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Bearcats Cage Skyhawks in Home Opener

Bearcats Looking For Successful Year

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USPA NEWS - Bearcats defense keeps Skyhawks grounded. Only allowing Tennessee Martin in the end zone only one time. Cincinnati displayed a new and refreshed defensive game plan. After struggling last year their defense finishing near the bottom ranked 124th nationally the Bearcats have put that behind them!

The Bearcat balanced attack delivered 400 total yards of offense. First year offensive coordinator Zac Taylor made a fresh start going with Sophomore quarterback Hayden Moore from Clay Alabama. First start, first win for the young QB brings great anticipation for the Bearcats 2016 season. Moore threw for a total of 260 yards, going 21 for 34, 2 TD's, 1 INT.

Head coach Tommy Tuberville wants to develop a strong running game. UC Bearcats wants a multi dimensional offense. Bearcats showed the 28,000 plus fans that they have great talent on both sides of the ball that will produce solid results this year.

Tennessee Martin struck first with a seven yard pass from Gunnar Holcombe to wide receiver Clayton Weathers. Bearcats defense then stiffened and would not let the Skyhawks experience end zone for the remainder of the game.

Bearcats struggled briefly offensively with some turnovers and penalties. That seemed to wear on the Bearcats to find that offensive rhythm the first half. It was late in the second quarter when QB Hayden found NFL prospect #84 Nate Cole for UC's first score. Cole contributed to the win with 6 catches for 64 yards, (avg. 10.7 yards) & 1 TD

Two top offensive weapons for the Bearcats are Tion Green. Green ran for 97 yards on 16 carries. His longest run was for 23 yards. He averaged 6.1 yards per carry.

Top yard maker goes to wide receiver Devin Gray with 111 yards on 5 reception for average of 22.2 per catch. Great way to start the season. Their second half performance by the offense really help kick start some bright spots for the Bearcats.

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