



## 2026 UCF Football Schedule

Week	Date	Opponent	Location
1	<b>Thursday, Sept. 3</b>	<b>Bethune-Cookman</b>	<b>Acrisure Bounce House</b>
2	Saturday, Sept. 12	at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.
3	<b>Saturday, Sept. 19</b>	<b>Georgia State (Family Weekend)</b>	<b>Acrisure Bounce House</b>
4	<b>Saturday, Sept. 26</b>	<b>TCU*</b>	<b>Acrisure Bounce House</b>
5	Saturday, Oct. 3	at Houston*	Houston, Texas
6	Saturday, Oct. 10	at Oklahoma State*	Stillwater, Okla.
7	Saturday, Oct. 17	BYE	
8	<b>Saturday, Oct. 24</b>	<b>BYU* (Homecoming)</b>	<b>Acrisure Bounce House</b>
9	<b>Saturday, Oct. 31</b>	<b>Baylor*</b>	<b>Acrisure Bounce House</b>
10	Saturday, Nov. 7	at Kansas*	Lawrence, Kan.
11	<b>Saturday, Nov. 14</b>	<b>Arizona State*</b>	<b>Acrisure Bounce House</b>
12	<b>Saturday, Nov. 21</b>	<b>Iowa State*</b>	<b>Acrisure Bounce House</b>
13	Saturday, Nov. 28	at Colorado*	Boulder, Colo.
14	Friday, Dec. 4	Big 12 Football Championship at AT&T Stadium	Dallas, Texas

**Bold** - indicates home game in Orlando, Fla.

**\*** - indicates Big 12 Conference game

*Note: Select Saturday games in the 2026 season may be adjusted to select Fridays, other special dates and Black Friday. These games will be announced in the coming weeks. To ensure the best possible gameday atmosphere, UCF will await the decision of the conference and its television partners before designating the date of the Mission Ten Space Game.*

## 5 Numbers to Know for 2026

1	The 2026 slate will be the <b>first season</b> that the Knights have opened Big 12 play at home in UCF's fourth campaign as members of the league. It will be the second time in the Black & Gold's Big 12 tenure that they've begun Big 12 play against TCU; the other two times were road games at Kansas State. UCF triumphed over TCU 35-34 in Fort Worth to begin the 2024 league slate. Additionally, 2026 will be the second season that UCF plays five Big 12 home games.
2	The Knights will play <b>two games</b> against teams with new head coaches in 2026, visiting Oklahoma State and Eric Morris before hosting Iowa State and Jimmy Rogers. 2025 saw UCF and head coach Scott Frost go a perfect 5-0 against new head coaches, beating North Carolina's Bill Belichick, West Virginia's Rich Rodriguez, Oklahoma State's interim Doug Meacham, Jacksonville State's Charles Kelly and North Carolina A&T's Shawn Gibbs in their first years with their programs.
4	<b>Four teams</b> will be making their inaugural trip to Acrisure Bounce House this season, including three Big 12 opponents. Georgia State will wrap up UCF's non-conference slate as the first meeting between the two sides. TCU, Iowa State and Arizona State will all make their Orlando debuts this season, meaning more than half of the Knights' Big 12 home games will be making first-time appearances in front of Knight Nation.
20	The 2026 slate is the <b>20th season</b> that UCF has called Acrisure Bounce House home. The Knights have posted an impressive 90-32 record at home since opening the on-campus stadium in 2007, including five seasons where the Black and Gold have been perfect in Orlando (2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021). UCF has scored 3,830 points in the Bounce House compared to 2,113 points by opponents since its opening. Additionally, the renovations to Roth Tower will be completed for 2026, increasing premium capacity, expanding suite offerings and providing unique event opportunities year-round.
72	Quarterback Alonza Barnett III, who transfers into UCF from James Madison ahead of the 2026 season, has compiled <b>72 touchdowns</b> throughout his collegiate career. He's tossed 49 touchdowns through the air and added another 23 on the ground. The reigning Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year and the driving force behind James Madison's championship season and College Football Playoff appearance, Barnett made a name for himself as a Duke and looks to add an immediate spark to the Knights' roster.

