

# KNIGHTS



# FOOTBALL



## ◆ UCF Football Postgame Quotes - Oct. 4, 2025 ◆

**Kansas 27, UCF 20**

### **Head Coach Scott Frost Opening Statement**

“Disappointing, proud of the way the guys kept battling. I don’t think we have a locker room that’s going to quit. We’re awfully close to where we need to be to win some of these games, we haven’t done it yet.”

### **Head Coach Scott Frost on the plays at the one yard line**

“I don’t know if he got in or not, the two replays I saw, or one, someone was blocking it. It looked like the ball landed in the end zone, but I’m on the field, I don’t know. Did a great job getting the ball down there to the one, we have to be able to punch that in, and if I need to get more creative, then that’s what I need to do. That’s on me.”

### **Head Coach Scott Frost on Tayven Jackson’s status and Cam Fancher**

“Nothing major on Tayven, X-rays were negative, so we feel good about that. For being out for a while and coming back off injury, and not getting many reps, I thought Cam went in and played well.”

### **Head Coach Scott Frost on the third quarter**

“I’m going to have to answer that at press this week. I thought the whole game turned on our first drive of the third quarter. If we had got something going there and went and got points, the whole thing’s different. Offensively, we played about as well as we could play in the first half, other than finishing a drive or two, one drive with a touchdown instead of a field goal. We had four possessions, and I thought we executed really well. We came out in the second half and first downs were bad, we missed a block on a counter, we missed a block on a wide zone on first down and set us back. We have to be better than that in the third quarter. It felt a lot like the first quarter last week, and you have to play a complete game to win.”

### **Head Coach Scott Frost on the defensive efforts**

“If you’d have told me they’d have had 27 points, I would have felt good about our chances, especially having 20 at halftime. I don’t know if I’ve been a part of one like that where it changed so drastically. We ended up playing a lot of guys who are good players, haven’t played a lot. I really respect Dylan Wade for trying to be out there, he just couldn’t reach for the ball because of his shoulder. A lot of young guys at tight end and receiver playing, and the frustrating thing is we ran the ball really well in the first half. I thought the offensive line did an unbelievable job and just wasn’t there to start drives in the second half.”

### **Head Coach Scott Frost on Kansas’ game**

“I’m always going to give the opponent credit. I thought they did a really good job, they played harder in the second half, I thought. Their defense, you get something different on every play. It wasn’t like they were in one scheme and they made adjustments to that scheme. You never get the same thing two plays in a row from them. It’s quarter-quarter half, it’s cover three, it’s man, it’s blitz, it’s cover two. We had a lot of stuff in that could handle all that, we didn’t handle it as well in the third quarter.”







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#### UCF Defensive Back Braeden Marshall

##### **Marshall on responding to Kansas' rhythm**

"He takes control of offense at a very high level, and they were to execute it."

##### **Marshall on capitalizing on big moments defensively**

"Yeah, but I feel like we could have done a better job with that. We got to learn from this. There's more games to come and we have to learn from our mistakes."

##### **Marshall on the number of big passes given up**

"Jalon Daniels does a great job with offense. He picked some of the holes apart and read what we were in. We got to learn from what they did and make sure it doesn't happen again."

##### **Marshall on the last Kansas drive**

"It was unfortunate. The one thing about stuff like that is that we just have to bounce back. One thing we can do is learn from our mistakes and make sure we get better at what we do."

##### **Marshall on injuries throughout the team**

"It's football. Injuries are a part of the sport. A part of the game. One thing about it is the next man up mentality. Everybody has to stay ready, so that they don't have to get ready."

#### UCF Wide Receiver Duane Thomas Jr.

##### **Thomas on not being able to capitalize to get a touchdown**

"I mean it's pretty disappointing. You think it would be pretty easy but being on the field it's not that easy. I mean, I think we should score at that point."

##### **Thomas on supporting Cam Fancher following Tayven Jackson's injury**

"I mean just like when Cam went down and Tayven got it, we all love on each other 24/7. It doesn't matter who's in the game, we got his back."

##### **Thomas on how Kansas responded to the offense**

"They adjusted. I don't think we executed like we're supposed to." "We just got to be better coming out. And we've gotta have energy coming out. Just execute."







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### **Thomas on having different quarterbacks coming into the game**

“No, I don’t think the calls change. I don’t think you can change how the receiver runs or a running back or tight end. I think you just work around the quarterback. When the quarterback has the ball in his hand, you adjust to him.”

### **Thomas on making efficient plays**

“The motto is when you get the ball, you do something with it. It’s not just me who’s going to catch the ball and get extra yards, the other receivers can do it too. That’s my game, when I’m going to get the yards. When other receivers get their chance they will as well. I don’t think there’s much of an energy change because of that. We all hype each other up regardless of if it’s a catch or not. We’re going to uplift each other, we’re going to be there for each other.”

### **UCF Running Back Myles Montgomery**

### **Montgomery on how the team responded to Tayven Jackson’s injury**

“I mean, as a leader, I got to get everybody rallied back in. Make sure we don’t lose our minds. I did the best I could doing that, and I feel like we responded pretty well.”

### **Montgomery on the final minutes of the game**

“Just came up short. That’s really what it comes down to, just came up short.”

### **Montgomery on the poise of the team**

“We’re getting there, and obviously, we keep having these lapses. We’re about to go in and score, and one of us as an offensive unit just does something that’s just out of character for us. We just have to mitigate those.”

### **Montgomery on the intensity of the fourth quarter**

“I don’t think it’s something we did. I think it’s something the defense did. They got to stop right when we needed it the most, like they always do. I can always count on them.”

