

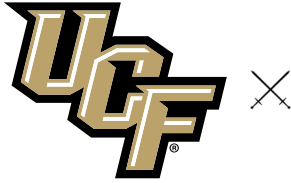
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2023-24 UCF MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

UCF Knights
11-6 (2-3 Big 12)
Johnny Dawkins
142-93 | 298-208

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No. 5 Houston Cougars
16-2 (3-2 Big 12)
Kelvin Sampson
248-76 | 748-346

January 20, 2024 | Fertitta Center | Houston, Texas | 7,184 - Attendance

✕ **Starters** ✕

Player	Season
2 Shemarri Allen (G)	16
3 Darius Johnson (G)	16
21 CJ Walker (F)	4
24 Jaylin Sellers (G)	16
11 Ibrahima Diallo (F)	4

✕ **Series History** ✕

Overall	11-23
In Houston	5-12
Neutral	0-0

✕ **Top Performers** ✕

UCF Knights	
Marchelus Avery	10 PTS 6 REB 8-8 FT
Thierno Sylla	8 PTS 5 REB 2-5 3FG
Houston Cougars	
LJ Cryer	16 PTS 2 AST 2 REB
Jamal Shead	10 PTS 7 REB 5 AST

✕ **Comparison** ✕

	Knights		Cougars	
1st Half	3-24 (12.5%)	FG	12-32 (37.5%)	1st Half
	3-9(33.3%)	3PT	3-11 (27.3%)	
	5-7(71.4%)	FT	1-2 (50%)	
2nd Half	4-20 (20%)	FG	8-26(30.8%)	2nd Half
	1-12 (8.3%)	3PT	3-7 (42.9%)	
	19-26 (73.1%)	FT	10-14(71.4%)	
Full Game	7-44(15.9%)	FG	20-58(34.5%)	Full Game
	4-21 (19%)	3PT	6-18 (33.3%)	
	24-33(72.7%)	FT	11-16(68.8%)	

Team Notes

UCF is now: 11-6 on the season, 11-6 as a member of the Big 12, 142-93 under Johnny Dawkins

- After a comeback win against Texas, UCF mustered up just 42 points against No. 5 Houston, the first time the Knights have scored under 50 points in a game since scoring 49 also against then No. 7 Houston on Jan. 29, 2022
- The Knights scored 14 points in the first half, which stands as the second lowest scoring half in program history.
- UCF shot 15.9% from the field, which is the lowest mark in a game since shooting 28.33% in another matchup against long time conference foe, Houston on Feb. 17, 2022
- The Black and Gold bench was a positive standout throughout the game, outscoring the Cougars' bench 26-15 with Marchelus Avery leading the way with 10 points
- The Cougars who average about 75 points per game, were held to 57 points in today's contest, which the second lowest scoring game for Houston this season. Including this game, UCF has held three ranked opponents below their average points per game this season
- UCF's nationally ranked defense also held the Cougars below their season averages in three-pointers made per game, field goal percentage and assists per game

Player Notes

- Antwann Jones recorded his first steal in a game this season coming off of the bench for the Knights
- Darius Johnson, who has gone eight straight games with two or more three-pointers made did not record a three pointer in six attempts in the contest
- Johnson picked up another three assists, which puts him 13 behind former Knight, Daiquan Walker for 10th all-time on UCF's career assists list
- Marchelus Avery made all eight of his free throw attempts during the contest, which is the most free throws he has made and attempted in a single-game in his career. Five three throws made in seven attempts was his previous career high set against Texas Permian Basin on Dec. 21, 2021
- Jaylin Sellers, one of the top scoring players in the country, went 0-for-11 in attempts from the field. The last time the junior guard did not score from the field was as a member of Ball State in a game against Kent State on Jan. 4, 2022
- Tyler Hendricks also set a career-high in free throws made and attempted, making all three of his attempts at the line during today's game
- Omar Payne recorded one of the three blocks on the day for the Knights. This marks Payne's tenth straight game with a block, which ties his career-high. Payne last had ten straight games with a block as a member of Florida from Dec. 21, 2019 to Jan. 28, 2020

Dawkins' Perspective

"We take pride, same way as Houston, defensively. I thought we defended hard, and for stretches I feel like we defended well too. I thought they defended better than we did but I thought we defended well. At large I think our guys' energy and effort was there defensively."