

# 2019 Pitt Football Game Notes Heinz Field • Saturday, September 7, 2019 Game 2 • Pitt 20, Ohio 10



#### **Team**

- Pitt opened nonconference play with a 20-10 victory over Ohio on Saturday at Heinz Field.
- The Panthers (1-1, 0-1 ACC) improved to 8-1 all-time against the Bobcats (1-1, 0-0 MAC). Pitt also upped its all-time record against foes from the Mid-American Conference to 32-4.
- Pitt finished with 481 yards of total offense compared to just 212 yards of total offense for Ohio.
- Three players made their first career start for Pitt: wide receiver **V'Lique Carter** and tight end **Nakia Griffin-Stewart** on offense and defensive tackle **Devin Danielson** on the other side of the ball.
- Two Pitt players made their debuts: true freshmen wide receiver Jared Wayne and linebacker SirVocea Dennis.

#### **Kenny Pickett**

- Pickett topped 300 yards passing for the second time in his collegiate career, finishing with 321 yards.
- The junior quarterback set a career high with 26 completions (on 37 attempts).
- Pickett's 225 yards passing in the first half were the most by a Pitt quarterback in a half since Max Browne tossed for 247 yards in the opening half against Rice on Sept. 30, 2017.

#### **Maurice Ffrench**

- Ffrench topped 100 yards receiving for the first time in his career, finishing with 138 yards.
- The senior wide receiver also posted a career-high 10 receptions.
- He became the first Pitt player with 10+ receptions since Tyler Boyd had 11 against Louisville on Nov. 21, 2015.
- Ffrench caught a 74-yard touchdown in the second quarter, the second-longest TD catch in his career.

# A.J. Davis

- Davis led all rushers with a career-high 89 rushing yards on 13 attempts.
- The junior running back broke a 22-yard run in the game that also marked a career-long rush.

# **Vincent Davis**

- True freshman tailback Davis scored his first career collegiate touchdown on a 3-yard rush in the second quarter.
- It was the first touchdown by a Pitt true freshman V'Lique Carter scored twice against Duke on Oct. 27, 2018.
- Davis finished with 50 rushing yards on 12 carries to finish second for the Panthers in both categories.

# Jaylen Twyman

- Twyman posted a career-high three sacks for a loss of 22 yards. It was the first time an individual made at least three sacks for the Panthers since end Ejuan Price finished with five sacks against Louisville on Nov. 21, 2015.
- Twyman recorded Pitt's first multi-sack game since end Dewayne Hendrix had 2.5 at Virginia on Nov. 2, 2018.
- The sophomore also became the first Pitt defensive tackle with three sacks in a game since Aaron Donald finished with three sacks against Utah on Oct. 15, 2011.

# **Defense**

- Three Pitt defenders recorded their first career solo sacks: Wendell Davis, Kylan Johnson and Jaylen Twyman.
- Deslin Alexandre also tallied a solo sack for the Panthers for the second time in as many weeks.
- Pitt finished with six sacks and 10 tackles for loss as a defense. It marked the 17th game under Pat Narduzzi that the Panthers sacked the opposing quarterback at least four times. Pitt is 14-3 in those games. It was the eighth time a Pat Narduzzi team tallied at least five sacks in a game. The Panthers are now 8-0 in those contests. Pitt improved to 5-0 when reaching six sacks as a team under Narduzzi.
- Chase Pine made his second career start at middle linebacker and led Pitt with five tackles and added 1.5 TFLs.