

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '07 Pitt had to replace Tyler Palko (PS#10) who finished 2nd all-time at Pitt in total off ahead of Dan Marino. In his final year, Palko threw for 2,871 (68.3%) with a 25-9 ratio. The ret QB's had only 10 career pass att's with all of them by PS#25 Bill Stull. Stull hit his first 7 passes but suffered a thumb inj in the 3Q of the opener and was OFY (177 pass, 70%). Kevan Smith started the next 3 and vs Grambling threw for 202 and in that game Pat Bostick's (PS#9) first pass of his career was int'd. Smith (PS#58) hit just 3 of 9 vs Conn and was injured. Bostick took over the starting job the rest of the year. They ran a conservative game plan as Bostick threw mostly short passes. When he struggled vs Rutgers, Smith led the comeback hitting 7 of 11 for 81. Smith was injured again (shoulder) and Bostick finished with 1,500 (61.5%) but with an 8-13 ratio. Smith threw for 415 (56.2%) with a 1-4 ratio. All 3 QB's returned last year but their goal was to RS Bostick. They also added JUCO Greg Cross who has 4.55 speed (2,217 pass at JC '07). Stull threw for 2,356 (57.0%) but with a 9-10 ratio. Surprisingly they pulled the RS off Bostick for some late action vs Navy but 2 weeks later when Stull was injured, Bostick beat ND. This year they lose Smith (baseball) and also Cross (to WR). Not listed in the 3 deep is Andrew Janocko (6'1" 200 So, PS#209). The unit has 2 QB's who have been full-time starters so Pitt should have their most productive passing game in at least 3 years.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Pitt avg just 98 ypg rushing (2.6). Wannstedt turned to two true frosh in '05, diminutive LaRod Stephens-Howling (PS#51), who led with 434 (4.5), and Rashad Jennings (411, 4.8). Good-sized true frosh Conredge Collins (PS#20) had just 8 rush att. Jennings opted to transfer (Liberty #7DC) and Stephens-Howling rushed for 893 (5.0) in '06. Collins had 115 (4.0) and true frosh Kevin Collier (PS#49) took off his RS and played in 8 (115, 3.5). Wannstedt said he wanted a bigger back and brought in LeSean McCoy (PS#8, 210 lbs) who averaged 7.1 ypc at Milford. McCoy had a phenomenal year breaking the Big East Frosh rushing record finishing with 1,328 (4.8) with 33 rec (7.4). Stephens-Howling had 320 (4.1). Collins moved to FB and rushed for 110 (3.3) while Collier RS. Last year I called for McCoy to have an even bigger year and he rushed for 1,488 (4.8) with 21 TD's and added 32 rec (9.5). Stephens-Howling had 312 (4.1). Collier battled injury and played in just 2 with 25 (6.2). This year they lose McCoy (13 st, #2DC PHI), Stephens-Howling (#7DC ARZ) and Collins (5 st, 85, 4.0). They lose their top 2 rushers of the last 2 years and despite decent talent will clearly be weaker.

RECEIVERS - Under former HC Walt Harris, Pitt was gaining the reputation of "WR U" as they had a WR lead the Big East in receiving 7 times in an 8 year stretch (1997-2004). The top 3 returned in '07 but Derek Kinder (#1 rec) was lost in Aug. Oederick Turner was inconsistent early (drops) then suffered a hip flexor and Marcel Pestano saw his numbers drop to 190 (12.7). TJ Porter (3 rec in '06) led Pitt in rec's in '07 with 37 (8.9) and Turner in yards with 496 (13.8). TE Darrell Strong had 328 (11.3) and TE Nate Byham (PS#2) added 210 (14.0). Last year they lost Pestano and Strong but true frosh Jonathan Baldwin (6'5" 220 with 4.4 spd) was clearly the team's most dangerous WR and was #2 in yards despite being just #7 in rec with 18 (22.4). Kinder led with 422 (11.7). Porter (PS#101) was #3 with 357 (14.3) and Byham had 260 (13.0). This year they lose Kinder (12 st, #7DC CHI) and Porter who left the program in April. Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE's Justin Virbitsky (6'4" 240 rFr) and Mike Cruz (6'5" 270 rFr, PS#96DL). I look for Baldwin to be one of the top WR's in the Big East this year and they add in former QB Cross (PS#17JC) and true Todd Thomas (PS#23).

