

2008 GAME RECAPS

Bowling Green 27 PITTSBURGH 17 - Pitt did have a 493-254 yd edge & had a 71/8pl drive for a TD on their 1st poss. Early 2Q they converted on 4th & 2 at the BG 30 & went 41/11pl for a TD, 14-0. BG went 73/8pl for a TD, 14-7 & went 52/7pl for a TD with just 1:31 1H, 14-14. Pitt got a 36 yd FG on the last play of 1H & had a 13-7 FD edge & only led 17-14. BG ret'd a fmb'l for a TD but it was called back for an inadvertent whistle. Pitt fmb'l'd again at their own 11 & BG got a TD 2 pl later for a 10 pt lead, 27-17 (11:59). Pitt was SOD at the BG 44 & missed a 42 yd FG on their next 2 poss. Pitt got to the BG 29 but was int'd in the EZ with 1:22 left.

PITTSBURGH 27 Buffalo 16 - BUF went 34/9pl to open but had a 34 yd FG blk'd. BUF's 2nd drive went 73/15pl at TD, 6-0 (xpbk). PIT went 67/8pl for a TD, 7-6 (13:30). PIT went 69/14pl for a 21 yd FG, 10-6. BUF went 62/10pl for a 35 yd FG, 10-9 (:32). PIT opened the 3Q with a 63/10pl drive for a TD & BUF went 74/7pl for a TD, 17-16. PIT went 74/10pl for a TD, 24-16 (10:21) & 53/9pl for a 42 yd FG, 27-16 (3:23). BUF Willy had his 284th consec pass w/o an int streak end on 2nd & 18 at the PIT 36.

PITTSBURGH 21 Iowa 20 - PIT fmb'l'd on their own 19 & Iowa got a 26 yd FG, 3-0. They went 73/10pl & 54/10pl for TD's on the next 2 poss & led 14-3 (12:34 2Q). Iowa went 58/9pl for a TD with 3:24 left in the 1H, 14-10 & Iowa missed a 35 yd FG with 1:21 left. Iowa had a 173-124 yd edge 1H. Iowa went 78/9pl for a TD, 17-14. Pitt went 80/9pl for a TD & led, 21-17. Iowa got a 45 yd pass on a 53/7pl drive for a 39 yd FG, (10:58). Iowa was at their 1 with 2:19 left but fumbled & Pitt took a knee.

Pittsburgh 34 SYRACUSE 24 - Pitt had a 12-6 FD & 188-148 yd edges in the 1H but after Pitt got a 40 yd FG, SU got a 90 yd KR for a TD, 7-3. SU went 55/8pl for a TD & led 14-3 after 1Q. Pitt went 69/12pl for a 43 yd FG then went 79/10pl for a TD, 14-13 (4:06). SU got a 25 yd FG on the final play of the 1H to lead 17-13. SU opened the 3Q with a 56/5pl drive for a TD, 24-13. Pitt went 46/10pl for a 44 yd FG & then 89/11pl for a TD & 2 pt conv to tie it, 24-24. Pitt went 44/7pl for a 25 yd FG, 27-24 after rec'ing a fumble went 34/8pl for a TD, 34-24 (3:22).

Pittsburgh 26 USF 21 - Thurs night ESPN & Pitt upset #10 ranked USF. Pitt actually controlled the 1H with a 205-62 yd edge. USF should have blk'd Pitt's first punt but roughed the K. They did blk the 2nd & ret'd it 26 yds for a TD & led 7-0. Key play on 3rd & 7 got a 52 yd TD pass, 7-7 (5:54). USF went on a 10 pl drive & had a 42 yd FG blk'd. Pitt went 72/15pl for a TD, 14-7 (4:59). Pitt went 31/8pl & got a 35 yd FG with :22 left, 17-7. USF opened the 3Q with its best drive going 76/11pl for a TD. Pitt went 82/17pl for a 31 yd FG, 20-14 (9:40). USF went 86/9pl with a 22 yd TD pass, 21-20 (5:57) but Pitt got a 3 yd TD run on the 3rd pl, 26-21 (2 ptng). USF got to midfield but their Hail Mary fell incomplete.

Pittsburgh 42 NAVY 21 - Pitt got a 74/11pl drive for a TD & Navy went 63/6pl for a TD. Pitt went 58/5pl for a TD, 14-7. Navy fmb'l'd at their own 18 & Pitt got a TD 3pl later, 21-7. Pitt went 69/10pl & was at the Navy 13 yd line when they threw an int that was ret'd 90 yds to their 8. Navy got a TD on the next play & instead of a 28-7 Pitt lead, it was 21-14. Pitt would go 49/7pl for a TD (8:04) & then got a 58 yd TD run by McCoy with 1:04 left 1H, 35-14. Pitt had a 354-112 yd edge. Pitt got a 60 yd TD pass, 42-14. Navy took over with 2:25 left & went 54/6pl getting a garbage TD with :20 left.

