



2019 CINCINNATI BEARCATS FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

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ATTENDANCE: 30,101

SERIES INFORMATION

- With the victory, Cincinnati improved to 8-13-1 all-time in its series with Temple
- Cincinnati also evened the series at 4-4-1 all-time when the game is played in the Queen City
- The win tonight snapped the Owls' four-game winning streak in the series
- Removing the 17-17 tie in 1977, tonight's game tied for the second closest in the history of the series with the first contest in 1973 seeing Temple win at home, 16-15, one year before Cincinnati won, 22-20, at home in 1974

CAPTAINS/COIN TOSS

- Cincinnati's captains for today's game: #6 Perry Young, #75 Chris Ferguson, #78 Morgan James, #83 Josiah Deguara
- Cincinnati won the coin toss and deferred; Temple received the opening kick and defended the north

NOTING ATTENDANCE:

- Tonight's announced attendance was 30,101
- UC's 2019 average of 35,984 fans per game is the highest in Nippert Stadium history. The previous best single-season average of 35,067 was set in 2010.
- UC's total attendance of 215,908 is the most in Nippert history for a 6-game home schedule, surpassing the 203,741 fans who came through the gates in 2009. The single-season attendance mark of 245,475 fans was set in 2010 when seven home games were played at Nippert Stadium.

CHAMPIONS

- With the win tonight, the Bearcats claimed their first outright division crown in the American by winning the East for the first time since the divisional format began in 2015
- Members of a three-way tie for the crown in 2014, Cincinnati has earned its first berth into the AAC Championship Game
- A win at Memphis next week would make Cincinnati the hosts of the championship game for the first time as well

TEAM NOTES

- UC honored its 2019 senior class prior to the Temple game. The Bearcats honored include Tinashe Bere, Sam Crosa, Josiah Deguara, Chris Ferguson, Thomas Geddis, Alex Heil, Morgan James, Cam Jefferies, Ryan Jones, Rashad Medaris, Joe Schroer, Nick Staderman, Collin Widecan, Zach Wood, Bryan Wright and Perry Young.
- The Bearcats have now won nine in a row and 13 in a row at home dating back to a 35-24 loss to Temple in 2017
- With the win, Cincinnati posted its 11th undefeated home schedule and its second in a row after going 6-0 for the second year in a row. In fact, the back-to-back undefeated home slates marks just the second UC has done so in team history after the 2008 and 2009 squads also went 6-0 in back-to-back campaigns.

UNDEFEATED AT HOME

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| - 2019 (6-0) | - 2000 (6-0) | - 1953 (7-0) |
| - 2018 (6-0) | - 1993 (5-0) | - 1941 (6-0) |
| - 2009 (6-0) | - 1982 (5-0) | - 1935 (6-0) |
| - 2008 (6-0) | - 1976 (5-0) | |
- Similar to its home undefeated record, the Bearcats have hit double-digit victories in a season for the second year in a row and just the 10th time in program history. After going 10-1 in 1951, the Bearcats did not hit 10+ in the wins column again until 2007 when UC posted three seasons in a row with 10+ wins. The Bearcats made it two years in a row again in 2011 and 2012 before achieving the feat last year and this year.

CINCINNATI'S DOUBLE-DIGIT WIN SEASONS

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| - 2019 (10-1) | - 2011 (10-3) | - 2007 (10-3) |
| - 2018 (11-2) | - 2009 (12-1) | - 1951 (10-1) |
| - 2012 (10-3) | - 2008 (11-3) | |

- Cincinnati was 3-for-3 in the red zone tonight, scoring one touchdown and kicking a pair of field goals. After posting a 5-of-12 conversion rate in the red zone in the opening three games, the Bearcats have been stellar when seeing red as they are 35-of-38 since then and have scored in 19-consecutive appearances.
- Both teams went for it on fourth down at least once tonight with the Bearcats going 1-for-1 and the Owls 1-for-4. On the year, Cincinnati is now 7-of-10 while allowing its foes to convert on just 5-of-16 attempts.
- Late in the game, Darrick Forrest picked off an Anthony Russo pass to seal the game for the Bearcats. The interception is Forrest's third of the year and the 14th in 2019 for Cincinnati, the third-most in the NCAA. Additionally, the takeaway was UC's 23rd of the season (nine fumbles recovered) to move them into third on the year nationally.
- With the pick, the Bearcats have now forced at least one turnover in seven-consecutive games this year.
- **QUICK HITS**
 - Neither team was able to score in the first quarter to mark just the second time this year both teams were scoreless in the same stanza after neither team scored in the fourth quarter of UC's 35-13 win over Miami (Ohio). It also marked the 13th quarter this year UC had not scored and the fifth time that happened to be in the first quarter (5-of-10).
 - Cincinnati shutout Temple in the first half, marking the third time the Bearcats have held its opponent scoreless in the opening stanza (at Marshall, vs. UConn). It also marked just the second time this year Temple has been shutout in a half and the first time in the first half after not scoring in the second half against UCF earlier this season.
 - Continuing the shutout string: by not allowing a point to be scored in the third, UC has now shut out two foes for the first three quarters of a game in 2019 after doing the same at Marshall.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- In the third quarter, Michael Warren II got rolling as he carried the ball three times on UC's 9-play, 65-yard drive resulting in Warren's 13-yard scoring run to stake the Bearcats to a 13-0 lead. With the score, Warren moved into a tie for second all-time on the program's rushing touchdown chart with 31, equaling the total David Small collected while playing from 1991-93. DeMarco McClesky (1998, 2000-02) scored 37 rushing touchdowns in his career for the top spot on the list.
- Warren finished the night with 106 yards rushing on 24 carries and one score. It marked his fifth 100-yard game of the season and his second in a row after running for 134 at USF last week. The 24 carries for 'Truck' are the third-most this season behind the 26 totes he had against both USF (last week) and UCLA in the opener.
- Darrick Forrest was 'Johnny on the Spot' for the Bearcats as he pulled in his third interception of the year with under two minutes remaining in the game the hosts leading by two. Forrest is now second on the team with three picks while Ja'Von Hicks leads the way with four.
- At the start of the fourth quarter, Temple scored its first points of the game, a 7-yard rushing touchdown. Following the score, the point-after try was blocked by Lorenz Metz with Coby Bryant scooping up the ball and running 98 yards in the opposite direction for two points on the defensive PAT. With the scoop and score, the Bearcats led, 15-6, instead of 13-7 with 11 minutes remaining in the game.
- **QUICK HITS**
 - Josiah Deguara did not pull in a pass tonight, snapping a streak of 22 games in a row with at least one catch

NEXT UP

- The regular season finale awaits the Bearcats next week in Memphis, Tenn., as UC and Memphis will meet on Friday, November 29, in a 3:30 p.m. ET game broadcast live on ABC.