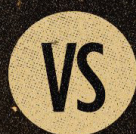




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Head Coach Scott Frost
Alma Mater Nebraska, 1997
At UCF (3rd Season) 22-8
Career (8th Season) 38-39
Last Game Sep. 27 at Kansas State
..... Loss, 34-20
UCF vs. Opp. 0-1
Frost vs. Opp. First Meeting



3-1 (0-1 Big 12)



3-2 (1-1 Big 12)

Head Coach Lance Leipold
Alma Mater Wis.-Whitewater - 1986
At Kansas (5th Season) 25-30
Career (19th Season) 171-69
Last Game Sep. 27 vs. Cincinnati
..... Loss, 37-34
Kansas vs. Opp. 1-0
Leipold vs. Opp. 1-0

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

1ST AND 10

1 FELL SHORT IN BIG 12 OPENER

- UCF fought until the end in its 2025 Big 12 Conference opener, but fell 34-20
- The Kansas State lead grew to three scores on multiple occasions during the second half but UCF remained in it until the finish, cutting the deficit to 11 with 9:34 remaining
- Both of UCF's touchdowns were greater than 50 yards, with Jacurri Brown connecting for 82 yards with DJ Black to make it a 10-7 contest late in the first half; the other was a 54-yard touchdown run by Jaden Nixon near the end of the third quarter, cutting the Wildcat lead to 31-17
- The Black and Gold have started each of their three Big 12 slates on the road

2 BIG GAIN RUNNING GAME

- Running back Jaden Nixon has three runs of 50+ yards this season
- Two of his long runs came in UCF's 68-7 victory over N.C. A&T, ripping off 87- and 66-yard touchdown runs, his third came at Kansas State, a 54-yard TD
- Nixon joins Justice Haynes of Michigan, Cam Edwards of UConn and Robert Henry Jr. of UTSA who also have three runs of 50+ yards this season
- Additionally, Myles Montgomery earned two long runs at Kansas State, scampering for 45 yards, his longest rush as a Knight, and later running for 44 yards for his highest career rushing total of 119 yards on 10 carries
- UCF is the only Big 12 team to boast three different players to have 100-yard rushing performances. Nixon, Montgomery and Jacurri Brown have all earned 100 rushing yards in a game this season. Arizona State leads the league in total 100-yard rushing outings, tallying four between two players while Baylor and BYU join UCF with three 100-yard rushing performances.

3 NO FLY ZONE

- The Knights have the sixth-best ranked passing defense in the country when it comes to yards allowed, surrendering just 129.8 yards per game thus far
- UCF leads the Big 12 in fewest passing plays allowed of 20+ yards or more, surrendering just six; BYU, Houston and Utah are the closest league foes to UCF with eight. In all of FBS, UCF ranks tied for fifth in the category, sitting behind Nebraska (0), James Madison (4), Alabama and Oklahoma (5). The Knights are tied with Indiana and Texas (6).
- The Knights have been equally as solid in the redzone, ranking 14th in the nation in red zone defense, earning three stops with their backs against the wall
- The UCF defense has compiled five interceptions through four games, including 13 pass breakups and eight sacks of the quarterback
- UCF's 40 passing yards allowed against N.C. A&T was the fourth-lowest in the Knights' FBS history (since 1996)

4 STRONG DEFENSIVE STARTS

- UCF's defense has put together strong starts in each game this season, holding its opponent scoreless in each first quarter.
- The Knights didn't allow a touchdown in the first half of the first three games of the season; Kansas State broke that trend with two in the second quarter of UCF's Big 12 opener.
- UCF has shut out its opponent in eight of 16 quarters this season.
- Prior to Week 4's results, UCF was one of three FBS teams to not allow a point during the first half, the other two also had their streaks broken (TTU, BYU)

5 BOUNCE HOUSE AFTER DARK

- UCF is set to play its first Big 12 Conference game on a Saturday night since becoming members of the league in 2023
- Since 2016, home field at night has powered UCF to a 19-6 clip in games at Acrisure Bounce House that start at 7 p.m. or later, including 8-4 on Saturday nights.

6 FLAWLESS START ON FOURTH DOWN

- UCF started the season a perfect 8-for-8 on fourth downs through the first three games, but saw the flawless start snapped at Kansas State, going 0-2.
- The Knights were one of 11 FBS teams that were perfect on fourth down leading up to week five, and had converted the most fourth downs of the perfect teams.
- Currently, UCF's eight conversions on fourth down is tied for 10th most in FBS

7 FROST'S WINNING STREAK SNAPPED

- With UCF's first loss of the 2025 season, Coach Frost's 16-game winning streak as head coach of the Knights was snapped at the hands of Kansas State. It was the longest active streak by an FBS coach at one institution. The 2017 Knights, piloted by Frost, were the only team to finish that season unbeaten as they earned 13-straight victories, setting up the streak.
- The victory over North Carolina tied Frost with Nick Saban of Alabama and Lincoln Riley with Oklahoma; Saban pieced together 16 straight wins from Jan. 1, 2017 - Dec. 29, 2018 while Riley did it from Oct. 10, 2020 - Oct. 30, 2021

8 POINTS SINCE 2017

- The Knights sit seventh in the FBS in most points scored since 2017, putting 3,961 points on the scoreboard.
- UCF's points are the most by a current Big 12 program over that time, the next closest is Oklahoma State who sit 19th with 3,480. Other opponents on UCF's schedule this season in the top 25 in points since 2017 include Texas Tech (3,443) and North Carolina (3,418), sitting 21st and 23rd, respectively.
- The Black and Gold sit behind Alabama (4,646), Ohio State (4,435), Oklahoma (4,286), Georgia (4,151), Memphis (4,094), and Clemson (4,071).
- UCF is tied for sixth in points from touchdowns with Oregon, registering 521 touchdowns during the span.

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 began the season with four scheduled games vs. teams with new head coaches, but now will have five after Oklahoma State's leadership change.
- The Knights have gone unbeaten thus far against teams with new coaches in 2025, beating Jacksonville St. with Charles Kelly, N.C. A&T (FCS) with Shawn Gibbs and North Carolina with Bill Belichick. All games were at home.
- UCF will face West Virginia and Rich Rodriguez (Oct. 18) and Oklahoma State and interim head coach Doug Meacham (Nov. 22), both at home as well.
- Of the new crop this year, Frost and Rodriguez are the only pair of FBS head coaches to have coached at a school, leave, and return as head coach again.

