

## CURRENT SCORE



**Houston**

11-2 (8-0)

**20**



**Cincinnati**

13-0 (8-0)

**35**

**AAC Football Championship Game**

**December 04, 2021 • Nippert Stadium (Cincinnati, Ohio)**



## STATISTICS



**Scoring Summary**  
**Houston vs. Cincinnati**  
**(12/04/2021 at Cincinnati, Ohio)**



Houston (11-2; 8-0) vs. Cincinnati (13-0; 8-0)  
 Date: 12/04/2021 • Site: Cincinnati, Ohio • Stadium: Nippert Stadium  
 Attendance: 37978

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Houston	10	3	0	7	20
Cincinnati	14	0	21	0	35

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	11:55	HOU - Witherspoon,Dalton 37 yd FG 7-50 02:57	3-0
1st	09:38	CIN - Scott,Tyler 25 yd TD PASS from Ridder,Desmond 5-82 02:11	3-7
1st	04:23	HOU - Dell,Nathaniel 16 yd TD PASS from Tune,Clayton 10-74 05:07	10-7
1st	04:06	CIN - Ford,Jerome 79 yd TD RUSH 1-79 00:11	10-14
2nd	11:40	HOU - Witherspoon,Dalton 46 yd FG 13-44 07:21	13-14
3rd	12:02	CIN - Taylor,Leonard 8 yd TD PASS from Ridder,Desmond 6-75 02:58	13-21
3rd	11:04	CIN - Pierce,Alec 21 yd TD PASS from Ridder,Desmond 2-23 00:41	13-28
3rd	07:38	CIN - Ford,Jerome 42 yd TD RUSH 3-62 01:18	13-35
4th	06:06	HOU - Herslow,Jake 7 yd TD PASS from Tune,Clayton 13-90 07:28	20-35

Kickoff time: 04:08 PM • End of Game: 07:29 PM • Total elapsed time: 03:21  
 Officials: Referee: Johns,Hank; Umpire: Thomas,William; Linesman: Harrington,Dan;  
 Line judge: Jones,Tracy; Back judge: Sima,James; Field judge: Vasconcells,Ben;  
 Side judge: Hartman,Eric; Center judge: Calabrese,Anthony;  
 Temperature: 52 • Wind: N 6mph • Weather: Sunny

**Team Statistics**  
**Houston vs. Cincinnati**  
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	HOU	CIN
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	22	14
Rushing	7	5
Passing	13	8
Penalty	2	1
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	86	210
Rushing Attempts	47	28
Average Per Rush	1.8	7.5
Rushing Touchdowns	0	2
Yards Gained Rushing	158	225
Yards Lost Rushing	72	15
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	250	190
Completions-Attempts-Int	17-26-1	11-17-0
Average Per Attempt	9.6	11.2
Average Per Completion	14.7	17.3
Passing Touchdowns	2	3
<b>TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS</b>	336	400
Total offensive plays	73	45
Average Gain Per Play	4.6	8.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-58	6-40
<b>PUNTS-YARDS</b>	5-166	5-224
Average Yards Per Punt	33.2	44.8
Net Yards Per Punt	33.2	42.0
Inside 20	1	2
50+ Yards	0	1
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	4	3
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS</b>	5-312	6-344
Average Yards Per Kickoff	62.4	57.3
Net Yards Per Kickoff	43.8	44.8
Touchbacks	1	1
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-14-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	14	0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	5-93-0	3-75-0
Average Per Return	18.6	25
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-9-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	40:19	19:41
1st Quarter	12:26	02:34
2nd Quarter	10:26	04:34
3rd Quarter	06:39	08:21
4th Quarter	10:48	04:12
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	0 of 8
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	0 of 1
Red Zone Scores-Chances	3 of 3	1 of 2
Touchdowns	2	1
Field Goals	1 of 1	0 of 1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	8-54
PAT Kicks	2-2	5-5
Field Goals	2 of 2	0 of 1
Points off turnovers	0	6

**Individual Statistics**  
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**Houston**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
McCaskill, Alton	13	45	6	39	0	18	3
Henry, Ta'Zawn	7	24	1	23	0	10	3.3
Tune, Clayton	23	77	56	21	0	10	0.9
Smith, Chandler	2	12	0	12	0	12	6
Bardwell, Dennis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM	2	0	9	-9	0	0	-4.5
Totals	47	158	72	86	0	18	1.8

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Tune, Clayton	17-26-1	250	2	53	8
Totals	17-26-1	250	2	53	8

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long	Tgt
Dell, Nathaniel	9	152	1	53	13
Herslow, Jake	5	57	1	15	7
Green, Seth	1	23	0	23	1
Sawyer, Peyton	1	10	0	10	1
Singleton, Jeremy	1	8	0	8	3
Totals	17	250	2	53	25

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Wilkins, Laine	5	166	33.2	42	1	0
Totals	5	166	33.2	42	1	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Jones, Marcus	1	14	14	4	92	28	0	0	0
Green, Seth	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	1	14	14	5	93	28	0	0	0

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Witherspoon, Dalton	1st	11:55	37 yards	GOOD
Witherspoon, Dalton	2nd	11:40	46 yards	GOOD

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Baxa, Bubba	5	312 yards	62.4	1	1

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Dell, Nathaniel	0	152	0	0	0	152
Jones, Marcus	0	0	92	14	0	106
Herslow, Jake	0	57	0	0	0	57
McCaskill, Alton	39	0	0	0	0	39

**Cincinnati**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Ford, Jerome	18	191	4	187	2	79	10.4
Ridder, Desmond	7	30	11	19	0	13	2.7
Tucker, Tre	1	3	0	3	0	3	3
Montgomery, Ryan	2	1	0	1	0	1	0.5
Totals	28	225	15	210	2	79	7.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Ridder, Desmond	11-17-0	190	3	44	1
Totals	11-17-0	190	3	44	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long	Tgt
Whyle, Josh	3	35	0	18	3
Pierce, Alec	2	65	1	44	5
Montgomery, Ryan	2	23	0	19	2
Scott, Tyler	1	25	1	25	2
Tucker, Tre	1	17	0	17	2
Ford, Jerome	1	17	0	17	2
Taylor, Leonard	1	8	1	8	1
Totals	11	190	3	44	18

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Fletcher, Mason	5	224	44.8	50	2	0
Totals	5	224	44.8	50	2	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Tucker, Tre	0	0	0	3	75	37	0	0	0
Dublanko, Joel	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	9
Totals	0	0	0	3	75	37	1	9	9

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Lowery, Christian	2nd	09:04	23 yards	MISSED

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Bales, Alex	6	344 yards	57.3	1	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Ford, Jerome	187	17	0	0	0	204
Tucker, Tre	3	17	75	0	0	95
Pierce, Alec	0	65	0	0	0	65
Whyle, Josh	0	35	0	0	0	35

FUMBLES: Houston- TEAM 2-0 . Cincinnati- Tucker, Tre 1-0 .

**Defensive Statistics**  
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#	Houston	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
32	Owens, Gervarrius	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
6	Williams, Damarion	5	1	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	-	0
2	Anderson, Deontay	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
3	Mutin, Donovan	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	1
92	Hall, Logan	2	2	4	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
0	Parish, Derek	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	1
5	Hypolite, Hasaan	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
12	Anenih, David	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	1
10	Nwankwo, Chidozie	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
8	Jones, Marcus	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	1	-	0
9	Stewart, JoVanni	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
13	Singleton, Jeremy	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
16	Rogers, Jayce	1	0	1	0.0-0	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
23	Green, Art	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
24	Robinson, Malik	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
26	Morgan, Ja'Kori	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
65	Russey, Kody	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
95	Neal, Jamykal	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
1	Dell, Nathaniel	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
47	Witherspoon, Dalton	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
87	Herslow, Jake	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
Totals		21	26	47	1-10	3.0-15	1	0-0	0-0	2	0	3

#	Cincinnati	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
0	Beavers, Darrian	3	6	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
13	Van Fossen, Ty	5	4	9	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	1
6	Cook, Bryan	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	2	-	0
9	Bush, Arquon	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
20	Pace, Deshawn	3	4	7	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
41	Dublanco, Joel	4	3	7	2.0-10	2.0-10	0	0-0	1-9	0	-	0
21	Sanders, Myjai	2	4	6	0.5-4	1.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
18	Briggs, Jowon	2	2	4	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
90	Taylor, Jabari	0	4	4	0.5-3	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
92	Brooks, Curtis	2	2	4	1.5-14	1.5-14	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
99	Brown, Marcus	0	4	4	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	1
7	Bryant, Coby	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
24	Thomas, Jaheim	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
1	Gardner, Ahmad	1	1	2	1.0-9	1.5-11	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
3	Hicks, Ja'von	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
2	Huber, Wilson	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
10	Threats, Bryon	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
15	Ward, Taj	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
42	Vann, Malik	1	0	1	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
11	Taylor, Leonard	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
12	Pierce, Alec	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
21	Scott, Tyler	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
24	Ford, Jerome	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
90	Lowery, Christian	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	-	0
Totals		36	46	82	8-54	12.0-63	0	0-0	1-9	2	0	2

**Participation Report  
Houston vs. Cincinnati  
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**Houston**

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	1	Dell,Nathaniel
QB	3	Tune,Clayton
RB	4	Henry,Ta'Zhawn
RB	8	Smith,Chandler
WR	12	Street,Ke'Andre
WR	13	Singleton,Jeremy
WR	15	Erwin,Jaylen
TE	17	Green,Seth
WR	19	Guidry,C.J.
RB	22	McCaskill,Alton
WR	26	Morgan,Ja'Kori
WR	33	Walker,Cash
RB	34	Car,Mulbah
OL	64	Bardwell,Dennis
OL	65	Russey,Kody
OL	70	Boatman,Jordan
OL	71	Banes,Max
OL	72	Jenkins,Tank
OL	73	Johnson,Cam'Ron
OL	75	Freeman,Jack
OL	76	Paul,Patrick
OL	77	Murphy,Keenan
TE	80	Goodson,Dekalen
TE	82	Byrnes,Matt
WR	83	Sawyer,Peyton
WR	84	McGowan,Cole
TE	85	Trahan,Christian
WR	87	Herslow,Jake

