

# 2011 UCF FOOTBALL



— Official 2011 Season Information —



## UCF

5-7 Overall

3-5 Conference USA

Head Coach - George O'Leary

Career Record - 102-84 (15th Year)

Record at UCF - 50-51 (Eighth Year)

## Season Storylines

- UCF was 5-1 at home, and routinely used several freshmen at the following positions: wide receiver, quarterback, linebacker, strong safety, placekicker and kick returner.
- The Knights averaged 406.8 yards per game, the second-most in eight years under head coach George O'Leary.
- The defense allowed 303.3 yards per game, the lowest by a UCF team since 1990.

## 2011 Team Notes

### IN THE BOOKS

- UCF's season wrapped up Nov. 25 with a 31-14 victory over UTEP at Bright House Networks Stadium.
- The Knights went 5-7 on the year with a 3-5 mark in Conference USA, posting a 5-1 record in home games.
- Overall, UCF combined to outscore its opponents, 325-220, as its offense averaged 406.8 yards per game compared to the defense surrendering just 303.3 yards per outing.

### CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

- Of UCF's seven losses in 2011, six of them came by seven points or less as it was outscored by just a 159-128 margin in those contests.
- The Knights had the most losses by eight points or less this year, tying with Miami (Fla.).
- In all, the Knights were only outscored by a total of 50 points in their seven losses for a 7.14 average margin of defeat.

### OWNING THE BALL

- UCF's time of possession chart in 2011:

Quarter	Average
1st	9:33
2nd	9:09
3rd	7:27
4th	7:38
Overall	33:47

- UCF dominated the time of possession in the first quarter thanks to receiving the opening kickoff in 11 of the 12 games this season.

- The Knights controlled the ball for at least 10 minutes in a quarter 12 times this year.
- UCF ended its regular season in the top-10 in the nation in average TOP. It posted at least 40 minutes of ball control vs. Marshall and vs. Memphis.
- FBS leaders in TOP:

School	TOP
1) Western Kentucky	35:08
2) Nevada	34:45
3) Texas	34:03
4) Kansas State	33:57
5) Virginia Tech	33:54
6) Georgia	33:49
7) <b>UCF</b>	<b>33:47</b>

\* - As of Dec. 19

- Highest TOP in a game this season:

School	TOP	Date
1) Western Kentucky vs. Troy	43:34	Nov. 26
2) Temple vs. Maryland	41:01	Sept. 24
3) North Texas vs. Tulsa	40:53	Oct. 1
4) <b>UCF vs. Marshall</b>	<b>40:14</b>	<b>Oct. 8</b>
5) <b>UCF vs. Memphis</b>	<b>40:03</b>	<b>Oct. 29</b>

- The Knights had two of the five games where a single team posted at least 40 minutes of possession time in an FBS game in 2011.

### UCF ON THIRD DOWN

- At the end of the Knights' regular season, they were one of 12 programs which ranked in the top-35 in both offense and defense third-down efficiency.
- The offense's 44.6-conversion percentage was the fifth-highest in UCF history, while the 31.6 third-down

percentage by opponents was the third-best performance by a UCF defense.

### BREAKING DOWN THE STARTERS

- UCF started 44 different players in 2011, including the kickers:

Class	No. of Players with at Least 1 GS
Freshmen	10
Sophomores	10
Juniors	14
Seniors	10

### PITCHING A SHUTOUT

- UCF fell an extra-point shy of tying the school record for the largest shutout when it topped CSU, 62-0.

Score	Date
1) UCF 63, Liberty 0	Oct. 13, 2001
2) <b>UCF 62, Charleston Southern 0</b>	<b>Sept. 3, 2011</b>

### MAKING A STATEMENT

- Entering last year's AutoZone Liberty Bowl vs. Georgia, UCF had won only two games vs. schools from automatically-qualifying BCS conferences in its history (2000 at Alabama and 2007 at NC State).
- But after topping the Bulldogs, the Knights pummeled Boston College, 30-3, for two-straight victories against the "big conferences."
- The 30 points against the Eagles were the most vs. a BCS AQ school since the Knights fell to Texas, 35-32, in 2007.

- UCF's most points against a BCS AQ school:

Score	Date
1) UCF 40, @Alabama 38	Oct. 28, 2000
2) Syracuse 38, @UCF 35	Nov. 2, 2002
3) Texas 35, @UCF 32	Sept. 15, 2007
4) @South Carolina 33, UCF 31	Sept. 6, 1997
5) <b>@UCF 30, Boston College 3</b>	<b>Sept. 10, 2011</b>

- UCF's fewest points allowed vs. a BCS AQ school. Note that three of the top five are from 2010-11:

Score	Date
1) <b>@UCF 30, Boston College 3</b>	<b>Sept. 10, 2011</b>
2) UCF 10, Georgia 6 (Liberty Bowl)	Dec. 31, 2010
T3) Miss. St. 10, UCF 3 (Liberty Bowl)	Dec. 29, 2007
T3) @Auburn 10, UCF 6	Nov. 7, 1998
5) @Kansas St. 17, UCF 13	Sept. 25, 2010

