



Postgame Notes
Cincinnati 35, East Carolina 13
Nov. 26, 2021 | Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

Highlights

- Cincinnati improves to 12-0 for the second time in program history.
- It is the second time the Bearcats have been on a 12-game win streak, joining the 2009 Cincinnati squad.
- The win marks Cincinnati's 15th-straight win against AAC opponents and fourth-straight against ECU.
- It also marks UC's 38th-straight win against unranked opponents.
- The Bearcats are 21-2 (.913) since 2019 against AAC opponents, which is the best mark in the conference.
- UC is now 43-6 (.876) since 2018, ranking among the top five teams in CFB in winning percentage during that span.
- Head Coach Luke Fickell is now 47-14 (.770) in five seasons at Cincinnati. This is the Bearcats' first 12-0 start under him and second all-time (also 2009).
- UC is 36-2 when leading at the half under Fickell.
- Today's captains were Desmond Ridder, Coby Bryant, Myjai Sanders, Vincent McConnell.
- ECU won the coin toss and elected to receive
- UC improved its all-time record to 649-594-50 (.522).

Charting Quarterback Desmond Ridder

- On the second play of the second quarter, Desmond Ridder broke the AAC total yards record, passing Quinton Flowers (11,802), with a 21-yard pass to Jadon Thompson.
- Ridder's 24-yard pass to Tre Tucker in the 2nd quarter broke the Cincinnati total yards record, passing UC quarterbacks coach Gino Guidugli as the school record holder (11,930, 2001-04).
- Ridder finished the game with 292 total yards and 12,045 total career yards.
- With his 44-yard touchdown toss to Leonard Taylor in the second quarter, Ridder continued a 22-game streak where he has thrown a touchdown pass.
- Ridder now owns the record for touchdowns responsible for in the AAC. He surpasses Quinton Flowers' 112 mark with two passes today, marking 113 touchdowns he's responsible for.
- Today marked Ridder's sixth-career game with 300 or more passing yards after recording 301 in today's game.
- Ridder remains the winningest quarterback in college football with a 42-5 (89.4%) record.

Offensive Notes

- Leonard Taylor's third touchdown of the season was a 44-yard pass from Desmond Ridder, the longest reception of his career.
- Jerome Ford's two-yard touchdown carry is his 17th rushing touchdown of the season. He ties Davis Small for second in Cincinnati single season rushing touchdowns. He needs two more to tie Michael Warren II, three to break the record.
- Ford now owns the number two spot in Cincinnati single-season touchdowns with 18. He needs two more to tie Michael Warren II, three to break the record.
- Ridder's 28-yard touchdown pass to Alec Pierce was the wide receiver's seventh touchdown of the season.
- Pierce finished the game with 116 receiving yards, the third game this season he recorded 100+ receiving yards.

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- Ryan Montgomery had a two-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter, his third rushing and fourth touchdown of the season.

Defense

- Curtis Brooks and Jowon Briggs both recorded a sack in second quarter.
- Joel Dublanko's sack in the second quarter marked his third sack of the season, fifth of his career.
- 10 tackles for Joel Dublanko gives him 99 on the season.
- Arquon Bush recorded his second straight game with a blocked field goal after blocking ECU's 35-yard attempt in the fourth quarter
- Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner returned the blocked kick for a 60-yard touchdown, his first touchdown of the season.
- Gardner also recorded a season high two pass breakups in the game.
- Darrian Beavers caught his first interception of the season and only his second interception of his career.
- Jubari Taylor forced a fumble in the fourth quarter, his first one of the season.