

Sports

"You're closing the door to ever contending for another championship, except perhaps I AA football. Has anyone told the students they will never compete for a national championship again?"
GSC commissioner Nate Salant on UCA's move to Division I AA

Sports make you wonder



Sometimes things in life just make you wonder. Sitting here for the last couple hours looking at possible column topics, I thought of a few things that just sort of make me wonder.

One thing that has been stuck in my mind all day is an NFL game I listened to on the radio today. All of you are wondering why I'm listening to the NFL on radio, but that's not what's got me wondering.

It was the Philadelphia Eagles and San Diego Chargers. The Eagles ended up winning in dramatic fashion with a blocked field goal returned for a touchdown. But none of that is what caught my attention.

Nope, what caught my attention was the fire alarm that went off in the stadium prior to the blocked kick. At first I thought it was just one of those annoying stadium sounds that fill professional stadiums. But when the announcers sort of stopped and then voiced that there was an alarm, I began to wonder what was going on. Then came a recorded voice over the P.A.

"A fire alarm has been set off in the stadium. Please head toward the nearest exit."

OK, so that was all interesting, but the thing that really confused me was what happened next. The fans went ahead and just booed. No one left, just boos. All the while, the game is raging on.

If people don't think sports are important, they're nuts. I mean there were in excess of 67,000 people just willing to stay and watch their Eagles while Lincoln Financial Field was possibly on fire. Hardcore.

Another thing I've wondered this weekend is how in the world an undefeated conference season comes to an end on a lousy penalty kick.

Friday the UCA men's soccer team fell for the first time this year to a Gulf South Conference opponent in a 1-0 loss to Christian Brothers with 1:58 left in the game.

What an absolutely tough way to lose. Even worse when it's your first conference loss of the year.

But the Bears were able to rebound nicely. They cruised to a 5-0 victory over Ouachita Baptist on Sunday, so maybe that first conference loss came at a good time. Maybe it was a little wake-up call.

The Bears have just two games left before GSC Tournament action, and it's better to lose now than lose in the postseason.

It's also a wonder old video games never go out of style. A trip to Glen Rose to welcome my parents back from Germany and cut the trip to Ouachita Baptist in half this weekend resulted in a little *Echo Sports* PlayStation action. This wasn't your PlayStation 2. No sir. The old PS1.

Nothing like sitting back and playing some Madden 2000 and NBA Live 2000 late into the night the day before UCA's only afternoon football game of the year.

But as great as Madden and NBA Live were, World Cup '98 provided the most entertainment.

I'm not sure what it is about soccer video games, but they're damn exciting.

Especially when it's 0-0 after
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Josh Goff | ECHO

UCA's Kentrel Rogers scores his second of four first half touchdowns in Saturday's 51-6 win over Ouachita Baptist. Rogers finished with 185 yards rushing on 13 carries and five touchdowns.

D up, A-Town down

Bears hold Tigers to 4 yards rushing in 51-6 thrashing

BY KAI CADDY
Sports Editor

ARKADELPHIA — UCA (7-2, 6-1) kept its hopes of a conference championship and high playoff seed alive Saturday as the Bears pounded Ouachita Baptist 51-6 in front of a homecoming crowd of 5,629 at A.U. Williams Field.

Senior running back Kentrel Rogers and the stingy UCA defense paced the Bears in the domination.

"Kentrel needs to be recognized as one of the greatest [UCA] running backs of all time," coach Clint Conque said. "I'm really proud of Kentrel and our offensive line. We really were able to get the running

game going — but I think our defense deserves a lot of credit for this win. [OBU] has averaged 45 points a game the last two games and I think our defense really studded up and gave a great effort."

The Tigers (2-6, 2-4) were without the services of Josh Holcombe and Don Rich,

their two leading rushers, and the Bears took full advantage, holding eight OBU ballcarriers to four yards on 24 carries. UCA also gave up only 179 yards through the air (74 on one play) and picked off a pair of Taylor Carter passes.

On the flipside, the Bears were able to run nearly all will as Rogers rang up four touchdowns and 144 yards on only seven carries in the first half. He ended the game with 185 on 13 carries and a school

record-tying 5 touchdowns. "I had running holes all over the place," Rogers said. "I just had to pick one. But all the credit goes to my offensive line."

In all, the Bears gained 379 yards on the ground on 51 attempts and completed 72 percent of their passes (21-of-29) for 229 yards as they out-gained the Tigers 703-254 in total yards.

Rogers got things going on UCA's second possession of the game when he took the handoff and scampered 67 yards for the score on the series' first play.

"The guys were blocking up front, I hit the hole and before I knew it I was up to the second level and all I had to do was walk it in," Rogers said.

UCA found the end zone again a couple possessions later when Rogers capped a nine-play 59-yard drive with a 19-yard run with 4:48 left in the first quarter.

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Rogers Racks up Records
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The Battle of GOOD AND WEEVIL Senior day battle with UAM looms

BY SCOTT STIRLING
Opinion Editor

In the 10th game of UCA's season last year, the Bears went to Monticello to face the Boll Weevils with playoff aspirations. They left Monticello with a 44-41 shootout loss that ruined those playoff hopes.

