/#25 BYU*	TBD	-
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* - 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
- ◆ Be the 15th straight UCF victory under Coach Frost
- ◆ Be the third straight season with UCF starting 2-0
- → Help the Big 12 improve a 63-0 record against FCS programs since 2019, the only FBS conference to be unbeaten during that time

STAT FOCUS - BLOCK PARTY

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UCF has earned a special teams block in two straight season openers. Keli Lawson blocked a field goal in this season's opener while Ladarius Tennison blocked a punt in the 2024 opener vs. New Hampshire

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BY THE NUMBERS

The Knights have compiled 70 victories since the start of the 2017 season, the most of any program in the Big 12 Conference. The win total is tied for 14th most in the nation since that time.

UCF has scored 3,839 points since the start of 2017, the fifthmost in the nation behind Alabama, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Clemson and Memphis. The Knights have tallied the most in the Big 12; the closest to them is Oklahoma State at 3,438.

A win against North Carolina A&T would make it 3,185 consecutive days without a UCF loss under the direction of head coach Scott Frost. The last Knights loss with Frost at the helm was in the Cure Bowl to Arkansas State on Dec. 17, 2016.

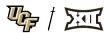
UCF returns four players who started six or more games last season. Paul Rubelt is the lone returner who started all 12 games in 2024. Malachi Lawrence and Nyjalik Kelly each had 11 while Braeden Marshall had six.

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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 Viriginia) who also have a new head coach.

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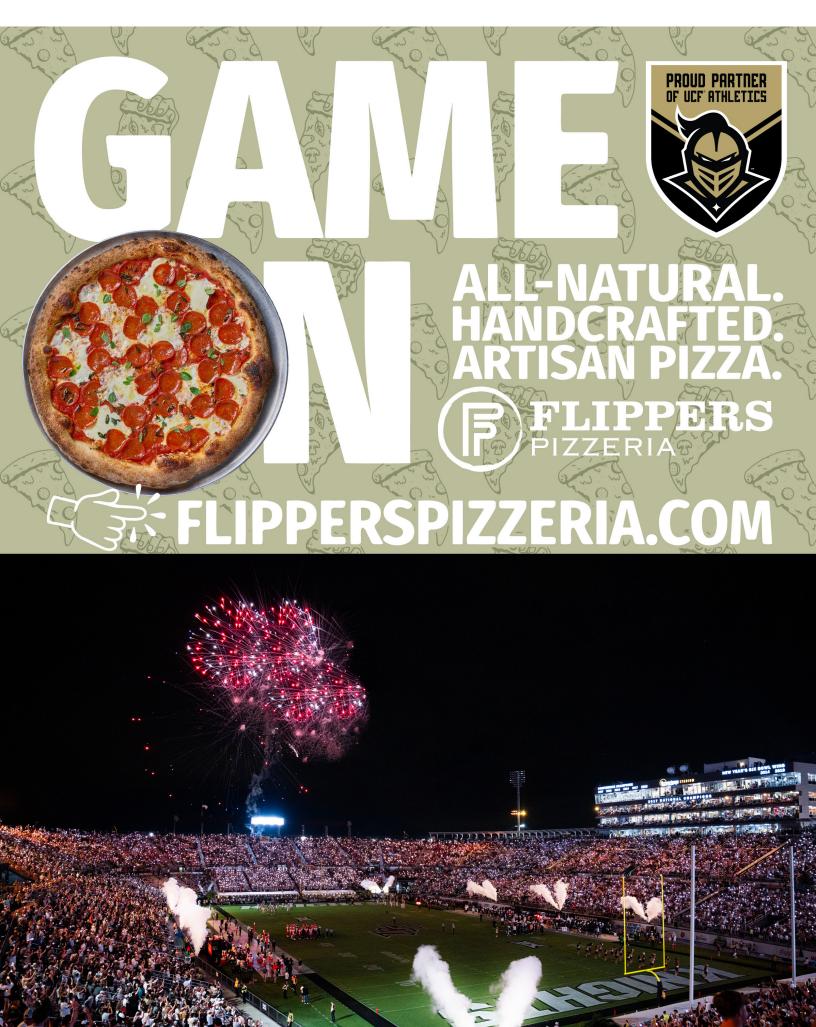
The Knights welcome 63 new players to the roster this season, with the total roster size being 112. Of the 63 newcomers, 36 are transfers from DI schools while 18 are from high school.



