

**WEEK FOURTEEN  
CLEMSON AT PITTSBURGH**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- Exactly 10 years after being hired as head coach, Dabo Swinney made history with the Clemson Tigers.

Travis Etienne ran for 156 yards and two touchdowns, Trevor Lawrence threw two short scoring passes to Tee Higgins and No. 2 Clemson beat Pitt 42-10 on Saturday night on a rainy night to become the first team to win four straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship games.

"You can't be the best ever if you don't do things that have never been done," a triumphant Swinney said after the game.

Clemson (13-0, CFP No. 2) is expected to face third-ranked Notre Dame in the College Football Playoff on Dec. 29, though the field won't be set until Sunday.

As Swinney held up the championship trophy on the field after the game, he shouted to thousands of waterlogged fans clad in orange rain jackets: "I think we should just come back and do it again next year!"

"It's incredibly difficult to have the consistency that we have had," Swinney said.

Swinney called it a "gritty, sloppy, old school, grind-it-out win" on a muddy field.

Clemson turned to its running game and piled up 301 yards and four touchdowns and averaged 9 yards per carry on a night in which Lawrence was limited to 118 yards passing.

The defense forced three turnovers, including two in the first half that gave the offense the ball inside the Pitt 10 and led to 14 points. The Tigers limited Panthers quarterback Kenny Pickett to 8 yards passing and had nine tackles for a loss, including two sacks.

The Tigers entered the game as a 27 1/2-point favorite and Swinney's team looked as if it would put Pitt away early after Etienne scored on his first two carries.

The ACC player of the year took a handoff on the first play from scrimmage, ran to the right, cutback and raced 75 yards for his 20th touchdown of the season -- the quickest TD in the conference championship history. He added a second scoring run a few minutes later after Isaiah Simmons stripped Pickett of the ball and Christian Wilkins return it to the Pitt 3.

Etienne, the game's Most Outstanding Player, had 78 yards on his first two carries, surpassing Clemson's rushing total from last year's ACC title game win over Miami.

"All of that credit goes to the offensive line because they come in and grind every day of the week," Etienne said.

Pitt (7-6) would show signs of life though, scoring 10 straight points behind a 1-yard TD run by Qadree Ollison to cut the lead to 14-10.

But Lawrence found his fellow freshman Higgins on TD passes of 5 and 10 in the second quarter, the latter coming after a 38-yard interception return by A.J. Terrell, to take a 28-10 lead at half-time. Adam Choice and Lyn-J Dixon added fourth quarter touchdown runs for the Tigers.

**CLEMSON OVER NOTRE DAME**

Pitt coach Pat Narduzzi has faced Clemson and Notre Dame this season and said there is "no comparison" between the two teams.

"Clemson is the best football team we have faced this season and they will probably win a national championship in my opinion," Narduzzi said. "That's a good football team from the front end to the back end."

**ALABAMA-CLEMSON PART 4**

Swinney said if the Tigers wind up facing No. 1 Alabama in the College Football Playoff for the fourth straight year he would consider it a rivalry.

"I think four would make it a rivalry," Swinney said, whose team is 1-2 against the Crimson Tide the last three years. "And we need to beat them more, too. It ain't much of a rivalry when you are losing, so we gotta win more."

**PICKETT STAYS THE STARTER**

Despite a miserable night, Pickett will remain the team's starting quarterback moving forward, Narduzzi said.

"There is nobody other than Kenny Pickett I would want to lead our offense," Narduzzi said. "He's played unbelievable this year. ... It starts with protection and when he gets time he can be effective and when he doesn't nobody is going to be effective. When you are running for your life back there it is not easy."

Said Pickett: "It's a tough loss, but I'm not going to let this game define me."

**CLEMSON'S FRONT FOUR**

The Tigers' experienced and heralded defensive front of ends Clelin Ferrell and Austin Bryant and tackles Wilkins and Dexter Lawrence dominated the line of scrimmage.