This year, UCA (7-2, 6-1) will once again face Arkansas-Monticello (1-8, 1-6) in the 10th game of the season and senior night at Estes Stadium with playoff dreams still intact.

The Bears and their group of seniors, who are playing their last regular season game at home, will look to avenge last year's loss and walk off the field with a sweet taste in their mouths.

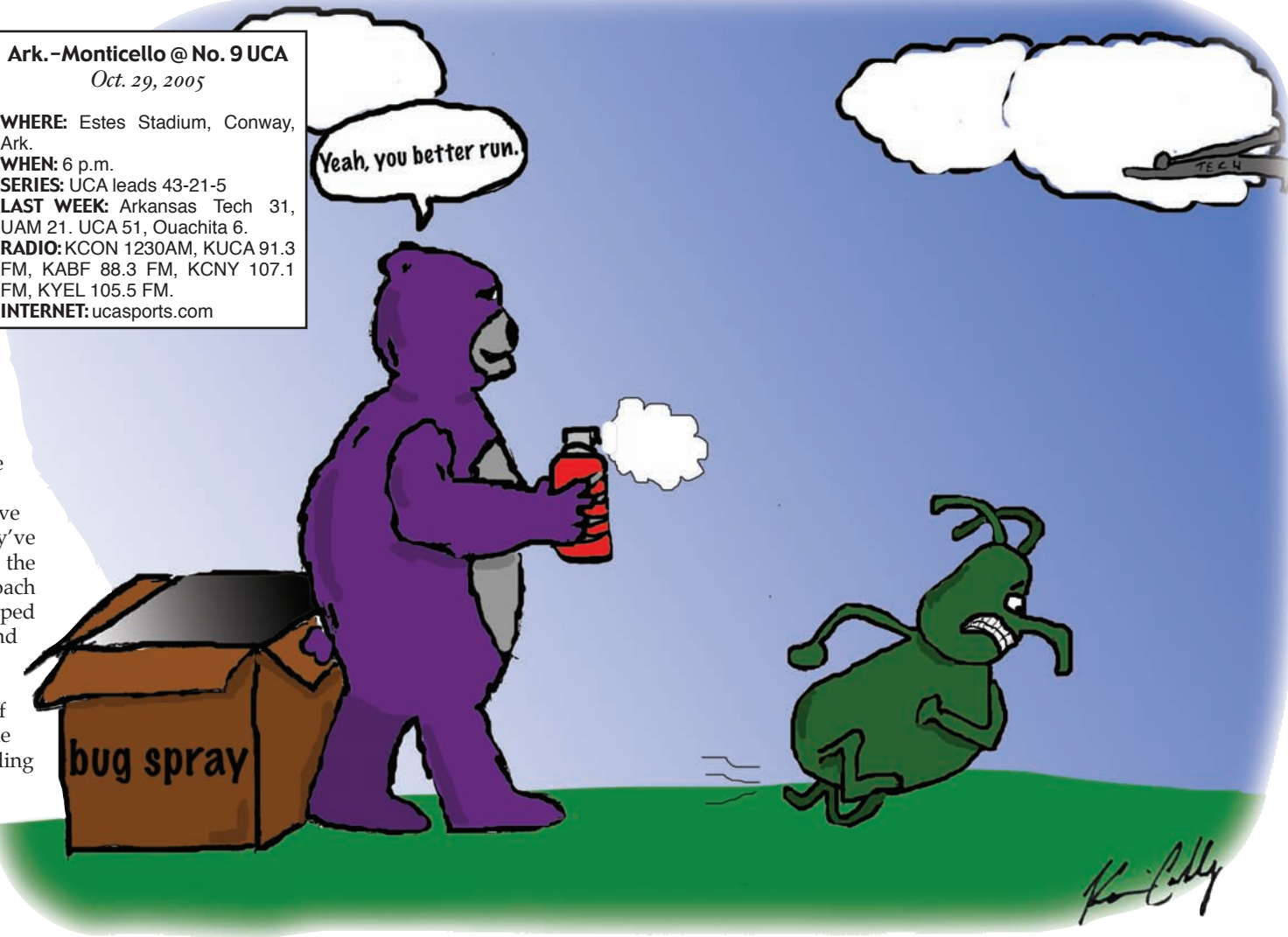
"I'm tremendously appreciative of these 16 seniors and what they've invested in our program and the commitment that they've made," coach Clint Conque said. "They've helped us win a ton of football games, and they've helped reestablish the tradition here at Central Arkansas. With that being said, it'll be kind of a bittersweet day to know that the end of their careers here are winding down."

It may not be the last time the seniors play a game in Conway because the prospect of hosting a playoff game at Estes Stadium is still in the picture.

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Ark.-Monticello @ No. 9 UCA
Oct. 29, 2005

WHERE: Estes Stadium, Conway, Ark.
WHEN: 6 p.m.
SERIES: UCA leads 43-21-5
LAST WEEK: Arkansas Tech 31, UAM 21. UCA 51, Ouachita 6.
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INTERNET: ucasports.com



Sugar Bears wreck Tech

BY KRISTEN HILL
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Staff Writers

The Sugar Bears (21-11, 6-4) moved into a tie for second place in the GSC West division after defeating Arkansas Tech (22-10, 6-4) on Saturday at home.

