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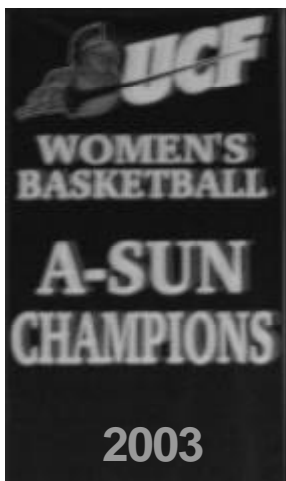
Back-2-Back Atlantic Sun Champions

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AT THE HELM... In her fifth year as UCF's head coach, Gail Striegler guided the squad to a 17-13 overall record and a 14-6 conference mark. She accomplished several milestones during 2003-04, earning her 50th Atlantic Sun victory with the 68-39 win at Mercer on Feb. 26 and her 70th overall win in the season finale against Stetson on March 6.

GOLDEN GIRLS... Sophomore guard Celeste Hudson and junior center/forward Takira Allen both added postseason accolades to their resumes. Hudson was named First-Team All-Atlantic Sun, while Allen earned Second-Team All-Conference honors. Hudson and junior center Ali Roberts were rewarded for their efforts during the Atlantic Sun Tournament by being named to the All-Tournament Team.

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ... In the final regular season game against Stetson, UCF's lone senior - forward Adrienne Billings - went out in style. After averaging around three blocks a game all season and just 20 away from hitting the 500 mark for her career, Billings grabbed a career-high 15 boards against the Hatters. She also recorded her seventh double-double of her career scoring 14 points.

Billings has made her mark in the UCF record books. She is currently second all-time with 109 blocks in her career and fifth all-time in shooting from the field (50.8%).

TRIPLE THREAT... Sophomore guard Celeste Hudson was impressive from behind the arc all season as she finished the season second in the Atlantic Sun in three-pointers made per game (2.33) and sixth in three-point shooting percentage (34.8%).

Against Campbell on Feb. 19, Hudson tied the school record for most three-pointers made in a game with seven and continued to move up the ranks for most in a season and most in a career. She hit a total of 70 for the season and overtook Kelli Ely for first for most three's in a season. Combined with her 42 from her freshman season, Hudson has 112 in her two-year career and has moved into second all-time, just one shy of Ely's 113.

PLAYING THE FIELD... The Golden Knights finished the season second behind Georgia State in shooting from the floor with a 40.2%. UCF hit 701 of 1742 attempts. The defense held opponents to 34.3% shooting from the field, an effort that headlines the A-Sun standings.

Two UCF players were listed among the top five field goal shooters individually. Juniors Ali Roberts and Takira Allen were third and fourth. Roberts was 109 of 208 (52.4%) and Allen was shooting 164 for 316 (51.9%).

TOP DOG... The Golden Knights topped the Atlantic Sun in seven different statistical categories, including scoring defense, field goal percentage defense, rebounding offense, rebounding margin, blocked shots, assists and defensive rebounds.

DOUBLE-DOUBLE TROUBLE... Takira Allen and Celeste Hudson recorded nine of the 12 double-doubles during the 2003-04 season, including one each in the 68-63 win over Campbell on Feb. 19, while Adrienne Billings added one in the season finale and Ali Roberts added one in the

Atlantic Sun Tournament Championship game against Lipscomb. Hudson registered consecutive double-doubles in three straight games from Feb. 14-21, while Allen posted double-doubles against Georgia State (Feb. 28) and Jacksonville (March 4).

Allen currently has six double-doubles in her three-year career, while Hudson has five. Billings now boasts seven.

The following is a list of the double-doubles by UCF and includes the date, opponent, player and points/rebounds recorded:

Date	Team	Player	Pts/Rebs
1/13	vs. FAU	Hudson	18/10
1/19	at Campbell	Allen	16/12
1/29	vs. Lipscomb	Allen	17/14
2/14	at Troy State	Hudson	10/10
2/19	vs. Campbell	Hudson	27/10
		Allen	13/10
2/21	vs. GWU	Hudson	13/10
2/28	at Georgia State	Allen	20/10
3/4	vs. Jacksonville	Allen	22/13
3/6	vs. Stetson	Billings	14/15
3/13	vs. Lipscomb	Roberts	15/11
		Hudson	20/11

ON THE GLASS... Traditionally, the Golden Knights have been one of the top rebounding teams in the Atlantic Sun and led the league with an average of 41.7 boards per game in 2002-03.

UCF bounced up and down the ranks of the conference during the 2003-04 season and was ranked as low as sixth. After jumping back to No. 1 during the week of Feb. 19, the team remained there with 44.7 rebounds per game.

Meanwhile, the Golden Knights moved to second in rebounding defense, allowing opponents to grab 37.9 rebounds. Mathematically, the Golden Knights were beating opponents on the glass by a +6.8 margin.

To prove how important rebounding is to UCF's game, consider the following: The Golden Knights were beaten on the glass seven times and only emerged with one victory in that situation.

UCF FOR THE BLOCK... No this isn't a game of Hollywood Squares, rather the Golden Knights are the top team in the A-Sun when it comes to knocking down opponents' shots. They were averaging 5.40 blocks per outing and boast four of the Top 15 shotblockers in the conference.

Sophomore Shelby Weber led UCF with 39 blocks and was seventh in the Atlantic Sun with 1.30 blocks per game. Just behind her with 38 blocks and ranking eighth in the conference (1.27 per game) is junior Ali Roberts followed by senior Adrienne Billings in 11th (1.10) and Takira Allen in 14th (0.93).

HOLDING COURT... The UCF coaching staff used six different lineups during the 2003-04 season. Only two players - junior Ali Roberts and sophomore Shayla Smith - started all 30 games.

The most successful and most frequently used of the Golden Knights' rotations featured juniors Takira Allen and Roberts and sophomores Smith, LaShay King and Celeste Hudson. Together, they had a 11-5 record.

LENDING A HAND... The Golden Knights had the most assists in the Atlantic Sun with an average of 15.00 per contest.

Three UCF players were ranked among the conference's Top 10 individually. Sophomore LaShay King was third with 4.14 assists per game, while her



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UCF's Record When:

leads at halftime	14-4
trails at halftime	3-8
tied at halftime	2-1
scores 40-49 points	0-4
scores 50-59 points	3-7
scores 60-69 points	6-2
scores 70-79 points	6-0
scores 80-89 points	2-0
opponent scores 40-49 points	5-0
opponent scores 50-59 points	6-1
opponent scores 60-69 points	4-7
opponent scores 70-79 points	0-4
opponent scores 80-89 points	0-1
FG% is higher than opponents	17-4
FG% is lower than opponents	0-9
FG% is equal to opponents	0-0
3FG% is higher than opponents ..	12-2
3FG% is lower than opponents	5-11
3FG% is equal to opponents	0-0
FT% is higher than opponents	10-3
FT% is lower than opponents	6-10
FT% is equal to opponents	1-0
is outrebound by opponent	1-6
outrebound opponent	15-6
rebounds are equal to opponent	1-1
assists are higher than opponents	13-6
assists are equal to opponents	3-1
assists are lower than opponents ..	1-6
had fewer to's than opponents	5-1
had more to's than opponents	11-11
turnovers are equal to opponents ..	1-1
had more blocks than opponents ..	14-8
blocks are equal to opponents	0-2
had fewer blocks than opponents ..	3-3
had more steals than opponents	2-0
had fewer steals than opponents	10-12
steals are equal to opponents	5-1
in November	1-2
in December	1-4
in January	6-4
in February	5-2
in March	4-1
playing on Monday	2-1
playing on Tuesday	1-1
playing on Wednesday	0-2
playing on Thursday	5-3
playing on Friday	1-2
playing on Saturday	8-5
playing on Sunday	0-1
tipping off before 5:00 p.m. ET	7-6
tipping off at 5:00 p.m. ET	1-0
tipping off after 5:00 p.m. ET	9-7
against ranked teams	0-1
against ACC	0-2
against Atlantic Sun *	16-7
against SEC	0-2
against Southland Conference	1-0
against MAAC	0-1
*team was 14-6 in the regular season and 2-1 in the conference tournament	

Largest Margin:

of victory ... 36 vs. Nicholls State (11/29)
of defeat 35 vs. Purdue (11/28)

Closest margin:

of victory 4 at Campbell (1/19)
of defeat 2 vs. Lipscomb (3/13)

classmates Celeste Hudson (3.23) and Shayla Smith (2.80) were ranked ninth and 10th.

THIS JUNIOR IS MINT... Junior center Takira "Tater" Allen was named the Atlantic Sun's Preseason Player of the Year before the start of the 2003-04 season. She did not allow the pressure of that title to effect her performance. She put up double-figures on the scoreboard in 23 of the 30 games and led the Golden Knight offensive charge in 10 different contests.

She had a season-high 22 points twice - once against Georgia State on Jan. 8 and again against Jacksonville on March 4.

