



Postgame Notes
Cincinnati 63, Kennesaw State 10
Sept. 10, 2022 | Nippert Stadium

Highlights

- Cincinnati has now won 28 straight games at Nippert Stadium, which is the second longest active streak in the nation, only trailing Clemson (35).
- The Bearcats have won 21 consecutive home openers, a streak that began with a 36-29 overtime win over TCU in 2002. The Bearcats are 6-0 in home openers and 29-4 at home under Fickell.
- It is the largest margin of the victory since Sept. 15, 2018, when UC beat Alabama A&M 63-7 and the second-largest margin of victory under head coach Luke Fickell.
- The 39,014 people in attendance marked the sixth-best crowd in the stadium's history.
- The captains for the game were redshirt senior guard Dylan O'Quinn, redshirt senior tight end Josh Whyte, sixth-year senior defensive lineman Jabari Taylor and sixth-year linebacker Wil Huber.
- The 63 points are the most points in a game since defeating Alabama A&M in the 2018 home opener.
- Cincinnati held the Owls to 142 rushing yards, which snapped Kennesaw State's 73-game streak of 150 or more rushing yards in a game that started on Nov. 17, 2015.

Offensive Notes

- Tight end Josh Whyte recorded a 17-yard receiving touchdown from Ben Bryant in the first quarter. It is the first touchdown of the season for Whyte and the 13th of his career. He has now scored a touchdown in three straight home openers.
- Wide receiver Will Pauling caught the longest reception of his career with a 30-yard catch early in the second quarter. He finished the game with a career-high 41 receiving yards.
- Tight end Leonard Taylor caught a nine-yard pass from Ben Bryant for his second touchdown of the season and eighth of his career. Taylor has recorded receiving touchdown in back-to-back games after a 15-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter at Arkansas.
- Wide receiver Tyler Scott caught his first touchdown of the season, a 21-yard reception in the second quarter.
- Running back Charles McClelland found the endzone on a five-yard rush in the third quarter for his first rushing touchdown of the season. It was his fifth career rushing touchdown as Bearcat and his first since Temple on October 10, 2021.
- Quarterback Ben Bryant ended his day by going 17-20 for 201 and three touchdowns, boasting a completion percentage of 85%.

- The last time a UC quarterback recorded a competition percentage over 85 percent was Brendan Kay, when he went 13-15 for 86.7 percent against Northwestern State on Sept. 14, 2013.
- Bryant's previous career-high completion percentage was 80% percent, going 20-25 against St. Francis (Pa) while at Eastern Michigan on September 3, 2021.
- Evan Prater's 44-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter was the longest in his career.
- Myles Montgomery's 76-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter is the longest touchdown run since Jerome Ford broke one off for 79 yards against in the AAC Championship win over Houston on Dec. 4, 2021. He totaled 107 yards, his first time eclipsing the 100-yard mark. It marks the third 100-yard rushing game by a current Bearcat, with McClelland having two in 2018.

Defensive Notes

- For the second straight game, linebacker Ivan Pace Jr. lead the Bearcats in tackles (11).
- Defensive lineman Dontay Corleone recorded the first sack of his career in the first quarter.
- Linebacker Ty Van Fossen and defensive lineman Eric Phillips made their first starts of the season. It is Van Fossen's 14th career start and Phillips' first career start.
- Defensive lineman Jabari Taylor scooped and scored on a 23-yard fumble recovery on the defensive possession of the second half for his first touchdown of his career. It was the second recovered fumble of his career and the first fumble returned for a touchdown since Kimoni Fitz did so against UCF on Nov. 17, 2018. It is also the first defensive touchdown since Coby Bryant returned an interception for 74 yards against UCF on Oct. 14, 2021.
- Safety Ja'Von Hicks jumped a route and scored his first career touchdown on his 45-yard interception return. It is his eighth interception and his first of the season.
- Defensive tackle Jowon Briggs tied his career-high in tackles in a game with seven, doing so all in the first half. He finished the game with eight tackles.
- Linebacker Jaheim Thomas set a new career game-high in tackles for the second straight week, recording nine tackles against the Owls.

Special Teams Notes

- Linebacker Deshawn Pace blocked his second career field goal. It marked the first blocked field goal since Arquon Bush did so on a 35-yard attempt at East Carolina on Nov. 11, 2021.
- Mason Fletcher recorded a career-long punt of 64 yards in the first quarter. Fletcher has surpassed his career-long in back-to-back games after a 54-yard punt at Arkansas. His career-long entering the season was 53 yards.
- The 64-yard punt is the longest since James Smith recorded a 72-yard punt at Temple on Oct. 20, 2018.

Odds and Ends

- The Bearcats move to 651-596-50 all-time in their 135th season of college football.
- Luke Fickell improved to 49-16 in his sixth season at Cincinnati.
- Cincinnati is now 23-3 since the start of the 2020 season and 45-8 since the start of 2018. Both marks rank in the top-five in the nation.