Harding remains first in the GSC with a 9-1 record, its only loss to UCA.

"Being the only team in the conference to beat Harding was a really big win and a big confidence booster," coach Steven McRoberts said. "It just goes to show what this team can do when we play our best. We hope we will be the only team to give them two conference losses."

The Sugar Bears lost to Arkansas Tech earlier in the season, but they came back on Saturday to defeat the Golden Suns in four games with a score of 30-25, 25-30, 30-25, 31-29. The Sugar Bears outhit the Golden Suns .236 to .169 for the match.

"One of the reasons we played so well this time against

Arkansas Tech is that we played here," McRoberts said. "That makes us 9-1 for home games on the season with two to go. Also we just played better when we played them last week knowing that there was a lot on the line. The win really helped in our main goal to make the conference tournament."

The UCA defense matched a season-high of 17 total blocks and also had 84 digs for the match. Junior Brianna LaBrot provided 23 of the digs for the Sugar Bears while freshman Tassia Pavilhao had 20 digs and freshman Kelly Bence added 19. Junior Tristen McNeal ended up with 11 kills and 13 total blocks. McNeal now has 167 total blocks for the season, breaking the previous school record of 156.

The UCA offense was led by senior Sallye Cockrell, and sophomore Rachel Copley also added 15 kills. Earlier in the week UCA defeated Henderson State (9-20, 4-6) in three games with a score of 30-25, 30-18 at Arkadelphia. This was an important victory for UCA

because they have had a difficult time winning matches on the road this season. Three out of the four losses in GSC play have occurred on the road. That victory marks UCA's second defeat over the Lady Reddies this season.

UCA outhit Henderson .272 to .076 for the match. With 46 kills for the match, UCA set a school record for 1,752 kills as team. The previous record was 1,720 kills set in 1998.

The Lady Reddies struggled through the first game, while the Sugar Bears led the entire time. In game two, UCA had a 23-20 lead and ended the game with a 7-0 run. Game 3 was more volatile with three lead changes and 11 ties until the final 13-1 run that won UCA the game.

Bence led the Sugar Bears with 11 kills and nine digs for the match. Copley and Cockrell followed with 10 kills each. Pavilhao recorded 35 assists and two service aces for UCA. The two aces gives her 84 on

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Women's soccer gets two more GSC wins

BY BRENDA CALE
Staff Writer

The UCA women's soccer team (10-3-1, 5-2-1) hit the road over the weekend and returned home with two more Gulf South Conference wins and a new record holder for career goals scored.

Friday evening in Memphis, the Bears picked up their first-ever win over the Lady Buccaneers of Christian Brothers (2-10-2, 1-8).

"We had never beaten them before, so we went into the game with the attitude of 'let's make this happen,'" coach Tina Banham said.

Freshman Stacy Pierce opened the scoring for the Bears, putting in her first goal of the season in the 15th minute on an assist from senior Ashley Smith.

Senior Kati Tamanaha added another goal, her eighth of the season, on an assist from Jacy Bjelland in the 26th minute to extend the UCA lead to 2-0.

The Lady Buccaneers struck quickly at the beginning of the second half on a penalty kick by Ciara McGuinness in the 47th minute to trim the UCA lead to 2-1.

"It probably wasn't our best game, but we were able to play really good defense and hold them off," Banham said.

Pierce scored again in the 64th minute to increase the Bears lead to 3-1 and put the game away.

"Stacy really helped us out," Banham said. "For a freshman to step up and get two goals in a big conference game is great."

Freshman goal keeper Heather Joye made seven saves in the winning effort while CBU's Sarah Plummer allowed all three UCA goals and made eight saves.

The Bears traveled to Arkadelphia on Sunday afternoon to face the Ouachita Baptist Lady Tigers (5-10, 2-6)

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Echo Sports Trivia

Q: UCA's ability to run the ball last week has a lot of folks talking about the Bears' running game. Kentrel Rogers' 185 yards was the fifth time in UCA history a back ran for 150 or more yards against Ouachita Baptist. Who was the last back to do it?

A: Cedric Holt was the last Bear running back to go over 150 yards against the Tigers. He rushed for 231 yards on 29 carries in a 35 to 17 win in 1986. Rogers is the first back to not top 200 out of the five that topped 150.

OnTheScene

Games This Week

 Soccer Harding @ UCA Friday, Noon	 Volleyball Ark.-Monticello @ UCA Tomorrow, 7 p.m.	 Football UCA @ Harding Sat., 11 a.m.
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Echo Sports Quotables

"I hope he's got a great job somewhere, just don't be at the game."
 — Football coach Clint Conque on former UAM quarterback Cory Allred, who gave the Bears fits during his career.

"I'm not gonna let Vance do my schedule."
 — Conque on athletic director Vance Strange discussing the possibility of playing Fresno State.

Men's soccer loses first GSC match

BY DANIEL SHEETS
Assistant Sports Editor

UCA men's soccer split a pair of away games last weekend, falling to Christian Brothers 1-0 Friday and beating Ouachita Baptist 5-0 Sunday.

Friday's loss was the first in nine games for the Bears. They are now 12-2-1 overall and 6-1 in GSC play. With two more regular season games remaining, and only one of them being a GSC game, the Bears are still in control of their conference tournament destiny.

