Postgame Notes
Game 5: Cincinnati at Arizona
Oct. 3, 2026 | Casino Del Sol Stadium

Team Notes

- Cincinnati suffered its first setback of the season with a 34-7 loss to Arizona. The Bearcats enter their bye week with a 4-1 (1-1 Big 12) record.
- Today's game captains were Antwan Peek Jr., JC French, and Evan Tengesdahl, the same trio as last week.
- Wide receiver Malachi Henry and defensive lineman Drew Logan made starts marking three consecutive weeks doing so.
- Cincinnati's all-time record now stands at 677-621-51.
- The 11:00 p.m. ET kickoff marked Cincinnati's latest game start since kicking off at 11:30 p.m. ET at Hawai'i on Dec. 6, 2008.
- The game marked Cincinnnati's first game outside of the city of Cincinnati in 2026. Cincinnati stayed entirely inside city limits for the first month of the season, playing all four September games in Cincinnati before making this road trip to Tucson.
- Since 1990, UC is 21-26 in games played west of the Mississippi River and were 2-3 in such games a season ago.

Offensive Notes

- JC French's 21-yard rush in the second quarter was his longest run of the season and tied the longest of his career.
- Cole Tabb's 23-yard reception in the second quarter was a career long. He finished with four receptions for 40 yards.
- Isaiah Johnson was UC's leading receiver, recording six catches for 60 yards. His 24-yard reception in the fourth quarter was a season long.
- French finished the night passing 16-29 for 153 yards.

Defensive Notes

- Safety MJ Cannon intercepted Arizona quarterback Noah Fifita in the first quarter, his second interception of the season and his third forced turnover. Cannon recorded a season-high eight tackles against the Wildcats.

- Safety Jasper Beeler stuffed a 4th-and-2 rush from Arizona running back Kedrick Reescano for a 1-yard loss, stopping the Wildcats in the redzone – from the Cincinnati 20 - at the 3:02 mark in the first quarter.
- Beeler had a season-high 12 tackles and tied his career with two TFLs matching his season total of TFLs a season ago with Northern Illinois.
- Cornerback Jacob Finley forced a fumble in the third quarter. It was the second forced fumble of his career, and first since 2023.
- Brian Simms tied his career highs in TFL (1.5) and sacks (1). Josh Hough and Simeon Coleman were each credited with half a sack.

Special Teams Notes

- Max Fletcher punted a season-high five times, with a long of 62 yards, and had two land inside the 20-yard line. He has now pinned the opposing team inside the 20 seven times this year and 58 times in his career.
- Fletcher's 62-yard punt in the first quarter was his second longest punt of the season. He also had a 55-yarder.
- Fletcher's career punt average is now 45.77 as a Bearcat, which is the best all-time. UC Athletics Hall of Famer Kevin Huber averaged 45.47 yards per punt during his illustrious career. Fletcher is averaging 46.71 this season.