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						2025 UCF ROSTER	
##	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown/High School (Previous Schools)	CLASS BREAKDOWN
0	Dylan Wade	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Orlando, Fla./Jones (Maryland)	Seniors & Fifth Years (25)
0	Keli Lawson	LB	6-4	230	r-Sr.	Stephens City, Va./Sherando (Virginia Tech)	QB - 14 - Cam Fancher (r-Sr.) OL - 77 - Keegan Smith (r-Sr.)
1	Kylan Fox	TE	6-4	235	So.	Valdosta, Ga./Grayson	RB - 5 - Jaden Nixon (r-Sr.) EDGE - 9 - Nyjalik Kelly (Sr.)
1	Ja'Cari Henderson	DB	6-0	180	r-Jr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole	RB - 22 - Myles Montgomery (r-Sr.) EDGE - 44 - Josh Dorsainvil (r-Sr.)
2	Tayven Jackson	QB	6-4	215	r-Jr.	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove (Indiana/Tennessee)	RB - 32 - Tyler Wrenn (r-Sr.) EDGE - 51 - Malachi Lawrence (r-Sr.)
2	Phillip Dunnam	DB	6-1	195	Sr.	North Miami Beach, Fla./North Miami Beach (FAU/Indiana)	WR - 3 - Marcus Burke (r-Sr.) EDGE - 96 - Anthony Coaxum (r-Sr.) WR - 13 - Chris Domercant (r-Sr.) LB - 0 - Keli Lawson (r-Sr.)
3	Marcus Burke	WR	6-3	195	r-Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian Academy (Florida)	TE - 83 - Dallan "Deebo" Coleman (5th) LB - 38 - Jayden McDonald (r-Sr.)
3	Tony Williams	DB	6-1	195	Fr.	Miami, Fla./Miami Central	OL - 50 - Pat Barnett (5th) LB - 43 - Cole Kozlowski (Sr.)
4	Taevion Swint	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	Kissimmee, Fla./Osceola	OL - 55 - Cameron Kinnie (5th) DB - 2 - Phillip Dunnam (Sr.)
4	Braeden Marshall	DB	5-10	200	Jr.	Lake Mary, Fla./Lake Mary	OL - 62 - Jabari Brooks (5th) DB - 14 - Isaiah Reed (5th)
5	Jaden Nixon DJ Bell	RB	5-10 6-4	200	r-Sr.	Las Colinas, Texas/Lone Star (Western Michigan/Oklahoma St.)	OL - 64 - Gaard Memmelaar (5th) DB - 23 - Jayden Williams (r-Sr.)
5 6	Ric'Darious Farmer	DB WR	5-11	185 160	r-Jr. So.	Pensacola, Fla./Pensacola (Memphis) Melbourne, Fla./Melbourne Central Catholic (West Virginia)	OL - 66 - Colin Cook (5th) K - 16 - Noe Ruelas (r-Sr.)
6	Isaiah Nixon	EDGE	6-4	245	30. r-So.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood	OL - 69 - Paul Rubelt (5th)
7	Duane Thomas Jr.	WR	5-8	175	Jr.	Miami Gardens, Fla./ Chaminade — Madonna (Charlotte)	lunion (7F)
7	Antione Jackson	DB	6-1	185	Jr.	Lauderhill, Fla./Dillard (East Carolina)	Juniors (35) QB - 2 - Tayven Jackson (r-Jr.) DT - 99 - Jamaal Johnson (r-Jr.)
8	Bredell Richardson	WR	6-1	190	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Carrollwood Day	QB - 11 - Jacurri Brown (r-Jr.) EDGE - 45 - Quentin Hatch (r-Jr.)
8	Demari Henderson	DB	6-0	185	r-Jr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole	QB - 17 - Brock Hansel (r-Jr.) LB - 20 - Lewis Carter (Jr.)
9	DJ Black	WR	6-4	205	r-Jr.	Inman, S.C./Chapman (Limestone/South Carolina)	WR - 7 - Duane Thomas Jr. (Jr.) LB - 30 - Kam Moore (r-Jr.)
9	Nyjalik Kelly	EDGE	6-5	265	Sr.	Oakland Park, Fla./Dillard (Miami)	WR - 9 - DJ Black (r-Jr.) DB - 1 - Ja'Cari Henderson (r-Jr.)
10	Davi Belfort	QB	5-11	195	r-Fr.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil / Western [Fla.] (Virginia Tech)	WR - 87 - Dwartney Wortham (r-Jr.) DB - 4 - Braeden Marshall (Jr.)
10	Sincere Edwards	EDGE	6-3	250	So.	Orlando, Fla./Wekiva (Pittsburgh)	TE - 0 - Dylan Wade (Jr.) DB - 5 - DJ Bell (r-Jr.) DB - 7 - Aptions Industry (r-Jr.)
