

**WEEK ELEVEN
SOUTH FLORIDA AT CINCINNATI**

CINCINNATI -- Michael Warren II ran for three touchdowns and caught a pass for another score Saturday night, leading 25th-ranked Cincinnati to a 35-23 victory over South Florida that kept the Bearcats in the chase for the American Athletic title.

The Bearcats (9-1, 5-1) remain a game behind unbeaten UCF for the AAC East lead. No. 11 UCF beat Navy 35-24 and hosts Cincinnati next Saturday.

Cincinnati moved back into the Top 25 after a 42-0 win over Navy. The Bearcats are leaning on their versatile running back -- coach Luke Fickell says he's "built for November" -- in their most important games. Warren came through again.

He had a 13-yard touchdown catch in the first half. He ran for three touchdowns in the third quarter, including a 57-yarder, and set a school record with his 18th TD of the season. Warren has scored in all but one game this season. South Florida (7-4, 3-3) has lost three straight conference games for the first time since 2013. It didn't help that the Bulls were missing their prolific quarterback against the league's stingiest defense.

Blake Barnett was hurt during a 41-15 loss to Tulane. The Bulls alternated his backups and got a few big plays, but not much else.

Sophomore Chris Oladokun made his first career start and threw for a 72-yard touchdown on his first attempt. Junior Brett Kean replaced him in the second quarter and threw a 38-yard touchdown to Mitch Wilcox on his third attempt, helping USF take a 16-14 halftime lead before Warren took over.

THE TAKEAWAY

South Florida's defense wanted to show significant improvement after giving up 57 points -- a school record -- in a loss to Houston followed by 41 against Tulane. The Bulls were better for a half, but the defense was on the field a lot with the offense unable to move consistently.

Cincinnati accomplished its main goal -- staying in the title chase. Now it's head-to-head for the East lead.

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

About 20 South Florida players warmed up shirtless, but some of them wore facemasks against the sub-freezing temperatures. Not to be outdone, about a dozen Bearcats also went topless during warmups. It was the Bulls' first game in sub-40-degree temperatures since a 31-6 loss at Rutgers on Dec. 7, 2013.

Team Stats	USF	CIN
First Downs	12	24
Total Yards	313	432
Total Plays	61	76
Avg Gain Per Play	5.1	5.7
Net Yards Rushing	81	238
Rushes	29	52
Yards Per Rush	2.8	4.6
Net Yards Passing	232	194
Comp-Att	14-32	17-24
Yards Per Pass	7.3	8.1
Times Sacked	3	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-20	-24
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	10	5
Punt Average	36.7	49.2
Penalties	8	5
Penalty Yards	80	22
Fumbles	0	3
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Possession	22:54	37:06

Final	1	2	3	4	T
USF	9	7	7	0	23
CIN	7	7	21	0	35

Scoring Summary -----

	USF	CIN
FIRST QUARTER		
USF TD 12:54		
C. Oladokun pass,to R. Bronson for 72 yds for a TD, (C. Weiss PAT BLOCKED)		
2 plays, 73 yards, 0:47	6	0
CIN TD 9:09		
D. Ridder pass,to K. Lewis for 8 yds for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)		
3 plays, 9 yards, 1:18	6	7
USF FG 7:00		
C. Weiss 37 yd FG GOOD	9	7
6 plays, 14 yards, 1:58		
SECOND QUARTER		
CIN TD 13:45		
D. Ridder pass,to M. Warren II for 13 yds for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)		
8 plays, 60 yards, 3:25	9	14
USF TD 11:34		
B. Kean pass,to M. Wilcox for 38 yds for a TD, (C. Weiss KICK)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:11	16	14
THIRD QUARTER		
CIN TD 10:34		
M. Warren II run for 57 yds for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)		
6 plays, 78 yards, 2:52	16	21
CIN TD 5:47		
M. Warren II run for 1 yd for a TD,SOUTH FLORIDA penalty, Defensive offside (Yards) declined, (C. Smith KICK)		
4 plays, 37 yards, 2:07	16	28
USF TD 2:06		
C. Oladokun pass,to T. McCants for 25 yds for a TD, (C. Weiss KICK)		
10 plays, 73 yards, 3:36	23	28
CIN TD 0:36		
M. Warren II run for 1 yd for a TD, (C. Smith KICK)		
4 plays, 77 yards, 1:26	23	35

Individual Stats

RUSHING

USF	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Johnny Ford	10	63	6.3	0	22
Jordan Cronkrite	10	36	3.6	0	12
Chris Oladokun	9	-18	-2.0	0	9
CIN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Michael Warren II	28	151	5.4	3	57
Desmond Ridder	18	60	3.3	0	20
Charles McClelland	5	29	5.8	0	17
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

USF	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Chris Oladokun	10	22	165	7.5	2	0	138.5
Brett Kean	4	10	67	6.7	1	0	129.3
CIN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Desmond Ridder	17	24	194	8.1	2	0	166.2

RECEIVING

USF	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Mitchell Wilcox	7	90	12.9	1	38
Ryeshene Bronson	3	89	29.7	1	72
Tyre McCants	2	29	14.5	1	25
Randall St. Felix	2	24	12.0	0	24
CIN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Rashad Medaris	4	92	23.0	0	43
Kahlil Lewis	5	37	7.4	1	16
Michael Warren II	2	27	13.5	1	14
Josiah Deguara	2	14	7.0	0	13
Jayshon Jackson	2	13	6.5	0	11
Thomas Geddis	1	7	7.0	0	7
Jerron Rollins	1	4	4.0	0	4