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year they brought in Tony Wise who was the OL coach for the NYJ (18 years in NFL). Wannstedt also brought in JUCO Robb Houser. They had to replace three

starters including #1 and #4 DC's but did have six back with starting experience. The numbers were similar to 2007 as they had 139 ypg rush (3.7) with 32 sacks allowed (8.4%). They did lose C Houser (inj) after 7 starts. This year they must replace C/LG CJ Davis (13 st, 124 qpc consecutive sts), LG Dominic Williams (6 st) and LT Chase Clowser (1 st). They have four starters returning and a pair of soph VHT's in Lucas Nix (PS#10) and Chris Jacobson (PS#14) who should have a bigger impact. This is the best OL Wannstedt has had here.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Wannstedt's first two years, they had inexperienced and injury plagued D-lines allowing 4.3 and 4.6 ypc. In 2007 they basically had 4 starters back and allowed just 130 ypg (3.2). Last year they had to replace two starters including 2nd Tm BE DE Joe Clermond (10.5 sk). They put up similar numbers allowing 124 ypg (3.6) with 33 sacks. This year they lose NT Rashaad Duncan (55 tkl, 13 st, MVP DL) and Tommie Duhart (1 st, susp) but have 4 back who have been full-time starters (NT Mustakas 12 st '06) plus VHT rFr DE Shayne Hale (PS#8LB). Not listed in the PSL are DT Keith Coleman (6'4" 300 rFr) and DE's Doug Fulmer (6'4" 255 Sr, PS#171) and Brandon Lindsey (6'2" 230 So, PS#56LB), who moves here from LB. Much like the OL, this is the best D-line Wannstedt has had here.



DE Greg Romeus

LINEBACKERS - Pitt has had two FWA AA LB's the last 3 years in HB Blades (2006) and Scott McKillop (2008). In 2007 the unit had to replace all 3 starters including #4 and #6 DC's but McKillop led the NCAA in tpg (12.6) and the other two starters were Adam Gunn (PS#55) and Shane Murray. Last year Gunn and Murray played in just one game each due to injury so they actually had just 1 starter back. McKillop had 137 tackles and 17.5 tfl and moves on (#5DC SF) along with #2 tackler Austin Ransom (13 st, 89 tkl, 8.5 tfl) and Brian Kaiser (11 tkl). Not only do 4 of the top 6 return, but they get back both '07 starters. Normally with the loss of the top two tacklers including a 1st Tm AA, a unit would have a drop off but if Gunn and Murray are both healthy, they actually have 3 full-time starters returning, which is two more than they had last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Pitt has ranked in the top 3 of the NCAA in ypg pass D twice in Wannstedt's 4 years. With a pair of NFL caliber CB's in '05, Pitt finished #24 in my pass D rankings. Pitt lost 3 starters in 2006 and even with star CB Darrelle Revis, dropped to #91. In 2007 they had to replace Revis (#1DC) and another starter but moved up to #43. Last year they had to replace two starters. DB coach Hafley called CB Buddy Jackson "one of the best pure athletes in the Big East" but he has yet to emerge. Returning starting CB Aaron Berry (PS#45) earned 2nd Tm BE honors as Pitt finished #42. This year they lose FS Eric Thatcher (13 st, 64 tkl) but have 7 of the top 8 back including 4 VHT's in the 2 deep. Not listed in the PSL below is Marco Percora (5'10" 180 rFr). Pitt's 16 int's in '08 were the most since their 2004 Fiesta Bowl team.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006 P Adam Graessle had an outstanding net of 37.5 and Pitt moved up to #13 in my ST rankings. In 2007 they had to replace Graessle and brought in Purdue transfer Dave Brytus (PS#3, 37.4 net '05). K Conor Lee broke the school record of 75 consec PAT's and hit 18 of 22 FG's (long 48). The team also blocked 4 kicks. Overall Pitt surprisingly dropped to #55 (Brytus' net 34.5). Last year Lee completed his career without missing a single xp (113) and set a school record with 20 FG's (long 44). Brytus improved his net to 37.1 but the return game was avg. Luke Briggs had 3 TB on 66 KO. Pitt moved up to #29 but this year they lose Lee and Brytus. Keep your eyes on rFr Kevin Harper (PS#17) who hit a 61 yd FG in HS and had 80% TB's on KO's. I also expect more production from KR Aundre Wright (fastest on tm). Pitt blocked a school record 10 kicks last year and although those numbers are hard to repeat they might not drop as far as expected.