11	Jacurri Brown	QB	6-4	205	r-Jr.	Valdosta, Ga./Lowndes (Miami)	TE - 84 - Thomas Wadsworth (r-Jr.) DB - 7 - Antione Jackson (Jr.) DL - 52 - Carter Miller (r-Jr.) DB - 8 - Demari Henderson (r-Jr.)
11	Jaeden Gould	DB	6-2	210	r-Jr.	Somerset, N.J./Bergen Catholic (Syracuse/Nebraska)	OL - 53 - Laparka Langston (Jr.) DB - 11 - Jaeden Gould (r-Jr.)
12	Carl Jenkins Jr.	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	St. Augustine, Fla./St. Augustine	OL - 58- Connor Meadows (r-Jr.) DB - 15 - Jyaire Brown (r-Jr.)
12	Aymeric Koumba	EDGE	6-5	245	r-So.	Bordeaux, France / Lycée Alfred Kastler (Michigan)	OL - 61 - Owen Spell (Jr.) DB- 16 - TJ Bullard (r-Jr.)
13	Chris Domercant	WR	6-1	185	r-Sr.	Bellingham, Mass. / Bellingham (Chattanooga/Stonehill)	OL - 63 - Shaheem Hill (r-Jr.) DB - 27 - Nicholas Antoine (r-Jr.)
13	Horace Lockett	DT	6-6	355	r-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake (Georgia Tech)	OL - 72 - Dominick Campbell (r-Jr.) DB - 29 - Jayden Bellamy(r-Jr.)
14	Cam Fancher	QB	6-2	205	r-Sr.	Dayton, Ohio/Wayne (Florida Atlantic/Marshall)	OL - 78 - Preston Cushman (r-Jr.) DB - 34 - Terrell Jackson (r-Jr.) DI - 17 - Herres Legistt (r-Jr.)
14	Isaiah Reed	DB	6-0	190	5th	Lake Wales, Fla. / Seffner Christian Academy (Brown)	DT - 13 - Horace Lockett (r-Jr.) DT - 91 - Keshaun Hudson (r-Jr.) LS - 47 - Dalton Riggs (r-Jr.) P - 40 - Anthony Venneri (r-Jr.)
15	Jyaire Brown	DB	5-11	175	r-Jr.	New Orleans, La./Lakota West (LSU/Ohio State)	DT - 95 - RJ Jackson Jr. (Jr.)
16	Noe Ruelas	K/P	6-1	195	r-Sr.	West Hartford, Conn. / Hall (James Madison/UConn)	
16	TJ Bullard	LB	6-1	220	r-Jr.	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep	Sophomores (22)
17	Brock Hansel	QB	5-10	175	r-Jr.	Lake Worth, Fla./Park Vista	WR - 6 - Ric'Darious Farmer (So.) DT - 94 - Rodney Lora (r-So.)
17 10	Jaylen "AP" Heyward	DB TE	6-0 6-5	190 245	So. Fr.	Rockledge, Fla./Rockledge Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson	TE - 1 - Kylan Fox (So.) EDGE - 6 - Isaiah Nixon (r-So.)
18 18	Caden Piening Jakob Gude	DB	5-11	190	гі. So.	Atlanta, Ga./Langston Hughes	TE - 80 - Max Drag (r-So.) EDGE - 10 - Sincere Edwards (So.)
19	Waden Charles	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla./Somerset Academy	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.)
19	Hudson Gibbs	DB	5-9	170	r-So.	Winter Park, Fla./Winter Park	OL - 75 - Andrew Phelan (r-So.) LB - 33 - Phil Picciotti (r-So.)
20	Lewis Carter	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	Tampa, Fla./Tampa Catholic (Oklahoma)	OL - 76 - Justin Royes (r-So.) DB - 17 - Jaylen "AP" Heyward (So
21	Stacy Gage	RB	5-11	200	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas	DT - 55 - John Walker (r-So.) DB - 18 - Jakob Gude (So.)
22	Myles Montgomery	RB	5-11	200	r-Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Fletcher (Cincinnati)	DT - 87 - Andrew Rumph (r-So.) DB - 19 - Hudson Gibbs (r-So.)
23	Jayden Williams	DB	5-11	190	R-Sr.	Valrico, Fla. / Bloomingdale (FAU)	DT - 88 - Derrick LeBlanc (r-So.) DB - 26 - Christian Peterson (So.)
25	Rukeem Stroud	DB	5-11	165	Fr.	Plant City, Fla./Tampa Bay Tech	DT - 92 - Jeffson Lafontant (r-So.) DB - 49 - Donnell Johnson (r-So.)
26	Christian Peterson	DB	5-9	185	So.	Dothan, Ala./Westlake	Foodman (70)
27	Nicholas Antoine	DB	6-4	205	r-Jr.	Daytona Beach, Fla./Mainland	Freshmen (30) QB - 10 - Davi Belfort (r-Fr.)
28	Troy Ford Jr.	LB	6-2	225	r-So.	Savannah, Ga./Calvary Day	RB - 4 - Taevion Swint (Fr.) RB - 4 - Taevion Swint (Fr.) RB - 4 - Taevion Swint (Fr.)
