



Postgame Notes

Cincinnati vs UCF

Nov. 4, 2023 | Historic Nippert Stadium

Highlights

- Cincinnati moved to 2-7 overall and 0-6 in the Big 12 in 2023.
- The Bearcats fell to 4-5 all-time against the Knights and 3-2 in Nippert Stadium.
- Cincinnati is 661-606-50 all-time its 136th football season in 2023 (since 1885, one of 10 oldest in FBS).
- The captains for today's game were fifth-year defensive end Jowon Briggs, redshirt sophomore Dontay Corleone, redshirt junior center Gavin Gerhardt and sixth-year quarterback Emory Jones.
- Saturday's contest marked the 17th consecutive sell-out of Nippert Stadium, with an attendance of 38,193.
- Cincinnati wore special helmet decals featuring the crest of the USS Cincinnati LCS 20, a U.S. Navy ship whose namesake is Cincinnati, for Military Appreciation Day. The USS Cincinnati's homeport is in San Diego, Calif. It was commissioned in 2019 and is the fifth naval ship named after the city.
- All-time Bearcats football great Antwan Peek headlined the 2023 Hall of Fame Class that was honored during the game. Peek starred for the Bearcats as a defensive end from 1998 to 2002.
- Cincinnati won the opening coin flip and chose to receive the ball.

Availability Report

- Notable players out for Cincinnati were CB Sammy Anderson (out for season)

Offense Notes

- ☐ For the third time this season, Cincinnati had two rushers, Corey Kiner (114) and Ryan Montgomery (113), each rush for over 100 yards in the same game. It is the first time in school history Cincinnati has had three games in a season with two players rushing for over 100 yards in the same game.
- ☐ Cincinnati now has eight 100-yard rushers on the season by four different players.
- ☐ UC also matched its season-high of nine chunk plays (20 or more yards).
- ☐ Running back Ryan Montgomery recorded his first carry in his second game back from injury. It marked his first rushing attempt since rushing three times against Oklahoma on Sept. 23.
 - Montgomery ran for a career-high 113 yards on eight carries, averaging 14.1 yards a carry. It marked his second career 100-yard game as he rushed for 104 yards against Miami (OH) earlier this season.

- Montgomery scored his first touchdown of the season on a two-yard run late in the third quarter. It marked his first touchdown of the season.
- Running back Corey Kiner ran for 93 yards in the first half on 12 attempts. He ended the game with xx yards on xx carries, marking the fourth time this season he rushed for over 100 yards. He is the first running back with four 100-yard rushing games in a season since Jerome Ford had five in 2021.
 - With just over a minute left in the game, Kiner scored his first touchdown of the game on a six-yard run to bring Cincinnati with in two.
- On the opening drive, Cincinnati converted on a 4-1 and its own 35-yard line to extend the drive.
 - The opening drive ended in a kicker Carter Brown field goal and was Cincinnati's first opening drive score since scoring a touchdown against Miami (OH) on Sept. 16.
- Emory Jones returned to the game with 3:30 left in the second quarter and capped off his returning drive by connecting with wide receiver Braden Smith on an 11-yard touchdown pass late in the first half for UC's first touchdown of the game.
 - Smith hauled in his fourth touchdown pass of the season and sixth of his career.
 - Smith ended the game with 6 catches for a career-high 114 yards.
- Jones found Smith for a 35-yard reception to the UCF 2 on a 4th and 9 midway through the fourth quarter. The drive ended with a Carter Brown field goal that went for 10 plays spanning 9:58, the longest time-consuming scoring drive of the season.
 - The Bearcats were 2-2 on fourth down in the game are 11 of 25 on fourth down this season.
- Jones finished the game going 16-22 through the air with one touchdown.
- Wide receiver Barry Jackson Jr. appeared in his second career game on the opening drive and hauled in a 25-yard catch. His other reception on the season was a 65-yard touchdown against ECU.
- Wide receiver Donovan Ollie hauled in a 40-yards pass from Jones for his first reception as Bearcat in his ninth career game at UC.
- Quarterback Brady Lichtenberg entered the game at the end of the first quarter on the Bearcats' third drive of the game. He played two drives before Jones returned to the game.

Defense Notes

- UC allowed a season-low 165 passing yards, besting the 177 against ECU in the opener.
- Cornerback Kalen Carroll made his first career start as a Bearcat.
 - Carroll has a career-high two-pass break-ups and tied his career-high with two tackles.
- Safety Antwan Peek Jr. has matched his career-high of five tackles.
- DE Eric Phillips recorded his second-most TFL (1.5) in a game this season since recording two against Eastern Kentucky.

Special Team Notes

- Kicker Carter Brown converted a 39-yard field goal on the opening drive. He was 2-2 on field goals in the game, adding a 28-yard, and is now 13-16 on FGA's this season.
- Mason Fletcher downed a 45-yard punt at the UCF 4 on his first punt of the game.
 - Fletcher averaged 44.5 yards on two punts, including one inside the 20. He has put 17 of his 31 punts inside the 20 in 2023.