



Postgame Notes

Cincinnati 27, Navy 20

Oct. 23, 2021 | Attendance: 32,004 | Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

Highlights

- The win marks Cincinnati's ninth-straight win against AAC opponents and third-straight win against UCF.
- Cincinnati improved to 13-5 (.722) in road games since 2018.
- The Bearcats are 17-1 (.944) since 2019 against AAC opponents, which is the best mark in the conference.
- UC is now 38-6 (.864) since 2018, ranking among the top five teams in CFB in winning percentage during that span (.878).
- Head Coach Luke Fickell is now 42-14 (.750) in five seasons at Cincinnati. This is the Bearcats' second-straight 7-0 start under him.
- UC is 30-2 when leading at the half under Fickell.
- The Bearcats are outscoring their opponents 134-41 in first halves this season.
- Today's captains were Desmond Ridder, Myjai Sanders and Coby Bryant. Cincinnati won the toss and elected to receive.
- UC improved its all-time record to 644-594-50 (.519).

Offensive Notes

- Josh Whyte hauled in touchdown catches of 31 (first quarter) and three yards (third) for his first-career multi-TD game. He now has three TD receptions this season and nine as a Bearcat.
- Whyte's 60 yards marked a season-high.

- Jerome Ford's 43-yard touchdown run was his 13th of the season and fourth rush of 40-plus yards. He is now tied for fifth in single-season school history with George Winn (2012) and Al Nelson (1964).

Charting Quarterback Desmond Ridder

- With two TD passes today, Ridder now has 72 career TD passes. UC quarterback coach Gino Guidugli is the school-record holder with 78 (2001-04).
- Ridder remains the winningest quarterback in college football with a 38-5 (88.4%) record.

Defense

- Cincinnati's 11 tackles-for-loss marked its most since Sept. 14, 2019 against Miami (Ohio).
- Senior linebacker Joel Dublanko recorded a career-high 15 tackles with 2.0 TFLs.
- Sophomore linebacker Deshawn Pace set a career-high with 2.0 TFLs and finished with six total stops.
- Pace's field-goal block on the penultimate play of the first half was Cincinnati's first since Jordan Stepp in 2012 against Rutgers. Whyte also blocked a punt on UCF's opening drive last week.
- Senior defensive tackle Curtis Brooks had a career-best 10 tackles and with a career-high 3.0 TFLs.

Special Teams

- Freshman kicker Christian Lowery saw the first action of his career, serving as the Bearcats' placekicker on extra points and short field goals. He made his first career field goal attempt and first career extra point attempt. He finished with 3-for-3 on extra points and made his only field goal attempt from 32 yards.
- Redshirt sophomore kicker Alex Bales nailed his first career field goal attempt from 52 yards as time expired in the first half to give the Bearcats their first lead of the game, 13-10. Bales' 52-yarder was the longest field goal for UC since Dec. 6, 2008 (Jake Rogers, 53, at Hawai'i) and the seventh-longest field goal in school history.