

# bowl HISTORY

Cincinnati's proud football history includes a number of firsts, possibly including the first postseason bowl game.

While the NCAA Official Football Records recognizes the Rose Bowl, started in 1902, as being the first collegiate bowl game, former UC athletic director Bill Schwarberg points to a bowl appearance by Cincinnati that pre-dates the Rose Bowl by five years. Citing a record in the University's McMicken Review, Schwarberg indicated that following the 1897 season, Cincinnati was in fact the first institution from Ohio to make a trip south to play in a postseason game.

Cincinnati posted a 7-1-1 record that year, which included a 34-0 win over Ohio State. The lone team to beat UC was the powerful Carlisle Indians.

Shortly after Thanksgiving a travel party of 14, which included the substitutes and the coach and manager, departed for New Orleans to play a game there on New Year's Day. Hosted by the Southern Athletic Club, accounts of the game have UC winning with ease by a score of 16-0.

At a victory party that evening, players from Louisiana State challenged the Bearcats to a game the next day in Baton Rouge. UC accepted the challenge and overwhelmed the LSU team, 28-0. If this was indeed UC's first bowl game, it was 49 years before the Bearcats again experienced postseason play.

The post-World War II influx of veterans into colleges rejuvenated college athletics, and with that came a surge of new bowls. Cincinnati capped a successful 1946 season with a trip to the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas. There, the Bearcats defeated Virginia Tech, 18-6.

UC made appearances in the Glass Bowl in Toledo in 1949 and returned to the Sun Bowl at the end of the 1950 campaign.

After 47 years without a bowl appearance, Cincinnati's drought was broken when the Bearcats played in the inaugural Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho in 1997.



With Conference USA developing alliances with five bowls, the Bearcats made three straight bowl appearances in 2000, 2001 and 2002—the first two in the Motor City Bowl in Detroit and the third in the New Orleans Bowl.

In 2004, UC was selected to represent Conference USA in the PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl, the teams' fourth bowl appearance in five years. UC defeated Marshall, 32-14, in that contest.

In 2006, Cincinnati earned its first BIG EAST Conference bowl appearance after knocking off Connecticut in the season finale. In unusual circumstances following Mark Dantonio and his staff's departure to Michigan State before the bowl game, UC hired Brian Kelly from Central Michigan who came in and in just 34 days prepared UC and defeated Western Michigan University, 27-24, in the inaugural International Bowl in Toronto, Ontario.

Following an impressive 9-3 regular season in 2007—which included three wins against top-25 opponents, the Bearcats had the opportunity to face former Conference USA foe Southern Mississippi in the Papajohns.com Bowl, in Birmingham, Ala. Victory number 10, a 31-21 win at Legion Field, marked just the second 10-win season in Bearcats history (UC's 1951 squad finished 10-1). In addition, the Bearcats were ranked No. 17 in the final AP poll, the first time in school history.



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Bowl	Location	Date	Opponent	Result
Sun Bowl	El Paso, Texas	Jan. 1, 1947	Virginia Tech	W, 18-6
Glass Bowl	Toledo, Ohio	Dec. 3, 1949	Toledo	W, 33-13
Sun Bowl	El Paso, Texas	Jan. 1, 1951	West Texas A&M	L, 14-13
Humanitarian Bowl	Boise, Idaho	Dec. 29, 1997	Utah State	W, 35-19
Motor City Bowl	Pontiac, Mich.	Dec. 27, 2000	Marshall	L, 25-14
Motor City Bowl	Pontiac, Mich.	Dec. 29, 2001	Toledo	L, 23-16
New Orleans Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Dec. 17, 2002	North Texas	L, 24-19
Fort Worth Bowl	Fort Worth, Texas	Dec. 23, 2004	Marshall	W, 32-14
International Bowl	Toronto, Canada	Jan. 6, 2007	Western Michigan	W, 27-24
Papajohns.com Bowl	Birmingham, Ala.	Dec. 22, 2007	Southern Mississippi	W, 31-21



## NO. 20 CINCINNATI 31, SOUTHERN MISS 21

2007 Papajohns.com Bowl • Dec. 22, 2007 • Birmingham, Ala.

Ben Mauk shrugged off mistakes and Southern Miss defenders alike, and helped No. 20 Cincinnati make one more entry into an impressive season.

The hard-to-tackle Mauk passed for 334 yards and four touchdowns, and DeAngelo Smith intercepted three passes, leading the Bearcats to a 31-21 victory over Southern Miss in the Papajohns.com Bowl.

The victory gave Cincinnati (10-3) its second 10-win season and first since 1951, while virtually assuring a spot in the final rankings for the first time.

Mauk, the game's most valuable player, completed 30-of-52 passes and overcame three interceptions to become only the third Bearcats player to have a 3,000-yard passing season.

Mauk, who also rushed for 41 yards and frequently broke loose from defenders to make plays, threw three touchdown passes during an 8-minute span extending into the second half.

Cincinnati stopped punter Britt Barefoot on a fake punt on fourth-and-1 from his own 29 and Mauk hit Earnest Jackson for a 29-yard TD strike on the next play for a 21-7 lead. Jeremy Young answered with a 1-yard scoring run for Southern Miss before Mauk struck again with a 10-yarder to Antwan Giddens and set up a 22-yard field goal by Jake Rogers in the final seconds of the third quarter to put the Bearcats up 31-14.

Young cut into the lead again with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Chris Johnson but Southern Miss could not recover an onside kick or convert a fourth-and-1 play on its next possession.