## 2011 UCF Knights Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Result	TV	Series
Sat.	Sept. 3	Charleston Southern	W, 62-0	BHSN	UCF, 1-0
Sat.	Sept. 10	Boston College	W, 30-3	CBS SN	Tied, 1-1
Sat.	Sept. 17	at FIU	L, 10-17	ESPN3	FIU, 1-0
Fri.	Sept. 23	at BYU	L, 17-24	ESPN	BYU, 1-0
Sat.	Oct. 8	Marshall*	W, 16-6	BHSN	UCF, 7-3
Sat.	Oct. 15	at SMU*	L, 17-38	FSN	UCF, 3-1
Thur.	Oct. 20	at UAB*	L, 24-26	CSS	UCF, 7-2
Sat.	Oct. 29	Memphis*	W, 41-0	BHSN	UCF, 7-1
Thur.	Nov. 3	Tulsa*	L, 17-24	CBS SN	TLS, 3-2
Sat.	Nov. 12	at No. 25/23 USM*	L, 29-30	CBS SN	USM, 6-1
Sat.	Nov. 19	at East Carolina*	L, 31-38	FSN	ECU, 9-2
Fri.	Nov. 25	UTEP*	W, 31-14	CBS SN	UCF, 2-1

\* Denotes Conference USA Game

# Offense Notes/Record Book

## TOTAL OFFENSE

• UCF's top seasons in terms of total yards per game:

Season	Average	Yards	Games
1) 1998	487.7	5,365	11
2) 1992	478.8	4,788	10
3) 1994	444.5	4,889	11
4) 2002	436.1	5,233	12
5) 1993	424.3	5,091	12
6) 1999	417.2	4,589	11
7) 1997	417.1	4,588	11
8) 2007	411.6	5,763	14
9) 2001	408.8	4,497	11
<b>10) 2011</b>	<b>406.8</b>	<b>4,881</b>	<b>12</b>

• This year's 406.8 average was UCF's second-highest under George O'Leary (since 2004).

## PASSING YARDS

• UCF's top seasons in terms of passing yards per game since George O'Leary's first year in 2004:

Season	Average	Yards	Games
<b>1) 2011</b>	<b>238.0</b>	<b>2,856</b>	<b>12</b>
2) 2005	234.2	3,045	13
3) 2006	233.8	2,805	12

## GROWING UP

• A look at UCF's wideouts during the first nine games of the year, and then the final three contests:

### UCF Receivers TD Receptions

First Nine Games	5
Last Three Games	6

### Fr. J.J. Worton Rec. Per Game TD Receptions

First Nine Games	2.8	2
Last Three Games	5.3	2

### Jr. Quincy McDuffie\* Rec. Per Game

First Nine Games	3.5
Last Three Games	5.0

\* - First season as a UCF starting WR

• McDuffie entered 2011 with 21-career receptions and 270 yards, but led the Knights with 43 catches this year for 482 yards.

• McDuffie also posted 132 rushing yards on just 12 carries for an 11.0 average and one touchdown, becoming the first wide receiver in UCF history to post at least 100 rushing yards in a single-season.

## THE WORTON AND REESE SHOW

• UCF's all-time top freshmen wide receivers:

## C-USA Awards

A total of 14 players were honored with C-USA postseason awards Dec. 6, while Josh Linam earned a spot on the All-Academic Team:

DB Josh Robinson, Jr.	First Team
KR Rannell Hall, Fr.	First Team
OL Nick Pieschel, Sr.	Second Team
LS Charley Hughlett, Sr.	Second Team
OL Theo Goins, Jr.	Honorable Mention
OL Jordan Rae, Jr.	Honorable Mention
TE Adam Nissley, Sr.	Honorable Mention
DL Victor Gray, So.	Honorable Mention
DB Kemal Ishmael, Jr.	Honorable Mention

### All-Freshman Team honorees:

QB Blake Bortles
OL Torrian Wilson
WR J.J. Worton
LB Troy Gray
DB Clayton Geathers
KR Rannell Hall

All-Academic Team:  
LB Josh Linam, Sr.

## Player Season Receptions

<b>1) J.J. Worton*</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>41</b>
2) Sean Beckton	1987	40
T3) Kamar Aiken	2007	33
T3) Mike Dickinson*	1989	33
<b>5) Josh Reese*</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>30</b>

## Player Season Yards

1) Kamar Aiken	2007	584
<b>2) J.J. Worton*</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>531</b>
<b>3) Josh Reese*</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>461</b>
4) Sean Beckton	1987	421

\* - Redshirt Freshman

## Player Season Touchdowns

T1) Kamar Aiken	2007	5
T1) Todd Cleveland*	1994	5
T1) Bobby Joe Plain	1979	5
<b>T4) J.J. Worton*</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>4</b>
T4) Rufus Hall	1993	4
T6) Mike Dickinson*	1989	3
T6) Shantel Roundtree*	1988	3
T6) Kelvin Collins	1983	3
<b>T9) Josh Reese*</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2</b>
T9) Kamar Aiken	2007	2
T9) Sean Beckton	1987	2

\* - Redshirt Freshman

## ALL ABOUT J.J.

• Redshirt freshman J.J. Worton produced 11 receptions for 114 yards at USM Nov. 12, becoming the first Knight since Mike Sims-Walker Oct. 21, 2006, to collect at least 10 receptions in a game. Sims-Walker, who now suits up for the Jacksonville Jaguars, finished with 13 catches for 169 yards vs. Rice.

