Postgame Notes
Cincinnati vs. Bowling Green
Sept. 6, 2025 | Nippert Stadium

Team Notes

- Cincinnati's all-time record now stands at 668-616-50.
- The win is Cincinnati's first versus Bowling Green in five tries. BGSU won the previous four meetings in the series, all four of which took place in the early 1990's.
- The Bearcats have now won 24 straight home openers, a streak that began in 2002 with an overtime win vs. TCU.
- Cincinnati had four captains pre-game: redshirt senior defensive lineman Dontay Corleone, redshirt senior offensive lineman Gavin Gerhardt, and redshirt junior quarterback Brendan Sorsby, and redshirt senior cornerback Logan Wilson.
- A moment of silence was held before the game for Jeremiah Kelly, a member of the Cincinnati football team who passed away on April 22, 2025. Members of Kelly's family were on the field for the opening coin toss.

Offensive Notes

- Brendan Sorsby completed 17-of-24passes for 333yards and three touchdowns. The game was Sorsby's third career game with at least 300 passing yards, all of which have come as a Bearcat.
- Sorsby also ran for a touchdown, giving him four total scores. It was the fourth time in his career he has scored at least four touchdowns in a game. His career-best outing came while at Indiana when he accounted for five touchdowns (three passing, two rushing) at Illinois.
- Sorsby led the team with 40 yards rushing, the second straight game he's led UC on the ground and the fourth time in his career he has led Cincinnati in rushing.
- Sorsby threw three touchdowns in the first half, two to Cyrus Allen and one to Jeff Caldwell, the first time in his career he has thrown at least three touchdowns in the first half of a game. The last time he threw multiple touchdowns in the first half of a game was last season at Texas Tech (Sept. 28, 2024).
- Jeff Caldwell led UC with five receptions and 109 yards, including a nine-yard touchdown catch. It was his seventh career 100-yard receiving game.

- Allen caught three passes for 45 yards and two touchdowns. His two touchdown receptions tied his career high, previously accomplished on Sept. 1, 2022 at Missouri when he was at Louisiana Tech.
- Allen is the first Bearcat with multiple touchdown receptions in a game since Tony Johnson caught two at Kansas State last year (Nov. 23, 2024).
- Sorsby found Joe Royer for a 73-yard reception in the second quarter, a career-long reception for the tight end.
- Royer caught two passes for 104 yards, his first career 100-yard receiving game and the first 100-yard receiving game by a UC tight end since Josiah Deguara in 2018.
- Royer's 73-yard catch was the longest by a UC tight end since Josiah Deguara in 2019. Deguara's long reception that season was also 73 yards at East Carolina.
- It was also the longest reception by a Big 12 tight end since TCU's Jared Wiley hauled in an 81-yard catch vs. Baylor in 2023.
- Caldwell and Royer became the first Bearcat duo to eclipse 100 receiving yards since Xzavier Henderson and Manny Covey did so at Texas Tech last season.
- The offensive line did not allow a sack for the second straight game.

Defensive Notes

- Jake Golday, the reigning Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week, racked up 14 tackles (eight solo). It marked the most stops for a Bearcat since Ivan Pace Jr. against Louisville in 2022.
- Jack Dingle's 1.5 sacks marked a career-high.
- Redshirt-freshman cornerback Daniel James got his first-career start.
- Linebacker Jonathan Thompson earned his first start of the season and ninth for his career.
- Antwan Peek Jr., who ranked among the nation's best with four forced fumbles last year, had another on the day.

Special Teams Notes

- Stephen Rusnak was perfect on the day, connecting on both field goal attempts (23, 40). He has now made 14 consecutive field goals dating back to last season at Charlotte.
- Max Fletcher punted twice for an average of 56 yards, including a season-best punt of 62 yards. Three of his six punts this season have gone for 50 yards or longer.