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	0	Parish,Derek
LB	2	Anderson,Deontay
LB	3	Mutin,Donavan
CB	6	Williams,Damarion
CB	8	Jones,Marcus
DB	9	Stewart,JoVanni
DL	10	Nwankwo,Chidozie
DL	12	Anenih,David
DL	13	Williams,Sedrick
CB	16	Rogers,Jayce
CB	18	Clemmons,Kelvin
CB	19	Hogan,Alex
CB	23	Green,Art
LB	24	Robinson,Malik
LB	27	Willis-Dalton,Amaud
CB	39	Lewis,Shaun
LB	41	Marshall,T.J.
DL	44	Jones,D'Anthony
DL	50	Ajijolaiya,Hakeem
DL	92	Hall,Logan
DL	93	Bell,Atlas

**Cincinnati**

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	0	McClelland,Charles
RB	4	Wright,Ethan
WR	7	Tucker,Tre
WR	8	Young,Michael
QB	9	Ridder,Desmond
TE	11	Taylor,Leonard
WR	12	Pierce,Alec
WR	14	Fischer,Wyatt
WR	20	Thompson,Jadon
WR	21	Scott,Tyler
RB	22	Montgomery,Ryan
RB	24	Ford,Jerome
RB	30	Kopaygorodsky,Michael
TE	47	Lawler,Nate
OL	50	O'Quinn,Dylan
OL	51	Metz,Lorenz
OL	56	Renfro,Jake
OL	60	Huber,Joe
OL	65	Lamb,Cody
OL	70	Groeber,Joey
OL	71	Woodside,Colin
OL	72	Tunstall,James
OL	74	Cooper,Jeremy
OL	75	Williams,John
OL	77	McConnell,Vincent
WR	80	Scott,Chris
TE	81	Whyle,Josh
TE	82	Davis,Noah

Pos	##	DEFENSE
LB	0	Beavers,Darrian
DB	1	Gardner,Ahmad
LB	2	Huber,Wilson
DB	3	Hicks,Ja'von
DB	5	Sheppard,Jaquan
DB	7	Bryant,Coby
DB	9	Bush,Arquon
DB	10	Threats,Bryon
DB	12	Bumphis,Todd
LB	13	Van Fossen,Ty
DB	15	Ward,Taj
DL	18	Briggs,Jowon
LB	20	Pace,Deshawn
DL	21	Sanders,Myjai
LB	24	Thomas,Jaheim
DB	29	Dingle,Jacob
LB	35	Royer,Ryan
DB	36	Adams,Will
LB	40	Bowers,Leroy
LB	41	Dublanke,Joel
DL	42	Vann,Malik

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	95	Neal,Jamykal
DL	96	Ceaser,Nelson

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	57	Mullaney,Ryan
DL	90	Taylor,Jabari
DL	92	Brooks,Curtis
DL	97	Phillips,Eric
DL	99	Brown,Marcus

Houston:

Cincinnati:



**Drive Chart (By Team)**  
**Houston vs. Cincinnati**  
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Team	Qtr	Spot	Drive Started		Spot	Drive Ended		Consumed	
			Time	Obtained		Time	How lost	Pl-Yds	TOP
HOU	1st	HOU30	14:52	KO	CIN20	11:55	*FG	7 - 50	02:57
HOU	1st	HOU26	09:30	KO	CIN0	04:23	*TD	10 - 74	05:07
HOU	1st	HOU27	04:01	KO	CIN29	11:40	*FG	13 - 44	07:21
HOU	2nd	HOU20	09:04	FGA	CIN45	06:27	PUNT	5 - 35	02:37
HOU	2nd	HOU48	04:55	PUNT	CIN43	01:04	PUNT	6 - 9	03:51
HOU	2nd	HOU22	00:38	PUNT	HOU21	00:00	HALF	1 - -1	00:38
HOU	3rd	HOU28	11:53	KO	HOU28	11:45	INT	1 - 0	00:08
HOU	3rd	HOU28	11:02	KO	HOU20	08:56	PUNT	3 - -8	02:06
HOU	3rd	HOU25	07:38	KO	HOU28	05:39	PUNT	4 - 3	01:59
HOU	3rd	HOU45	03:26	DOWNS	HOU39	01:11	PUNT	3 - -6	02:15
HOU	4th	HOU10	13:34	PUNT	CIN0	06:06	*TD	13 - 90	07:28
HOU	4th	HOU18	05:07	PUNT	CIN48	02:03	DOWNS	7 - 34	03:04
HOU	4th	HOU22	00:16	PUNT	HOU34	00:00	HALF	2 - 12	00:16

Houston	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Time of possession	12:26	10:26	06:39	10:48	22:52	17:27	40:19
3rd down conversions	2-3	1-5	0-3	2-4	3-8	2-7	5-15
4th down conversions	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-3

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CIN	1st	CIN21	04:17	KO	HOU0	04:06	*TD	1 - 79	00:11
CIN	2nd	HOU40	11:33	KO	HOU5	09:04	FGA	7 - 35	02:29
CIN	2nd	CIN15	06:27	PUNT	CIN2	04:55	PUNT	3 - -13	01:32
CIN	2nd	CIN23	01:04	PUNT	CIN32	00:38	PUNT	3 - 9	00:26
CIN	3rd	CIN25	15:00	KO	HOU0	12:02	*TD	6 - 75	02:58
CIN	3rd	HOU23	11:45	INT	HOU0	11:04	*TD	2 - 23	00:41
CIN	3rd	CIN38	08:56	PUNT	HOU0	07:38	*TD	3 - 62	01:18
CIN	3rd	CIN34	05:39	PUNT	HOU45	03:26	DOWNS	5 - 21	02:13
CIN	3rd	CIN25	01:11	PUNT	CIN50	13:34	PUNT	5 - 25	02:37
CIN	4th	CIN35	06:06	KO	CIN36	05:07	PUNT	3 - 1	00:59
CIN	4th	CIN48	02:03	DOWNS	HOU50	00:16	PUNT	3 - 2	01:47

Cincinnati	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Time of possession	02:34	04:34	08:21	04:12	7:08	12:33	19:41
3rd down conversions	0-0	0-3	0-2	0-3	0-3	0-5	0-8
4th down conversions	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1

**Drive Chart (By Quarter)**  
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HOU	1st	HOU26	09:30	KO	CIN0	04:23	*TD	10 - 74	05:07
CIN	1st	CIN21	04:17	KO	HOU0	04:06	*TD	1 - 79	00:11
HOU	1st	HOU27	04:01	KO	CIN29	11:40	*FG	13 - 44	07:21
CIN	2nd	HOU40	11:33	KO	HOU5	09:04	FGA	7 - 35	02:29
HOU	2nd	HOU20	09:04	FGA	CIN45	06:27	PUNT	5 - 35	02:37
CIN	2nd	CIN15	06:27	PUNT	CIN2	04:55	PUNT	3 - -13	01:32
HOU	2nd	HOU48	04:55	PUNT	CIN43	01:04	PUNT	6 - 9	03:51
CIN	2nd	CIN23	01:04	PUNT	CIN32	00:38	PUNT	3 - 9	00:26
HOU	2nd	HOU22	00:38	PUNT	HOU21	00:00	HALF	1 - -1	00:38
CIN	3rd	CIN25	15:00	KO	HOU0	12:02	*TD	6 - 75	02:58
HOU	3rd	HOU28	11:53	KO	HOU28	11:45	INT	1 - 0	00:08
CIN	3rd	HOU23	11:45	INT	HOU0	11:04	*TD	2 - 23	00:41
HOU	3rd	HOU28	11:02	KO	HOU20	08:56	PUNT	3 - -8	02:06
CIN	3rd	CIN38	08:56	PUNT	HOU0	07:38	*TD	3 - 62	01:18
HOU	3rd	HOU25	07:38	KO	HOU28	05:39	PUNT	4 - 3	01:59
CIN	3rd	CIN34	05:39	PUNT	HOU45	03:26	DOWNS	5 - 21	02:13
HOU	3rd	HOU45	03:26	DOWNS	HOU39	01:11	PUNT	3 - -6	02:15
CIN	3rd	CIN25	01:11	PUNT	CIN50	13:34	PUNT	5 - 25	02:37
HOU	4th	HOU10	13:34	PUNT	CIN0	06:06	*TD	13 - 90	07:28
CIN	4th	CIN35	06:06	KO	CIN36	05:07	PUNT	3 - 1	00:59
HOU	4th	HOU18	05:07	PUNT	CIN48	02:03	DOWNS	7 - 34	03:04
CIN	4th	CIN48	02:03	DOWNS	HOU50	00:16	PUNT	3 - 2	01:47
HOU	4th	HOU22	00:16	PUNT	HOU34	00:00	HALF	2 - 12	00:16

**Play-by-Play Summary (1st quarter)**  
**Houston vs. Cincinnati (12/04/2021 at Cincinnati, Ohio)**



1-10 CIN35 Cincinnati wins toss and defers; HOU will receive; CIN will defend South end-zone.  
 1-10 CIN35 Start of 1st quarter, clock 15:00.

Bales,Alex kickoff 63 yards to the HOU02 Jones,Marcus return 28 yards to the HOU30 (Van Fossen,Ty; Thomas,Jaheim).

**Houston drive start at 14:52.**

1-10	HOU30	Tune,Clayton pass complete to Herslow,Jake for 15 yards to the HOU45 (Van Fossen,Ty), 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	HOU45	McCaskill,Alton rush for 18 yards gain to the CIN37 (Bush,Arquon), 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	CIN37	Tune,Clayton pass complete to Dell,Nathaniel for 22 yards to the CIN15 (Van Fossen,Ty), 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	CIN15	McCaskill,Alton rush for 1 yard gain to the CIN14 (Briggs,Jowon).	
2-9	CIN14	Tune,Clayton pass incomplete to Dell,Nathaniel.	
3-9	CIN14	Tune,Clayton sacked for loss of 6 yards to the CIN20 (Brooks,Curtis, Taylor,Jabari).	
4-15	CIN20	Witherspoon,Dalton field goal attempt from 37 yards GOOD, clock 11:55. [11:55]	

**HOUSTON 3, CINCINNATI 0**

*Drive Summary: 7 plays, 50 yards, 02:57*

Baxa,Bubba kickoff 64 yards to the CIN01 Tucker,Tre return 17 yards to the CIN18 (Hypolite,Hasaan; Robinson,Malik).

