

Steelers**NEWS**

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**Pittsburgh Steelers (0-2) Preseason
 at
 Philadelphia Eagles (1-2) Game
 #3**

Aug. 25, 2006 • 8 p.m. ET

Lincoln Financial Field • Philadelphia, Pa.

Preseason Game #3

Pittsburgh Steelers (0-2) at Philadelphia Eagles (1-2)

Date: Friday, Aug. 25, 2006

Kickoff: 8 p.m., ET

Site: Lincoln Financial Field (68,400) • Philadelphia, Pa.

Playing Surface: Natural Grass

TV Coverage: ESPN

Announcers: Mike Tirico (play-by-play)
 Joe Theismann (color analyst)
 Tony Kornheiser (color analyst)
 Suzy Kolber (sideline)
 Michele Tafoya (sideline)

Local Radio: Steelers Radio Network
 WDVE-FM (102.5)/WBGG-AM (970)

Announcers: Bill Hillgrove (play-by-play)
 Tunch Ilkin (color analyst)
 Craig Wolfley (sideline)

A Look at the Coaches:

Pittsburgh Head Coach Bill Cowher

Overall Record/Season: 141-82-1 (.632)/15th season
 Record at Pittsburgh/Season: 141-82-1 (.632)/15th season
 Playoff Record/Years: 12-9 (.571)/10 years

Philadelphia Head Coach Andy Reid

Overall Record/Season: 70-42/eighth season
 Record at Philadelphia/Season: 70-42/eighth season
 Playoff Record/Years: 7-5/five years

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Pittsburgh Steelers 2006 Schedule/Results

Preseason

Saturday, Aug. 12	at Arizona	L, 13-21 (KDKA/FSN)
Saturday, Aug. 19	MINNESOTA	L, 10-17 (KDKA/FSN)
Friday, Aug. 25	at Philadelphia	8 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Aug. 31	CAROLINA	7:30 p.m. (KDKA/FSN)

Regular Season

Thursday, Sept. 7	MIAMI	8:30 p.m. (NBC)
Monday, Sept. 18	at Jacksonville	8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday, Sept. 24	CINCINNATI	1 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Oct. 1	OPEN	
Sunday, Oct. 8	at San Diego	8:15 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Oct. 15	KANSAS CITY	1 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Oct. 22	at Atlanta	1 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Oct. 29	at Oakland	4:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Nov. 5	DENVER	4:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Nov. 12	NEW ORLEANS •	1 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Nov. 19	at Cleveland •	1 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Nov. 26	at Baltimore •	1 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Dec. 3	TAMPA BAY •	1 p.m. (FOX)
Thursday, Dec. 7	CLEVELAND	8 p.m. (NFL Network)
Sunday, Dec. 17	at Carolina •	1 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Dec. 24	BALTIMORE	1 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Dec. 31	at Cincinnati •	1 p.m. (CBS)

• Times and TV Network may change due to flexible scheduling

Postseason

Sat.-Sun., Jan. 6-7	Wild Card Weekend
Sat.-Sun., Jan. 13-14	Divisional Playoff Games
Sunday, Jan. 21	Conference Championships
Sunday, Feb. 4	Super Bowl XLI (Miami, Fla.)
Saturday, Feb. 10	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (Honolulu, Hawaii)

NOTE: All times are Eastern

THE COACHES

BILL COWHER is in his 15th season as head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers after leading the Steelers to their fifth Super Bowl title in team history in 2005.

Last season, the Steelers posted an 11-5 regular-season record and earned a wild card berth in the AFC playoffs. Cowher then led the Steelers on an unprecedented postseason run in which they became the first sixth seed in either conference to win the Super Bowl.

The Pittsburgh-area native was named the Steelers head coach Jan. 21, 1992 and has the NFL's longest active coaching tenure with one team.

With a 7-5 record after 12 games, Cowher led the Steelers on an eight-game winning streak that ended with a 21-10 victory over the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL. In the process, the Steelers became the first team in NFL history to win nine road games in a single season, including the playoffs.

Cowher, 49, joined the legendary Paul Brown as the only coach in NFL history to lead a team to six consecutive trips to the playoffs in his first six seasons. He became only the 11th NFL head coach to win 120 games with one team when the Steelers defeated the Dallas Cowboys, 24-20, Oct. 17, 2004. Cowher has compiled a 153-91-1 (.627) overall record, including 141-82-1 (.632) in the regular season. His .627 career winning percentage is the highest in Steelers history.

Prior to his Steelers appointment, Cowher was the defensive coordinator/linebackers coach for the Kansas City Chiefs for three seasons (1989-91). He began his coaching career with the Cleveland Browns as a special teams coach (1985-86) and secondary coach (1987-88).

Cowher enjoyed a five-year NFL career and was a standout special-teams player before entering the coaching ranks. He earned his bachelor of science degree in education in 1979 from North Carolina State, where he was a three-year starting linebacker and a team captain.

Cowher is 3-5 all-time against the Philadelphia Eagles in the preseason.

Cowher's Year-By-Year Record

Year	Pre-Season	Regular Season	AFC Playoffs	Super Bowl
1992	2-2	11-5	0-1	
1993	2-3	9-7	0-1	
1994	1-3	12-4	1-1	
1995	1-3	11-5	2-0	0-1
1996	2-3	10-6	1-1	
1997	5-0	11-5	1-1	
1998	3-2	7-9		
1999	1-3	6-10		
2000	3-2	9-7		
2001	3-1	13-3	1-1	
2002	2-2	10-5-1	1-1	
2003	1-3	6-10		
2004	2-2	15-1	1-1	
2005	3-1	11-5	3-0	1-0
2006	0-2	0-0		
Totals	31-32	141-82-1	11-8	1-1

ANDY REID is in his eighth season as head coach for the Philadelphia Eagles. After taking over a 3-13 club on January 11, 1999, Reid has turned the Eagles into one of the NFL's elite teams.