• The 11 receptions by Worton were tied for the 11th-most in a game in UCF history, and also tied for the most by a UCF freshman.

• UCF freshmen receivers with at least 10 catches in a game:

### Freshman Date Statistics

<b>J.J. Worton</b>	<b>11/12/11 at USM</b>	<b>11-114-1 TD</b>
Sean Beckton	11/7/87 vs. LIB	11-68-0 TD

• UCF freshmen receivers with at least 100 yards in a game:

### Freshman Date Statistics

1) Kamar Aiken	9/22/07 vs. MEM	4-131-1 TD
2) Todd Cleveland	10/29/94 at LIB	6-129-2 TD
3) Kamar Aiken	10/6/07 at ECU	8-122-1 TD
4) David Rhodes	9/21/91 vs. ECU	6-116-0 TD
<b>5) J.J. Worton</b>	<b>11/12/11 at USM</b>	<b>11-114-1 TD</b>

## UCF'S ALL-TIME TIGHT ENDS

• With 21 in 2011, senior Adam Nissley ranked tied for fourth all-time among UCF tight ends in single-season receptions.

• Nissley also ranked fifth with 235 receiving yards.

• UCF's all-time top tight ends - single-season receptions:

### Player Season Receptions

1) Don Grayson	1987	50
2) John Osborne	1988	31
3) Mike Williams	1979	26
<b>4) Adam Nissley</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>21</b>

## SPREADING IT AROUND

• Last season, only six Knights finished the entire year with at least 10 receptions. In 2011, eight players had double-digit catches.

## THE QB DUO - PART ONE

• Jeff Godfrey finished with a 69.0 completion percentage in 232 attempts, while Blake Bortles had a 68.2 percentage in 110 attempts.

• All-time best completion percentages for a single-season at UCF (minimum 100 attempts):

### Player Season Comp. %

1) Daunte Culpepper	1998	73.6
2) Ryan Schneider	2003	69.04
<b>3) Jeff Godfrey</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>68.97</b>
<b>4) Blake Bortles</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>68.2</b>
5) Jeff Godfrey	2010	66.8

• This was the first year where two quarterbacks both finished by ranking in the school's single-season top-10 for completion percentage.

• Godfrey also claimed top honors for the highest-career completion percentage:

### Player Years Comp. %

<b>1) Jeff Godfrey</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>.679</b>
2) Daunte Culpepper	1995-98	.639

## THE QB DUO - PART TWO

• Quarterbacks Jeff Godfrey (1,898) and Blake Bortles (958) are just the fourth duo in UCF history with at least 800 passing yards in the same season.

### Season Player Player

<b>2011</b>	<b>Jeff Godfrey - 1,898</b>	<b>Blake Bortles - 958</b>
2006	Kyle Israel - 1,420	Steven Moffett - 1,385
1991	Ron Johnson - 1,056	Darin Hinshaw - 1,049
1985	Tony Lanham - 1,268	Darin Slack - 1,159

## ANOTHER FRESHMAN QB STEPS UP

• A year after Jeff Godfrey claimed the C-USA Freshman of the Year award, redshirt freshman Blake Bortles filled in nicely as Godfrey's backup in 2011.

• Coming off the bench in 10 games, Bortles was 75-for-110 with 958 yards and six touchdowns.

• UCF freshman quarterbacks - completions:

### Freshman Season Completions

1) Ryan Schneider (RS)	2000	177
2) Daunte Culpepper (True)	1995	168
3) Jeff Godfrey (True)	2010	159
<b>T4) Blake Bortles (RS)</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>75</b>
T4) Darrin Hinshaw (RS)	1991	75

• UCF freshman quarterbacks - completion percentage (minimum 50 attempts):

### Freshman Season Percent

<b>1) Blake Bortles (RS)</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>68.2</b>
2) Jeff Godfrey (True)	2010	66.8
3) Ryan Schneider (RS)	2000	61.9
4) Daunte Culpepper (True)	1995	57.1

## UCF'S ALL-TIME RUSHING CHARTS

• Career rushing attempts:

### Player Years Number

1) Kevin Smith	2005-07	905
2) Alex Haynes	2001-04	742
3) Willie English	1989-91, '93	606
<b>4) Brynn Harvey</b>	<b>2008-pres.</b>	<b>512</b>
5) Elgin Davis	1983-86	485
6) Marquette Smith	1994-95	468
7) Daunte Culpepper	1995-98	456
8) Mark Giaccone	1987, '89-90	452
9) Gerod Davis	1992-94	396
<b>10) Ronnie Weaver</b>	<b>2007-11</b>	<b>384</b>