She also posted five double-doubles to bring her career total to six.

On March 1, Allen earned A-Sun Player of the Week honors after averaging 20 points and nine rebounds and shooting 63.3% from the floor during UCF's wins over Mercer and Georgia State.

CELESTIAL BEING... After being selected to the 2003 Atlantic Sun All-Tournament Team, Celeste Hudson showed that she was the real deal in her sophomore season. She finished the season first on the Golden Knights with 13.5 points per game, an effort that ranked her seventh in the conference.

Hudson led the team in scoring in 16 of the 30 games and posted double figures on 21 different occasions.

She boasted a career-high 28 points against Mercer on Jan. 10 and followed that with her first collegiate double-double when she posted 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds against Florida Atlantic on Jan. 13.

Hudson recorded three consecutive double-doubles at Troy State on Feb. 14 (10 points/10 rebounds), vs. Campbell on Feb. 19 (27 points/10 rebounds) and vs. Gardner-Webb on Feb. 21 (13 points/10 rebounds).

ALI CAT... Junior forward/center Ali Roberts continued to be a force both offensively and defensively for the Golden Knights.

On the season, she had made 109 of her 208 shots and had the highest shooting percentage on the team (52.4%). She posted a season-high 18 points in the win over Gardner-Webb on Feb. 21 and ranked third among the Golden Knights with 8.8 points per contest.

On the glass, Roberts had been the Golden Knights leading rebounder in seven games and was ranked third on the team with 5.3 rebounds per game.

Roberts also continued to build upon the career blocking record that she set in her sophomore year. Adding 38 blocks last season, she now has 146 career blocks. She is also ranked sixth on the A-Sun list for most blocks in a career and needs one more to takeover Phyllette Blake's position at the No. 5 spot.

SLINGING HER WEB... Sophomore Shelby Weber also enjoyed tremendous success in her second season with the Golden Knights.

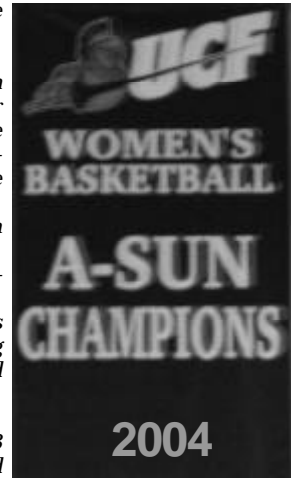
The forward started in 12 of 27 games in the 2003-04 season and registered 4.2 points and 4.3 rebounds per game. She was first on the team with 39 blocks. Combined with her 13 from last season, she is eighth all-time at UCF with 52 blocks in her career.

RETURN OF THE KING... Sophomore guard LaShay King started 20 of the 28 games she played last season and posted 5.1 points and 4.0 rebounds a game. She led the team in assists with 116.

When it comes to playing Florida Atlantic, the Port St. Lucie native holds nothing back. During the 72-61 win in Boca Raton on Dec. 12, King posted a career-high five steals. On Jan. 13 in Orlando, she scored a career-best 12 points and recorded a career-high nine assists.

SECOND HALF WOWS... Three times last season UCF had to overcome first period deficits to earn wins. The first came against Belmont on Jan. 31 at UCF Arena when the Bruins took a 30-27 lead at the half, but the Golden Knights won the contest 67-55.

UCF posted back-to-back come-from-behind victories at Troy State on Feb. 14 and against Campbell on Feb. 19.

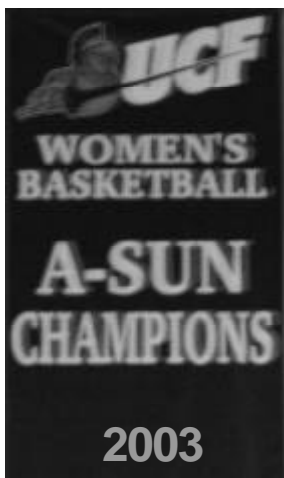


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2003-04 Final Statistics

RECORD	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	17-13	7-8	8-4	2-1
CONFERENCE	14-6	6-4	8-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-7	1-4	0-2	2-1

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Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	{---Total--}		{---3-Pts--}			{----Rebounds----}							PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg									
21 ALLEN	30-29	735-24.5	164-316	.519	0-0	.000	62-108	.574	73	132	205	6.8	89-3	12	81	28	23	390	13.0		
A-Sun Stats	20-19	519-26.0	124-236	.525	0-0	.000	46-81	.568	52	98	150	7.5	59-2	11	51	19	18	294	14.7		
04 Roberts	30-30	750-25.0	109-208	.524	0-1	.000	46-80	.575	73	132	205	5.3	67-0	20	64	38	12	264	8.8		
A-Sun Stats	20-20	481-24.1	74-144	.514	0-1	.000	30-52	.577	38	68	106	5.3	48-0	14	45	32	8	178	8.9		
23 HUDSON	30-26	842-28.1	119-369	.322	70-201	.348	96-121	.793	64	135	199	6.6	59-1	97	107	10	33	404	13.5		
A-Sun Stats	20-19	587-29.4	85-259	.328	48-144	.333	69-88	.784	47	90	137	6.9	42-1	66	65	7	26	287	14.4		
33 BILLINGS	30-0	552-18.4	85-182	.267	3-15	.200	45-79	.570	45	74	119	4.0	79-3	11	46	33	11	218	7.3		
A-Sun Stats	20-0	401-20.1	58-133	.436	3-14	.214	34-61	.557	31	52	83	4.2	59-3	5	27	26	7	153	7.7		
24 SMITH	30-30	929-31.0	55-175	.314	27-89	.303	16-26	.615	18	113	131	4.4	49-0	84	53	2	27	153	5.1		
A-Sun Stats	20-20	626-31.1	37-117	.316	17-59	.288	14-24	.583	13	78	91	4.6	38-0	60	33	2	22	105	5.3		
12 KING	28-20	734-26.2	54-154	.351	1-13	.077	34-53	.642	29	82	111	4.0	53-0	116	96	10	23	143	5.1		
A-Sun Stats	19-11	472-24.8	33-90	.267	1-8	.125	25-37	.676	20	65	85	4.5	36-0	82	61	7	18	92	4.8		
22 WEBER	30-12	662-22.1	55-128	.430	1-5	.200	14-28	.500	52	76	128	4.3	45-0	27	48	39	17	125	4.2		
A-Sun Stats	20-8	435-21.8	33-78	.423	1-3	.333	12-21	.571	30	54	84	4.2	31-0	20	35	27	13	79	4.0		
10 SLADE	29-3	476-16.4	29-124	.234	14-65	.215	10-33	.303	25	57	82	2.8	36-0	57	53	0	21	82	2.8		
A-Sun Stats	19-3	319-16.8	16-76	.211	8-39	.205	9-25	.360	19	38	57	3.0	23-0	36	33	0	14	49	2.6		
20 MILES	20-0	135-6.8	21-42	.500	0-0	.000	10-19	.526	18	15	33	1.7	23-0	1	19	2	5	52	2.6		
A-Sun Stats	11-0	64-5.8	13-23	.565	0-0	.000	6-12	.500	12	10	22	2.0	13-0	1	14	2	2	32	2.9		
15 MILINER	28-0	235-8.4	10-44	.227	0-7	.000	18-34	.529	21	34	55	2.0	16-1	25	16	0	10	38	1.4		
A-Sun Stats	18-0	146-8.1	5-28	.179	0-5	.000	11-20	.550	8	23	31	1.7	12-1	16	10	0	6	21	1.2		
TEAM	30								56	65	121	4.0	0		13						
A-Sun Stats	20								39	47	86	4.3	0		9						
Total	30	6050	701-1742	.402	116-396	.293	351-581	.604	453	889	1342	44.7	516-8	450	596	162	182	1869	62.3		
A-Sun Stats	20	4050	478-1184	.404	78-273	.286	256-421	.608	309	623	932	46.6	361-7	311	383	122	134	1290	64.5		
Opponents	30	6050	626-1825	.343	144-471	.306	397-571	.695	414	723	1137	37.9	524-	356	464	69	279	1793	59.8		
A-Sun Stats	20	4050	383-1215	.315	95-335	.284	270-399	.677	292	489	781	39.0	357-	231	325	52	176	1131	56.5		



SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	OT	Total
UCF Golden Knights	578	704	8	1290
Opponents	506	606	19	1131

DEADBALL REBOUNDS	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
UCF Golden Knights	72	3	75
Opponents	42	3	45

GAMES	ATTENDANCE	AVG/GAME	
Home	15	4727	315
Away	12	7341	612
Neutral	3	574	191
Total	30	12642	421



