WEEK NINE MIAMI,FL at PITTSBURGH

Late TD pass lifts Miami past Pittsburgh 16-12

PITTSBURGH -- Jarren Williams hit K.J. Osborn for a 32-yard touchdown pass with 58 seconds remaining to rally Miami to a 16-12 victory over Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Williams, who entered midway through the fourth quarter for starter N'Kosi Perry, drove the Hurricanes 62 yards in nine plays, the last a short toss to Osborn that Osborn turned into his fifth touchdown of the season. Pitt's last-gasp drive ended with a pair of dropped passes, a sack and a wayward throw by Kenny Pickett on fourth down.

Miami (4-4, 2/3 Atlantic Coast Conference) sputtered for most of the afternoon, relying heavily on three early Pitt turnovers that allowed the Hurricanes to take a 10-6 halftime lead. Miami trailed 12-10 late in the fourth quarter when Williams entered for Perry. Williams' first drive ended with a punt. His second may have changed the trajectory of his team's season.

The Hurricanes took over with 4:01 to play and needed a fourth-down conversion to keep the drive alive. Williams, however, appeared to gain confidence with each snap. His strike to Osborn helped Miami get back to .500. Williams completed 4 of 8 passes for 50 yards and the touchdown as Miami won on a day it managed just 208 yards of total offense. Perry, named the starter on Friday after playing through a separated left shoulder in a loss to Georgia Tech last week, completed 10 of 24 passes for 104 yards and an interception before giving way to Williams.

Cam'Ron Harris ran for 60 yards for Miami, including a 1-yard dive in the second quarter following Pitt's third turnover in the opening 16 minutes.

Alex Kessman kicked four field goals for the Panthers $(5-3,\ 2-2)$, including a 24-yarder with 7:19 to play that put Pitt in front. Kessman attempted the kick after Pitt opted not to go for it on fourth-and-goal at the Miami 1. The decision pushed the Panthers in front but also opened the door just enough for Miami on a day the Hurricanes could do little for long stretches against a dominant Panther defense.

Pitt's defense did force a punt after Kessman's go-ahead field goal. The offense however, couldn't muster a single first down to help drain the clock and the Hurricanes finally got it going behind williams to likely end any legitimate shot the Panthers had of winning a second straight Coastal Division crown.

Pickett completed 18 of 32 passes for 146 yards and two interceptions in the rain, though a handful of drops didn't help. Todd Sibley ran for 54 yards before leaving with a leg injury late and V'Lique Carter added 47 yards on the ground. Yet the Panthers couldn't find the end zone despite three drives into the red zone.

THE TAKEAWAY

Miami: The Hurricanes still have plenty of questions on offense but at least they have some momentum after coming out on the wrong end of a series of narrow losses in recent weeks.

Pitt: The Panthers have thrived in tight games this year -- they came in having won four straight by a combined 10 points -- but couldn't get the one stop they needed.

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Scoring SummaryFIRST QUARTER MIA PITT							
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8 plays, 30 yards	, 3:05	ZZ IU I	Tera oc	Jui	3		3
SECOND QUARTER MIA TD 12:00 Cam'	Ron Harr	is 1 Vd	Run (C	'amder	MI Price		PITT
4 plays, 17 yards, 2:09)	3
PITT FG 2:39 Alex 10 plays, 80 yard		25 Yd	Field G	Goal	10)	6
THIRD QUARTER					MI		PITT
PITT FG 12:14 Ale 4 plays, 6 yards,		n 29 Yd	Field	Goal	10)	9
FOURTH QUARTER					MI		PITT
PITT FG 7:19 Alex Kessman 29 Yd Field Goal 14 plays, 64 yards, 8:14)	12
MIA TD 0:58 K.J. Osborn 32 Yd pass from Jarren Williams (Two-Point							
Pass Conversion F 9 plays, 62 yards					16	5	12
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Team Stats			MIA		PIT	T	
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Rushes for Firs			4		9		
Penalties for F			2		2		
			2-13		9-20 0-1		
Fourth Down Efficiency Total Yards			1-2 0-1 208 322				
Total Plays			59		74		
Avg Gain Per Pl	-		3.5		4.4		
Net Yards Rushi Rushes	.ng		54 27		176 42)	
Yards Per Rush			2.0		4.2		
Net Yards Passing 154					146		
Comp-Att 14-32 Yards Per Pass 4.8				18-32 4.6			
Times Sacked 4					2		
Yds Lost To Sac	ks		-23		-12		
Interceptions Punts			1 7		2 4		
Punt Average			0.0		0.0)	
Penalties			3		7		
Penalty Yards			35		55 2		
Fumbles Fumbles Lost			2		1		
Time of Poss			26:38		33:	22	
Individual Stat							
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MIAMI, FL	Rush				TD	LON	
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Mark Pope Dee Wiggins	1 1	3 -1	3.0 -1.	_	0 0	3 0	
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N'Kosi Perry PITTSBURGH	4 Rush	-12 Yds			0 TD	3 LON	G
Todd Sibley Jr.	4	54	13.	5	0	33	
V'Lique Carter A.J. Davis	11 15	47 45	4.3		0	18 7	
Kenny Pickett	. 9	21	2.3		0	30	
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PASSING							
MIAMI,FL N'Kosi Perry	Comp 10	Att 24	Yds 104	Y/A 4.3	TD 0	Int 1	QBRat 5.4
Jarren Williams	4	8	50	6.3	1	0	93.3
PITTSBURGH Kenny Pickett	Comp 18	Att 32	Yds 146	Y/A 4.6	TD 0	Int 2	QBRat 28.7
RECEIVING							2007
MIAMI,FL K.J. Osborn	Rec 6	Yds 94	Avg 15.7		TD 1	LONG 32	
Mike Harley	4	31	7.8		0	13	
Dee Wiggins Brevin Jordan	1 1	12 9	12.0 9.0		0	12 9	
Mark Pope	1	4	4.0		0	4	
Cam'Ron Harris PITTSBURGH	1 Rec	4 Yds	4.0 Avq		0 TD	4 LONG	
Maurice Ffrench	8	47	5.9		0	8	
V'Lique Carter A.J. Davis	2 4	46 24	23.0 6.0		0	30 16	
Taysir Mack	3	18	6.0		0	7	
Will Gragg	1	11	11.0		0	11	