10 REMEMBERING COACH SHAWN CLARK

- Offensive line coach Shawn Clark, 50, passed away the evening of Sep. 21 at a local hospital unexpectedly, with his wife, Jonelle, by his side. He was admitted on Tuesday, Sept. 9, after experiencing a medical emergency and remained in stable condition before passing away.
- A veteran coach with more than two decades of experience, Coach Clark joined UCF in December 2024 following a successful tenure as head coach at Appalachian State, where he compiled a 40-24 record across five seasons. His App State tenure was highlighted by a 10-win season in 2021 and three bowl wins. Coach Clark's teams earned multiple Sun Belt East Division titles and developed some of the nation's top offensive line units, with his 2018 and 2019 groups ranked among the best in the country.
- The Knights will honor Coach Clark with a decal on the back of their helmets

BY THE NUMBERS

72

The Knights have compiled 72 victories since the start of the 2017 season, the most of any program in the Big 12 Conference. The win total is tied for 15th most in the nation since that time. A full list is available in later in the notes.

4

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.

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 DI schools while 18 are from high school.

3961

UCF has scored 3,961 points since the start of 2017, the seventh-most in the nation behind Alabama, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Georgia, Memphis and Clemson. The Knights have tallied the most in the Big 12; the closest to them is Oklahoma St. at 3,480.

BROADCAST INFORMATION

TV

ESPN 2

Play-by-Play: Lowell Galindo
Analyst: Aaron Murray
Analyst: Lauren Sisler

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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: 3-1 + Conference: 0-1

Home: 3-0 + Away: 0-1 + vs. Top 25: 0-0

Aug. 28	Jacksonville State	ESPN+	W, 17-10
Sep. 6	North Carolina A&T	ESPN+	W, 68-7
BYE WEEK			
Sep. 20	North Carolina	FOX	W, 34-9
Sep. 27	at Kansas State*	FS1	L, 34-20
Oct. 4	Kansas*	ESPN2	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Cincinnati*	FS1	Noon
Oct. 18	West Virginia*	TBD	-
BYE WEEK			
Nov. 1	at Baylor*	TBD	-
Nov. 7	Houston*	FS1	8 p.m.
Nov. 15	at #11/14 Texas Tech*	TBD	-
Nov. 22	Oklahoma State*	TBD	-
Nov. 29	at #23/23 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
- Be the second straight season starting 1-1 in Big 12 play
- Make 2025 the best start to a season since 2022 (4-1)
- Be UCF's first over Kansas
- Be UCF's first over a team from the state of Kansas (0-5 all time)

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##	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	230	r-Sr.	Stephens City, Va./Sherando (Virginia Tech)
1	Kylan Fox	TE	6-4	235	So.	Valdosta, Ga./Grayson
1	Ja'Cari Henderson	DB	6-0	180	r-Jr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
2	Tayven Jackson	QB	6-4	215	r-Jr.	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove (Indiana/Tennessee)
2	Phillip Dunnam	DB	6-1	195	Sr.	North Miami Beach, Fla./North Miami Beach (FAU/Indiana)
3	Marcus Burke	WR	6-3	195	r-Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian Academy (Florida)
3	Tony Williams	DB	6-1	195	Fr.	Miami, Fla./Miami Central
4	Taeion Swint	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	Kissimmee, Fla./Osceola
4	Braeden Marshall	DB	5-10	200	Jr.	Lake Mary, Fla./Lake Mary
5	Jaden Nixon	RB	5-10	200	r-Sr.	Las Colinas, Texas/Lone Star (Western Michigan/Oklahoma St.)
5	DJ Bell	DB	6-4	185	r-Jr.	Pensacola, Fla./Pensacola (Memphis)
6	Ric'Darious Farmer	WR	5-11	160	So.	Melbourne, Fla./Melbourne Central Catholic (West Virginia)
6	Isaiah Nixon	EDGE	6-4	245	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	185	Jr.	Lauderhill, Fla./Dillard (East Carolina)
8	Bredell Richardson	WR	6-1	190	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Carrollwood Day
8	Demari Henderson	DB	6-0	185	r-Jr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
9	DJ Black	WR	6-4	205	r-Jr.	Inman, S.C./Chapman (Limestone/South Carolina)
9	Nyjalik Kelly	EDGE	6-5	265	Sr.	Oakland Park, Fla./Dillard (Miami)
10	Davi Belfort	QB	5-11	195	r-Fr.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil / Western [Fla.] (Virginia Tech)
10	Sincere Edwards	EDGE	6-3	250	So.	Orlando, Fla./Wekiva (Pittsburgh)
11	Jacurri Brown	QB	6-4	205	r-Jr.	Valdosta, Ga./Lowndes (Miami)
11	Jaeden Gould	DB	6-2	210	r-Jr.	Somerset, N.J./Bergen Catholic (Syracuse/Nebraska)
12	Carl Jenkins Jr.	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	St. Augustine, Fla./St. Augustine
12	Aymeric Koumba	EDGE	6-5	245	r-So.	Bordeaux, France / Lycée Alfred Kastler (Michigan)
13	Chris Domercant	WR	6-1	185	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	205	r-Sr.	Dayton, Ohio/Wayne (Florida Atlantic/Marshall)
14	Isaiah Reed	DB	6-0	190	5th	Lake Wales, Fla. / Seffner Christian Academy (Brown)
15	Jyaire Brown	DB	5-11	175	r-Jr.	New Orleans, La./Lakota West (LSU/Ohio State)
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
17	Brock Hansel	QB	5-10	175	r-Jr.	Lake Worth, Fla./Park Vista
17	Jaylen "AP" Heyward	DB	6-0	190	So.	Rockledge, Fla./Rockledge
18	Caden Piening	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson
18	Jakob Gude	DB	5-11	190	So.	Atlanta, Ga./Langston Hughes
19	Waden Charles	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla./Somerset Academy
19	Hudson Gibbs	DB	5-9	170	r-So.	Winter Park, Fla./Winter Park
20	Lewis Carter	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	Tampa, Fla./Tampa Catholic (Oklahoma)
21	Stacy Gage	RB	5-11	200	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
22	Myles Montgomery	RB	5-11	200	r-Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Fletcher (Cincinnati)
23	Jayden Williams	DB	5-11	190	R-Sr.	Valrico, Fla. / Bloomingdale (FAU)
25	Rukeem Stroud	DB	5-11	165	Fr.	Plant City, Fla./Tampa Bay Tech
26	Christian Peterson	DB	5-9	185	So.	Dothan, Ala./Westlake
27	Nicholas Antoine	DB	6-4	205	r-Jr.	Daytona Beach, Fla./Mainland
28	Troy Ford Jr.	LB	6-2	225	r-So.	Savannah, Ga./Calvary Day
29	Jayden Bellamy	DB	6-1	190	r-Jr.	Freehold, N.J./Bergen Catholic (Syracuse/Notre Dame)
30	Kam Moore	LB	6-1	220	r-Jr.	Sanford, Fla./ Seminole
31	Noah McGough	K/P	5-11	175	Fr.	Dallas, Texas / Jesuit
32	Tyler Wrenn	RB	5-11	185	r-Sr.	Fort Pierce, Fla./Vero Beach (Chowan)
32	Malakhi Boone	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Bushnell, Fla. / South Sumter
33	Phil Picciotti	LB	6-3	230	r-So.	Perkasie, Pa./IMG Academy (Oklahoma)
34	Terrell Jackson	DB	6-1	185	r-Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian
35	Agyeman Addae	RB	5-9	190	Fr.	Miami, Fla./Columbus
36	Chase Jarrett	DB	6-0	200	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Plant
37	Rocklyn Kelley	LS	6-1	225	Fr.	Denton, Texas / Guyer
38	Jayden McDonald	LB	6-4	235	r-Sr.	Salem, Va. / Salem (Virginia Tech)
39	Andrea Parisi	WR	5-11	195	r-Fr.	Bergamo, Italy/Saint Andrew's
40	Anthony Venneri	P	6-0	215	r-Jr.	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada/St. Thomas More (Ohio State/Buffalo)
42	Chance Nixon	RB	5-9	175	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla. / Oviedo
43	Cole Kozlowski	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Spring Lake, N.J./ Manasquan (Colgate)
44	Josh Dorsainvil	EDGE	6-5	240	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.)

