

# Collection of the Greatest Bearcat Stories Ever Told: Tales From the Team

The University of Cincinnati Bearcats have a rich history of success on the gridiron, and their fans are some of the most passionate in the country. In this article, we'll take a look back at some of the greatest stories from the team's history, as told by the players, coaches, and fans who were there.



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## The 1953 National Championship

The 1953 Bearcats football team finished the season with a perfect 10-0 record and won the school's only national championship. The team was led by quarterback Paul Alexander, who threw for over 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns that season. Alexander was also a standout defensive back, and he intercepted seven passes in 1953.

The Bearcats' victory in the 1953 national championship game was a major upset. They defeated the heavily favored Georgia Bulldogs by a score of 27-16. The game was played in front of a sold-out crowd at Nippert Stadium, and the Bearcats fans rushed the field after the victory.

### **The 1988 Fiesta Bowl**

The 1988 Bearcats football team finished the season with a 11-1 record and earned a berth in the Fiesta Bowl. The team was led by quarterback David Klingler, who threw for over 4,000 yards and 35 touchdowns that season. Klingler was also a standout punter, and he averaged over 40 yards per punt in 1988.

The Bearcats' opponent in the Fiesta Bowl was the No. 1-ranked Florida Gators. The Gators were led by quarterback Kerwin Bell, who was one of the most prolific passers in college football history. The game was a close one, but the Bearcats ultimately prevailed by a score of 28-24.

### **The 2009 Sugar Bowl**

The 2009 Bearcats football team finished the season with a 12-0 record and earned a berth in the Sugar Bowl. The team was led by quarterback Zach Collaros, who threw for over 3,000 yards and 25 touchdowns that season. Collaros was also a standout runner, and he rushed for over 500 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2009.

The Bearcats' opponent in the Sugar Bowl was the No. 5-ranked Florida Gators. The Gators were led by quarterback Tim Tebow, who was one of the most successful quarterbacks in college football history. The game was a close one, but the Bearcats ultimately prevailed by a score of 51-24.

## **The 2012 Big East Championship**

The 2012 Bearcats football team finished the season with a 9-3 record and won the Big East Championship. The team was led by quarterback Brendon Kay, who threw for over 3,000 yards and 25 touchdowns that season. Kay was also a standout runner, and he rushed for over 500 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2012.

The Bearcats' opponent in the Big East Championship was the No. 25-ranked Louisville Cardinals. The Cardinals were led by quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, who was one of the most promising young quarterbacks in college football. The game was a close one, but the Bearcats ultimately prevailed by a score of 33-17.

## **The 2014 American Athletic Conference Championship**

The 2014 Bearcats football team finished the season with a 9-4 record and won the American Athletic Conference Championship. The team was led by quarterback Gunner Kiel, who threw for over 3,000 yards and 31 touchdowns that season. Kiel was also a standout runner, and he rushed for over 500 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2014.

The Bearcats' opponent in the American Athletic Conference Championship was the No. 19-ranked Memphis Tigers. The Tigers were led by quarterback Paxton Lynch, who was one of the most prolific passers in college football history. The game was a close one, but the Bearcats ultimately prevailed by a score of 42-31.

## **The Bearcats' Future**

The Bearcats have a bright future ahead of them. The team has a talented roster and a strong coaching staff. The Bearcats are poised to make a run

at another conference championship in 2023.

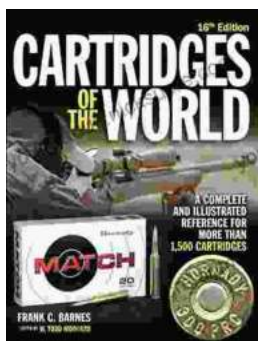
The Bearcats' fans are some of the most passionate in the country. They will be behind the team every step of the way as they look to build on their success.



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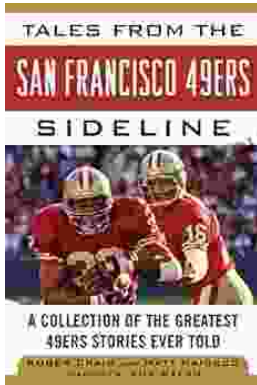
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