Smith's third pick ended any hope of a comeback in the final minutes. Dominick Goodman caught seven passes for 95 yards and a pair of scores for UC. Connor Barwin (86 yards) and Antwan Giddens (64) also had seven catches apiece.

<b>Southern Miss</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>31</b>

**First Quarter:** USM

- Shawn Nelson 10 yd pass from Jeremy Young (Justin Estes kick), 5:23.

**Second Quarter:**

CIN - Dominick Goodman 14 yd pass from Ben Mauk (Jake Rogers kick), 6:12.

CIN - Dominick Goodman 5 yd pass from Ben Mauk (Jake Rogers kick), 0:24.

**Third Quarter:**

CIN - Earnest Jackson 29 yd pass from Ben Mauk (Jake Rogers kick), 13:17.

USM - Jeremy Young 1 yd run (Justin Estes kick), 6:48.

CIN - Antwan Giddens 10 yd pass from Ben Mauk (Jake Rogers kick), 4:08.

CIN - Jake Rogers 22 yd field goal, 0:05

**Fourth Quarter:**

USM - Chris Johnson 5 yd pass from Jeremy Young (Justin Estes kick), 9:37.

**Rushing:**

Southern Miss: Fletcher 29-155, Young 17-55, Harrison 2-7, Barefoot 1-0.

Cincinnati: Mauk 12-41, Moore 4-18, Ramsey 6-9, Glatthaar 1-7, Benton 1-0.

**Passing:**

Southern Miss: Young 32-18-3, 122, 2 TD.

Cincinnati: Mauk 52-30-3, 334, 4 TD.

**Receiving:**

Southern Miss: Fletcher 7-50, Nelson 3-18, Magee 2-15, Johnson 2-13, Morgan 2-8, Harrison 1-18, Baptiste 1-0.

Cincinnati: Goodman 7-95, Barwin 7-86, Giddens 7-64, Jackson 3-46, Howard 2-24, Barnett 2-17, Moore 1-3, Benton 1-(-1).



## CINCINNATI 27, W. MICHIGAN 24

2007 International Bowl • Jan. 6, 2007 • Toronto, Canada

The International Bowl provided Cincinnati fans with a preview of what Brian Kelly has in store as UC knocked off Western Michigan, 27-24.

Kevin Lovell's 33-yard field goal with 6:11 remaining provided the winning margin for Cincinnati and Western Michigan's 51-yard field goal try with 1:26 left fell short.

Dominick Goodman was named the game's Most Outstanding Player. Butler Benton led UC rushing attack with 62 of the team's combined 126 yards against the Broncos—a defense that was ranked fifth nationally defending the run.

John Bowie put UC on the scoreboard first when he gathered in a tipped pass and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. On Cincinnati's next drive, Davila connected on a 21-yard TD toss to Goodman. Goodman later hauled in a second touchdown pass in the second quarter.

The reeling Broncos used some trickery on the first play following Lovell's field goal. E.J. Biggers, on a double reverse, lofted the ball to Jamarko Simmons for a 76-yard touchdown.

The Broncos' defense got the ball right back and Cubit tossed a 30-yard scoring pass to close the gap to 24-14. A miscue by the UC offense—Davila's pass was deflected and intercepted with 23 seconds to play in the half—setting up Nate Meyer's 29-yard field goal.

<b>Western Michigan</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>27</b>

**First Quarter:**

CIN—John Bowie

25-yd interception return (Kevin Lovell kick), 11:32.

CIN—Dominick Goodman

21-yd pass from Nick Davila (Kevin Lovell kick), 6:27.

TEAM STATISTICS	WM	UC
First Downs	19	21
Rushes-Yards	29-108	34-126
Passing Yards	260	221
Passing A-C-I	45-24-2	37-20-2
Total Plays-Yards	74-368	71-347
Punts-Avg.	7-41.6	5-43.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	3-19	2-20

**Second Quarter:** CIN—Dominick Goodman 21 yd pass from Nick Davila (Kevin Lovell kick), 14:30. CIN—FG Kevin Lovell 37 yards, 10:23. WMU—Jamarko Simmons 76-yd pass from E.J. Biggers (Nate Meyer kick), 9:45. WMU—Herb Martin 30-yd pass from Ryan Cubit (Nate Meyer kick), 5:35. WMU—FG Nate Meyer 29 yards, 0:08.

**Fourth Quarter:** WMU—Brandon West 7-yd run (Nate Meyer kick), 10:53. CIN—FG Kevin Lovell 33 yards, 6:11.

**Rushing:** Western Michigan: West 21-109, Thompson 6-24, Cubit 2-(-10). Cincinnati: Benton 10-62, Moore 10-57, Grutza 3-22, Glatthaar 4-14, Davila 7-(-29).

**Passing:** Western Michigan: Cubit 23-43-2, 184, 1 TD; Martin 0-1-0, 0, 0 TD; Biggers 1-1-0, 76, 1 TD. Cincinnati: Davila 19-35-2, 214, 2 TD; Grutza 1-2-0, 7, 0 TD.

**Receiving:** Western Michigan: Simmons 13-172, Ledbetter 5-38, Martin 4-43, Maragos 1-5, West 1-2. Cincinnati: Goodman 7-109, Celek 4-21, Poland 3-17, Benton 2-26, Moore 2-20, Martin 1-19, Stewart 1-9.



