

CINCINNATI SOCCER

2017 MEN'S SOCCER MATCH INFO

MATCH Cincinnati vs. Gardner-Webb

WHEN Friday, August 25 // 7 p.m.

WHERE Gettler Stadium // Cincinnati

WATCH 

// FOR STARTERS

The University of Cincinnati (0-0-0) men's soccer team opens its 2017 campaign on Friday, August 25, when Gardner-Webb (0-0-0) travels to Gettler Stadium for a 7 p.m. showdown. The match is the season opener for both squads. Admission is free as part of the Experience UC initiative.

// GARDNER-WEBB SERIES

Friday will mark the second all-time meeting between Cincinnati and Gardner-Webb with the Bearcats holding a 1-0 series advantage including a 1-0 overtime home win in 2012.

// OPENING MATCHES

Cincinnati is 22-17-5 all-time in season openers. More recently, the Bearcats are 10-3-3 in 16 season openers under head coach Hylton Dayes and are unbeaten in seven of the last eight lid-lifters. Following the season opener last year being cancelled due to inclement weather, the Bearcats began the 2016 campaign at Fort Wayne with a 3-0 shutout win. Returners JJ Iroh and Austin Smythe scored goals in the victory.

// SWEET 16

Head coach Hylton Dayes enters his 17th season at the helm of the program in 2017. The dean of UC's varsity coaches and the all-time winningest coach in Bearcats men's soccer history, Dayes has won 125 matches in Clifton, reaching the NCAA Tournament twice (2003 & 2006). In 27 seasons as a collegiate head coach, including time as both the men's and women's head coach at Wright State, Dayes is 222-221-61.

// FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

The Bearcats' youth movement continues in 2017 with eight newcomers, on top of 11 newcomers from 2016. Returning underclassmen for this season accounted for 54 percent of the Bearcats scoring last year, led by a team-high five goals by current redshirt sophomore midfielder Ryan Melink. In total, UC brings back five underclassmen who started nine or more matches last season including three -- Patrick Nielsen, David Sanz, Aerin West -- who started each game in 2016.

// NIELSEN HONORED

Sophomore defender Patrick Nielsen named the American Athletic Conference Preseason Defensive Player of the Year as well as being a unanimous selection to the all-conference team. The native Dane is looking to build off of a stellar freshman season in which he was both AAC Second Team and All-Rookie Team selections, in addition to earning All-Ohio Second Team recognition, after tallying two assists while helping anchor the back line of the defense which recorded seven shutouts. As a team, the Bearcats were picked to finish seventh in the league.

MATCH 1 vs. GARDNER-WEBB

// 2017 Schedule (0-0-0, 0-0-0 The American)

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Fri.	Aug. 25	GARDNER-WEBB	7 P.M.
Mon.	Aug. 28	at Wright State	7 P.M.
Fri.	Sep. 1	IUPUI	7 P.M.
Mon.	Sep. 4	at Western Michigan	3 P.M.
Fri.	Sep. 8	XAVIER	7 P.M.
Tue.	Sep. 12	at Kentucky	7:30 P.M.
Sat.	Sep. 16	at Bowling Green	7 P.M.
Sat.	Sep. 23	MEMPHIS*	7 P.M.
Tue.	Sep. 26	GREEN BAY	7 P.M.
Sat.	Sep. 30	at USF*	7 P.M.
Sat.	Oct. 7	UCONN*	7 P.M.
Sat.	Oct. 14	at Temple*	7 P.M.
Wed.	Oct. 18	FORT WAYNE	7 P.M.
Sat.	Oct. 21	SMU*	7 P.M.
Tue.	Oct. 24	CLEVELAND STATE	7 P.M.
Sat.	Oct. 28	at Tulsa*	8 P.M.
Sat.	Nov. 4	UCF*	7 P.M.

* American Athletic Conference match

// RANKING SUMMARY (2016)

Statistic	Nat'l	Conf.	Value	Nat'l Leader	Value	Conf. Leader	Value
Assists Per Game	67	3	1.35	FGCU	2.62	UConn	1.58
Fouls Per Game	176	8	13.88	Jacksonville	7.06	UConn	9.47
Points Per Game	66	2	4.41	FGCU	8.52	Tulsa	4.55
Save Pct	39	2	0.789	Wake Forest	0.871	UConn	0.795
Saves Per Game	53	2	4.41	VMI	6.65	Memphis	4.59
Scoring Offense	62	2	1.53	FGCU	2.95	Tulsa	1.60
Shots Per Game	143	6	10.82	Indiana	17.38	Temple	16.50
Shots on Goal/Game	115	4	5.06	UNCG	7.80	Temple	6.44
Shutout Percentage	34	4	0.41	North Carolina	0.67	Temple	0.50
Team GAA	81	5	1.15	North Carolina	0.45	UConn	0.77
Total Assists	87	4	23	FGCU	55	UConn	30
Total Goals	86	2	26	FGCU	62	Tulsa	32
Total Points	94	4	75	FGCU	179	UConn	91

Statistic	Player	Nat'l. Rank	Conf. Rank	Value
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// THE LAST TIME

Event	Date	Match
Home win	Nov. 1, 2016	W 3-1 vs. Eastern Illinois
Home loss	Oct. 29, 2016	L 1-3 vs. Tulsa
Away win	Oct. 12, 2016	W 3-0 at IUPUI
Away loss	Nov. 5, 2016	L 0-1 at UCF
Neutral win	Aug. 8, 2012	W 1-0 vs. Drake (St. Louis, Mo.)
Neutral loss	Nov. 8, 2013	L 1-5 vs. Rutgers (Louisville, Ky.)
Defeat ranked team	Sept. 26, 2015	W 3-2 vs. No. 17 Temple
Overtime win	Aug. 31, 2015	W 1-0 vs. Valparaiso (20T)
Overtime loss	Sept. 2, 2016	L 1-2 vs. Wright State (20T)
Conference win	Oct. 15, 2016	W 4-0 vs. Temple
Conference loss	Nov. 5, 2016	L 0-1 at UCF
Non-Conference win	Nov. 1, 2016	W 3-1 vs. Eastern Illinois
Non-Conference loss	Sept. 9, 2016	L 2-4 at Xavier
Scored at least 6 goals	Oct. 24, 2004	W 6-0 vs. Bowling Green
Scored at least 5 goals	Oct. 18, 2014	W 5-0 vs. Temple
Scored at least 4 goals	Oct. 15, 2016	W 4-0 vs. Temple
Scored at least 3 goals	Nov. 1, 2016	W 3-1 vs. Eastern Illinois
Scored at least 2 goals	Nov. 1, 2016	W 3-1 vs. Eastern Illinois
Scored at least 1 goal	Nov. 1, 2016	W 3-1 vs. Eastern Illinois
Converted a penalty kick	Nov. 1, 2016	Adam Wilson vs. Eastern Illinois
Recorded a clean sheet	Oct. 15, 2016	Pedro Diaz (7 saves); W, 4-0 vs. Temple
UC Player had hat trick	Oct. 13, 1995	Billy Hamilton (3 goals) vs. DePaul
UC Player had 2+ goals	Sept. 20, 2016	Ryan Melink (2 goals) vs. Thomas More
UC Player had 5+ points	Sept. 2, 2009	Nick Weightman (1 goal, 3 assists) at Dayton
UC Player had 2+ assists	Oct. 15, 2016	Adam Wilson (2 assists) vs. Temple