**Cincinnati drive start at 11:49.**

1-10	CIN18	Ridder,Desmond pass complete to Ford,Jerome for 17 yards to the CIN35, out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	CIN35	Ford,Jerome rush for 6 yards gain to the CIN41 (Anderson,Deontay).	
2-4	CIN41	Ridder,Desmond pass complete to Tucker,Tre for 17 yards to the HOU42, End Of Play, 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	HOU42	Ridder,Desmond pass complete to Whyte,Josh for 17 yards to the HOU25 (Owens,Gervarius), 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	HOU25	Ridder,Desmond pass complete to Scott,Tyler for 25 yards to the HOU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 09:38, 1ST DOWN. [09:38]	P
1-10	HOU3	Lowery,Christian kick attempt good.	

**HOUSTON 3, CINCINNATI 7**

*Drive Summary: 5 plays, 82 yards, 02:11*

Bales,Alex kickoff 61 yards to the HOU04 Jones,Marcus return 22 yards to the HOU26 (Threats,Bryon; Thomas,Jaheim).

**Houston drive start at 09:30.**

1-10	HOU26	Tune,Clayton pass incomplete to Dell,Nathaniel.	
2-10	HOU26	Henry,Ta'Zhawn rush for 3 yards gain to the HOU29 (Brown,Marcus; Pace,Deshawn).	
3-7	HOU29	Tune,Clayton rush for 9 yards gain to the HOU38 (Pace,Deshawn), 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	HOU38	McCaskill,Alton rush for 2 yards gain to the HOU40 (Pace,Deshawn; Sanders,Myjai).	
2-8	HOU40	McCaskill,Alton rush for 2 yards loss to the HOU38 (Pace,Deshawn).	
3-10	HOU38	Tune,Clayton pass complete to Herslow,Jake for 14 yards to the CIN48, End Of Play, 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	CIN48	Tune,Clayton rush for 0 yards to the CIN48 (Pace,Deshawn).	
2-10	CIN48	Tune,Clayton pass complete to Herslow,Jake for 14 yards to the CIN34, out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	CIN34	Tune,Clayton pass complete to Dell,Nathaniel for 13 yards to the CIN21 (Bush,Arquon), 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	CIN21	PENALTY CIN Offside (Brown,Marcus) 5 yards from CIN21 to CIN16. NO PLAY.	
1-5	CIN16	Tune,Clayton pass complete to Dell,Nathaniel for 16 yards to the CIN00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 04:23, 1ST DOWN. [04:23]	P
1-10	CIN3	Witherspoon,Dalton kick attempt good.	

**HOUSTON 10, CINCINNATI 7**

*Drive Summary: 10 plays, 74 yards, 05:07*

Baxa,Bubba kickoff 65 yards to the CIN00 Tucker,Tre return 21 yards to the CIN21 (Mutin,Donavan).

**Cincinnati drive start at 04:17.**

1-10	CIN21	Ford,Jerome rush for 79 yards gain to the HOU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 04:06, 1ST DOWN. [04:06]	P
1-10	HOU3	PENALTY HOU Offside (Nwankwo,Chidozie) 2 yards from HOU03 to HOU01. NO PLAY.	
1-10	HOU1	Lowery,Christian kick attempt good.	

## HOUSTON 10, CINCINNATI 14

Drive Summary: 1 plays, 79 yards, 00:11

Bales,Alex kickoff 56 yards to the HOU09 Jones,Marcus return 18 yards to the HOU27 (Thomas,Jaheim), out of bounds.

### Houston drive start at 04:01.

- 1-10 HOU27 Henry,Ta'Zhawn rush for 4 yards gain to the HOU31 (Dublanko,Joel; Van Fossen,Ty).  
2-6 HOU31 Tune,Clayton pass complete to Singleton,Jeremy for 8 yards to the HOU39 (Beavers,Darrian; Bush,Arquon), 1ST DOWN. P  
1-10 HOU39 Tune,Clayton rush for 4 yards gain to the HOU43, End Of Play.  
2-6 HOU43 Tune,Clayton pass complete to Dell,Nathaniel for 7 yards to the HOU50 (Bush,Arquon), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P  
1-10 HOU50 McCaskill,Alton rush for 11 yards gain to the CIN39 (Hicks,Ja'von), 1ST DOWN. P  
1-10 CIN39 Tune,Clayton sacked for loss of 8 yards to the CIN47 (Dublanko,Joel).  
2-18 CIN47 Tune,Clayton rush for 10 yards gain to the CIN37, End Of Play. [00:00]

## FINAL SCORE - : HOUSTON 10, CINCINNATI 14

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Houston	10	12:26	3	8	0	11	2-3	0-0	13-46	8-10-0-109	1-2
Cincinnati	14	02:34	1	4	0	5	0-0	0-0	2-85	4-4-0-76	1-5

**Quickie Statistics (1st Quarter only)**  
**Houston vs. Cincinnati (12/04/2021 at Cincinnati, Ohio)**



	HOU	CIN
Score	10	14
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	11	5
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	13-46	2-85
<b>PASSING-YARDS (NET)</b>	109	76
Passes Att-Comp-Int	10-8-0	4-4-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	23-155	6-161
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-68	2-38
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-2	1-5
Possession Time	12:26	02:34
Third-Down Conversions	2-3	0-0
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0

**Houston**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
McCaskill, Alton	5	32	-2	30	0	6	18
Henry, Ta'Zhawn	2	7	0	7	0	3.5	4
Tune, Clayton	4	23	0	23	0	5.8	10

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Tune, Clayton	8-10-0	95	1	22	2

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
Dell, Nathaniel	4	58	1	6	22
Herslow, Jake	3	43	0	3	15
Singleton, Jeremy	1	8	0	1	8

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
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<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
Jones, Marcus	3	68	0	28

<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Anderson, Deontay	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Mutin, Donavan	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Owens, Gervarius	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Hypolite, Hasaan	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0
Robinson, Malik	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

**Cincinnati**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
Ford, Jerome	2	85	0	85	1	42.5	79

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Ridder, Desmond	4-4-0	76	1	25	0

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
Whyte, Josh	1	17	0	1	17
Tucker, Tre	1	17	0	1	17

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
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<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
Tucker, Tre	2	38	0	21

<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Pace, Deshawn	3-2	4.0	0.0	1.0
Bush, Arqun	3-1	3.5	0.0	0.0
Van Fossen, Ty	2-2	3.0	0.0	0.0
Thomas, Jaheim	1-2	2.0	0.0	0.0
Dublanco, Joel	1-1	1.5	1.0	1.0
Hicks, Ja'von	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Briggs, Jowon	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Beavers, Darrian	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	11:55	HOU - Witherspoon, Dalton 37 yd FG 7-50 02:57	3-0
1st	09:38	CIN - Scott, Tyler 25 yd TD PASS from Ridder, Desmond 5-82 02:11	3-7
1st	04:23	HOU - Dell, Nathaniel 16 yd TD PASS from Tune, Clayton 10-74 05:07	10-7
1st	04:06	CIN - Ford, Jerome 79 yd TD RUSH 1-79 00:11	10-14

**Play-by-Play Summary (2nd quarter)**  
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3-8 CIN37 Start of 2nd quarter, clock 15:00.  
 3-8 CIN37 Tune, Clayton rush for 5 yards gain to the CIN32 (Beavers, Darrian).  
 4-3 CIN32 Tune, Clayton pass complete to Dell, Nathaniel for 5 yards to the CIN27 (Van Fossen, Ty), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P  
 1-10 CIN27 McCaskill, Alton rush for 1 yard gain to the CIN26 (Dublanko, Joel; Sanders, Myjai) PENALTY HOU Holding (Jenkins, Tank) 10 yards from CIN27 to CIN37. NO PLAY.  
 1-20 CIN37 McCaskill, Alton rush for 1 yard gain to the CIN36 (Cook, Bryan).  
 2-19 CIN36 Tune, Clayton pass incomplete to Singleton, Jeremy broken up by Cook, Bryan.  
 3-19 CIN36 Tune, Clayton pass complete to Dell, Nathaniel for 7 yards to the CIN29 (Bryant, Coby).  
 4-12 CIN29 Witherspoon, Dalton field goal attempt from 46 yards GOOD, clock 11:40. [11:40]

**HOUSTON 13, CINCINNATI 14**

*Drive Summary: 13 plays, 44 yards, 07:21*

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1-10 HOU35 Baxa, Bubba kickoff 57 yards to the CIN08 Tucker, Tre return 37 yards to the CIN45 (Morgan, Ja'Kori) PENALTY HOU Personal Foul (Morgan, Ja'Kori) 15 yards from CIN45 to HOU40. [11:33]  
 1-10 HOU35 CIN ball on HOU40.

**Cincinnati drive start at 11:33.**

1-10 HOU40 Ridder, Desmond pass incomplete to Pierce, Alec broken up by Williams, Damarion.  
 2-10 HOU40 Ridder, Desmond pass complete to Montgomery, Ryan for 19 yards to the HOU21 (Green, Art), 1ST DOWN. P  
 1-10 HOU21 Ridder, Desmond rush for 13 yards gain to the HOU08 (Williams, Damarion), 1ST DOWN. P  
 1-8 HOU8 Ridder, Desmond pass incomplete to Pierce, Alec broken up by Jones, Marcus.  
 2-8 HOU8 Ford, Jerome rush for 2 yards gain to the HOU06 (Mutin, Donavan; Stewart, JoVanni).  
 3-6 HOU6 Ford, Jerome rush for 1 yard gain to the HOU05 (Hall, Logan; Anenih, David).  
 4-5 HOU5 Lowery, Christian field goal attempt from 23 yards NO GOOD, clock 09:04. [09:04]

*Drive Summary: 7 plays, 35 yards, 02:29*

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**Houston drive start at 09:04.**

1-10 HOU20 Tune, Clayton pass complete to Dell, Nathaniel for 5 yards to the HOU25 (Pace, Deshawn; Bush, Arquon).  
 2-5 HOU25 Tune, Clayton pass complete to Green, Seth for 23 yards to the HOU48 (Cook, Bryan), 1ST DOWN. P  
 1-10 HOU48 Henry, Ta'Zhawn rush for 3 yards gain to the CIN49 (Brown, Marcus; Briggs, Jowon).  
 2-7 CIN49 Tune, Clayton rush for 4 yards gain to the CIN45 (Dublanko, Joel).  
 3-3 CIN45 Tune, Clayton pass incomplete to Dell, Nathaniel.  
 4-3 CIN45 Wilkins, Laine punt 30 yards to the CIN15 fair catch by Montgomery, Ryan at CIN15. [06:27]