## CINCINNATI 32, MARSHALL 14

2004 PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl • Dec. 23, 2004 • Fort Worth, Texas

Cincinnati's seniors capped their careers with a dominating performance in a 32-14 win over Marshall at the PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl.

Linebacker Tyjuan Hagler started things by blocking a punt one minute into the game, which was returned by Antwan Giddens for a touchdown. Hagler forced a fumble to set up one of three Kevin Lovell field goals, recorded a sack and had a team-high seven tackles to earn a spot on *Football News'* all-bowl team.

Trent Cole and Andre Frazier each recorded sacks while leading the defensive pursuit from their end positions. Cole also blocked a punt for a safety. UC's defense held the Thundering Herd to 134 total yards, minus-3 yards rushing.

Gino Guidugli capped his stellar career with his guttiest performance. Playing with a broken hand, Guidugli completed 24-of-36 passes for 231 yards and staked the Bearcats to their lead with a pair of second-quarter TD tosses. Guidugli was to be limited to shotgun snaps, but with the running game sputtering, he moved under center in the second quarter, a move which energized the offense. UC gained 168 yards on the ground, 62 by Richard Hall who capped his senior season with 1,000 yards. Hannibal Thomas caught nine passes for 102 yards to top the 1,000-yard mark in receiving.

UC jumped out to a 10-0 lead on Antwan Giddens return of Hagler's blocked punt and Lovell's 23-yard field goal. The Herd retaliated with two late first quarter TDs, the second on a 32-yard interception return of an errant Guidugli pass, the senior's lone miscue of the night. The Bearcat defense shut down Marshall after that, allowing just 52 yards in total offense the remaining three quarters.

Guidugli capped scoring drives of 13 and 11 plays with TD passes of 15 yards to Brent Celek and eight yards to Earnest Jackson to give UC a 28-10 lead before the half. The Bearcats coasted from there.

<b>Marshall</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>32</b>

**First Quarter:** CIN -

Antwan Giddens 9-yd return of blocked punt (Kevin Lovell kick), 14:00.

CIN - FG Kevin Lovell, 23 yards, 6:23.

MAR - Josh Davis 14-yd pass from Stan Hill (Ian O'Connor kick), 5:17.

MAR - Willie Smith 32-yd interception return (Ian O'Connor kick), 0:16.

**Second Quarter:**

CIN - Brent Celek 15-yd pass from Gino Guidugli (Kevin Lovell kick), 4:31.

CIN - Earnest Jackson 8-yd pass from Gino Guidugli (Kevin Lovell kick), 0:18.

**Fourth Quarter:**

CIN - FG Kevin Lovell 19 yards, 10:50.

CIN - Safety, Trent Cole blocked Marshall's punt recovered in the end zone, 9:42.

CIN - FG Kevin Lovell 35 yards, 4:59.

**Attendance:**

27,902

**Rushing:**

Marshall: Charles 7-9; Hill 5-4; Bradshaw 6-(-5); Gochneaur 2-(-10); Team 1-(-1).

Cincinnati: R. Hall 23-62; Glatthaar 10-48; Benton 7-33; Guidugli 3-12; Daniels 1-10; Carpenter 1-3.

**Passing:**

Marshall: Hill 30-14-1, 137, 1; Gochneaur 2-0-0, 0.

Cincinnati: Guidugli 36-24-1, 231, 2; Carey 1-0-1, 0; Murray 1-0-0, 0; Team 1-0-0.

**Receiving:**

Marshall: Davis 5-67, 1; Bates 4-27; Spann 2-2; Deitel 1-30; Fitzgerald 1-10; Bradshaw 1-1.

Cincinnati: Thomas 9-102; R. Hall 5-38; E. Jackson 4-24, 1; Celek 2-37, 1; Murray 2-20; Daniels 1-8; Poland 1-2.



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## NORTH TEXAS 24, CINCINNATI 19

2002 New Orleans Bowl • Dec. 17, 2002 • New Orleans, La.

Kevin Galbreath rushed for 130 yards and a touchdown to earn MVP honors as North Texas defeated Cincinnati, 24-19, in the second annual New Orleans Bowl.

After Cincinnati took an early 7-0 lead on a six-yard pass from Gino Guidugli to Tye Keith, North Texas ran off 24 straight points to build a 24-7 advantage.

Patrick Cobbs put the Mean Green ahead for good, 10-7, when he broke free for a 27-yard TD run with 10:53 left in the half. UNT extended the lead to 17-3 at the intermission when Jeremy Pearl returned a Guidugli interception 20 yards for a TD.

Galbreath finished the UNT scoring when he broke loose for a 35-yard TD run on the opening drive of the second half.

The Bearcats rallied as Jonathan Ruffin connected on field goals of 29 and 33 yards, the second allowing him to break his own school record with 13 straight field goals made. Franklin Callicott pulled UC to within 24-19 when he stripped Cobbs of the ball in the backfield and raced 43 yards for a touchdown with 5:15 left. Guidugli's two-point conversion pass fell incomplete.

Cincinnati would not get the chance to come any closer as North Texas used a time-consuming ground game to key an 11-play drive to run out the clock.

Guidugli led the UC offense by completing 19-of-34 passes for 224 yards and a touchdown but the sophomore threw a career-high five interceptions.

DeMarco McCleskey rushed 23 times for 85 yards to set the UC season rushing record with 1,361 yards. Jon Olinger's four catches for 107 yards raising his season receiving total to 1,114 yards, allowed the senior to break Jim O'Brien's 34-year old record of 1,107 receiving yards.