COACHES - Dave Wannstedt was Jimmy Johnson's asst at Okla St and Miami, FL and the DC and asst HC during the Dallas Cowboys' Super Bowl years. He was the Chicago Bears HC from '93-'98 then HC of the Dolphins from 2000-'04. His 41-23 regular season record from '00 to '03 as Miami's HC was 5th best in that span. Wannstedt was captain of Pitt's '73 Fiesta Bowl team. In February Wannstedt brought in a new OC in Frank Cignetti (Cal's OCLY). Cignetti is a Pittsburgh native and was the QB coach with the 49ers in 2007, the OC at NC in 2006 and the OC at Fresno ('02-'05). Last year DC Paul Rhoads left for Auburn but Wannstedt brought in Phil Bennett, who had been SMU's HC (6Y) and ran top-notch units as a DC at Kan St and TCU.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Walt Harris' final five years, Pitt went to five consecutive bowls including the Fiesta Bowl as the Big East Champs in 2004. Nine of the team's 13 losses from 2002-2004 were by 8 or less. In their Fiesta Bowl season Harris was named Big East Coach of the Year as Pitt was the least experienced team in the conf with just 9 starters back. In 2004 Pitt was a BE worst -57.5 ypg in conf play but benefitted from +13 in TO. Harris took the Stanford job and Pitt excited the alumni by bringing in Dave Wannstedt. Unfortunately, Wannstedt was not only the first Pitt coach to lose his debut since 1986, but Pitt opened 0-3 (1st time S/'84) even with 16 ret starters. Pitt was fortunate to finish 4-3 in the Big East (-45.5 ypg) but they had their first losing season S/'99. In 2006 they had 11 starters returning and they opened 6-1 (best start S/'82). In their showdown vs #19 Rutgers, Pitt lost at home and then blew a 14 point 4Q lead vs Conn which cost them a bowl. Pitt led WV 27-24 at the half and L'ville 14-7 in the 1Q but finished with 5 straight losses. They were 2-5 in the Big East (-77.0 ypg). That 2006 squad had a veteran QB and avg 31.8 ppg, their best since 1981. In 2007 they had no experience at QB then lost starting QB Stull to injury. They opened just 2-4 but then knocked off #23 Cincy. Against both L'ville and Rutgers they were inside the opp's 10 at the end but came up short having TD's called back on penalties. Wannstedt appeared gone after a 4-7 start with #2 WV on deck in the season finale. Pitt was a 29 point dog but after they pulled the upset he was retained. Pitt did outgain Big East foes by 24 ypg in '07 and last year lost just 13 lettermen (fewest Big East) and had 13 ret starters. Pitt made my Most Improved List and as you would expect, had their first winning season under Wannstedt. Pitt was #25 in the preseason poll but was stunned by BG in the opener. After barely getting past Buffalo they were outgained 361-259 by Iowa but prevailed. They actually trailed Syr 24-16 and converted on 4th & inches at their 33 and rallied for a 10 point win. Fortunes changed when they knocked off #10 USF on the road. After destroying Navy they were 5-1 for the fourth time this decade and rose to #17. They lost to Rutgers by 20 at home but then got a big comeback vs ND (trailed 17-3 at the half), winning in 4OT. They beat L'ville 41-7 but then traveled to #19 Cincy and lost 28-21. Pitt beat WV in The Backyard Brawl getting a TD with :52 left and routed Conn 34-10 to finish 9-3. Pitt lost to Oregon St 3-0, in the lowest scoring bowl S/'59. On the season Pitt finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd in the BE at 5-2 (+25.0 ypg). Pitt has 15 ret starters (most in BE) but did benefit from +2 net close wins LY (pg 29). Pitt has my #1 rated D in the BE and one of my 9 sets of power ratings calls for them to go 12-0 incl 6 of them calling for a double digit win season.

