

Cincinnati head coach Luke Fickell

"You have to give Murray State a lot of credit, they did a great job coming out, and it wasn't the way we prepared. We respect the way they play. They came out and did a good job offensively and meticulously moved the ball. I think that is the thing that frustrated us...our offense had the ball one possession for three plays. You have to give them an incredible amount of credit for the game plan and doing it. For us there was nothing greater than handling some adversity. In Week One, we didn't have any adversity and we played the way we wanted to play. The only way to grow up is to handle adversity. The great thing that happened to us was to go into halftime at 7-7 and see what we are made of. The leaders stood up. (Quarterback) Desmond Ridder made sure the expectations were set and we weren't going to roll over. We learned a lot about ourselves in the second half. It took a little time for us to calm down, and we made adjustments here and there and came out the way we should play."

Murray State head coach Dean Hood

"Obviously, it was a tale of two halves. We played really good in the first half, should have gone in ahead at halftime, six points at least. We turned it over when we had a chance to score points. We missed a field goal and they missed one, too. The second half, we didn't play as well in the first half and the big thing was turning the ball over. The game had five turnovers and we had one from them and that's not going to be good no matter who you play. When you play a top-10 team it will really be a hard game and that's what we had."