

WEEK Three
ALABAMA A&M AT CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI -- Desmond Ridder threw three touchdowns and the Cincinnati Bearcats scored on their first six possessions to topple Alabama A&M 63-7 on Saturday.

Ridder completed nine of 10 passes for 199 yards for the Bearcats (3-0). He added a 22-yard run for his first career touchdown. He was finished for the game after the first quarter.

Ridder attempted 11 passes in a rain-soaked game against Miami of Ohio last week but came out throwing against the Bulldogs.

"The first two games it was tough to throw," Ridder said. "UCLA put a lot of pressure on us and the weather was bad last week. Tonight we knew we were going to throw. The weather was perfect."

Cincinnati coach Luke Fickell thought the game would be lopsided but wasn't taking it for granted.

"I've been in a lot of situations where a game is supposed to be like this but it isn't," Fickell said. "We took a step tonight because we came out fast. We were aggressive. We respected our opponent."

Although his new quarterback didn't show his passing aptitude in the first two games, Fickell knew the ability was there.

"Desmond has a lot of confidence in himself," Fickell said. "We love to have balance."

Khalil Lewis, Josiah Deguara and Thomas Geddis caught touchdown passes from Ridder of 61, 22 and 29 yards, respectively. Tavion Thomas was the leading rusher for the Bearcats with 141 yards. Fellow freshman, Charles McClelland, had the first 16 carries of his career for 121 yards, including a one-yard touchdown.

Hayden Moore took over at quarterback in the second quarter and led the Bearcats to their fifth touchdown, completing six of seven passes for 51 yards to set up a 6-yard touchdown run by Michael Warren II. Thomas added an 11-yard touchdown run, the first of his career, and the Bearcats led 42-0 at halftime.

Alabama A&M accumulated 182 yards of offense in trying to earn a win over a FBS opponent for the first time in six tries. Aqeel Glass completed 11 of 27 passes for 110 yards. Teon Dollard led the team with 28 rushing yards.

"It happens like this in these money games sometimes, when they take you to the woodshed and spank you," first year Bulldog coach Connell Maynor said. "Cincinnati is a much-improved team. Coach has his guys headed in the right direction. They are having a great season. We ran into a buzzsaw. We were in position to make tackles and we couldn't make the tackle. They were bigger, faster and stronger than our guys and we were sliding off. Offensively, we kind of shot ourselves in the foot, but they put pressure on the quarterback and covered us and stopped us in the running game. We were just out-matched. I'm proud of my guys for not quitting."

The Bulldogs (1-2) defense was ranked ninth in the FCS by allowing 215 yards per game. Cincinnati had 529 by halftime and finished with a school record 743 yards. The Bearcats gained 711 yards against UConn in 2009.

The Bearcats had a streak of seven-straight scoreless quarters before Glass completed an 11-yard touchdown pass to Zabrian Moore with 3:57 left in the third quarter.

TAKEAWAYS

Alabama A&M: The Bulldogs allowed an average of 215 yards of offense in its first two games. The allowed just 93.8 yards passing. Cincinnati exceeded both in the first quarter.

Cincinnati: The Bearcats roster is 69 percent true freshmen (35), redshirt freshmen (17) and sophomores (29). The Bearcats carry 16 juniors and 15 seniors on its 112-man roster. Running back Charles McClelland had his first varsity carries. Quarterback Ben Bryant threw his first varsity pass.

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AAMU	0	0	7	0	7
CIN	28	14	14	7	63

Scoring Summary -----

	AAMU	CIN
FIRST QUARTER		
CIN TD 10:54		
D. Ridder pass, to T. Geddis for 29 yds for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)	0	7
5 plays, 79 yards, 1:41		
CIN TD 7:46		
D. Ridder run for 22 yds for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)	0	14
7 plays, 77 yards, 2:09		
CIN TD 5:31		
D. Ridder pass, to K. Lewis for 61 yds for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)	0	21
1 play, 61 yards, 0:09		
CIN TD 1:01		
D. Ridder pass, to J. Deguara for 22 yds for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)	0	28
7 plays, 79 yards, 3:03		

	AAMU	CIN
SECOND QUARTER		
CIN TD 11:50		
M. Warren II run for 6 yds for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)	0	35
7 plays, 63 yards, 2:57		
CIN TD 6:01		
T. Thomas run for 11 yds for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)	0	42
7 plays, 78 yards, 3:26		

	AAMU	CIN
THIRD QUARTER		
CIN TD 8:17		
T. Thomas run for 1 yd for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)	0	49
14 plays, 72 yards, 6:38		
AAMU TD 3:57		
A. Glass pass, to Z. Moore for 11 yds for a TD, (S. Corey KICK)	7	49
10 plays, 79 yards, 4:10		

	AAMU	CIN
FOURTH QUARTER		
CIN TD 10:01		
T. Thomas run for 3 yds, T. Thomas fumbled, forced by S. Russell, recovered by Cincy W. Huber, for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)	7	63
11 plays, 76 yards, 5:04		

	AAMU	CIN
Team Stats		
First Downs	6	36
Total Yards	182	741
Total Plays	53	81
Avg Gain Per Play	3.4	9.1
Net Yards Rushing	48	409
Rushes	25	55
Yards Per Rush	1.9	7.4
Net Yards Passing	134	332
Comp-Att	12-28	21-26
Yards Per Pass	4.8	12.8
Times Sacked	2	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-18	-18
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	10	2
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	7
Penalty Yards	40	75
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	24:57	35:03

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Individual Stats					
RUSHING					
AAMU					
Teon Dollard	10	28	2.8	0	8
Jordan Bentley	5	17	3.4	0	10
Clarence Roberts	4	8	2.0	0	3
Josh Cartwright	1	7	7.0	0	7
Trevon Walters	1	4	4.0	0	4
Team	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
Aqeel Glass	3	-13	-4.3	0	5
CIN					
Tavion Thomas	18	141	7.8	2	21
Charles McClelland	16	121	7.6	1	22
Michael Warren II	6	78	13.0	1	32
Michael Kopaygorodsky	5	26	5.2	0	14
Hayden Moore	2	22	11.0	0	13
Jake Sopko	3	15	5.0	0	12
Desmond Ridder	2	12	6.0	1	22
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Ben Bryant	2	-4	-2.0	0	4

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
PASSING							
AAMU							
Aqeel Glass	11	27	110	4.1	1	0	87.2
Josh Cartwright	1	1	24	24.0	0	0	301.6
CIN							
Desmond Ridder	9	10	199	19.9	3	0	356.2
Ben Bryant	6	8	75	9.4	0	1	128.8
Hayden Moore	6	7	58	8.3	0	0	155.3
Jake Sopko	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
RECEIVING					
AAMU					
Brian Jenkins Jr.	2	51	25.5	0	33
Isaiah Bailey	5	37	7.4	0	17
Terrell Gardner	1	24	24.0	0	24
Zabrian Moore	2	15	7.5	1	11
Marceles Clash	1	7	7.0	0	7
Kendric Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0
CIN					
Kahlil Lewis	4	92	23.0	1	61
Jayshon Jackson	6	80	13.3	0	33
Rashad Medaris	2	38	19.0	0	22
Thomas Geddis	1	29	29.0	1	29
Javan Hawes	2	29	14.5	0	18
Josiah Deguara	1	22	22.0	1	22
Michael Warren II	1	18	18.0	0	18
Trent Cloud	1	8	8.0	0	8
Leonard Taylor	1	7	7.0	0	7
Charles McClelland	1	6	6.0	0	6
Bruno Labelle	1	3	3.0	0	3