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# 2023-24 UCF MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

UCF Knights  
9-3 (0-0 Big 12)  
Johnny Dawkins  
140-90 | 296-205

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Bethune-Cookman Wildcats  
5-7 (0-0 SWAC)  
Reggie Theus  
26-48 | 120-176

December 29, 2023 | Addition Financial Arena | Orlando, Fla. | Attendance - 5,188

## Starters

Player	Season
2 Shemarri Allen (G)	11
3 Darius Johnson (G)	11
5 Omar Payne (F)	12
12 DeMarr Langford Jr. (G)	5
24 Jaylin Sellers (G)	12

## Series History

Overall	21-7
In Orlando	18-4
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## Top Performers

UCF Knights	
Jaylin Sellers	19 PTS   4 REB   1 AST
Marchelus Avery	11 PTS   5 REB   3 STL
Bethune-Cookman Wildcats	
Dhashon Dyson	15 PTS   2 AST   2 STL
Jakobi Heady	14 PTS   9 REB   1 AST

## Comparison

	Knights		Wildcats	
1st Half	17-40 (42.5%)	FG	5-21 (23.8%)	1st Half
	5-13 (38.4%)	3PT	0-4 (0%)	
	5-5 (100%)	FT	11-11 (100%)	
2nd Half	15-27 (55.6%)	FG	13-38 (34.2%)	2nd Half
	3-10 (30%)	3PT	4-12 (33.3%)	
	21-28 (75%)	FT	3-4 (75%)	
Full Game	32-67 (47.8%)	FG	18-59 (30.5%)	Full Game
	8-23 (34.8%)	3PT	4-16 (25%)	
	26-33 (78.8%)	FT	14-15 (93.3%)	

## Team Notes

- UCF is now: 9-3 on the season, 9-3 as a member of the Big 12, 140-90 under Johnny Dawkins, and 159-75 at AFA
- The Knights snatched six steals in the first half, the most since racking up seven against Cal State Fullerton on 11/16/23.
  - UCF collected 24 rebounds in the first half, the second time in three games that the Knights have recorded 20 or more boards in the opening 20 minutes.
  - With a total of 23 assists, the Knights set a team season-high for most assists in a single game. The last time UCF put up 20 or more assists was 2/11/23 against Tulsa, putting up 28.
  - The Black and Gold earned 20 offensive rebounds, the most the Knights have collected this season. The last time UCF pulled in 20 or more offensive boards was against Florida State on 11/11/22, earning 24.
  - Five Knights recorded double-digit points against the Wildcats, the first time five or more players have scored 10 points since UCF played Tulsa on 2/11/23. Jaylin Sellers led the Knights with 19 points, followed by Marchelus Avery with 11. Darius Johnson, C.J. Walker and Antwann Jones also collected 10 points on the night.
  - UCF forced 26 Wildcat turnovers, a new season high for the team. This total also marks the highest single-game total in the Johnny Dawkins era.
  - The Knights built a 44-point lead with 5:09 left in the second half, tying the season-high set against Cal State Fullerton. The 44-point margin of victory was the largest ever against Bethune-Cookman, as well as the largest of the season.
  - The 98 point score marks the most points the Black and Gold have scored this season. The total is the most points the squad has earned since the 107-104 double-overtime victory on 1/11/23 over Memphis.

## Player Notes

- With 19 points on the night, Jaylin Sellers has now scored double digits in twelve straight games to open his career as a Knight, the longest streak from a newcomer since Aubrey Dawkins tallied 18 straight double-digit games in the 2018-19 season.
- Darius Johnson earned three assists against the Wildcats, a feat he has accomplished in all but one game this season.
- C.J. Walker earned his first double-digit game of the season, racking up 10 points, three assists and five defensive rebounds in just his second game back from injury.
- DeMarr Langford Jr. led the team in assists, recording a season-high five against the Wildcats, bringing his season total to nine.
- Marchelus Avery's three steals tied his season high, his most since 12/10/23 when he recorded three against Ole Miss. The mark also led the team in steals for the game.
- With 10 points, Antwann Jones earned a new season-high, shooting 2-2 behind the arc. Jones also picked up two boards on the evening.

## Dawkins' Perspective

"We want to be able to rely on all of our players that are not rotational," Dawkins said. "I think tonight was a good example. Everyone who came into the game really contributed in some way. They all made plays that we were looking for them to make. That gives me confidence in what we can do and I can see our guys off the bench coming in and contributing like that. It really helps our starters as well because they can go out and not have to pace themselves because they know whoever is coming in can contribute as well."