



2019 CINCINNATI BEARCATS FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

CINCINNATI 35, MIAMI (OH) 13

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ATTENDANCE: 35,526

SERIES INFORMATION

- With the win, Cincinnati pulled to within one game of tying the all-time series with Miami as the RedHawks lead, 59-58-7. Miami has been tied for or held the series lead since 1916 and the series was last tied in 1953.
- The Bearcats also closed in on tying the series when it is played in Cincinnati as MU leads, 44-42-5.
- UC has now won 14 in a row in the Battle for the Victory Bell.

CAPTAINS/COIN TOSS

- Cincinnati's captains for today's game: #11 Bryan Wright, #75 Chris Ferguson, #78 Morgan James, #83 Josiah Deguara
- Cincinnati won the toss and deferred its choice to the second half; Miami chose to receive and defended the north.
- Former UC kicker Henk Hartong (1961) served as the game's honorary captain. Hartong was the first soccer-style kicker in college football.

TEAM NOTES

- After being shutout last weekend at Ohio State, the Bearcats rebounded with their largest amount of points in a game this year. That came after a slow start in which UC trailed, 10-0, following the first quarter. From there, the Bearcats scored 28 in a row with RB Michael Warren II's rushing touchdown at the start of the second quarter snapping a scoreless streak of five quarters for the Bearcats.
- For the third game in a row this year, the UC defense forced at least one fumble and, for the second time, recovered at least one fumble as well. The Bearcats forced UCLA into a pair of fumbles, recovering both, before forcing two against Ohio State. Today, UC forced one fumble and recovered it as well.
- UC has forced a turnover in six-straight games, dating back to the UCF game on Nov. 17, 2018.
- **SACKED:** J Michael Pitts and DE Malik Vann each recorded 2.0 sacks and MLB Bryan Wright added 1.0 to give the Bearcats 5.0 sacks on the game. The trio combined for 41 yards of losses with those five sacks as well. Under Luke Fickell, this is the third time the Bearcats have posted five quarterback sacks in a single game after doing so last year at UCLA and at home against Navy with today's loss yardage the most of those three games following 37 yards against the Midshipmen and 25 from the Bruins.
- Dating back to 2001, today's 5.0 sacks ties for the 11th-most in single game. And, since 2009, the Bearcats have sacked a Miami quarterback 5.0 or more times in a single game now five times, including 10.0 in 2014 and 5.0 in 2013, 2016 and 2019.
- **RAPID FIRE:** Heading into the game, UC had scored on four possessions with the quickest score taking 2:43 off the clock. Starting with the final score of the first half, the Bearcats put together three quick drives of under two minutes, all of which resulted in touchdowns. Warren ran for eight yards to cap a 1:59 drive right before halftime. The quickest scoring drive was updated to 1:42 in the third quarter when Geddis reeled in a 62-yard strike from Ridder. The time was lowered once again on the next drive when Warren broke off a 72-yard scamper to the house in a drive lasting 0:47.
- **DRIVE NUMBERS:**
 - UC's first scoring drive of the game – an 8-yard rushing score in the second quarter by RB Michael Warren II – covered 77 yards in 12 plays and took 4:30 off the clock. That was the longest drive of the season in relation to the number of plays. The previous high was a pair of 10-play drives against UCLA.
 - In the third quarter, Ridder connected with WR Thomas Geddis for a 62-yard for the longest scoring play and the longest overall play of the year.
 - On the next drive, Warren broke a 72-yard run for a score, marking the longest play overall, longest rush of the year and the longest scoring play of the year.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Warren finished the day with 113 yards on the ground with three scores while also pulling in five catches for 45 yards. His three scores on land ties his career-high that he set twice last year (at UCLA, vs. USF) and marks his eighth career game with two or more rushing touchdowns in a game. He also now has eight career games of 100-yards on the ground.

- Warren broke the century mark with the aid of a 73-yard scoring run, which stands as his second longest carry behind an 81-yard jaunt last year. For his career, Warren has tallied 24 rushing touchdowns and is tied for fifth on the program's career Top 10 ledger with both Mike Boone (2014-17) and Reggie Taylor (1983-86).
- In the past two meetings with Miami, Warren has been nearly unstoppable as he has carried for 204 yards and five touchdowns after amassing 91 yards and two scores last year in the monsoon at Paul Brown Stadium. In that span, Miami has scored just one touchdown (today) and tallied 13 points (all today)
- **ALMOST ALL:** Prior to the 62-yard touchdown pass from Ridder to Geddis in the third quarter, the Bearcats had scored six total touchdowns in 2019 with two men accounting for all of those. At the time, Warren had rushed for three scores and caught one with Deguara catching two.
- **OPENING DRIVES:** Defensively, Cincinnati has not allowed points to be scored this year on any of the opening drives in the first and second half of a game. In the opponent's first possession of the first half, UC has forced one fumble and two punts. In the second half, the first possessions ended in an interception and two punts. Conversely, on the offensive side, UC has scored twice on its opening six possessions, both in the second half with touchdowns against UCLA and Miami. The other four possessions ended in punts.
- **STARTER NOTES**
 - WR Trent Cloud made his first career start
 - Both S Jacob Dingle and LB Brody Ingle made their first appearances on special teams on the opening kick-off
 - WR Blue Smith made his first collegiate appearance late in the game.
- **QUICK HITS**
 - After starting the game 0-for-3 in passing, QB Desmond Ridder went 4-of-4 on the Warren's touchdown drive that made it 10-7 in the second quarter.
 - In the second quarter, LB Bryan Wright recorded a sack-fumble of the Miami QB with DE Myjai Sanders recovering the loose ball. The fumble forced is the second of Wright's career while Sanders' recovery is the first of his career.
 - At the start of the third quarter, Ridder connected with Deguara for a 27-yard score and the longest scoring pass play of the 2019 season. The previous long was 21 yards from Ridder to Warren against UCLA. That is Deguara's second score of the year and his seventh receiving touchdown in his career.
 - Late in the third quarter, Ridder connected with WR Thomas Geddis on a 62-yard touchdown pass, the longest play of the year, the longest scoring play of the year and Geddis' career-long reception. The previous long was a 52-yard pass from Ridder to Alec Pierce against UCLA.
 - Geddis' touchdown in the third quarter was his first in almost one year as his last score came September 15, 2018, on a 29-yard pitch-and-catch with Ridder against Alabama A&M.
 - A number of defenders had career bests on the day including: S Darrick Forrest (tied CH w/9 tackles), DE Ethan Tucky (6 tackles), S Taj Ward (4 tackles), DT Elijah Ponder and DT Jabari Taylor (3 tackles), S Nate Dingle (2 tackles).
 - RB Ryan Montgomery had a number of career highs against Miami (OH), setting marks for rush attempts (5), rushing yards (35), longest rush (26), punt returns (5) and punt-return yards (57).

NEXT UP

- Following next week's off week, the Bearcats will return to action Saturday, September 28, at Marshall. The game in Huntington, W.Va., will kick at 5 p.m. and air on Facebook Live.