



Postgame Notes

Cincinnati at Texas Tech

Sept. 28, 2024 | Jones AT&T Stadium

Team Notes

- Cincinnati's all-time record now stands at 665-610-50
- This marked the second meeting all-time between Cincinnati and Texas Tech. The previous meeting was in 1968 in Lubbock and ended in a 10-10 tie.
- Cincinnati had five captains pre-game: redshirt junior defensive tackle Dontay Corleone, redshirt senior safety Derrick Canteen, redshirt senior offensive lineman Gavin Gerhardt, redshirt senior offensive lineman Luke Kandra, and senior linebacker Jared Bartlett.

Offensive Notes

- Redshirt sophomore quarterback Brendan Sorsby completed 31-of-45 passes for 426 yards and a career-best four touchdowns. The 426 passing yards are also a career-high and the ninth-most in a game in school history. The last QB to throw for at least that many yards in a game was Gunner Kiel in 2015 (523 yards at Houston).
- Sorsby has thrived in the first half this season, and continued that trend on Saturday. He completed 15-of-21 passes for 189 yards and two touchdowns against Texas Tech, bringing his season totals in the first half to 70-for-99 (71.7%), 983 yards, and nine touchdowns.
- Prior to his interception in the fourth quarter, Sorsby had thrown 160 passes without an interception dating back to last season. He threw 148 passes this season without an INT, which was the longest such streak among FBS quarterbacks this year.
- Sorsby added a season-best 52 rushing yards on Saturday, one off his career-best total of 53 yards, which he achieved against Illinois last season.
- Redshirt freshman running back Manny Covey's 71-yard screen-pass touchdown from Sorsby was his first-career score and UC's longest play of the season. He added a 3-yard TD with 3:24 left to bring UC within 44-41.
- Redshirt junior tight end Joe Royer finished with a career-high seven receptions and 66 receiving yards. His previous career-high reception total was five against Towson in the season opener.

- Senior wide receiver Xzavier Henderson led UC with seven catches for 127 yards and a touchdown. He now has six 100-yard receiving games as a Bearcat and seven total in his career.
- Redshirt junior running back Evan Pryor rushed for 46 yards on eight carries and a touchdown. He ripped off a 36-yard rush in the third quarter, his fourth run of at least 30 yards this season, most in the Big 12.
- Redshirt junior wide receiver Tony Johnson made his second consecutive start and caught five passes for 61 yards, both season-highs, and added a touchdown.
- The score was tied at 24-24 at the end of the first half, the highest first-half point total in a UC game this season and the most combined points since last season's opener vs. ECU (49 points).
- Both teams scored at least 10 points in each of the first two quarters, the first time that's happened since Sept. 24, 2015 at Memphis.
- Cincinnati's 12-play, 75-yard TD drive late in the second quarter was its seventh of 10-plus plays. It lasted 6:45, with all prior scoring drives on the night going 3:52 or less.
- UC successfully converted on fourth downs in the first and fourth quarters to remain perfect on the season. The Bearcats are now 5-for-5 on fourth down conversions.
- Evan Pryor's 16-yard catch early in the third quarter was a career-long.

Defensive Notes

- Redshirt senior Josh Minkins and junior linebacker Jake Golday tied for the team lead with six tackles.
- Redshirt sophomore STAR Antwan Peek Jr. Tallied four tackles and forced a key fumble in the first half that allowed UC to retain possession in TTU territory.
- Freshman linebacker Simeon Coleman had three tackles, two of which were TFLs.
- Cincinnati stopped Texas Tech on its lone fourth down conversion attempt of the game. Opposing teams are now just 3-for-11 when going for it on fourth down against the Bearcats.

Special Teams Notes

- Senior kicker Nathan Hawks connected on a 37-yard field goal and a 26-yard field goal. That marked his third straight game with multiple field goals since taking over placekicking duties at Miami.