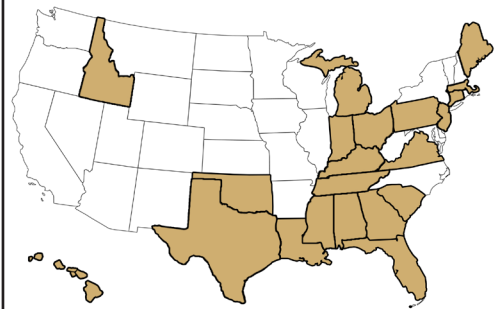
2025 UCF ROSTER

##	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown/High School (Previous Schools)
45	Quentin Hatch	EDGE	6-1	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	OL	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	OL	6-4	295	r-Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas/Ravenwood (Louisiana Monroe/James Madison)
53	Laparka Langston	OL	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	OL	6-3	310	5th	Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill (Georgia)
55	John Walker	DT	6-4	324	r-So.	Kissimmee, Fla./Osceola
57	Camp Lott	OL	6-6	265	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	305	Jr.	Jesup, Ga. / Wayne County (Limestone/Madonna)
62	Jabari Brooks	OL	6-3	325	5th	Sandersville, Ga./Washington County (Samford)
63	Shaheem Hill	OL	6-4	325	r-Jr.	Orlando, Fla./Edgewater
64	Gaard Memmelaar	OL	6-4	310	5th	Middleton, Idaho/Middleton (Washington)
65	Jaquez Joiner	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	Cocoa, Fla./Cocoa
66	Colin Cook	OL	6-3	305	5th	Baton Rouge, La./Parkview Baptist (Evangel [Springfield])
67	Noah Senka	OL	6-2	295	r-Fr.	Seminole, Fla./Indian Rocks Christian
68	Ethan Higgins	OL	6-6	270	r-So.	Brooksville, Fla./Hernando Christian
69	Paul Rubelt	OL	6-11	310	5th	Frankfurt-Oder, Germany/Frankfurt-Oder
70	RaiShaun McHaney	OL	6-8	270	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lutheran of Indianapolis
71	Thomas Gearity	OL	6-4	295	r-Fr.	St. Cloud, Fla./Osceola
72	Dominick Campbell	OL	6-9	310	r-Jr.	Scarborough, Maine/Phillips Exeter Academy (Howard/Notre Dame)
73	Jacob Maiava	OL	6-2	280	Fr.	Kahuku, Hawaii / Santa Margarita
74	Matthew Prigmore	OL	6-2	315	r-So.	Weston, Fla./Cypress Bay
75	Andrew Phelan	OL	6-3	275	r-So.	Orlando, Fla./East River
76	Justin Royes	OL	6-5	300	r-So.	Suffolk, Va./Lakeland (Virginia Union)
77	Keegan Smith	OL	6-3	300	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	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	Dwartzney 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
99	Jamaal Johnson	EDGE	6-2	255	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:
 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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 Virginia (3) Massachusetts (1) Hawaii (1)
 Indiana (2) Connecticut (1) Michigan (1)
 South Carolina (2) Alabama (1) Oklahoma (1)

United States (107) France (1)
 Brazil (1) Germany (1)
 Canada (1) Italy (1)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

No.	Name	First Name Pron.	Last Name Pron.
0	Keli Lawson	Kelly	--
1	Kylan Fox	KAL-lynn	--
1	Ja'Cari 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	Agyeman 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
70	RaiShaun McHaney	Ray-shawn	--
71	Thomas Gearity	--	Gare-eh-tee
73	Jacob Maiava	--	My-ah-vuh
75	Andrew Phelan	--	FAY-lin
83	Dallan "Deebo" Coleman	Dale-en	--
87	Andrew Rumph	--	Rump
88	Derrick LeBlanc	--	Le-blonk
89	Caleb Rollerson	--	Rall-er-sin
91	Keshaun Hudson	Key-shawn	--
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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	3-1	.750
At UCF	3 Seasons	22-8	.733
Total	8 Seasons	38-39	.494

