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2023-24 UCF MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

UCF Knights
4-2 (0-0 B12)
Johnny Dawkins
135-89 | 291-204

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Stetson Hatters
4-2 (0-0 ASUN)
Donnie Jones
60-67 | 215-196

November 26, 2023 | Addition Financial Arena | Orlando, Fla. | 5,089 - Attendance

Starters

Player	Season
2 Shemarri Allen (G)	6
3 Darius Johnson (G)	6
5 Omar Payne (F)	6
24 Jaylin Sellers (G)	6
31 Thierno Sylla (F)	3

Series History

Overall	31-16
In Orlando	18-9
Neutral	0-0

Top Performers

UCF Knights	
Darius Johnson	15 PTS 5 REB 7 AST
Jaylin Sellers	34 PTS 8 REB 12-16 FG
Stetson Hatters	
Jalen Blackmon	26 PTS 4 REB 1 AST
Stephan Swenson	19 PTS 9 AST 6 REB

Comparison

	Knights		Hatters	
1st Half	13-28 (46.4%)	FG	12-25 (48%)	1st Half
	4-9 (44%)	3PT	4-13 (30.8%)	
	6-6 (100%)	FT	2-3 (66.6%)	
2nd Half	14-34 (41.2%)	FG	13-28 (46.4%)	2nd Half
	2-9 (22.2%)	3PT	9-17 (52.9%)	
	16-22 (72.7%)	FT	20-21 (95.2%)	
Full Game	27-62 (43.5%)	FG	25-53 (47.2%)	Full Game
	6-18 (33.3%)	3PT	13-30 (43.3%)	
	22-28 (78.6%)	FT	22-24 (91.7%)	

Team Notes

UCF is now: 4-2 on the season, 135-89 under Johnny Dawkins

- UCF has now started two of the last three seasons going 4-2 through its first six contests. It marks the fourth time under Johnny Dawkins the Knights have begun 4-2 as UCF has gone .500 or better through its first six games in every season since 2015.
- The Knights' defense shined in some aspects of tonight's game including forcing a total of 17 turnovers and converting 21 points off of them. The Knights entered the evening ranked 31st in the nation and fourth in the Big 12 Conference in turnovers forced per game, averaging 16.6 per contest.
- Stetson's bench outscored the Knights 17-14, including five made three-pointers in a combined nine attempts. It's the first time UCF's bench has been outscored this season.
- Tonight's game was the first time UCF lost to Stetson at home since Jan. 17, 2001, and the ninth in 27 meetings in Orlando.
- The Knights had a 20-game winning streak against the Hatters including a vacated meeting during the 2010-11 season before this matchup dating back to Jan. 2, 2002.
- Twenty-two free throws made by Stetson were the second most converted against the Knights in a game this season right behind 24 free throws made by FIU on Nov. 6, 2023.
- This is Donnie Jones' first win against his former team, Jones coached at UCF from 2010-2016 and was hired by Stetson in 2019.

Player Notes

- Jaylin Sellers led the Knights with 34 points, marking a single-game career high. After making up 41% of the team's total points, his 12 field goals made and 75% field goal percentage are also single-game career highs.
- Sellers' 34 points are the most a Knight has scored in a game since Brandon Mahan (32) against then No. 15 Florida State on Dec. 19, 2020.
- The junior transfer secured his 10th career game with 20 or more points and his fourth of the season, which brings his point total to 133 in six games, leading the team.
- Shemarri Allen scored 11 points, his most in a game as a Knight thus far including going three-for-three from the free throw line and four field goals made.
- Darius Johnson led the team with a season-high seven assists, his second time in the last three games leading the team in this statistic. Seven assists are also the most by a UCF player in a game this season.
- Sellers and Johnson went a combined 13-13 (100%) in free throws attempted and allotted for more than half of the Knights 22 free throws made.

Dawkins' Perspective

"Between three-point shooting, coming down the stretch and going 12-for-12 from the free throw line to close the game, they made all the shots they needed to make. You've got to step up and make plays. We went up by 13 in the first half, and we have to learn how to continue to build on a lead when you're up like that."