29	Jayden Bellamy	DB	6-1	190	r-Jr.	Freehold, N.J./Bergen Catholic (Syracuse/Notre Dame)	RB - 21 - Stacy Gage (r-Fr.) OL - 67 - Noah Senka (r-Fr.)
30	Kam Moore	LB	6-1	220	r-Jr.	Sanford, Fla./ Seminole	RB - 35 - Agyeman Addae (Fr.) OL - 70 - RaiShaun McHaney (Fr.)
31	Noah McGough	K/P	5-11	175	Fr.	Dallas, Texas / Jesuit	RB - 42 - Chance Nixon (Fr.) OL - 71 - Thomas Gearity (r-Fr.)
32	Tyler Wrenn	RB	5-11	185	r-Sr.	Fort Pierce, Fla./Vero Beach (Chowan)	WR - 8 - Bredell Richardson (r-Fr.) OL - 73 - Jacob Maiava (Fr.)
32	Malakhi Boone	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Bushnell, Fla. / South Sumter	WR - 12 - Carl Jenkins Jr. (Fr.) DT - 54 - Trenton Turner (Fr.)
33	Phil Picciotti	LB	6-3	230	r-So.	Perkasie, Pa./IMG Academy (Oklahoma)	WR - 19 - Waden Charles (Fr.) WR - 39 - Andrea Parisi (r-Fr.) DT - 98 - Tyreek'e Robinson (r-Fr.) LB - 32 - Malakhi Boone (Fr.)
34	Terrell Jackson	DB	6-1	185	r-Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian	WR - 81 - Zack Palmer (Fr.) BB - 25 - Rukeem Stroud (Fr.)
35	Agyeman Addae	RB	5-9	190	Fr.	Miami, Fla./Columbus	WR - 82 - Jordyn Bridgewater (r-Fr.) DB - 3 - Tony Williams (Fr.)
36	Chase Jarrett	DB	6-0	200	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Plant	WR - 85 - Carson Hinshaw (r-Fr.) DB - 36 - Chase Jarrett (r-Fr.)
37	Rocklyn Kelley	LS	6-1	225	Fr.	Denton, Texas / Guyer	WR - 86 - Chase Hinshaw (Fr.) LS - 37 - Rocklyn Kelley (Fr.)
38 70	Jayden McDonald	LB	6-4 E 11	235	r-Sr.	Salem, Va. / Salem (Virginia Tech)	WR - 89 - Caleb Rollerson (r-Fr.) K/P - 31 - Noah McGough (Fr.)
39 40	Andrea Parisi	WR	5-11 6.0	195 215	r-Fr.	Bergamo, Italy/Saint Andrew's Hamilton Ontario Canada/St. Thomas Mora (Obio State/Puffalo)	TE - 18 - Caden Piening (Fr.) K/P - 97 - Mason Denaburg (Fr.)
40 42	Anthony Venneri Chance Nixon	P RB	6-0 5-9	215 175	r-Jr. Fr.	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada/St. Thomas More (Ohio State/Buffalo) Oviedo, Fla. / Oviedo	
42	Cole Kozlowski	LB	5-9 6-2	225	Fr. Sr.	Oviedo, Fia. / Oviedo Spring Lake, N.J./ Manasquan (Colgate)	
43	Josh Dorsainvil	EDGE	6-5	240	sı. r-Sr.	Orange Park, Fla./Ridgeview (Savannah State)	
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##	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown/High School (Previous Schools)
45	Quentin Hatch	EDGE	6-1	225	r-Jr.	Orlando, Fla./West Orange (Lake Erie College)
47	Dalton Riggs	LS	6-3	225	r-Jr.	Eagle, Idaho / Eagle (BYU)
49	Donnell Johnson	DB		180	r-So.	Tallahassee, Fla./Monroe
50	Pat Barnett	0L	6-6	305	5th	Key West, Fla./Key West
51	Malachi Lawrence	EDGE	6-4	260	r-Sr.	Louisville, Ky./DuPont Manual
52	Carter Miller	0L	6-4	295	r-Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas/Ravenwood (Louisiana Monroe/James Madison)
53	Laparka Langston	0L	6-7	285	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Mundy's Mill (Northwest Mississippi)
54	Trenton Turner	DT	6-2	320	Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lakeland
55	Cameron Kinnie	0L	6-3	310	5th	Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill (Georgia)
55	John Walker	DT	6-4	324	r-So.	Kissimmee, Fla./Osceola
57	Camp Lott	0L	6-6	265	Fr.	McComb, Miss. / Parklane
58	Connor Meadows	0L	6-4	300	r-Jr.	Trenton, Tenn. / Peabody (Tennessee State/Tennessee)
61	Owen Spell	0L	6-8	305	Jr.	Jesup, Ga. / Wayne County (Limestone/Madonna)
