

Postgame Notes Cincinnati vs. Baylor Oct. 21, 2023 | Historic Nippert Stadium

Highlights

- Cincinnati is 661-604-50 all-time its 136th football season in 2023 (since 1885, one of 10 oldest in FBS).
- The captains for today's game were fifth-year defensive end Jowon Briggs, redshirt sophomore Dontay Corleone, redshirt junior center Gavin Gerhardt and sixth-year quarterback Emory Jones.
- Saturday's contest marked the 16th consecutive sell-out of Nippert Stadium with an attendance of 38,193.
- Former Bearcat guarterback Tony Pike presented the game ball delivery.
- Cincinnati and Baylor faced off for the first time in history.

Offense Notes

- Cincinnati had an 11:54 time-of-possession in the first quarter, having also entered the day 11th nationally in the category.
- Running back Myles Montgomery scored two touchdowns on the ground for his first multi-touchdown performance of his career.
 - Montgomery broke free for a season-long 38-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter for his first touchdown of the season and followed that with a 1yard touchdown run to begin the fourth. The touchdowns were the second and third of his career.
 - Montgomery finished the game with a season-high 103 yards on 10 carries. It marked his second 100-yard rushing game of his career.
- Running back Corey Kiner broke free for a 40-yard run in the third quarter. It was his third-longest rush of the season and his fourth run of over 20+ yards.
 - He recorded his first rush of 20+ yards on a 38-yard carry on the second play of the game.
 - Kiner finished the game with 129 yards on 15 carries. It marked the third time this season and the fourth in his career that he rushed for over 100 yards.
- This marked the second time this season Cincinnati had two 100-yard rushers. Jones and Kiner each rushed for over 100 yards against Miami (OH).
- Quarterback Emory Jones connected with wide receiver Xzavier Henderson on a fouryard touchdown pass to cap off a 14-play, 75-yard drive in the first quarter.
 - The 14 plays were also the third most plays in a single drive for the Bearcats this season.

- Jones and Henderson would connect again on a 29-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. It marked Henderson's first multi-touchdown game of his career. He now has caught three touchdowns this season and has hauled in eighth in his career.
 - Henderson ended the game with eight catches for 82 yards and two touchdowns.
- The last time Cincinnati had two players each score two touchdowns was against SMU in 2021. Desmond Ridder had one receiving and one rushing while Alec Peirce had two receiving.
- Quarterback Emory Jones finished the game 19-31 for 162 yards and two touchdowns through the air. He also ran for 56 yards on 18 carries.
- Tight end Chamon Metayer hauled in a career-high five receptions for 50 yards. He has now had at least three receptions in four straight games.
- The Jones-to-Prater two-point conversion was Cincinnati's first since Miami (Ohio) on Sept. 16.
- Cincinnati led in both total yards (450-396) and rushing yards (288-80). The Bearcats have held the advantage in total yards and rushing yards in five of their seven games this season.

Defense Notes

- Linebacker Jonathan Thompson made his second career start. He finished with a career-high eight tackles.
- "Star" Deshawn Pace led the Bearcats in tackles for the third straight game as he finished with a career-high 11 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack. Pace has now recorded double-digit tackles in back-to-back games.
 - He has a team-high 6.0 TFL, including 5.5 over the last four games.
 - The career-high 11 tackles marked the fourth time in his career has recorded double-digit tackles.
- Justin Wodtly's sack in the fourth quarter, via intentional grounding, was his first of the season and fourth of his career.
- Cincinnati held Baylor to 80 rush yards, its third time limiting its opponent to double-digit rushing yards. It entered the day allowing 104.2 yards good for first in the Big 12 and 17th nationally.
- As a team, Cincinnati recorded a season-high 10 tackles for loss.

Special Team Notes

- Mason Fletcher had four punts with an average of 45.5 yards.
 - He has now downed 14 punts inside the 20 this season and tallied 60 in his career. He had a 50-yard punt downed at the 14-yard line in the second quarter for his fifth 50-plus punt of the season and 24th of his career.
- Carter Brown went 3-3 on PAT's in the game and is a perfect 53-53 in his career.