Rutgers 54 PITTSBURGH 34 - PIT went 59/3pl for a McCoy 33 yd TD run, 7-0. Teel (school rec 6 TD's) hit a 60 yd TD pass, 7-7 (12:41). Teel hit Britt with a 79 yd TD pass, 14-7. RU went 72/10pl for a TD, 20-7. PIT went 77/3pl for a 22 yd TD run, 20-14. RU went 56/4pl with a 26 yd TD pass, 27-14. PIT went 70/4pl for a TD, 27-21 (8:45). RU went 69/5pl for a TD, 34-21 (5:26). PIT went 52/10pl for a 43 yd FG, 34-24 1H with RU having a 362-330 yd edge. PIT went 59/9pl drive for a TD, 34-31. Teel hit Brown with a 36 yd TD pass, 41-31. PIT QB Stull was inj'd & Bostick came in. Bostick was int'd at the 18 & ret'd 74 yds to their 8 (14pt swing). RU got an 8 yd TD run on the next play, 48-31. PIT went 43/10pl for a 40 yd FG, 48-34 (11:16) but RU went 67/9pl for a TD with 5:26 left, 54/34.

Pittsburgh 36 NOTRE DAME 33 (4OT). ND dominated the 1H & went 62/10pl for a 39 yd FG. Pitt blk'd a punt & rec'd at the ND20 for a 35 yd FG, 3-3. ND went 91/9pl for a TD (1:27). ND went 13/3pl for a TD & led 17-3 1H with a 241-71 yd edge. Pitt opened the 3Q with a 71/8pl drive for a TD. Pitt went 70/15pl for a TD, 17-7 (11:03). ND went 75/12pl for a TD, 24-17 (5:38). Pitt went 70/8pl & got a 4th & 6 10 yd TD pass with 2:22 left. The Irish were SOD at midfield (:32). Each team nailed FG's in the first 3 OT's & ND missed a 38 yd'r in the 4 OT.

PITTSBURGH 41 Louisville 7 - Five TO's were the key as UL had a 17-14 FD edge & Pitt only a 320-299 yd edge. UL fmb'l'd UL 19, setting up a Pitt 30 yd FG, 3-0 (9:01). Pitt drove 76/6pl for a TD, 10-0 (4:12). Pitt got a 47/4pl drive for a TD, 17-0 (3:30). 1H Pitt had a 177-146 yd edge. Pitt went 63/16pl drive for a 19 yd FG, 20-0. UL drove 60/5pl for a TD, 20-7 (4:42). Pitt went 60/5pl for a TD, 27-7 (11:19). UL blew the game open with a 3 yd FR TD & then :50 later an 18 yd TD IR, 41-7 (7:29 4Q).

CINCINNATI 28 Pittsburgh 21 - 28'. Pitt took their opening drive 69/10pl (UC 188-31 yd edge rest 1H). UC wore their red jerseys for the first time in 5 years. They went on a 99/16pl drive for a TD, 7-7 (14:09 2Q). UC went 83/11pl for a TD, 14-7 (3:33). UC opened the 3Q with a 62/6pl drive for a TD, & went 77/9pl for a TD, 28-7 (14:16). Pitt went 64/8pl for a TD. UC fmb'l'd on 4th & 1 at the Pitt 28 & Pitt got a TD 5pl later, 28-21 (1:22). Pitt got a 21 yd run by McCoy but fumbled at UC45.

PITTSBURGH 19W Virginia 15 - PIT opened with a 64/5pl drive for a TD. WV got a 57 yd pass to the 8 called back on a hold & punted. PIT went 74/10pl & had a FD at the 9 but after a hold settled for a 40 yd FG & missed it. PIT fmb'l'd at their own 39. WV settled for a 20 yd FG, 7-3. PIT went 62/10pl & had a 1st & gl at the 3 but on 2nd down was int'd in the EZ (:19). PIT had a 230-100 yd edge. WV took over in the 2H as they went 59/15pl for a 26 yd FG after dropping a TD, 7-6. WV went 81/4pl with a 59 yd TD run by White, 12-7 (xpng, 6:05). PIT was SOD at the WV34 but WV was int'd 2pl later. PIT was int'd at the WV45 & ret'd 11 yds. WV got a 49 yd FG, 15-7 (11:53). PIT punted (9:41). WV had a pass int'd at their own 30 & ret'd 14 yds. PIT went 16 yds for a TD, 15-14 (2ptng, 8:07). PIT41 (5:10) went 59/10pl for a TD with :50 left, 19-15 (2ptng). WV got to the PIT18 but their final pass in the EZ was caught but just oob & off pass interf would have negated it anyway. PIT had a 23-13 FD edge.

Pittsburgh 34 CONNECTICUT 10 - The 1H was a def struggle with CT having a 98-36 yd edge. CT missed a 53 yd FG. Pitt blk'd a punt & rec'd at the CT 8 but settled for a 21 yd FG. UC went 43/11pl for a 45 yd FG, 3-3. Pitt fmb'l'd at their own 48, was int'd at the UC15 (1:50). CT had a 98-36 yd edge at the half. McCoy got a 45 yd TD run on Pitt's first 3Q drive then after an int was ret'd to the UC 7, Pitt got a 21 yd FG, 13-3. Brown got a 57 yd TD run but one play later Pitt got a 61 ydr, 20-10 after 3Q's. Lorenzen was int'd on the final drive of the 3Q & after an 18 yd punt, Pitt got a 1 pl, 28 yd TD pass, 27-10 (:08). Frazer came in at QB & was int'd on each of his first 3 poss. The 3rd was ret'd 20 yds for a TD, 34-10.