



2018 CINCINNATI BEARCATS FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

#25/#23 CINCINNATI 35, USF 23

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ATTENDANCE: 29,310

SERIES INFORMATION

- Cincinnati improved to 9-7 all-time in the series with USF and snapped the Bulls' three-game winning streak in the process
- The Bearcats also improved to 6-2 all-time when playing the Bulls in Cincinnati
- Tonight marked the fifth meeting in a row that the winning team scored at least 33 points

CAPTAINS/COIN TOSS

- Cincinnati's captains were: DT Marquise Copeland, DE Kimoni Fitz, OL Garrett Campbell, DT Coretz Broughton
- USF won the toss and deferred; Cincinnati will receive and defend the north
- Tonight marked just the second time this season that UC has lost the coin toss ahead of the game

TEAM NOTES

- Cincinnati's third drive of the game started at the USF 9-yard line, the second-best starting position this year after the Bearcats started a drive on the 1-yard line at Miami (Ohio). Both short drives ended in touchdowns for UC with WR Khalil Lewis pulling in an 8-yard pass from QB Desmond Ridder against the Bulls with RB Michael Warren II running the ball in from 1-yard out against the RedHawks.
- USF scored a touchdown on its opening drive, marking just the second time an opponent has done so in 2018 with UConn being the first. The Bearcats forced its other eight foes to punt on their first possessions of the game.
- The defense recorded 7.0 tackles for loss on the night and 4.0 sacks. The 7.0 TFLs marks the seventh time this year that the Bearcats have recorded 6.0 or more in a game while the 4.0 sacks marks the fourth time UC has posted 4.0 or more.
- USF entered the game averaging 219.0 rushing yards per game, but were limited to just 81 on the ground by the Bearcats. That total marked the sixth time in 2018 that UC has held a foe to under 100 yards rushing in a game. With 313 yards of total offense allowed, it marked the seventh time in 2018 UC has held an opponent to 350 yards or less.
- The Bearcats are 9-1 on the year marking the 13th time in program history they have recorded at least nine victories in a season. The last time UC recorded nine or more wins was 2014 when it finished 9-4 overall to cap a four-year stretch in with nine or more victories in a season.
- ***Nine or More Victories in a Season for Cincinnati***
 - 1897 • 9-1-1
 - 1946 • 9-2
 - 1951 • 10-1
 - 1953 • 9-1
 - 1976 • 9-2
 - 2007 • 10-3
 - 2008 • 11-3
 - 2009 • 12-1
 - 2011 • 10-3
 - 2012 • 10-3
 - 2013 • 9-4
 - 2014 • 9-4
 - 2018 • 9-1
- Cincinnati won the first time as a nationally ranked team this year (lost at Temple earlier this year)

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- RB Michael Warren II had one of his best games of the year as the sophomore rushed for 151 yards on the ground and scored three touchdowns while adding two catches for 27 yards and his first career score through the air for his first four-score game. Warren had scoring runs of 57, 1 and 1 after hauling a 13-yard grab to open his scoring. With his 151 yards on the ground,

Warren eclipsed 1,000 yards on the ground for the first time in his career and the first time at UC since the 2012 season (George Winn) while bringing his season total to 1,082 yards this year.

- **1,000-YARD RUSHERS:** With his 57-yard scamper in the third quarter, Warren eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark, making him the 11th Bearcats player to do so in program history and the first since 2012 when George Winn did so. Sitting on 1,082 yards, Warren will need 79 yards to tie Allen Harvin for the 10th-most yards on the ground in a single season after Harvin rushed for 1,161 yards in 1982.
- **BROKEN RECORD:** With his four touchdowns on the night, Warren brought his season total to 18 scores on the year (17 rushing, 1 receiving), breaking the single-season school record of 17 that was previously held by both David Small in 1993 (17 rushing) and Demarcus McClesky in 2002 (15 rushing, 2 receiving). He tied the record with his first 1-yard plunge in the third quarter and broke the record with his second 1-yard score later in the third.
- **TIED RECORD:** The 17 rushing touchdowns Warren has tallied in 2018 currently have him tied for the most in single season in program history, sharing the honor with David Small, who ran for 17 in 1993.
- **POINTS-A-PLENT:** With his 18 touchdowns, Warren has accounted for 108 points this year, placing him third in single-season scoring. Andrew Gantz is just ahead of him in second with 112 points (2015) with Jim O'Brien holding the all-time mark with 142 points in 1968. Warren entered the game with 84 points on the year with 98 points (Tony Miliano, 2011) ranking 10th.
- **LONG TRUCK DRIVES:** Warren, who scored three rushing touchdowns for the second time this year (at UCLA), broke off a 57-yard scoring run, which also pushed him over 1,000 yards. That carry ranks as the fifth-longest scoring play of the year for the Bearcats and the second-longest rushing score of the season behind his own 81-yard carry against Tulane.
- **NATIONALLY KNOWN:** Through tonight's games around the nation, Warren's 17 rushing touchdowns currently rank as a tie for the second most with Memphis' Darrell Henderson. The AAC duo trails only Devin Singletary of Florida Atlantic, who leads the nation with 18.
- **Warren in the Cincinnati Record Books**
 - #1 • Total Touchdowns in a Season with 18 (17 rushing, 1 receiving)
 - #1 (tie) • Rushing Touchdowns in a Season with 17 (tied with David Small, 1993)
 - #3 • Points Scored in a Season with 108
 - #4 (tie) • 100-yard Rushing Games in a Season with 6 (eighth time it has happened in UC history)
- DE Michael Pitts blocked the PAT following USF's opening touchdown throw in the first quarter, marking the first time that has happened since November 20, 2015, when Cortez Broughton blocked an attempt in the first quarter at USF.
- On UC's second drive of the game, the Bearcats were forced to punt with P James Smith sending the ball down the field 64 yards with WR Alex Pierce downing the ball at the USF 1-yard line. The UC defense forced a 3-and-out with USF punting the ball 39 yards and UC returning it to the USF 9-yard line. The Bearcats would eventually score on an 8-yard pass to Lewis.
- QB Desmond Ridder finished the game with 194 yards passing with two scoring strikes through the air and added 60 yards on the ground on 18 carries. With his scores through the air, Ridder has now recorded his sixth multiple-touchdown game of 2018.
- WR Khalil Lewis pulled in an 8-yard scoring pass from Ridder to get the Bearcats on the board in the first quarter, his sixth receiving touchdown of the year and the 18th of his UC career.
- LB Michael Pitts recorded a team-high-tying 1.5 tackles for loss in the game, a career high. He was joined by DE Kimoni Fitz, DE Cortez Broughton and LB Bryan Wright with 1.5 TFLs tonight.

NEXT UP

- Cincinnati will travel to Orlando, Fla., next Saturday for a showdown with #12 UCF. The game time and television information will be announced Sunday.