

Postgame Notes Cincinnati vs. West Virginia Nov. 18, 2023 | Milan Puskar Stadium

Highlights

- Cincinnati moved to 3-8 overall and 1-7 in the Big 12 in 2023.
- The Bearcats fell to 3-17-1 all-time against the Mountaineers.
- This was the first meeting between the teams since 2011.
- Cincinnati is 662-607-50 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.
- West Virginia won the coin flip and chose to receive the ball.

Availability Report

• Notable players out for Cincinnati were CB Sammy Anderson and TE Payten Singletary, both for the season.

Offensive Notes

- RS junior QB Brady Lichtenberg made his first-career start and played the opening series before Emory Jones took over for the second.
- WR Evan Prater earned his first start of the season. His only two prior starts came against Tulane and Louisville to end the 2022 season, at quarterback.
- Xzavier Henderson's game-high 104 receiving yards marked his third time crossing the century mark this season.
- Prater's career-long 22-yard catch, which began with a fumble in the backfield, brought UC into the redzone for the first time late in the first half.
- Emory Jones' one-yard tush-push gave UC its first points late in the half. It was his fourth rushing score of the season and 18th of his career (also 4 each the last two years at Florida and Arizona State).
- Corey Kiner's 56 rush yards gave him 941 for the season. He is seeking to become the 20th 1,000-yard rusher, by 13 different Bearcats.
- Emory Jones' 55-yard sideline strike to Xzavier Henderson was their longest pass and reception of the season, respectively.

- Chamon Metayer hauled in a 30-yard touchdown catch from Jones on the next play. He added another from seven yards out late, giving him his second multi-TD game (also BYU this year).
- Metayer now has a team-high five TDs on the year, and the first four were all for 20 yards or more.
- Jones' 25-yard rush in the fourth quarter was his season-high.

Defensive Notes

- CB Jordan Young returned to the starting lineup, his 10th in 11 games this season.
- Deshawn Pace recorded a career-high 12 tackles. It was his third game this season with 10 or more (fifth of career).
- Ken Willis' fourth-quarter interception, and 16-yard return, marked his second-straight game with a pick. Both are the first two of his career.

Special Team Notes

• Mason Fletcher's three punts inside the 20 gave him 22 on the year, including his seventh inside the 10.