



CINCINNATI

2020 FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES



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13/14 CINCINNATI

1-0 • 0-0 AAC

VS

AUSTIN PEAY

0-3 • 0-0 OVC

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, 2020 • NOON ET • NIPPERT STADIUM • CINCINNATI, OHIO

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GENERAL NOTES

• UC has won 10-straight season openers and 17 of 18 since 2005. The Bearcats are 88-36-10 (.694) all-time in lid lifters.

• UC has a 14-game winning streak at Nippert Stadium.

• UC needed 5 plays, 74 yards and 99 seconds to get on the scoreboard when QB Desmond Ridder found WR Tre Tucker for a 29-yard pitch and catch to give UC a 7-0 lead. A year ago, the Bearcats did not score on an opening drive in the first three weeks of the season and accomplished the feat six times all season (5 TDs, 1 FGM).

• UC scored on eight of its 10 drives, not counting the drives ending each half.

• UC surrendered a field goal on Austin Peay's opening drive, marking only the seventh time in the last 28 games an opponent has scored on its first drive. Following the Governors 62-yard effort, the UC defense held them to 41 yards for the remainder of the half.

• Cincinnati was won five of its last seven games when wearing white jerseys and three of its last four while donning white helmets.

• Cincinnati is 14-4 in its last 18 day games.

• Cincinnati held a 260-140 edge over Austin Peay in the ground game Saturday, the 21st time in 24 games the Bearcats have out rushed their foe. They are 21-3 during that span. UC broke 200 yards on the ground for 14th time over the last three seasons and are 14-3 when rushing for 200 or more on the ground.

• UC averaged 7.8 yards per play, it's best chunk since averaging 8.2 ypp vs. ECU on Nov. 23, 2018.

• After being flagged a school-record 123 times in 2019, UC was not whistled for a penalty and finished with five for the game for 45 yards.

• Cincinnati's 55 points was its most since score 52 at Marshall a year ago. It was the most points scored in Nippert Stadium since a 56-6 win over ECU on Nov. 23, 2018.

• Cincinnati's 509 yards of total offense was its most since totaling 525 yards at Marshall on Sept. 28, 2019. UC also had 507 yards vs. UConn on Nov. 9, 2019.

• Head Coach Luke Fickell picked up UC win No. 27, moving him into a tie for fifth place all-time with Chuck Studley (1961-66) and Joe Meyer (1938-42). Fickell is 27-13 in 40 games as UC's coach, a .675 winning percentage.

• Seventy-seven players saw action for UC on the day, including 21 making their UC debuts: Will Adams, Todd Bumphis, Dalrone Donaldson, Jerome Ford, Zach Hummel, Cam Jones, Daved Jones Jr., Jordan Jones, Michael Lindauer, Deshawn Pace, Cayson Pfeiffer, Evan Prater, Jake Renfro, Tyler Scott, Payten Singletary, Jaheim Thomas, Jadon Thompson, Ethan Voelker, Ethan Wright, Cameron Young and Michael Young Jr.

• Bryan Cook, James Hudson and Eric Phillips made their first in-game appearances at Nippert Stadium after making their UC debuts in the Birmingham Bowl.

• Blake Bacevich, Jeremy Cooper, Charles McClelland, James Wiggins and Colin Woodside returned after missing all or parts of the 2019 season due to injury.

GAMEDAY WEATHER

Sunny, 63 degrees, wind ENE, 10 MPH

CAPTAINS

UC's game captains were: 5 Darrick Forrest, 7 Coby Bryant, 9 Desmond Ridder and 37 James Smith. Due to 2020 coin-toss protocols, Forest was the only one at midfield for the toss.

COIN TOSS

Austin Peay won the toss and deferred Cincinnati received in the north end zone.

THE SERIES

UC leads the all-time series 7-0. All seven games in the series have taken place at Nippert Stadium.

LEADERS

GERRID DOAKS, RB

- 10 carries, 20 yards, 3 TDs
- 4 receptions, 64 yards, TD

DESMOND RIDDER, QB

- 13-of-19, 196 yards, 2 TDs
- 4 carries, 57 yards, 14.2 YPC

JOSH WHYLE, TE

3 receptions 61 yards, first career TD

JEROME FORD, RB

7 carries, 28 yards, TD

BEN BRYANT, QB

- 4-of-7, 53 yards, TD
- 40-yard TD rush

TRE TUCKER, WR

1 reception, 29 yards, first career TD

AHMAD GARDNER, CB

8 tackles, 5 solo

JAMES WIGGINS, S

6 tackles, 4 solo, PBU

UP NEXT

Cincinnati will face will No. 22 Army West Point on Saturday, Sept. 26 inside Nippert Stadium. The game kicks off at 3:30 p.m. ET and airs on ESPN and 102.7 WEBN FM.

