



Postgame Notes

Cincinnati vs. Houston

Sept. 21, 2024 | Historic Nippert Stadium

Team Notes

- Cincinnati's all-time record now stands at 665-609-50.
- The Bearcats collected the nation's first shutout of a Power 4 conference opponent, and it was UC's first blanking since Nov. 3, 2018 against Navy.
- Cincinnati's last shutout of a major conference opponent was in 1995 at Virginia Tech.
- With the victory, Cincinnati has now evened the all-time series against Houston (15-15) and has won five straight games in the series.
- Saturday's game was a sellout, the first of the year for the Bearcats.
- UC's win was its first Big 12 win at Nippert Stadium since joining the conference.
- 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 running back Corey Kiner.
- Cincinnati honored its 2024 Hall of Fame class at the game, with wide receiver great Mardy Gilyard handling the TQL game ball delivery.

Offensive Notes

- Quarterback Brendan Sorsby completed 12-of-15 passes for 188 yards and two touchdowns. It was his third game this season with multiple touchdown passes.
- Sorsby completed 10-of-11 passes for 136 yards and two touchdowns in the first half on Saturday. In four games this season, he has completed 55-of-78 passes (70.5%) for 794 yards and eight touchdowns with zero interceptions.
- Sorsby has now thrown 130 straight passes without an interception dating back to last season.
- After his first pass fell incomplete, Sorsby completed 12 straight attempts. He is the first quarterback to complete 12 straight passes since Ben Bryant did it against Miami (Ohio) on Sept. 17, 2022.
- Wide receiver Xzavier Henderson caught two passes for 34 yards and two touchdowns. It marked Henderson's first career multi-touchdown game.

- Running back Corey Kiner rushed for 78 yards on 16 carries and a touchdown, leading UC in rushing for the third straight game.
- Kiner's 44-yard touchdown run in the first quarter was the longest touchdown run of his collegiate career.
- Tight end Joe Royer caught three passes for 41 yards and was targeted five times. He entered the game leading all Big 12 tight ends in catches, receiving yards, and targets.
- Offensive lineman Phillip Wilder started the game at right tackle, his first career start at the FBS level.
- Freshman tight end Devyn Zahursky caught a 7-yard pass in the fourth quarter, the first reception of his collegiate career.
- Wide receiver Sterling Berkhalter led UC in receiving for the first time of his career with three receptions for 60 yards. He has eight grabs for 162 yards and a touchdown through four games after none in 2023.

Defensive Notes

- UC held Houston to zero points in the first half, the first time it has shut out an opponent in the first half of a game since Nov. 20, 2021 vs. SMU.
- The 92 passing yards allowed were UC's fewest against a non-service academy since that SMU game as well (66).
- UC's 233 yards allowed were the fewest of the Scott Satterfield era, and it was Satterfield's first shutout as a head coach since 2020 against Syracuse while at Louisville.
- Safety Josh Minkins' interception, his second of the year, set up Cincinnati's first scoring drive. His other pick was in the endzone against Pitt.
- STAR Antwan Peek Jr.'s seven tackles were a career-high.
- Safety Derrick Canteen had four tackles, 1.5 for loss. That constituted a career-high TFL total.
- UC forced two fumbles on Saturday, its first game forcing multiple fumbles since Sept. 2, 2023 vs. Eastern Kentucky.

Special Teams Notes

- Kicker Nathan Hawks made each of his field goal attempts from 34 and 46 yards. He is now 4-for-4 this year following his 50 and 55-yard boots against Miami (Ohio) last week, and he was 2-for-2 while at Wittenberg from 2021-22.