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2004	Nebraska	Graduate Assistant
2006	Kansas State	Graduate Assistant
2007	Northern Iowa	Line
2008	Northern Iowa	Co-Defensive Coordir
2009-12	Oregon	Pass Game Coordin
2013-15	Oregon	Offensive Coordinator/WR 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
	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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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

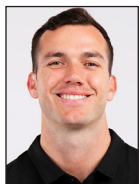
- ◆ Dawson returns to UCF after serving as a defensive analyst at Kansas (2024) and Ohio State (2023)
- ◆ He previously coached UCF's defensive line during Frost's first tenure, leading the defensive front in their undefeated 2017 season
- ◆ Has spent time on NFL staffs with the Giants and Eagles
- ◆ 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

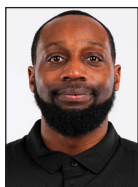
- ◆ Spent four seasons with Scott Frost at Nebraska
- ◆ Was at Boise State in 2024 as an offensive analyst, helping the Broncos earn a spot in the inaugural 12-team College Football Playoff
- ◆ Spent the 2023 season as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Maine, leading the Black Bears 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



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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	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA						
Iowa State	2-0	1.000	63	35	5-0	1.000	158	71	3-0	1-0	1-0	W 6	0-0	1-0
Arizona State	2-0	1.000	54	48	4-1	.800	146	106	3-0	1-1	0-0	W 3	0-0	1-0
BYU	1-0	1.000	24	21	4-0	1.000	154	37	2-0	2-0	0-0	W 6	0-0	0-0
Houston	1-0	1.000	36	20	4-0	1.000	125	53	2-0	2-0	0-0	W 4	0-0	0-0
Texas Tech	1-0	1.000	34	10	4-0	1.000	208	45	3-0	1-0	0-0	W 4	0-0	1-0
Cincinnati	1-0	1.000	37	34	3-1	.750	158	74	2-0	1-0	0-1	W 3	0-0	0-0
Utah	1-1	.500	58	48	4-1	.800	195	73	1-1	3-0	0-0	W 1	0-0	0-1
Baylor	1-1	.500	69	54	3-2	.600	183	144	1-2	2-0	0-0	W 1	0-0	1-0
Kansas	1-1	.500	75	47	3-2	.600	183	103	3-1	1-0	0-0	L 1	0-0	0-0
Kansas State	1-1	.500	55	44	2-3	.400	131	126	2-1	0-1	0-1	W 1	0-0	0-1
Arizona	0-1	.000	14	39	3-1	.750	125	65	3-0	0-1	0-0	L 1	0-0	0-1
UCF	0-1	.000	20	34	3-1	.750	139	60	3-0	0-1	0-0	L 1	0-0	0-0
TCU	0-1	.000	24	27	3-1	.750	149	86	2-0	1-1	0-0	L 1	0-0	0-0
Oklahoma State	0-1	.000	27	45	1-3	.250	69	140	1-2	0-1	0-0	L 3	0-1	0-1
Colorado	0-2	.000	41	60	2-3	.400	129	114	2-2	0-1	0-0	L 1	0-0	0-1
West Virginia	0-2	.000	24	89	2-3	.400	110	133	2-1	0-2	0-0	L 2	0-0	0-0

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG 12

Friday, October 3	Time
West Virginia at #23/23 BYU (ESPN)	10:30 p.m. ET/8:30 p.m. MT
Saturday, October 4	Time
Kansas State at Baylor (ESPN+)	11 a.m. CT
#14/12 Iowa State at Cincinnati (ESPN2)	12 p.m. ET/11 a.m. CT
Oklahoma State at Arizona (TNT & HBO Max)	2 p.m. CT/12 p.m. MST
#11/14 Texas Tech at Houston (ESPN)	6 p.m. CT
Colorado at TCU (FOX)	6:30 p.m. CT/5:30 p.m. MT
Kansas at UCF (ESPN2)	7:30 p.m. ET/6:30 p.m. CT

Bye Week: #25/24 Arizona State and Utah

CONFERENCE NEWS & NOTES

- BYU, Houston, Iowa State and Texas Tech give the Big 12 four teams with 4-0 starts to the season for the first time since 2015.
- The Big 12 has four of the 20 undefeated FBS programs entering Week Six, tied for the second most of any conference.
- BYU and Iowa State are two of nine FBS teams with active win streaks of six or more victories.
- The Big 12 had three Conference games decided by three or fewer points in Week Five, one shy of its single-week record of four in Week 10 of the 2023 season.
- Big 12 QB Club: Five Big 12 signal callers rank in the top 20 in FBS in passing touchdowns, which ties for the most of any conference. Baylor's Sawyer Robertson (first), KU's Jalon Daniels (tied for second), Utah's Devon Dampier (tied for ninth), TCU's Josh Hoover (tied for ninth) and TTU's Behren Morton (tied for ninth) have combined to throw 66 touchdowns.
- Big 12 QB Club: Four of the 10 Power Four QB's with 350 yards or more of total offense in Week Five were KU's Jalon Daniels (first - 500 yards), UC's Brendan Sorsby (second - 440 yards), Baylor's Sawyer Robertson (fifth - 399 yards), and ASU's Sam Leavitt (10th - 353 yards).
- Arizona State's eight consecutive wins over Big 12 opponents, including the 2024 Big 12 Football Championship, mark the longest such streak among all Power Four programs.
- Big 12 defenses have tallied 46 interceptions this season, which are the most of any FBS conference.