# KNIGHTS



# FOOTBALL

## OPPONENT INFORMATION



### Bethune-Cookman

Thursday, September 3  
Acrisure Bounce House  
Orlando, Fla.

School Location ..... Daytona Beach, Fla.  
Nickname ..... Wildcats  
Conference ..... SWAC  
Stadium ..... Daytona Stadium  
2025 Record ..... 6-6  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 5-3/3rd, East Division  
2025 Bowl ..... N/A  
Head Coach ..... Raymond Woodie  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 11-24 (4th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 11-24 (4th)  
Series with UCF ..... UCF leads 12-5  
Last Meeting ..... Sep. 11, 2021 in Orlando; UCF 63, Bethune-Cookman 14  
X/Twitter ..... @BCUGridiron



### Houston

Saturday, October 3  
TDECU Stadium  
Houston, Texas

School Location ..... Houston, Texas  
Nickname ..... Cougars  
Conference ..... Big 12  
Stadium ..... TDECU Stadium  
2025 Record ..... 10-3  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 6-3/T-4th  
2025 Bowl ..... Kinder's Texas Bowl; 38-35 Win vs. LSU  
Head Coach ..... Willie Fritz  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 222-127 (30th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 14-11 (3rd)  
Series with UCF ..... UCF leads 8-4  
Last Meeting ..... Nov. 7, 2025 in Orlando; Houston 30, UCF 27  
X/Twitter ..... @UHCougarFB



### Kansas

Saturday, November 7  
David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium  
Lawrence, Kan.

School Location ..... Lawrence, Kan.  
Nickname ..... Jayhawks  
Conference ..... Big 12  
Stadium ..... David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium  
2025 Record ..... 5-7  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 3-6/T-11th  
2025 Bowl ..... N/A  
Head Coach ..... Lance Leipold  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 173-74 (20th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 27-35 (6th)  
Series with UCF ..... Kansas leads 2-0  
Last Meeting ..... Oct. 4, 2025 in Orlando; Kansas 27, UCF 20  
X/Twitter ..... @KU\_Football



### Pittsburgh

Saturday, September 12  
Acrisure Stadium  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

School Location ..... Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Nickname ..... Panthers  
Conference ..... ACC  
Stadium ..... Acrisure Stadium  
2025 Record ..... 8-5  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 6-2/T-2nd  
2025 Bowl ..... Go Bowling Military Bowl; 23-17 Loss vs. ECU  
Head Coach ..... Pat Narduzzi  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 80-61 (12th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 80-61 (12th)  
Series with UCF ..... Pitt leads 2-1  
Last Meeting ..... Sept. 21, 2019 in Pittsburgh; Pitt 35, No. 15 UCF 34  
X/Twitter ..... @Pitt\_FB



### Oklahoma State

Saturday, October 10  
Boone Pickens Stadium  
Stillwater, Okla.

School Location ..... Stillwater, Okla.  
Nickname ..... Cowboys  
Conference ..... Big 12  
Stadium ..... Boone Pickens Stadium  
2025 Record ..... 1-11  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 0-9/16th  
2025 Bowl ..... N/A  
Head Coach ..... Eric Morris  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 46-34 (7th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 0-0 (1st)  
Series with UCF ..... UCF leads 2-0  
Last Meeting ..... Nov. 22, 2025 in Orlando; UCF 17, Oklahoma State 14  
X/Twitter ..... @CowboyFB



### Arizona State

Saturday, November 14  
Acrisure Bounce House  
Orlando, Fla.

School Location ..... Tempe, Ariz.  
Nickname ..... Sun Devils  
Conference ..... Big 12  
Stadium ..... Mountain America Stadium  
2025 Record ..... 8-5  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 6-3/T-4th  
2025 Bowl ..... Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl; 42-39 Loss vs. Duke  
Head Coach ..... Kenny Dillingham  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 22-17 (4th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 22-17 (4th)  
Series with UCF ..... Arizona State leads 2-0  
Last Meeting ..... Nov. 9, 2024 in Tempe; Arizona State 35, UCF 31  
X/Twitter ..... @ASUFootball



### Georgia State

Saturday, September 19  
Acrisure Bounce House  
Orlando, Fla.

