



2018 Pitt Football Game Notes
Notre Dame Stadium • Saturday, October 13, 2018
Game No. 7: #5 Notre Dame 19, Pitt 14



Team

- Pitt was edged by No. 5 Notre Dame, 19-14, on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium in front of 77,622 fans.
- Pitt fell to 21-49-1 all-time against Notre Dame and 10-22 against the Fighting Irish in South Bend.
- However, the Panthers (3-4, 2-1 ACC) became the first team to lead after any quarter against the undefeated Fighting Irish (7-0) this season. Pitt led 7-0 after the first, 7-6 at halftime and 14-12 after three quarters.
- Pitt set the tone with its first offensive drive. The Panthers used 17 plays to go 88 yards in 9:43.
- The Panthers defense limited Notre Dame's rushing attack to a season-low 80 yards on 38 carries (2.1 per attempt).
- Pitt also recorded three sacks for a total of 32 yards.
- Three Panthers earned their first career starts in the game. Redshirt freshmen Carson Van Lynn, normally an offensive tackle, started at tight end, and Dontavius Butler-Jenkins started at wide receiver. On defense, sophomore linebacker Elias Reynolds also garnered his first career start.

Maurice Ffrench

- Junior Maurice Ffrench returned the opening kickoff of the second half 99 yards for a touchdown.
- It was Ffrench's second kickoff return TD of the season and his career after he went 92 yards vs. Albany.
- Ffrench became the first Pitt player with two kickoff return TDs since Quadree Henderson had three in 2016.
- Pitt now has 24 kick return TDs since 2000, with half of those occurring the Pat Narduzzi era (since 2015).

Rashad Weaver

- Sophomore defense end Rashad Weaver keyed Pitt's pass rush and run defense.
- Weaver recorded a career-high 1.5 sacks and finished with five total tackles in the game.

Jason Pinnock

- Sophomore corner Jason Pinnock recorded his first career interception on the final play of the first quarter.

Jazzee Stocker

- Junior safety Jazzee Stocker also tallied his first career interception in the third quarter.
- With the INTs by Pinnock and Stocker, Pitt now has seven interceptions this season—all by different players.

Aaron Mathews

- Junior wide receiver Aaron Mathews tied a career high with four receptions for a team-high 47 yards.