Postgame Quotes
Cincinnati vs. Colorado
Nov. 21, 2026 | Nippert Stadium

Head Coach Scott Satterfield

Opening Statement

“Obviously we’re very excited about getting the win here. It was a huge win for our guys in our program against Colorado, a team that played their best game they’ve played all season last week. We were kind of shorthanded a little bit today as well, several guys were out. It was great effort by our guys. They stepped up offensively. I thought the guys up front played really well against a really good defense that has been stingy all year. It’s tough to move the ball and score against these guys and our guys did a great job. Credit to our defense for creating the turnovers. Four turnovers today, which was huge. We had not created those kinds of turnovers since Texas Tech. When you get that done, you’ve got an opportunity to win, and those guys did that today. I’m really proud of that effort, the way they played, particularly early in the game. You’re up 14-0 and then you’ve got some good momentum. They made a good run, but our guys continue to play and fight. I’m proud of this win, it was awesome for our guys. I’m happy for our 22 seniors recognized today. JT, Evan, and Peek. Peek caused the fumble again today, how fitting is that on Senior Day. It was awesome to finish it out in Cincinnati. 5-1 in Cincinnati, that’s pretty awesome.”

On Cole Tabb and his record-setting performance on Saturday

"He is outstanding. I think the thing that makes him so good is he is so smart. We can do a lot with him. He is the triple threat because he can block, he can catch, and he can run. He is able to do that because he is smart, and he understands spatial awareness, where he needs to get to. He also has the speed when he gets to the next level, to make those guys miss. He is a special talent, and he is a great person. We love coaching him. We love being around him. He has the most carries he has had since he has been here. You know, and we needed a big game out of him, both running and catching. Has about 30 touches today. So that was pretty big for him. My first running back to go 100 rushing and 100 receiving, so that is pretty cool."

On JV Gibson’s return from injury and the impact he has on the offense

"JV [Gibson] is just a great security blanket on the outside with JC [French] having him there. We feel like we probably could have tried to utilize him. There were some other calls to him, and for whatever reason, the defense kind of dictated the ball did not go that way. It is awesome to be able to have him there because then you can take the other one. I know Malachi [Henry] was

not here today, but we had Larenzo [Fenner], Isaiah [Johnson] and Elijah [Jones] and rotated those guys in. Knowing that JV [Gibson] is that mainstay at the X-receiver. He is great to have there because he is a great player. He is a great blocker, and we feel like even if he is covered, we got an opportunity to make the catch."

On Damaine Wilson and his development throughout the season

"He has continued to get better and better. He has huge potential. He has got a big upside because he is a big guy. He is physical. He can run. It is just making him be consistent. That is just over time with the experience, getting him in these situations and allowing him to make plays. You are right. He made some huge plays in that last drive. He could be a really, really good player for us if he keeps working and puts his mind to it. He will be an outstanding linebacker. He has what you want with the size and the speed."

On JC French reading the defense and if he should have thrown the ball more

"There was a couple of times where because credit to Colorado because they do they blitz over 50% of the time. There was a few times throughout the day, 44 is coming down, 7 is coming down and they are blitzing or they not blitzing. We put a lot on his plate today, the most we put on his plate all year into getting us in some plays. We need to get into or out of some plays depending on the look that is hard man because you do not want to run a play into a bad look and get a free hitter. And then in the throw game, there was a couple he probably could have went back. But I think overall, the way he played with taking care of the football, 18 for 19, pretty solid day. The one in completion was JV [Gibson] caught it right on the sideline. He almost was in. So very efficient passing the ball. I remember a couple third downs that were the initial read is coming open. We just got to stay on a little bit longer."

Quarterback JC French
On playing his last game at Nippert Stadium

“It means a ton, it's crazy. It's the last home game ever, a surreal moment. I am happy for the rest of these seniors.”

On the offensive plan the coaching staff put together ahead of this game

“I believe they did a great job of game planning and focusing on the details, helping me with a lot of checks and stuff. I thought we had a great plan and executed it.”

Outside Linebacker Antwan Peek Jr.

On the defense forcing four turnovers

“We haven’t really won the turnover battle in the last couple of weeks, so we’ve been talking a lot about punching the ball out and just getting interceptions. Everyone executed their job at an elite level, and that’s what led us to get those forced turnovers. If we continue to do that, then we’ll be good.”

On his emotions on Senior Day playing in front of his family

“I was out there on the field for a while after the game. I didn’t come up here until like 30 seconds ago, so I am definitely still soaking it in. Wish I had another year, but we still have one more game. I’m very happy, very blessed to have been able to play at this university for the last five years. This university just means a lot to me, the fans as well.”

Onchanging positions and how he contributes to the team

“I feel like this outside linebacker positions suits what I can do really well. Being able to cover guys, be in the run box. But this scheme, I love it. Being able to do a little bit of everything. It all boils down to execution really. I feel like this position is what I execute the best in.”

Running Back Cole Tabb

On his favorite play of the day

“The screen was pretty cool. Obviously, seeing Taran Tyo 25 yards downfield blocking a linebacker and seeing Evan [Tengesdahl], I saw the safety coming down, and he didn't really see Evan coming over, and he's blocking him 15 yards down the field, kind of ear holding him, and I was able to do the rest, but I was untouched at the end of the day. So, it was a great play call into a blitz and seeing those linemen out in space making plays. The screen was pretty cool.”

On leading team in missed tackles forced

“It's just having a relentless attitude, and that's how I have to play the game. I know I'm not the absolute fastest guy, I know I'm not the biggest guy, I know I'm not the strongest guy. But what can I do to separate myself and be able to make plays? Coach [Sean] Dawkins has a really high standard, and we know if we touch the ball, we have to make someone miss. That's our job as a running back. If we're not doing that, then we shouldn’t have the ball in our hands.”

On believing in his offensive teammates and seeing success all over the the offense

“I have so much belief in all the guys on the field. Whether it’s Lyviel [Waters] catching a ball in the flats or JC [French] stepping in there, taking himself, or even Zion [Johnson] who stepped up great today. I have so much confidence in the guys on the field that I know they’re going to get the job done, so I'm not surprised at all if I don’t get the ball, and I know that they’re going to get the job done too.”