OFFENSE JERSEY # IN BLUE 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP JERSEY # IN BLUE DEFENSE

QB 11 BILL STULL SR. 6-3 215 PS#25. 6 gm, '05-'06. RS '07. 12 st, 2356 (57%), 9-10 ratio LY. Pat Bostick (6'3" 220 Jr) PS#9. 1770 (60%), 9-17 ratio TY. Tino Sunseri (6'2" 200 rFr) PS#29.
RB 43 Sharif Harris So. 6-1 215 PS#59. 21 (1.8), 13 gm rFr. Dion Lewis is PS#110. 4.4 spd. Chris Burns (5'11" 190 rFr) PS#56. 24 Kevin Collier (5'11" 195 Jr) PS#49.
WR 14 Greg Cross Sr. 6-2 210 PS#17JC. Former QB. 3 Aaron Smith (6'0" 180 So) PS#26. FB Henry Hynoski (6'2" 250 So) PS#31. RS '07. Joe Capp (5'10" 220 Jr).
WR 82 JONATHAN BALDWIN SO. 6-5 220 PS#15. 404 (22.4) tde. Cedric McGee (6'1" 205 Sr) PS#101. 6 st, 306 (8.3) 3Y. Cameron Saddler (5'7" 170 rFr) PS#50. Aundre Wright (5'11" 180 So).
WR 88 ODERICK TURNER SR. 6-3 205 PS#97. 22 st, 1156 (14.5), 2Y. 8 st, 298 (14.2) LY. Todd Thomas PS#23. Mike Shanahan (6'5" 220 rFr) PS#81. Caleb Wilson (5'10" 180 rFr).
TE 80 NATE BYHAM SR. 6-3 255 PS#2. 12 st, 260 (13.0), 1st Tm BE LY. 2 Dorin Dickerson (6'2" 230 Sr) PS#8. 2 st, 174 (13.4) LY. John Pelusi (6'3" 260 Sr) PS#55. 8 st, 83 (8.3), 2Y.
C 64 ROBB HOUSER SR. 6-2 285 PS#8JC. 1st 7 st @C then inj & out year LY.
53 Alex Karabin (6'1" 290 Jr). 15 gm as bkup LY. Wayne Jones (6'2" 315 So). No gm LY.
RG 74 JOHN MALLECKI SR. 6-3 280 PS#110DL. 24rd gm on D/O '06/07. 13 st @RG. Off MIP Awd LY. 75 Ryan Turnley (6'6" 300 rFr) PS#100. Jared Martin (6'2" 285 Jr) PS#276.
LG 54 CHRIS JACOBSON SO. 6-3 290 PS#14. 2 gm as rFr. DNL. 56 Joe Thomas (6'5" 300) PS#67. 14 st @RG. 2Y. 13 st @RT LY. 78 Josh Novotny (6'3" 275 Sr). Navy transfer.
RT 52 Lucas Nix So. 6-6 300 PS#10. 6 gm bkup as true. 60 Greg Gaskins (6'4" 295 So) PS#165. No gm action as rFr. John Fieger (6'3" 295 So) PS#202. No gm action rFr.
LT 77 JASON PINKSTON JR. 6-4 300 PS#24DL. 7 gm true. Med RS '07. 12 st @LT, missed bowl (shoulder) LY. No spg. 67 Dan Matha (6'6" 285 So) PS#43. No gm action rFr.
K 47 Kevin Harper rFr. 5-10 170 PS#17. Set state record with 61 yd FG in HS.
31 Dan Hutchins (5'11" 190 Jr) PS#102. No FG. 3Y. Luke Briggs (5'9" 180 Jr). 66 KO. 3 TB LY.