*Drive Summary: 5 plays, 35 yards, 02:37*

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**Cincinnati drive start at 06:27.**

1-10 CIN15 Ridder, Desmond rush for 2 yards gain to the CIN17 (Hall, Logan).  
 2-8 CIN17 Ridder, Desmond pass incomplete to Pierce, Alec QB hurried by Parish, Derek.  
 3-8 CIN17 PENALTY CIN False Start (Cooper, Jeremy) 5 yards from CIN17 to CIN12. NO PLAY.  
 3-13 CIN12 Ridder, Desmond sacked for loss of 10 yards to the CIN02 (Hall, Logan).  
 4-23 CIN2 Fletcher, Mason punt 50 yards to the HOU48. [04:55]

*Drive Summary: 3 plays, -13 yards, 01:32*

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**Houston drive start at 04:55.**

1-10 HOU48 Tune, Clayton rush for 5 yards gain to the CIN47 (Brooks, Curtis).  
 2-5 CIN47 McCaskill, Alton rush for 2 yards gain to the CIN45 (Brooks, Curtis; Dublanko, Joel).  
 3-3 CIN45 Tune, Clayton rush for 5 yards gain to the CIN40 (Bush, Arquon), 1ST DOWN. P  
 1-10 CIN40 McCaskill, Alton rush for 4 yards loss to the CIN44 (Cook, Bryan; Gardner, Ahmad), out of bounds.  
 2-14 CIN44 Tune, Clayton sacked for loss of 9 yards to the HOU47 (Gardner, Ahmad).  
 3-23 HOU47 Henry, Ta'Zhawn rush for 4 yards gain to the CIN49 (Sanders, Myjai) PENALTY HOU False Start 5 yards from HOU47 to HOU42. NO PLAY.  
 3-28 HOU42 Henry, Ta'Zhawn rush for 10 yards gain to the CIN48 (Van Fossen, Ty; Huber, Wilson).  
 4-18 CIN48 Timeout Cincinnati, clock 01:13. [01:13]  
 4-18 CIN48 PENALTY CIN Offside (Kopaygorodsky, Michael) 5 yards from CIN48 to CIN43. NO PLAY.  
 4-13 CIN43 Timeout Houston, clock 01:13. [01:13]  
 4-13 CIN43 Wilkins, Laine punt 20 yards to the CIN23. [01:04]

*Drive Summary: 6 plays, 9 yards, 03:51*

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Cincinnati drive start at 01:04.

- 1-11CIN23Ford,Jerome rush for 9 yards gain to the CIN32 (Williams,Damarion), out of bounds.
- 2-2CIN32Ridder,Desmond pass incomplete to Tucker,Tre.
- 3-2CIN32Montgomery,Ryan rush for 0 yards to the CIN32 (Anderson,Deontay).
- 4-2CIN32Timeout Houston, clock 00:45. [00:45]
- 4-2CIN32Fletcher,Mason punt 46 yards to the HOU22 fair catch by Jones,Marcus at HOU22. [00:38]
- Drive Summary: 3 plays, 9 yards, 00:26

Houston drive start at 00:38.

- 1-10HOU22Kneel down by Houston at HOU21 for loss of 1 yard. [00:00]
- 2-11HOU21End of game, clock 00:00. [00:00]
- Drive Summary: 1 plays, -1 yards, 00:38

FINAL SCORE - : HOUSTON 13, CINCINNATI 14

Quarter Summary	Score	Time	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
		Poss	R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Houston	3	10:26	1	2	0	3	1-5	1-1	11-21	4-6-0-40	3-30
Cincinnati	0	04:34	1	1	0	2	0-3	0-0	7-17	1-5-0-19	2-10

**Quickie Statistics (Halftime Cumulative)**  
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	HOU	CIN
Score	13	14
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	14	7
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	24-67	9-102
<b>PASSING-YARDS (NET)</b>	149	95
Passes Att-Comp-Int	16-12-0	9-5-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	40-216	18-197
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-68	3-75
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-32	3-15
Possession Time	22:52	7:08
Third-Down Conversions	3-8	0-3
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	0-0

**Houston**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
McCaskill, Alton	8	35	-6	29	0	18	3.6
Henry, Ta'Zhawn	4	20	0	20	0	10	5
Tune, Clayton	8	42	0	42	0	10	5.3

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Tune, Clayton	12-16-0	126	1	23	3

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yds	TD	Tgt	Lg
Dell, Nathaniel	7	75	1	10	22
Herslow, Jake	3	43	0	3	15
Singleton, Jeremy	1	8	0	2	8
Green, Seth	1	23	0	1	23

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	In20	TB
Wilkins, Laine	2	50	25.0	30	1	0

<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
Jones, Marcus	3	68	0	28

<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Hall, Logan	2-1	2.5	1.0	1.0
Anderson, Deontay	2-0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Williams, Damarion	2-0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Mutin, Donavan	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
Green, Art	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Morgan, Ja'Kori	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Owens, Gervarius	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Hypolite, Hasaan	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

**Cincinnati**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Ford, Jerome	5	97	0	97	1	79	19.4
Ridder, Desmond	2	15	0	15	0	13	7.5
Montgomery, Ryan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Ridder, Desmond	5-9-0	85	1	25	1

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yds	TD	Tgt	Lg
Whyte, Josh	1	17	0	1	17
Pierce, Alec	0	0	0	3	3
Montgomery, Ryan	1	19	0	1	19
Tucker, Tre	1	17	0	2	17

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	In20	TB
Fletcher, Mason	2	96	48.0	50	0	0

<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
Tucker, Tre	3	75	0	37

<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Bush, Arquon	4-2	5.0	0.0	0.0
Van Fossen, Ty	3-3	4.5	0.0	0.0
Pace, Deshawn	3-3	4.5	0.0	1.0
Dublanke, Joel	2-3	3.5	1.0	1.0
Cook, Bryan	2-1	2.5	0.0	1.0
Sanders, Myjai	1-2	2.0	0.0	0.0
Thomas, Jaheim	1-2	2.0	0.0	0.0
Brooks, Curtis	1-2	2.0	0.5	0.5

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	11:55	HOU - Witherspoon, Dalton 37 yd FG 7-50 02:57	3-0
1st	09:38	CIN - Scott, Tyler 25 yd TD PASS from Ridder, Desmond 5-82 02:11	3-7
1st	04:23	HOU - Dell, Nathaniel 16 yd TD PASS from Tune, Clayton 10-74 05:07	10-7
1st	04:06	CIN - Ford, Jerome 79 yd TD RUSH 1-79 00:11	10-14
2nd	11:40	HOU - Witherspoon, Dalton 46 yd FG 13-44 07:21	13-14



**Quickie Statistics (2nd Quarter only)**  
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	HOU	CIN
Score	3	0
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	3	2
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	11-21	7-17
<b>PASSING-YARDS (NET)</b>	40	19
Passes Att-Comp-Int	6-4-0	5-1-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	17-61	12-36
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-37
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-25.0	2-48.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-30	2-10
Possession Time	10:26	04:34
Third-Down Conversions	1-5	0-3
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	0-0

**Houston**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
McCaskill, Alton	3	3	-4	-1	0	-0.3	2
Henry, Ta'Zhawn	2	13	0	13	0	6.5	10
Tune, Clayton	4	19	0	19	0	4.8	5

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Tune, Clayton	4-6-0	31	0	23	1

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
Dell, Nathaniel	3	17	0	4	7
Singleton, Jeremy	0	0	0	1	
Green, Seth	1	23	0	1	23

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
Wilkins, Laine	2	50	25.0	30	1	0

<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Hall, Logan	2-1	2.5	1.0	1.0
Williams, Damarion	2-0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Anderson, Deontay	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Green, Art	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Morgan, Ja'Kori	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Mutin, Donavan	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0
Stewart, JoVanni	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0
Anenih, David	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

**Cincinnati**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
Ford, Jerome	3	12	0	12	0	4	9
Ridder, Desmond	2	15	0	15	0	7.5	13
Montgomery, Ryan	1	0	0	0	0	0	

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Ridder, Desmond	1-5-0	9	0	19	1

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
Pierce, Alec	0	0	0	3	
Montgomery, Ryan	1	19	0	1	19
Tucker, Tre	0	0	0	1	

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
Fletcher, Mason	2	96	48.0	50	0	0

<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
Tucker, Tre	1	37	0	37

<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Cook, Bryan	2-1	2.5	0.0	1.0
Dublando, Joel	1-2	2.0	0.0	0.0
Gardner, Ahmad	1-1	1.5	1.0	2.0
Bush, Arquon	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
Van Fossen, Ty	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
Sanders, Myjai	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
Brooks, Curtis	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
Beavers, Darrian	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	11:40	HOU - Witherspoon, Dalton 46 yd FG 13-44 07:21	13-14

**Play-by-Play Summary (3rd quarter)**  
**Houston vs. Cincinnati (12/04/2021 at Cincinnati, Ohio)**



1-10 HOU35 CIN will receive; HOU will defend North end-zone.  
 1-10 HOU35 Start of 3rd quarter, clock 15:00.

Baxa,Bubba kickoff 65 yards to the CIN00, Touchback.

**Cincinnati drive start at 15:00.**

1-10	CIN25	Ford,Jerome rush for 5 yards gain to the CIN30 (Owens,Gervarrius; Mutin,Donavan).	
2-5	CIN30	Ridder,Desmond pass complete to Pierce,Alec for 44 yards to the HOU26, End Of Play, 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	HOU26	Ford,Jerome rush for 2 yards gain to the HOU24 (Williams,Damarion).	
2-8	HOU24	Ford,Jerome rush for 1 yard gain to the HOU23 (Williams,Damarion; Anenih,David).	
3-7	HOU23	Ford,Jerome rush for 4 yards gain to the HOU19 (Jones,Marcus).	
4-3	HOU19	Ridder,Desmond pass incomplete to Thompson,Jadon broken up by Jones,Marcus PENALTY HOU Pass Interference (Jones,Marcus) 11 yard from HOU19 to HOU08, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. [12:10] <i>Jones,D'Anthony injured on the play</i>	E
1-8	HOU8	<b>Ridder,Desmond pass complete to Taylor,Leonard for 8 yards to the HOU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 12:02. [12:02]</b>	
1-10	HOU3	<b>Lowery,Christian kick attempt good.</b>	

**HOUSTON 13, CINCINNATI 21**

*Drive Summary: 6 plays, 75 yards, 02:58*

Bales,Alex kickoff 61 yards to the HOU04 Jones,Marcus return 24 yards to the HOU28 (Ward,Taj).

