



2017 Pitt Football Game Notes

Heinz Field • Saturday, September 2, 2017
Game No. 1: Pitt 28, Youngstown State 21 (OT)



Team

- The University of Pittsburgh began its 128th season of intercollegiate football with a 28-21 overtime victory over Youngstown State at Heinz Field on Saturday afternoon.
- Pitt improved to 83-43-2 (.658) all-time in season openers and 15-1 (.937) all-time against Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) opponents. The Panthers are now 4-1 all-time against Youngstown State.
- The Panthers improved to 3-0 under Pat Narduzzi in season openers.
- The game marked Pitt's first overtime win since a four-overtime win at Notre Dame, 36-33, on Nov. 1, 2008.
- Pitt improved to 7-9 in overtime contests and is now 1-1 in season-opening overtime contests. The Panthers dropped a 27-24 overtime game at Utah to open the 2010 season.
- Pitt is now 4-2 at Heinz Field in overtime contests. It was Pitt's first home overtime victory since the Panthers topped Boston College, 20-17, in the first overtime on Oct. 16, 2004.
- Nine Pitt players made their first career starts for the Panthers in the game. Offensively, tight end Matt Flanagan, center Jimmy Morrissey, right guard Brandon Hodges, quarterback Max Browne and fullback Colton Lively made their first starts as Panthers. Defensively, nose tackle Shane Roy, defensive tackle Keyshon Camp, strong safety Dennis Briggs and free safety Bricen Garner made starting debuts.
- Five true freshmen—running back A.J. Davis, tight end Tyler Sear, long snapper Cal Adomitis and defensive backs Damarri Mathis and Jason Pinnock—played for Pitt in the contest, while five redshirt freshmen also played.
- In the fourth quarter, James Folston Jr. blocked a punt that was returned 66 yards by Jazzee Stocker. It was the ninth blocked kick, and fifth blocked punt, of the Pat Narduzzi era at Pitt (since 2015).

Qadree Ollison

- Ollison accounted for two first-half rushing touchdowns. It marked the second multi-rushing TD game of his career.
- The junior now has 15 career rushing touchdowns, 11 of which were during the 2015 season.
- Ollison finished with 91 yards on 22 carries to go along with a team-high five receptions for 35 yards.

Bricen Garner

- Garner recorded a game-clinching interception in overtime in his first collegiate game.
- The redshirt freshman safety also had four tackles in the contest.

Quadree Henderson

- Henderson accounted for 155 all-purpose yards with nine rushes for 77 yards, one reception for seven yards and three kick returns for 71 yards.

Jester Weah

- Weah hauled in an incredible 11-yard scoring pass in overtime to help secure the win for Pitt.
- Weah now has 11 career TD receptions, including eight over his past eight games. He has touchdown catches in four straight games and seven of the past eight contests.

A.J. Davis

- In his collegiate debut, Davis scored his first career touchdown, a 1-yarder in the second quarter. He rushed for eight yards on four carries.

Max Browne

- In his Pitt debut, Browne completed 17 of 24 passes for 140 yards and one touchdown, the game-winner to Weah.

Elijah Zeise

- Zeise recorded a career-high six tackles, including a team-best 1.5 tackles for loss.

Amir Watts

- Watts tallied his first career sack, an 11-yarder that was credited to him on an intentional grounding penalty.