UCA 5, OBU 0

After faltering Friday, the No. 9 Bears returned to their recent dominating ways, getting three first-half goals to put away the struggling Tigers by the midway point.

"The score was good," coach Chad Flanders said. "I don't know that we played a great

game for ourselves; the score was great from that standpoint, but we could have been even better. I don't want to take away from the things we did, but we didn't play a super-sharp game."

Sophomores Matt Marlin and Wade Luethy scored a goal apiece in the first period with the third goal coming from an OBU own-goal in the 39th minute.

The second half was again all Bears as UCA netted two more goals to put the finishing touches on taming the Tigers.

Sophomore Dan Foerster scored in the 53rd minute from an assist by junior Chris Black for the fourth UCA goal.

In the 75th minute, junior Nick Hankins tallied his eighth goal of the season with assists from sophomore Chris Hess and junior Casey Donovan.

UCA dominated the shot category 24-9 and doubled up the Tigers in shots-on-goal 8-4.

Bear keepers sophomore Ian

Goodman and freshman Chris Murphy had two saves each for the combined shutout.

CBU 1, UCA 0

The Buccaneer's Mariano Ilari knocked a penalty kick past Bear keeper sophomore Ian Goodman with two minutes left in the game to give CBU the win over UCA.

"Friday's game was the exact opposite of the Lincoln Memorial game," Flanders said. "I don't want to take anything away from CBU, but that was not a very good performance for us."

The Bucs dominated the flow of the game and also in the stat column. CBU out-shot UCA 20-8.

The Buc defense held the potent combination of forwards Marlin and Hankins to just two shots, neither of which were on target.

"Our forwards struggled

to have an impact and work together," Flanders said. "They seemed to want to get rid of the ball as quickly as they received it."

Flanders was pleased with the play of the defense.

"Our back line did a great job. They had to solve a lot of the problems of the midfield left them," he said. "Their midfield consistently beat us to balls."

Flanders said his team is excited about a potential rematch with CBU.

"If we win out, we should see CBU in the conference tournament, and that's something I know the guys want," Flanders said. "They want to show CBU that they are a better UCA team than what they showed Friday."

UCA plays Harding on Friday at 2:30 p.m. at Farris Field. Saturday, the Bears wrap up the regular season on the road with Truman State.

Cross Country teams place 3rd, 5th in GSC

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The UCA men's and women's cross country teams fared well at the 2005 Gulf South Conference Championships held at Plough Park in Memphis on Saturday morning.

The men's team placed fourth out of 12 teams for their highest ever finish while the women finished in third place behind nationally-ranked Harding and Alabama-Huntsville.

The Bears were paced by freshman Luis Flores who ran a 26:15, his fastest time of the year, placing 10th.

Freshman Danny McBride placed 15th with a time of 26:35.

Flores was named to the All-GSC First Team while McBride earned Second Team honors.

Sophomore Tim Daulong

finished in 23rd place with a 26:56 time.

Freshmen Michael McCullough (30th- 27:24) and Ross Kramer (39th- 27:44) rounded out the scoring for the Bears on the 8k course.

Harding won the men's race with 22 points, followed by West Florida with 72 and Alabama-Huntsville with 88. UCA finished with 117 points.

Sophomore Lauren Merritt earned First Team All-GSC honors by placing ninth with a time of 18:40, her fastest 5k time of the season.

Sophomore Whitney Welch finished in 19:00 and placed 14th while freshman Michelle Pitoniak took 20th place with a time of 19:22.

Both Welch and Pitoniak were named to the All-GSC Second Team.

Senior Jeanie Zelinski (28th- 19:46) and junior Amanda Medlin (29th-19:47) rounded out the scoring for the Sugar Bears.

Harding won the 16 team race with 34 points while Alabama-Huntsville scored 85 points.

UCA finished with 100 points.

Both teams will run at the NCAA Division II South Regionals in Lakewood, Fla. on Saturday, Nov. 5.



MERRITT



FLORES

Rogers' 185 yards, 5 TDs leads to GSC honor

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Kentrel Rogers was named the Gulf South Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the Bears' 51-6 victory over Ouachita Baptist on Saturday.

Rogers, a 5-foot-10, 216-pound running back from Fordyce, rushed for 185 yards and scored five touchdowns to lead the 23rd-ranked Bears to the victory.

The five touchdowns tied a 68-year-old school record for touchdowns in a game, set by Raymond "Rabbit" Burnett in 1937.

Rogers averaged 14.2 yards per rush and outgained the entire OBU team in yardage.

The Tigers finished with 183 total yards while UCA racked up a season-high 608 yards.

Rogers also became the school's career touchdown leader with 47, points in a season leader with 112 and career points leader with 286. Rogers' 30 points in a game ties him for second-most in GSC history.

Rogers leads the GSC in scoring (12.4 points per game) and is third in rushing (88.3 yards per game) this season.

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in a physical battle.

Seven yellow cards were issued during the contest: five to OBU and two to UCA.

"Every time we play them it is a very physical game," Banham said.

In the 20th minute of the contest junior forward Lauren

King scored on a pass from junior Heather Willis and claimed her spot in the UCA record books. The score was the 32nd of King's career as a UCA Bear, eclipsing Hollie Fowler's record of 31 career goals set in 2001.