62	Jabari Brooks	0L	6-3	325	5th	Sandersville, Ga./Washington County (Samford)
63	Shaheem Hill	0L	6-4	325	r-Jr.	Orlando, Fla./Edgewater
64	Gaard Memmelaar	0L	6-4	310	5th	Middleton, Idaho/Middleton (Washington)
65	Jaquez Joiner	0L	6-4	285	Fr.	Cocoa, Fla./Cocoa
66	Colin Cook	0L	6-3	305	5th	Baton Rouge, La./Parkview Baptist (Evangel [Springfield])
67	Noah Senka	0L	6-2	295	r-Fr.	Seminole, Fla./Indian Rocks Christian
68	Ethan Higgins	0L	6-6	270	r-So.	Brooksville, Fla./Hernando Christian
69	Paul Rubelt	0L	6-11	310	5th	Frankfurt-Oder, Germany/Frankfurt-Oder
70	RaiShaun McHaney	0L	6-8	270	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lutheran of Indianapolis
71	Thomas Gearity	0L	6-4	295	r-Fr.	St. Cloud, Fla./Osceola
72	Dominick Campbell	0L	6-9	310	r-Jr.	Scarborough, Maine/Phillips Exeter Academy (Howard/Notre Dame)
73	Jacob Maiava	0L	6-2	280	Fr.	Kahuku, Hawaii / Santa Margarita
74	Matthew Prigmore	0L	6-2	315	r-So.	Weston, Fla./Cypress Bay
75	Andrew Phelan	0L	6-3	275	r-So.	Orlando, Fla./East River
76	Justin Royes	0L	6-5	300	r-So.	Suffolk, Va./Lakeland (Virginia Union)
77	Keegan Smith	0L	6-3	300	r-Sr.	Jackson, Mich./ Jackson Lumen Christi Catholic (Central Michigan)
78	Preston Cushman	0L	6-5	305	r-Jr.	Saint Petersburg, Fla./Calvary Christian (Ole Miss)
80	Max Drag	TE	6-4	250	r-So.	Chapin, S.C. / Chapin (App State)
81	Zack Palmer	WR	6-0	190	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. / Boone
82	Jordyn Bridgewater	WR	6-0	165	r-Fr.	New Orleans, La./West Orange [Fla.]
83	Dallan "Deebo" Coleman	TE	6-6	245	5th	Memphis, Tenn. / West Nassau [Fla.] (Georgia Tech)
84	Thomas Wadsworth	TE	6-3	245	r-Jr.	Melbourne, Fla./Melbourne
85	Carson Hinshaw	WR	5-10	165	r-Fr.	Lake Mary, Fla./Lake Mary
86	Chase Hinshaw	WR	6-2	175	Fr.	Lake Mary, Fla. / Lake Mary
87	Dwartney Wortham	WR	6-0	180	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	210	r-Fr.	Ocala, Fla./Hawthorne
91	Keshaun Hudson	DT	6-1	320	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	270	R-Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Western (WV Wesleyan/Kentucky Christian/Carson-Newman)
97	Mason Denaburg	K/P	6-4	225	Fr.	Merritt Island, Fla. / Merritt Island
98	Tyreek'e Robinson	DT	6-2	340	r-Fr.	Bradenton, Fla./Manatee
<i>J</i> 0						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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1	Ja'Cari Henderson	Juh-CAR-ee	
4	Braedan Marshall	BRAY-den	
4	Taevion Swint	TAY-vee-on	
7	Antoine Jackson	ANN-twan	
7	Duane Thomas Jr.	Duh-wayne	
8	Demari Henderson	Duh-MAR-ee	
9	Nyjalik Kelly	Nai-juh-leak	
10	Davi Belfort	Dah-vee	Bell-fort
<u>11</u>	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
<u>19</u>	Waden Charles	Way-dun	
27	Nicholas Antoine		ANN-twan
29	Jayden Bellamy		BELL-uh-mee
31 32	Noah McGough		Mc-guew
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40_	Anthony Venneri		Vuh-nare-ee
44	Josh Dorsainvil		Door-SIN-vill
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64	Gaard Memmelaar	Guard	Mem-MUH-lar
65	Jaguez Joiner	Ja-kwez	Melli-Mon-idi
69	Paul Rubelt	Jarkwez	R00-belt
70	RaiShaun McHaney	Ray-shawn	KOO-Deit
71	Thomas Gearity	Kay-Silawii	Gare-eh-tee
73	Jacob Maiava		My-ah-vuh
75 75	Andrew Phelan		FAY-lin
83	Dallan 'Deebo' Coleman	Dale-en	
87	Andrew Rumph	Dale-ell	Rump
88	Derrick LeBlanc		Le-blonk
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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.