Cincinnati	7	0	6	6	—	19
North Texas	3	14	7	0	—	24

### First Quarter:

CIN - Keith 6-yd pass from Guidugli (Ruffin kick), 8:36. UNT - FG Bazaldua 30-yds. 0:58.

### Second Quarter:

UNT - Cobbs 27-yd run (Bazaldua kick), 10:53. UNT - Pearl 20-yd interception return (Bazaldua kick), 2:46.

**Third Quarter:** UNT - Galbreath 35-yd run (Bazaldua kick). CIN - FG Ruffin 29-yds, 9:27; CIN - FG Ruffin 33-yds, 5:02.

**Fourth Quarter:** CIN - Callicott 43-yd fumble return (pass failed).

**Attendance:** 19,024

**Rushing:** Cincinnati: McCleskey 23-85; Hall 2-7; B. Vann 1-1; Guidugli 3-(-8). North Texas: Galbreath 28-130, 1; Cobs 4-29, 1; Hickmon 3-22; Smith 5-8; Branch 2-4; Howard 1-(-1).

**Passing:** Cincinnati: Guidugli 34-19-5, 224, 1. North Texas: Smith 22-9-1, 126, 0.

**Receiving:** Cincinnati: Olinger 4-107; Keith 4-44, 1; Hart 3-21; Hall 30-20; McCleskey 3-16; B. Vann 1-16; L. Vann 1-0. North Texas: Howard 5-78; Branch 3-27; Marshall 1-21.



## TOLEDO 23, CINCINNATI 16

2001 Motor City Bowl • Dec. 29, 2001 • Pontiac, Mich.

Chester Taylor rushed for a bowl-record 190 yards, including a game-winning 24-yard touchdown with 3:23 left to lead Toledo to a 23-16 win over Cincinnati in the Motor City Bowl.

Cincinnati had a chance to tie the game in the closing moments but could not score following a first down at the 11 yard line.

Tavares Bolden was 14-for-28 for 135 yards and ran for 99 yards, which helped the Rockets set a Motor City Bowl-record with 322 yards rushing. Toledo held Cincinnati to just 13 yards on the ground, also a record in the five-year history of the bowl.

Taylor's 24-yard touchdown capped an 80-yard drive, which he sparked with three carries for 52 yards. The third-team all-America selection had a bowl-record 31 carries.

After Todd France gave Toledo a 3-0 lead on a 28-yard field goal with 9:24 left in the first quarter, the Bearcats ran off 13 straight points to take a 13-3 halftime lead. Jonathan Ruffin sandwiched field goals from 29 and 46 yards, the latter coming as time expired in the first half, around a 28-yard Gino Guidugli touchdown pass to Tim Walker.

Toledo pulled even after three quarters as France connected on a 42-yard field goal and Tavares Bolden scored on a 28-yard run with 1:44 left in the third. Both teams put together long drives on the first two possessions of the fourth quarter but settled for field goals.

The Rockets went 76 yards on 14 plays over five minutes, but stalled at Cincinnati's 13. France's 30-yard field goal gave them a 16-13 lead with 9:42 left.

The Bearcats then stalled at Toledo's 8 after driving 73 yards. Ruffin's 25-yard kick tied the game with 6:26 to go. The Rockets then drove 80 yards in seven plays with Taylor breaking loose up the middle for the winning score with 3:23 left.

Guidugli was 29-for-46 for 283 yards and a touchdown. Tye Keith caught a bowl-record nine passes for 63 yards.

Cincinnati	0	13	0	3	—	16
Toledo	3	0	10	10	—	23

### First Quarter: TOL

- FG France 28-yds, 9:24.

### Second Quarter:

CIN - FG Ruffin 29-yds, 9:05. CIN - Walker 28-yd pass from Guidugli (Ruffin kick), 2:43. CIN - FG Ruffin 46-yds, 0:00.

**Third Quarter:** TOL - FG France 42-yds, 11:33. TOL - Bolden 28-yd run (France kick), 1:44.

**Fourth Quarter:** TOL - FG France 30-yds, 9:42. CIN - FG Ruffin 25-yds, 6:26. TOL - Taylor 24-yd run (France kick), 3:23.

**Attendance:** 44,164

**Rushing:** Cincinnati: McCleskey 11-18; Jackson 7-9; Guidugli 2-(-14). Toledo: Taylor 31-190, 1; Bolden 7-99, 1; McCray 12-36; Team 1-(-3).

**Passing:** Cincinnati: Guidugli 46-29-0, 283, 1; Keith 1-0-0, 0, 0.

Toledo: Bolden 28-14-1, 135, 0.

**Receiving:** Cincinnati: Keith 9-63; Vann 8-78; Olinger 3-47; Jackson 3-38; McCleskey 2-18; Wize 2-7; Walker 1-28, 1; Holly 1-4. Toledo: Ford 5-73; McCray 3-14; Johnson 2-23; Greene 2-13; Holmes 1-15; Clarke 1-(-3).

## MARSHALL 25, CINCINNATI 14

2000 Motor City Bowl • Dec. 27, 2000 • Pontiac, Mich.

Byron Leftwich threw for one touchdown and rushed for another to help Marshall rally for 16 second-half points to defeat Cincinnati, 25-14, in the Motor City Bowl.

Cincinnati used a pair of DeMarco McCleskey touchdown runs to build a 14-9 halftime lead.