"I had a feeling that it was going to happen in that game," King said. "And I had promised some friends that I would score for them."

Just one goal was not enough for King on this record-setting day. She added another in the 68th minute on an assist from Bjelland to increase the Bears' lead to 2-0 and the UCA women's career goal record to 33.

The Bears held on to the 2-0 lead and gained a shutout victory. Joye made two saves in the shutout effort, her second of the season. Ouachita goal keeper

Brooke Watson made seven saves while allowing both UCA goals.

"We are just trying to take one game at a time and win all those that we have left," Banham said.

UCA is currently tied for third place in the GSC and will host conference opponent Harding on Friday in the Bears' final regular season game.

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the season, breaking the school record of 83 set in 1988.

"We only have two home games left and we have to win two of our final four games to make the conference

tournament," McRoberts said.

"We play so well at home, and our fans are a huge factor. We would really like to pack our gym this Thursday and next Tuesday for senior night. It would be nice to win those games to ensure us a place in the

tournament, and we will still try to still the two left on the road."

The Sugar Bears will travel to Memphis to continue in GSC play, where they will face Christian Brothers, who they have already defeated once this season.

"Christian Brothers is a lot like us," McRoberts said. "They play really well at home and not as well on the road. It will be difficult to beat them at home. We will go there expecting a win, but it will be tough."

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regulation and two overtimes. The video game reaffirms my suspicion that being a soccer goalie may just be one of the toughest jobs in sports.

Penalty kicks must be the worst. It's basically just a big guessing game, and when you've got that huge goal behind you,

you've got to guess correctly. Talk about pressure.

OK, so poker is on ESPN. Poker's not really a sport, but it's on the world's largest sports network. That makes you wonder.

But what makes me wonder even more is these cats that cover hurricanes live in the storm.

Now those guys are athletes. Think about it: if those guys

are able to withstand the gusting winds, dodge street signs, battle through the pounding rain and all the while hold a microphone and explain the whole thing to us, that takes some athletic ability.

It takes a whole lot more athletic ability to do that than to sit around and play cards.

Put that mess on ESPN. That would be interesting television.

Speaking of ESPN, I'll leave you with one more thing to wonder about: what ever happened to "World's Strongest Man" reruns?

GULF SOUTH STANDINGS									
MEN'S SOCCER					WOMEN'S SOCCER				
	REC.	PTS.	GF	GA		REC.	PTS.	GF	GA
Central Ark.	12-2-1	25	46	18	Lincoln Mem.	13-2	26	56	20
Montevallo	9-4-2	20	27	13	West Georgia	12-5-1	25	68	22
Lincoln Mem.	12-3	24	41	19	Central Ark.	10-3-1	21	42	26
West Florida	9-5-1	19	38	20	Montevallo	7-6-3	17	34	20
Ala.-Huntsville	6-10	12	21	33	Harding	8-9-1	19	35	29
Christian Bros.	7-8-1	15	20	23	North Alabama	7-10	14	42	34
Harding	3-11-1	7	26	44	Ala.-Huntsville	6-9	12	23	23
Ouachita Bapt.	4-9-1	9	33	35	Ouachita Bapt.	5-10	10	19	31
Delta State	2-16	4	18	62	Christian Bros.	2-10-1	6	15	45
					Delta State	0-18	0	6	90

VOLLEYBALL					
	REC.	PCT.	REC.	PCT.	
1. Harding	27-3	.900	5. Ouachita Bapt.	12-20	.375
2. Arkansas Tech	22-10	.688	6. Henderson St.	9-20	.310
3. Central Arkansas	21-11	.656	7. Ark.-Monticello	8-15	.348
4. Christian Bros.	20-11	.645	8. Southern Ark.	12-13	.480

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Backfield

The running game is back for the Bears. Kentrel Rogers broke all sorts of records last week (see below) and should have another big game this week. Ross Brown has had two solid weeks straight. The two-quarterback system at UCA continues to work. Chris Reil and Nathan Brown have combined for 2,362 yards.



Receivers

Aaron Fairouz continues to lead the Bears with 926 yards on 58 catches. Michael Norvell and Ben Faires are quietly having solid years and both average more than 10 yards a catch. Tight end Austin Cade and fullback Darren Shaw are also favorite options for the UCA quarterbacks. Von Mixon, UAM's leading receiver, is averaging 12.5 yards a catch.



O Line

The UCA offensive line is once again opening holes for the running backs and giving the quarterbacks time to look for the open receiver. The Bears are averaging 4.4 yards a rush, a yard better than the average a couple weeks ago. UCA has given up just one sack each of the last two weeks. UAM averages 3.8 yards a rush.



D Line

OBU's backfield got to know the UCA defensive line quite well last week as they were back there on nearly every play. Ends Jacob Ford and Jeremy Pittman have combined for 13 tackles for loss and seven sacks. Greg Mills was the coaches' pick for defensive player of the week and has five tackles for loss and two sacks on the year.



Linebackers

The UCA linebacking crew may be the best in the Gulf South. Kelvin Horne has 47 tackles and a team-leading 12 for loss. Quentin Maxfield leads the team with 73 tackles and Ryan Taylor 58 tackles (seven for loss and three sacks). Wes Ables is the Weevils' second leading tackler and isn't listed as a starter with 55 tackles.