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No.	Name	Pos.	Height	Weight	Class	Hometown/High School/Previous School
0	Austin Alexander	CB	6-0	190	RS-Fr.	Hazel Crest, Ill. / Marian Catholic HS
0	Harry Stewart III	RB	5-10	215	RS-Fr.	Frisco, Texas / Centennial HS
1	Bangally Kamara	LB	6-2	235	RS-Sr.	Akron, Ohio / East HS / South Carolina / Pitt
1	Emmanuel Henderson Jr.	WR	6-1	190	Sr.	Hartford, Ala. / Geneva County HS / Alabama
2	Lyrik Rawls	S	6-1	205	RS-Sr.	Marshall, Texas / Marshall HS / Oklahoma State
3	Keaton Kubecka	WR	6-2	210	RS-So.	Austin, Texas / Westlake HS
3	Joseph Sipp Jr.	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Tampa, Fla. / Hillsborough HS / Bowling Green
4	Trey Lathan	LB	6-1	228	RS-Jr.	Goulds, Fla. / Gulliver Prep HS / West Virginia
4	Leshon Williams	RB	5-10	215	RS-Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / Richards HS / Iowa
5	Doug Emilien	WR	6-1	190	RS-Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / American Heritage / Minnesota
5	Dean Miller	DE	6-5	240	RS-Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Cathedral HS / College of the Canyons
6	Jalon Daniels	QB	6-0	220	RS-Sr.	Lawndale, Calif. / Lawndale HS
6	Jahlil Hurley	CB	6-2	185	RS-So.	Florence, Ala. / Florence HS / Alabama
7	DJ Graham II	CB	6-0	200	RS-Sr.	Fort Worth, Texas / Keller Central HS / Utah State/Oklahoma
7	Cam Pickett	WR	6-0	200	RS-Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Brooks College Prep / Ball State
8	Jon Jon Kamara	LB	6-3	230	RS-Fr.	Goodyear, Ariz. / Desert Edge HS
8	Isaiah Marshall	QB	6-0	215	RS-Fr.	Southfield, Mich. / Southfield A&T HS
9	Dak Brinkley	DE	6-3	245	RS-Fr.	Katy, Texas / Katy HS
9	Daniel Hishaw Jr.	RB	5-10	220	RS-Sr.	Moore, Okla. / Moore HS
10	Jayson Gilliom	LB	6-2	225	RS-Sr.	Suwanee, Ga. / North Gwinnett HS
10	Levi Wentz	WR	6-2	205	RS-Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Pine-Richland HS / Albany/ Old Dominion
11	Bryson Canty	WR	6-2	205	RS-Sr.	Pfafftown, N.C. / Reagan HS / Columbia
11	Devin Dye	S	6-0	192	RS-Sr.	San Diego, Calif. / Cathedral Catholic HS / Palomar College/Utah State
12	Bryson Hayes	WR	6-0	190	Fr.	Wichita, Kan. / Maize Senior HS
12	Laquan Robinson	S	6-1	200	RS-Jr.	Greenville, Ala. / Greenville HS / Auburn
13	Dylan Brooks	DE	6-4	245	RS-Sr.	Roanoke, Ala. / Handley HS / Auburn
13	Bryce Cohoon	WR	6-2	200	RS-So.	Wichita, Kan. / Maize HS / Syracuse
14	Jalen Dye	S	6-0	195	RS-Sr.	San Diego, Calif. / Cathedral Catholic HS / Palomar College
14	Mikey Pauley	QB	6-5	220	RS-Jr.	Overland Park, Kan. / Blue Valley Northwest / Nebraska
15	Cole Ballard	QB	6-2	215	RS-So.	Westfield, Ind. / Westfield HS
15	Justice Finkley	DE	6-2	250	Sr.	Trussville, Ala. / Hewitt-Trussville HS / Texas
16	Logan Brantley	LB	6-2	225	RS-So.	Denver, Colo. / Cherry Creek HS
16	David McComb	QB	6-4	220	Fr.	Edmond, Okla. / Memorial HS
17	Jaden Hamm	TE	6-6	250	RS-So.	Eudora, Kan. / Eudora HS
17	Brandon Schmelzle	S	6-2	195	Fr.	Axtell, Kan. / Axtell HS
18	DeShawn Hanika	TE	6-6	245	RS-Sr.	Topeka, Kan. / Hayden HS / Butler CC / Iowa State
18	Damani Maxson	S	6-1	195	RS-Fr.	Houston, Texas / Clear Lake HS
19	Jaidyn Doss	WR	6-0	195	RS-So.	Kansas City, Mo. / Raymore-Peculiar HS / Nebraska
19	Chris McCorkle	CB	6-1	175	Fr.	Bradenton, Fla. / Cardinal Mooney HS
20	Malachi Curvey	LB	6-4	230	Fr.	Waukee, Iowa / Ankeny Centennial HS
20	Johnny Thompson Jr.	RB	5-11	200	RS-So.	Canoga Park, Calif. / Oaks Christian School
22	Syeed Gibbs	CB	6-0	190	RS-Jr.	Everett, Mass. / Everett HS / Rhode Island / Georgia Tech
22	Micah Johnson	RB	5-10	200	RS-Fr.	Wichita, Kan. / Goddard HS
23	Mason Ellis	S	6-2	200	RS-Jr.	Mulvane, Kan. / Mulvane HS
24	Darrion Jones	S	6-3	175	Fr.	Fort Myers, Fla. / Cape Coral HS
24	John Kelly	RB	6-1	190	Fr.	Cypress, Texas / Cypress Christian HS
25	Caleb Redd	DE	6-3	245	RS-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / De Smet HS / Kentucky
25	Justin Thurman	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Jesuit HS
26	Jalen Todd	CB	6-1	195	So.	Detroit, Mich. / Southfield A&T HS
27	Taylor Davis	S	6-0	197	RS-So.	Missouri City, Texas / Ridge Point HS
28	JaCorey Stewart	LB	6-0	230	RS-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Milton HS
29	Jameel Croft Jr.	CB	6-0	195	RS-So.	Detroit, Mich. / Martin Luther King HS
30	Aundre Gibson	CB	5-10	188	RS-Fr.	Goodyear, Ariz. / Desert Edge HS
31	Landon Nelson	S	5-11	195	RS-Sr.	Maui, Hawaii / Valley HS
33	Leroy Harris III	DE	6-5	230	So.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Christ Presbyterian HS / Chattanooga
35	Finn Lappin	P	5-11	185	RS-Sr.	Melbourne / University of Melbourne / McNeese St.
36	Jameer Moore	CB	6-3	200	RS-Fr.	Salina, Kan. / Salina Central HS
37	Grayden Addison	P	5-11	225	RS-Sr.	Noblesville, Ind. / Noblesville HS
38	Jack Schneider	WR	6-3	195	RS-So.	Overland Park, Kan. / Blue Valley West HS
39	Cole Mondì	LB	5-10	220	RS-Sr.	Lawrence, Kan. / Lawrence HS
40	Colter McDaniel	S	6-2	195	RS-Fr.	Cheney, Kan. / Cheney HS
41	Ezra Vedral	LB	6-2	225	RS-So.	Omaha, Neb. / Creighton Prep HS
44	Carson Bruhn	TE	6-6	255	RS-Fr.	Sioux Center, Iowa / Sioux Center HS