**Houston drive start at 11:53.**

1-10 HOU28 Tune,Clayton pass intercepted by Dublanko,Joel at HOU32 Dublanko,Joel return 9 yards to the HOU23 (Russey,Kody; Singleton,Jeremy). [11:45]

*Drive Summary: 1 plays, 0 yards, 00:08*

**Cincinnati drive start at 11:45.**

1-10	HOU23	Ford,Jerome rush for 2 yards gain to the HOU21 (Nwankwo,Chidozie; Anderson,Deontay).	
2-8	HOU21	<b>Ridder,Desmond pass complete to Pierce,Alec for 21 yards to the HOU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 11:04, 1ST DOWN. [11:04]</b>	P
1-10	HOU3	<b>Lowery,Christian kick attempt good.</b>	

**HOUSTON 13, CINCINNATI 28**

*Drive Summary: 2 plays, 23 yards, 00:41*

Bales,Alex kickoff 38 yards to the HOU27 Green,Seth return 1 yard to the HOU28, out of bounds.

**Houston drive start at 11:02.**

1-10 HOU28 Henry,Ta'Zhawn rush for 0 yards to the HOU28 (Beavers,Darrian; Sanders,Myjai).  
 2-10 HOU28 Tune,Clayton sacked for loss of 7 yards to the HOU21 (Briggs,Jowon).  
 3-17 HOU21 PENALTY HOU False Start (Dell,Nathaniel) 5 yards from HOU21 to HOU16. NO PLAY.  
 3-22 HOU16 Henry,Ta'Zhawn rush for 4 yards gain to the HOU20 (Sanders,Myjai).  
 4-18 HOU20 Wilkins,Laine punt 42 yards to the CIN38 fair catch by Montgomery,Ryan at CIN38. [08:56]

*Drive Summary: 3 plays, -8 yards, 02:06*

**Cincinnati drive start at 08:56.**

1-10	CIN38	Ridder,Desmond rush for 2 yards gain to the CIN40 (Owens,Gervarrius).	
2-8	CIN40	Ridder,Desmond pass complete to Whyte,Josh for 18 yards to the HOU42 (Williams,Damarion), 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	HOU42	<b>Ford,Jerome rush for 42 yards gain to the HOU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 07:38, 1ST DOWN. [07:38]</b>	P
1-10	HOU3	<b>Lowery,Christian kick attempt good.</b>	

**HOUSTON 13, CINCINNATI 35**

*Drive Summary: 3 plays, 62 yards, 01:18*

Bales,Alex kickoff 65 yards to the HOU00, Touchback.

**Houston drive start at 07:38.**

1-10 HOU25 Tune,Clayton rush for 10 yards gain to the HOU35 (Cook,Bryan), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.  
1-10 HOU35 Tune,Clayton pass incomplete to Singleton,Jeremy.  
2-10 HOU35 McCaskill,Alton rush for 1 yard gain to the HOU36 (Sanders,Myjai).  
3-9 HOU36 Timeout Cincinnati, clock 06:26. [06:26]  
3-9 HOU36 Houston rush for 8 yards loss to the HOU28 fumbled by Houston at HOU31 recovered by HOU  
Bardwell,Dennis at HOU28, End Of Play.  
4-17 HOU28 Wilkins,Laine punt 38 yards to the CIN34 fair catch by Montgomery,Ryan at CIN34. [05:39]  
*Drive Summary: 4 plays, 3 yards, 01:59*

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**Cincinnati drive start at 05:39.**

1-10 CIN34 Ford,Jerome rush for 12 yards gain to the CIN46 (Owens,Gervarrius), 1ST DOWN.  
1-10 CIN46 Ford,Jerome rush for 2 yards gain to the CIN48 (Parish,Derek; Hall,Logan).  
2-8 CIN48 Tucker,Tre rush for 3 yards gain to the HOU49 fumbled by Tucker,Tre at HOU49 forced by Jones,Marcus, out  
of bounds.  
3-5 HOU49 Ridder,Desmond pass complete to Montgomery,Ryan for 4 yards to the HOU45 (Anderson,Deontay).  
4-1 HOU45 Ford,Jerome rush for 0 yards to the HOU45 (Parish,Derek; Hypolite,Hasaan). [03:26]  
*Drive Summary: 5 plays, 21 yards, 02:13*

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**Houston drive start at 03:26.**

1-10 HOU45 Tune,Clayton rush for 7 yards gain to the CIN48, End Of Play.  
2-3 CIN48 Tune,Clayton sacked for loss of 2 yards to the CIN50 (Dublanko,Joel).  
3-5 CIN50 Tune,Clayton sacked for loss of 11 yards to the HOU39 (Brooks,Curtis).  
4-16 HOU39 Wilkins,Laine punt 36 yards to the CIN25 fair catch by Montgomery,Ryan at CIN25. [01:11]  
*Drive Summary: 3 plays, -6 yards, 02:15*

**Cincinnati drive start at 01:11.**

1-10 CIN25 Ford,Jerome rush for 6 yards gain to the CIN31 (Owens,Gervarrius; Hypolite,Hasaan).  
2-4 CIN31 Ford,Jerome rush for 18 yards gain to the CIN49 (Owens,Gervarrius), 1ST DOWN. [00:00]

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**FINAL SCORE - : HOUSTON 13, CINCINNATI 35**

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Houston	0	06:39	1	0	0	1	0-3	0-0	9--6	0-2-1-0	2-16
Cincinnati	21	08:21	3	3	1	7	0-2	0-1	13-99	5-5-0-95	0-0

**Quickie Statistics (3rd Quarter Cumulative)**  
**Houston vs. Cincinnati (12/04/2021 at Cincinnati, Ohio)**



	HOU	CIN
Score	13	35
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	15	14
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	33-61	22-201
<b>PASSING-YARDS (NET)</b>	149	190
Passes Att-Comp-Int	18-12-1	14-10-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	51-210	36-391
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-93	3-75
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-9
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-48	3-15
Possession Time	29:31	15:29
Third-Down Conversions	3-11	0-5
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	0-1

**Houston**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
McCaskill, Alton	9	36	-6	30	0	18	3.3
Henry, Ta'Zhaw	6	24	0	24	0	10	4
Tune, Clayton	10	59	0	59	0	10	5.9

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Tune, Clayton	12-18-1	106	1	23	6

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yds	TD	Tgt	Lg
Dell, Nathaniel	7	75	1	10	22
Herslow, Jake	3	43	0	3	15
Singleton, Jeremy	1	8	0	3	8
Green, Seth	1	23	0	1	23

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	In20	TB
Wilkins, Laine	5	166	33.2	42	1	0

<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
Jones, Marcus	4	92	0	28
Green, Seth	1	1	0	1

<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Owens, Gervarius	4-2	5.0	0.0	0.0
Williams, Damarion	4-1	4.5	0.0	0.0
Anderson, Deontay	3-1	3.5	0.0	0.0
Hall, Logan	2-2	3.0	1.0	1.0
Mutin, Donavan	1-2	2.0	0.0	0.0
Hypolite, Hasaan	0-3	1.5	0.0	0.0
Parish, Derek	0-2	1.0	0.0	0.0
Jones, Marcus	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0

**Cincinnati**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Ford, Jerome	16	191	0	191	2	79	11.9
Ridder, Desmond	3	17	0	17	0	13	5.7
Tucker, Tre	1	3	0	3	0	3	3
Montgomery, Ryan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Ridder, Desmond	10-15-0	180	3	44	1

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yds	TD	Tgt	Lg
Whyte, Josh	2	35	0	2	18
Pierce, Alec	2	65	1	5	44
Montgomery, Ryan	2	23	0	2	19
Tucker, Tre	1	17	0	2	17

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	In20	TB
Fletcher, Mason	2	96	48.0	50	0	0

<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
Tucker, Tre	3	75	0	37

<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Bush, Arquon	4-2	5.0	0.0	0.0
Van Fossen, Ty	3-3	4.5	0.0	0.0
Pace, Deshaun	3-3	4.5	0.0	1.0
Sanders, Myjai	3-3	4.5	0.0	0.0
Dublanco, Joel	3-3	4.5	2.0	2.0
Cook, Bryan	3-1	3.5	0.0	1.0
Brooks, Curtis	2-2	3.0	1.5	1.5
Briggs, Jowon	2-1	2.5	1.0	1.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	11:55	HOU - Witherspoon, Dalton 37 yd FG 7-50 02:57	3-0
1st	09:38	CIN - Scott, Tyler 25 yd TD PASS from Ridder, Desmond 5-82 02:11	3-7
1st	04:23	HOU - Dell, Nathaniel 16 yd TD PASS from Tune, Clayton 10-74 05:07	10-7
1st	04:06	CIN - Ford, Jerome 79 yd TD RUSH 1-79 00:11	10-14
2nd	11:40	HOU - Witherspoon, Dalton 46 yd FG 13-44 07:21	13-14
3rd	12:02	CIN - Taylor, Leonard 8 yd TD PASS from Ridder, Desmond 6-75 02:58	13-21
3rd	11:04	CIN - Pierce, Alec 21 yd TD PASS from Ridder, Desmond 2-23 00:41	13-28
3rd	07:38	CIN - Ford, Jerome 42 yd TD RUSH 3-62 01:18	13-35

**Quickie Statistics (3rd Quarter only)**  
**Houston vs. Cincinnati (12/04/2021 at Cincinnati, Ohio)**



	HOU	CIN
Score	0	21
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	1	7
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	9-6	13-99
<b>PASSING-YARDS (NET)</b>	0	95
Passes Att-Comp-Int	2-0-1	5-5-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	11-6	18-194
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-25	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-9
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-38.7	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-16	0-0
Possession Time	06:39	08:21
Third-Down Conversions	0-3	0-2
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-1

**Houston**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
McCaskill, Alton	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
Henry, Ta'Zhawn	2	4	0	4	0	2	4
Tune, Clayton	2	17	0	17	0	8.5	10

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Tune, Clayton	0-2-1	-20	0		3

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
Singleton, Jeremy	0	0	0	1	

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
Wilkins, Laine	3	116	38.7	42	0	0

<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
Jones, Marcus	1	24	0	24
Green, Seth	1	1	0	1