Secondary

The UCA secondary allows the occasional big pass play, but the last two weeks they have been the epitome of a bend-but-not-break group. Safeties Cory Cangelosi and Jasper Johnson have combined for 96 tackles and five interceptions. UAM safety DeMathus Ledet leads the team with 100 tackles.



Special Teams

James Paul has the kicking duties all to himself and he is making the most of it. Extra points are still an adventure, but kickoffs consistently sail into the end zone and Paul has hit his last three field goals. The coverage teams continue to make life hard for opposing return teams. Cameron Kinard gets 17.5 yards a kickoff return.



UCA Football Statistics Leaders

PASSING

Chris Reil - 91-130-3, 1187 yds., 10 TD
Nathan Brown - 106-151-5, 1175 yds., 9 TD

RECEIVING

Aaron Fairouz - 58 rec., 926 yds., 6 TD
Michael Norvell - 31 rec., 323 yds., 2 TD
Ben Faires - 27 rec., 284 yds., 2 TD

TACKLES

Quentin Maxfield - 73 (42 solo, 31 asst.)
Ryan Taylor - 58 (33 solo, 25 asst.)
Jasper Johnson - 56 (34 solo, 22 asst.)

RUSHING

Kentrel Rogers - 149 car., 795 yds., 17 TD
Ross Brown - 44 car., 281 yds., 2 TD
Willie Hopson - 29 car., 174 yds., 4 TD

SCORING

Kentrel Rogers - 112 pts.
Aaron Fairouz - 44 pts.
James Paul - 38 pts.

TACKLES FOR LOSS

Kelvin Horne - 12 for 40 yards
Ryan Taylor - 7 for 29 yards
Jacob Ford - 7 for 34 yards

Gulf South Conference Football Standings

	CONF.			OVERALL				CONF.			OVERALL		
	W	L	STRK	W	L	STRK		W	L	STRK	W	L	STRK
1. Valdosta State	6	1	W5	7	1	W2	7.	3	4	5	4	W1	
2. Arkansas Tech	6	1	W2	7	1	W2	8.	2	5	4	5	L1	
3. West Georgia	6	1	W3	6	3	W3	9.	1	6	2	6	L2	
4. Central Arkansas	6	1	W4	7	2	W4	10.	1	6	2	7	L3	
5. North Alabama	5	2	L1	6	2	L1	11.	1	6	1	8	L5	
6. Delta State	4	3	W1	5	4	W1	12.	0	7	2	7	L7	

Mr. Rogers' neighborhood home to only UCA's elite

BY JOSH GOFF
Sports Editor

"He needs to be recognized as one of the all-time great running backs [at UCA]."

Those were the words UCA football coach Clint Conque had after Saturday's game to describe the play of senior running back Kentrel Rogers, who had one of the all-time great performances in UCA history as the Bears ran all over Ouachita Baptist 51-6.

Rogers scored four first-half rushing touchdowns and added another in the second to tie Raymond Burnett's mark of five touchdowns in a single game - set way back in 1937 against Arkansas State.

After one quarter, Rogers had five carries for 130 yards and a pair of touchdowns. In the second quarter he carried the ball only twice - both for touchdowns. In the second half he was shut down ... by the UCA coaches, the only people who could stop him that day. At game's end he had accumulated 185 rushing yards on only 13 carries and had scoring runs of 67, 19, 11, 3 and 19 yards.

"I never expected to score five," the Fordyce native said. "But our line was blocking - everybody was blocking, so everything worked out. I had running holes all over the place. All I had to do was pick one."

He picked the right one just about every time as he raced past not only a host of OBU defenders but zipped by an impressive tally of people in the record books.

Rogers now holds the UCA record for career points scored with 286 and career touchdowns scored with 47 - passing Phil Caldwell (272, 45) for the record. He also vaulted from 10th to first in season total points (112, breaking the record of 108) and from ninth to a tie for first in both season rushing touchdowns (17) and season total touchdowns (18). He also moved up to fifth in Gulf South Conference history with his 47 career touchdowns and sixth in the GSC in career scoring. The next touchdown will move him into a tie for fourth.

"Coming into the game they told me I was getting close," Rogers said of the scoring records. "I didn't think I was going to break them this game. I really thought that would be in the future. I give all the credit to the offensive line. Without those guys I wouldn't get that."

Rogers also moved to fifth in UCA history with 2,635 career rushing yards and second in rushing touchdowns with 42 but is only 10th in rushing attempts.

"Look at the number of touches he's had," Conque said. "He's going to finish in the top five in rushing yards, and all the scoring records he's accomplished ... but you look at [UCA career rushing leader] Hosea Knowlton and he had 900 touches and Kentrel's had not even half that and been as productive as he has. I wish there was some way we could get him to 3,000. That's kind of a magic number."

Knowlton rang up 4,549 yards on 944 carries from 1990-1993. Rogers has done his damage 442, averaging 6.14 yards per carry.

"He had tremendous balance, great vision, and he has the uncanny ability of making himself small in tight places and exploding out the back end," Conque said. "Not a lot of big backs have that. He has the ability to play little and play big and not a lot of guys can do

that. Saturday kind of reminded me of what he looked like at the beginning of the season and flashes of when he was 195 pounds - just his ability to change direction on a dime, what we call 'breaking people off'."

