



2017 Pitt Football Game Notes
Heinz Field • Saturday, September 16, 2017
Game No. 3: #9/8 Oklahoma State 59, Pitt 21



Team

- Pitt suffered a 59-21 defeat to No. 9/8 Oklahoma State on Saturday at Heinz Field.
- The 38-point margin of defeat marked Pitt's biggest home loss in the Heinz Field era (since 2001).
- The Panthers (1-2, 0-0 ACC) fell behind 35-0 early in the second quarter and trailed 49-14 at half as the quick-start Cowboys (3-0, 0-0 Big 12) produced a historic offensive display in the first half.
- It was Pitt's largest halftime deficit since trailing 40-0 at Notre Dame on Nov. 16, 1996.
- It was also Pitt's most points allowed in the first half since Ohio State led 52-0 in Columbus on Sept. 21, 1996.
- Oklahoma State finished with 676 total yards (572 passing, 104 rushing), the most yards given up by Pitt in school history. The previous record was held by Virginia Tech (675 yards) in a 63-21 Pitt loss on Sept. 11, 1993.
- Pitt scored its first defensive touchdown of the season when Jason Pinnock recovered a fumble in the end zone (off an errant punt snap) in the third quarter. It was Pitt's eighth defensive TD of the Pat Narduzzi era (since 2015) and the first since Dane Jackson's 20-yard interception return against Syracuse on Nov. 26, 2016.

Ben DiNucci

- DiNucci took over as Pitt's quarterback in the second quarter and led two Panthers' touchdown drives.
- DiNucci finished 13-of-25 passing for 228 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. The attempts, completions and yardage marked career bests. The one TD pass and two interceptions tied DiNucci's career highs.
- As a team, Pitt passed for 288 total yards, which marked its highest aerial output of the season.

Rafael Araujo-Lopes

- Araujo-Lopes tallied career highs in receptions (6) and receiving yards (89) in the game.
- The junior wide receiver also caught his first touchdown at Pitt, a 14-yarder with 16 seconds left in the first half.
- Araujo-Lopes finished with a career-high 99 yards from scrimmage after adding a 10-yard rush.

Avonte Maddox

- Maddox intercepted Rudolph in the third quarter for his seventh career INT and his first of the season.
- The Pitt senior cornerback's interception ended Rudolph's streak of consecutive passes without an interception at 216 passes, which was an Oklahoma State school record and the longest active streak in the FBS.

Chawntez Moss

- Moss led Pitt in carries (12) and rushing yards (36). His 12 rush attempts tied a career high (Marshall, Oct. 1, 2016).
- The sophomore running back also scored his second career touchdown and first TD of the season on a 5-yard run.

Rashad Weaver

- Weaver recorded his first career sack as the redshirt frosh defensive end pulled Rudolph down for a 3-yard loss.

Ryan Winslow

- Winslow had a strong game, with six punts for an average of 48.7 yards per punt.
- Winslow kicked three punts over 50 yards and pinned the Cowboys inside their own 20-yard line three times.
- The senior punter also booted a career-long 63-yard punt in the game.