COAC	HING RECO	ORD	
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	1-0	1.000
At UCF	3 Seasons	20-7	.741
Total	8 Seasons	36-38	.487

COACHING EVERNIENCE

COAC	HING EX	PERIENCE
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 Rar	ms Senior Analyst
2025-pres.	UCF	Head Coach

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

AWARD:	S
2017	AP National Coach of the Year
	AFCA National Coach of the Year
	Paul "Bear" Bryant Award
	Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year
	Woody Hayes Trophy
	Home Depot Coach of the Year
	FCA Coach of the Year
	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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Alex GRINCH

Defensive Coordinator/Safties 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 codefensive 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 DAUSON

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 Collegeand 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 vards.
- ◆ 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.



- → 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





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



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 Recievers 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



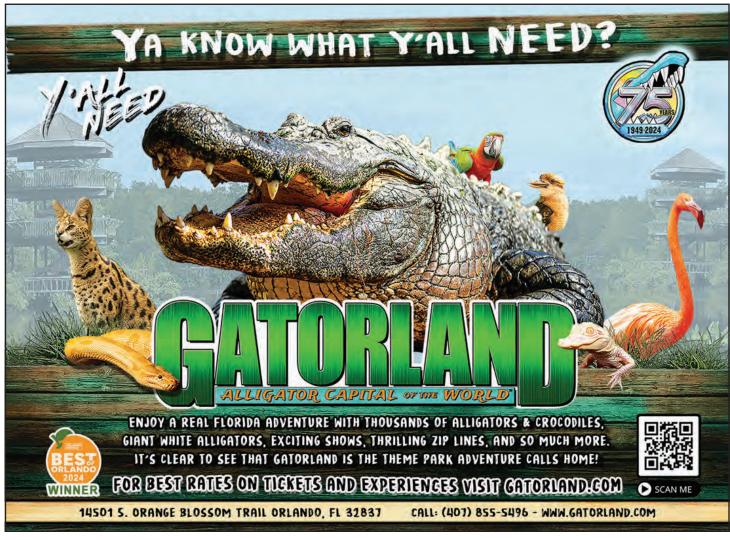
Shawn CLARK

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



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0	Kevin White Jr.	Jr.	QB	6-0	180	Newport News, Va./Green Run
1	Tim Alderman	Gr.	DE	6-3	215	Fort Valley, Ga./Peach County (Austin Peay)
1	JT Smith	R-Jr.	RB	6-0	210	Charlotte, NC/Hough (Wofford)
2	Cam Maddox	Gr.	S	6-1	205	Stallings, NC/Sun Valley (Dartmouth)
2	Jamison Warren	Gr.	WR	5-11	185	Winston-Salem, NC/East Forsyth
3	Josh Iseah	Jr.	LB	6-2	238	Charlotte, NC/Independence
3	Amonte Jones	R-Jr.	WR	6-0	170	Chesapeake, Va./Oscar Smith
4	Aaron Harris	Gr.	CB	5-11	185	Elizabeth City, NC/Northeastern
4	Jy Walls	Fr.	QB	6-2	195	Pittsburgh, Pa./Central Catholic
5	Jayvonne Dillard	R-So.	WR	6-2	205	Lithonia, Ga./Miller Grove
6	Antoine Bell	R-Jr.	TE	6-4	230	Charlotte, NC/Berry Academy (Western Carolina)
6	Ty Williams Jr.	Gr.	СВ	6-1	185	Detroit, Mich./University of Detroit Jesuit HS
7	Champ Long	R-So.	QB	6-0	205	Jersey City, NJ/St. Peter's Prep (Maryland)
8	Charlie Dixon	R-Jr.	LB	6-2	227	Hogansville, Ga./Callaway
8	Nelson Layne	Fr.	QB	6-3	195	Highland Springs, Va./Highland Springs
9	Shimique Blizzard	Jr.	RB	5-8	191	Chesapeake, Va./Western Branch
10	Noah Sanders	R-Jr.	QB	6-2	215	Stafford, Va./Brooke Point (Delaware)
11	Laquan Veney	R-Jr.	WR	5-11	175	Richmond, Va./Highland Springs
12	Kamari Blankumsee	Jr.	S	5-10	190	Dixie, Ga./Brooks County (Fort Valley St.)
13	Anthony Rucker	R-Jr.	TE	6-3	211	Orlando, Fla./Jones
15	Cortez Lane	So.	WR	5-11	185	Camden, SC/Cardinal Newman School
16	Daniel Coles	R-Sr.	СВ	5-9	225	Stafford, Va./Brooke Point
17	Braxton Thomas	R-Fr.	QB	6-3	220	Sarasota, Fla./Riverview
18	Corbin Wilson	R-Fr.	S	6-3	205	High Point, NC/Southwest Guilford
19	Steven Davis II	R-Jr.	S	6-1	170	Greensboro, NC/Dudley
20	Jamaal Purefoy-Thaxton	R-Fr.	S	6-0	195	Chapel Hill, NC/Carrboro
21	Tre Mittman	So.	S	5-11	185	Durham, NC/Southern Durham
22	Mykell Harvey	Fr.	S	6-0	185	Roanoke, Va./Northside
23	Cameren Dalrymple	R-Jr.	S	6-0	174	Rose-Hill, NC/Wallace-Rose Hill (Naval Academy)
24	Jailen Hicks	R-So.	RB	6-3	190	Greensboro, NC/Dudley
25	Mack David II	R-Jr.	RB	5-11	240	Winston-Salem, NC/West Forsyth
26	Jay Haggins	Sr.	K/P	5-10	180	Hope Mills, NC/South View (Johnson C. Smith)
27	Jonathan Kimbrough-Campbell		S	5-11	190	Daytona Beach, Fla./Mainland
29	PeeWee Jones	Fr.	СВ	6-1	185	Charlotte, NC/West Charlotte
30	Tyler Howard	Fr.	S	6-0	175	Tallahassee, Fla./Lincoln
31	RJ Baker	R-So.	RB	5-9	175	Greensboro, NC/Dudley (Norfolk St.)
32	Khristian Tyson	So.	S	6-2	190	Greensboro, NC/Grimsley
33	David Macon	R-Fr.	СВ	5-11	180	Cheltenham, Pa./Cheltenham
34	Willie Hamilton	R-Jr.	S	6-1	200	South Jordan, Utah/Bingham (Jacksonville St.)
35	Wesley Graves	R-Sr.	RB	5-9	235	Danville, Ga./George Washington
36	Ryan Strickland	R-Fr.	CB	6-2	170	Powder Springs, Ga./Hiram
37	Mitchell Etheridge III	R-Sr.	DE	6-2	245	Birmingham, Ala./Shades Valley (Jacksonville St.)
38	Wesley Misenheimer	R-Sr.	S	6-1	180	Jamestown, NC/Ragsdale
39	Andrew Brown	R-Sr.	K	5-10	185	Lexington, NC/West Davidson
40	Ryan Tate-Walker	R-So.	LB	6-1	195	Richton Park, Ill./Homewood-Flossmoor
41	Dom Atkinson-Bell	R-So.	S	5-9	164	Leland, NC/North Brunswick
42	Kiyre Wall	R-Fr.	CB	5-11	155	Greensboro, NC/Southeast Guilford
44	Jayden Williams	So.	LB	6-0	223	Richmond, Va./Trinity Episcopal
45	Joshua Coleman	R-Jr.	S	6-2	190	Lake City, SC/Lake City
46	DJ Page	So.	P	6-0	185	Lithia, Fla./Newsome
46 48	Eddie Conover	So. Fr.		6-1	218	
40 49		Sr.	LB			Summerville, SC/Hough
	Bryson Ruddy Poyton Scott		LS DE	6-0 6-4	190	Glen Allen, Va./Glen Allen
50 51	Peyton Scott	R-Fr.		6-4	209	Charlotte, NC/Butler (Alabama A&M)
51 52	Gabe Navarro	R-So.	OL	6-4	275	Virginia Beach, Va./Princess Anne (Virginia St.)
52	MarQuis Roberts	R-Sr.	LB	6-1	220	Washington, DC/Flint Hill (Campbell)