DE 91 GREG ROMEUS JR. 6-5 265 41 tkl, 11.5 tfl, Frosh AA rFr. 13 st, 51 tkl, 7.5 sk, 8 tfl, 4 tfl LY. 78 Derrell Jones (6'2" 320 Sr) PS#71. 98 Chas Alecxih (6'5" 275 So). 4 gms, 1 tkl LY.
DT 95 MICK WILLIAMS SR. 6-1 285 PS#47. 7 st, 31 tkl, 8 tfl, 2Y. 9 st, 25 tkl, 4.5 sk, 4 tfl LY. 78 Derrell Jones (6'2" 320 Sr) PS#71. 98 Chas Alecxih (6'5" 275 So). 4 gms, 1 tkl LY.
NT 93 Gus Mustakas Sr. 6-3 280 PS#285. 12 st, 31 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 2Y. Med RS '07. 3 st, 14 tkl, 2 tfl LY. 94 Myles Caragein (6'2" 275 So). 9 tkl rFr. Craig Bokor (6'3" 290 Sr). 2 tkl, 2Y.
DE 97 JABAAL SHEARD JR. 6-4 250 PS#95. 3 tkl, 9 gm true. 13 st, 45 tkl, 5.5 sk, 5 tfl, 7 tfl LY. 46 Shayne Hale (6'4" 240 rFr) PS#8. 45 Tyler Ktach (6'3" 265 Jr) PS#149. 11 tkl, 2Y.
LB 38 GREG WILLIAMS SO. 6-3 225 PS#92. 12 st, 47 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 6 pd rFr. 44 Nate Nix (6'3" 235 Jr) PS#55. 4 tkl, 9 gm rFr. 6-2 130 gm, 14 tkl LY. Jonathan Taglianetti (6'0" 205 rFr).
MLB 8 Adam Gunn Sr. 6-2 230 PS#55. 21 tkl, 2Y. 12 st, 59 tkl, 6 tfl '07. 1 st, Med RS LY. 6 Steve Dell (6'1" 235 Sr) PS#164. 17 tkl, 3Y. Dan Mason is PS#26. 53 Joe Trebitz (6'3" 200 rFr).
WLB 15 Shane Murray Sr. 6-1 220 PS#157. 12 st, 65 tkl TY. Inj'd LY. Max Gruder (6'2" 235 So). 5 tkl LY. Tristan Roberts (6'0" 230 So) PS#169. 7 tkl rFr. Manny Williams (6'1" 205 rFr) PS#102.
CB 7 JOVANI CHAPPELL SR. 5-9 180 PS#40. 24 tkl 2Y. 8 st, 45 tkl, 3 pd LY. 26 Ricky Gary (5'9" 175 Jr) PS#54. 8 st, 16 tkl 2Y. Buddy Jackson (6'0" 175 So). Jeremiah Davis (5'10" 185 rFr).
CB 17 AARON BERRY SR. 5-11 175 21 tkl, 9 pd 2Y. 41 tkl, 13 pd, 2nd Tm BE LY. susp spg. 2nd Antwan Reed (5'10" 180 So) PS#84. 7 tkl true. Jarred Holley (5'10" 170 rFr). Dan Calafio (5'10" 170 Sr).
SS 31 DOM DEICICCO JR. 6-3 220 PS#71. 6 tkl true. 11 st, 56 tkl, 7 pbu, 4 int LY. 20 Irvan Brown (6'0" 205 Sr) PS#96. 7 tkl, 3Y. No spg '09 (inj). 23 Ronald Hobby (5'10" 175 rFr) PS#110.
FS 14 Elijah Fields Jr. 6-2 220 PS#55. 2 st, 18 tkl LY. 41 Andrew Taglianetti (5'11" 175 So). 13 gms, 3 blk'd punts, 9 tkl true. 10 Justin Edwards (6'1" 195 rFr). RS LY.
P 31 Dan Hutchins Jr. 5-11 190 PS#102. PK as rFr. 2 punts (41.0), long of 47 LY.
26 Aaron Hassett (5'11" 180 rFr). Awd'd 44 ypp at Ray Guy Camp. 38 Pat Costello (5'11" 175 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009
WR Todd Thomas 6-2 205 PS#33
RB Pat Graham 5-9 185 PS#43
LB Dan Mason 6-0 225 PS#26
DL Jack Lippert 6-4 250 PS#51
TE Brock DeCicco 6-5 235 PS#12
DL Tyrone Ezell 6-4 270 PS#68
DL Bernardo Nunez 6-2 235 PS#116
LB Shane Gordon 6-1 225 PS#100
OL Cory King 6-3 315 PS#126
RB Orion Jones 5-8 190 PS#110
OL Ryan Schlieper 6-5 280 PS#132
OL Juanitez Hollins 6-5 275 PS#155
WR Ed Tinkard 6-2 200 PS#89 '08
OL Fernando Diaz 6-2 275 PS#170
QB Kolby Gray 6-2 185 PS#108
WR Devin Street 6-3 180 PS#167
LB Carl Fleming 6-1 210 PS#221DB
DB Kevin Adams 6-1 205 PS#238
RB Jason Douglas 5-7 170 PS#257
DB Jason Hendricks 6-0 190 PS#701