Rogers has made a career out of breaking them off something proper, racking up 3,528 yards through rushes, receptions, and returns.

"I coached running backs for 10 years and he's what I term a complete back," Conque said. "He can catch it, he can tote it, and he's one of the best blitz pickup guys I've ever been around. He's just so smart on the football field. He's probably our best kick returner, but we can't afford to put him back there, particularly after we got scared after what happened with Willie [Hopson]."

With his superlative-laden career winding down, Rogers is cognizant of the records but knows there's something bigger at stake right now.

"I think the scoring records, I think that that's probably a given. He'll get all those over the next couple of weeks," Conque said. "For us to be successful he's going to need to. But he'd probably tell you that those are great but he wants a GSC championship and a chance to go beyond that and see how far this team can go."

Exactly. "I'm trying to keep rewriting this record book, but we're trying to win," Rogers said. "We're trying to get these Ws and go on and win a conference championship - that's our focus right now."

That's just the type of mentality Rogers has, and in Conque's eyes that's a big part of his success.

"I don't think there's any doubt because of his personality," Conque said. "He's extremely coachable. He's very talented and he's very humble and that's what you love about him. His freshman year he was the third running back and in no shape, fashion or form was he the marquee player. The next year we brought Willie Hopson into the program and Kentrel was the starter until some injuries, and Willie came on from the middle of the season on. Of course, last year we bring in Bernard Scott and he ends up sharing time with Bernard, and this year it's kind of a three-headed monster that's evolved. But he's never complained."

"He will obviously leave a huge void in our program once his career is complete. He's a very smart young man and with the competitiveness he's learned through collegiate athletics I think he's a best bet to be successful in life. Any setbacks he's had he's been able to overcome, and he's very humble. If there's anything I can ever do to help him, he knows that's a given."

"He's a special youngster."

A great one?

"I'll let them decide that," Rogers said. "I'll let the people decide. I think I've done a pretty good job here in my time."

286
Career Points

47
Career TDs

112
Total Points '05

18 **17**
Total TDs '05 Rushing TDs '05

Illustration by Kai Caddy

UCA running back Kentrel Rogers took over first place in several categories in the record book after his performance in Saturday's 51-6 win over Ouachita Baptist. Rogers is now the all-time UCA leader in career points, career touchdowns, total points for a season, total touchdowns in a season and rushing touchdowns in one season.

WHERE ROGERS STANDS NOW

Career TDs

1. Kentrel Rogers 46
2. Phil Caldwell 45 ('79-'82)
3. Hosea Knowlton 37 ('90-'93)
4. Shaun Mitchell 32 ('98-'02)
5. Vaughn Edwards 31 ('78-'81)

Season TDs

1. Kentrel Rogers 18
Nathaniel Daniel 18 (1974)
3. Henry Hawk 16 (1959)
- Scott Williams 16 (1988)
4. Phil Caldwell 15 (1980)

Career Points

1. Kentrel Rogers 286
2. Phil Caldwell 272
3. Hosea Knowlton 238
4. Curtis Burrow 232 ('82-'85)

Season Points

1. Kentrel Rogers 112
2. Nathaniel Daniel 108 (1974)
3. Scott Williams 100 (1988)
4. Henry Hawk 96 (1959)

Career Rushing TDs

1. Phil Caldwell 43
2. Kentrel Rogers 42
3. Hosea Knowlton 37
4. Bobby Tiner 30 ('63, '65-'67)
Vaughn Edwards 30

Rogers also tied the record of most touchdowns scored in a game with five Saturday. The record stood since 1937 when Raymond Burnett scored five against Arkansas State.

Rogers is also now fifth in GSC career touchdowns and needs one to take fourth place.

He also moved into seventh in GSC career points. He needs one point for sixth place.

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"They've got a chance to go undefeated at home in their senior year, and that probably hasn't happened in awhile," Conque said. "They also realize that if they can handle their business that there are some bigger prizes out there, and they could have a chance to play back here again at some point."

The Boll Weevils have been less than stellar this season with their only victory coming against winless West Alabama. They have given up an average of 42.1

points per game and only scored 15.6 per game themselves. UAM is giving up more than 450 yards per game of total offense which ranks last in the conference.

But Conque said the Bears are not looking past the Boll Weevils.

"[Our players] know how important this game is," Conque said. "Our No. 1 focus is UAM."

The Bears come into the game very healthy for late in the season. The only injury suffered in the Ouachita Baptist game was when senior tight end Nick Grant suffered a mild

concussion, his second of the season. But Conque said Grant is a "tough youngster" and hopes to have him back on senior day.

Running back Willie Hopson has been seeing a lot of action of late, and he is getting closer to gaining full strength in his injured knee. Hopson has been cleared to play without a knee brace and the decision to wear it will rest on his shoulders.

"He's getting better, and I think he'd tell you he's close," Conque said. "But he's still missing that last gear, I think"

Conque is very pleased with

the production he is getting out of his three running backs and two quarterbacks going into the last couple games of the season. Running back Kentrel Rogers has been playing particularly well and has etched his name into the UCA record books.