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No.	Name	CI.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/HS (Prev. School)
53	Kaleb Culberson	R-Fr.	OL	6-2	305	Shady Shores, Texas/Billy Ryan
54	Damien Jackson Jr.	R-Sr.	LS	5-11	185	Indian Trail, NC/Porter Ridge
55	Jonathan Cannon Jr.	R-Sr.	OL	6-5	285	Charlotte, NC/Vance
56	Travon Dye	R-Fr.	DE	6-2	220	Wayne, NJ/Passaic County Tech (Shepherd)
57	Kellen Culberson	R-Jr.	OL	6-1	250	Lake Dallas, Texas/Lake Dallas(Central Oklahoma)
58	Christopher Allen, Jr.	R-Jr.	DL	6-4	285	Wake Forest, NC/Wake Forest HS
59	Korion Sharpe	R-Sr.	OL	6-4	315	Charlotte, NC/Rocky River
60	Tim Hammonds	R-Fr.	OL	6-5	290	Red Springs, NC/Red Springs
63	Kolbe Breland	Fr.	OL	6-3	285	Charlotte, NC/Julius L. Chambers
65	Andrew Dorsey	Jr.	OL	6-3	300	Atlanta, Ga./Langston Hughes (Fort Valley St.)
66	Sterling Wiggins	R-So.	OL	6-6	310	Woodbridge, Va./Thomas Moore Institute
69	CJ Ragland	Fr.	OL	6-6	255	Henderson, NC/Vance County
70	Tommy Garcia	Jr.	OL	6-7	315	Hemet, Calif./West Valley (Mt. San Jacinto)
71	Jodi Freeman	R-Fr.	OL	6-7	340	Lumberton, NC/Purnell Swett
72	Tyson Moorer	R-So.	OL	6-4	285	Charlotte, NC/Providence Day (ETSU)
73	Phinnell Marshall	R-So.	OL	6-5	292	Providence, RI/West Charlotte (Gardner-Webb)
76	Noah Okoye	R-Fr.	OL	6-6	310	Bowie, Md./Archbishop Carroll
77	Malik Brown	Fr.	OL	6-6	310	Chesterfield, Va./Matoaca
80	Thomas Brown	R-Sr.	WR	6-3	190	Wendell, NC/Ravenscroft (Butler)
82	Tony Sanchez	Fr.	TE	6-3	230	Gainesville, Fla./Bucholz
83	Jaylen Baker	Jr.	TE	6-5	230	Long Beach, Calif./Mayfield (Cerritos College)
84	Michael Carlock-Williams	R-Fr.	WR	6-4	190	Jacksonville, NC/Jacksonville
85	Jay Avery	R-So.	WR	5-11	175	Asheville, NC/Radford
86	Ryan Stephens	R-So.	WR	5-9	175	Greensboro, NC/Grimsley (East Carolina)
87	Mark Tillman	R-So.	WR	6-3	205	Greensboro, NC/SE Guilford (Fayetteville St.)
88	Elijah Kennedy	R-Jr.	WR	5-11	180	High Point, NC/High Point Central
89	Rory Jones-Amen-Hetep	R-So.	WR	6-2	185	Raleigh, NC/Rolesville
90	Marquis Hood	Jr.	DL	6-2	275	Decatur, Ga./Decatur (Fort Valley St.)
91	Marley Gordy	Jr.	DE	6-2	230	Brambleton, Va./Flint Hill
92	Jelani King-Leverett	R-Sr.	DE	6-4	225	Grand Rapids, Mich./East Grand Rapids
93	Kelvin Broadhurst, Jr.	Jr.	DL	6-1	270	Spartanburg, SC/Dorman
94	Sidiq Cabaniss-Ali	Fr.	DL	6-2	275	Charlotte, NC/Independence
97	Giovanni Divers	R-So.	DE	6-4	249	McDonough, Ga./Eagle's Landing
98	Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	R-So.	DL	6-5	270	Rocky Point, NC/Pender (Tennessee St.)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Shawn Gibbs (NCCU '96, 1st season as head coach; 12th season at A&T)

Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line: Courtney Coard (NCCU '08, 11th season (2011-14); 2016-21); 2025-present)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks: Greg McGhee (Howard '15, 1st season)

Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers: Denzel Jones (NC A&T '16, sixth season (2017-21); (2025-present)

Recruiting Coordinator/Wide Receivers: Nate Poole (Marshall '01, 6th season)

Offensive Line: Ron Mattes (Uva. '85, 10th season)

Running Backs: Keith Henry (Catawba '89, 6th season (1993-95); 2023-present)

Outside Linebackers: Terry Lantz (Louisville '91, 7th season (2017-22); 2025-present)

Defensive Backs: Tony McRae (NC A&T '16, 1st season) **Tight Ends:** Alex Purviance (William & Mary '20, 3rd season)

SUPPORT STAFF

Director of Football Operations: Theric Holt (NCCU '99; 1st season)

Assistant Director of Football Operations: Ron Hunt (NC A&T '20; 1st season)

Graduate Assistant: Camden Young (NC A&T '25, 1st season)
Graduate Assistant: DJ Crossen (NC A&T '23; 1st season)

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HEAD COACH
SHAWN GIBSS
1st Season as head coach at A&T/4th season overall
NCCU, 2001

Shawn Gibbs returned to Aggieland as the 23rd head football coach in North Carolina A&T State University football program history on December 6, 2024.

