



Postgame Notes
Cincinnati 29, SMU 27
Oct. 22, 2022 | Gerald J. Ford Stadium

Highlights

- Head coach Luke Fickell improved to 54-16 in his sixth season at Cincinnati. His 54 wins are the most in Cincinnati history, making him the winningest Bearcats' coach of all-time, breaking a tie with Rick Minter.
- Cincinnati has won 19-straight games against AAC competition, including each of the last two AAC championship games, to tie the conference record for consecutive wins with UCF (2017-19). The Bearcats ended the Knights's streak in 2019. UC plays UCF next week.
- Cincinnati won its sixth game, making the Bearcats bowl eligible for the fifth consecutive season.
- The captains for today's game were senior wide receiver Tre Tucker, redshirt senior linebacker Wilson Huber, redshirt senior tight end Josh Whyle and redshirt senior offensive lineman Dylan O'Quinn.
- The Bearcats are now 656-596-50 all-time in the 135th season of college football.
- Cincinnati won its sixth straight game of the 2022.
- The Bearcats improved to 6-1 all-time against the Mustangs, including 4-0 in Dallas. UC won its fourth straight versus SMU, too.
- Cincinnati won the toss and deferred to the second half.

Offensive Notes

- Ryan Montgomery's one-yard TD rush in the first quarter was his first of the season.
- Charles McClelland's 129 rush yards marked his fifth-career game over the century mark and third of the season (also South Florida and Miami Ohio).
- Charles McClelland's 76-yard TD rush early in the second quarter matched Myles Montgomery (76-yard rush score versus Kennesaw State) for the longest play from scrimmage this year.
- It also was the fourth Cincinnati touchdown on the first play of a drive.
- Jadon Thompson's four catches matched a career-high, while his 69 yards were a season-best. Both led the Bearcats on the day.
- Nick Mardner's four receptions were a season-high.
- Josh Whyle's 35-yard catch was a career-long.

Defensive Notes

- Cincinnati held SMU to season-lows of 259 total yards (previous was 441), 179 passing yards, and 80 rushing yards. Last year's meeting saw the Blackcats defense accomplish the same in the former two categories.
- The Bearcats limited SMU to 2-of-15 third-down conversions, its second-best of the season (Miami, Ohio was 1-for-11).

- Ivan Pace Jr. entered the day as the national leader in TFLs before adding 1.5 for 14.0 on the year.
- Before SMU's final first-half drive, the Mustangs had run two snaps in UC territory, both after a failed fourth down at the UC 46.
- Jaheim Thomas notched his first two sacks of the season to go with seven total tackles. He is also the 13th different Bearcat with at least a full sack, ranking second in the country.

Special Team Notes

- Sophomore punter Mason Fletcher's 84-yard boot on the first drive was the longest in UC and AAC history, in addition to the longest of the 2022 season nationally. The previous Cincinnati long was Mike Connell (78) against Louisiana-Lafayette in 1976.
- Ryan Coe's five field goals (30, 25, 52, 44, 31) set a new school record. The previous, 4, was last made by Andrew Gantz at Memphis in 2015.
- Coe's 52-yard field goal was a season-long and his first attempt of 50-plus. He previously had 53-yard makes at Delaware in 2020 and 2021 and has four 50-plus yard kicks.
- Fletcher's two punts inside the 20 gave him 16 for the year, and his three of 50-plus marks 10.