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2003-04 Results

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11/22/03	at Manhattan College	L 47-68	(11) Allen, T. (11) Roberts, A.	(8) Weber, S.
11/28/03	vs Purdue	L, 52-87	(9) Slade, L. (9) King, L. (9) Hudson, C.	(6) Hudson, C.
11/29/03	vs. Nicholls State	W, 85-49	(15) Hudson, C. (15) Billings, A.	(6) Weber, S. (6) Miliner, C.
12/2/03	vs Florida State	L, 59-72	(19) Hudson, C.	(7) Roberts, A.
12/4/03	at Florida Atlantic	W, 72-61	(16) Hudson, C.	(7) Allen, T. (7) Smith, S. (7) Hudson, C.
12/14/03	at Georgia Tech	L, 48-70	(16) Roberts, A.	(4) Smith, S.
12/19/03	vs Alabama	L, 41-63	(10) Allen, T.	(12) Smith, S.
12/20/03	vs Florida	L, 48-79	(13) Roberts, A.	(7) Slade, L. (7) Hudson, C.
1/3/04	*at Stetson	W, 79-55	(16) Allen, T. (16) Hudson, C.	(9) Roberts, A.
1/5/04	* at Jacksonville	W, 67-46	(18) Allen, T.	(8) Roberts, A.
1/8/04	* Georgia State	L, 58-62	(22) Allen, T.	(6) Hudson, C. (6) Allen, T.
1/10/04	*Mercer	L, 60-66	(28) Hudson, C.	(8) Roberts, A. (8) Hudson, C.
1/13/04	*Florida Atlantic	W, 83-69	(18) Hudson, C.	(10) Hudson, C.
1/17/04	*at Gardner-Webb	W, 52-46	(12) Allen, T.	(7) Billings, A.
1/19/04	* at Campbell	W, 50-46	(16) Allen, T.	(13) Allen, T.
1/22/04	*Troy State	L, 50-57	(12) Hudson, C.	(10) King, L.
1/29/04	*Lipscomb	L, 56-75	(19) Hudson, C.	(14) Allen, T.
1/31/04	*Belmont	W, 67-55	(27) Hudson, C.	(11) Roberts, A.
2/7/04	* atLipscomb	L, 56-75	(15) Hudson, C.	(8) Allen, T.
2/9/04	*at Belmont	L, 58-65	(13) Hudson, C. (13) Billings, A.	(8) Hudson, C.
2/14/04	* atTroy State	W, 70-66	(19) Allen, T.	(10) Hudson, C.
2/19/04	* Campbell	W, 68-63	(27) Hudson, C.	(10) Allen, T. (10) Hudson, C.
2/21/04	* Gardner-Webb	W, 74-48	(18) Roberts, A.	(6) Billings, A.
2/26/04	*at Mercer	W, 68-39	(20) Allen, T.	(10) Hudson, C.
2/28/04	*at Georgia State	W, 69-53	(24) Hudson, C.	(10) Allen, T.
3/4/04	* Jacksonville	W, 79-58	(22) Allen, T.	(13) Allen, T.
3/6/04	*Stetson	W, 59-39	(14) Billings, A.	(15) Billings, A.
3/11/04	&vs. Mercer	W, 73-58	(15) Allen, T.	(9) Allen, T.
3/12/03	&vs Stetson	W, 64-52	(21) Hudson, C.	(9) Allen, T. (9) Hudson, C.
3/13/03	&Lipscomb	L, 62-64	(20) Hudson, C.	(11) Roberts A. (11) Hudson, C.

* = Conference game & = Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament



Team Highs And Lows

POINTS	87 vs. Campbell (3/13)
FG MADE	30 vs. Mississippi State (12/20/02)
FG ATTEMPTS	36 vs. Campbell (3/13)
FG PCT.	36 at Mercer (2/27)
3 PT FG MADE	12 vs. Mississippi State (12/20)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	73 vs. Campbell (3/13)
3 PT FG PCT.	46 at Florida State (1/5)
FT MADE	.235 (12-51) vs. Mississippi State (12/20)
FT ATTEMPTS	12 at Florida Atlantic (2/22)
FT PCT.	1, six times
REBOUNDS	29 at Florida Atlantic (2/22)
ASSISTS	3 vs. Detroit (12/19)
STEALS	3 PT FG PCT. 563 (9-16) vs. Eastern Illinois (11/23)
BLOCKED SHOTS	.083 (1-12) at Nicholls State (11/30)
TURNOVERS	24 at Samford (2/1)
FOULS	2 at Mercer (2/27)
	30 at Samford (2/1)
	6 at Mercer (2/27)
	FT PCT.864 (19-22) vs. Mercer (1/20)
	214 (3-14) vs. Jacksonville (3/8)
	REBOUNDS 52 vs. Jacksonville (3/8)
	27 vs. Mississippi State (12/20)
	ASSISTS 26 at Mercer (2/27)
	5 vs. Mississippi State (12/20)
	STEALS 19 vs. Stetson (3/6)
	2 vs. Troy State (1/18)
	BLOCKED SHOTS 6, three times
	1, five times
	TURNOVERS 30 vs. Mercer (1/20)
	11 vs. Georgia State University (3/15)
	FOULS 27 vs. Campbell (3/13)
	7 vs. Mississippi State (12/20)

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Manhattan Col. 68, UCF 47 November 22, 2003 at Draddy Gymnasium RIVERDALE, N.Y. —

Rosalee Mason scored 21 points and had 14 rebounds leading Manhattan College to a 68-47 win over UCF at Draddy Gym. The game was the season opener for both teams.

UCF kept things close in the first half until Manhattan's Nikoletta Deutsch found her range and connected on three of four 3-pointers. The Lady Jaspers went up by five at the 7:18 mark of the first half until UCF worked its way back and took a 21-20 lead off a layup by Takira Allen. Two turnovers by the Golden Knights gave Manhattan the opportunity to retake the lead (22-21) with 2:11 left in the first half. The Lady Jaspers went into the locker room at the half with a 27-21 lead.

In the second half, UCF could not get its offense going and was unable to hold off Mason defensively. Mason scored 18 of her 21 points in the second period, pushing the Manhattan lead to as much as 23 points.

Allen and Ali Roberts each scored 11 points for the Golden Knights while Shelby Weber pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

Purdue 87, UCF 52 November 28, 2003 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO — Katie Gearlds came off the bench to score 16 points as No. 8 ranked Purdue dealt UCF an 87-52 loss in the opening round of the Golden Knights Classic.

The Boilermakers jumpstarted the game with eight unanswered points. They kept the Golden Knights without a field goal until Celeste Hudson sank a three-pointer at 15:20 to cut the visitor's lead to 14-5. Purdue's advantage climbed to 22-11 at 13:09 before both squads hit a scoring drought that lasted close to three minutes. Gearlds ended the Boilermakers' dry spell at 10:22 with a fastbreak layup, and a trey by LaShaunda Slade at 9:12 cut PU's lead to 12.

From that point, Purdue took advantage of their offensive opportunities to pull away and led by a first half high of 31 points at 2:58, but had to settle for a 51-21 favor at the intermission.

The Golden Knights shot better from the field in the second half going 9-for-26 (34.6%) even as Purdue saw their percentage drop to a still respectable 42.9% (12-for-28). In fact, the Boilermakers only outscored UCF 36-31, but the damage had already been done.

With 1:55 remaining to play, PU went up by a game-high 39 points when Sharika Webb made the second of her two free throws. The Golden Knights finished on a 7-3 run.

UCF 85, Nicholls State 49 November 29, 2003 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO — Adrienne Billings and Celeste Hudson each scored 15 points as UCF triumphed over Nicholls State, 85-49, in the final round of the Golden Knights Classic. It was the Golden Knights' largest margin of victory since the 1991-92 season when they handed Coastal Carolina an 82-43 loss.

UCF earned the victory thanks to an overpowering first half. The teams were tied at seven points apiece three minutes into the first half before the Golden Knights began to pull away slowly. Lashaunda Slade hit a three-pointer to put UCF up 14-9 at the 13:17 mark, but neither team would score for over two minutes after. The offensive dry spell ended with a jumper by Keunta Miles at 10:54. The hosts finished the first period on a 27-8 run to take a 43-17 advantage to the locker room.

The Golden Knights saw Takira Allen, who scored 12

points on the night, hit a perfect four of four field goal attempts. Hudson was 5-for-9 from the floor and contributed 13 points.

UCF continued to dominate in the second period opening with five unanswered points before Cristin Burdette sank a jumper off an inbound pass under the net at 17:45. Already up 28 points with 3:45 remaining to play, the Golden Knights distanced themselves even further on a 12-4 run to finish out the game.

Florida State 72, UCF 59 December 2, 2003 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO — Tasheika Allen scored 24 points as Florida State earned a 72-59 victory over UCF.

The Golden Knights opened the game on an 11-4 run hitting four of five shots from the field (80%), including a perfect two-for-two from behind the arc. Conversely, FSU was 2-for-8 (25%) during that time. UCF allowed the Seminoles to take possession of the scoreboard (18-17) at 10:04 on a layup by LaQuinta Neely, and FSU held the advantage until a three-pointer by Lashaunda Slade tied the game at 27 with 5:55 left in the first half. The two squads tied again at 30 with 2:50 on the clock, but the score favored Florida State, 33-33, at the intermission.