• Career rushing yards:

### Player Years Yards

1) Kevin Smith	2005-07	4,679
2) Alex Haynes	2001-04	3,359
3) Willie English	1989-91, '93	3,131
4) Marquette Smith	1994-95	2,569
<b>5) Brynn Harvey</b>	<b>2008-pres.</b>	<b>2,202</b>

# Offense Notes/Record Book Cont...

• Career rushing touchdowns:

Player	Years	Touchdowns
1) Kevin Smith	2005-07	45
2) Willie English	1989-91, '93	38
3) Alex Haynes	2001-04	27
4) Daunte Culpepper	1995-98	24
<b>T5) Latavius Murray</b>	<b>2008-pres.</b>	<b>22</b>
T5) Mark Giacone	1987, '89-90	22
7) Mike Grant	1995-98	20
<b>T8) Jeff Godfrey</b>	<b>2010-pres.</b>	<b>19</b>
T8) Elgin Davis	1983-86	19
T8) Marquette Smith	1994-95	19
T8) Gerod Davis	1992-95	19

• Career rushing yards by a quarterback:

Player	Years	Yards
1) Daunte Culpepper	1995-98	1,020
<b>2) Jeff Godfrey</b>	<b>2010-pres.</b>	<b>971</b>

## LET THE O-LINE LEAD THE WAY

• UCF's 27 rushing touchdowns were the fourth-most in single-season history:

Season	Rushing TDs
1) 2007	41
T2) 2010	36
T2) 1990	36
<b>4) 2011</b>	<b>27</b>

## A FAMILY AFFAIR

• Nov. 25 against UTEP marked the final time the McCray brothers would see the same field together at UCF.

• Senior Cliff McCray started the final eight games on the offensive line, while twins Jordan (one) and Justin (five) combined for six starts during their sophomore seasons as offensive guards.

• Cliff and Justin started together at SMU, while Cliff and Jordan received the start at UAB at LG and RG, respectively.

## A LATE BLOOMER

• In 2010, running back Latavius Murray waited until his ninth game before recording double-digit carries. He eventually grabbed the starting role en route to MVP honors in the C-USA Championship Game and the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

• This past season, the junior started the final two games where he combined for 42 carries, 320 yards and three rushing touchdowns.

• Murray's 233 rushing yards vs. UTEP in the season finale were the fourth-most all-time by a Knight. And as of Dec. 6, it was the 13th-best performance by a running back in the nation in 2011.

• Murray also had two receptions for 24 yards and a touchdown vs. the Miners, and his effort enabled him to be selected as the College Football Performance Awards National Running Back of the Week. He also was nominated for the Marines National Running Back Performance of the Year presented by Intersport.

• The New York native completed his year with 549 rushing yards on 98 carries with eight touchdowns. He also had 17 receptions for 242 yards and a TD.

## THE WORKHORSE

• Junior Brynn Harvey missed the entire 2009 season with an injury, and in his first four games of 2011 he had yet to carry the ball at least 15 times or rack up over 70 yards in a game.

• That changed during the rainstorm of Oct. 8 vs. Marshall. Receiving his first start since the 2009 St. Petersburg Bowl, Harvey tore up the field for 180 yards on 30 carries, including a 50-yard scamper to open the game.

• It was Harvey's seventh-career 100-yard rushing day, which ranks in a tie for sixth all-time at UCF.

• Harvey's 100-yard rushing games:

Opponent	ATT	YDS
at Marshall - Nov. 15, 2008	33	150
Samford - Sept. 5, 2009	31	111
Memphis - Oct. 3, 2009	42	219
Houston - Nov. 14, 2009	35	139
Tulane - Nov. 21, 2009	16	129
at UAB - Nov. 28, 2009	24	130
Marshall - Oct. 8, 2011	30	180

• Harvey's 180 yards vs. the Thundering Herd ranks in a tie for 16th on the UCF single-game chart.

• Harvey joined Kevin Smith, Marquette Smith and Willie English as the only four Knights in UCF history who recorded 180 rushing yards or more in a game at least twice in their careers.

## RUN AROUND

• Last year, UCF posted at least 235 total rushing yards in a game four times. In 2011, it had five contests where it collected 235 yards or more, and they all occurred at home.

• UCF's top rushing performances:

Opponent	Rushing Yards
1) Charleston Southern	316
2) Memphis	261
3) UTEP	249
4) Marshall	240
5) Boston College	235

## MIXING IT UP

• Collecting 240 rushing yards as a team vs. Marshall Oct. 8, UCF took to the air at SMU Oct. 15.

• The Knights amassed 349 passing yards vs. the Mustangs, which were the most in a game since 355 against Miami (Ohio) Nov. 28, 2003. That was the last game of Ryan Schneider's UCF career, as he sits second all-time with 10,976 passing yards.

