

WEEK NINE
DUKE AT PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH -- In a back-and-forth offensive battle, Pitt scored the last strike, with Kenny Pickett hitting Maurice Ffrench five seconds left in the game to beat Duke, 54-45 on Saturday.

Pitt had leaned on its rushing offense for most of the game, but Pickett game through in crunch time, hitting Rafael Araujo-Lopes on a 17-yard pass, Tre Tipton for six yards and then an 11-yard scramble just before the game-winning pass to Ffrench. Pickett finished 8 of 18 for 150 yards and two touchdowns, with three of his eight completions and 78 of his passing yards coming on the final drive.

Pitt (4-4, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) moved to within a half-game of first-place Virginia in the ACC Coastal division, while Duke (5-3, 1-3) missed an opportunity to secure bowl eligibility and climb into contention within the division.

In a game full of offense, Pitt's defense got an elusive stop late in the fourth quarter, with defensive tackle Amir Watts sacking Daniel Jones on a fourth-and-long to get the Panthers the ball back.

Both teams eclipsed 600 yards of total offense. Duke did most of its damage in the air, with Jones setting career highs with 396 passing yards and four touchdowns. Deon Jackson set a Duke record with 403 all-purpose yards. Pitt's 484 rushing yards were the second-most in program history.

Duke did not punt until the fourth quarter, with an early turnover on downs and a Jones fumble standing as the only two stops for Pitt's defense until the final frame.

Ffrench's game-winner was his second touchdown. He also scored on a 50-yard catch in the second quarter.

Freshman defensive back V'Lique Carter, playing in his first game, made an impact on offense, with scores from 31 and 16 yards out. He finished with 137 yards on seven carries. Regular running back Qadree Ollison had 149 yards and a score on 18 rushes.

For Duke, backup quarterback Quentin Harris scored on a pair of short runs and slot receiver T.J. Rahming had a pair of short touchdowns.

Scoring Summary -----

	DUKE	PITT					
FIRST QUARTER							
PITT TD 11:04							
Kenny Pickett 30 Yd Run (Alex Kessman Kick)							
8 plays, 68 yards, 3:56	0	7					
DUKE TD 7:12							
Quentin Harris 6 Yd Run (Collin Wareham Kick)							
11 plays, 62 yards, 3:52	7	7					
SECOND QUARTER							
DUKE TD 11:41							
T.J. Rahming 3 Yd pass from Daniel Jones (Collin Wareham Kick)							
12 plays, 72 yards, 4:54	14	7					
PITT FG 7:24							
Alex Kessman 27 Yd Field Goal							
8 plays, 77 yards, 4:17	14	10					
DUKE TD 5:38							
T.J. Rahming 4 Yd pass from Daniel Jones (Collin Wareham Kick)							
5 plays, 72 yards, 1:46	21	10					
PITT TD 4:07							
Maurice Ffrench 50 Yd pass from Kenny Pickett (Alex Kessman Kick)							
3 plays, 81 yards, 1:31	21	17					
THIRD QUARTER							
DUKE TD 13:41							
Deon Jackson 74 Yd pass from Daniel Jones (Collin Wareham Kick)							
3 plays, 80 yards, 1:19	28	17					
PITT TD 10:22							
Qadree Ollison 4 Yd Run (Kenny Pickett Pass to Rafael Araujo-Lopes for Two-Point Conversion)							
7 plays, 75 yards, 3:19	28	25					
DUKE TD 7:45							
Quentin Harris 1 Yd Run (Collin Wareham Kick)							
6 plays, 65 yards, 2:37	35	25					
PITT TD 4:56							
V'Lique Carter 31 Yd Run (Alex Kessman Kick)							
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:49	35	32					
DUKE TD 3:57							
Johnathan Lloyd 68 Yd pass from Daniel Jones (Collin Wareham Kick)							
4 plays, 80 yards, 0:59	42	32					
PITT FG 0:31							
Alex Kessman 54 Yd Field Goal							
9 plays, 39 yards, 3:26	42	35					
FOURTH QUARTER							
PITT TD 10:39							
V'Lique Carter 16 Yd Run (Alex Kessman Kick)							
8 plays, 59 yards, 4:10	42	42					
DUKE FG 8:07							
Collin Wareham 25 Yd Field Goal							
7 plays, 69 yards, 2:32	45	42					
PITT FG 2:33							
Alex Kessman 48 Yd Field Goal							
10 plays, 26 yards, 5:34	45	45					
PITT TD 0:05							
Maurice Ffrench 25 Yd pass from Kenny Pickett (Alex Kessman Kick)							
7 plays, 82 yards, 1:09	45	52					
DUKE SF 0:00							
Team Safety							
0 plays, -14 yards, 0:00	45	54					
Team Stats							
	DUKE	PITT					
First Downs	28	29					
Total Yards	619	634					
Total Plays	77	71					
Avg Gain Per Play	8.0	8.9					
Net Yards Rushing	223	484					
Rushes	34	52					
Yards Per Rush	6.6	9.3					
Net Yards Passing	396	150					
Comp-Att	27-43	8-19					
Yards Per Pass	9.2	7.9					
Times Sacked	2	1					
Yds Lost To Sacks	-12	-1					
Interceptions	0	0					
Punts	2	2					
Punt Average	0.0	0.0					
Penalties	4	4					
Penalty Yards	36	50					
Fumbles	2	1					
Fumbles Lost	1	0					
Possession	26:02	33:58					
Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
DUKE							
Deon Jackson	10	162	16.2	0	60		
Daniel Jones	15	38	2.5	0	20		
Quentin Harris	6	11	1.8	2	6		
Brittain Brown	2	8	4.0	0	10		
Mataeo Durant	1	4	4.0	0	4		
PITT							
Qadree Ollison	18	149	8.3	1	25		
V'Lique Carter	7	137	19.6	2	62		
Kenny Pickett	7	76	10.9	1	30		
Maurice Ffrench	7	69	9.9	0	28		
Darrin Hall	13	53	4.1	0	18		
PASSING							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
DUKE							
Daniel Jones	27	42	396	9.4	4	0	174.9
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	-
PITT							
Kenny Pickett	8	18	150	8.3	2	0	151.1
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	-
RECEIVING							
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
DUKE							
Johnathan Lloyd	7	136	19.4	1	68		
Deon Jackson	3	89	29.7	1	74		
T.J. Rahming	9	78	8.7	2	19		
Noah Gray	5	48	9.6	0	16		
Jake Bobo	1	18	18.0	0	18		
Chris Taylor	1	16	16.0	0	16		
Daniel Helm	1	11	11.0	0	11		
PITT							
Maurice Ffrench	2	75	37.5	2	50		
Darrin Hall	1	24	24.0	0	24		
Qadree Ollison	2	22	11.0	0	13		
Rafael Araujo-Lopes	1	17	17.0	0	17		
Tre Tipton	1	6	6.0	0	6		
Shocky Jacques-Louis	1	6	6.0	0	6		

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DUKE	7	14	21	3	45
PITT	7	10	18	19	54