Marshall jumped on top, 7-0, when Leftwich connected with Darius Watts on a 77-yd catch and run. UC came right back, driving 67 yards in nine plays, culminating with McCleskey leaping over the pile to score from two yards out with 8:28 left to tie the game.

The Thundering Herd regained the lead with 2:35 left in the first quarter when Michael Owens tackled running back Ray Jackson in the endzone for a safety.

Antwan Peek recovered a Leftwich fumble at the Marshall 21 to set up McCleskey's second score, a two-yard run with 1:44 left in the half.

Marshall scored a pair of third quarter touchdowns, a one-yard run by Leftwich on its opening drive, and a Frank Wallace four-yard run with 7:24 left.

The Cincinnati offense, which ran up 181 yards of total offense in the first half, struggled after intermission, failing to score on any of its six possessions.

Leftwich paced the Thundering Herd, completing 17-of-30 passes for 221 yards while UC's Deontey Kenner connected on 19-of-39 passes for 189 yards and a pair of interceptions.

Cincinnati	7	7	0	0	—	14
Marshall	9	0	13	3	—	25

### First Quarter:

MAR - Watts 77-yd pass from Leftwich (Jenkins kick), 12:48. CIN - McCleskey 2-yd run (Ruffin kick), 8:28. MAR - Safety, running back tackled in endzone, 2:35.

TEAM STATISTICS	UC	MU
First downs	24	13
Rushes-yards	42-96	30-101
Passing yards	189	221
Passing A-C-I	39-19-2	30-17-1
Punts-Avg.	5-29.8	6-37.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	11-80	14-110
Time of Possession	35:59	24:01

**Second Quarter:** CIN - McCleskey 2-yd run (Ruffin kick), 10:44.

**Third Quarter:** MAR - Leftwich 1-yd run (Leftwich Pass failed), 12:01. MAR - Wallace 4-yd run (Jenkins kick), 7:24.

**Fourth Quarter:** MAR - FG Jenkins 25-yds, 0:43.

**Attendance:** 52,911

**Rushing:** Cincinnati: McCleskey 20-72, 2; Jackson 14-61; Garden 1-8; Vann 1-6; Team 1-(-24); Kenner 5-(-27). Marshall: Wallace 20-78, 1; Leftwich 9-21, 1; Carey 1-2.

**Passing:** Cincinnati: Kenner 39-19-2, 189, 0. Marshall: Leftwich 30-17-1, 221, 1.

**Receiving:** Cincinnati: Collins-Baker 4-55; Vann 3-42; Chatman 3-42; Keith 3-20; Drewery 2-15; Deatherage 2-13; Jackson 2-2. Marshall: Foye 5-26; Wallace 4-26; Watts 3-90, 1; Poole 3-65; Washington 2-14.



## CINCINNATI 35, UTAH STATE 19

1997 Humanitarian Bowl • Dec. 21, 1997 • Boise, Idaho

Chad Plummer threw for a touchdown and ran for another score and Cornelius Bonner caught two touchdown passes as Cincinnati defeated Utah State, 35-19, in the inaugural Humanitarian Bowl.



Deontey Kenner, who rotated at quarterback with Plummer, completed 10-of-16 passes for 124 yards and one touchdown for Cincinnati, which had not played in the postseason since the 1951 Sun Bowl.

Plummer, voted the game's Most Valuable Player, completed 5-of-10 passes for 61 yards while rushing 15 times for 53 yards.

Bonner, who had 48 yards on four receptions, caught touchdown passes of 14-yards each from Plummer and Kenner as the Bearcats raced to a 21-0 halftime lead.

Orlando Smith led Cincinnati in rushing with 82 yards on 15 carries while the Bearcats held a 265-76 advantage in rushing yards while holding the ball for more than 42 minutes.

Following a fumble by Utah State's Demario Brown early in the second half, the Bearcats went 57 yards in seven plays, capped by Plummer's 15-yard scoring run around right end that made it 28-0.

Just 1:03 later, Utah State's Steve Smith turned a five-yard pass from Matt Sauk into a spectacular 75-yard touchdown as he broke tackles and outran the secondary. But Cincinnati answered with a seven-yard scoring run by Orlando Smith on a screen pass that was ruled a lateral.

Melvin Blue's three-yard TD run capped an 80-yard drive in just 1:54, but the Aggies missed the extra point and trailed 35-13 with 29 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Aggies got themselves back in the game two minutes into the fourth quarter. Cincinnati punter Doug Johnson could not handle a high snap and freshman linebacker Brent Passey picked up the loose ball and went 10 yards for the score.

Cincinnati	7	14	14	0	—	35
Utah State	0	0	13	6	—	19

## First Quarter:

CIN - Bonner 14-yd pass from Plummer (Judge kick), 4:03

## Second Quarter:

CIN - Bonner 14-yd pass from Kenner (Judge kick), 14:12.  
CIN - L. Smith 1-yd run (Judge kick), 8:30.

Third Quarter: CIN - Plummer 15-yd run (Judge kick), 8:39. USU - Smith 75-yd pass from Sauk (Bohn kick), 7:31. CIN - O. Smith 7-yd run (Judge kick), 2:28. USU - Blue 3-yd run (kick failed), 0:29.

Fourth Quarter: USU - Passey 10-yd fumble return (Pass failed), 14:18.