"What he's been able to do with the limited number of touches that he's had - he's only had 400 touches in his career and he's gonna be close to 3,000 yards rushing and he's already scored 47 touchdowns - in my opinion, he ought to be mentioned among the greatest backs at the

University of Central Arkansas," Conque said.

According to Conque the two-quarterback system is also working out nicely.

"I think it takes pressure to some degree off of both of them and I like the rotation we've got and our players have bought into it around them," Conque said. "The most important thing is efficiency, and they've both been efficient, they both have tremendous strengths that we try to play to, they both have great attitudes."

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James Paul missed the extra point, making the score 13-0.

The Bears started the second quarter by marching the ball 92 yards in seven plays, scoring when Rogers took it in from 11 yards out to make it 20-0.

A breakdown in the UCA secondary led to the only OBU score as Carter hit Slade Camp for a 74-yard score. Freshman Buke Mardanlou blocked the extra point attempt and the score remained 20-6 with 10:38 left in the first half.

UCA stretched the lead to 27-6 with 6:29 to go in the half when Rogers took it in from three yards out to cap a nine-play, 80-yard drive.

UCA had the ball in field goal range at the end of the half but couldn't get a kick off before

the half wound down as the final 14 seconds ticked off before the officiating crew spotted the ball, sending the teams to the locker room with UCA leading 27-6.

The Bears didn't waste any time getting on the board in the second half when they blocked an OBU punt and scored one play later when Nathan Brown hit fullback Darren Shaw in the end zone from five yards out putting the Bears up 34-6.

On the ensuing kick, UCA opted to work on its surprise inside kick. It worked, as wide receiver Cameron Kinard recovered at OBU's 49. UCA settled for a 34-yard field goal off the leg of Paul to make it 37-6.

"[The inside kick] is a play we run. We wanted to work on it," Conque said. "I thought it was well executed."

On the Bears' next series,

Rogers scored his record-tying fifth touchdown of the game from 19 yards out, giving UCA a 44-6 edge with 6:39 left in the third quarter.

The Bears scored one final time with 3:46 left in the game when running back Willie Hopson scored from three yards out to make it 51-6.

"I feel bad for Coach [Todd] Knight," Conque said of OBU's coach, who is now 22-45 at the school. "He runs a class program and is a quality coach. He's having a tough year and he was just a little out-manned today."

The win keeps UCA in the hunt for a share of the conference title. Valdosta State, Arkansas Tech and West Georgia all have one conference loss.

Jasper Johnson led the Bears in tackles with seven (one and half for loss). Lawrence Atkinson

had five stops. Issac Hendrix and Lance Boykins each had four. Robert Virgil and Gerald Norman both had an interception for UCA. Virgil fumbled his interception back to the Tigers, however.

"It got a little sloppy in the fourth quarter," Conque said. "But we came down here and handled our business. We've rededicated ourselves to these last three weeks."

BOX SCORE

Central Arkansas 13 14 17 7-51
Ouachita Baptist 0 6 0 0-6

First Quarter
UCA - Rogers 67 run (Paul kick), 10:58
UCA - Rogers 19 run (Kick failed), 4:48
Second Quarter
UCA - Rogers 11 run (Paul kick), 12:28
OBU - Camp 74 pass from Carter (Kick failed), 10:38
UCA - Rogers 3 run (Paul kick), 6:29
Third Quarter
UCA - Shaw 4 pass from N. Brown (Paul kick), 13:21

RUSHING - UCA, Rogers 11-167, R. Brown 14-89, N. Brown 6-51, Hopson 7-29, Norman 2-18, Jones 2-16, Kinard 2-12, McKenzie 3-1, Feil 3(-3), OBU, Steele 2-16, Carter 4-8, Dale 1-3, Pruitt 1-2, Rich 2-1, Young 2-0, Jamison 11(-15).

PASSING - UCA, Reil 11-17 107, N. Brown 10-12 122, OBU, Carter 16-31-2 175, Crabtree 2-2 4.

RECEIVING - UCA, Fairouz 5-84, Hopson 3-36, Jones 3-23, Faires 2-26, Shaw 2-17, Norvell 2-11, Kinard 2-9, McKenzie 1-14, R. Brown 1-9, OBU, Steele 7-37, Camp 5-115, Pruitt 4-11, Clark 1-13, Denny 1-3.
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Rushes-yards 51-379 24-4

Passing yards 229 179

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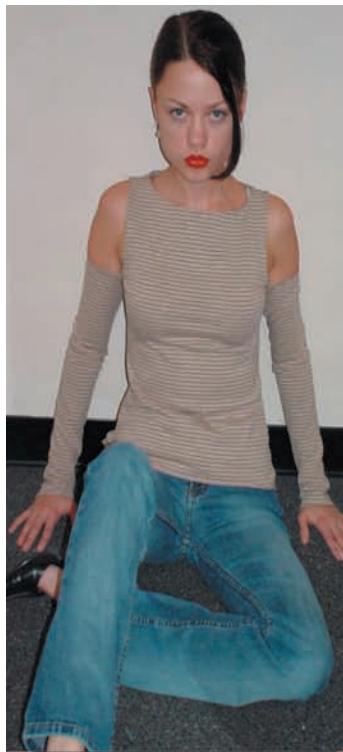
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