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DAVE WANNSTEDT (Career 25-23)
5th Year at Pittsburgh Wannstedt's Bowl Record: 0-1

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5 2009 Schedule Difficulty-#54		TURF	LINE	Final Score	W	L
Date	Opponent			PITT Opp		
Sep. 5	Youngstown St	G				
Sep. 12	at Buffalo	A				
Sep. 19	Navy	G				
Sep. 26	at NC State	G				
Oct. 2	at Louisville (Fri)	A				
Oct. 10	Connecticut	G				
Oct. 16	at Rutgers (Fri)	A				
Oct. 24	USF	G				
Oct. 31						
Nov. 7	Syracuse	G				
Nov. 14	Notre Dame	G				
Nov. 21						
Nov. 27	at West Virginia (Fri)	A				
Dec. 5	Cincinnati	G				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Alex Van Pelt 11,267 '89-'92 1. Tony Dorsett 6,526 '73-'76 1. Antonio Bryant 3,061 '99-'01
2. Dan Marino 8,597 '79-'82 2. Curvin Richards 3,192 '88-'90 2. Dietrich Jells 3,003 '91-'95
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The Penguins finished 4-8 last year. Pitt defeated YSU in 2005 41-0.
The Panthers outgained Buffalo 132-43 in the 4Q outscoring them 10-0 to pull away LY.
Pittsburgh is 52-10-1 vs current MAC teams but lost to BG 27-17 last year.
Pitt has won 5 of the L/6 & holds a 21-13-3 edge in this series that began in 1912.
LY Navy came in avg'g 312 rush ypg but were held to 194. Pitt rolled up ssn high 499 ttl yds.
Pitt is 5-2-1 vs NCSU & defeated the Pack 34-19 in their last mtg in '01 Tangerine Bowl.
Panthers are 3-15 in reg season non-conf BCS road games since 1992.
Last yr Pitt snapped a 7 game losing streak to the Cards that dates back to 1990.
LY Pitt turned 4 Louisville turnovers into scores including two 4Q defensive TD's.
The Panthers had just 36 yds at the half but scored 24 pts in the 3Q to blow open a close game in last year's win. The home team has dropped B2B gms after going 3-0.
These 2 have met every yr since 1985 & Pitt is 19-7 but has lost the last four.
LY's 54 pts were the most given up by a Pitt tm since their 60-6 loss to ND in '96.
Last year the Panthers upset #10 USF holding the Bulls to 245 total yds.
Last time here Pitt led 14-10 at half time but USF turned three 2H int's into TD's.
Pitt & Syracuse have met every year since 1955, the Panthers have won 6 of L/7.
Pitt trailed LY until the 1st min of the 4Q (24-16) as SU's #102 rush def held them to 103 yds (3.8).
The Panthers are 3-12 since 1988 & 19-44-1 all-time in this series. LY Pitt rallied from a 17-3 1H deficit defeating ND 36-33 in 4OT, the longest gm in school history.
LY Pitt trailed 15-7 in the 4Q & scored twice including a 1 yd TD run with :52 left.
Pitt spoiled #2 WV's National Title hopes here in '07 which has been called the biggest upset in Pitt history.
The winner earns the "River City Rivalry" Trophy & Cincy snapped Pitt's 7 gm (7-1) win streak LY. LY Pitt gave up a ssn high 7 sks & was 2 of 10 on 3rd downs in the loss.