Attendance: 16,131

Rushing: Cincinnati: O. Smith 15-78, 1; Plummer 15-53, 1; Cooper 17-47; L. Smith 7-32, 1; Royal 9-24; Isom 1-1; Team 1-(-10). Utah State: Brown 12-56; Smith 2-11; Blue 2-6, 1; Sauk 4-(-10).

Passing: Cincinnati: Kenner 16-10-0, 124, 1; Plummer 9-5-0, 62, 1. Utah State: Sauk 30-12-3, 253, 1.

Receiving: Cincinnati: Bonner 4-48, 2; Collins-Baker 4-36; Plummer 4-64; Monroe 2-26; Royal 1-12. Utah State: Smith 4-136; Jenkins 4-80; Brown 3-29; Damuni 1-8.

## W. TEXAS A&amp;M 14, CINCINNATI 13

1951 Sun Bowl • Jan. 1, 1951 • El Paso, Texas

A missed extra point in the second quarter proved to be the difference as West Texas A&M edged Cincinnati, 14-13, in the 16th annual Sun Bowl.

The Buffaloes took a 7-0 lead three minutes into the second quarter. Bill Cross capped off a 57-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown run.

Cincinnati used the passing game to come back. On a 68-yard scoring drive, quarterback Gene Rossi completed a 36-yard pass to Joe Benzinger and short passes to Dick Jarvis and Dan McKeever. When Dan McKeever was injured on a running play, he was replaced by his brother, Tom, who carried three straight plays, the last a three-yard touchdown.

Jim Kelly's extra-point attempt went wide right and proved to be important as the game progressed.

Cincinnati claimed its first lead, 13-7, when Rossi threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Bob Stratton and Bill Shalonsky added the extra point. A crucial play in the 69-yard drive came on third down at the UC 43 when Rossi completed a 22-yard pass to Kelly and a West Texas A&M penalty moved the ball to the Buffalo 20.

West Texas A&M used a trick play on a fake punt to score the game-winning touchdown. Faced with a fourth and long, punter Frank Wise moved under center, took the snap and lateraled to the right to quarterback Gene Mayfield. Mayfield completed a pass to Cross at the UC 40 and Cross broke several tackles to finish the 62-yard touchdown pass. Roy Lee Dunn added the extra point to give West Texas A&M a 14-13 lead.

Cincinnati could not take advantage of its best scoring chance in the fourth when Shalonsky's 35-yard field goal attempt went wide right.

West Texas A&M drove 79-yards to the UC one but the Bearcat defense held on a fourth down play. With time running out, the Bearcats moved to the Buffaloes' 27 on a long pass to Kelly, but the game ended when Rossi was sacked on successive plays.

Cincinnati	0	6	7	0	—	13
West Texas A&M	0	7	7	0	—	14

## Second Quarter:

WT - Bill Cross  
4-yard run (Roy Lee Dunn Kick).  
CIN - Tom McKeever  
3-yard run (kick failed).

## Third Quarter:

CIN - Bob Stratton

17-yard pass from Gene Rossi (Bill Shalonsky kick). WT - Cross 62-yard pass from Gene Mayfield (Dunn kick).

Attendance: 16,000

Rushing: Cincinnati: Stratton 8-59; T. McKeever 9-40, 1; D. McKeever 4-20; Anthony 4-14; Delaney 3-10; Rossi 9-(-37). West Texas A&M: Wright 23-135; Cross 15-53; Mayfield 10-40; Wise 2-(-10).

Passing: Cincinnati: Rossi 29-14-3, 170, 1; Delaney 1-0-0, 0, 0. West Texas A&M: Mayfield 14-5-3, 103, 1; Wise 1-1-0, 20, 0.

Receiving: Cincinnati: Kelly 5-89; Benzinger 1-34; Jarvis 3-21; Stratton 2-18, 1; Staub 1-9; D. McKeever 1-2, Anthony 1-(-3).

## CINCINNATI 33, TOLEDO 13

1949 Glass Bowl • Dec. 3, 1949 • Toledo, Ohio



Bob Stratton scored twice to help guide the 1949 Bearcats to a 33-13 victory over Toledo in the Glass Bowl.

Cincinnati used a strong defense and solid play on special teams to dominate Toledo, 33-13, in the fifth annual Glass Bowl.

After a scoreless first quarter the Bearcats recorded a safety when Jack Tracy trapped Rocket back Emerson Cole in the end zone. Following a Toledo fumble, UC's Bob Stratton scored the first of his two touchdowns on a 10-yard run. He later added a 29-yard TD early in the third quarter.

Gene Gibson showed his open-field running skills with a pair of touchdowns. He returned a punt 76-yards in the third quarter to give the Bearcats a 27-6 lead. On the next possession, Don Jansen intercepted a Toledo pass and pitched it to Gibson who returned it 80 yards for the score.

UC outgained Toledo, 330-286 on offense, but owned a lopsided advantage on special teams. The Bearcats returned punts, kickoffs and interceptions for 258 yards while the Rockets managed only 97 return yards.

Cincinnati	0	15	18	0	—	33
Toledo	0	6	0	7	—	13

Second Quarter: CIN - Safety, Jack Tracy tackled Emerson Cole in the end zone. CIN - Bob Stratton 10-yard run (George Schuster kick). CIN - Joe Hauk 21-yard pass from Tom O'Malley (kick failed). TOL - Cole 8-yard run (Don Martin kick failed).

Third Quarter: CIN - Stratton 29-yard run (kick failed). CIN - Gene Gibson 76-yard punt return (kick failed). CIN - Gibson 80-yard return of Don Jansen interception (kick failed).