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Name	Pos.	No.
A		
David Abajian	OL	50
Grayden Addison	P	37
Austin Alexander	CB	0
Kene Anene	OL	55
B		
Cole Ballard	QB	15
Kobe Baynes	OL	70
Logan Brantley	LB	16
Alex Bray	DE	91
Dak Brinkley	DE	9
Dylan Brooks	DE	13
Carson Bruhn	TE	44
C		
Kenean Caldwell	DT	97
Marcus Calvin	DT	56
Bryson Canty	WR	11
Calvin Clements	OL	75
Bryce Cohoon	WR	13
Donald Collier	WR	86
Quinton Conley	TE	81
Jackson Cook	WR	89
Jameel Croft	CB	29
Enrique Cruz Jr.	OL	77
Leyton Cure	TE	87
Malachi Curvey	LB	20
D		
Jalon Daniels	QB	6
Jacoby Davis	CB	47
Taylor Davis	S	27
Jaidyn Doss	WR	19
Emory Duggar	LS	51
Tommy Dunn Jr.	DT	92
Devin Dye	S	11
Jalen Dye	S	14
E		
Dane Efird	K	98
Mason Ellis	S	23
Doug Emilien	WR	5
F		
Kael Farkes	OL	58
Justice Finkley	DE	15
Bryce Foster	OL	61
G		
Syeed Gibbs	CB	22
Aundre Gibson	CB	30
Jayson Gilliom	LB	10
Nolan Gorczyca	OL	59
DJ Graham II	CB	7
Greydon Grimes	OL	78
Boden Groen	TE	88
H		
Jaden Hamm	TE	17
Josiah Hammond	DT	93
DeShawn Hanika	TE	18
DeAndre Harper	OL	72
Leroy Harris III	DE	33
Bryson Hayes	WR	12
Emmanuel Henderson	WR	1
Blake Herold	DT	94
Amir Herring	OL	56
Daniel Hishaw Jr.	RB	9
Adrian Holley	DE	90
Conlee Hovey	TE	83
Jahlil Hurley	CB	6

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Height	Weight	Class	Hometown/High School/Previous School	45
	Garrett Martin	DE	6-4	240	Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. / Saguaro HS	
47	Jacoby Davis	CB	5-10	180	RS-So.	Houston, Texas / North Shore Senior HS	
49	Hollis Moeller	LS	6-0	220	RS-Fr.	Shawnee, Kan. / Bishop Miega HS	
50	David Abajian	OL	6-5	315	RS-Fr.	West Hills, Calif. / Chaminade College Preparatory	
51	Emory Duggar	LS	6-2	225	RS-Sr.	Baton Rouge, La. / Catholic HS	
52	Tyler Mercer	OL	6-4	300	RS-So.	Prosper, Texas / Prosper HS / North Texas	
52	D.J. Withers	DT	6-4	300	RS-Sr.	Little Rock, Ark. / Joe T. Robinson HS	
54	Tavake Tuikolovatu	OL	6-6	325	RS-So.	Wailuku, Hawaii / Summit HS (CA)	
55	Kene Anene	OL	6-5	315	RS-Fr.	Cottage Grove, Minn. / East Ridge HS	
56	Marcus Calvin	DT	6-2	300	RS-So.	St. Petersburg, Fla. / Gibbs HS	
56	Amir Herring	OL	6-3	305	RS-So.	Southfield, Mich. / West Bloomfield HS / Michigan	
57	Hank Kelly	OL	6-4	290	RS-Sr.	Fayetteville, Ark. / Fayetteville HS	
58	Kael Farkes	OL	6-3	275	RS-Jr.	Lenexa, Kan. / Shawnee Mission Northwest HS	
59	Nolan Gorczyca	OL	6-6	315	RS-Sr.	Omaha, Neb. / Roncalli Catholic HS / Buffalo	
61	Bryce Foster	OL	6-5	310	RS-Sr.	Katy, Texas / Taylor HS / Texas A&M	
65	Carter Lavrusky	OL	6-6	320	RS-Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. / Horizon HS	
67	Eli Richmond	DL	6-4	295	RS-Fr.	Paola, Kan. / Paola HS	
70	Kobe Baynes	OL	6-4	315	RS-Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Sandalwood HS / Louisville	
70	Jason Strickland	DL	6-3	280	RS-Fr.	Olathe, Kan. / Blue Valley Southwest HS	
71	James Livingston	OL	6-7	315	RS-Jr.	Dexter, Mich. / Dexter HS	
71	Grady Seyfert	DT	6-1	300	RS-So.	Beloit, Kan. / Beloit HS	
72	DeAndre Harper	OL	6-6	320	So.	Omaha, Neb. / Omaha North HS / Northwest Missouri State	
73	Anderson Kopp	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Brophy College Prep	
74	Jack Tanner	OL	6-6	310	So.	Highland Village, Texas / Marcus HS / Tulsa	
75	Calvin Clements	OL	6-7	315	RS-So.	Lawrence, Kan. / Lawrence Free State HS	
76	Antonio Wilson	OL	6-6	320	RS-So.	Orlando, Fla. / Jones HS / Garden City CC	
77	Enrique Cruz Jr.	OL	6-6	320	RS-Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / Willowbrook HS / Syracuse	
78	Greydon Grimes	OL	6-6	285	RS-Fr.	China Spring, Texas / China Spring HS	
80	Mack Moeller	WR	6-3	205	RS-Sr.	Mission, Kan. / Bishop Miega HS	
81	Quinton Conley	TE	6-6	245	RS-Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. / Pembroke Hill School	
82	Isreal Moses V	WR	6-2	200	RS-So.	Minneapolis, Minn. / De La Salle HS	
83	Conlee Hovey	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Louisburg, Kan. / Louisburg HS	
84	Jaden Nickens	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	Simi Valley, Calif. / Sierra Canyon HS	
85	Tate Nagy	WR	5-10	165	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan. / Blue Valley West HS	
86	Donald Collier	WR	5-10	185	RS-Fr.	Andover, Kan. / Trinity Academy	
87	Leyton Cure	TE	6-3	245	RS-Sr.	Goodland, Kan. / Goodland HS / Fort Hays State	
88	Boden Groen	TE	6-4	240	Sr.	Santa Ana, Calif. / Mater Dei HS / Rice	
89	Jackson Cook	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	Loganville, Ga. / South Gwinnett	
90	Adrian Holley	DE	6-4	245	Fr.	Westville, Ind. / Michigan City HS	
91	Alex Bray	DL	6-4	270	Jr.	Chesterfield, Mo. / Marquette HS / Illinois	
92	Tommy Dunn Jr.	DT	6-3	305	RS-Sr.	Garland, Texas / Naaman Forest HS	
93	Josiah Hammond	DT	6-4	270	Fr.	Tulsa, Okla. / Union HS	
94	Blake Herold	DT	6-3	290	RS-So.	Shenandoah, Iowa / Shenandoah HS	
95	Efren Jasso	P	6-2	210	Sr.	Houston, Texas / C.E. King HS / Prarie View A&M	
96	Cole Petrus	DE	6-4	238	RS-Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Vianney HS	
97	Kenean Caldwell	DT	6-3	325	RS-Sr.	Oak Grove, La. / Oak Grove HS	
98	Dane Efird	K	6-3	190	Fr.	Branson, Mo. / Branson HS	
99	Laith Marjan	K	6-2	210	RS-Sr.	Raleigh, N.C. / Enloe HS / South Alabama/East Carolina	
99	Gage Keys	DL	6-4	285	RS-Sr.	Hilliard, Ohio / Hilliard Davidson HS / Auburn	

