



**Postgame Notes**  
**Cincinnati 28, Tulsa 20**  
**Nov. 6, 2021 | Nippert Stadium | Attendance: 37,978**

**Highlights**

- Cincinnati improves to 9-0 for second-straight season and the fourth time in school history.
- The win marks Cincinnati's 12<sup>th</sup>-straight win against AAC opponents and third-straight against Tulsa. It also marks UC's 35<sup>th</sup>-straight win against unranked opponents.
- Cincinnati improved to 15-5 (.750) in road games since 2018.
- The Bearcats are 18-2 (.900) since 2019 against AAC opponents, which is the best mark in the conference.
- UC is now 40-6 (.870) since 2018, ranking among the top six teams in CFB in winning percentage during that span.
- Head Coach Luke Fickell is now 44-14 (.759) in five seasons at Cincinnati. This is the Bearcats' second consecutive 9-0 start under him and fourth all-time (also 1951 and 2009).
- UC is 33-2 when leading at the half under Fickell.
- Today's captains were Desmond Ridder, Coby Bryant, Vincent McConnell and Joel Dublanko.
- Cincinnati won the coin toss and elected to defer.
- UC improved its all-time record to 646-594-50 (.520).

**Charting Quarterback Desmond Ridder**

- With 43 rushing yards today, Desmond Ridder became only the second active player in the FBS with over 2,000 rushing yards and 8,000 passing yards (D'Eriq King, Miami).
- With two touchdown passes today, Ridder now has 77 career TD passes. UC quarterbacks coach Gino Guidugli is the school-record holder with 78 (2001-04).
- With 317 total yards today, Ridder has 11,064 yards of total offense. He is just 17 yards away from passing Greg Ward Jr. for third place in AAC history.
- With his 12-yard strike to Alec Pierce in the third quarter, Ridder continued a 19-game streak where he has thrown a touchdown pass.
- Ridder's three-yard rushing TD on the opening drive was his school-best 26<sup>th</sup> of his career.
- Ridder remains the winningest quarterback in college football with a 40-5 (90%) record.

### **Offensive Notes**

- Before leaving with an injury in the second quarter, Jerome Ford found the end zone for his 15<sup>th</sup> rushing touchdown of the season. That moves him into third place with DeMarco McCleskey for single-season rushing touchdowns in Bearcats history. That touchdown also gave him 16 total touchdowns on the year, vaulting him into fourth place for single-season total touchdowns, tying him with Michael Warren.
- Ford also had a career-high 67 receiving yards despite his injury. His two catches of 33 and 34 yards were both career-highs at the time of the catch.
- Alec Pierce's 113 receiving yards marked his second game over the century mark this season and fourth of his career. It's also his second-straight game against Tulsa with over 100 yards (five for 146 in 2020 AAC Championship Game).
- Michael Young Jr. caught his second touchdown of the season on a 31-yard pass from Desmond Ridder. It was Young's fifth touchdown catch of his career.
- Cincinnati's 390 yards of total offense is the most since the UCF game on Oct. 16.

### **Defense**

- Cincinnati's defense has not given up points on the opponents' opening drive since UCF on Nov. 21, 2020, as well as any to start a half this season.

- Coby Bryant's forced-fumble and Ja'von Hicks' recovery marked UC's 20<sup>th</sup> forced turnover of the season.
- Curtis Brooks' strip-sack gives him 3 ½ on the year in addition to two forced fumbles.
- Joel Dublanko set a new-career high with 17 tackles, which led the team.
- Bryan Cook's 14 tackles marked a career-high.
- Jabari Taylor recovered a fumble in the end zone with 36 seconds left. Darrian Beavers was the Bearcat to hit the ball carrier last.