



AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP POSTGAME NOTES

Tulane 45, UCF 28

Saturday, December 3, 2022
Yulman Stadium
New Orleans, Louisiana

- A** This was the first American Athletic Conference Championship game appearance for Tulane.
- A** UCF appeared in its third American Athletic Conference Championship game, but first on the road. The Knights were 2-0 in their previous appearances.
- A** The attendance for the game was 30,118 – setting a Yulman Stadium record.
- A** UCF was scoreless after one quarter – just the third time on the season the Knights failed to score in the opening frame. It is the ninth time Tulane has allowed zero points in the first quarter.
- A** The 10-point deficit was the largest first quarter deficit UCF has faced all season.
- A** A fourth down stop by the Knights defense gave UCF a short field. The Knights capitalized with an 8-play, 32-yard touchdown drive capped with a five-yard touchdown run by Xavier Townsend to score their first points.
- A** Townsend's touchdown was the first of his career and came on just his second carry. He had one carry for five yards against Memphis on Nov. 5.
- A** Davonte Brown snagged an interception late in the second quarter, tying the American Athletic Conference Championship game record for most in a game (13 others).
- A** The 13-point halftime deficit was the largest of the season for UCF.
- A** Pratt threw for 217 yards in the first half of the game – the fourth most in an American Athletic Conference Championship Game (UCF's McKenzie Milton – 306 yards; 2017; Memphis's Riley Ferguson – 249 yards; 2017; UCF's Darriel Mack Jr. – 220 yards; 2018).
- A** Tulane running back and American Offensive Player of the Year Tyjae Spears broke a 60-yard touchdown run to begin the third quarter. The run pushed him over the 100-yard mark for the seventh consecutive game.
- A** Pratt hit Duece Watts in the fourth quarter for a 73-yard touchdown pass – the longest pass in an American Athletic Conference Championship game.
- A** Running back RJ Harvey threw his first career pass, throwing a 49-yard touchdown pass to Kobe Hudson.
- A** Spears finished with 203 rushing yards, eight shy of the American Athletic Conference Championship game record.
- A** Pratt won the Most Outstanding Player after throwing for 394 yards and three touchdowns. The 394 yards is the 3rd-most in an American Athletic Championship game (UCF's McKenzie Milton – 494; 2018; Memphis's Riley Ferguson – 471; 2018).
- A** Prior to last week, Tulane had lost 61-straight games against ranked opponents. The Green Wave have won back-to-back games against ranked opponents, defeating #21 Cincinnati a week ago and #23 UCF in the championship.

Championship Records Set/Tied

Interceptions	1-tied	Davonte Brown, UCF
Punt Returns	3-tied	Jha'Quan Jackson, Tulane
Kick Return Length	40	Lawrence Keys III, Tulane
Longest Pass	73 yards	Michael Pratt, Tulane

Miscellaneous

Kickoff time was 4:09 p.m. ET/3:09 p.m. CT, and the game ended at 7:57 p.m. ET/6:57 p.m. CT. Game time temperature was 78 degrees, with winds from the South at 5 mph and light rain. Tulane won the coin toss and elected to defer to the second half.

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