Wannstedt's records AT PITTSBURGH
25-23 Straight Up 2-2 Vs Top 10
16-10 Home 3-7 Vs Top 25
9-12 Away 3-6 Vs BCS Teams
0-1 Neutral 2-7 Off A Bye
14-14 Vs Conference 10-10 Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (9-4)
RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7
LETTERMEN:

Returning: 49 (19,29,1)
Lost: 22 (11,8,3)
2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,352 (#45)

BIG EAST



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STADIUM: HEINZ FIELD (65,050) (#35) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	7-5	9-4	8-5	8-4	5-6	6-6	5-7	9-4	64-46
Home	5-1	3-3	5-2	4-2	5-1	5-1	3-4	4-3	4-2	38-19
Away	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-2	3-2	0-5	3-2	1-4	5-1	24-23
Neutral	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	5-2	5-2	4-2	4-3	2-5	3-4	5-2	36-26
vs Non-Conf	3-2	3-2	4-2	3-3	4-2	1-3	4-1	2-3	4-2	28-20
ATS	95-7	7-4	6-7	5-8	6-5	5-5	5-6	6-5	7-6	52-53
Home Fav	2-3	1-1	1-5	2-2	2-0	4-1	2-2	1-3	1-3	16-20
Home Dog	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	9-6
Away Favorite	1-1	2-0	0-1	2-4	1-1	0-2	3-2	0-0	1-1	10-12
Away Dog	1-2	1-2	3-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	0-0	4-1	3-1	14-11
Neutral	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	3-4	5-2	3-4	3-4	3-3	4-3	2-5	4-3	4-3	31-31
vs Non-Conf	2-3	2-2	3-3	2-4	3-2	1-2	3-1	2-2	3-3	21-22
Off SU Win	4-3	5-1	5-3	3-5	4-4	2-3	4-2	3-0	5-4	35-25
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-3	1-3	1-3	1-1	3-1	0-4	2-5	2-1	13-24



YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
01	Tangerine	E	NC State	34-19	Pittsburgh's All-Time Bowl Record 10-15
02	Insight - #24	+2'	Oregon St	38-13	
03	Continental Tire	+3	Virginia	16-23	
04	Fiesta - #19	+15	Utah - #5	7-35	
08	Sun - #18	+1	Oregon St - #24	0-3	

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	TOTAL	OFF	OFF	PASS	YPP	SKS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	TOTAL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	PASS	DEF	SKS	
STS	PTS	OFF	RUSH	YPC	%	VS	VS	TURN	STS	PTS	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	%	YPP	BY		
8*	27.1	342	139	3.7	203	55.9	12.6	32	-3	2008	5	21.5	317	124	3.6	193	54.3	14.8	33
7	22.8	319	141	3.6	178	60.5	14.0	28	-5	2007	6	24.3	297	130	3.2	167	55.3	12.3	35
6*	31.8	372	123	3.9	249	68.7	11.7	23	+8	2006	5	22.8	363	181	4.6	182	63.0	15.9	21
9*	24.3	336	117	3.2	219	55.9	13.8	30	-4	2005	7	22.1	338	185	4.3	153	49.8	15.3	22
2	27.1	358	98	2.6	260	56.0	13.2	40	+13	2004	7	24.0	395	140	3.8	255	56.4	16.5	22
8*	29.9	406	118	3.2	288	58.8	13.6	43	+5	2003	6	23.9	403	185	4.5	218	57.2	16.8	21
8	25.5	358	143	3.4	215	52.3	14.1	46	+10	2002	5	17.8	296	117	3.2	179	52.5	16.6	30

