



Postgame Notes

Towson vs. Cincinnati

Aug. 31, 2024 | Historic Nippert Stadium

Team Notes

- With the victory, Cincinnati has now won 23 straight home openers dating back to 2002. The streak began with a 36-29 triumph vs. TCU on Sept. 6, 2002.
- Saturday's game marked the first-ever meeting between UC and Towson.
- The Bearcats are now 72-32-2 all-time against FCS opponents.
- Cincinnati improves to 43-16 at Nippert Stadium since the start of the 2015 season and 88-28 at Nippert since 2000.
- UC is now 8-1 all-time in August games and has won its last seven.
- Opening its 137th season of college football, Cincinnati's all-time record now stands at 663-608-50.
- Head Coach Scott Satterfield's career record is now 80-57. His teams are now 9-3 all-time in home openers, and he is 2-0 in home openers as Cincinnati's head coach.
- Cincinnati had four captains pre-game: redshirt junior defensive tackle Dontay Corleone, redshirt senior safety Derrick Canteen, redshirt senior offensive lineman Gavin Gerhardt, and redshirt senior offensive lineman Luke Kandra.
- Thirty-four players made their Cincinnati debut on Saturday including true freshmen Jiquan Sanks, Gavin Grover, Simeon Coleman, Marqavious Saboor, Dontay Weedon, and Devyn Zahursky.

Offensive Notes

- The Bearcats totaled 658 yards of total offense - the most in the Big 12 this season and 10th most in the 137-year history of Cincinnati football.
- Redshirt sophomore quarterback Brendan Sorsby made his first start for the Bearcats, completing 22-of-31 passes for a career-best 383 yards and two touchdowns. Sorsby won the starting quarterback job in fall camp after transferring to Cincinnati from Indiana.
- Sorsby's 383 passing yards are the most for a Cincinnati QB since Gunner Kiel threw for 386 yards on Nov. 14, 2015 vs. Tulsa.
- Sorsby also rushed for two touchdowns, a two-yarder and a 12-yarder, the second time he has rushed for multiple touchdowns in a game in his college career.
- On his first drive of the game, Sorsby was a perfect 4-for-4 for 65 yards.

- The first touchdown of the season was a two-yard rushing touchdown from Sorsby that capped a 7-play, 75-yard drive to open the game.
- Sorsby's first touchdown pass was a 42-yard toss to Xzavier Henderson in the first quarter.
- In the first half, Sorsby completed 17-of-23 passes for 328 yards and two touchdowns. The last UC quarterback to eclipse 300 passing yards in the first half was Emory Jones last season in the season opener vs. Eastern Kentucky. Jones threw for 326 yards in the first half in that game.
- Redshirt junior wide receiver Sterling Berkhalter hauled in a 61-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter, his first reception as a Bearcat and the longest reception of his career. His previous career-long reception was a 42-yard catch while still at North Carolina A&T in 2022.
- Redshirt junior tight end Joe Royer caught five passes for 89 yards in his Cincinnati debut. The Ohio State transfer entered the game with four career receptions for 24 yards.
- Cincinnati scored 21 points in the first quarter, its highest-scoring first quarter since last season's opener vs. Eastern Kentucky on Sept. 2, 2023.
- Nine different players caught a pass on Saturday, and six of the nine caught their first passes in a Cincinnati uniform: Sterling Berkhalter, Joe Royer, Jamoi Mayes, Francis Sherman, Evan Pryor, and Manny Covey.
- Redshirt junior running back Evan Pryor's first carry of the game was a 64-yard touchdown, the longest touchdown of his career. Pryor transferred to Cincinnati prior to the 2024 season from Ohio State.
- Three different receivers had at least one reception of 40 yards or longer: Xzavier Henderson, Sterling Berkhalter, and Aaron Turner. It marked the first time at least three receivers accomplished that since the Eastern Kentucky game last season.
- Henderson caught seven passes for 101 yards and a touchdown, his fourth 100-yard receiving game as a Bearcat and the fifth overall in his career.

Defensive Notes

- Freshman Jiquan Sanks started the game at safety, making him the first true freshman to start a season opener since eventual Super Bowl champion Marquise Copeland in 2015.
- Redshirt senior Jared Bartlett's career-high was seven tackles while at West Virginia.
- Seven Bearcats (Jared Bartlett, Kamari Burns, Derrick Canteen, Jake Golday, Rob Jackson, Josh Minkins Jr., Jiquan Sanks) made their first starts in a UC uniform. Burns redshirted last year, Jackson is in his fourth, Sanks is a true freshman and the others are transfers.
- Minkins had two pass break-ups, tying his career-high from 2022 while at Louisville.
- Redshirt junior Jordan Young's five tackles matched a career-high.

Special Teams Notes

- Senior Mason Fletcher two 50 plus yard punts. 51-yard punt fair caught by John Dunmore at the Towson seven-yard line. 54-yard punt to Towson 24-yard line.

- Redshirt freshman Michael Mussari made his debut as punt returner.
- Junior Carter Brown made one field goal moving his UC total to 16 and career total to 27.