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Schedule



VOLLEYBALL
TULANE
TODAY
 1 P.M. (AWAY)
 After the Knights won their first-round match in the Conference USA Championship versus SIMU, they will now move on to face the top-seeded Green Wave in Memphis, Tenn. Tulane went 15-1 in conference play this season.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
FLORIDA A&M
TODAY
 7 P.M. (HOME)
 The Knights host their first game of the new season against the Lady Rattlers. The Knights lost their season-opening game to Colorado on Sunday.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC
SATURDAY
 7 P.M. (HOME)
 The Owls head up to Orlando for their second road game of the year. The Owls went 6-22 last season. The Knights went 10-20.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
NEW MEXICO
SATURDAY
 9 P.M. (AWAY)
 The Knights, coming off a loss to Valparaiso, head down to Albuquerque, N.M., for the start of the Cancun Challenge. UCF's first game in the tournament will be versus the Lobos.

Tall ORDER

Big receivers highlight UCF's trip to Memphis

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UCF linebacker Chance Henderson and guard Jah Reid don't care about how cold it might be for the UCF Football team's game in Memphis, Tenn., on Saturday. "When you get out there and get the pads on ..., you don't really feel the cold temperature," Henderson said.

What the Knights do feel is the last chance for consecutive victories this season.

UCF has a shot to finish 5-7 and at 4-4 in conference play, an achievement that would have seemed far-fetched three weeks ago.

Here are the keys to Saturday's game:

Catching corps

"I think they got excellent receivers, guys who are supposed to look like receivers," UCF head coach George O'Leary said of Memphis' receiving tandem of Duke Calhoun and Carlos Singleton.

Calhoun, the Tigers' leading receiver last season, is 6-foot-4, 200 pounds and has 31 catches for 386 yards and a touchdown this season.

Singleton, who is 6-foot-8, 220 pounds, is massive and building on his 767-yard and 11-touchdown performance last season. Singleton leads the Tigers with 740 receiving yards and five touchdowns.

"I think our secondary corps will have their work cut out for them," O'Leary said.

While Calhoun has seen a drop in his production, he has caught a pass in all 34 of the collegiate games in which he has played.

UCF cannot boast the same type of consistency with its receivers.

Against Marshall,

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Memphis junior running back Curtis Steele ranks 25th in the country with an average of 100 rushing yards per game. He has rushed for 301 yards in the Tigers' past 2 games.



Memphis junior wide receiver Carlos Singleton has used his 6-foot-8 frame to help him catch 48 passes for 740 yards this season.

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NEXT GAME



Saturday, 2 p.m. | Liberty Bowl

The preview

Running game is strong point for both

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The UCF Football team is going to the Liberty Bowl this season after all. OK, so it's only for a regular season matchup with the Memphis Tigers, but the fact remains.

There is no bowl game of any sort in UCF's future this season. It's been a rough year for the Knights, to say the least, and just when you think that you have them figured out, they do something out of the ordinary — like, win.

After losing consecutive home games, the Knights (3-7 overall, 2-4 in Conference USA) went to Huntington, W.Va., to face a Marshall team that was fighting for the top spot in C-USA's East Division on Saturday. Many probably thought that the Knights would be an easy get for the Herd since they were eliminated from bowl

contention the previous week. But the Knights literally ran over Marshall on their way to a 30-14 win.

A week after a UCF running back carried the ball just nine times in a Homecoming loss to Southern Miss, the Knights called 48 running plays for their backs. The result was 196 yards on the ground, including a career-high 150 from freshman Brynn Harvey.

But UCF head coach George O'Leary said the near 80-20 split between run plays and pass plays in that game isn't something he wants to repeat Saturday versus the Memphis Tigers (5-5, 3-3 in C-USA). He wants a more reasonable ratio.

"60-40," he said. "We ran it so much more Saturday for two reasons. One, the weather. And I thought they gave us the opportunity to run the ball. But I think this week will be a different game."

Harvey will still see the lion

share of the carries, but O'Leary also said that freshman back Brandon Davis could see the field Saturday. He has been nursing a foot injury for the past couple of weeks.

The Tigers will also be running the ball for a majority of the time Saturday for two reasons. One, they have a very good running back in Curtis Steele, and two, because they hardly have anyone else left who can throw.

Steele, a junior, has rushed for 100 yards in five of his past seven games. While he's not much of a receiver out of the backfield, Steele gains most of his yards through his speed and quickness.

At 6-foot, 185 pounds, he is not built to take a lot of pounding. He has rushed more than 20 times in a game just once in the past six weeks. But he has still produced enough to average 100 rushing

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