School Location ..... Atlanta, Ga.  
Nickname ..... Panthers  
Conference ..... Sun Belt  
Stadium ..... Center Parc Credit Union  
2025 Record ..... 1-11  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 0-8/7th, East Division  
2025 Bowl ..... N/A  
Head Coach ..... Dell McGee  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 5-20 (4th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 4-20 (3rd)  
Series with UCF ..... First Meeting  
Last Meeting ..... N/A  
X/Twitter ..... @GeorgiaStateFB



### BYU

Saturday, October 24  
Acrisure Bounce House  
Orlando, Fla.

School Location ..... Provo, Utah  
Nickname ..... Cougars  
Conference ..... Big 12  
Stadium ..... LaVelle Edwards Stadium  
2025 Record ..... 12-2  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 8-1/T-1st  
2025 Bowl ..... Pop-Tarts Bowl; 25-21 Win vs. No. 22 Georgia Tech  
Head Coach ..... Kalani Sitake  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 84-45 (11th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 84-45 (11th)  
Series with UCF ..... BYU leads 4-1  
Last Meeting ..... Nov. 29, 2025 in Provo; No. 11 BYU 41, UCF 21  
X/Twitter ..... @BYUFootball



### Iowa State

Saturday, November 21  
Acrisure Bounce House  
Orlando, Fla.

School Location ..... Ames, Iowa  
Nickname ..... Cyclones  
Conference ..... Big 12  
Stadium ..... MidAmerican Energy Field at Jack Trice Stadium  
2025 Record ..... 8-4  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 5-4/T-7th  
2025 Bowl ..... N/A; declined invite due to head coach departure  
Head Coach ..... Jimmy Rogers  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 33-9 (4th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 0-0 (1st)  
Series with UCF ..... Iowa State leads 1-0  
Last Meeting ..... Oct. 19, 2024 in Ames; No. 9 Iowa State 38, UCF 35  
X/Twitter ..... @CycloneFB



### TCU

Saturday, September 26  
Acrisure Bounce House  
Orlando, Fla.

School Location ..... Fort Worth, Texas  
Nickname ..... Horned Frogs  
Conference ..... Big 12  
Stadium ..... Amon G. Carter Stadium  
2025 Record ..... 9-4  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 5-4/T-7th  
2025 Bowl ..... Valero Alamo Bowl; 30-27 Win vs. No. 16 USC  
Head Coach ..... Sonny Dykes  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 107-80 (17th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 36-17 (5th)  
Series with UCF ..... UCF leads 1-0  
Last Meeting ..... Sep. 14, 2024 in Fort Worth; UCF 35, TCU 34  
X/Twitter ..... @TCUFootball



### Baylor

Saturday, October 31  
Acrisure Bounce House  
Orlando, Fla.

School Location ..... Waco, Texas  
Nickname ..... Bears  
Conference ..... Big 12  
Stadium ..... McLane Stadium  
2025 Record ..... 5-7  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 3-6/T-11th  
2025 Bowl ..... N/A  
Head Coach ..... Dave Aranda  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 36-37 (7th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 36-37 (7th)  
Series with UCF ..... Baylor leads 2-1  
Last Meeting ..... Nov. 1, 2025 in Waco; Baylor 30, UCF 3  
X/Twitter ..... @BUFootball



### Colorado

Saturday, November 28  
Folsom Field  
Boulder, Colo.

School Location ..... Boulder, Colo.  
Nickname ..... Buffaloes  
Conference ..... Big 12  
Stadium ..... Folsom Field  
2025 Record ..... 3-9  
2025 Conference Record/Finish ..... 1-8/15th  
2025 Bowl ..... N/A  
Head Coach ..... Deion Sanders  
Overall Record (Season) ..... 42-27 (7th)  
Record at School (Season) ..... 16-21 (4th)  
Series with UCF ..... Colorado leads 1-0  
Last Meeting ..... Sep. 28, 2024 in Orlando; Colorado 48, UCF 21  
X/Twitter ..... @CUBuffsFootball