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2023-24 UCF MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

UCF Knights
12-6 (3-3 Big 12)
Johnny Dawkins
143-93 | 299-208

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West Virginia Mountaineers
7-12 (2-4 Big 12)
Josh Eilert
7-12 | 7-12

January 23, 2024 | Addition Financial Arena | Orlando, Fla. | Attendance - 8,882

Starters

Player	Season
3 Darius Johnson (G)	17
24 Jaylin Sellers (G)	17
2 Shemarri Allen (G)	17
21 C.J. Walker (F)	5
11 Ibrahima Diallo (F)	5

Series History

Overall	1-1
In Orlando	1-0
Streak	W1

Top Performers

UCF Knights	
Jaylin Sellers	18 PTS 5 REB 3-6 3PT
Ibrahima Diallo	14 PTS 12 REB 3 BLK
West Virginia Mountaineers	
Josiah Harris	15 PTS 8 REB 1 AST
Kerr Kriisa	9 PTS 5 AST 3 STL

Comparison

	Knights	Mountaineers	
1st Half	11-30 (36.7%)	FG	8-26 (30.8%)
	5-13 (38.5%)	3PT	4-10 (40.0%)
	10-14 (71.4%)	FT	4-7 (57.1%)
2nd Half	11-29 (37.9%)	FG	13-32 (40.6%)
	2-9 (22.2%)	3PT	7-18 (38.9%)
	11-11 (100%)	FT	2-3 (66.7%)
Full Game	22-59 (37.3%)	FG	21-58 (36.2%)
	7-22 (31.8%)	3PT	11-28 (39.3%)
	21-25 (84.0%)	FT	6-10 (60.0%)

Team Notes

- UCF is now: 12-6 on the season, 3-3 in Big 12 Conference play, 143-93 under Johnny Dawkins, and 162-76 at AFA
- UCF led 37-24 at the half against West Virginia, the first time the Knights have led at halftime against a Big 12 foe.
 - The Knights entered the contest ranked 15th in the nation in blocks per game, averaging 5.5. They posted seven on the evening, the ninth time this season with six or more blocks in a contest. Ibrahima Diallo led the Knights in blocks with three, his 12th time on the campaign leading the Black and Gold in rejections.
 - UCF entered the evening ranked 29th in the nation in steals per game, averaging 9.0, and tallied 10 against West Virginia. It was the seventh time this season the Knights have snagged double-digit steals. Shemarri Allen led the way with four steals on the night.
 - UCF led the entire game for the first time in Big 12 play. The Knights scored first to take the lead and never looked back. UCF had trailed at the half of each of its first five Big 12 games, and had trailed by double digits in each game as well.

Player Notes

- Shemarri Allen now has eight straight games with at least one steal. The longest steal streak Allen has pieced together in his career was in 2023 with Kansas City, where he went 14 straight games with a steal. With his four steals on the evening against the Mountaineers, Allen is up to seven games where he has snatched three steals or more.
- After not recording a block against No. 5 Houston, Ibrahima Diallo got three blocks in the first half against West Virginia surpassing his game average of 2.0 blocks per game. It marked his seventh game of the season with at least three or more blocks.
- Diallo recorded his third double-double of the season with 14 points and 12 rebounds. He also topped his season high in points with 14 on the night. He now accounts for three of UCF's five double-doubles on the season
- Jaylin Sellers continued to put his offensive prowess on display, scoring 18 points, making it his 16th game this season where he scores at least 10 points and 13 games where he has tallied 15 points or better.
- Antwann Jones scored a season-high 13 points on the evening, a mark which tied his third-highest point total in a game in his collegiate career.

Dawkins' Perspective

"I'm really proud of our guys' effort, we got off to a really good start. They're a really good basketball team and it showed. You don't want to make a habit of (coming from behind). It was good to see our guys build a lead, but can you manage that lead? That's very important."