



2018 Pitt Football Game Notes
Heinz Field • Saturday, November 10, 2018
Game No. 10: Pitt 52, Virginia Tech 22



Team

- Pitt seized control of the ACC Coastal Division by defeating Virginia Tech, 52-22, Saturday at Heinz Field.
- The Panthers (6-4, 5-1 ACC) became bowl eligible and moved within one win of clinching the Coastal.
- Pitt improved to 8-10 all-time and 3-3 in ACC play against the Hokies (4-5, 3-3 ACC) and 5-1 at Heinz Field.
- Pitt finished 5-1 at home overall. The Panthers went undefeated at home in the ACC (4-0) for the first time ever.
- Pitt set a school record with 654 yards of offense, eclipsing the prior mark of 648 vs. Eastern Michigan in 1995.
- This is Pitt's second game this season with more than 600 yards in offense (634 vs. Duke, Oct. 27). The Panthers have eclipsed 600 yards only eight times in program history.
- The Panthers rushed for 492 yards on 36 carries (13.7 avg.), the second-highest single-game rushing total in school history (530 vs. Army, 1975). The third-highest total is Pitt's 484 rush yards vs. Duke this year (Oct. 27).
- This is the sixth time Pitt has rushed for more than 300 yards under Pat Narduzzi. Pitt is 6-0 when it rushes for more than 300 yards during Narduzzi's coaching tenure (since 2015).
- Pitt had two 100-yard rushers in a game for the third time this season. **Qadree Ollison** had a career-high 235 yards and **Darrin Hall** had 186.
- Pitt paid tribute to 19 seniors before today's Heinz Field finale. The Panthers' 2018 senior class is composed of wide receiver **Rafael Araujo-Lopes**, fullback **George Aston**, running back **Cole Blake**, offensive lineman **Alex Bookser**, defensive back **Dennis Briggs**, offensive lineman **Connor Dintino**, defensive lineman **James Folston Jr.**, running back **Darrin Hall**, defensive lineman **Dewayne Hendrix**, offensive lineman **Mike Herndon**, linebacker **Oluwaseun Idowu**, defensive back **Colin Jonov**, wide receiver **Kellen McAlone**, offensive lineman **Stefano Millin**, defensive back **Phillipie Motley**, running back **Qadree Ollison**, defensive lineman **Shane Roy**, linebacker **Quintin Wirginis** and linebacker **Elijah Zeise**.
- Senior wide receiver **Kellen McAlone** made the first start of his career.

Qadree Ollison

- Senior tailback Qadree Ollison rushed for career-high marks in both yards (235) and touchdowns (3).
- Ollison's 97-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter was the longest play from scrimmage in school history. It eclipsed Darrin Hall's 92-yard run at Duke on Oct. 21, 2017.
- Ollison now has 1,054 yards rushing on the season. He also reached the 1,000-yard milestone as a redshirt freshman in 2015 (1,121). Ollison is the sixth player in Pitt history to achieve multiple 1,000-yard rushing seasons, joining Tony Dorsett (four, 1973-76), Curvin Richards (two, 1988-89), LeSean McCoy (two, 2007-08), Dion Lewis (two, 2009-10) and James Conner (two, 2014 and 2016).
- Ollison has 2,700 rushing yards for his career to eclipse Curtis Martin (2,643 from 1991-94) for 10th place on Pitt's all-time rushing yardage list.

George Aston

- Senior fullback **George Aston's** one-yard touchdown plunge in the second quarter was his first rushing score since Nov. 26, 2016, a six-yard run against Syracuse. It was his first TD overall since a six-yard scoring reception against Northwestern in the Pinstripe Bowl on Dec. 28, 2016.

Kenny Pickett

- **Kenny Pickett's** 78-yard touchdown pass to **Maurice Ffrench** marked Pitt's longest pass play since Nov. 26, 2016, when **Nathan Peterman** connected with **Dontez Ford** on a 79-yard touchdown pass against Syracuse.

Defense

- Sophomore cornerback **Jason Pinnock's** five-yard sack in the second quarter was the first of his career.
- Pitt totaled four sacks on the game, the 16th time the Panthers have compiled at least four sacks in a game under Pat Narduzzi (since 2015). Pitt is 13-3 in those contests.