"Clemson's front four, they have three first round (draft picks) and maybe four," Narduzzi said.

Said Pitt running back Darrin Hall: "They're the number two team in the country for a reason. They brought the energy."

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Pitt: The Panthers need to make major strides in the passing game to take the next step in the ACC. But the Panthers did run for nearly 200 yards and Ollison and Hall became the first Panthers tandem ever to both surpass 1,000 yards rushing in a season. They will need more balance moving forward.

Clemson: The Tigers won their 13th game for the third time in four seasons, continuing a remarkable run under Swinney. Their offense struggled at times and Lawrence wasn't particularly sharp, which could be a concern moving forward against better competition. The weather didn't help either team in the passing game.

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CLEM	14	14	0	14	42
PITT	3	7	0	0	10

**Scoring Summary -----**

	CLEM	PITT
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
CLEM TD 14:47		
Travis Etienne 75 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)	7	0
1 play, 75 yards, 0:13		
CLEM TD 9:29		
Travis Etienne 3 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)	14	0
1 play, 3 yards, 0:05		
PITT FG 1:46		
Alex Kessman 37 Yd Field Goal		3
9 plays, 62 yards, 4:22	14	3
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
PITT TD 1:56		
Qadree Ollison 1 Yd Run (Alex Kessman Kick)	14	10
6 plays, 39 yards, 3:08		
CLEM TD 4:57		
Tee Higgins 5 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (Greg Huegel Kick)	21	10
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:59		
CLEM TD 0:25		
Tee Higgins 10 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (Greg Huegel Kick)	28	10
1 play, 10 yards, 0:04		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
CLEM TD 14:27		
Adam Choice 1 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)	35	10
5 plays, 69 yards, 1:32		
CLEM TD 3:17		
Lyn-J Dixon 4 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)	42	10
5 plays, 65 yards, 2:45		

Team Stats	CLEM	PITT
First Downs	13	11
Total Yards	419	200
Total Plays	59	64
Avg Gain Per Play	7.1	3.1
Net Yards Rushing	301	192
Rushes	35	48
Yards Per Rush	8.6	4.0
Net Yards Passing	118	8
Comp-Att	12-24	4-16
Yards Per Pass	4.9	0.5
Times Sacked	1	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-6	-18
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	7	9
Punt Average	35.9	42.4
Penalties	6	8
Penalty Yards	41	54
Fumbles	0	2
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Possession	25:16	34:44

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

CLEM	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
9 Travis Etienne	12	156	13.0	75	2
26 Adam Choice	7	51	7.3	31	1
28 Tavien Feaster	5	30	6.0	9	0
7 Chase Brice	1	28	28.0	28	0
16 Trevor Lawrence	3	18	6.0	16	0
21 Darien Rencher	3	13	4.3	9	0
23 Lyn-J Dixon	4	5	1.3	4	1

PITT	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
22 Darrin Hall	14	86	6.1	29	0
30 Qadree Ollison	13	56	4.3	26	1
19 V'Lique Carter	8	22	2.8	9	0
2 Maurice French	1	16	16.0	16	0
8 Kenny Pickett	11	10	0.9	12	0
21 A.J. Davis	1	2	2.0	2	0

**PASSING**

CLEM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
16 Trevor Lawrence	12	24	118	4.9	2	0	118.8

PITT	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
8 Kenny Pickett	4	16	8	0.5	0	1	16.7

**RECEIVING**

CLEM	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
8 Justyn Ross	2	70	35.0	38	0
5 Tee Higgins	3	36	12.0	21	2
1 Trevion Thompson	3	15	5.0	7	0
13 Hunter Renfrow	2	0	0.0	3	0
28 Tavien Feaster	1	0	0.0	0	0
10 Derion Kendrick	1	-3	-3.0	0	0

PITT	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
82 Rafael Araujo-Lopes	2	10	5.0	7	0
19 V'Lique Carter	1	2	2.0	2	0
22 Darrin Hall	1	-4	-4.0	0	0