KNIGHTS FOOTBALL

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OCTOBER 3, 2026

Houston, Texas

TDECU Stadium

Attendance: 25,593

TV: ESPN2

UCF TEAM NOTES

- UCF has scored on the opening drive in three straight games and in four of five games this season; the Knights opened Saturday's contest with a six-play, 75-yard touchdown drive that took 3:43, capped off by a Josh Derry touchdown reception from Keyone Jenkins
- UCF has not allowed an opponent to score on the opening drive across all five games this season; Houston ended its 12-play, 35-yard drive having chewed up 5:58 of the clock before ending without points after an offensive pass interference and a dropped screen pass.
- UCF is the first team to shutout Houston in the first quarter this season. The Knights were also the first team to shutout Houston in the first half since Sept. 28, 2024, when the Cougars fell 20-0 to No. 18/19 Iowa State.
- After suffocating Houston's opening drive of the game, UCF came up with back-to-back fourth down stops from the Houston three-yard line. The Knights added a third straight red zone stop with a forced fumble by Jayden Williams that was recovered by Tackett Curtis
- Houston entered the game with a 77.1% clip on 3rd Down conversions. UCF held the Cougars to 40% on third down.
- Houston entered the game with the ninth-highest points per game mark in the country, posting an average of 44.5; UCF's defense held them to 27 points, 17.5 below their season average.
- UCF recorded six passing plays of 15+ yards, gaining 161 yard on those plays. Four of those plays went for 20+ yards; UCF entered the game last in the Big 12 in passing plays of 20+ yards with six., nearly doubling their total on Saturday afternoon.
- The Knights lost the coin toss for the first time this season; Houston elected to defer their option to the second half. UCF falls to 12-5 when losing the coin toss under Coach Frost

UCF PLAYER NOTES

- Keyone Jenkins' 212-yard passing performance marked his most this season. He connected with Josh Derry for a 49-yard completion on UCF's opening drive, marking Derry's longest reception of the season.
- Jenkins' consecutive-completions streak ended at 17 with 3:42 remaining in the first quarter. After completing 14 passes to finish UCF's 21-13 win over TCU on Sept. 26, Jenkins completed his first three passes against Houston on Oct. 3 before throwing the ball out of bounds to break the streak. His 17 consecutive completions rank second-most in UCF history, sitting behind only Dillon Gabriel 18 straight passes on Sept. 26, 2020.
- Waden Charles recoreded his longest reception of his career, a 35-yard gain, surpassing his career-best of 30
- Duke Watson recorded his 14th 10+ yard rush of the season and his fourth 20+ yard rush on a 37-yard rush in the third quarter
- Will Stone remained perfect on field goals this season, improving to 5-for-5 with a 30-yard field goal, putting UCF in the lead 10-0 before halftime
- With 101 receiving yards on the afternoon, Josh Derry now boasts 10 career games with 100+ receiving yards