• In the contest vs. SMU, Jeff Godfrey was 23-for-32 with 231 yards and a touchdown, while Blake Bortles was 9-for-12 with 118 yards and a TD.

• Godfrey and Bortles both racked up at least 100 passing yards in the same game three times in 2011 (CSU, SMU, UAB).

• UCF's top passing games since the departure of Ryan Schneider following the 2003 season:

Opponent	Date	Passing Yards
<b>1) at SMU</b>	<b>Oct. 15, 2011</b>	<b>349</b>
2) Marshall	Nov. 1, 2009	342
3) Kent State	Nov. 23, 2004	337
4) Rice	Oct. 21, 2006	327
5) Akron	Oct. 16, 2004	322

## SPREADING THE LOVE

• A total of nine different Knights pulled in a reception at SMU Oct. 15. That included Josh Reese, Latavius Murray, Dontravius Floyd and J.J. Worton who each had five.

• It was the first game since Aug. 31, 2002, at Penn State in which four players all recorded at least five receptions. In that close 27-24 loss to the Nittany Lions, Doug Gabriel led the way with 11 catches followed by Tavaris Capers (seven), Jimmy Fryzel (five) and Alex Haynes (five).

## SENIOR BLOWS UP AT BYU

• UCF amassed 318 passing yards at BYU Sept. 23.

• A total of 51.3 percent of those yards went to senior A.J. Guyton as he finished with a career-high 163 yards on nine receptions.

• The 163 receiving yards were the most since Mike Sims-Walker vs. Rice Oct. 21, 2006, when he had 169 on 13 receptions.

• Guyton's performance ranked tied for 22nd in UCF single-game history.

## OPENING UP THE RECORD BOOK

• UCF posted a school-record eight rushing touchdowns against Charleston Southern, surpassing the previous record of seven vs. Memphis Sept. 22, 2007.

Game	Rushing TDs	Date
<b>1) UCF 62, CSU 0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Sept. 3, 2011</b>
2) UCF 56, MEM 20	7	Sept. 22, 2007

• The eight touchdowns were one shy of the Conference USA record set by Southern Miss vs. UAB Nov. 1, 2008.

• UCF registered eight touchdowns or less in an entire season seven times. That includes the 2008 campaign when the Knights had eight rushing TDs and the 2004 season when they posted seven.

## THAT WAS A LOT OF POINTS

• UCF's 62 points vs. CSU were the seventh-most in a single game in school history, and the most it scored since Sept. 5, 1998.

Score	Date
1) UCF 71, Gardner-Webb 21	Sept. 5, 1992
2) UCF 67, Grand Valley State 3	Oct. 31, 1987
3) UCF 66, Samford 7	Nov. 15, 1986
4) UCF 64, Louisiana Tech 30	Sept. 5, 1998
5) UCF 63, Buffalo 21	Nov. 7, 1992
UCF 63, Texas Southern 6	Nov. 17, 1990
<b>7) UCF 62, Charleston Southern 0</b>	<b>Sept. 3, 2011</b>

• Only four other schools (Cincinnati 72, Virginia Tech 66, Washington State 64 and Georgia Tech 63) scored more points than the Black and Gold during week one.

## PILING UP THE YARDS

• UCF's top offensive games in the FBS era (since 1996):

Score	Total Yards	Date
1) UCF 59, KENT ST 43	612	Oct. 4, 1997
2) UCF 63, LIB 0	602	Oct. 13, 2001
3) UCF 56, MEM 20	601	Sept. 22, 2007
4) UCF 42, ILL ST 15	597	Nov. 2, 1998
5) UCF 44, YSU 32	575	Oct. 31, 1998
6) UCF 42, ULL 10	574	Oct. 24, 1998
UCF 48, EIU 0	574	Sept. 12, 1998
8) UCF 33, FAU 29	565	Sept. 13, 2003
<b>9) UCF 62, CSU 0</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>Sept. 3, 2011</b>
UCF 64, LA TECH 30	560	Sept. 5, 1998

## NOT A BAD PERCENTAGE

• In 10 offensive possessions vs. Charleston Southern, UCF found the endzone eight times, and it was 8-for-8 in redzone opportunities.

# Defense Notes/Record Book

## TOTAL DEFENSE

• UCF allowed just 303.3 total yards per game, its best performance since the 1990 season.

• UCF's top seasons for total defense:

Season	Avg. Yards Allowed Per Game
1) 1979	225.4
2) 1980	264.5
3) 1989	276.3
4) 1987	276.5
5) 1990	282.5
6) 1981	287.5
<b>7) 2011</b>	<b>303.3</b>

## RUSHING DEFENSE

• Opponents combined for only nine rushing touchdowns on the Knights in 2011. That tied for the fewest rushing TDs given up in a season, which also happened in 1981, 1989 and 2010.

• Meanwhile, UCF surrendered 108.8 rushing yards a game. Since the program's inception in 1979, the Knights' top-three seasons for rushing defense have all occurred in the last three years.

