Postgame Notes
Game 11: Cincinnati vs. Colorado
Nov. 21, 2026 | Nippert Stadium

Team Notes

- Cincinnati improved to 6-5 overall and 3-5 in the Big 12, while Colorado dropped to 4-7 and 2-6 in league play.
- Cincinnati's all-time record now stands at 679-625-51.
- Today's game captains were Antwan Peek Jr., Jonathan Thompson, Taran Tyo, and Evan Tengesdahl.
- Today, Cincinnati celebrated 21 seniors on senior day: Jasper Beeler, MJ Cannon, Joe Cotton, Max Fletcher, JC French, JV Gibson, Josh Hough, Thomas Johnson, Will Kocher, KK Meier, Judea Milon, Liam O'Brien, Antwan Peek Jr., Zylan Perry, Stephen Rusnak, Eli Stein, Evan Tengesdahl, Jonathan Thompson, Taran Tyo, Jacob Finley, and Jaylon White-McClain.
- Wide receiver Elijah Jones and cornerback KK Meier both made their first starts as Bearcats. For Jones it was his first career start at the collegiate level. Meier has started 23 games in his career at UTSA and Nevada.
- With the win, Cincinnati secured bowl eligibility for the second consecutive season under head coach Scott Satterfield. UC has now earned a bowl bid in 16 of the last 21 seasons, a stretch that includes four New Year's Six bowls and a College Football Playoff appearance in 2021.
- The Bearcats finish the year with a 5-1 home record, marking the 24th time in program history—and the first since 2022—that Cincinnati has posted a 5–1 or better record at home.
- Cincinnati is 10-3 overall at Nippert Stadium since the start of 2025.
- The Bearcats record at Nippert Stadium since 2000 is 119–40 (.748)
- Cincinnati's win was its first-ever against Colorado. It was the first time the Buffaloes had ever played at Nippert Stadium.

Offensive Notes

- In the first touchdown drive of the game, running back Cole Tabb rushed 28 yards to become just the eighth UC rusher to reach 1,000 yards since 2000 and the ninth in program history to have 1,000 yards and 10 rushing touchdowns in the same season, the

first since Jerome Ford in 2021. Overall, he is the 14th player in program history to record a 1,000-yard rushing season.

- Tabb's season total now stands a 1,097 rushing yards, which ranks 17th all-time in school history.
- Tabb had four total touchdowns on Saturday, two rushing and two receiving, bringing his season touchdown total to 18. That puts him alone in third place in single-season school history. The Cincinnati record for most touchdowns in a season belongs to Jerome Ford (2021) and Michael Warren II (2018) with 20. The last Bearcat with at least four touchdowns in a game was Jerome Ford in 2021 against UCF.
- With four games of at least three touchdowns this season, Tabb is tied for the most in the country this season with Duke's Nate Sheppard.
- Tabb's 12 rushing touchdowns rank tied for eighth most in single-season program history with Desmond Ridder (2020).
- With 120 yards, it was Tabb's sixth 100-yard rushing performance this season, trailing only Michael Warren II's school-record seven 100-yard games in both 2018 and 2019.
- Tabb is currently averaging 8.4 yards per carry (No. 1 in the country).
- Tabb had seven catches for a career-best 110 yards and two touchdowns. He now has 15 catches for 180 yards over the last two games.
- Tabb's career-high 110 receiving yards put him just two shy of the single-game school record for receiving yards by a running back (Isaiah Pead with 112 vs. Syracuse in 2011) are the most by a UC running back in a game since at least 1996. It's also the sixth 100-yard receiving game by an FBS running back this season.
- Tabb is the first Bearcat ever to record at least 100 yards receiving and 100 yards rushing in the same game.
- He is the first Big 12 player since Arizona State's Cam Skattebo in 2024 to record at least 100 rushing yards and 100 receiving yards in the same game.
- Tabb's 230 yards from scrimmage are tied for eighth-most in a game by a Bearcat since 1996. His performance last week at Iowa State (235 yards) ranks seventh, making him and Robert Cooper the only Bearcats to own two of the Top 10 such outings.
- With his two touchdown receptions against Colorado, Cole Tabb pushed his 2026 season total to six receiving touchdowns—tying Errol Prisby's 1964 program record for the most single-season receiving touchdowns by a Cincinnati running back.

  Cole Tabb (2026): 6

  Errol Prisby (1964): 6
- Quarterback JC French completed 18-of-19 passes for 208 yards and two touchdowns and also rushed for 38 yards and one touchdown. His rushing touchdown in the first quarter was his ninth of the season, tied for third-most rushing touchdowns by a quarterback in a season in school history.
- French's completion percentage (94.7%) is the highest by a UC quarterback since 1996 with at least that many pass attempts. He also owns the No. 2 spot on that last after his 21-of-24 performance against Western Carolina earlier this year.

- French completed all 11 of his pass attempts in the first half. The last time a UC quarterback completed at least 10 straight passes to open a game was 2025 when Brendan Sorsby opened the game 15-for-15 against Northwestern State. French also completed 14 straight passes against Western Carolina earlier this season.
- Following his performance, French had eclipsed both 8,000 career passing yards and 1,000 career rushing yards. Entering Saturday's game, just five active FBS quarterbacks had hit those benchmarks in their careers. Since 1996, Desmond Ridder is the only other UC quarterback who has had at least 8,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards in a career.
- Wide receiver JV Gibson returned to action after leaving the Houston game with an injury. He started vs. Colorado on Saturday and caught three passes for 45 yards.
- Running back Zion Johnson ripped off a 23-yard run in the third quarter, the longest of his career. Johnson finished with 59 yards on 12 carries, both of which are career-high totals.

Defensive Notes

- Outside linebacker Antwan Peek Jr. forced a fumble in the third quarter, his fourth of the season and 10th of his career. He leads all active FBS players in career forced fumbles and ranks second all-time in school history behind his father, Antwan Peek (17).
- Safety MJ Cannon recorded the first turnover of the game, an interception in the first quarter, his fourth pick of the season. He's the first Bearcat with at least four interceptions in a season since Deshawn Pace in 2021.
- Safety Jasper Beeler's second quarter interception was his first at UC and the fifth of his career.
- Cornerback Kenny Worthy's game-clinching interception was his third of the year.
- The last time the Bearcats picked off three or more passes in a game was Nov. 11, 2023 at Houston.
- Cincinnati now has 10 interceptions on the season. The last time UC picked off 10 or more passes in a year was 2022 (11).
- It was the fifth time this season that the Bearcats defense forced two or more turnovers in a game, four of them at Nippert and one vs. Miami (Ohio) at TQL.
- It was the Bearcats' first time forcing four turnovers in a game since the 2022 Fenway Bowl vs. Louisville.
- Linebackers Jonathan Thompson and Damaine Wilson both posted a team-high eight tackles. Thompson has led the team or tied for the team lead in tackles four times this year.
- Colorado only got to the red zone one time all game, the fewest times a Cincinnati opponent has reached the red zone this season.

Special Teams Notes

- Punter Max Fletcher landed his final punt of the day at the Colorado 8-yard line, the 17th time this year he has pinned the opposing team inside the 20-yard line.