

# KNIGHTS



# FOOTBALL

## UCF KNIGHTS

Orlando, Fla.  
Acrisure Bounce House

## NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS



**3-0**  
Overall

**0-0**  
Big 12 Record

**Scott Frost**  
Head Coach

**38-38**  
Career Record

**22-7**  
At UCF

**34** ♦ **09**

**2-2**  
Overall

**0-0**  
ACC Record

**Bill Belichick**  
Head Coach

**2-2**  
Career Record

**2-2**  
At UNC



### CAPTAINS

**5 Jaden Nixon** | RB  
**9 Nyjalik Kelly** | DE  
**22 Myles Montgomery** | RB  
**94 Rodney Lora** | LB

### NEXT GAME

**Sat. 9/20**  
Date  
**Noon**  
Time

### QUICK INFO

**Series History**..... UCF Leads, 1-0  
**Coin Toss** ..... UNC Won Toss, Deferred  
**Weather** ..... Sunny, 85



**Sat. 10/4**  
Date  
**TBD**  
Time

### NEXT GAME

**1 Thaddeus Dixon** | CB  
**2 Andrew Simpson** | MIKE  
**7 Khmori House** | WILL  
**31 Will Hardy** | S  
**53 Christo Kelly** | C

### CAPTAINS

### Team Notes

- ♦ UCF improves to 3-0 to start the season for the third consecutive season, defeating the North Carolina Tar Heels in the first matchup between the teams in program history
- ♦ The 34-9 victory became the 370th unique score in UCF football history
- ♦ UCF is now eight-for-eight on fourth downs this year, converting four Saturday against North Carolina
- ♦ The victory over UNC improves the Big 12 to 6-1 against ACC opponents in 2025
- ♦ UCF recorded its longest scoring drive of the season in plays (18), yards (93) and time (10:26)
- ♦ This is the first time this season that UCF has made two interceptions in the first half and one in each quarter since Oct. 12, 2024, against Cincinnati
- ♦ The last time UCF held an ACC school scoreless in the first quarter, before today, was on Dec. 22, 2023, vs. Georgia Tech
- ♦ The matchup was the first time that UCF prevented an ACC school from scoring a touchdown in the first half since Sept. 10, 2011, vs. Boston College
- ♦ The Knights have held all three opponents this year scoreless in their first drive in both halves
- ♦ Nov. 11, 2023, was the last time that UCF held a power four program to under 10 total points, when Oklahoma State scored three
- ♦ The Black and Gold have scored on 71% of their drives between the last two games, scoring on nine-of-twelve drives against N.C. A&T and six-of-nine vs. UNC
- ♦ With the win today, UCF has recorded back-to-back wins against opponents from the same state for the first time in-state since 2021 against USF and Florida, and out of state since 2012 against SMU and UTEP
- ♦ The Knights have held their opponents without a touchdown in each of the first halves to open up the season, and have shutout their opponents in seven of 12 quarters
- ♦ Nine different receivers caught passes for the Knights for the first time since Nov. 29, 2024, against Utah
- ♦ First 10+ minute drive since Oct. 27, 2012 vs. Marshall; UCF chewed up 10:26 of clock, running 18 plays while going 93 yards to score a touchdown

### Offensive Notes

- ♦ With his one rushing touchdown tonight, quarterback Tayven Jackson scored his eighth career rushing touchdown, marking his third of the season
- ♦ The Knights have now scored a touchdown on the first drive of back-to-back games
- ♦ This is the first game this season that the Black and Gold have achieved 100+ offensive yards in the first quarter. (75 P) (39 R)
- ♦ Tight End Kylan Fox scored his first career touchdown in the second quarter on a thirteen-yard throw from Tayven Jackson
- ♦ Myles Montgomery notched his first rushing touchdown of the season and eighth of his career
- ♦ Quarterback Tayven Jackson led the team in rushing yards and broke his single game career high with 66 against UNC
- ♦ Tayven Jackson's 25-yard run in the third quarter was the longest of his career
- ♦ With 25 completions, Tayven Jackson broke his single-game record in the category

### Defensive Notes

- ♦ Nyjalik Kelly recorded his first career interception after Horace Lockett deflected a pass with 6:17 left in the first quarter
- ♦ UCF has held all of its opposing teams scoreless on their first drives of the game this season
- ♦ Horace Lockett's pass deflection in the first quarter was his second of the season and of his career
- ♦ First full sack for Sincere Edwards of the season. 1Q 03:36
- ♦ First interception of the season for Braeden Marshall, third of his career. 2Q 05:27
- ♦ Lewis Carter broke his career game high in tackles, collecting 10 in the contest

### Special Teams Notes

- ♦ Kicker Noe Ruelas achieved his longest field goal of the season with a successful 41-yard attempt in the second quarter
- ♦ For the second consecutive game, Noe Ruelas was two-for-two in field goal attempts; its his 15th time in the