



Postgame Notes
Cincinnati 49, Miami (OH) 14
Sept. 4, 2021 | Attendance: 37,978

General

- Captains: Desmond Ridder, Myjai Sanders, Vincent McConnell
- Miami won the toss and elected to defer.
- UC evened the all-time series, 59-59-7, as well as earning its 15th-straight win. It is also the longest non-league rivalry in the country.
- The Bearcats wore black helmets, black jerseys and red pants and entered the day undefeated the last three seasons in black tops.
- UC's 35-0 halftime lead was its largest since Nov. 9, 2019 against UConn (38-0).
- UC has won 21-straight home games.
- The Bearcats have won 11-straight season openers and 18 of 19 since 2005.

Offensive Notes

- UC scored 40-plus points for the 10th time of the Luke Fickell era.
- The Bearcats' 21 first-quarter points were their most since Nov. 2, 2019 at East Carolina.
- The 542 yards of offense moved the Bearcats to 11-0 when crossing 500 yards in the Fickell era.
- UC went 3-for-3 in redzone conversions, all touchdowns. It had 30 TDs in 45 trips last season.
- Tyler Scott's 81-yard TD reception on the second play was his second-career catch.
- It was the longest pass play since Hayden Moore to Devin Gray's 82-yard connection in the 2016 finale.
- The play also marked UC's quickest scoring strike since Gunner Kiel to Mekale McKay on the first snap against Memphis (14:43) on Oct. 4, 2014.
- It also marked Ridder's longest-career pass.
- Ridder's four passing touchdowns matched a career-high set previously in 2019 at Marshall and 2018 at ECU.
- Ridder finished 20-for-25 passing, which marked his second-career game of 80-plus-percent completion rate. He was 21-for-26 against Memphis on Oct. 31, 2020.
- Josh Whyte's 23-yard touchdown catch was his both his seventh-career score and 20-plus yard reception.
- Jadon Thompson's 47-yard grab in the second quarter was the longest of his career after having six for 58 as a freshman in 2020. He finished with a career-high 79 yards on four catches.
- Leonard Taylor's eight-yard TD reception in the fourth quarter was the third of his career.
- Evan Prater's 14-yard rush was both his first TD and the longest run of his career.

-Jerome Ford's 121 rush yards were his most since the Memphis game last season.

Defensive Notes

-UC held Miami to 5-for-15 on third-down conversions after doing so five times last season (only loss coming to Georgia in Peach Bowl).

-Miami was held to 278 yards of offense, the 17th time the Bearcats held their opponent to under 300 in the Fickell era (five times each of past three seasons).

-UC is 6-0 since 2018 when holding opponents to less than 150 passing yards.

-DeShawn Pace led the Bearcats with eight tackles, his most since ECU last season.

-Miami had just 109 passing yards, the fewest UC has allowed since that ECU game (87).

-Jabari Taylor recorded career-highs of five tackles and two for loss.