Fourth Quarter: TOL - George Miley 2-yard run (Martin kick)

Attendance: 8,000

Rushing: Cincinnati: Bellamah 16-78; Benzinger 10-62; Stratton 6-51, 2; Sweeney 1-12; Brill 1-5; O'Malley 3-(-11). Toledo: Cole 17-76; Han 7-62; Miley 13-53; Pete 1-6; Hays 3-1; Johnson 5-(-11).

Passing: Cincinnati: O'Malley 20-7-1, 133, 1; Gibson 1-0-0, 0, 0. Toledo: Johnson 11-3-1, 38, 0; Pete 3-2-1, 51, 0; Miley 1-1-0, 10, 0.

Receiving: Cincinnati: Kelly 3-53; Staub 2-48; Hauk 1-21, 1; Stratton 1-11. Toledo: Han 4-79; Laude 1-17; Hays 1-3.

TEAM STATISTICS	UC	UT
First downs	14	12
Rushes-yards	38-197	46-187
Passing yards	133	99
Passing A-C-I	21-8-1	15-6-3
Punts-Avg.	5-32.8	6-37.5
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	3-1
Penalties-Yards	11-95	4-40

**CINCINNATI 18, VIRGINIA TECH 6**

1947 Sun Bowl • Jan. 1, 1947 • El Paso, Texas

The Bearcats played in their first-ever bowl game in school history, earning an 18-6 victory over Virginia Tech in the 12th annual Sun Bowl.

Both teams struggled offensively in the first half, due largely in part to the three inches of snow that fell in El Paso the day before the game.

The Bearcat offense dominated play in the second half. UC outrushed the Gobblers, 369 to 34 for the game, scoring all three touchdowns on the ground.

After a scoreless first half, Cincinnati took the second half kickoff and drove 75 yards for the game's first score, a 13-yard run by sophomore Harold Johnson. After holding Virginia Tech to just three plays on offense in the next possession, the Bearcats regained possession and drove 52 yards for the second score, taking a 12-0 lead on junior fullback Hugo Sabato's one-yard run.

Virginia Tech cut the lead to 12-6 early in the fourth quarter when Ralph Beard capped off a 55-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown run.

Johnson emerged as the defensive leader for the Bearcats, intercepting a pass in the end zone late in the third quarter to stop a potential game-tying drive.

With time running out, Tech drove into Cincinnati territory, before Johnson made his second interception, returning it deep into Gobbler territory. Three plays later, Don McMillan scored on a quarterback sneak from three yards to provide the final margin.

Cincinnati finished the season with a 9-2 record, including wins over defending Big Nine champions Indiana and Michigan State.

<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6</b>

**Third Quarter:**

CIN- Harold Johnson  
13-yard run (kick failed). CIN- Hugo Sabato 1-yard run (kick failed).

**Fourth Quarter:**

VT- Ralph Beard  
3-yard run (kick failed). CIN- Don McMillan 3-yard run (kick failed)

**Attendance:** 10,000

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>UC</b>	<b>VT</b>
First downs	16	13
Rushes-yards	369	34
Passing yards	94	85
Passing A-C-I	18-5-3	15-4-2
Punts-Avg.	6-19.0	7-40.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-100	3-25

**bowl RECORDS****SCORING**Points

12	Bob Stratton.....	1949
12	Gene Gibson.....	1949
12	Cornelius Bonner.....	1997
12	DeMarco McCleskey.....	2000
12	Kevin Lovell.....	2004
12	Dominick Goodman (PJB).....	2007
12	Dominick Goodman (INT).....	2007

Touchdowns

2	Bob Stratton.....	1949
2	Gene Gibson.....	1949
2	Cornelius Bonner.....	1997
2	DeMarco McCleskey.....	2000
2	Dominick Goodman (PJB).....	2007
2	Dominick Goodman (INT).....	2007

Points (Career)

24	Dominick Goodman.....	2005-present
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TDs (Career)

4	Dominick Goodman.....	2005-present
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Kick Points

12	Kevin Lovell.....	2004
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Kick Points (Career)

21	Kevin Lovell.....	2004-07
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Extra Points Made

5	Joe Judge.....	1997
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Extra Points Att.

5	Joe Judge.....	1997
5	George Schuster.....	1949

FGM

3	Jonathan Ruffin.....	2001
3	Kevin Lovell.....	2004

FGA

3	Jonathan Ruffin.....	2001
3	Kevin Lovell.....	2004

FGM (Career)

5	Jonathan Ruffin.....	2000-02
5	Kevin Lovell.....	2004-07

FGA (Career)