As the period continued, FSU extended their shooting percentage from the field to 46.9% (15-for-32), while UCF's dropped to a still respectable 38.7% (12-for-31).

UCF jumped out to 37-35 lead with two quick baskets early in the second, but couldn't hold on as the Seminoles' lead climbed to eight (53-45) by the 10:00 mark.

Meanwhile, Florida State continued to capitalize on their offensive opportunities and extended their advantage to 64-51 on a putback by Allen at 4:41. With 51 seconds left to play, Genesis Choice completed a three-point play to give FSU a 17-point lead, its largest of the game. UCF scored the final four points of the contest to cut the Seminoles advantage to 13.

UCF 72, Fla. Atlantic 61 December 4, 2003 at FAU Gym

Boca Raton — Celeste Hudson scored a game-high 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds as UCF opened up the Atlantic Sun campaign with a 72-61 win over Florida Atlantic.

Neither team could find the hoop in the opening minutes of the first half going nearly four minutes until Golden Knight Shelby Weber hit the first field goal of the game. Crystal Randolph sank FAU's first bucket — a three-pointer — at 15:06 to tie the score at three all.

UCF jumped out to a ten-point lead on Adrienne Billings' jumper at 3:06. The Owls stayed alive thanks to their accuracy from the foul line hitting 11 of 14 in the first period. Still the Golden Knights held onto a 29-22 lead at the half.

The rivals traded baskets at the start of the second stanza then FAU earned two quick buckets after a UCF turnover to cut the deficit to 34-28. The Golden Knights gained an 11-point advantage at 10:53 when Hudson drained a trey and went up by at then game-high 14 (53-39) on Shayla Smith's three-pointer 51 seconds later.

The Owls continued to capitalize on their opportunities from the line. Trineca Hanson sank four free throws in the sixth minute to bring the hosts within six points (58-52), but FAU chose to foul in the final two minutes. UCF finished on a 15-9 run for the victory.

Georgia Tech 70, UCF 48 December 14, 2003 at Alexander Mem. Coliseum

Atlanta, Ga. — Fallon Stokes poured in 20 to lead Georgia Tech to a 70-48 win over UCF at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

The Golden Knights went up 5-2 early in the game when sophomore forward Shelby Weber sank a 13-foot jumper, before the Yellow Jacket offense took over the scoreboard. Georgia Tech's defense converted two quick turnovers by the Black & Gold into points and gave the home team a 15-7 lead at 14:37.

The Yellow Jackets earned a 21-9 lead as the Golden Knights went without a point for six minutes. During that time, UCF had difficulty putting in their first shot and was afforded no second chances to score. The Golden Knights continued to turnover the ball as well, adding six more to their first half total.

Georgia Tech built its lead to 28-11 as the Knights endured another four-minute scoring drought that was ended by Celeste Hudson at 4:15. UCF mounted a 9-5 run at the end of the half, but the hosts maintained a 33-22 lead at the buzzer.

In the second half, UCF capitalized on its offensive opportunities going 4-for-8 from the field in the opening five and half minutes. Still, the Georgia Tech attack didn't falter hitting six of nine chances and going up 45-32.

With five minutes remaining to play, Stephanie Higgs hit two consecutive three-pointers putting the Jackets up by 23 and sank a third trey with 41 seconds remaining for a game-high 28-point advantage. UCF had a 4-0 run to end the contest.

Alabama 63, UCF 41 December 19, 2003 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO — Katie Sipe went five-for-six from the field and scored a game-high 14 points as Alabama defeated UCF, 63-41, in the UCF Holiday Classic.

Alabama jumped out to an early 13-3 lead and kept UCF without a field goal in the opening six minutes of the game. The Golden Knights were 0-for-7 from the floor with six turnovers before Shayla Smith hit a three-pointer at 13:52.

With just over eight minutes left to play in the half, Takira Allen sank a layup to cut Alabama's advantage to 15-14. The Crimson Tide outscored UCF 12-5 in the final five and half minutes to take a 32-23 lead to the locker room.

In the first period, Bama held a slight 25-24 favor on the glass and hit 12 of 36 (33.3%) of its chances from the floor. The Golden Knights were 9-for-30 from field goal range.

Alabama's offense maintained its production early in the second half never allowing UCF to come any closer than nine points — the last time on a jumper by LaShay King at 16:51. The Crimson Tide built its lead to 18 points (48-30) at the 13-minute mark before falling into an offensive drought that lasted until Novanda Moore hit a shot at 7:11.

Meanwhile, the visitor's defense kept the Golden Knights without a point for nearly 12 minutes. Lashaunda Slade ended that scoring drought at 4:48, but the UCF went without a basket for three more minutes in the waning moments of the game.

Florida 79, UCF 48 December 20, 2003 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO — Vanessa Hayden scored 20 points and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds to lead Florida to a 79-48 victory over UCF in the UCF Holiday Classic.

The Golden Knights took only two shots from the floor in the opening five minutes of the contest, while the Gators went on a 7-2 run. Celeste Hudson scored on UCF's third shot at the 15:15 mark.

UF jumped out to a 12-point lead when Hayden completed a three-point play. With the score 19-12 in favor of the Gators, Shelby Weber hit successive three-pointers that brought the Golden Knights within two points at 7:28. It was all Florida's game after that as the visitors went on a 19-5 run before Lashaunda Slade hit a trey at the buzzer.

Florida owned a 38-24 lead at the half. The Gators also had a 21-8 advantage in rebounds and a 42.9% (15-for-35) accuracy from the field. The Golden Knights hit nine of 27 from the floor (33.3%).

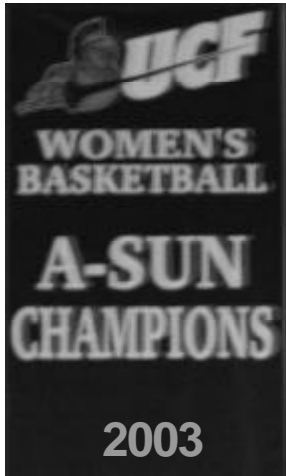
UCF opened the second period at the line as the Gators were assessed a technical foul at end of the first. Hudson hit both opportunities. Still, UF remained in control the scoreboard jumping out to a 29-point favor on a 17-0 run, that also included nine points by Hayden.

Ali Roberts ended the Golden Knights seven-minute long scoring drought when she put in a layup at 12:43. The game was soon out of reach for the hosts as the Gators continued to build their lead going up by a game-high 32 with two and half minutes remaining.

UCF 79, Stetson 55 January 3, 2004 at Edmunds Center

DeLAND — Takira Allen and Celeste Hudson each scored 16 points as UCF defeated Stetson, 79-55, in Atlantic Sun action.

Hudson drained a three-pointer that gave UCF an early 9-3 lead at 17:26 before Allen added another basket less than a minute later. Beginning at 15:25, Hatter center Kristy Brown scored five points to bring the hosts within four, but the Golden Knights



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thwarted the run and stayed ahead in large part to Allen, who put up 11 points in the first period.

Stetson closed the gap to 22-19 on a trey by Michelle Garcia at the 9:07 mark. The score remained tight in the waning minutes of the half before the Hatters tied the game at 30 on a three pointer by Renee Barnes at 2:06. UCF's Adrienne Billings scored two consecutive buckets and Hudson hit two chances from the foul line for a 36-30 lead at the intermission.

In the opening four and half minutes of the second period, UCF jumped out to a 44-36 lead thanks to a 13-8 run that included three treys by Hudson. As the clock continued to count down, the two rivals each established their own short-term runs, while the Golden Knights continued to maintain no less than a nine-point lead.

A layup by JoAnn Smith cut the lead to nine for the final time at 8:33 and the Golden Knights posted a 19-4 down the stretch for their third consecutive victory over the Hatters.

UCF 67, Jacksonville 46 January 5, 2003 at Swisher Gym

JACKSONVILLE - Takira Allen poured in 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead UCF to a 67-46 victory over Atlantic Sun foe Jacksonville.

The two teams traded baskets in the opening six minutes of the contest, but the Golden Knights were whistled for four fouls as well forcing them to play more disciplined defensively. Even concentrating on defense, UCF jumped out to a 14-9 lead on a jumper by LaShay King at 12:30 before Lexie Richards hit a three-pointer 30 seconds later to close the gap.

UCF went up by four points (18-14) on a bucket by Ali Roberts at 9:18. The two squads were even down the stretch each scoring nine points apiece. Neither team scored a field goal in the waning three minutes as the only points came on two free throws by Sheena Carpenter.

Rebecca Montz hit a three-pointer to start the second half bringing Jacksonville within one, before UCF went on a 10-3 tear and kept JU off the scoreboard for four minutes. The Golden Knights capitalize on their offensive opportunities, especially in the paint where they scored 36 points on the night.

