



2018 Pitt Football Game Notes
Heinz Field • Saturday, September 15, 2017
Game No. 3: Pitt 24, Georgia Tech 19



Team

- Pitt football won its 2018 Atlantic Coast Conference opener, 24-19, over Georgia Tech on Saturday at Heinz Field.
- The Panthers (2-1, 1-0 ACC) now lead the all-time series against the Yellow Jackets (1-2, 0-1 ACC) by an 8-5 margin.
- Pitt's victory also leveled the ACC series between the two Coastal Division foes, 3-3.
- Pitt head coach Pat Narduzzi improved to 3-1 all-time against Georgia Tech (the lone loss coming last year, 35-17).
- Pitt has won at least two of its first three games for the 14th time since the 2000 season.
- When the Panthers travel to North Carolina on Sept. 22, they will be aiming for their first 3-1 start since 2015.
- The Panthers won their ACC opener for the first time since 2015 (Pitt started ACC play 4-0 that season.)
- Pat Narduzzi improved to 2-2 in ACC openers during his four seasons at Pitt.
- Pitt led Georgia Tech, 21-0, at intermission. It was the first time the Panthers shut out an opponent in the first half since leading 28-0 over Rice on Sept. 30, 2017. (Pitt defeated Rice, 42-10.) It was Pitt's first first-half shutout of an ACC opponent since holding a 17-0 lead over Syracuse on Nov. 22, 2014. (Pitt defeated the Orange, 30-7.)

Qadree Ollison

- Senior tailback Qadree Ollison finished with 91 yards on 17 carries with two rushing touchdowns.
- Ollison has now scored touchdowns in consecutive games and in three of the past four contests. He had rushing scores of 31 and 8 yards against Georgia Tech, and had a 13-yard scoring run last week against Penn State. He did not score in the 2018 opener vs. Albany but closed the 2017 season with a five-yard TD reception against Miami.

Taysir Mack

- Sophomore wide receiver finished with a game-high 95 receiving yards on four catches—both season-bests.
- Mack's 60-yard reception on a flea flicker from Kenny Pickett marked a career-long catch.

Rashad Weaver

- Sophomore defensive end Rashad Weaver's third-quarter fumble recovery marked his third of the season.
- Weaver entered the game tied for the national lead with two fumble recoveries.

Phillipie Motley

- Senior cornerback Phillipie Motley's fourth-quarter interception marked the first pick of his collegiate career.

Damar Hamlin

- Junior safety Damar Hamlin set a career high with two tackles for loss and registered a season-best seven tackles.

Alex Kessman

- Sophomore placekicker Alex Kessman converted a 33-yard field goal in the third quarter to give Pitt a 24-6 lead.
- It marked Kessman's first made field goal of the season (He is now 1-for-2 with a 35-yard miss vs. Penn State.)