



2019 CINCINNATI BEARCATS FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

#5 OHIO STATE 42, **rv** CINCINNATI 0

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ATTENDANCE: 104,089

SERIES INFORMATION

- Ohio State leads the all-time series, 15-2, and also leads 14-0 when the series is contested in Columbus
- Today's game marked the seventh in the series that ended in a shutout with Cincinnati standing 1-6 in those games

CAPTAINS/COIN TOSS

- Cincinnati's captains for today's game: #6 Perry Young, #75 Chris Ferguson, #78 Morgan James, and #83 Josiah Deguara
- Cincinnati won the toss and deferred; Ohio State elected to receive; Cincinnati chose to defend the south

TEAM NOTES

- Today marked the first time UC has been shutout in 170 games. The last time it happened came November 9, 2005, in a 38-0 loss to #16 West Virginia in Cincinnati.
- The road shutout was not the most lopsided for the Bearcats, but it does fall on the same day as that instance as UC lost at Penn State, 81-0, on September 7, 1991.
- Cincinnati has not surrendered a point in the first possessions of each half in both games this year after Ohio State's opening drives to start the game and in the second half both resulted in punts. In the opener, UC forced a fumble in the first half and then intercepted a pass against UCLA.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- WR Alec Pierce had a number of career highs with his four receptions for 93 yards on the day. He tied his previous career best of two receptions with two catches in the first quarter. The sophomore had receptions of 25, 8, 14 and 46 yards. The 46-yard effort was just off his career long of 52 yards.
- WR Trent Cloud hauled in his first career reception in the first quarter. He finished the game with three catches for five yards
- QB Ben Bryant made his second career appearance after Ridder was sidelined briefly with an injury. He was 0-for-1 on the day. Bryant set career bests by rushing three times for 25 yards.
- RB Tavion Thomas made his first appearance of the season, toting the ball 11 times for 58 yards, a 5.3 yards per rush average. Thomas also recorded his first career reception, a six-yard effort.
- TE Josiah Deguara has a reception in 15-straight games.
- LB Bryan Wright had his first sack of the season Saturday and has tallied 6.0 sacks for his career.
- DT Curtis Brooks had his first career tackle for a loss.
- S Ja'Von Hicks set a career best with his seven tackles and also forced his first career fumble.
- RB Ryan Montgomery had his first career rush late in the game, going for 12 yards.
- Jack End Michael Pitts tied his career high with six tackles.
- DE Mykai Sanders totaled a career-best four tackles along with his first career TFL.
- DE Malik Vann also finished with a career best, tallying five tackles.
- KR Tre Tucker had a career-best three returns for a career-high 61 yards.
- **STARTER NOTES:** Two Bearcats earned their first career starts today with #11 Leonard Taylor and #82 Wilson Huber started at tight end.

MCDONALD UPDATE

- S Kyriq McDonald suffered a medical episode in the second quarter and missed the rest of the game. McDonald was evaluated by UC's medical staff, transported to a local hospital for further tests and returned to Cincinnati with the team Saturday afternoon.

NEXT UP

- The Bearcats return to action at home next Saturday with a visit from Miami (Ohio) for the Battle for the Victory Bell. The game is slated to kick at noon from Nippert Stadium and will be broadcast live on ESPNU.

