



2018 CINCINNATI BEARCATS FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

CINCINNATI OHIO

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 | 12:00 PM | CINCINNATI, OH | NIPPERT STADIUM

ATTENDANCE: 35,220

SERIES INFORMATION

- Cincinnati now holds the all-time series against Ohio 24-23-4
- UC has now won seven of the last eight meetings

CAPTAINS/COIN TOSS

- Cincinnati Captains: #1 WR Khalil Lewis, #4 LB Malik Clements, #72 OL Garrett Campbell, #96 DT Cortez Broughton
- Coin Toss: Cincinnati won the toss and deferred; Ohio received and defended the south

TEAM NOTES

- With the victory, Cincinnati's moves to 4-0 on the season, matching its win total from the 2017 campaign (4-8). The Bearcats are off to their best start since 2012 (5-0).
- The Bearcats held Ohio without a second-half touchdown after allowing three in the first two quarters. Overall, UC's defense has surrendered only two second-half touchdowns in 2018.
- UC was whistled for 14 flags and 150 penalty yards against Ohio. The 14 penalties is the most for UC since a game at Hawai'i in 2002 where the Bearcats also had 14 flags. It is tied for the third-most penalties in a single-game in UC history (18 vs. Kansas State in 1961, 15 vs. Xavier in 1958). The 150 penalty yards is fourth-highest in the record book and the most since being flagged for 176 yards against Louisville in 1968.
- Trailing 21-0 with 5:45 left in the first half, UC scored 34 points to mount its largest comeback since trailing Pittsburgh 31-10 (also 21 points) with 1:26 left in the second quarter and winning 45-44.
- UC has posted eight fourth-quarter comeback wins since 2008, with one against Ohio in 2018, two in 2017 (Miami & UConn), one in 2016 (Miami), two in 2011 (USF and Louisville), one in 2009 (Pittsburgh) and one in 2008 (Hawai'i).
- UC's game-clinching 92-yard drive was its longest of the season in terms of yardage.
- The 77-yard TD from QB Desmond Ridder to WR Rashad Medaris was UC's longest passing play, passing TD and play from scrimmage since QB Hayden Moore hit WR Devin Gray on an 82-yard pass and catch for a score on Nov. 25, 2016 at Tulsa. UC's longest play from scrimmage a year ago was a 75-yard TD pass from Moore to WR Kahlil Lewis at ECU.
- UC rushed for 150 yards on the day and has topped the 150 yard mark in each of the season's first four games.
- UC has totaled 14 rushing TDs on the year, surpassing its number of rushing scores from each of the past two seasons (11 in 2017, 8 in 2016).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- RB Michael Warren II's 24-yard rushing touchdown in the second quarter was his seventh touchdown this season. He has scored at least once in every game in 2018. The 24-yard scamper was a career-long score and he moved up to second in the NCAA FBS in rushing TDs. He added a 3-yard plunge in the fourth quarter. He has had a multi-touchdown game in three of the four contests this season.
- WR Rashad Medaris's 77-yard touchdown reception was the first touchdown of his career. It was a career-long pass by QB Desmond Ridder. Medaris finished with a career-best three receptions for a career-high 104 yards on the day.
- Ridder finished the game 19-of-21 for 274 yards and two TDs through the air and 10 carries for 28 yards and a TD on the ground. He set career marks in all passing categories.
- With five minutes left in the third quarter, S Darrick Forrest recorded the first fumble recovery of his career, giving UC the ball at the Ohio 28-yard line. Forrest finished with a career-high seven tackles.
- WR Jayshon Jackson scored his first career touchdown with 12:37 left in the fourth quarter. Jackson caught a 26-yard pass from Ridder for the score. It was Jackson's 10th career reception and his second of the game.
- TE Josiah Deguara set a career-high with five receptions in the game, beating his previous mark of four. His fifth catch of the day came on a 15-yard completion from Ridder, good for a first down in the fourth quarter.

- S James Wiggins recorded the second interception of his career at a crucial moment. With the Bobcats at the 2-yard line at third-and-goal, Wiggins came up with the pick with 51 seconds remaining in the game and UC ahead 34-30. His previous interception came in the season opener at UCLA. Wiggins set career marks with three kickoff returns for 61 yards.
- DT Cortez Broughton had six tackles, a sack and two TFLs. He has totaled 8.5 TFLs and 3.5 sacks on the season. He entered 2018 with 3.5 career sacks and 9.5 career TFLs.
- LB Jarell White started in place of an injured Perry Young and responded by tying for the team lead with nine tackles. White's TFL came the play before Wiggins' interception, a three-yard loss on 2nd & goal for his stuff of OU RB AJ Ouellette.
- LB Bryan Wright tied for the team lead and a career high with nine tackles.
- DE Kimoni Fitz set a career high with eight tackles.
- CB Coby Bryant tied a career mark with a pair of pass break ups.
- DT Elijah Ponder tied a career best with two tackles.

NEXT UP

- The Bearcats open their American Athletic Conference slate by traveling to UConn on Saturday, Sept. 29. The game is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. and air on CBS Sports Network.