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2023-24 UCF MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

UCF Knights
6-2(0-0 B12)
Johnny Dawkins
137-89 | 293-204

94



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Jacksonville Dolphins
6-3 (0-0 ASUN)
Jordan Mincy
40-29 | 40-29

December 6, 2023 | Addition Financial Arena | Orlando, Fla. | 5,278 - Attendance

Starters

Player	Season
2 Shemarri Allen (G)	7
3 Darius Johnson (G)	8
5 Omar Payne (F)	8
24 Jaylin Sellers (G)	8
31 Thierno Sylla (F)	5

Series History

Overall	14-12
In Orlando	10-4
Neutral	1-0

Top Performers

UCF Knights	
Thierno Sylla	20 PTS 11 REB 2 STL
Jaylin Sellers	16 PTS 2 STL 5-8 FT
Jacksonville Dolphins	
Robert McCray	12 PTS 5 REB 4-5 FT
Gyasi Powell	7 PTS 2 AST 3 REB

Comparison

	Knights	Dolphins	
1st Half	15-35 (42.9%)	FG	6-27 (22.2%)
	6-18 (33.3%)	3PT	1-8 (12.5%)
	12-17 (70.6%)	FT	5-11 (45.5%)
2nd Half	16-30 (53.3%)	FG	14-39(35.9%)
	9-15 (60%)	3PT	3-12 (25%)
	5-12 (41.7%)	FT	3-5 (60%)
Full Game	31-65(47.7%)	FG	20-66 (30.3%)
	15-33 (45.5%)	3PT	4-20 (20%)
	17-29 (58.6%)	FT	8-16 (50%)

Team Notes

UCF is now: 6-2 on the season, 6-2 as a member of the Big 12, 137-89 under Johnny Dawkins

- The Knights have now won 14 of the last 20 meetings against the Jacksonville Dolpins and have won three straight, dating back to Dec. 17, 2013
- UCF's 48 first-half points are the most the team has scored in the first half since putting up 51 against Tulsa on Feb. 11, 2023
- The Black and Gold scored 94 points in the game, topping the previous season high of 85 scored against FIU in the season opener on Nov. 6
- The Knights held Jacksonville to 18 points in the first half, tied for the sixth lowest in the Johnny Dawkins era and lowest since UCF held Tulsa to 14 on Feb. 26, 2023
- Marchelus Avery and Demarr Langford Jr. combined for 19 of the Knights' 38 points off the bench, outscoring the Dolphins' bench 38-22
- The 15 three-pointers made are the most in a single game this season and the most in a game since UCF put up 17 against Tulsa at home last season, which set the program record
- The 42-point margin of victory is the largest since UCF's 96-52 victory, also against Tulsa on Feb. 11, 2023
- The Knights' defense forced 14 turnovers and converted them into 19 points compared to Jacksonville's eight forced turnovers and four points converted
- UCF recorded a season-high 17 assists in the contest and only committed eight turnovers, the second fewest in a game this season
- Fifteen Knights saw the court during the game, which is also a season high

Player Notes

- Thierno Sylla put up his first career double-double (20 pts/11 reb) and the Knights' third of the season
- Sylla's 20 points and 11 rebounds on the night are both single-game career highs and the most points he has scored in a game since scoring 10 against Tulsa on Feb. 11.
- Jaylin Sellers continued his streak of scoring 15+ points in every game this season, scoring 16 on the night
- Omar Payne made his second-ever three-pointer in his career in the second half and his first of his UCF career, against his former team
- Payne's nine rebounds on the night are also a single-game season high, along with the second most in his career, and the most since Dec. 27, 2022
- Redshirt freshman Michael Kalina scored his first career points, a three-pointer in the second half
- Ibrahima Diallo added two blocks on the night, which gives him a team-leading 20 blocks on the season
- Thirteen different players scored in the game for UCF, headlined by three players with 10 or more points

Dawkins' Perspective

"I think it's the fastest start we've gotten off to in a game this season due to our guys being locked in defensively and then we turned it into some good offense, it was overall a good team effort. I thought guys played really well against a good Jacksonville team and we came out really ready and I am overall very proud for our effort for 40 minutes."