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INDIVIDUAL NOTES

QB BEN BRYANT

- Finished 4-of-7 on the day for 53 yards and a TD.
- Had a career-long 40-yard scamper for his second career rushing TD. Bryant totaled only 35 yards on the ground from 22 carries a year ago.

CB ARQUON BUSH

- Bush intercepted Austin Peay QB Jeremiah Oatsvall in the third quarter and returned the ball 31 yards to the Austin Peay 30. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty tacked on 15 yards and UC found the end zone 37 seconds later when RB Jerome Ford had a two-yard plunge into the end zone.
- It was Bush's third career pick and first since he had two interceptions against ECU in 2018.
- He also added a pair of tackles.

S BRYAN COOK

- Tied a career high with two tackles and 1.0 tackles for a loss.
- Had his first PBU at UC.

RB GERRID DOAKS

- Doaks outscored Austin Peay by himself, finding the end zone four times, rushing for scores of 1, 1 and 2 yards and hauling in a career-long 32-yard pass from Ridder for his career-best four scores.
- His four receptions for 64 yards were also career marks.
- It was only UC's fourth game with a player scoring four or more times since 2009. Isaiah Pead had five TDs against Rutgers (2010) while Michael Warren II scored for times against USF in 2018 and Mardy Gilyard tallied four TDs against SEMO in 2009.
- Doaks has 13 career TDs to his name, surpassing his 2017 total (3) and only two off his 2019 total (6).
- He finished with 84 all-purpose yards, 20 on the ground and a career best four catches for 64 yards.

RB JEROME FORD

- Carried seven times for 28 yards and a TD in his UC debut.
- Scored on a 2-yard run in the third quarter.

CB AHMAD GARDNER

- Set a career high with eight tackles

CB JUSTIN HARRIS

- Had a career-best three tackles.

LB WILSON HUBER

- Tied a career high with two tackles and recorded his first tackle for a loss.

LB BRODY INGLE

- Set a career high with five tackles.

CINCINNATI STARTERS

OFFENSE

WR	Jadon Thompson
LT	James Hudeson
LG	Jeremy Cooper
C	Jakari Robinson
RG	Vincent McConnell
RT	Darius Harper
TE	Bruno Labelle
WR	Jayshon Jackson
WR	Michael Young Jr.
QB	Desmond Ridder
RB	Gerrid Doaks

DEFENSE

DE	Myjai Sanders
DT	Marcus Brown
DE	Elijah Ponder
WLB	Darrian Beavers
MLB	Joel Dublanko
SLB	Jarell White
CB	Ahmad Gardner
S	James Wiggins
S	Darrick Forrest
CB	Coby Bryant
NK	Arquon Bush

TE BRUNO LABELLE

- Tied a career high with three receptions for a career-best 36 yards receiving.
- Had a career-long reception of 21 yards.

QB DESMOND RIDDER

- Ridder completed eight of his first 10 passes and finished 13-of-19 for 196 yards including TD passes of 29 and 32 yards.
- He led the Bearcats in rushing, toting the ball four times for 57 yards, going for an average of 14.2 yards per carry.

WR JADON THOMPSON

- Made his first career start and had a reception for 18 yards.

WR TRE TUCKER

- Opened up the scoring with a 29-yard TD catch, the first of his career.
- Had two kickoff returns for 31 yards with a 19-yard long.

TE LEONARD TAYLOR

Tied a career best with two receptions and set career mark with 21 receiving yards.

TE JOSH WHYLE

- Set career highs with three receptions for 61 yards and his first career TD.
- The TD grab came on an eight-yard pitch and catch from Bryant.

CINCINNATI PARTICIPATION

Will Adams	Jordan Jones	Jake Renfro	John Williams
Blake Bacevich	Cam Jones	Ryan Royer	Colin Woodside
Demarco Baker	Casey Kirk	Tyler Scott	Ethan Wright
Marquez Bell	Cody Lamb	Jaquan Sheppard	Cameron Young
Curtis Brooks	Nate Lawler	Payten Singletary	
Ben Bryant	Michael Lindauer	Cole Smith	
Bryan Cook	Charles McClelland	James Smith	
Jacob Dingle	Marcelo Mendiola	Leonard Taylor	
Dalrone Donaldson	Lorenz Metz	Jabair Taylor	
Wyatt Fischer	Ryan Montgomery	Jaheim Thomas	
Jerome Ford	Dylan O'Quinn	Tre Tucker	
Justin Harris	Mick Oakes	Ethan Tucky	
Ja'von Hicks	Deshawn Pace	Ty Van Fossen	
Wilson Huber	Cayson Pfeiffer	Malik Vann	
Zach Hummel	Eric Phillips	Ethan Voelker	
Brody Ingle	Michael Pitts	Taj Ward	
Daved Jones Jr.	Evan Prater	Josh Whyle	