



2017 Pitt Football Game Notes
Heinz Field • Friday, November 24, 2017
Game No. 12: Pitt 24, #2 Miami 14



Team

- Pitt stunned previously undefeated and second-ranked Miami, 24-14, at a raucous Heinz Field on Friday.
- In defeating No. 2 Miami (10-1, 7-1 ACC), Pitt (5-7, 3-5) beat a top-two team at home for the first time in history.
- Pitt's previous best home win came against No. 3 Fordham in a 13-0 victory on Nov. 8, 1941.
- The Panthers knocked off a top-five team at home for just the second time in the Heinz Field era (since 2001).
- Pitt previously defeated a top-five team at Heinz Field in a 31-28 victory against No. 5 Virginia Tech on Nov. 8, 2003.
- The Panthers have now won four consecutive games against top-three teams when unranked.
- Pitt is 2-0 under Pat Narduzzi vs. top-three teams, including a 43-42 win at Clemson on Nov. 12, 2016 and today.
- Pitt defeated Miami at home for the first time since 1997, ending a six-game home losing streak against Miami.
- The Panthers improved to 11-25-1 all-time against the Hurricanes.
- Stifling defense keyed Pitt's upset victory. The Panthers limited Miami to 232 total yards and just 45 on the ground.
- The 232 yards allowed by Pitt made it the fourth best defensive effort of the Pat Narduzzi era (since 2015).
- Pitt, which forced 10 Miami punts, improved to 11-2 under Narduzzi when allowing less than 100 rushing yards.
- Pitt also recorded a season-high four sacks as a team, improving to 10-3 under Narduzzi when reaching that total.
- Pitt paid tribute to 14 seniors before Friday's Heinz Field Finale. The Panthers' 2017 senior class includes wide receiver Mark Bernsdorff, quarterback Max Browne, tight end Nathan Bossory, defensive end Allen Edwards, tight end Devon Edwards, tight end Matt Flanagan, offensive lineman Brandon Hodges, offensive lineman Jaryd Jones-Smith, fullback Colton Lively, cornerback Avonte Maddox, offensive lineman Alex Officer, linebacker Brian Popp, wide receiver Jester Weah and punter Ryan Winslow.

Phil Campbell

- Campbell earned his first career start, lining up at strong safety on the opening snap. He finished with three tackles.

Avonte Maddox

- Maddox had an incredible Senior Day, tallying four tackles, two sacks, two passes broken up and a forced fumble.
- On his final play as a Panther, Maddox strip-sacked Malik Rosier, giving possession back to Pitt with 1:45 left.
- Maddox's two sacks tied a career high previously set against Villanova on Sept. 3, 2016.

Qadree Ollison

- Ollison finished as Pitt's leading rusher and scored the game-winning points.
- The junior running back led the Panthers with 62 yards rushing on 14 carries, an average of 4.4 yards per rush.
- Ollison also caught a 5-yard TD pass in the third quarter, giving the Panthers a 17-7 lead they wouldn't relinquish.
- The receiving score was Ollison's third career touchdown through the air.

Kenny Pickett

- Pickett starred in making his first collegiate start. The Oakhurst, N.J., native became the first Pitt true freshman to start at quarterback since Pat Bostick started the final eight games for the Panthers in 2007.
- Pickett was 18-of-29 passing for 193 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions.
- Pickett also rushed 13 times for 60 yards and two touchdowns.
- His 6-yard rushing touchdown in the first half gave Pitt a 10-7 lead at the break and marked his first career TD.
- Pickett's 5-yard TD pass to Qadree Ollison in the third quarter was his first career touchdown pass.
- The true freshman then sealed Pitt's win with a 22-yard rushing TD with 2:54 to play.

Tyler Sear

- Sear started at tight end for the second straight game. He is Pitt's only true freshman with multiple starts in 2017.