After Meagan Wallen sank a trey at 10:14 to make 46-36, the UCF defense went to work again shutting down the Dolphins until Yolisha Jackson hit a jumper at 5:35. In the meantime, the Golden Knights scored 11 unanswered points.

Georgia State 62, UCF 58 (ot) January 8, 2004 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO - Monica Thomas scored a team-high 15 points, including two three-pointers in the extra session, to give Georgia State a 62-58 overtime victory against host UCF in Atlantic Sun action.

Georgia State's April Clyburn opened up scoring in the first half, but UCF jumped out on a 7-0 run that included five points by Takira Allen. The Lady Panthers closed the Golden Knights advantage to 13-12 at the 10:40 mark before Yvette Tisdale tied the game at 18 on a short jumper just under two minutes later.

GSU took advantage of extra point plays as the clock ticked down to intermission and earned a 26-24 favor, but Ali Roberts hit a layup with 1:39 to knot the game at 26 all, a score that stood at the buzzer.

Celeste Hudson scored the first bucket of the second period before it was negated by Thomas' jumper. The two squads exchanged baskets remaining within two points of one another. A shot by Allen at 11:38 sparked a run by the Golden Knight offense that saw them pull away six points.

Patechia Hartman tied the game again for GSU at 50 with under four minutes to play. UCF was on top 53-52 when Tisdale hit two foul shots with 44 seconds left. With 17 seconds on the clock LaShay King made the first of two free throws to send the contest into the extra session.

Thomas opened the overtime period with the two treys as the Lady Panthers outscored UCF by an 8-4 margin.

Mercer 66, UCF 60 January 10, 2004 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO - Jo Jo Carter scored 16 points and Jessica Miller added 14 more as Mercer earned a 66-60

victory over UCF.

The Golden Knights opened the game on an 8-0 run that included six points by Ali Roberts. Nyisha Taylor got Mercer on the board at 16:17 with a putback, but UCF continued to build its advantage to 11-2 a minute later.

With 7:41 remaining, Mercer cut its deficit to two points (19-17) on a three-pointer by Carter. They failed to keep the momentum offensively as the Golden Knight defense kept the Bears without a field goal for nearly five minutes and were up 28-19 before Chinika Jones hit a bucket at 2:47. UCF finished the first half with a 35-26 lead.

The Bears scored four unanswered points at the start of the second period and used the momentum to pull within one (41-40) on trey by Miller at 14:22. Twenty-three seconds later, Sally Skeldon was fouled and sank both free throws to give Mercer its first lead of the contest, 42-41.

During the opening 14 minutes, UCF shot 3-for-16 (18.8%) from the field, while Mercer was 9-for-19 (47.4%) from the floor, which included 4-for-5 shooting from behind the arc.

Still, the Golden Knights weren't out of the game - down 56-43 with just over four and half remaining to play. They made a comeback that was sparked by Hudson's three-pointer at 4:08 and went on a 9-0 run. With 32 seconds left, Adrienne Billings drew the Golden Knights within three, but Mercer put up eight free throws to outscore UCF 8-6, down the stretch to earn the win.

UCF 83, Florida Atlantic 69 January 13, 2004 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO - Celeste Hudson scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as UCF escaped with an 83-69 victory over Florida Atlantic.

The Lady Owls established their presence on a 5-0 run to open the game. With eight and half minutes gone, they continued to hang onto a 10-8 lead in the despite shooting 27.3% from the floor. On the other end, the Golden Knights were hitting only 21.4% (3-for-14) in that same timeframe.

Shayla Smith drew UCF within one (12-11) when she finished a three-point play at 7:52. Her three-pointer at 6:15 put the Golden Knights ahead for the first time, 16-14. The hosts couldn't hold onto the advantage going down 26-21 after freshman forward Sally N'Diaye made a jumper at 2:45. UCF outscored FAU 7-2 from that point taking a 29-28 lead at the half after Lashaunda Slade hit her two foul shots with 34 seconds remaining.

The offenses of both teams had a turn of character in the opening minutes of second period, shooting 50% or better from the field. FAU stayed within two points until UCF started to pull away on layup by Ali Roberts at 17:48.

Takira Allen's layup at 11:15 gave the Golden Knights a game-high 16 points (56-40), but the visitors sliced the deficit to seven points on an 18-9 run that was capped off by guard Julie Goad's three pointer at 6:12.

To assure the victory, UCF further distanced itself from its opponent on its own 18-11 run that included 11 of 17 chances from the foul line.

UCF 52, Gardner-Webb 46 January 17, 2004 at Paul Porter Arena

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. - Takira Allen scored 12 points and Adrienne Billings added 10 more as UCF downed Gardner-Webb, 52-46, at Paul Porter Arena.

Both teams opened up the game slowly. The Bulldogs scored the first basket at 19:10 before the Golden Knights countered with their first at 17:16. UCF then jumped out to an early 7-4 lead on a three-pointer by Shayla Smith.

The score was tied at 17 when Ruth Hammond completed a three-point play with just over eight minutes left. After Sequenta Blackman hit a three with 5:17, the Golden Knights kept the Bulldogs without a point in the final five minutes, going on an 8-0 run. They would lead by a score of 25-20 at the intermission.

UCF finished the first half hitting 12 of 31 chances (38.7%) from the field compared to GWU's 8-for-27 (29.6%).

The Golden Knights continued to build upon their lead in the second half, while the Bulldog offense remained stagnant, scoring its first field goal at 15:28. Between the two periods combined, GWU went over 10 minutes without scoring from the

floor.

Brooke Anderson, who netted a game-high 14 points, scored eight consecutive from that point igniting a comeback that brought Gardner-Webb within two, 39-37, at 6:41. The Golden Knights tried to put the game away with six unanswered points, but GWU was still alive as it scored nine points and kept UCF without a field goal for the final five minutes. Golden Knight Celeste Hudson sank five of six free throw opportunities in the last 30 seconds to seal the win.

UCF 50, Campbell 46 January 19, 2004 at Carter Gym

BUIES CREEK, N.C. - Takira Allen scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to record her second career double-double as UCF outlasted A-Sun foe Campbell, 50-46.

The Golden Knights kept the hosts without a field goal in the opening four and half minutes of the game, but struggled offensively themselves.

UCF scored only six points from the field in the first 10 minutes of the half, all of them from Allen. The visiting team would go over eight minutes without scoring from the floor and endured another six-minute offensive drought that was ended by Shelby Weber.

Campbell, meanwhile, suffered from its own dry spell from the field. Amber Graham scored a trey at 11:12 and it was nearly eight minutes later at 3:21 when Kristin Vuckovich sank her own three-pointer. With CU up 17-11 with 1:15 left in the period, UCF sank seven unanswered points, including Allen's buzzer beater, to take the 18-17 lead to the locker rooms.

In the second half, UCF opened with a 12-5 run that included two three-pointers by Shayla Smith. CU tried making a comeback, cutting the deficit to two (33-31) on a three-point play by Kristal Troy at the 11:10 mark.

The Golden Knights continued to stay ahead going up by a game-high 12 points (48-36) with 4:07 remaining. It was their last field goal of the night as Campbell held UCF without down the stretch.

CU came within two points of tying the score on a 10-0 run that was capped by LaToya Armstrong's three-pointer with 29 seconds left on the clock. Celeste Hudson hit two of three opportunities to seal the win.

Troy State 57, UCF 50 January 22, 2004 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO - Kim McGriff poured in 16 points and pulled down 11 rebounds as Troy State escaped UCF, 57-50.

The Golden Knights jumped out to an early 7-2 lead before TSU bounced back behind five points by junior guard Laurie Tinsley. With nine minutes remaining, Kim McGriff hit two free throws to give the Lady Trojans their first lead since the 13:35 mark. Troy State was up 16-14 at 6:56 when McGriff sank a jumper that ignited a 10-5 run to finish out the first half and the visitors took a 26-18 advantage to the locker room.

In the second half, the Lady Trojans continued to build upon their lead going up by a game-high 11 points on a jumper by Valensia Hairston at 14:28, but UCF wasn't finished. The score was 32-28 with 10:45 on the clock when Celeste Hudson completed a three-point play that brought UCF within one point of tying the game.

With 3:16 remaining to play, Lashaunda Slade nailed a three-pointer to cut the deficit to 42-40 and on the next possession recovered her own rebound on a missed free throw and hit the putback to tie. The two teams traded baskets down to the one-minute mark when Alecia Jones



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went a perfect 2-for-2 from the charity stripe to send the game into overtime.

Troy State opened up on a 6-0 lead in the extra session before LaShay King put up two foul shots. It was all the visitors needed as they outscored UCF, 11-4, to earn the victory.

Lipscomb 75, UCF 56 January 29, 2004 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO - Courtney Boynton scored 15 of her 20 points from three-point range as Lipscomb dropped host UCF, 75-56, in A-Sun action at UCF Arena.

Thanks to 3-for-3 shooting from behind the arc, the Lady Bisons pulled out to a 10-6 lead early in the contest and forced UCF to play catch up. The Golden Knights continued to allow the outside shot and Lipscomb extended its lead to 20-13 with

under 12 minutes to play.

