



2019 CINCINNATI BEARCATS FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

#17/#17/#20 CINCINNATI (8-1, 5-0) 48, UCONN (2-8, 0-6) 3
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ATTENDANCE: 38,919
CINCINNATI HOMECOMING GAME

SERIES INFORMATION

- With the victory, Cincinnati improved to 13-3 all-time against UConn and 9-0 when the game is played in the Queen City
- The Bearcats have won three in a row in the series as well
- The 48 points scored by Cincinnati marks the second-most scored by any team in the series, surpassed only by UC's 49 points in a 49-7 win last year
- The 45-point margin of victory is the most for either team in the series, bettering the 42-point margin from last year

CAPTAINS/COIN TOSS

- Cincinnati's captains for today's game: #6 Perry Young, #11 Bryan Wright, #75 Chris Ferguson, #83 Josiah Deguara
- Former Bearcats standout Connor Barwin served as today's honorary captain
- Cincinnati won the toss and deferred; UConn will receive and defend the north
- Cincinnati is 5-1 on the year when it wins the toss

TEAM NOTES

- Cincinnati has now won 12 in a row at home with its last loss coming November 10, 2017, in a 35-24 setback to visiting Temple
- Cincinnati opened the game scoring points on its first three possessions before being forced to punt on its fourth. The three scores in a row (touchdown, touchdown, field goal) marked the fifth time this year the Bearcats have scored on three-consecutive drives this year and the first at home (one at Marshall, once at Houston and twice at ECU last week).
- After the punt, the Bearcats would go on to score on their next four possessions, the longest scoring streak in a game since November 23, 2018, when the Bearcats scored touchdowns on five-consecutive possessions in the home finale against ECU.
- Cincinnati got off to a fast start as the Bearcats scored on six of their seven drives in the first half, including a season-high five touchdowns and one field goal, for a 38-0 lead. Entering the game, the Bearcats scored on 8-of-12 drives at Marshall and 7-of-14 drives at ECU. Cincinnati finished 8-of-12 on the day, tying for the most scores in a game this season.
- The 45-point margin of victory tonight tied for the second largest for the Bearcats since starting play in the American in 2013. The largest victory came last year against visiting ECU when UC won by 50 (56-6). Tonight's margin ties with the Bearcats' 52-7 win over visiting UCF in 2015 and also marks the sixth time UC has won by 40 or more points in an AAC game since 2013.

50 • vs. ECU (11/23/18) • 56-6

45 • vs. UConn (11/9/19) • 48-3

45 • vs. UCF (10/31/15) • 52-7

42 • vs. Navy (11/3/18) • 42-0

42 • at UConn (9/29/18) • 49-7

41 • at UConn (11/22/14) • 41-0

38 • at SMU (10/18/14) • 41-3

35 • at Rutgers (11/16/13) • 52-17

- Cincinnati held UConn scoreless through the opening three quarters of play, marking the second time that has happened this year after doing the same at Marshall. So far this year, the Bearcats have prevented an opponent from scoring in 12 quarters.
- The defense forced another turnover tonight, marking the fifth contest in a row it has recorded at least one. The turnover came by way of Darrick Forrest interception in the second quarter as he picked the pass on UC's 9-yard line and returned it 39 yards. On the year, the Bearcats have tallied 13 interceptions and recovered eight fumbles for 21 takeaways, tying them with USF – next week's foe – for the second-most in the nation. Illinois entered the day as the national leader with 22 to its credit.
- The Bearcats offense was a perfect 7-of-7 in the red zone tonight, scoring six touchdowns and kicking one field goal. Cincinnati is now 13-of-13 in the red zone in its last two games after going 6-of-6 at ECU last week.

QUICK HITS

- Cincinnati held UConn to 218 yards of total offense, tying for the second-lowest total this year with UCLA. The Bearcats held Miami (Ohio) to 207 for the lowest allowed in 2019.

- The Bearcats also limited the Huskies to just 70 yards passing, the fewest surrendered since 47 to Navy last year. The 70 allowed tonight is fewest of the year, bettering the 131 allowed to Marshall.
- The UC offense tallied 507 yards of total offense, the second-highest output of the season behind the 525 yards at Marshall. UC has also secured 450 yards or more in its last two games (462 at ECU).
- UC rushed for 307 yards on the ground, its highest total of the year and its second game in a row over 300 (301 at ECU).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Josiah Deguara finished the game with five catches for 45 yards and two touchdowns for his first career multiple-touchdown game. His first catch came on the opening drive and resulted in an 18-yard touchdown. With those yards, he moved to 1,000 for his career, making him just the second tight end (at least through the early 1970s) to break the century mark, joining Brent Celek (2003-06), who finished his career with 1,135 yards. Additionally, Deguara now has 12 career touchdowns, leaving him two shy of Celek for the most by a tight end. On a season level, Deguara's seven scoring grabs are the second-most in a single-season by a tight end behind only Travis Kelce, who pulled down eight in 2012.
- Desmond Ridder finished the game with 136 yards on 13-of-23 passing with two touchdowns while adding 94 yards on seven carries. In the first quarter, Ridder broke off a rush for 34 yards that led to a touchdown, the longest run of the season for the quarterback (was 32 yards at ECU last week). The scamper also is his fifth of 20+ on the ground this year with four of those coming in the past two games (three at ECU, one tonight).
- Gerrid Doaks toted the rock 13 times in the game and collected 123 yards with one touchdown. Doaks hit the century mark for just the second time in his career after he ran for 149 yards on 17 carries at Tulane in 2017 (November 4). Doaks, who also caught one pass for six yards, has now scored at least one touchdown in each of his last three games. Tonight, he also broke off a 53-yard run, his longest of the season and the second-longest of his career behind a 57-yard run at Tulane in 2017.
- Michael Warren II ran the ball 14 times for 60 yards and two scores on the night. With those touchdowns, The Truck now has 28 rushing touchdowns for his career, nine on the season and 32 total touchdowns as a Bearcat. For his career, his 28 rushing scores rank as the third-most in program history while his 32nd career touchdown also ranks him third all-time. He is now two rushing scores away from becoming just the third man in UC history to record 30 rushing touchdowns in a career.
- **QUICK HITS**
 - Ahmad Gardner made his first career start at CB
 - Jarrell White made his first start of the season (11th career) at 'sniper' (SLB)
 - Tre Tucker made his first career start at WR and opened the game with an end-around rush for 19 yards, the longest of his career (entered with two career carries for 12 yards).
 - Ethan Tucky got his hand on a punt attempt in the first quarter to be credited with his third block in as many games.
 - Morgan James did not play tonight, ending his 21-game streak of starting on the offensive line.
 - Josh Whyte pulled in a 32-yard pass in the third quarter for the longest reception of his career.
 - Ryan Montgomery ran for a score to start the fourth quarter for the first touchdown of his career.

NEXT UP

- The Bearcats return to action on the road next week as they will travel to Tampa, Fla., to face USF on Saturday, November 16. The kickoff time will be announced late Saturday night.