



Postgame Notes
Cincinnati vs. BYU
Sept. 29, 2023 | LaVell Edwards Stadium

Team Notes

- The Bearcats are 7-3 in Friday games since 2018.
- Cincinnati is 661-602-50 all-time in its 136th football season (since 1885, one of 10 oldest in FBS).
- Cincinnati has now gone 14-2 in night games since 2018 and is 2-2 in night games this season.
- Cincinnati fell to 55-13 since 2018 and 88-43 overall since 2013.
- The captains for today's game were fifth-year defensive end Jowon Briggs, redshirt sophomore Dontay Corleone, redshirt junior center Gavin Gerhardt and sixth-year quarterback Emory Jones.

Offense Notes

- As a team, Cincinnati rushed for 242 yards, bringing the season total to 1,101. It is the first time since 2020 that the team has recorded more than 1,000 rushing yards through the first five games in a season and the most since 2018 (1,261 yards).
- Cincinnati rushed for 200-plus yards for the fourth time this season, including the third with 200 passing in the same game.
- Cincinnati had a 35:01 to 24:59 time-of-possession advantage, and it entered the night seventh nationally at 33:48 for the season.
- Running back Corey Kiner finished with 77 yards on 19 carries, one away from tying a career-high.
- Quarterback Emory Jones finished 23-of-37 for 256 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for a team-high 94 yards on 14 carries.
- Tight end Chamon Metayer hauled in his first career touchdown on a 27-yard pass for Jones.
- Metayer caught his second touchdown of the night on a 23-yard pass from Jones. He finished the game with a career-high 59 yards and tied a career-high in receptions with three.
 - He is the first Bearcat to have two receiving touchdowns in a game since Tyler Scott had two against Navy last season (11/05/22).
 - The last tight end with two receiving touchdowns in a game was Josh Whyte at Tulane (10/30/21).

- Cincinnati's first touchdown drive of the game was a 17-play, 90-yard march in the second quarter. It was the team's longest-scoring drive and tied the most plays in one this season.
- Braden Smith's late 31-yard touchdown catch was his team-leading third of the season.
- Wide receiver Aaron Turner recorded a season-long reception of 17 yards in the third quarter.
- Xzavier Henderson led the team in both reception (7) and yards (74). This marks the third time this season he has led the team in receiving.
- Tight end Barak Faulk made his first career start in his fourth career game.

Defense Notes

- Cincinnati held BYU to 38 yards over the first 29 minutes.
- The Bearcats had their second game of allowing less than 300 yards (also 262 at Pitt).
- After missing the previous game, hybrid safety/linebacker "star" position Deshaun Pace led Cincinnati with season-highs of nine tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, and a career-high two pass break-ups.

Special Team Notes

- Kicker Carter Brown went 2-2 on field goals, converting from 33 and 22 yards.
 - Brown is now 10-12 on field goal attempts this season and is 21-26 in his career.
- Mason Fletcher had three punts with an average of 41.7 yards. and downed one inside the 20.
 - He has now downed 10 of 13 punts inside the 20 and tallied 56 in his career.
 - Fletcher first punt of the night was downed at the BYU 5-yard line, marking his fourth punt downed inside the 10-yard line this season.