



2018 CINCINNATI BEARCATS FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

CINCINNATI 42, NAVY 0

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ATTENDANCE: 36,218

SERIES INFORMATION

- Cincinnati defeated Navy for the first time in four games in the series after the Midshipmen had won the previous three
- Today's result saw the Bearcats tie the record for the most points scored in the series after Navy won last year, 42-32
- Half of the games in the series have now ended in one team being held scoreless after Navy won the first meeting, 14-0, in 1940
- Today's game was the first in the series that was played in Cincinnati after the previous three (1940, 1956, 2017) were played in Annapolis, Md.
- UC's 42-point margin of victory is the largest in the series, surpassing the 14-point win (14-0) for Navy in 1940

CAPTAINS/COIN TOSS

- Cincinnati's captains were #44 Marquise Copeland, #72 Garrett Campbell and #96 Cortez Broughton
- Cincinnati won the toss and deferred its choice to the second half; Navy to receive and defend the north
- Cincinnati won the opening coin toss for the eighth time in nine games this season and, when including the coin toss ahead of overtime, has won 10 of 11 possible coin tosses (8-1 ahead of the game, 2-0 in overtime)

TEAM NOTES

- The Bearcats opened the game with a 6-play, 60-yard touchdown drive with Michael Warren II cashing in from 8-yards out, giving UC its second game in a row with a touchdown on its opening possession. For the year, the Bearcats have scored four touchdowns, lost the ball on a fumble once and punted four times this year.
- Cincinnati scored on its first four (and only) possessions of the first half to build a 28-0 lead at the break. It marked the second time this year that the Bearcats scored touchdowns on all their possessions in the first half of a game after going 6-for-6 against Alabama A&M. Today also marked the third time the Bearcats scored touchdowns on four or more possessions in a row with the second instance coming at UConn when UC score on its final drive of the second quarter, all three in the third and its first in the fourth quarter. UC added to that by scoring on its opening drive of the second half to move to 5-of-5 on the day before punting on its second drive of the half.
- The Bearcats scored touchdowns on their opening drives of both halves of play, the fourth time that has happened this year. The previous occasions came against Alabama A&M, UConn and SMU.
- Cincinnati allowed 171 yards of total offense to Navy and held the Midshipmen to 124 yards on the ground, their lowest output of the season. In fact, the rushing total for Navy is 183 yards under its season average of 307.3 per contest and surpassed its previous low of 129 yards rushing earlier this year at Air Force. The 171 total yards ranks as the fewest UC has allowed in 2018 (was 198 to Miami) with the 124 rushing yards the second-fewest (59 to Miami).
- The 124 rushing yards allowed was not only the lowest of the year for Navy, it also was 452 yards fewer than what the Midshipmen put on UC last year in Annapolis when they ran for 576 yards, the most allowed by a UC team in program history. Navy entered the game with the No. 3 rushing offense in the NCAA FBS. One of the differences was the play up front as UC recorded a season-high-tying 5.0 sacks (had the same at UCLA to open the season) after not recording a sack last year at Navy.
- The Bearcats shutout their second opponent in 2018 after earlier defeating Miami (Ohio), 21-0 (9/8/18). Today's shutout marks the first time since the 1981 season that the Bearcats have shutout multiple foes after UC won 10-0 at home over Rutgers (9/26) and 24-0 at home over Louisville (11/14).
- Navy entered the game ranked 24th nationally in fourth down conversions having converted on 14-of-22 attempts. Cincinnati, who entered the game ranked ninth nationally in fourth down conversion defense, held the Midshipmen to 0-for-3 on fourth downs today.
- Navy did not reach the red zone during the game with UC going 4-for-4 on the day. The closest Navy got was the UC 25 yard line before turning the ball over on downs. In fact, the Midshipmen advanced the ball into UC territory on just three of their 10 drives. Along with reaching the 25, Navy also reached the UC 49 in the first quarter (punt) and the UC 34 in the third quarter (downs).
- The Bearcats did not have a turnover on the day (six touchdowns, three punts, one end of game), marking the second time they have done so this year (0 at Miami). After recovering one fumble and finishing +1 in the turnover battle, UC has either finished tied with its opponent (four times) or leading (three) seven times in eight games.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Michael Warren II scored on an 8-yard carry on the opening drive to stake the Bearcats to a 7-0 lead. With that score, Warren has rushed for at least one score on the ground in eight of the team's nine games so far in 2018 (did not score last week at SMU to snap a seven-game streak) and brought his season total to 13. His 13 rushing scores is the most for a UC back since George Winn ran for 13 in 2012.
- Warren ran in his second of the game in the second quarter, marking the fifth time in 2018 he has scored two or more times on the ground and the first since the UConn game. Warren also brought his season total (at the time) to 14 rushing touchdowns, the most since 2009 when DeMarco McCleskey ran for 15, and the third-highest total in a single season behind on David Small (17, 1993) and McCleskey.
- Warren, who ranks in the Top 5 nationally in rushing touchdowns this season, finished the game with 68 yards on the ground with two scores, averaging 4.5 yards per carry. He now has 931 yards on the ground this season (607 yards more than his rookie season of 2017), leaving him 69 yards shy of 1,000 for the season. Winn was the last Bearcats back to rush for 1,000 yards or more in a season, accumulating 1,334 yards in 2012.
- QB Desmond Ridder rushed for a 7-yard score on the team's second drive of the game, his fifth rushing touchdown of the season. That scored marked the fifth time this year that both Ridder and Warren have both scored at least one rushing touchdown in the same game (Alabama A&M, Ohio, UConn and Tulane prior to today). Ridder later connected with Rashad Medaris for a 55-yard strike in the third quarter to give him one rushing and one passing score in the game for the fifth time this season.
- UC's second touchdown of the game (Ridder, 7-yard rush) came on a 14-play, 89-yard drive that used 6:26 of clock. For the year, that ranks as a tie for the longest drive by number of plays (fourth time in 2018), the third-longest by yardage and the third-longest by time.
- WR Rashad Medaris hauled in a 55-yard strike from Ridder on the opening drive of the second half, his second score of 50 yards or more this year, trailing only his 77-yard scoring catch from Ridder against Ohio. That scoring play stands as the fifth-longest play of the year and the fifth-longest scoring play of the season.
- DT Coretz Broughton made his 45th career start for the Bearcats while also starting for the 36th game in a row. In the game, he recorded a career-high 10 tackles that included 0.5 sacks and 1.5 tackles for loss. His 10 tackles are a career-high, surpassing his previous best of six.
- WR Javan Hawes made his first career start for the Bearcats.

NEXT UP

- Cincinnati will play host to USF Saturday, November 10, at Nippert Stadium. The game time and television network will be announced Sunday.