Gibbs, 49, is a native of Black Mountain, N.C. He spent 11 seasons at A&T as the football program's running backs and special teams coach under head coaches Rod Broadway (2011-17) and Sam Washington (2018-2021) before taking his first career head coaching position at Division II Fort Valley State University (FVSU) on February 10, 2022.

Gibbs posted a 22-9 record in three seasons with the Wildcats. In 2023, he led the Wildcats to the Florida Beach Bowl in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where Fort Valley State earned a 23-10 win over Johnson C. Smith. During Gibbs' tenure there, FVSU went 17-6 in Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) play.

FVSU had back-to-back eight-win seasons in 2022 and 2023, marking the first time in 24 years that has occurred in program history. Gibbs brings with him 20 years of coaching experience. Before his time at A&T, he served 2007-10 as Grambling State University's running backs coach under Broadway. Gibbs also served as running back coach at his alma mater, North Carolina Central University (NCCU), under Broadway from 2003-06. During his time there, NCCU won consecutive CIAA titles (2005-06).

During Gibbs' time as an assistant coach, the program earned a national reputation as Running Back U. The Aggies won Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championships in 2014, 2015, and 2017-19 with Gibbs as a key member of the coaching staff. He also served as the position coach to one of the most historic players in program history, running back Tarik Cohen.

Cohen became the MEAC's all-time leading rusher, MEAC Rookie of the Year and a three-time MEAC offensive player of the year. In addition, Cohen was drafted in the fourth round by the Chicago Bears in 2017 and eventually became an NFL All-Pro. Cohen is the only player in MEAC history to win offen-

sive player of the year three times.

Gibbs also coached 2011 MEAC offensive player of the year Mike Mayhew, two-time first-team all-conference back and 2017 Celebration Bowl offensive MVP Marquell Cartwright and Jah-Maine Martin, who owns the program record for single-season touchdowns (23).

There have been other successes at running back for Gibbs at A&T. Ricky Lewis had a career year in 2012, rushing for 437 yards and six touchdowns on 97 carries. Dominique Drake, Cohen and Lewis combined to score 19 rushing touchdowns in 2013.

The list of return specialists under Gibbs' tutelage is also impressive. It includes such names as NCAA record-breaking punt returner Kris Gardin, former NFL standout Tony McRae and record-breaking kickoff returner and Celebration Bowl hero Malik Wilson.

Before his time at A&T, Gibbs spent four seasons as Grambling's running backs coach. Under Gibbs' watch, the Tigers possessed one of the most successful running games in Division I-FCS. Gibbs inherited a young running back corps that included freshmen Frank Warren and Cornelius Walker. In their first year under Gibbs, Warren and Walker combined for 1,466 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns. Warren was named SWAC Freshman of the Year in 2007 as he finished with 901 yards. The running game continued to flourish under Gibbs in 2009. The Grambling rushing attack ascended to a No. 12 ranking nationally.

Gibbs' stint at A&T marked his third stop with Broadway. He was also a running backs coach under Broadway at N.C. Central from 2003-06. During his four seasons there, he helped the Eagles put together one of the best offenses in Division II football. The Eagles won consecutive CIAA titles (2005-06). During the 2006 season, the Eagles led the CIAA in scoring offense, total offense and rushing offense.

The Eagles' running game was led by Greg Pruitt, Jr. Under Gibbs, Pruitt became the school's all-time leading rusher. Pruitt led the Eagles in rushing three straight seasons including two consecutive 1,000-yard seasons in 2004 and '05. Pruitt finished his career with more than 3,000 and signed a free agent contract with the Baltimore Ravens.

The relationship Gibbs has with the Eagles football program extends to him being a star running back for the Eagles (1993-97). He ranks among the all-time leading rushers in school history with 1,687 yards. Over his career, he averaged 5.1 yards per carry. Gibbs tied the school record for longest rushing touchdown from scrimmage in 1996 when he went 89 yards against Fayetteville State. Gibbs led the Eagles in rushing during the 1996 and '97 seasons, and he ranks among the Eagles' top career scoring leaders with 121 points. He had a career-best 10 touchdowns in 1996.

Gibbs has a B.S. degree in behavioral and social sciences from NCCU. He attended Owens High School and left it in 1992 as its all-time leading rusher (4,655 yards). As a standout back at NCCU (1993-97), he rushed for 1,687 career yards and averaged 5.1 yards per carry. Gibbs tied the school record for longest rushing touchdown from scrimmage in 1996 when he went 89 yards against Fayetteville State.

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