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2023-24 UCF MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

UCF Knights
7-3 (0-0 Big 12)
Johnny Dawkins
138-90 | 294-205

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Maine Black Bears
8-4 (0-0 Amer. East)
Chris Markwood
21-21 | 21-21

December 18, 2023 | Addition Financial Arena | Orlando, Fla. | Attendance - 5,014

Starters

Player	Season
2 Shemarri Allen	9
5 Omar Payne (F)	10
12 DeMarr Langford Jr. (G)	4
24 Jaylin Sellers (G)	10
31 Thierno Sylla (F)	7

Series History

Overall	5-1
In Orlando	4-0
Streak	W2

Top Performers

UCF Knights	
Darius Johnson	16 PTS 3 AST 2 REB
Shemarri Allen	9 PTS 9 REB 5 AST
Maine Black Bears	
Logan Carey	9 PTS 7 REB 1 AST
Peter Filipovity	8 PTS 8 REB

Comparison

	Knights		Black Bears	
1st Half	15-29 (51.7%)	FG	7-27 (25.9%)	1st Half
	4-7 (57.1%)	3PT	1-9 (11.1%)	
	7-13 (53.8%)	FT	3-4 (75%)	
2nd Half	11-27 (40.7%)	FG	15-37 (40.5%)	2nd Half
	4-12 (33.3%)	3PT	0-10 (0%)	
	7-10 (70%)	FT	3-8 (37.5%)	
Full Game	26-56 (46.4%)	FG	22-64 (34.4%)	Full Game
	8-19 (42.1%)	3PT	1-19 (5.3%)	
	14-23 (60.9%)	FT	6-12 (50.0%)	

Team Notes

UCF is now: 7-3 on the season, 7-3 as a member of the Big 12, 138-90 under Johnny Dawkins, and 158-75 at AFA

- In the first half, the Knights had a 51.7 FG%, the first time this season they have gone over 50%. The last time being against Florida (55.6%) on 3/15/23.
- After an 8-8 start through the first 5:42 of gameplay, UCF went on to outscore Maine 33-10 through the remaining 14:08 of the first half.
- This is the third time this season the Knights have held their opponent to 18 points in the first half, the other games being against Cal St. Fullerton (11/16/23) and Jacksonville (12/6/23).
- The Black Bears scored one three-pointer on 19 attempts, the lowest three-pointers made by an opponent in the Dawkins era. The last game with the fewest amount of three-pointers allowed was two on 20 attempts against Oklahoma State (11/18/22).
- UCF is now 3-0 so far this season when leading by 20 points or more in the first half. The 25 point lead at the break was five away from a tie for the high this season.

Player Notes

- Darius Johnson led the team in scoring for the fourth time this season. Johnson notched all four three-point attempts. This is the first time in his collegiate career he has scored on every three-point attempt in a game.
- Shemarri Allen broke his season high in rebounds totalling nine, tying his career high.
- Ibrahima Diallo recorded four blocks, adding to his resume as the leader of the Big 12 in blocks. He has recorded three or more blocks in five games this season after entering Monday's action as the Big 12 leading blocker in 2.33 per game. He sits ranked at No. 20 in the nation for blocks entering the game on Monday.
- Omar Payne's three blocks are a season high, his most since 1/7/23 while playing for Jacksonville against Lipscomb where he also recorded three blocks.
- Jaylin Sellers reached double digits in points for the tenth consecutive game this season, the most to start a career as a Knight since Aubrey Dawkins had 18 straight double digit games to begin the 2018-19 season.
- Sellers leads the team in points per game, as well as leading the Big 12 in scoring coming into Monday's game.

Dawkins' Perspective

"It's important for us to understand no lead is safe," Dawkins said. "Just because you have a big lead, it doesn't mean a team can't make a run and come back. The 3-point shot is the great equalizer, and our guys defended the three really well tonight. We talked about taking the 'next play' mentality and coming out with the right mindset."