



**Postgame Notes**  
**Cincinnati 38, Indiana 24**  
**Sept. 18, 2021 | Attendance: 52,656**

**General**

- Captains: Desmond Ridder, Myjai Sanders, Coby Bryant
- Indiana won the coin toss and deferred to the second half.
- Cincinnati's 14-0 deficit marked its largest to overcome since Sept. 22, 2018 against Ohio (21-0), which was Desmond Ridder's third-career start.
- The Bearcats earned their first Big Ten win since Sept. 10, 2016 at Purdue after two prior meetings with Michigan and Ohio State since.

**Offensive Notes**

- UC's 328 yards of offense were its fewest in a win since Nov. 23, 2019 against Temple.
- Alec Pierce's 28-yard grab in the second quarter was his season-long, and his 19-yard TD catch was the sixth of his career.
- He had a team-high 86 yards after entering with four catches for 64 on the year.
- Desmond Ridder's 26-yard run was his longest since Nov. 13, 2020 against ECU.
- Jerome Ford's two TDs extended his scoring streak to five, dating back to last year (now has six TDs on the season).
- Leonard Taylor's two-point conversion pass from Ridder to end the scoring marked UC's first since Nov. 2, 2019 against ECU.
- Lorenz Metz (right guard) earned his first start (14<sup>th</sup> career).

**Defensive Notes**

- The four forced turnovers matched a Luke Fickell-era high (South Florida in 2020).
- The Bearcats registered three INTs for the second time this season (also vs. Murray State the previous week) and sixth since 2019.
- Indiana's touchdown (6:15) was Cincinnati's first time allowing a score in the opening quarter this season.
- Bryan Cook's interception in the endzone was the first of his career, while Arquon Bush's was his second in as many games.
- Deshawn Pace registered a career-high 10 tackles to go with his first interception, a 39-yarder that set up UC's final TD drive.
- Darrian Beavers' forced fumble was his second (also in 2021 Peach Bowl), while the recovery was his first.
- His nine tackles were also a season-high.

**Special Teams Notes**

- Tre Tucker's 99-yard kickoff return was the second of his career and first for the Bearcats since his 97-yarder against USF on Oct. 3, 2020.
- Ryan Montgomery's 22-yard punt return was the longest by a Bearcat since he went for 25 yards in the 2019 opener against UCLA.
- Mason Fletcher booted a career-long 51-yard punt in his third game.