



## **Postgame Notes**

### **Pitt vs. Cincinnati**

**Sept. 7, 2024 | Historic Nippert Stadium**

## **Team Notes**

- Cincinnati had won three in a row against Pitt heading into the contest.
- Cincinnati is 43-17 at Nippert Stadium since the start of the 2015 season and 87-29 at Nippert since 2000.
- Cincinnati's all-time record now stands at 663-609-50.
- Head Coach Scott Satterfield's career record is now 81-58.
- During the game, UC honored the 2008 team that beat Pitt for the first time in school history. The Bearcats beat the No. 19-ranked Panthers, 28-21, to propel themselves to a BIG EAST Championship and Orange Bowl appearance.
- Cincinnati had five captains pre-game: redshirt junior defensive tackle Dontay Corleone, redshirt senior safety Derrick Canteen, redshirt senior offensive lineman Gavin Gerhardt, redshirt senior offensive lineman Luke Kandra, and senior punter Mason Fletcher.

## **Offensive Notes**

- Redshirt sophomore quarterback Brendan Sorsby completed 22-of-38 passes for 298 yards and three touchdowns.
- His three touchdown passes tied his career-high, which he achieved on three occasions while at Indiana in games at Purdue, Illinois, and Penn State.
- Sorsby's 681 yards over his first two games are the most for a Bearcat in his first two starts since Gunner Kiel's 689 in 2014.
- Saturday's game also marked Sorsby's second straight game with two touchdown passes in the first quarter.
- Sorsby's combined first half stats in his first two UC starts: 30-of-45 for 534 yards and four touchdowns.
- Sorsby completed a pass to eight different receivers, and all three touchdown passes went to first-year UC transfers: Jamoi Mayes, Joe Royer and Tony Johnson.
- Senior running back Corey Kiner rushed for 149 yards on 20 carries, his seventh career 100-yard rushing performance. He had three rushes of at least 25 yards, including a long of 28.

- Freshman tight end Gavin Grover started on offense, his first career start as a Bearcat. He joins freshman defensive back Jiquan Sanks as true freshmen in the starting lineup for UC.
- Redshirt senior wide receiver Jamoi Mayes hauled in a 52-yard touchdown in the first quarter, his first TD reception as a Bearcat.
- Redshirt junior tight end Joe Royer caught 3 passes for 49 yards and a touchdown, the first receiving touchdown of his career.
- Senior wide receiver Xzavier Henderson was Cincinnati's leading receiver for the second consecutive game, hauling in five catches for 80 yards.
- Redshirt junior wide receiver Tony Johnson caught a five-yard TD in the first quarter, his first of the season. He had seven receiving scores for Florida Atlantic the last two seasons.

### **Defensive Notes**

- Redshirt junior defensive tackle Dontay Corleone started vs. Pitt after missing the season opener vs. Towson. Corleone was cleared to play in games this past Tuesday after being diagnosed with blood clots in his lungs in June. Corleone posted six tackles, including a sack.
- Derrick Canteen and Mekhi Miller led the Bearcats with eight tackles apiece.
- Canteen's three pass breakups matched a career-high, previously set in 2022 with Georgia Southern.
- Josh Minkins Jr.'s first-quarter, endzone interception was his first as a Bearcat and third for his career.
- Cincinnati held Pitt to 10-of-24 passing for 113 yards through the first three quarters.

### **Special Teams Notes**

- Mason Fletcher's 62-yard punt was downed at the Pitt six yard line. It was his longest since Oct. 22, 2022 at SMU (career-high 84 yards) and fourth over 60 yards.
- Carter Brown's 49-yard field goal makes him 11-for-14 in his career from 40 or more.