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Schedule



VOLLEYBALL OREGON

TODAY
11 a.m. (AWAY)
UCF, coming off its match against No. 3 Stanford, now has to travel to Kansas for the Jayhawk Invitational.

UTAH STATE

TODAY
6 p.m. (AWAY)
The Knights will face the Aggies in Friday's nightcap.

KANSAS

TOMORROW
2 p.m. (AWAY)
The Knights will finish up their stay in Lawrence, Kan., against the host Jayhawks.



CROSS COUNTRY KNIGHT ATTACK CHALLENGE

TODAY
4:30 p.m. (HOME)
UCF's Cross Country team will start its season with a home meet.



WOMEN'S SOCCER PACIFIC

TODAY
10 p.m. (AWAY)
The Knights take a long road trip out to California to face the Tigers.

UC-DAVIS

SUNDAY
3 p.m. (AWAY)
UCF finishes its short West Coast swing against the Aggies.

MEN'S SOCCER

STETSON

SUNDAY
7 p.m. (AWAY)
The Knights look to earn their first win of the year against the Hatters.



FOOTBALL

SOUTH FLORIDA

TOMORROW
7 p.m. (HOME)
The Knights take one final shot at beating the Bulls before the two end their series.

BULL'S-EYE



UCF's defense will be targeting USF quarterback Matt Grothe on Saturday. He has gained 687 total yards in 2 games versus the Knights.

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Knights trying to stunt Grothe

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Sports Editor

It may be Week Two, but for the UCF Football team, this is the first test of the season.

South Carolina State was an appetizer.

Tomorrow, when UCF's focus transfers from Bulldogs to Bulls, the Knights will face a team that sports a consensus All-America pass rusher and one of the most talented multi-threat quarterbacks in the country. The Bulldogs didn't have anyone close to that on their roster.

This game versus South Florida is important to the Knights for a couple of reasons: One, it represents what could be their final chance to claim victory against their fiercest rival, a ranked, BCS-conference squad, in a game with a true home field advantage.

Secondly, there was that little 64-12 beatdown the Bulls handed out last year in Tampa.

The Knights have seen clips of that game all week and want some retribution.

Here are the key matchups for tomorrow:

USF QB Matt Grothe vs. UCF's pass rush

To say that Grothe has played well against the Knights is an understatement.

Dominated is more like it. The junior has amassed 687 yards and seven touchdowns in two games against UCF.

Grothe threw for more than 300 yards against the Knights two years ago, but the key to stopping him is taking out his legs. He's already second in USF's record books for career rushing yards, and 173 of those yards have come at the Knights' expense.

"[Grothe] has hurt us more on key downs running the ball, more so than passing," UCF head coach George

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UCF hoping to finally claim victory against dominant Bulls

PADRICK BREWER
Editor-in-Chief

NEXT GAME



Saturday, 7 p.m. | Bright House Stadium

Hill, Mass., to face Boston College.

"[Non-conference games] are the games that get you the respect that you want from the country," Head coach George O'Leary said in a news conference. "I have [imposed] that upon our players that we schedule non-conference games to go out and get decent wins. To achieve the recognition, you have to win those games. The conference will take care of itself."

Picking up a win against USF would not only start UCF off 2-0, but it would also give the Knights some semblance of



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UCF quarterbacks Michael Greco, above, and Kyle Israel were sacked by the USF Bulls 4 times in the teams' 2007 meeting. Keeping Greco upright Saturday will be big if the Knights want to win.

bragging rights against their would-be rivals.

The key for the Knights tomorrow, aside from improving

an offense that scored 17 points last week, will be slowing down the USF attack.

Last year, USF quarterback

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South Florida vs. UCF

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Matt Grothe dominated the Knights, rushing for 100 yards and two touchdowns and throwing for 212 yards and two more touchdowns.

He was one of three USF quarterbacks to throw for a score in the blowout.

The Knights will need to not only get pressure on Grothe, but also contain him outside of the pocket.

O'Leary knows that keeping Grothe in check will determine how the Knights fare.

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