

2018 CINCINNATI FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

NO. 20/21 CINCINNATI 17, TEMPLE 24 (OT)
OCTOBER 20, 2018
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Captains: 1 Kahlil Lewis, 44 Marquise Copeland, 51 Kimoni Fitz, 56 Kyle Trout, 72 Garrett Campbell, 96 Cortez Broughton
Coin Toss: Cincinnati won the toss and deferred its option. Temple received.

TEAM

- Cincinnati is 8-0 on coin tosses this season, winning in all seven games and once in OT at Temple.
- UC's defense got a big early stop following a Bearcats fumble which gave Temple a first-and-goal from the 4-yard line. DT Cortez Broughton had a pair of TFLs and CB Coby Bryant had a near interception in the end zone. Temple made the 28-yard field-goal attempt to take a 3-0 lead.
- UC fumbled and lost the ensuing kickoff, giving Temple a 1st-and-10 from the 16-yard line. Temple converted a 16-yard TD to take a 10-0 lead.
- UC has forced a turnover in all seven games this season.
- UC trailed 10-0 in the first quarter, but worked back to knot things up at 10-10 entering halftime. It was the fifth time in seven games UC faced a deficit.
- UC rushed for 200 yards on the day, continuing a seven-game streak that has seen the Bearcats tote the ball for 130 or more yards on the ground. It was UC's first loss of the season when rushing for 200 or more yards and only the third loss since 2007 when surpassing the 200-yard mark on the ground (39-3).
- UC led 17-10 entering the fourth quarter and lost in overtime, marking only the sixth time since 2007 the Bearcats have lost a game where they have led after three quarters (83-6)
- The Bearcats fell to 6-9 all time in overtime games and have dropped five-straight OT games dating to 2008.
- UC forced three interceptions on the day, the first time accomplishing that feat since the five-interception day at Purdue in 2016.
- UC had 7.0 tackles for a loss, the sixth time this season the Bearcats have totaled five or more stops behind the line.

INDIVIDUAL

- CB Coby Bryant hauled in his first career interception with 6:17 left in the first quarter and added his second with 4:12 left in the game. It marked the first multiple-interception game for a UC defender since Mike Tyson had three interceptions at Tulsa in 2016. Bryant finished with four tackles, three PBUs and the two interceptions.
 - RB Michael Warren II got UC on the board with 4:52 left in the first quarter with a 24-yard run to the corner. It was his 12th rushing score of the season and the sophomore has a rushing TD in all seven games this season.
 - Warren eclipsed the 100-yard mark for the fourth-straight game, the first time for a UC player since 1998. Warren's feat has only been accomplished 10 times since 1948, but he is the first since DeMarco McCleskey had four-straight games of 100 yards or more in 1998, 20 years ago. Five players have hit the 100-yard mark in five-consecutive games and the last time it happened was by David Small in 1993. Jim Bettis holds the all-time mark of six-straight 100-yard games in 1981.
 - Warren finished with 132 yards on the ground, his fifth 100-yard game of the year and the second-best effort of his career, behind only his 142 rushing yards in the 2018 opener at UCLA.
 - DE Michael Pitts was ejected for targeting with 13:59 remaining in the second quarter.
 - K Cole Smith hit a career-long 44-yard field goal with 9:31 left in the first half, his third make of the season. The 44-yard make was the longest for a UC kicker since Andrew Gantz hit a 50-yarder at ECU on Nov. 28, 2015.
 - RB Charles McClelland gave UC a 17-10 lead with 6:09 left in the third quarter on a career-long 42-yard TD run. It was UC's second rushing score of 40 or more yards this season. McClelland finished with 70 yards on four carries.
 - PR Aulden Knight had a career-long 21-yard return in the third quarter.
 - P James Smith had a career-long 72 yard punt in the fourth quarter, which tied for the fourth-longest boot in school history.
 - CB Tyrell Gilbert snagged his first interception of the season and fifth of his career late in the fourth quarter.
- S James Wiggins led all players with a career-best 10 tackles.
LB Perry Young continued his strong play, finishing with nine tackles, giving him 26 stops in UC's last three games.
- DT Cortez Broughton and LB Bryan Wright each had a pair of TFLs in the game, giving them 13.0 and 5.5 on the year, respectively.