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
LeSean McCoy	308	1571	83	1488	21	4.8	Scott McKillop	137	4	13.5	4	2
LaRod Stephens-Howling	77	339	27	312	5	4.1	Austin Ransom	89	2.5	6	0	1
Conrad Collins	21	93	8	85	0	4.0	Eric Thatcher	64	0	1.5	5	1
Aundre Wright	5	41	7	34	1	6.8	Dom DeCicco	56	0	0	7	4
Kevin Collier	4	26	1	25	0	6.2	Rashaad Duncan	55	1.5	4	2	0
Pat Bostick	7	1	37	-36	0	-5.1	Greg Romeus	51	7.5	8	3	0
Bill Stull	35	24	160	-136	1	-3.9	Greg Williams	47	3.5	3	4	2
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Bill Stull	330	188	57.0	2356	9	10	Jovani Chappel	45	0	1	1	2
Pat Bostick	41	22	53.7	270	1	4	Aaron Berry	41	1	2.5	10	3
Kevan Smith	3	1	33.3	4	0	0	Mick Williams	25	4.5	4	4	0
Derek Kinder	36	422	11.7	3	61	0	Elijah Fields	18	0	0.5	1	0
Jonathan Baldwin	18	404	22.4	3	60	0	Gus Mustakas	14	1	1	1	0
TJ Porter	25	357	14.3	0	64	0	Nate Nix	14	0	0	0	0
LeSean McCoy	32	305	9.5	0	38	0	Ricky Gary	12	0	0	4	0
Oderick Turner	21	298	14.2	1	34	0	Brian Kaiser	11	0	0	0	0
Nate Byham	20	260	13.0	1	34	0	Myles Caragein	9	0	0.5	0	0
Cedric McGee	23	201	8.7	0	17	0	Andrew Taglianetti	9	0	0	0	0
Dorin Dickerson	13	174	13.4	2	41	0	LaRod Stephens-Howling	9	0	0	0	0
LaRod Stephens-Howling	11	109	9.9	0	16	0	Antwan Reed	7	0	0	0	0
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	INT	PLAYER	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dave Bryant	60	2443	40.7	20	37.1	1	22	TJ Porter	16	184	11.5	0
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	PLAYER	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Conor Lee	38-38	8-8	6-6	6-9	0-1	20-24	44	Aundre Wright	26	547	21.0	0
								LaRod Stephens-Howling	23	493	21.4	0

PITT 2008	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS
45,063	Bowling Green	27	35-129	3.7	29-51	264	4	20
42,494	Buffalo	22	31-111	3.6	22-34	241	2	22
50,321	Iowa	13	37-130	3.5	11-25	129	2	19
27,549	at Syracuse	23	46-241	5.2	17-29	166	0	12
50,307	at USF	24	45-146	3.2	17-28	228	2	14
37,970	at Navy	22	42-244	5.8	15-23	255	2	12
51,161	Rutgers	20	34-138	4.1	22-34	348	4	20
80,795	at Notre Dame	17	47-178	3.8	15-30	168	2	20
44,055	Louisville	14	34-90	2.6	16-28	230	0	17
35,098	at Cincinnati	15	26-35	1.3	18-29	229	7	22
63,019	West Virginia	23	44-190	4.3	12-23	156	2	13
39,535	at Connecticut	9	34-87	2.6	10-19	141	0	16
49,037	† Oregon St	10	37-89	2.4	9-28	89	5	15

2008 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS
2008	5	21.5	317	124	3.6	193	54.3	14.8
2007	6	24.3	297	130	3.2	167	55.3	12.3
2006	5	22.8	363	181	4.6	182	63.0	15.9
2005	7	22.1	338	185	4.3	153	49.8	15.3
2004	7	24.0	395	140	3.8	255	56.4	16.5
2003	6	23.9	403	185	4.5	218	57.2	16.8
2002	5	17.8	296	117	3.2	179	52.5	16.6

TOTALS	239	492-1808	3.7	213-381	2644	32	217	451-1614	3.6	215-396	2509	33	-3
AVERAGES	18.4	38-139	3.7	16-29	203	8.4%	16.7	35-124	3.6	17-30	193	8.3%	-0.2

PITT Pre- Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-#25	PITT Pre- Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-#25	PITT Pre- Rank	Opponent	Line
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