• UCF's top seasons for rushing defense:

Season	Avg. Yards Allowed Per Game
1) 2009	82.8
2) 2010	108.4
<b>3) 2011</b>	<b>108.8</b>
4) 1999	118.7

## PASSING DEFENSE

• In the air, UCF gave up 194.5 passing yards per contest, marking the lowest average since 2001 (178.0).

• Opponents recorded a 54.0 completion percentage, as UCF has held foes to a 54.9 percentage in four of the past five seasons.

## SCORING DEFENSE

• Since joining the FCS in 1990 and then the FBS in 1996, UCF's top-two seasons in scoring defense have been 2010 and 2011.

• UCF's top seasons for scoring defense dating back to 1990:

Season	Points Allowed Per Game
1) 2010	17.1
<b>2) 2011</b>	<b>18.3</b>
3) 2001	18.5

## HOME COOKING

• With a 5-1 record at Bright House Networks Stadium, UCF's defense dominated on its home turf. A quick statistical breakdown:

Category	UCF	Opponent
Points Per Game	32.8	7.8
Rushing Yards Per Game	242.7	83.2
Rushing Touchdowns	20	2
Passing Yards Per Game	209.8	132.3
Total Offense Per Game	452.5	215.5
Punts	19	39
Third Down Conversions	44%	29%
Sacks	12	6

• UCF allowed a total of 47 points in home games, including just six in the second quarter and nine in the third quarter.

• Overall points allowed per home game:

Season	Average Points Allowed at Home
1) 1979	5.0 (20 in 4 games)
2) 2001	6.0 (30 in 5 games)
<b>3) 2011</b>	<b>7.8 (47 in 6 games)</b>

## THIRD-DOWN DOMINANCE

• Opponents were successful on just 31.55 percent of its third-down conversions, which ranked as the third-best showing by a Knights' defense, and also consistently ranked in the top-10 in the nation in 2011.

• Lowest third-down conversion percentages in UCF history:

Season	Percentage
1) 1985	30.9
2) 1998	31.0
<b>3) 2011</b>	<b>31.5</b>

• Charleston Southern, Boston College, Marshall, SMU, Memphis, Southern Miss and East Carolina all managed three or less third-down conversions.

• Game-by-game chart:

Opponent	Third Downs	Percentage
Charleston Southern	4-15	26.7
Boston College	1-12	8.3
at FIU	4-13	30.8
at BYU	6-16	37.5
Marshall	2-14	14.3
at SMU	3-9	33.3
at UAB	9-15	60.0
Memphis	2-13	15.4
Tulsa	6-13	46.2
at Southern Miss	3-14	21.4
at East Carolina	3-14	21.4
UTEP	10-20	50.0

## TEAM LEADERS

Category	Player	Statistics
Tackles	Kemal Ishmael	81
Tackles for Loss	Jonathan Davis	10.5
Sacks	Troy Davis	5.0
Interceptions	Josh Linam	2
	Josh Robinson	2
	A.J. Bouye	2
Break-Ups	Josh Robinson	15
Forced Fumbles	Josh Linam	2
	Ronnie Weaver	2

## GETTING IN THE WAY

• Junior cornerback Josh Robinson totaled 15 break-ups in 2011, tied for the second-most in a single-season. That included seven break-ups in the final four games.

• UCF single-season pass break-ups:

Player	Season	Break-Ups
1) Greg Atterberry	1983	22
<b>T2) Josh Robinson</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>15</b>
T2) Asante Samuel	2002	15

• Robinson also has 36 break-ups for his career, ranking second behind only current Philadelphia Eagle Asante Samuel who holds the record with 38 from 1999-02.

• UCF career pass break-ups:

Player	Seasons	Break-Ups
1) Asante Samuel	1999-02	38
<b>2) Josh Robinson</b>	<b>2009-pres.</b>	<b>36</b>
3) Joe Burnett	2005-08	35

• UCF career interceptions:

Player	Seasons	Interceptions
1) Joe Burnett	2005-08	16
2) Sha'reff Rashad	2004-08	14
3) Keith Evans	1986-88	13
4) Johnell Neal	2005-08	12
<b>5) Josh Robinson</b>	<b>2009-pres.</b>	<b>10</b>

## TACKLE BREAKDOWN

• Combined total tackles by class:

Class	Total Tackles
Seniors	120
Juniors	329
Sophomores	66
Freshmen	198

## ON HIS WAY TO THE TOP-10

• Boasting 244-career tackles since his true-freshman season, junior safety Kemal Ishmael is on pace to enter UCF's top-10 next year for total tackles.

• Cory Hogue (2006-09) claims 10th with 279 tackles. • Ishmael has finished each season with at least 70 tackles (70 in 2009, 93 in 2010 and a team-high 81 in 2011). He averages just over six tackles per game.