<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Owens, Gervarius	3-2	4.0	0.0	0.0
Williams, Damarion	2-1	2.5	0.0	0.0
Anderson, Deontay	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
Parish, Derek	0-2	1.0	0.0	0.0
Hypolite, Hasaan	0-2	1.0	0.0	0.0
Jones, Marcus	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Mutin, Donavan	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0
Nwankwo, Chidozie	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

**Cincinnati**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
Ford, Jerome	11	94	0	94	1	8.5	42
Ridder, Desmond	1	2	0	2	0	2	2
Tucker, Tre	1	3	0	3	0	3	3

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Ridder, Desmond	5-6-0	95	2	44	0

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
Whyle, Josh	1	18	0	1	18
Pierce, Alec	2	65	1	2	44
Montgomery, Ryan	1	4	0	1	4

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
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<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Sanders, Myjai	2-1	2.5	0.0	0.0
Cook, Bryan	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Ward, Taj	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Briggs, Jowon	1-0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Dublanco, Joel	1-0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Brooks, Curtis	1-0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Beavers, Darrian	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
3rd	12:02	CIN - Taylor, Leonard 8 yd TD PASS from Ridder, Desmond 6-75 02:58	13-21
3rd	11:04	CIN - Pierce, Alec 21 yd TD PASS from Ridder, Desmond 2-23 00:41	13-28
3rd	07:38	CIN - Ford, Jerome 42 yd TD RUSH 3-62 01:18	13-35

**Play-by-Play Summary (4th quarter)**  
**Houston vs. Cincinnati (12/04/2021 at Cincinnati, Ohio)**



1-10 CIN49 Start of 4th quarter, clock 15:00.  
 1-10 CIN49 Ridder,Desmond pass complete to Whyte,Josh for 0 yards to the CIN49 (Owens,Gervarius).  
 2-10 CIN49 Montgomery,Ryan rush for 1 yard gain to the CIN50 (Nwankwo,Chidozie; Anenih,David).  
 3-9 CIN50 Ridder,Desmond pass incomplete to Ford,Jerome QB hurried by Anenih,David and Mutin,Donavan.  
 4-9 CIN50 Fletcher,Mason punt 40 yards to the HOU10 fair catch by Jones,Marcus at HOU10. [13:34]  
*Drive Summary: 5 plays, 25 yards, 02:37*

**Houston drive start at 13:34.**

1-10 HOU10 McCaskill,Alton rush for 2 yards gain to the HOU12 (Beavers,Darrian; Briggs,Jowon).  
 2-8 HOU12 Tune,Clayton pass incomplete to Herslow,Jake broken up by Cook,Bryan. The previous play is under review. The ruling on the field has been overturned. The pass was incomplete (OVERTURNED PLAY: #3 C.Tune pass complete to #87 J.Herslow for 1 yard loss to the HOU11 fumbled by #87 J.Herslow at HOU15 forced by #6 B.Cook recovered by CIN #0 D.Beavers at HOU11 #0 D.Beavers return 11 yards to the HOU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 12:43). [12:43]  
 3-8 HOU12 Tune,Clayton rush for 0 yards to the HOU12 (Huber,Wilson) PENALTY CIN UNS: Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Bush,Arquon) 15 yards from HOU12 to HOU27, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. E  
 1-10 HOU27 Tune,Clayton rush for 3 yards gain to the HOU30 (Van Fossen,Ty).  
 2-7 HOU30 Henry,Ta'Zhawn rush for 1 yard loss to the HOU29 (Sanders,Myjai; Van Fossen,Ty).  
 3-8 HOU29 Tune,Clayton pass complete to Herslow,Jake for 7 yards to the HOU36 (Beavers,Darrian; Bush,Arquon).  
 4-1 HOU36 Tune,Clayton rush for 7 yards gain to the HOU43 (Cook,Bryan), 1ST DOWN. P  
 1-10 HOU43 Tune,Clayton sacked for loss of 4 yards to the HOU39 (Vann,Malik).  
 2-14 HOU39 Tune,Clayton pass incomplete to Dell,Nathaniel QB hurried by Van Fossen,Ty.  
 3-14 HOU39 Tune,Clayton pass complete to Dell,Nathaniel for 53 yards to the CIN08 (Bryant,Coby), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P  
 1-8 CIN8 Tune,Clayton rush for 2 yards loss to the CIN10 (Hicks,Ja'von; Taylor,Jabari) PENALTY CIN UNR: Unnecessary Roughness (Briggs,Jowon) 5 yards from CIN10 to CIN05, 1ST DOWN. E  
 1-5 CIN5 McCaskill,Alton rush for 3 yards gain to the CIN02 (Beavers,Darrian; Cook,Bryan).  
 2-2 CIN2 Tune,Clayton rush for 2 yards gain to the CIN00 TOUCHDOWN nullified by penalty, clock 00:00 PENALTY HOU Holding (Johnson,Cam'Ron) 10 yards from CIN02 to CIN12. NO PLAY.  
 2-12 CIN12 Tune,Clayton rush for 5 yards gain to the CIN07 (Beavers,Darrian).  
**3-7 CIN7 Tune,Clayton pass complete to Herslow,Jake for 7 yards to the CIN00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 06:06. [06:06]**  
**1-10 CIN3 Witherspoon,Dalton kick attempt good.**

**HOUSTON 20, CINCINNATI 35**

*Drive Summary: 13 plays, 90 yards, 07:28*

Baxa,Bubba kickoff 61 yards to the CIN04, out of bounds.

1-10 HOU35 CIN ball on CIN35.

**Cincinnati drive start at 06:06.**

1-10 CIN35 Ford,Jerome rush for 4 yards loss to the CIN31 (Rogers,Jayce).  
 2-14 CIN31 Timeout Houston, clock 05:21. [05:21]  
 2-14 CIN31 Ridder,Desmond pass incomplete to Scott,Tyler.  
 3-14 CIN31 Ridder,Desmond rush for 10 yards gain to the CIN41 (Williams,Damarion).  
 4-4 CIN41 Timeout Houston, clock 05:14. [05:14]  
 4-4 CIN41 PENALTY CIN False Start (Tucker,Tre) 5 yards from CIN41 to CIN36. NO PLAY.  
 4-9 CIN36 Fletcher,Mason punt 46 yards to the HOU18 fair catch by Jones,Marcus at HOU18. [05:07]  
*Drive Summary: 3 plays, 1 yards, 00:59*

**Houston drive start at 05:07.**

1-10 HOU18 Tune,Clayton pass complete to Dell,Nathaniel for 24 yards to the HOU42 (Cook,Bryan; Bryant,Coby), 1ST DOWN. P  
 1-10 HOU42 McCaskill,Alton rush for 3 yards gain to the HOU45 (Beavers,Darrian; Brown,Marcus).  
 2-7 HOU45 Tune,Clayton pass complete to Sawyer,Peyton for 10 yards to the CIN45, out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. The previous play is under review. The ruling on the field stands. P  
 1-10 CIN45 McCaskill,Alton rush for 1 yard gain to the CIN44 (Taylor,Jabari; Pace,Deshawn).  
 2-9 CIN44 Tune,Clayton rush for 3 yards gain to the CIN41 (Beavers,Darrian).  
 3-6 CIN41 Tune,Clayton pass incomplete to Herslow,Jake QB hurried by Brown,Marcus.  
 4-6 CIN41 Tune,Clayton sacked for loss of 7 yards to the CIN48 (Sanders,Myjai; Brown,Marcus). [02:03]  
*Drive Summary: 7 plays, 34 yards, 03:04*

Cincinnati drive start at 02:03.

- 1-10 CIN48 Ford,Jerome rush for 0 yards to the CIN48 (Mutin,Donavan; Neal,Jamykal).
- 2-10 CIN48 Timeout Houston, clock 01:59. [01:59]
- 2-10 CIN48 Ridder,Desmond rush for 3 yards gain to the HOU49 (Parish,Derek).
- 3-7 HOU49 Timeout Cincinnati, clock 01:13. [01:13]
- 3-7 HOU49 Ridder,Desmond rush for 1 yard loss to the HOU50 (Anderson,Deontay; Owens,Gervarrius).
- 4-8 HOU50 Timeout Cincinnati, clock 00:27. [00:27]
- 4-8 HOU50 Fletcher,Mason punt 42 yards to the HOU08 Jones,Marcus return 14 yards to the HOU22 (Dublanko,Joel), out of bounds. [00:16]

Drive Summary: 3 plays, 2 yards, 01:47

Houston drive start at 00:16.

- 1-10 HOU22 Smith,Chandler rush for 12 yards gain to the HOU34 (Van Fossen,Ty), 1ST DOWN.
- 1-10 HOU34 Smith,Chandler rush for 0 yards to the HOU34 (Taylor,Jabari; Dublanko,Joel). [00:00]
- 2-10 HOU34 End of game, clock 00:00. [00:00]

Drive Summary: 2 plays, 12 yards, 00:16

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FINAL SCORE - : HOUSTON 20, CINCINNATI 35

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Houston	7	10:48	2	3	2	7	2-4	1-2	14-25	5-8-0-101	1-10
Cincinnati	0	04:12	0	0	0	0	0-3	0-0	6-9	1-3-0-0	3-25

**Quickie Statistics (4th Quarter only)**  
**Houston vs. Cincinnati (12/04/2021 at Cincinnati, Ohio)**



	HOU	CIN
Score	7	0
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	7	0
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	14-25	6-9
<b>PASSING-YARDS (NET)</b>	101	0
Passes Att-Comp-Int	8-5-0	3-1-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	22-126	9-9
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-14	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0	3-42.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-10	3-25
Possession Time	10:48	04:12
Third-Down Conversions	2-4	0-3
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-2	0-0

**Houston**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
McCaskill, Alton	4	9	0	9	0	2.3	3
Henry, Ta'Zhawn	1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	
Tune, Clayton	5	18	-2	16	0	3.2	7
Smith, Chandler	2	12	0	12	0	6	12

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Tune, Clayton	5-8-0	90	1	53	2

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
Dell, Nathaniel	2	77	0	3	53
Herslow, Jake	2	14	1	4	7

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
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<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
Jones, Marcus	1	14	0	14

<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Owens, Gervarius	1-1	1.5	0.0	1.0
Parish, Derek	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Williams, Damarion	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Rogers, Jayce	1-0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Anderson, Deontay	0-1	0.5	0.0	1.0
Mutin, Donavan	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0
Nwankwo, Chidozie	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0
Anenih, David	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

