

# 2018 Pitt Football Game Notes BB&T Field • Saturday, November 17, 2018 Game No. 11: Pitt 34, Wake Forest 13



#### **Team**

- Pitt clinched the ACC's Coastal Division with a 34-13 victory over Wake Forest on Saturday at BB&T Field.
- Pitt's passing attack lifted the Panthers (7-4, 6-1) to a fourth consecutive win overall and a fifth straight ACC win.
- The Panthers will meet Clemson in the 2018 ACC Football Championship Game in Charlotte on Dec. 1.
- Today's game was the first ever meeting between Pitt and Wake Forest in football.
- Pitt improved to 9-3 against the Atlantic Division since joining the ACC in 2013.
- The Demon Deacons (5-6, 2-5 ACC) led at halftime, 10-6, before the Panthers rallied in the second half.
- It was Pitt's fourth second-half comeback of the 2018 season, all of which have come in ACC contests.
- Pitt limited Wake Forest to 79 yards rushing on 28 attempts for an average of 2.8 yards per carry.
- Pitt improved to 14-3 under Pat Narduzzi when limiting the opponent to less than 100 yards rushing.
- The 21-point margin of victory was Pitt's most lopsided ACC road win since joining the conference in 2013.

#### **Kenny Pickett**

- Sophomore quarterback Kenny Pickett had a career day in leading the Panthers' to a landmark victory.
- Pickett finished with career highs in completions (23), passing yards (316) and passing TDs (3).
- Pickett became the first Pitt passer to top 300 yards against an ACC opponent since Nathan Peterman passed for 308 yards in a win at Clemson on Nov. 12, 2016.
- Pickett's 316 passing yards were the most by a Pitt QB against conference opposition since Tom Savage threw for 424 yards at Duke on Sept. 21, 2013.

### **Taysir Mack**

- Sophomore Taysir Mack became Pitt's first 100-yard receiving this season, tallying 105 yards on three catches.
- Mack's 63-yard touchdown was a career-long reception and gave Pitt a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter.

### Stefano Millin

- Senior offensive tackle Stefano Millin scored a 6-yard rushing touchdown to seal the victory for the Panthers on a designed trick-play toss back to Pitt's starting left tackle.
- Millin became the first Pitt offensive lineman to score a touchdown since Brian O'Neill scored twice during the 2016 season on trick plays against Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech.

## **Damar Hamlin**

- Junior safety Damar Hamlin recorded his third career interception and second this season.
- Hamlin deflected Wake quarterback Jamie Newman's intended pass for Greg Dortch and acrobatically turned and hauled in the ball as it went over his shoulder.
- Hamlin finished with seven tackles in the game.

#### **Cam Bright**

• Redshirt freshman linebacker Cam Bright tallied his first career sack, bringing down Newman for a six-yard loss.

## Kirk Christodoulou

- Redshirt freshman punter Kirk Christodoulou booted a career-long 71-yard punt near the end of the first half.
- It was the longest Pitt punt since Dan Hutchins' 71-yarder vs. Louisville on Oct. 30, 2010.
- Christodoulou also had a 61-yard punt and averaged a career-best 51.6 yards per punt in the game.