UCF suffered a scoring drought for four minutes before Celeste Hudson sank a bucket at the 9:04 mark, but junior guard Lindsey Daly, who finished with 16 points, quickly negated that with her third trey of the night for a 23-15 Lipscomb advantage.

The Golden Knights woke up offensively on a putback by Hudson at 7:52 that sparked a 6-1 run. The two teams exchanged baskets until Boynton and Daly hit subsequent threes during an 8-0 run and Lipscomb boasted a decisive 40-23 margin at the intermission.

In the opening minutes of the second period, Lipscomb continued to build upon its lead going up by 22 points on a three-pointer by Boynton at 15:44. UCF then scored 13 unanswered points to cut the margin to 54-44 three and a half minutes later.

While UCF endured another scoring drought, the Lady Bisons charged ahead regaining a 17-point advantage on a jumper by Lynn Roller with 4:48 remaining. They outscored the Golden Knights, 7-5, down the stretch to earn the victory.

Despite UCF's loss, Takira Allen recorded her third collegiate double-double on 17 points and 14 rebounds, which tied a career-high.

UCF 67, Belmont 55 January 31, 2004 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO - Celeste Hudson scored 27 points as UCF snapped a two-game losing streak with a 67-55 win over Belmont.

A couple of foul shots by Brandi Miller gave the Bruins a 14-7 at the 14:31 mark before UCF outscored the visitors 9-2 in the next five minutes to cut the deficit to 18-16. Hudson hit a three-pointer at 7:18 to tie the score at 20 all.

UCF took its first lead since the opening three minutes at 5:31 on a putback by Takira Allen. The lead exchanged hands as the clock counted down until with 52 seconds left of the clock, Miller completed a three-point play that gave Belmont a 30-27 advantage at the intermission.

After making the first basket of the second period at 18:13, the Golden Knights didn't score again until 15:13 when Adrienne Billings sank two of two from the foul line. Her effort sparked a 21-0 run that included seven points each by Billings and Hudson.

UCF had a 50-33 lead when Miller sank Belmont's first basket in over seven minutes and went on a personal 9-0 run. She scored 12 of the Bruins' 25 second-half points en route to a career-high 25 points on the afternoon.

A bucket by Allen at 4:47 got the Golden Knights back in the game and they held onto the lead. It was Hudson's game down the stretch as she seven of eight chances at the foul line and added four more points on baskets from the field. Her 27 points was one shy of her career-best.

Lipscomb 62, UCF 51 February 7, 2004 at Allen Arena

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Katie Beth Pate poured in 28 points and grabbed 20 rebounds as the Lipscomb women's basketball team earned a 62-51 second half victory over UCF.

After several misses from the floor by both teams, UCF got on the board at 18:02 first thanks to a short jumper by Ali Roberts. Pate sank Lipscomb's first basket at 15:54 and would score six of Lady Bisons' eight points in the opening minutes.

At the 10-minute mark, Adrienne Billings put UCF up 14-8. The Golden Knights squandered the lead by committing fouls and allowing Lipscomb to go to the charity stripe, where they hit four of six. At 7:43, Monica Blake gave the Lady Bisons their first lead of the game - and their first basket from the floor in six minutes - when she hit a three-pointer.

The two teams traded baskets in a battle for the lead. With 1:27 remaining to intermission, the Golden Knights went on a 6-1 run and took a 28-24 advantage to the locker room.

In the opening minutes of the second half, Lipscomb took control of the game on an 11-0 run before UCF sank its first two points on foul shots by Roberts at 13:41. Her effort didn't provide the needed offensive spark. The Lady Bisons had extended their lead to 43-32 when Roberts hit the Golden Knights' first field goal of the second half at 9:58.

UCF cut the hosts' lead to seven points at 3:13 on a basket by Takira Allen, but Lipscomb went on another 7-0 run down the stretch. Celeste Hudson put up a trey with 29 seconds left to end the game.

Belmont 65, UCF 58 February 9, 2004 at Curb Events Center

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Brandi Miller recorded 14 points and 12 rebounds as Belmont dropped UCF, 65-58, in Atlantic Sun action.

Belmont struck first on a layup by Miller before UCF scored seven unanswered points. The Golden Knights kept the Bruins off the scoreboard for nearly five and a half minutes during that time and extended their margin to 18-8 at 8:08 a basket by Adrienne Billings.

With UCF up 22-13, the Bruins went on a 7-0 run to cut their deficit to two points at 5:08, but the visitors stayed on top outscoring the hosts 6-4 down the stretch. The Golden Knights held a 28-24 advantage at intermission despite a foul at the buzzer that sent Belmont's Angel Jones to the line. Both of her attempts were good.

Foul shooting continued to be a bane for UCF as the team hit one of four opportunities in the first five minutes of the second half. Meanwhile, the Bruins' sharp shooting from behind the arc helped them stay within striking distance.

It was a trey by Jenny Conkle at 10:10 that brought the Bruins within one, before Kiki Radford tied the score at 42 on a free throw minute later. Then, at 8:34, Miller gave BU its first lead (44-42) since her game-opening layup.

Ali Roberts knotted the game at 44, but Conkle sank another three at 7:22 to spark a 12-4 run by the Bruins. The Golden Knights started a comeback at 1:47 and drew within three on a trey by Lashaunda Slade with 55 seconds remaining to play.

Belmont put away seven of eight free throw shots down the stretch negating Celeste Hudson's three-pointer in the waning seconds.

UCF 70, Troy State 66 February 14, 2004 at Trojan Arena

TROY, Ala. - Takira Allen poured in 19 points and Celeste Hudson recorded her second collegiate double-double to lift the UCF to a 70-66 win over Troy State.

Allen's successful free throw knotted the score at 40 all five minutes into the second period then Adrienne Billings sank a jumper nearly a minute later to give UCF its first lead of the game. After exchanging buckets with TSU, the Golden Knights gained momentum when Allen missed the second of two free throws and Shelby Weber put back the rebound.

TSU's Alecia Jones scored six unanswered points cut the margin to 66-63 with 1:53 left on the clock. The Golden Knights capitalized on four of six opportunities from the foul line as time expired, negating a last second three-pointer by Laura Lee

Holman.

In the opening minutes of the contest, it was a battle between two players rather than two teams as TSU took an 11-8 lead. Valensia Hairston scored seven of the Lady Trojans' points, while Allen tallied six for the Golden Knights.

Hairston's effort gave TSU the spark it needed and the host extended its advantage to 24-13 on a three-pointer by freshman guard Audrey Muse at 9:39. UCF attempted to comeback slicing the deficit to seven points before Laurie Tinsley hit a trey with five and half remaining.

With 3:23 left, Ali Roberts brought UCF within four points (31-26) when she made the first of two foul shots. The Golden Knights finished on a 6-2 run, but TSU went into intermission with a 33-31 lead.

UCF 68, Campbell 63 February 19, 2004 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO - Celeste Hudson tied the school record for most three-pointers in a game, poured in a 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as UCF dropped Campbell, 68-63, in Atlantic Sun action.

Despite Hudson's nine-point effort in the first half, the Golden Knights trailed 33-29 at the intermission. She tried to jumpstart the team when she hit a three-pointer to start the second stanza and proceeded to score 10 points in the first eight minutes of the period. It was her successful foul shots at 14:45 that gave UCF its first lead since the 10:48 mark of the first.

Hudson's individual performance inspired the team's offense as the Golden Knights put together a 14-4 run. They took a 49-41 lead at 10:48 on a jumper Takira Allen, who also posted the third double-double of the season with 13 points and 10 boards.

Campbell stayed alive, though, gradually cutting away at the deficit until Kristin Vuckovich hit a career-high sixth three-pointer of the night with 2:39 remaining to knot the score at 59. She recorded a team-high 18 points. Nineteen seconds later, Hudson sank her seventh trey of the game putting UCF back on top and tying the school record, which was set by Kelli Ely in 1999 and matched by Lanetra Cooks in 2001.

The Lady Camels grabbed the lead (63-62) a final time at 1:16 on a basket by senior forward Kristal Troy, but UCF finished the game on a 6-0 run that included 4-for-8 shooting from the charity stripe.

UCF 74, Gardner-Webb 48 February 21, 2004 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO - Ali Roberts scored a season-high 18 points and Celeste Hudson recorded her third consecutive double-double as UCF overpowered Gardner-Webb, 74-48, in Atlantic Sun action.

After taking a 34-23 advantage to locker room at the intermission, the Golden Knights' offense continued to dominate. In the first six minutes of the second period, they went on a 12-5 tear that was capped by Shayla Smith's three-pointer.

At the 9:16 mark, Bulldog guard and Orlando native Sarah Coffman and Hudson, who finished with 13 points and a game-high 10 rebounds, exchanged three-pointers and the two teams battled up and down the court. UCF eventually prevailed and with 4:31 remaining to play, a jumper by Keunta Miles put UCF up 62-41. Down the stretch, the hosts outscored the visitors by a 12-7 margin.