**Cincinnati**

<b>Rushing</b>	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
Ford, Jerome	2	0	-4	-4	0	-2	
Ridder, Desmond	3	13	-1	12	0	4	10
Montgomery, Ryan	1	1	0	1	0	1	1

<b>Passing</b>	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
Ridder, Desmond	1-3-0	0	0	0	0

<b>Receiving</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
Whyle, Josh	1	0	0	1	0

<b>Punting</b>	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
Fletcher, Mason	3	128	42.7	46	2	0

<b>Punt Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Kick Returns</b>	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
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<b>Tackles</b>	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Beavers, Darrian	2-4	4.0	0.0	0.0
Van Fossen, Ty	2-1	2.5	0.0	1.0
Cook, Bryan	1-2	2.0	0.0	0.0
Bryant, Coby	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
Dublanco, Joel	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
Taylor, Jabari	0-3	1.5	0.0	1.0
Huber, Wilson	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Sanders, Myjai	0-2	1.0	0.5	1.5

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
4th	06:06	HOU - Herslow, Jake 7 yd TD PASS from Tune, Clayton 13-90 07:28	20-35





## AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP POSTGAME NOTES

### Cincinnati 35, Houston 20

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Nippert Stadium

Cincinnati, Ohio

**Most Outstanding Player:** Jerome Ford, RB, Cincinnati

- A** Cincinnati won its second American Athletic Conference Championship Game in a row (27-24 over Tulsa in 2020).
- A** Cincinnati finished 2021 a perfect 7-0 at Nippert Stadium, capping a fourth straight undefeated season at home (6-0 in both 2018 and 2019, 7-0 in 2020).
- A** With the win, Cincinnati is the lone undefeated team in the FBS at 13-0 and has the longest active FBS win streak at 13.
- A** The combined record of 23-1 between the Bearcats and Cougars heading into the game was the best of any FBS conference championship game (tied with Georgia and Alabama in the SEC Championship).
- A** The Championship's Most Outstanding Player, Cincinnati's Jerome Ford, registered his fifth 100-yard rushing performance of the season for Cincinnati, gaining 187 yards on 18 carries. It was Ford's first time topping the century mark since gaining 189 yards on the ground against UCF on Oct. 16.
- A** Ford is the first running back to be the Championship's Most Outstanding Player.
- A** Cincinnati quarterback Desmond Ridder completed 11-of-17 passes for 190 yards and three touchdowns in the win. Ridder finishes his career with 907 yards of total offense and six total touchdowns in three appearances in the Championship game.
- A** Houston scored first to begin the game, capping a seven-play, 50-yard drive with a 37-yard field goal off the foot of Dalton Witherspoon on the opening drive. It was the sixth time this season that a Cincinnati opponent scored first, and the third time in the last four games overall.
- A** Ford's 79-yard touchdown run in the first quarter matched his longest touchdown rush of the season (against UCF) and was the second-longest rushing touchdown in American Championship Game history (82 yards - Darrell Henderson, Memphis vs. UCF in 2018).
- A** Ford ran for 42 yards for his second touchdown of the game in the third quarter, becoming the second player in championship history with multiple 40-yard plus touchdown runs (Memphis' Darrell Henderson scored from 62 and 82 yards in the 2018 game at UCF).
- A** Cincinnati dominated the third quarter to the tune of a 21-0 advantage on the scoreboard, outgaining Houston 194 to -6 in total yards from scrimmage in the period.
- A** Tune found Jake Herslow on a 7-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter to pull Houston within two scores at 35-20. The play capped a 13-play, 90-yard drive, the longest scoring drive (7:28) in the history of the Championship.
- A** Cincinnati held a 14-13 lead at halftime. The Bearcats have led or held a share of the lead at the half in 12 of 13 games played thus far this season (trailed Indiana 14-10 on Sept. 18, won 38-24).

### Championship Records Set/Tied

Interceptions	1	Joel Dublanko, Cincinnati
Sacks	8	Cincinnati
	2.0	Joel Dublanko, Cincinnati
Kickoff Return Long	37	Tre Tucker, Cincinnati
Longest Scoring Drive (Time)	7:28	Houston

### Miscellany

Kickoff time was 4:08 p.m. ET/3:08 p.m. CT, and the game ended at 7:29 p.m. ET/6:29 p.m. CT. Game time temperature was 52 degrees, with winds from the North at 6 mph and sunny skies. Cincinnati won the coin toss and elected to defer to the second half.

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## **The American Athletic Conference Championship Postgame Press Conference Quotes Dec. 4, 2021**

### **Cincinnati**

#### ***Coach Fickell's Opening Statement***

“What a special, special night. What a game. I give a lot of credit to Houston. That is a really good football team. The way we came out in the second half...we weren't going to be denied. The seniors stepped up right before we came out at halftime. Coby Bryant, Desmond Ridder and some of those guys stepped up and said, 'we are going to go out in the second half and take control.' They came out in the second half on a mission. I'm so proud of these guys. They have been through so much, with ups and downs, with obstacles. People will say, 'What obstacles? You're 13-0.' The number of obstacles you got to go through, especially when you got high-end guys, and guys that get praise and a lot of different things. But our ability to stay together, to not let the selfishness that happens so often, to not let that affect them... They really care about the things they do with the guys around them. It is really difficult to do this week in and week out. They have found a way because of great leadership. You see it in Desmond Ridder (quarterback), Joel Dublanko (linebacker) and so many more, so many to list. What those guys have done, making our home here, is something they will never forget, I told them.”

#### ***Coach Fickell on what was said at halftime***

“When you have an older group, when you can look in eyes and recognize who they are, going in at half, it was a battle and I don't know if we did a great job defensively. We hadn't had the ball that many times offensively. They were doing a good job moving and scoring. With the energy, I just wasn't really sure, and I looked into the guys eyes. It kind of went onto the

shoulders of those seniors. I felt really good about what they were talking about and how would we come out in the second half. To put the ball in Desmond Ridder and those guys hands to start the half is huge.

***Coach Fickell on potentially making history by getting into the College Football Playoff***

“We never talk about history. I try to block it out and ask, ‘what history?’ I mean, history of going to the championship game three times in a row? That is what we look at first and foremost, and we try not to say anything beyond tonight. What we had control over and what we could do. We can take care of ourselves and keep the focus on what we were doing. It’s not easy. They did an unbelievable job and I enjoyed what these guys have done tonight. I know and believe in what is happening...and if it is meant to be, it will be. I don’t think these guys can be denied. Just the way they answered the bell and everything they have done all year. It would be a shame for them to be denied.”

***Coach Fickell on scoring on the drive after halftime***

“I think the opening drive in the second half is something I define as toughness. Especially when you are coming out in different situations and the momentum of the game is in nobody’s favor. It’s back and forth. The start of the second half is so critical just for the momentum and the energy you are getting. For us to be at home and to have the crowd, I think that was a big deal for us to be able to kickstart the crowd and that is a big factor.”

***Coach Fickell on sharing this moment with the fanbase and the team***

I think that was something that I haven’t experienced that much...with everybody and the fans on the field afterwards. They asked for the boys to hustle back up to the locker room so we can have our own little celebration and then we can move on. They were playing music and things and I thought it might be a long one out there tonight and I am perfectly fine with it. Let’s just hang out here with the people that have supported us and made our home a real advantage to all that we are doing. If they are still out there when we leave the press conference, I think we are going to go out there and hang out with them.”

***Coach Fickell on the expectations of this year and how the team has dealt with them***

“That is what I mean when I say that I am so proud of what these guys are doing. The obstacles and the challenges and a lot of it is what to do with what you just said...the expectations. Our league is a really good football league. We are not making history...what history? We do what we do, we want to be us. We try to keep the motivation and not get into the expectations of everyone else. I just don’t mean an expectation to win, these guys work their butts off. We know what the expectation is to win...they do this for a reason. The expectations of living up and try to be something else. We know that being us is good enough. We proved that tonight.”

### ***Coach Fickell on the challenge of finishing off Houston***

“That is the tough thing. But some people standing up in the stands or in the box were feeling really good about what was going on. Unfortunately, they knew too much. But we’ve watched enough film to know what can happen when momentum and things shift. So, you are really trying to balance it. You want your guys to be positive, to enjoy it, but you know what is really at stake. I guess that is one of those things that I don’t enjoy a whole lot. The last 12 or 13 minutes, until we got the last turnover with 30 or 40 seconds left, I don’t think I enjoyed anything. But I think we got guys that understand that. We don’t have a young group. I mean, we got some young guys, but you can rely on those guys and these guys right here (Desmond Ridder, quarterback) and the other guy in the huddle on defense (Joel Dublanko, linebacker). They made it known that this game is far from over and we got to continue to finish.”

### ***Desmond Ridder on where being undefeated at home ranks on his list of accomplishments***

“I mean that is pretty high. Obviously, we take great pride in playing here at Nippert in front of a wonderful crowd and a wonderful student section. It’s just a blessing. All of our hard work paid off. During the summer, we run the stadium steps where it’s seven up and downs on the steps for seven home games. We do it every summer ever since I’ve been here to make sure that where we are playing is a special place. It was pretty rowdy tonight, and I am going to miss it for sure.”

### ***On the progress of Cincinnati’s football program***

**Luke Fickell:** “I think when you first walk in here, you’re almost ignorant in a sense. You’ve got this vision and it’s pretty clear, then you get through year one and reality kind of hits. But you just go back to work. To see a growth, it’s so amazing, it really is. To see these guys, and what they’ve done, how they’ve handled it, that’s what you love about it. We’re going to talk about 13-0, and 27-straight at Nippert, but to see how they’ve done it is what you love about it. That’s why you coach. Winning is great, but to see these guys grow and create bonds with each other, that’s the thing that people forget about this game... There’s probably 15 or 20 guys that played with us for the past three years in that locker room celebrating, and they’re every bit a part of this, even though they weren’t on the field.”

**Desmond Ridder:** “I’ve had my ups and downs both on the field and in life. For me, Coach Fickell has been a coach, a friend, a brother, a father figure. He’s a person I’ll always look up to and I’ll always thank him for giving me the opportunity to come here and play under him. He means the world to me.”

