

Cincinnati Postgame Notes No. 8 Cincinnati 54, No. 9 UCF 52 Game 1 – First Round, March 7, 2014 Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

- With Friday night's 54-52 win in the first round of the 2014 American Athletic Conference championship tournament at Mohegan Sun Arena, Cincinnati completed a three-game sweep of UCF this season. The programs had never faced each other before this year.
- Cincinnati (13-17) won a conference tournament game for the first time since 2010, when it defeated USF 63-51 as the 14th seed.
- Cincinnati used an 18-3 run over a span of 7:26 in the second half to turn a 26-24 halftime deficit into a 42-32 lead with 11:29 left. Jasmine Whitfield had seven of her 10 points during that run.
- Alyesha Lovett led the Bearcats with 19 points and nine rebounds. She had six of her points during the 18-3 run.
- Cincinnati, which ranked third in the American during the regular season in scoring defense (59.1 points per game) and fourth in opponent shooting percentage (39.5 percent), held UCF to 52 points and 32.3-percent shooting (21 of 65). UCF shot just 25 percent from the field (9 of 36) in the second half.
- The Bearcats improved to 9-7 in games where the opposition scores fewer than 60 points.
- Cincinnati snapped a two-game losing streak with the win on Friday night.
- Cincinnati outscored UCF by three total points in the last two meetings, and an average of 4.3 points per game in the three meetings this season.

UCF Postgame Notes

- Zykira Lewis, a 5-foot-8 freshman guard for UCF, finished with 15 points. It was the ninth straight game she reached double figures the longest such streak this season by a UCF player. She came off the bench to lead UCF in scoring for the seventh straight game.
- Erika Jones finished with a game-high 13 rebounds. The 6-foot-2 senior forward has 883 career rebounds, good for third all-time in UCF history.
- UCF finished the season with six straight losses.
- Prior to the loss to Cincinnati, UCF was 7-2 this season in games when it led at halftime. The Knights did not trail in the first half Friday night, leading by as much six points.

- Friday night's game marked the sixth different conference tournament UCF has participated in since upgrading to Division I in 1984. Prior to joining the American, UCF had reached the Conference USA championship game in three of the last five seasons, winning the title in 2009 and 2011.
- Head coach Joi Williams is now 11-5 in conference tournament games.
- UCF is 3-11 in games where it scores between 50-59 points.

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