



2018 Pitt Football Game Notes
Kenan Memorial Stadium • Saturday, September 22, 2018
Game No. 4: North Carolina 38, Pitt 35



Team

- In its first away game of the season, Pitt was defeated by North Carolina, 38-35, Saturday in Chapel Hill.
- The Panthers (2-2, 1-1 ACC) fell to the Tar Heels (1-2, 1-0 ACC) for the sixth consecutive season in ACC play.
- Pitt rushed for 228 yards on 36 carries for an average of 6.3 yards per attempt. However, the Panthers fell to 13-5 in the Pat Narduzzi era when rushing for 200+ yards, with three of those defeats coming to North Carolina.
- Pitt's offense posted a 21-point second quarter, its first 20+ point second quarter since Nov. 26, 2016 vs. Syracuse.

Kenny Pickett

- Sophomore quarterback Kenny Pickett threw two touchdown passes in a game for the second time in his career.
- Pickett finished 19-of-33 passing for 174 yards and two TDs and no interceptions, matching his career-high TD total from Pitt's 2018 season opener against Albany on Sept. 1.
- Pickett also rushed for 37 yards on 13 carries and scored Pitt's opening touchdown of the game on the ground.

Maurice Ffrench

- Sophomore wide receiver Maurice Ffrench set career-high marks in receptions (7) and receiving yards (65).
- Ffrench's previous bests were four catches for 58 yards at Virginia Tech on Nov. 18, 2017.
- Ffrench also pulled in his first career touchdown reception on a 16-yarder from Kenny Pickett in the fourth quarter.

George Aston

- Senior fullback George Aston scored his first touchdown since rushing for a TD against Syracuse on Nov. 26, 2016.
- Aston hauled in a 1-yard scoring reception from Kenny Pickett just before halftime.
- Aston finished second for the Panthers with four receptions in the game for 23 yards and a score.

Mychale Salahuddin

- True freshman tailback Mychale Salahuddin was given his first three collegiate carries, totaling 34 yards.
- Salahuddin's first touch went for a 23-yard gain and a Pitt first down.

Defense

- Senior linebacker Quintin Wirginis posted a team-high nine tackles, which tied his career high.
- Junior safety Damar Hamlin tied his career-high with eight total tackles in the game.
- Senior linebacker Oluwaseun Idowu also finished with eight total tackles, including two tackles for loss.
- Sophomore defensive end Patrick Jones II recorded his first career solo sack in the contest.
- Pitt forced one turnover—with junior cornerback Dane Jackson forcing the second fumble of his collegiate career and redshirt freshman linebacker Cam Bright falling on it for his first career recovery.