



2018 CINCINNATI BEARCATS FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

CINCINNATI 37, TULANE 21

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ATTENDANCE: 32,200

SERIES INFORMATION

- Tulane leads, 11-6 overall and holds a 4-3 advantage when the series is played in Cincinnati
- The Bearcats have now won three in a row in the series, including last year's 17-16 win in New Orleans
- The last time UC and UT played in Cincinnati was 2001 with the Bearcats winning, 46-33
- The 37 points scored by UC marks the fourth game in a row in the series in Cincinnati that UC has scored 34 or more points (46-33 in 2001, 53-34 in 1998 and 34-14 in 1996)

CAPTAINS/COIN TOSS

- Cincinnati Captains: #51 Kimoni Fitz, #72 Garrett Campbell, #83 Josiah Deguara, #96 Cortez Broughton
- Coin Toss: Cincinnati won the toss and defers; Tulane receives and will defend the north

TEAM NOTES

- With their win, the Bearcats are off to a 6-0 start, their best start since the 2009 team went 12-0 before falling in the Allstate Sugar Bowl to #5 Florida
- With six wins on the year, UC is now bowl eligible for the first time since 2015 when the Bearcats played in the Hawai'i Bowl.
- The win also give UC a two-game home winning streak against AAC foes. The 22-21 win last year over UConn to close out the season snapped a four-game skid in home league action.
- Cincinnati did not allow a fourth down conversion to Tulane, stopping the visitors on all four attempts. For the year, UC's foes are 4-of-13 on fourth down.
- The defense recorded four sacks in the game, their second-highest total of the season behind only the five tallied at UCLA.
- UC's defense also recorded 8.0 tackles for loss in the game, marking the fifth time this year the Bearcats have totaled 5.0 or more in a game and tying the season high the defense recorded at UCLA.
- Cincinnati tallied 446 yards of total offense, including 174 in the air and 272 on the ground. The total yards marks the fourth game in a row UC has recorded 400 or more and is the third-highest total of the season behind 741 against Alabama A&M and 659 at UConn.
- The 21 points scored by UC in the second quarter marks the third time this year the Bearcats have scored 21 or more in a quarter and the second game in a row after scoring 21 in the third quarter at UConn last week. The Bearcats also have now scored at least three points in 11-consecutive quarters after being shutout in the opening quarter against Ohio.
- UC scored three more rushing touchdowns on the day, bringing its total to 22 on the year, doubling last year's total of 11.
- The Bearcats won the coin toss for the sixth game in a row this year.
- Tulane's touchdown with 2:01 remaining in the first quarter gave the visitors a 7-3 lead, marking the fourth time this year the Bearcats have trailed at any point in a game and come back to win. Previously, UC came back from 10 to UCLA, 21 to Ohio and 7 to UConn.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- RB Michael Warren II ran for an 81-yard touchdown at the start of the second quarter, the longest play of the year for the Bearcats, surpassing the 77-yard touchdown pass from QB Desmond Ridder to WR Rashad Medaris against Ohio. It also surpassed the previous long running play of the season of 49 yards by Taylor Boose at UConn and is the longest rushing score of the year, bettering Warren's 24-yard rush against Ohio. Historically, Warren's run, the longest for UC since 2015 when Hosey Williams ran for 84 yards against UConn, ranks among the longest in program history. The 81-yard rush for Warren is the third longest rush from scrimmage in UC history and the second-longest scoring run in program history behind Joe Miller, who ran 91 yards for a score against Xavier in 1953.
- With his rushing touchdown in the second quarter, Michael Warren II has now scored at least one touchdown on the ground in all six games this year, bringing his total to 11 in 2018. Last year, as a team, the Bearcats ran for 11 touchdowns.
- Warren II finished with 123 yards on 18 carries on the day, averaging 6.8 yards per run, giving him at least 100 yards on the ground for the third game in a row. The last time a UC back had three-consecutive 100-yard rushing games was 2010 when

Isaiah Pead accomplished the feat against Oklahoma, Miami and Louisville. Warren's streak started with 124 against Ohio before he rushed for 147 yards last week against UConn. Today's game also marked the fourth time in six games this year that Warren has eclipsed the century mark after he ran for 171 at UCLA to open the season.

- QB Desmond Ridder was 15-of-25 for 174 yards, two touchdowns and one interception through the air and added 65 yards on 16 carriers with one touchdown. It is Ridder's fifth game in a row with at least one passing touchdown and his fourth in a row with at least one score through the air and one on the ground. For the season, he now has over 1,000 yards passing (1,062) with 10 passing touchdowns and another four on the ground.
- Just before halftime, Ridder scrambled for 28 yards and a touchdown. That rush marked his seventh rush of 20 yards or more on the season and also stands as his longest rushing touchdown. His previous long was 22 yards and came against Alabama A&M earlier this year.
- DE Ethan Tucky blocked a Tulane punt in the third quarter, setting up a UC touchdown pass one play later (Ridder to WR Khalil Lewis). The punt block is the first for the Bearcats since October 25, 2008, when Connor Barwin blocked a UConn attempt.
- WR Khalil Lewis hauled in a pair of leaping touchdown catches against Tulane on throws of 25 and 15 yards, respectively, from Ridder. It is the first two TD game for a UC receiver since Lewis accomplished the feat in the 2017 season finale vs. UConn.
- CB Coby Bryant forced his first career fumble with CB Cam Jefferies collecting the loose ball. The recovery for Jefferies is the first of his UC career and his second collegiate recovery after he collected one for Bowling Green against Michigan state last year, returning the ball 46 yards for a score.
- LB Perry Young led the defense for the second-straight week, finishing with a season-high nine tackles.
- DE Kimoni Fitz recorded his first sack of the season to with six tackles. He has 3.5 sacks for his career.
- DT Cortez Broughton finished with a half sack and 1.5 tackles for a loss, giving him 5.0 sacks and 11.0 tackles for a loss on the year. Both season numbers surpass his career totals entering 2018 of 3.5 sacks and 10 tackles for a loss. His 11.0 TFLs are the most for a UC defender in a season since Terrell Hartsfield finished the 2014 campaign with 9.0 sacks and 12.0 TFLs.
- C Jakari Robinson earned his first start at center.
- P James Smith hit a 63-yard punt in the first quarter, tying his season-long that he recorded at Miami (Ohio) September 8.
- PK Cole Smith connected on a 28-yard field goal attempt in the first quarter, giving him his second career field goal.
- OL Chris Ferguson scooped up a fumble and ran for six yards. Those are the first yards and first fumble recovery of his career. Ferguson had never played a down of football for the Bearcats prior to the 2018 season opener at the Rose Bowl.

NEXT UP

- Cincinnati is heading into its open week and will next travel to Philadelphia, Pa., Saturday, October 20, where they will face Temple at Lincoln Financial Field. Game time and television information will be released later.