• UCF career tackles:

Player	Seasons	Tackles
1) Rick Hamilton	1989-92	443
2) Bill Giovanetti	1979-82	429
3) Nakia Reddick	1993-96	354
4) Darrell Rudd	1981-84	347
5) Wyatt Bogan	1984-88	341
6) Jason Venson	2005-08	322
7) Tito Rodriguez	1998-01	321
8) Atari Bigby	2001-04	296
9) Bill Stewart	1987-90	294
10) Cory Hogue	2006-09	279
--- <b>Kemal Ishmael</b>	<b>2009-pres.</b>	<b>244</b>

## FRESHMEN ON THE D

• Top freshmen tacklers year-by-year under George O'Leary:

Freshman	Season	Tackles	Rank on the Team
Clayton Geathers	2011	67	2nd
Victor Gray	2010	33	11th
Kemal Ishmael	2009	70	4th
Ronnie Weaver	2008	5	24th
Derrick Hallman	2007	50	7th
Chance Henderson	2006	32	9th
Jason Venson	2005	85	1st
Renford Parks	2004	42	6th

## STILL THE LEAGUE LEADER

• In 2010, the Knights finished atop the league in four of the five major defensive categories, placing second only in passing defense.

• This year, UCF also owned first place in four of those categories (as of Dec. 19).

### C-USA School Total Defense

<b>1) UCF</b>	<b>303.3 YPG</b>
2) Southern Miss	338.4 YPG

### C-USA School Scoring Defense

<b>1) UCF</b>	<b>18.3 PPG</b>
2) Southern Miss	20.5 PPG

### C-USA School Rushing Defense

<b>1) UCF</b>	<b>108.8 YPG</b>
2) Southern Miss	117.4 YPG

### C-USA School Passing Defense

<b>1) UCF</b>	<b>194.5 YPG</b>
2) East Carolina	202.2 YPG

### C-USA School Passing Efficiency Defense

<b>1) Southern Miss</b>	<b>110.1 Rating</b>
<b>2) UCF</b>	<b>110.6 Rating</b>

# Defense Notes/Record Book Cont...

## DEFENSE RANKS NEAR THE TOP YET AGAIN

- For the second-straight season, UCF ranked in the top-25 in all five major defensive categories (as of Dec. 6). This season, the Knights were in the top-12 in pass efficiency, total and scoring defense.
- UCF's national ranking through the end of the regular season:

Season	Rushing	Passing	Pass Eff.	Total	Scoring
2007*	49th	76th	55th	61st	79th
2008	37th	88th	44th	58th	89th
2009	11th	95th	83rd	45th	28th
2010	14th	9th	8th	7th	8th
2011	18th	22nd	12th	11th	11th

## GET YOUR HANDS UP

- Sophomore defensive tackle Victor Gray entered the record book at Southern Miss Nov. 12, and stands all alone at the top among all UCF defensive linemen thanks to his impressive accomplishment.
- Gray became the first defensive lineman or linebacker in school history to break up four passes in a single game, and among all UCF players, that ranked tied for fourth.
- Passes broken up in a single game in UCF history:

Player	Position	Break-Ups	Date
T1) Tim Kiggins	DB	5	11/15/80
T1) Greg Atterberry	DB	5	11/26/83
T1) Davin Bush	DB	5	9/9/00
<b>T4) Victor Gray</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11/1/80</b>
T4) John Cummings	DB	4	11/1/80
T4) Victor Riddle	DB	4	9/13/85
T4) David Alls	DB	4	9/13/86
T4) Keith Evans	DB	4	11/21/87
T4) Ray Irvin	DB	4	9/2/88

## FRESHMEN GUARDING THE LINE

- UCF used three true freshmen linebackers more than any school in the country this year. Troy Gray,

Leilon Willingham and Terrance Plummer combined for 13 starts and 66 tackles.

- The Knights' true freshmen linebackers:

Player	Statistics
Troy Gray	12 GP, 9 GS, 30 Tackles
Leilon Willingham	10 GP, 3 GS, 19 Tackles
Terrance Plummer	11 GP, 1 GS, 17 Tackles

- Gray started the final nine games of the season, recording six tackles at UAB and at East Carolina, and notched his first sack against Memphis.

## EASIEST WAY TO WIN: PUTTING UP A ZERO

- With a 62-0 victory over Charleston Southern Sept. 3 and a 41-0 blanking of Memphis Oct. 29, UCF posted two shutouts this year.
- Most shutouts in a single-season:

Season	Shutouts
1) 1979	3
<b>T2) 2011</b>	<b>2</b>
T2) 1981	2
T2) 2001	2

- The Knights held opponents to under 10 points four times this year (all at home). The record was set in UCF's first season of 1979 when it held teams to nine points or less six times in just eight games.