5	Jonathan Ruffin.....	2000-02
5	Kevin Lovell.....	2004-07

**RUSHING**Rushing Attempts

23	DeMarco McCleskey.....	2002
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Rushing Yards

85	DeMarco McCleskey.....	2002
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Rushing Touchdowns

2	Bob Stratton.....	1949
2	DeMarco McCleskey.....	2000

Longest Rush

52	Allen Richards.....	1947
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Rushing Attempts (Career)

54	DeMarco McCleskey.....	2000-02
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Rushing Yards (Career)

175	DeMarco McCleskey.....	2000-02
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Rushing TDs (Career)

3	Bob Stratton.....	1949-51
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**PASSING**Passing Attempts

52	Ben Mauk.....	2007
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Passing Completions

30	Ben Mauk.....	2007
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Passing Yards

334	Ben Mauk.....	2007
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Passing Touchdowns

4	Ben Mauk.....	2007
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Passing Interceptions

5	Gino Guidugli.....	2002
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Longest Pass

55	Guidugli to Olinger.....	2002
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Passing Attempts (Career)

116	Gino Guidugli.....	2001-02-04
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Passing Comp. (Career)

72	Gino Guidugli.....	2001-02-04
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Passing Yards (Career)

738	Gino Guidugli.....	2001-02-04
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**TOTAL OFFENSE**Most Plays

64	Ben Mauk.....	2007
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Most Yards

375	Ben Mauk.....	2007
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Plays (Career)

124	Gino Guidugli.....	2001-02-04
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Yards (Career)

728	Gino Guidugli.....	2001-02-04
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**RECEIVING**Receptions

9	Tye Keith.....	2001
9	Hannibal Thomas.....	2004

Receiving Yards

109	Dominick Goodman.....	2007
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Receiving Touchdowns

2	Cornelius Bonner.....	1997
2	Dominick Goodman (PJB).....	2007
2	Dominick Goodman (INT).....	2007

# bowl RECORDS

## Receptions (Career)

16 Tye Keith ..... 2000-02

## Receiving Yards (Career)

204 Dominick Goodman ..... 2005-present



Dominick Goodman

## ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

### Most All-Purpose Yards (Career)

222 Dominick Goodman ..... 2005-present

### Most All-Purpose Yards

168 Gene Gibson ..... 1949  
(76 Punt Return, 92 Interception Return)

## PUNT RETURNS

### Returns

4 Tinker Keck ..... 1997

### Punt Return Yards

147 Gene Gibson ..... 1949

### Punt Best Avg. (3 ret.)

49.0 Gene Gibson ..... 1949

## KICKOFF RETURNS

### Kickoff Returns

4 Charles Spencer ..... 2000

### Return Yards

82 Charles Spencer ..... 2000

### Kickoff Returns Best Average

23.7 Artrell Hawkins ..... 1997

## PUNTING

### Punts

7 Adam Wulfeck ..... 2001

### Punting Yards

344 Adam Wulfeck ..... 2001

### Punting Highest Avg.

50.5 Kevin Huber ..... 2007

## Long Punt

60 Adam Wulfeck ..... 2001

## Most Punts (Career)

12 Adam Wulfeck ..... 2000-01

## Most Punting Yards (Career)

493 Adam Wulfeck ..... 2000-01

## Punting Best Avg. (Career)

41.1 Adam Wulfeck ..... 2000-01

## DEFENSE

### Total Tackles

14 Doug Monaghan ..... 2001

### Solo Tackles

8 Terrill Byrd ..... 2007

### Assisted Tackles

9 Doug Monaghan ..... 2001

9 Jason Hunt ..... 2001

### Tackles For Loss

3 Derrick Ransom ..... 1997

3 Terrill Byrd ..... 2007

### TFL Yards

20 Derrick Ransom ..... 1997

### QB Sacks

2 Terrill Byrd ..... 2007

### QB Sacks Yds

13 Derrick Ransom ..... 1997

### Interceptions

3 DeAngelo Smith ..... 2007

### Int. Return Yards

88 Gene Gibson ..... 1949

### Long Int. Return

80 Gene Gibson ..... 1949

### Interception TD

1 Gene Gibson ..... 1949

1 John Bowie ..... 2007

### Passes Defended

6 Brad Jackson ..... 1997

### Fumbles Rec.

1 five times

### Fumbles Forced

2 Franklin Callicott ..... 2002

## TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Plays ..... 90 in 1997

Most Yards ..... 463 in 1947

Fewest Plays ..... 59 in 1949

Fewest Yards ..... 276 in 1951

First Downs, Total ..... 24 in 2000 and 2004

First Downs, Rushing ..... 12 in 1997

First Downs, Passing ..... 16 in 2007

First Downs, Penalty ..... 4 in 2000

## RUSHING

Most Attempts ..... 65 in 1997

Most Yards 369 in 1947

Most Touchdowns ..... 3 in 1947 & 1997

Fewest Attempts ..... 20 in 2001

Fewest Yards ..... 13 in 2001

Fewest Touchdowns ..... 0 in 2001, 2002, 2007

## PASSING

Most Attempts ..... 52 in 2007

Most Completions ..... 30 in 2007

Most Yards 334 in 2007

Most Touchdowns ..... 4 in 2007

Most Interceptions ..... 5 in 2002

Fewest Attempts ..... 18 in 1947

Fewest Completions ..... 5 in 1947

Fewest Yards ..... 94 in 1947

Fewest Interceptions ..... 0 in 1997 and 2000

## MISCELLANEOUS

Most Points 35 in 1997

Least Points 13 in 1951

Touchdowns 5 in 1949 and 1997

Most Fumbles ..... 4 in 1949

Most Fumbles Lost ..... 4 in 1949

Most Penalties ..... 11 in 2000

Most Penalty Yards ..... 100 in 1947

Most Interceptions ..... 3 (four times, last in 2007)

Most Int. Return Yards ..... 89 in 1949

Time of Possession ..... 42:17 in 1997

Third Down Conv. ..... 636 (14-of-22) in 1997

Fourth Down Conv. ..... 667 (2-of-3) in 2004

Bowl Attendance ..... 52,911 in 2000

PJB - Papajohn's.com Bowl; INT - International Bowl.

