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2023-24 UCF MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

UCF Knights
10-4 (1-1 Big 12)
Johnny Dawkins
141-91 | 297-206

65



60

Kansas Jayhawks
13-2 (1-1 Big 12)
Bill Self
578-134 | 785-239

January 10, 2024 | Addition Financial Arena | Orlando, Fla. | Attendance - 9,469

Starters

Player	Season
2 Shemarri Allen (G)	13
3 Darius Johnson (G)	13
11 Ibrahima Diallo (F)	1
21 C.J. Walker (F)	1
24 Jaylin Sellers (G)	14

Series History

Overall	1-0
In Orlando	1-0
Streak	W1

Top Performers

UCF Knights	
Jaylin Sellers	18 PTS 2 REB 1 AST
Darius Johnson	17 PTS 6 REB 3 STL
Kansas Jayhawks	
Kevin McCullar Jr.	16 PTS 6 REB 5 AST
KJ Adams Jr.	10 PTS 7 REB 2 AST

Comparison

	Knights		Jayhawks		
1st Half	11-29 (37.9%)	FG	17-25 (68%)		1st Half
	4-13 (30.8%)	3PT	3-7 (42.9%)		
	3-6 (50%)	FT	0-0 (0%)		
2nd Half	11-23 (47.8%)	FG	7-22 (31.8%)		2nd Half
	3-7 (42.9%)	3PT	3-11 (27.3%)		
	11-12 (91.7%)	FT	6-11 (54.5%)		
Full Game	22-52 (42.3%)	FG	24-47 (51.1%)		Full Game
	7-20 (35%)	3PT	6-18 (33.3%)		
	14-18 (77.8%)	FT	6-11 (54.5%)		

Team Notes

UCF is now: 10-4 on the season, 1-1 in Big 12 play, 141-91 under Johnny Dawkins, and 160-75 at AFA

- UCF's historic 65-60 victory over No. 3 Kansas marks the highest-ranked win in program history and its first overall win as a member of the Big 12. The Knights are now 90-29 at home under Johnny Dawkins.
- The Knights' victory is the ninth in program history versus ranked opposition, the third against a top-10 team, and the second versus a top-five opponent (defeated No. 4 UConn 68-63 on Nov. 25, 2011).
- In both its first meeting overall and as conference mates in the Big 12, UCF held Kansas to exactly 60 points, the second-fewest the Jayhawks have scored this season and the second-fewest UCF has allowed versus a top-three opponent (allowed 59 vs. No. 2 Florida on 12/4/03).
- UCF has completed an overhaul of the nation's top three, as No. 1 Purdue, No. 2 Houston, and now No. 3 Kansas have each lost over the past two days since the new AP poll released on Monday.
- Tonight's announced attendance of 9,469 becomes the third highest in the program and Addition Financial Arena history, the second most in a regular season contest and the second sell-out in the arena's history.
- Johnny Dawkins moves to 2-0 against Kansas all-time as a head coach and 4-0 during his collegiate basketball journey against the Jayhawks (two wins as a player at Duke and one as a head coach at Stanford). Dawkins has now led the Knights to six of their nine wins against ranked opponents in program history. The triumph also marks his 10th as a head coach against ranked opposition (four at Stanford).
- Against Bill Self, Dawkins also stays undefeated, moving to 2-0 as head coach and 4-0 total as a collegiate coach (two wins over Self in previous stops at Tulsa and Illinois as assistant coach at Duke).
- The Knights came alive in the second half, outscoring Kansas 36-23 in the second half as UCF (picked last in the Big 12 preseason poll) held Kansas (picked first) to its fewest points in a half since a 23-point second-half performance against Texas in the Conference Championship last season on Mar. 11, 2023.
- UCF forced 18 turnovers, moving its season average to 16.8 per game, and has tallied at least 15 in 10 games thus far.
- The Knights notched their largest comeback (16 points) since overcoming an 18-point deficit versus Oklahoma State on Nov. 18, 2022.

Player Notes

- Jaylin Sellers notched another stellar performance, reaching 15+ points for the 11th game this season, Sellers led the team in scoring for the seventh time this season with 18 points. The junior now has 13 double-figure scoring games.
- Sellers' four three-pointers also led the Knights and set a season-high.
- Ibrahima Diallo's thirteen points in the game is a season-high for him and three assists ties his career high, set on December 10, 2022. Diallo has registered a block in 13 of his 14 performances this season.
- C.J. Walker made his first start of the season for the Knights and his first in Black and Gold in over a year, last hitting the floor to start the game for UCF since March 11, 2022, versus Memphis.
- Walker had a team-high of three blocks on the night, which is also his season-high and one shy of his single-game career-high.
- Darius Johnson continued his streak of scoring in double-digits, with his third highest-scoring game with 17 points and his sixth with at least 10 points. Johnson also added a game-high six assists on the night, which led the team for the ninth game this season. He has sunk 50 percent of his last 36 three-point attempts.

Dawkins' Perspective

"You know, I've been part of basketball for all my life and you want to be in moments like this and you want our students to be in moments like this. I think we all had an experience tonight that they're gonna remember for the rest of their life when they come back to UCF for an alumni reunion, they're gonna remember being in this arena tonight."