## KEEPING THEM OFF THE BOARD

- UCF held opponents to single-digits four times and to 17 points or less in six contests.
- Most games allowing less than 10 points in a single-season:

Season	Games Allowing Single-Digits
1) 1979	6
<b>2) 2011</b>	<b>4</b>
1981, '86, '87, '90, '00, '01, '10	4

- Most games allowing 17 points or less in a single-season:

Season	Games Allowing 17 PTS or Less
1) 2010	10
2) 1990	8
3) 1987	7
<b>4) 2011</b>	<b>6</b>

## A DYNAMIC SECONDARY

- The Knights surrendered 70 passing yards vs. Charleston Southern and 84 against Boston College (154 yards total) to kick off 2011. In week three, it gave up just 127 to an FIU team that was averaging 220.5 yards per game.
- Fewest passing yards allowed in the FBS era (since 1996):

Game	Passing Yards	Date
1) MSU 10, UCF 3	39	Dec. 29, 2007
2) UCF 28, NSU 0	49	Oct. 16, 1999
3) VT 44, UCF 21	55	Nov. 11, 2000
4) UCF 32, KENT ST	58	Nov. 16, 2002
<b>5) UCF 62, CSU 0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>Sept. 3, 2011</b>
6) UCF 52, W&M 7	71	Sept. 23, 2000
7) UCF 17, SCSU 0	74	Aug. 30, 2008
8) UCF 24, UAB 7	76	Oct. 6, 2001
T9) UCF 49, TULANE 0	80	Nov. 21, 2009
T9) UCF 38, MEM 17	80	Oct. 8, 2005
11) UCF 38, NIU 17	81	Oct. 10, 1998
<b>12) UCF 30, B.C. 3</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>Sept. 10, 2011</b>
UCF 30, MAR 14	84	Nov. 15, 2008

- UCF last held opponents to under 100 passing yards in consecutive games when it gave up 38 to Mississippi State in the 2007 AutoZone Liberty Bowl and 74 vs. South Carolina State to open 2008.

# Special Teams Notes

## ONE OF THE BEST

- From 2008-10, UCF finished the season ranked in the top-13 in the country in kickoff returns, including first last year. In 2011, the Knights were at it again.
- The Black and Gold was as low as 113th in the FBS after week four, and 100th after week seven.
- UCF quickly jumped the chart and finally grabbed first once again after the East Carolina game Nov. 19.
- UCF's 2011 week-by-week ranking:

After Week...	FBS Ranking	Average
One (Charleston Southern)	102nd	13.00
Two (Boston College)	110th	16.67
Three (FIU)	T-105th	18.17
Four (BYU)	113th	17.86
Five (Bye)	112nd	17.86
Six (Marshall)	104th	19.30
Seven (SMU)	100th	19.57
Eight (UAB)	32nd	23.63
Nine (Memphis)	29th	23.75
10 (Tulsa)	17th	24.88
11 (Southern Miss)	4th	26.74
12 (East Carolina)	1st	27.53
13 (UTEP)	3rd	26.93

## TAKING IT BACK FOR SIX

- Latavius Murray's 69-yard kickoff return for a touchdown at Southern Miss marked the fifth-straight year UCF ran back a kickoff for six points.

- Only UCF, Louisiana Tech, Kansas State, Houston and Clemson can boast that accomplishment from 2007-11.

## "SPEEDY" IN CHARGE

- True freshman and All-C-USA First Team member Rannell Hall averaged 31.0 yards on 23 kickoff returns, with his first return coming in UCF's sixth game of the year at SMU.
- Hall was the lone freshman from any school to grab a spot on either the first or second team when C-USA's postseason awards were released Dec. 6.
- The Miami native ranked seventh nationally (as of Dec. 6) in kickoff returns, as his 31.0 average ranked second in UCF single-season history. Hall amassed at least 138 yards in returns in four different games in 2011.

- On special teams, Hall became the third Knight in the past four seasons to serve as the All-C-USA First Team kick returner (Joe Burnett in 2008, Quincy McDuffie in 2010). He was also the first freshman KR since Louisville's Broderick Clark in 2002 to be voted onto the First Team, and was the first UCF freshman overall to make an appearance on the First Team since Burnett (as a defensive back and a punt returner) in 2005.

- UCF's single-season chart for average yards per kickoff return:

Player	Average	Season
1) Quincy McDuffie	32.2 (869/27)	2010
<b>2) Rannell Hall</b>	<b>31.0 (714/23)</b>	<b>2011</b>

- UCF's single-season chart for kickoff return yards:

Player	Yards/Returns	Season
1) Ted Wilson	952/40	1984
2) Quincy McDuffie	944/39	2009
3) Quincy McDuffie	869/27	2010
4) Joe Burnett	745/26	2008
5) Ted Wilson	732/25	1983
<b>6) Rannell Hall</b>	<b>714/23</b>	<b>2011</b>

## MAKING THE MOST OF IT

- Senior David Bohner was the only punter for the Black and Gold in 2011, and his 41.2 average ranked ninth on UCF's single-season chart:

- UCF's single-season chart for punting average:

Player	Average	Season
1) Matt Prater	47.9	2003
2) Charlie Pierce	44.1	1996
3) Marek Butcher	43.9	1997
4) Javier Beorlegui	43.5	2001
5) Aaron Horne	42.2	2005
T6) Ryan Flinn	41.8	2002
T6) Blake Clingan	41.8	2010
8) Glenn McCombs	41.6	1983
<b>9) David Bohner</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>2011</b>