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

David Abajian	Uh-bah-jee-in
Kene Anene	Ke-ne Uh-ne-ne
Bryce Cohoon	Kuh-hoon
Malachi Curvey	Mal-lik-ki Cur-vay
Emory Duggar	Dug-er
Doug Emilien	Ee-million
Syeed Gibbs	Si-eed
Jayson Gilliom	Gill-ee-um
Boden Groen	Grew-in
Nolan Gorczyca	Gor-sik-uh
Deshawn Hanika	Hah-nik-kuh
Conlee Hovey	Ho-vee

Kael Farkes	Far-kiss
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Finn Lappin	Lap-pin
Damani Maxson	Duh-mah-nee
Lyrik Rawls	Leer-ick
Laquan Robinson	Luh-quan
Brandon Schmelzle	Sh-smell-slee
Tavake Tuikolovatu	Tuh-vah-kay To-ick-uh-luh-vah-to
Ezra Vedral	Veh-drell
Leshon Williams	Lee-shon

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Name	Pos.	No.
J		
Efren Jasso	P	95
Micah Johnson	RB	22
Darrion Jones	S	24
K		
Bangally Kamara	LB	1
Jon Jon Kamara	LB	8
Gage Keys	DT	99
Hank Kelly	OL	57
John Kelly	RB	24
Anderson Kopp	OL	73
Keaton Kubecka	WR	3
L		
Finn Lappin	P	35
Trey Lathan	LB	4
Carter Lavrusky	OL	65
James Livingston	OL	71
M		
Laith Marjan	K	99
Isaiah Marshall	QB	8
Garrett Martin	DE	45
Damani Maxson	S	18
David McComb	QB	16
Chris McCorkle	CB	19
Colter McDaniel	S	40
Tyler Mercer	OL	52
Dean Miller	DE	5
Hollis Moeller	LS	49
Mack Moeller	WR	80
Jameer Moore	CB	36
Cole Mondi	LB	39
Isreal Moses V	WR	82
N		
Tate Nagy	WR	85
Landon Nelson	S	31
Jaden Nickens	WR	84
P		
Mikey Pauley	QB	14
Cole Petrus	DE	96
Cam Pickett	WR	7
R		
Lyrik Rawls	S	2
Caleb Redd	DE	25
Eli Richmond	OL	67
Laquan Robinson	S	12
S		
Brandon Schmelzle	S	17
Jack Schneider	WR	38
Grady Seyfert	DT	71
Joseph Sipp Jr.	LB	3
Harry Stewart III	RB	25
JaCorey Stewart	LB	28
Jason Strickland	DT	70
T		
Jack Tanner	OL	74
Johnny Thompson	RB	20
Justin Thurman	RB	25
Jalen Todd	CB	26
Tavake Tuikolovatu	OL	54
V		
Ezra Vedral	LB	41
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Levi Wentz	WR	10
Leshon Williams	RB	4
Antonio Wilson	OL	76
DJ Withers	DT	52

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Position:	Head Coach
Alma Mater:	Wisconsin-Whitewater, 1987
Wife:	Kelly
Children:	Lindsey and Landon

COACHING HISTORY

2021-present	Kansas (Head Coach)
2015-21	Buffalo (Head Coach)
2007-14	Wisconsin Whitewater (Head Coach)
2004-06	Nebraska-Omaha (Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator)
2001-03	Nebraska (Administrative Assistant/Recruiting)
1994-2000	Nebraska Omaha (Assistant Coach)
1991-93	Wisconsin (Graduate Assistant)
1990	Wisconsin-Whitewater (Assistant Coach)
1989	Doane (Assistant Coach)
1988	Wisconsin-Whitewater (Wide Receivers)
1987	Wisconsin-Whitewater (Quarterbacks)

Lance Leipold, a six-time National Champion, a five-time conference coach of the year and the fastest coach in NCAA history to reach 100 career wins, was named the 41st head coach in Kansas Football history on April 30, 2021.

Leipold's track record as a program builder showed itself early in his time in Lawrence, leading the Jayhawks to back-to-back bowl games in 2022 and 2023, a feat that has only been done in Lawrence once in program history. Leipold has guided Kansas to its first-ever program win in Austin, Texas in 2021, followed by Kansas' first-ever win over West Virginia in Morgantown in 2022 and a win over #6 Oklahoma in 2023. In just his second year at the helm, Leipold helped Kansas to secure its first bowl eligibility with a win over No. 18 Oklahoma State on November 5, 2022, giving Kansas its first bowl berth since 2008. Kansas' ranked win was the first since 2010, snapping a 44-game losing streak to AP ranked opponents, while it was Kansas's first ranked win against a conference opponent at home since 2005.