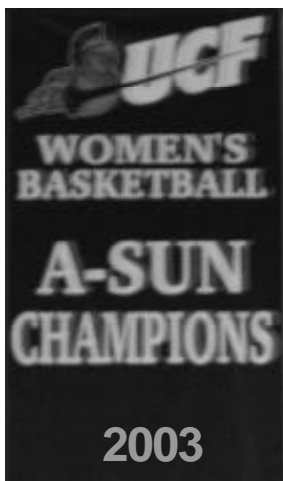
UCF controlled the game out of the gate as Takira Allen hit a quick jumper in the first 15 seconds. The Golden Knights began to pull away on two consecutive three-pointers by Hudson three minutes later and took a 12-point lead on a bucket by Adrienne Billings at 6:43.

GWU's Casey Collins, who scored a team-high nine points, and UCF's LaShay King traded threes in the final 35 seconds giving the Golden Knights a 34-23 advantage at the half.

UCF 68, Mercer 39 February 26, 2004 at the University Center

MACON, Ga. - Junior Takira Allen poured in 20 points as UCF conquered Mercer, 66-39, in Atlantic Sun action. It was UCF head coach Gail Striegler's 50th victory in A-Sun play.

Up 37-22 at the start of the second period, UCF extended its lead on a 12-0 run when Mercer sank its first basket at 13:25. Both teams fell into an offensive drought at that point. Senior Adrienne Billings



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(Titusville HS) brought the Golden Knights out of their dry spell at 8:41. An 11-0 run gave UCF a 58-26 margin on the scoreboard when freshman guard Sarah Russell, who netted a team-high 14 points, ended the Bears' drought at the 6:16 mark. The hosts outscored the visitors 13-12 down the stretch run, but the damage was already done.

The Golden Knights shot 50% (27-for-54) from the floor, while keeping the Bears to 21.6% (16-for-74). They owned a 52-44 advantage on the glass and Celeste Hudson had a game-high 10 boards, which tied a career best.

UCF jumped out to a 14-4 lead at 15:31 of the first half behind two three-pointers by Shayla Smith. Mercer crept back with five on a short jumper by sophomore guard Karen Hickman. Infused by Allen's eight points, the Golden Knights regained their offensive momentum and pulled out to a 26-14 favor. They outscored the Bears by a slight 11-8 margin in the final eight minutes to take a 37-22 advantage at the intermission.

UCF 69, Georgia State 53 February 28, 2004 at GSU Sports Arena

ATLANTA, Ga. - Celeste Hudson poured in a career-high 24 points and junior center Takira Allen earned her fourth career double-double to give UCF a 69-53 victory over Georgia State in Atlantic Sun action.

It was UCF's fifth consecutive win and its first at GSU Sports Arena since it won the conference championship in March of 1999.

After hitting 48.3% (14-for-29) from the field in the first half, UCF continued to dominate offensively as the team opened the second with a three-pointer by Hudson. The Golden Knights then went up 53-40 on a pair of treys by Hudson with just over seven minutes remaining.

A bucket by Allen at 5:28 returned the Black & Gold to their game-high 13-point advantage. The Golden Knights outscored the Lady Panthers 12-10 down the stretch, which included going nine of 11 from the charity stripe.

Although Lady Panther center April Clyburn sank the first basket of the game, the Golden Knights outscored the hosts 9-2 in opening five minutes. GSU went on its own 6-0 run courtesy of freshman Robyn Gilbert, but UCF stayed on top until junior guard Dee Dee Merriweather hit a three-pointer that tied the teams, 22-22, at 7:22. Keeping Georgia State without a field goal for seven minutes, the Knights' went on a 9-4 run to finish the half and took a 31-25 advantage to the locker room.

UCF 79, Jacksonville 58 March 4, 2004 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO - Takira Allen posted her fifth double-double of the season with 22 points and 13 rebounds as UCF overpowered Jacksonville, 79-58, in Atlantic Sun action.

The Dolphins jumped out to an early 5-0 lead before Adrienne Billings hit the Golden Knights first shot of the night at 17:30. The visitors stayed on top by as much as five until Allen tied the game on a bucket at 13:11. Two minutes later, UCF took its first lead on a jumper by Ali Roberts that ignited an 11-0 run.

The Golden Knights only allowed the Dolphins to score two points - both from the charity stripe - in final 12 minutes of the first stanza to earn a decisive 42-20 advantage at intermission. They shot 61.5% (16-for-26) from the floor during the period, while limiting JU to 25% (7-for-28).

UCF remained hot on offense in the second half going up by a game-high 31 points on a layup by Roberts with 11:12 remaining to play. The Dolphins would cut the deficit back to 16 at 6:30, but were not able to surmount the Golden Knights' dominance.

JU was dealt a major setback at 10:17 when its top scorer Yolisha Jackson was charged with her fifth foul. She left the game with team-high 16 points. The team stayed alive largely due to its proficiency from the free throw line, where it hit 23 of 29 attempts - including 19 of 22 in the second half.

UCF 59, Stetson 39 March 6, 2004 at UCF Arena

ORLANDO - Adrienne Billings finished her career at the UCF Arena in style as she posted her seventh career double-double en route to a 59-39 win over Stetson.

With the win, the Golden Knights improved to

14-6 in the conference (15-12 overall) assuring them a share of the A-Sun regular season championship for the second straight year.

After keeping the Hatters without a field goal for final 12 minutes of the first half, UCF took a 25-14 advantage to the locker room at intermission and opened the second period with two more unanswered baskets. Kim Manning hit a three-pointer that ended Stetson's scoring drought at the 18-minute mark. The visitors stayed within 12 points until Billings hit a trey with 12:06 remaining that sparked a 13-2 run.

The Golden Knights went up by 23 when the Hatters' bench was whistled for a foul at 6:47. Celeste Hudson made both attempts from the charity stripe for a 54-31 advantage. A putback by Billings, who finished the outing with 14 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, gave UCF a game-high 24-point advantage with just over five minutes remaining. She scored 11 of her points in the second half.

Ignited by Takira Allen's five points, UCF took a 10-6 lead early in the game on a three-pointer by Hudson at 15:56. A four and a half minute scoring drought allowed Stetson to earn its first advantage, but the Golden Knights bounced back behind two successive baskets by LaShay King.

UCF 73, Mercer 58 March 11, 2004 at Dothan Civic Center

DOTHAN, Ala. - Takira Allen poured in 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds as the No. 4 UCF women's basketball team defeated No. 5 Mercer, 73-58, in the quarterfinals of the 2004 Atlantic Sun Women's Basketball Championship.

The Bears (13-15) tied the game three minutes into the second half on a basket by freshman guard Sarah Russell, but sophomore guard Celeste Hudson hit a three-pointer on the next UCF possession. The play sparked a 15-5 run that also included 12 unanswered points and put the Golden Knights up 55-45.

Neither team would score a field goal in the final five minutes of the game, instead relying on free throw shooting. The Golden Knights were 2-for-11 from the charity stripe in the first stanza, while the Bears went 4-for-4. In a complete reversal, UCF went 9-for-10 in the second half and Mercer was 7-for-8.

The game opened with a three-pointer by sophomore guard Shayla Smith that helped give UCF an early 7-2 lead. The Golden Knights extended their advantage to eight points as they kept Mercer without a basket for three minutes.

The Bears made a comeback cutting the deficit to 18-17 with just under 11 minutes left in the period on two foul shots by sophomore center Tanya Kessenich before Allen scored six consecutive points for UCF. The Golden Knights were leading by five with a minute remaining on the clock when junior forward Jessica Miller hit a three to send UCF to the locker room with a 36-34 lead.

On the evening, the Golden Knights shot 48.3% from the field and kept the Bears to 33.9%. UCF was proficient from behind the arc, making six of 12 opportunities and also held a 51-27 advantage on the boards.

In addition to Allen, Hudson (15 points), Smith (10 points), LaShay King (12 points) and Adrienne Billings (11 points) finished in double figures. Miller, Hickman and Jo Jo Carter each contributed 11 points to the Bears effort.

UCF 64, Stetson 52 March 12, 2004 at Dothan Civic Center

DOTHAN, Ala. - Celeste Hudson scored 21 points, including 19 in the second period, to lead No. 4 seed UCF to a 64-52 victory over in-state rival and No. 8 seed Stetson in the semi-finals of the 2004 Atlantic Sun Women's Basketball Championship.

Winning their ninth straight game, the Golden Knights improved to 17-14.

After fighting for a slight 26-24 lead at the intermission, UCF allowed Stetson (13-16) to tie the game again in the opening seconds of the second stanza. The score was knotted for the final time at 16:17 when DeAndre Matheny made two foul shots. From there, the Golden Knights went on a 19-4 run that included four three-pointers and 14 points by Hudson.

