

# Postgame Notes Cincinnati at UCF Oct. 12, 2024 | FBC Mortgage Stadium

# **Team Notes**

- Cincinnati's all-time record now stands at 666-610-50.
- With the win, the all-time series between Cincinnati and UCF is now tied at 5-5. The Bearcats also snapped a two-game losing streak to the Knights.
- Cincinnati is now 12-5 when coming off a bye week since the start of the 2015 season and has on six straight road games coming off a bye.
- The Bearcats led, 10-3, at halftime and have still not trailed at the half this season. They have led in five of their six games and entered halftime tied at Texas Tech.
- Cincinnati had four captains pre-game: redshirt junior defensive tackle Dontay Corleone, redshirt senior safety Derrick Canteen, redshirt senior offensive lineman Gavin Gerhardt, and redshirt senior offensive lineman Luke Kandra.

### **Offensive Notes**

- Redshirt sophomore quarterback Brendan Sorsby completed 25-of-38 passes for 241yards. He also rushed for a touchdown.
- Sorsby was surgical in the second half, completing his first 10 passes of the half and posting totals of 12-for-13 for 120 yards and a touchdown. He bounced back from his first incompletion of the half to throw a four-yard TD to Tony Johnson
- Senior running back Corey Kiner was Cincinnati's leading rusher, accumulating 83
  yards on 17 carries. It's the fourth time this season he has led UC in rushing this
  season.
- Redshirt junior tight end Joe Royer caught a career-best eight passes for 84 yards.
- Redshirt junior wide receiver Tony Johnson posted career highs in receptions (8) and receiving yards (76) and caught a four-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. It was his third receiving touchdown of the season and second in as many games.
- Senior wide receiver Jamoi Mayes was Sorsby's most-targeted option, receiving team-high 11 targets.

- After failing to convert their first two third down attempts of the day, the Bearcats converted six straight third downs. On the whole, Cincinnati converted 9-of-16third downs on Saturday.
- Cincinnati was 1-of-1 on fourth down conversion attempts, improving to 6-of-6 on the season. Entering the game, UC was one of three FBS teams with a perfect fourth down conversion percentage.

### **Defensive Notes**

- Cincinnati held UCF to three points in the first half, the fourth time this season it has held an opponent to fewer than 10 points in the first half.
- Redshirt sophomore Antwan Peek Jr. Made his first start of the season and second of his career. He tied for the team lead with a career high-tying seven tackles.
- Redshirt senior linebacker Jared Bartlett forced a fumble on UCF's first offensive drive of the game and redshirt junior defensive tackle Harris Adams recovered. It marked the fourth time in seven games that UC forced a turnover on the opponent's first offensive drive of the game.
- Bartlett tied for the team lead with seven tackles and added two sacks, including the game-ending sack on the final play of the game.
- Redshirt junior linebacker Jake Golday forced and recovered a fumble on UCF's next
  offensive play, the second time in three games that UC has forced and recovered
  multiple fumbles in a game. The Bearcats forced three fumbles and recovered two
  against Houston on Sept. 21.
- Golday was disruptive all game long, tallying five tackles, two tackles for loss, one sack, and the forced fumble.
- Redshirt junior defensive tackle Dontay Corleone caused havoc as well, recording four tackles, two for a loss, and one fourth-quarter sack.

## **Special Teams Notes**

- Senior kicker Nathan Hawks connected on a 51-yard field goal with 3:06 to go in the third quarter, his third field goal of at least 50 yards this season. That ties him with Jake Rogers (2008) for the most 50-plus yard field goals in a season by a Cincinnati kicker.
- Senior punter Mason Fletcher punted three times for an average of 43.7 yards, including a 45-yard punt in the fourth quarter that was downed at the one-yard line.
   The field position proved to be crucial, as UC forced a three-and-out and took over near midfield, setting up a touchdown drive.