**Joel Dublanko:** “Coach Fickell said, inch-by-inch, getting better and better each year. I think that’s a testament to our guys and the culture. It doesn’t matter what happened, but we just always find a way to get better. I think we did that, and we’ll continue to do that. I think that’s why we’ve been so good at home. We’ve had a great atmosphere to play in these last few years. “

***On Marcus Freeman becoming the head coach at Notre Dame***

**Luke Fickell:** “I’m incredibly excited. Like I said, there’s 15 guys in our locker room that have played with us the past three years and some from earlier than that. Those guys are a part of what we’ve built. Marcus Freeman is a huge part of what we’ve built. When they move on, I take pride in knowing those guys were a big part of what we did. The experiences I have with these guys is what makes me as a coach. Obviously, we’re excited for him and those people because they’ve been a big part of us, and we love it when they have great opportunities like that.”

***Joel Dublanko on his interception***

“So, they’re attacking the middle throughout the game and the coaches were telling us to be really good on zone integrity. I saw where the quarterback’s eyes were looking, he threw my way, I threw my hands up, it went in my hands and I was like ‘Crap, I have the football right now.’ I ran, protected it and the rest is history.”

***Desmond Ridder on the offense’s hot stretch***

“In the pregame meeting before we left the hotel, Coach Fickell said the biggest difference in championship games are turnovers and momentum. Things that are going to swing games and change the way people play. For Joel (Dublanko, linebacker) to get an interception in a big-time situation, it was huge for us. For us to be able to go down and score, it changed the momentum of the game.”

***Desmond Ridder on being a part of the group that took the program to new heights***

“It feels great. And Coach Fickell always talks about leaving the place better than when you found it, and I’d definitely say we’ve done that.”

***On Jerome Ford being healthy again and winning the MVP***

**Jerome Ford:** “It felt good to be back out helping the team in any way I can.”

**Luke Fickell:** “Just get him the ball. He’s done an unbelievable job. I give a lot of credit to Jerome. When he walked in here, and we were winning...Sometimes when new guys come into the program, they expect things to happen right away. I’m so proud of how it worked out for him. Meaning, when he first came in, it didn’t just happen. I don’t know if I’ve told him this, but

he embraced the culture. We don't worry about the selfishness, and we take care of each other. We try to enjoy so many other things other than stuff on the football field. He (Jerome Ford, running back) was able to do that in that first year. It's really paid off for him, our team and our program.

***On being on the field when the fans stormed the field***

**Desmond Ridder:** I can't remember where I was for the UCF game where I saw the fans rush the field, but I definitely will remember this one. It was wild. At the end of the game, I didn't know if the security was going to stop them. But seriously, it's just a blessing for them to be able to celebrate with us.

***On if Coach Fickell will watch the College Football Playoff Show***

**Luke Fickell:** What time is it? We have a Senior Appreciation Banquet from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., so the answer is probably no. We'll be celebrating what these guys have done over the last four, five or even six years.

**Houston**

**Head Coach Dana Holgorsen's Opening Statement**

"I'm not going to start with the negative obviously we didn't play good in the third quarter, I think our opponent had something to do with that. Very proud of our football team, we've had a heck of a year. We've had a great week of practice; we were motivated to come into a home game for The University of Cincinnati. Rowdy atmosphere, incredible environment, fantastic football team, well-coached, great players. A solid on all three sides of the ball. We went toe-to-toe with them for as long as we could. Very proud of our football team. What I look at out there is what I want our team to look like, and our stadium to look like next year, and I think that we can get that done. I think we can accomplish that. They've been working at it for a couple years longer than we have, so very proud of our team. I'm encouraged with how we've played; I'm encouraged with the position that we've been in. I'm excited on continuing to get better. Top four football team, they're deserving of the CFP berth, that's history. Coach, congratulations, Coach Fickell and his entire team. They're first class."

***Coach Holgorsen on the final fourth-down opportunity***

"No, the answer is no. Is it the reason we lost? No. Did it change the game and create momentum? Absolutely. 4<sup>th</sup> and four, the kid makes a heck of a play and it just changes everything. Great teams have to overcome that. Championship teams have to overcome that, we did not. All the momentum went to their side and we had a hard time stopping it. Three touchdowns later, which was a one-point game at halftime. I felt like we left some things out there in the first half where we would have had a halftime lead, that's on me. Didn't finish good enough in the red zone. Then, you look up there and you're down twenty-two points. Huge momentum swing that we were not able to overcome, which is why they're the American champions- that's the bottom line."

***Coach Holgorsen's thoughts going into halftime***

“We did a good job offensively possessing the ball, and I think that our time and possession was 24-6. We possessed it well, we moved it well, we didn’t finish drives good enough to beat a team like this. When you get down there two or three times, you got to score more. We didn’t play great defensively, but we settled in. They’re a team that is a streaky-momentum-type team, so we weathered the storm, and we played good in the second quarter, which was awesome to see. Went toe-to-toe with them, in a crazy environment, though our halftime was good we just came out and they seized momentum, you know that’s what championship teams do. They outplayed us in the third quarter, I was proud of our guys for not shutting down, they kept playing. Tank (Jenkins) made a hell of a play, and we went down there and overcame a lot, scored, then we just ran out of steam so to speak. Just proud of the way our guys fought, just kept playing throughout the course of the whole game.”

***Coach Holgorsen’s message to the team after the game***

“Just proud of them. Thank them, proud of them. The seniors in particular, but the whole team. This was a very tight team. A lot of memories were made this year that these guys will remember for a long time, which is what it’s all about at the end of the day. Got to the championship game, didn’t win it. Maybe if we would’ve won that first game, I don’t know what they would have done, probably still would’ve had to come here anyways, to an undefeated team. Neutral site games are supposed to be neutral site games. It’s disturbing that an 8-0 American team has to go on the road and play in this kind of atmosphere. Hopefully we can be 8-0 and we can host this game next year because it’s a huge advantage. It’s a huge advantage in the championship game. I don’t get it but it’s not for me to say.

***Coach Holgorsen on Cincinnati’s CFP opportunities***

“I don’t see how they (CFP) can kick them out. I’ll probably get fined if I really give my feelings on what the CFP is but I don’t know how they would kick them out. They’re 13-0. Their only loss in the past two years was to Georgia. Georgia lost, there’s chaos, so who knows what’s going to happen. I don’t know how you’d keep Cincinnati out. I think year three, Cincinnati year three, was my first at Houston. They came to our place and you could tell that it was a team that were getting better and getting better. They haven’t lost there (Nippert Stadium) since 2017. That is four years, they haven’t lost there in four years. We took them toe-to-toe for as long as we could and keep fighting till the end. I’m just very proud of our team and I think we’re on track to seeing the same thing in Houston next year.

***Coach Holgorsen on the impact on the AAC if Cincinnati makes the CFP***

“Up until this point, it’s been impossible, so I hope it happens. Based on history, I don’t know. The American is a good football conference, good football is played. Us and Cincinnati are two very good football teams that went out there, and it was a heck of a football game. Very proud of our team. I’ve already said I think they should get in and I hope it happens.”

***Coach Holgorsen on Clayton Tune’s performance***

“It’s hard to run the ball on these guys, especially into the red zone we had to use him. He’s done a good job of extending plays, he hasn’t been able to do that for about 85% of the season.

He's gotten to a point where he can do that a little bit more, that's one of the things that makes him a great quarterback is him being able to extend plays. We had to get him going a little bit in the game too, just because it's hard

***On the emotions of reaching the championship game but coming up short***

**Cornerback Marcus Jones:** "It definitely hurt. We put a lot of work into the off season. As you can tell, we lost our first (conference) game this season. We had our little streak and momentum when it came to the end, it was one of those situations to where we played a good game in the first half and we let it go. It definitely hurt."

**Defensive Lineman Derek Parish:** "It never feels good losing, especially not in a game like this after the momentum that we gained. I'm not going to go on a soapbox, but it hurts. Losing sucks, but maybe it builds a fire."

***On hopes of claiming a win at the end of the night, but looking at the progress of the program***

**Marcus Jones:** "Definitely, but we want a "W" in front of that, that is the main goal. Falling short is never what you want."

**Derek Parish:** "It was definitely one of those situations to where the younger guys get to see what this atmosphere is about, and you get to see Cincinnati's great environment with the fans and also how the game flows. This is always great for the younger guys"

***What was the vibe at halftime? It seemed like you guys were in a position that you wanted to be in.***

**Marcus Jones:** "At halftime we were basically trying to keep our foot on the gas, you never want to get complacent. What we did on defense was, they were getting a lot of explosive plays, so we were talking trying to get everything right to prevent those from happening. On offense, we were doing good we were moving the ball, so we just needed all 3 phases to basically do what we do."

***On witnessing the celebration***

**Marcus Jones:** "We definitely wish it was us, but they are a great football team. They are solid everywhere. So it was one of those situations where the emotions came out when you see all the fans come out. We just wish it was us."

**Derek Parish:** "I agree. We definitely wanted the roles switched. But you have to respect it, and it sucks but you have to take it on the chin, keep moving and get better."

***On the toughness of playing in Cincinnati's environment***

**Derek Parish:** "I personally think it shouldn't matter. Whether you are on a field, parking lot, grass, or turf it's an atmosphere regardless if they are there for you or not. It should be energetic, but I don't think that plays a part."



**Marcus Jones:** “The atmosphere is definitely different. You know they have a whole bunch of fans, the atmosphere was real nice. It shouldn’t affect us, we should go out there and play our game. Cincinnati played the best.”

**You had a really good play, and you jumped up and looked surprised when there was a flag for pass interference. How did you feel on that play?**

**Marcus Jones:** “I saw the receiver turn around so I played his hands. I’m not going to get upset at the ref because it’s his job. I saw his face, and it looked like he didn’t want to throw it at first, but then he threw it and I was like, “ahh.” Its one of those situations where all I could do was play the next play. I can’t get mad at him for doing his job.”

***On Cincinnati’s CFP chances***

**Marcus Jones:** “The first thing you have to do is respect the team who has only lost 1 game in 2 years. It’s hard to do, its hard to win in general. So going 1-0 every week and putting up the points and beating teams like Notre Dame, it shows a lot especially for the other teams in the conference. It’s just a shame that you have to do good for 2 years to get into the college football playoffs. But it’s one of those situations where it’s good to see, because in this conference there is great football. Just like coach Holgorsen said, its great to see one of the teams in our conference play for the championship.”

***On the third quarter***

**Derek Parish:** “It was hectic and it was fast. I guess we got the rug swept from under us for a little bit, but we didn’t panic and we knew what we had to do to get out of the situation. Things are never perfect, we just have to do better in those situations to prevent them.”