



2018 Pitt Football Game Notes
Heinz Field • Saturday, October 27, 2018
Game No. 8: Pitt 54, Duke 45



Team

- Pitt outlasted Duke, 54-45, in a back-and-forth offensive battle on Saturday afternoon at Heinz Field.
- Pitt defeated Duke for the fourth consecutive time—all under Pat Narduzzi—to improve to 14-9 in the series.
- The Panthers (4-4, 3-1) rallied from a 10-point third-quarter deficit and a three-point fourth-quarter deficit and scored the game's final 12 points in the last 2:33 of action to vault into second in the ACC Coastal Division.
- It was Pitt's first rally from a double-digit deficit in the second half since the Panthers rallied from a 17-7 deficit at Duke last season.
- Pitt posted its second most rushing yards in school history (484) to defeat the Blue Devils (5-3, 1-3 ACC).
- Pitt's 484 rushing yards on 52 attempts (9.3 yards per carry) were the most since the Panthers rushed for their school record total of 530 yards at Army on Oct. 18, 1975.
- The Panthers boasted two 100-yard rushers (Ollison, 149; Carter, 137) in a game for the second time this season. The previous time was against Syracuse (Ollison, 192; Hall, 107).
- Junior receiver Tre Tipton made his second start of the season (Albany) and the third of his career.
- Redshirt freshman defensive tackle Jaylen Twyman made the first start of his collegiate career.

V'Lique Carter

- Freshman V'Lique Carter made his collegiate debut in today's game. Listed as a defensive back, Carter played running back against Duke and finished with 137 yards and two touchdowns on just seven carries.
- V'Lique Carter is the first Pitt player to achieve a 100-yard rushing game in his debut since Qadree Ollison as a redshirt freshman had 207 yards and a TD on 16 carries against Youngstown State in the 2015 season opener.

Qadree Ollison

- Senior Qadree Ollison achieved the eighth 100-yard rushing game of his career, netting 149 yards and a touchdown on a game-high 18 carries. Ollison now has 795 rushing yards this season.

Alex Kessman

- Sophomore Alex Kessman had a perfect game, converting field goals of 54, 48 and 27 yards.
- Kessman's 54-yarder in the third quarter was the fifth 50-yard field goal of his career, the most ever by a Pitt kicker.
- Alex Kessman now has three of the four longest field goals in Heinz Field history (pro or college). His 55-yarder against Syracuse this year set the Heinz Field record, and he has made two 54-yarders in the stadium.
- He also converted a 48-yard field goal with 2:33 remaining in the game to tie the contest at 45-45.

Kenny Pickett

- Sophomore quarterback Kenny Pickett had the second second-half comeback victory of his collegiate career, throwing a 25-yard touchdown pass to Maurice Ffrench with just five seconds remaining.
- Pickett also helped Pitt recover from a 34-27 deficit in the fourth quarter in the OT win vs. Syracuse on Oct. 6, 2018.
- Quarterback Kenny Pickett scored Pitt's initial touchdown on a 30-yard run, the longest rush of his career.
- He finished 8-of-18 passing for 150 yards with two touchdowns—both to Ffrench.

Maurice Ffrench

- Junior wide receiver Maurice Ffrench hauled in two touchdown receptions for the first time in his collegiate career, including the game-winner in the final seconds.
- Ffrench finished with just two receptions—both touchdowns—for 75 yards.
- He also accumulated 69 rushing yards on seven carries and 76 kickoff return yards on four attempts.
- His 220 all-purpose yards were a career high, breaking his previous best of 163 at North Carolina on Sept. 22, 2018.