After Kristy Brown hit a jumper for Stetson at 8:13, Takira Allen scored six unanswered points and the Golden Knights took a game-high 17-point lead. Another basket by Hudson at 4:11 put UCF up by 17

for the third time before Stetson finished on a late 8-2 run.

Despite a close game to start the first half, the Golden Knights continued to stay on top until the Hatters earned their first lead on a three-pointer by junior guard JoAnn Smith at 7:55. The two teams continued to battle and the lead exchanged hands six times.

With 16.4 seconds left in the period, Allen completed a three-point play to put UCF up by three. Smith was fouled on the other end with four seconds on clock, but only made the first of her two free throw attempts, and the Golden Knights took a 26-24 advantage to the locker room.

On the night, UCF shot 41.4% (24-for-58) from the floor, while the Hatters hit 32.2% (19-for-59). After going 0-for-5 from behind the arc in the first half, the Golden Knights were five of 11 in the second thanks to Hudson. She finished the game shooting 6-for-12 from the field, including 5-for-6 from three-point range, and also grabbed nine rebounds. Allen was the only UCF player in double figures with 15 points.

UCF 62, Lipscomb 64 March 13, 2004 at Dothan Civic Center

DOTHAN, Ala. - Courtney Boynton hit two key foul shots with four seconds remaining as Lipscomb edged UCF, 64-62, in the 2004 Coca Cola/Herridon Shell Atlantic Sun Women's Basketball Championship game.

UCF entered the second half with a five-point lead, but Lipscomb quickly tied the game at 36 all on an 8-3 run. The Lady Bisons took their first lead at 14:46 on two foul shots by Keirsten Head. The Golden Knights, meanwhile, endured nearly five minutes without a field goal until Ali Roberts hit a basket at 12:17.

Despite UCF's dry spell, the two teams continued to play tight as the score was tied 10 times and the lead changed hands on nine occasions. With 1:31 remaining to play, Celeste Hudson hit a three-pointer that put UCF up 62-61, but Kendra Ramsey was fouled on the subsequent play and made one of two attempts to tie the score once again at 62. The Golden Knights fouled Boynton as she was looking to set up the play and took advantage of her opportunities at the line.

Roberts opened up scoring when she sank a left baseline shot. Her basket ignited a 13-3 run by the Golden Knights as the Lady Bisons suffered a five-minute offensive drought that was ended by Katie Beth Pate at 11:23. Lipscomb chipped away at the deficit and closed the gap to five at 2:26 on a three from Head. She negated the play on the next possession by fouling Hudson, whose sank the three-pointer and the foul shot. The Golden Knights took a 33-28 lead into the intermission with nearly a third of those points coming from Roberts.

UCF shot 45.2% in the first half, but saw its production fall to 38% on the game. The Golden Knights turned over the ball twice as many times as Lipscomb and also failed to capitalize on their chances at the foul line, where they were 10-for-16 (62.5%). Lipscomb hit 18 of 24 opportunities from the charity stripe.

Individually, Hudson led both teams with 20 points and also grabbed a career-high 11 boards for her fifth career double-double, while Roberts contributed 15 points and 11 rebounds for her fourth double-double. Both earned all-tournament team recognition.



BACK-2-BACK

2002-03 Final A-Sun Team Statistics

SCORING OFFENSE

# Team	G	W-L	Pts	Avg/G
1. FAU	28	12-16	1946	69.5
2. Belmont	28	16-12	1911	68.2
3. GSU	29	18-11	1884	65.0
4. Lipscomb	32	20-12	2057	64.3
5. Stetson	29	13-16	1835	63.3
6. UCF	30	17-13	1869	62.3
7. Mercer	28	13-15	1665	59.5
8. GWU	27	5-22	1599	59.2
9. Campbell	27	9-18	1566	58.0
10. Troy State	28	11-17	1620	57.9
11. JU	27	3-24	1535	56.9

SCORING DEFENSE

# Team	G	Pts	Avg/G
1. UCF	30	1793	59.8
2. Troy State	28	1695	60.5
3. Georgia State	29	1776	61.2
4. Lipscomb	32	1995	62.3
5. Campbell	27	1692	62.7
6. Belmont	28	1815	64.8
7. Mercer	28	1847	66.0
8. Stetson	29	1958	67.5
9. Gardner-Webb	27	1825	67.6
10. Jacksonville	27	1878	69.6
11. Florida Atlantic	28	1996	71.3

SCORING MARGIN

# Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Georgia State	29	65.0	61.2	+3.7
2. Belmont	28	68.2	64.8	+3.4
3. UCF	30	62.3	59.8	+2.5
4. Lipscomb	32	64.3	62.3	+1.9
5. Florida Atlantic	28	69.5	71.3	-1.8
6. Troy State	28	57.9	60.5	-2.7
7. Stetson	29	63.3	67.5	-4.2
8. Campbell	27	58.0	62.7	-4.7
9. Mercer	28	59.5	66.0	-6.5
10. Gardner-Webb	27	59.2	67.6	-8.4
11. Jacksonville	27	56.9	69.6	-12.7

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGES

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Georgia State	29	712	1661	.429
2. UCF	30	701	1742	.402
3. Florida Atlantic	28	681	1738	.392
4. Lipscomb	32	723	1852	.390
5. Stetson	29	661	1726	.383
6. Belmont	28	670	1750	.383
7. Mercer	28	610	1601	.381
8. Troy State	28	607	1654	.367
9. Campbell	27	550	1503	.366
10. JU	27	547	1500	.365
11. GWU	27	555	1620	.343

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE DEFENSE

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Lipscomb	32	149	551	.270
2. Mercer	28	140	476	.294
3. GSU	29	129	429	.301
4. UCF	30	144	471	.306
5. Stetson	29	116	379	.306
6. Campbell	27	127	412	.308
7. Troy State	28	141	456	.309
8. FAU	28	137	414	.331
9. GWU	27	167	492	.339
10. JU	27	162	475	.341
11. Belmont	28	159	455	.349

REBOUNDING OFFENSE

# Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. UCF	30	1342	44.7
2. Florida Atlantic	28	1154	41.2
3. Lipscomb	32	1312	41.0
4. Georgia State	29	1151	39.7
5. Gardner-Webb	27	1067	39.5
6. Belmont	28	1094	39.1
7. Mercer	28	1082	38.6
8. Stetson	29	1115	38.4
9. Campbell	27	1016	37.6
10. Troy State	28	1043	37.6
11. Jacksonville	27	990	36.7

REBOUNDING DEFENSE

# Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. Georgia State	29	983	33.9
2. UCF	30	1137	37.9
3. Campbell	27	1027	38.0
4. Belmont	28	1089	38.9
5. Troy State	28	1106	39.5
6. Jacksonville	27	1073	39.7
7. Stetson	29	1170	40.3
8. Florida Atlantic	28	1159	41.4
9. Lipscomb	32	1343	42.0
10. Mercer	28	1223	43.7
11. Gardner-Webb	27	1239	45.9

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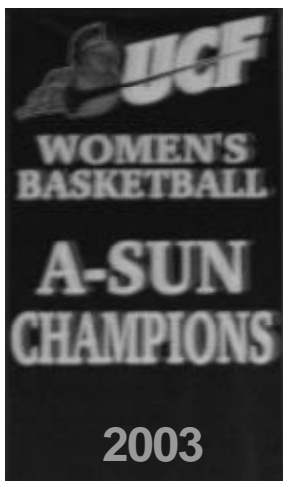
# Team	G	Blk	Avg/G
1. UCF	30	162	5.40
2. Lipscomb	32	146	4.56
3. Mercer	28	126	4.50
4. Gardner-Webb	27	119	4.41
5. Georgia State	29	106	3.66
6. Florida Atlantic	28	98	3.50
7. Jacksonville	27	88	3.26
8. Stetson	29	66	2.28
9. Campbell	27	61	2.26
10. Belmont	28	54	1.93
11. Troy State	28	48	1.71

ASSISTS

# Team	G	Ast	Avg/G
1. UCF	30	450	15.00
2. Florida Atlantic	28	388	13.86
3. Belmont	28	387	13.82
4. Lipscomb	32	425	13.28
5. Georgia State	29	368	12.69
6. Mercer	28	351	12.54
7. Troy State	28	349	12.46
8. Stetson	29	360	12.41
9. Campbell	27	332	12.30
10. Gardner-Webb	27	323	11.96
11. Jacksonville	27	320	11.85

2003-04 Final A-Sun Standings

Team	Conference W-L	Pct	Overall W-L	Pct
Lipscomb	14-6	.700	20-12	.625
Georgia State	14-6	.700	18-11	.621
Belmont	14-6	.700	16-12	.571
UCF	14-6	.700	17-13	.567
Mercer	11-9	.550	13-15	.464
Florida Atlantic	11-9	.550	12-16	.429
Stetson	10-10	.500	13-16	.448
Troy State	10-10	.500	11-17	.393
Gardner-Webb	4-16	.200	5-22	.185
Jacksonville	1-19	.050	3-24	.111



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