

MEMPHIS POSTGAME NOTES



Game 7 – vs Cincinnati – October 30, 2013 – Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium – Memphis, Tenn.

TEAM GAME NOTES

- Memphis' game captains were LB Anthony Brown, RB Brandon Hayes and P Tom Hornsey. Memphis won the toss and deferred until the second half. The Tigers kicked off and defended the north goal.
- Memphis CB Bobby McCain returned to action after missing the last two games. McCain made his 26th career start.
- Memphis punter Tom Hornsey played in a team-leading 43rd game. SAF Lonnie Ballentine made a team-leading 27th career start.
- With ESPN2 broadcasting the game, the Cincinnati game was the longest of the season at 3:26. The previous long was 3:19 against both Houston and SMU.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Memphis entered the game 6-for-14 on fourth-down plays this season. RB Brandon Hayes' 11-yard run on fourth-and-one moved the ball into the Cincinnati 10. The Tigers finished 4-for-5 on fourth down in the game and are now 10-for-19 on the season.
- After not having a wide receiver catch a touchdown pass in the first five games of the season, Memphis has now had at least one TD reception by a receiver the past two games. WR Tevin Jones caught a 7-yard touchdown pass with 1:31 to play in the first quarter to cap the Tigers' second series and give Memphis a 7-0 lead.
- Jones' touchdown reception was the second in the sophomore's career.
- QB Paxton Lynch completed his first five passes for 31 yards.
- Memphis had just 58, first-half yards of offense but trailed just 14-7 at intermission.
- On its second offensive series of the second half, Memphis more than doubled its yardage going into the series. Memphis had 61 total yards through its first offensive series. The Tigers had 70 yards on the scoring series, tying for the fourth-longest drive of the season.
- RB Brandon Hayes capped the drive with a 7-yard touchdown reception. The play was Hayes' first career touchdown catch and the fourth touchdown of the season.
- With the scoring pass to Hayes, Lynch recorded his first multi-touchdown pass game of his career.
- Hayes 31-yard run to pull the Tigers to 27-21 with 5:27 to play marked the longest pass or rush for a touchdown this season. It was the second-longest run of the season by Hayes.
- The Tigers' 75-yard, fourth-quarter scoring drive marked the fourth-longest drive of the season for the Tigers.
- Hayes became the first offensive player this season to score multiple touchdowns in a game for Memphis with a receiving and a rushing touchdown. It is his third multiple touchdown game of his career.
- Memphis totaled a season low 232 yards of total offense in the game, including a season low 140 passing yards.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Memphis stopped Cincinnati inside the 20-yard on its first drive. With the fourth-down stop, Memphis had held opponents to 2-for-8 on fourth-down plays this season. Memphis entered the game ranked 15th nationally in Fourth Down Defense.
- DE Ricky Hunter recorded his first sack of the season (-2 yards) and fourth of his career.
- Two plays later, DE Martin Ifedi had a quarterback sack for a 12-yard loss. With the play, Ifedi now has registered sacks in six of seven games this season.
- Ifedi's sack was the 17th of his career, tying him with Tony Brown (1999-02), Marvin Thomas (1983-86) and Andre Arnold (1998-00) for fifth all-time at Memphis.
- CB Bobby McCain stopped a Cincinnati drive into the red zone with a pick in the end zone. McCain has three interceptions in the five games he has played this season. It was the fourth interception of his career.
- CB Andrew Gaines equaled a career high with seven tackles.
- LB Ryan Coleman set a new career high in tackles with eight. Both of his previous season high seven-tackle games came during his FCS season at Idaho State (2011).
- DAWG Jackson Dillon set a career high with eight tackles and had a pass breakup.
- MLB Charles Harris led the team for the first time this year with a season-high 10 tackles. It marked his fourth time with double-digit tackles.
- Cincinnati's 329 yards passing were the most given up by Memphis this year and marked the second-straight 300-yard passing game by an opponent.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Joe Craig had a 32-yard punt return to set up the Tigers' first scoring drive (Memphis began its drive at the Cincinnati 28). Craig's return was a season-long for the Tigers. The previous long was 31 yards.
- Craig totaled 129 all-purpose yards with 69 kick return yards, 32 punt return yards and 28 receiving yards.
- Tom Hornsey had just his second touchback of the season in 35 punts.