Leipold has engineered Kansas to one of the greatest stories in college football, guiding Kansas to its first

national rankings in 675 weeks, hosting ESPN's College Gameday for the first time in program history on October 8, 2022, hosting FOX Big Noon Kickoff for the first time on Oct. 28, 2023, and earning Kansas' first-ever ranking in the College Football Playoff Ranking on Oct. 31, 2023.

In 2024, Leipold led the Jayhawks to its first preseason ranking in both the AP Preseason Poll and USA Today Coach's Poll since 2008. Kansas played all six of its home games in the Kansas City Metro during the 2024 season while work continued on the University of Kansas Gateway District, as the Jayhawks notched three-straight wins over ranked opponents (No. 16 Iowa State, No. 7 BYU and No. 17 Colorado), marking the first time in program history with three-straight wins over ranked opponents.

Leipold arrived at Kansas after a successful six-year stay at Buffalo, where in his final three seasons, he posted three straight winning seasons for the first time in 20 years. He won 24 games over the final three seasons, which included a seven-game shortened-season schedule in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, marking the most successful three-year run in Buffalo history.

A proven winner with a strong track record for player development, Leipold served as the head coach at Wisconsin-Whitewater for eight seasons from 2007 to 2014, capturing six NCAA Division III national championships and tallying an astounding record of 109-6.

After taking over a rebuilding Buffalo program that went 7-17 in his first two seasons, Leipold put together a record of 30-16 over his final four seasons, including three bowl appearances and two bowl victories with the Bulls.

Leipold had a 2020 season at Buffalo that brought unprecedented success to the program. The Bulls went a perfect 5-0 in the regular season and won the MAC East Division title for the second-straight year. Leipold's squad also beat Marshall in the Camellia Bowl for the program's second ever bowl win and second in as many years.

Buffalo also appeared in the Associated Press Top 25 at No. 24 on December 6, 2020, marking the first-time in school history the Bulls appeared in the national rankings. The team finished the season ranked 25th in both the AP poll and the Amway Coaches Poll. Leipold was named the MAC Coach of the Year for the second time in his career after the record-breaking season.

Showcasing his pristine reputation for player development and a keen eye for recruiting, Buffalo tied a school-record with 12 All-MAC selections in 2020, all of whom were recruited by Leipold. Running back Jaret Patterson led the way, rushing for 1,072 yards in just six games, including a 409-yard performance against Kent State, which is the second-best performance in FBS history.

Patterson was named the winner of the Vern Smith Leadership Award, given to the MVP of the MAC and was also named the MAC Offensive Player of the Year under Leipold's tutelage.

Buffalo also had 12 all-conference players in 2019, a season that culminated in the school's first-ever bowl victory – a 31-9 win over Charlotte in the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl. The 2019 team featured one of the best defenses in the school's history. Buffalo ranked seventh nationally in total defense, allowing 291.9 yards per game. The Bulls were also fourth nationally against the run, allowing 94.2 yards per game.

In 2018, Buffalo won 10 games in a season for the first time ever in program history. Leipold's team went 7-1 in MAC play and won the East Division title. The Bulls also won 42-13 at Rutgers, marking the school's first-ever win over a Power 5 opponent. He was named the MAC Coach of the Year and was also a semifinalist for the George Munger College Coach of the Year Award.

In that 2018 season, the Buffalo offense had a record-breaking season. Buffalo scored 484 points, 64 touchdowns and totaled 5,803 yards of total offense, establishing new school records in each category. Quarterback Tyree Jackson was named the MAC Offensive Player of the Year, while Patterson earned MAC Freshman of the Year honors.

In Leipold's third season in 2017, the Bulls gained bowl eligibility for just the third time as an FBS program. The Bulls offense averaged 432 yards per game and led the conference in passing yards per game at 291. Showing an ability for explosive plays, Buffalo produced 20 plays of 45 or more yards on the season.

Leipold became the head coach at Buffalo in December of 2014 after a triumphant career as the head coach at Wisconsin-Whitewater, which saw him earn six National Coach of the Year awards. In his first season there in 2007, the Warhawks went 14-1 and won the Division III national championship. In 2008, the team made it back to the title game and fell to Mount Union.

Wisconsin-Whitewater then went 45-0 over the next three seasons, winning three straight national championships. After a 7-3 campaign in 2012, Whitewater went 30-0 combined in 2013 and 2014 winning two more national titles with Leipold at the helm.

During his time there, Warhawk players totaled 56 All-America honors, with running back Justin Beaver winning the Gagliardi Trophy as the top player in Division III. Brent Allen won the Division III Rimington Award as the top center. Running back Levell Coppage earned D3Football.com Offensive Player of the Year honors, while Cole Klotz won those honors on the defensive side.

Leipold, a native of Jefferson, Wisconsin, began his coaching career at Whitewater in 1987 as a quarterbacks coach. He moved to the University of Wisconsin in 1991, where he served as a graduate assistant for Barry Alvarez for three seasons and helped the Badgers win a Big Ten title and a Rose Bowl appearance in 1993.

He then served as an assistant coach at Division II Nebraska-Omaha from 1994-2000, helping the Mavericks become three-time conference champions. He was promoted to offensive coordinator in 2000, before moving on to Nebraska where he worked for Frank Solich for four seasons. He then returned to Nebraska-Omaha for three years as the associate head coach and offensive coordinator, before moving on to Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2007.

Leipold is a 1987 graduate of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where he was a standout quarterback.

Leipold and his wife Kelly, have a daughter, Lindsey, and a son, Landon. Landon is a recent graduate of Free State high school and will play collegiately at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, while Lindsey is a former collegiate volleyball player at Stetson University.

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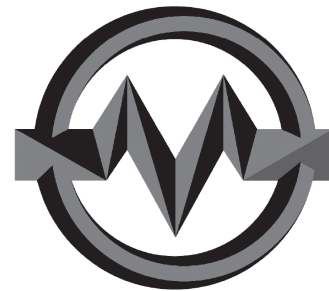
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