



2018 Pitt Football Game Notes
Saturday, October 6, 2018 • Heinz Field
Game No. 6: Pitt 44, Syracuse 37



Team

- Pitt recovered from an early 14-0 deficit to defeat Syracuse in overtime, 44-37. Pitt is now 8-1 against the Orange at Heinz Field, the lone loss coming in the venue's inaugural year in 2001.
- The Panthers now lead the all-time series, 39-32-3. Pitt leads the ACC series, 5-1.
- Pitt had two 100-yard rushers in a game (Qadree Ollison, 192; Darrin Hall, 107) for the first time since Nov. 26, 2016, when James Conner (115) and Quadree Henderson (103) also accomplished the feat against Syracuse.
- Pitt totaled a season-high 265 rush yards as a team, the 19th time it has reached the 200-yard rushing milestone under Pat Narduzzi. The Panthers are 14-5 under Narduzzi when rushing for more than 200 yards.
- The game was delayed due to severe weather at the 14:12 mark of the third quarter (approximately 2:15 p.m.). It resumed at 3:25 p.m.
- Today marked Pitt's first weather delayed game since a 45-38 loss at Oklahoma State (in Stillwater, Okla.) on Sept. 17, 2016. That delay lasted nearly two hours. It was the Panthers' first delayed game at Heinz Field since Sept. 1, 2012, when the start of Pitt's home opener vs. Youngstown State was delayed 30 minutes (a 31-17 loss).

Alex Kessman

- Placekicker Alex Kessman kicked field goals of 54 and 55 yards. Kessman now has four field goals of 50-plus yards: 56 yards at Syracuse (Oct. 7, 2017, tying school record), 55 yards at Georgia Tech (Sept. 23, 2017), and today's 55 and 54-yarders.
- Kessman now has the two longest field goals at Heinz Field, professional or college. He eclipsed the prior record of 54 held by Old Dominion's Jarod Brown (set in 2013 against Pitt). The longest NFL kick at Heinz Field is 53 yards held by Chris Boswell (Pittsburgh Steelers) and Dan Bailey (Dallas Cowboys).
- Kessman now has four of the six longest field goals in Pitt history: (T-1st) Chris Blewitt @Georgia Tech, 56 (10/17/15), Alex Kessman @Syracuse, 56 (10/7/17), (T-3rd) Alex Kessman @Georgia Tech, 55 (9/23/17), Alex Kessman vs. Syracuse, 55 (10/6/18); (T-5th) David Merrick vs. Texas, 54 (9/3/94), Alex Kessman vs. Syracuse, 54 (10/6/18).

Qadree Ollison

- Tailback Qadree Ollison rushed for a season-high 192 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries. The 192 yards marked the second-highest rushing total of his career (207 vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 5, 2015).
- Ollison scored Pitt's first touchdown on a 69-yard run, the second longest rush of his collegiate career. His longest is a 71-yard scoring run against Youngstown State on Sept. 5, 2015.
- Ollison now has seven 100-yard rushing games for his career, including two this season.

Darrin Hall

- Tailback Darrin Hall rushed for a season-high 107 yards and two TDs on 17 carries. He now has five 100-yard outings for his career.

Rafael Araujo-Lopes

- Receiver Rafael Araujo-Lopes turned a short pass from quarterback Kenny Pickett into a career-long 68-yard touchdown catch.
- The play was Pitt's longest touchdown pass since Nathan Peterman connected with Jester Weah for a 69-yarder against Northwestern in the PinStripe Bowl on Dec. 28, 2016.

Therran Coleman

- Sophomore safety Therran Coleman clinched the victory by intercepting Eric Dungey in the end zone in overtime. It was the first interception of his career.

Dane Jackson

- Cornerback Dane Jackson's 35-yard fumble return touchdown marked the second TD of his Pitt career. His other score also occurred against Syracuse, a 20-yard interception return on Nov. 26, 2016. It marked the Panthers' longest fumble return for a score since linebacker Greg Williams had a 50-yarder at Buffalo on Sept. 12, 2009.
- Jackson's touchdown marked Pitt's 33rd defensive TD since 2001—and eight of those have come against Syracuse.

Amir Watts

- Defensive tackle Amir Watts had the first interception of his career when he picked off Eric Dungey in the second quarter. It was the first INT by a Pitt interior defensive lineman since Chas Alecxih against Buffalo on Sept. 3, 2011.