During his tenure, Reid, 47, has earned NFL coach of the year honors twice, compiled the highest win total (77) and winning percentage (.621) in team history, captured four consecutive division titles and four trips to the NFC Championship game from 2001-04 for the first time in franchise history, and registered the most playoff wins (7) in club history.

STEELERS RADIO COVERAGE

For the seventh consecutive year, WDVE-FM (102.5) and WBGG-AM (970) is carrying all Steelers games.

Additionally, Steelers fans across the Tri-state area enjoyed the game broadcast on a 51-station network that spans Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Maryland.

For the 13th straight season, Bill Hillgrove serves as the "Voice of the Steelers" and handles play-by-play duties for the broadcast. Joining Hillgrove for his eighth season as an expert analyst is Tunch Ilkin. Ilkin, the former Steelers All-Pro offensive tackle, made his radio broadcasting debut in 1998. Joining the team for his fifth season is former Steeler offensive lineman Craig Wolfley, who provided sideline analysis.

Stations on the Steelers Radio Network include:

FLAGSHIP STATIONS (2)

WDVE-FM (102.5)
WBGG-AM (970)

PENNSYLVANIA (36)

Altoona-WVAM (1430)
Altoona-WRKY (104.9)
Beaver Falls-WBVP (1230)
Beaver Falls-WMBA (1460)
Bedford-WAYC (100.9)
Bradford-WESB (1490)
Butler-WISR (680)
Chambersburg-WCHA (800)
Clarendon-WKNB (104.3)
Clarion-WCCR (92.7)
Cooperstown-WUJZ (94.3)
DuBois-WOWQ (102.1)
Erie-WFNN (1330)
Gettysburg-WGET (1320)
Grove City-WWGY (95.1)
Harrisburg-WTPA (93.5)
Indiana-WQMU (92.5)
Johnstown-WRKW (99.1)
Latrobe-WCNS (1480)
Lewistown-WCHX (105.5)
Punxsutawney-WPXZ (104.1)
Saegertown-WHUZ (94.3)
Saegertown-WUJZ (107.7)
Scottdale-WLSW (103.9)
Scranton-WICK (1400)

Scranton-WYCK (1340)
Scranton-WPSN (1590)
Somerset-WNTW (990)
Somerset-WNTJ (850)
State College-WMAJ (1450)
State College-WQWK (98.7)
Uniontown-WMBS (590)
Washington-WJPA (1450)
Waynesburg-WANB (103.1)
Williamsport-WCXR (93.3)
Williamsport-WZXR (103.7)

OHIO (2)

Findlay-WFIN (1330)
Youngstown-WBBG (106.1)

MARYLAND (3)

Cumberland-WTBO (1450)
Cumberland-WFRB (560)
Hagerstown-WHAG (1410)

WEST VIRGINIA (8)

Clarksburg-WPDJ (104.9)
Fairmont-WRLF (94.3)
Fairmont-WMMN (920)
Parkersburg-WHNC (1450)
St. Mary's-WJAW (630, 100.9)
Weirton-WEIR (1430)
Westover-WZST (100.9)
Wheeling-WWVA (1170)

2006 Preseason AFC North Standings

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	63	34
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	36	27
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	27	36
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	23	38

This Week in the AFC North:

Friday, Aug. 25:

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Baltimore at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 26:

Cleveland at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 28

Green Bay at Cincinnati, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

All times are eastern.

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MEDIA NOTES

Weekly Press Conference: Steelers' head coach Bill Cowher conducts a weekly press conference every Tuesday during the regular season beginning at noon (ET). The press conference will be broadcast live on both television and radio. FOX Sports Net (FSN) Pittsburgh will carry the conference live on television. WBGW-AM (970) will carry the press conference live on radio.

Preseason press conferences are generally held at 11 a.m. two days prior to the game.

Official Steelers Website: Media and fans can read about the latest Steelers news on the official Steelers website. The site, www.steelers.com , features breaking news, statistics, player biographies and much more.

Media-Only Section of www.steelers.com

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NFLmedia.com: Journalists worldwide have access to the dedicated media website featuring news from the NFL and its teams. Daily releases, statistics, domestic and international NFL updates and other information about the NFL are available. The site also provides links to other NFL and individual team sites.

STEELERS' PRONUNCIATIONS

Ricardo Colclough (COKE-lee)
 Trai Essex (TRAY)
 Alan Faneca (FAN-eh-ka)
 Clark Haggans (HAY-gins)
 Verron Haynes (vuh-RON)
 Chidi Iwuoma (CHEE-dee eye-WO-ma)
 Brett Keisel (KEE-zull)
 Chris Kemoeatu (kay-moy-AH-too)
 Travis Kirschke (KERSH-key)
 Dan Kreider (cry-der)
 Clint Kriewaldt (KREE-walt)
 Sean Morey (MORE-ee)
 Chukky Okobi (Ah-KO-bee)
 Troy Polamalu (Pole-uh-MAH-lu)
 Ben Roethlisberger (ROTH-lis-ber-ger)
 Jerame Tuman (jer-uh-ME TOO-man)

STEELERS' LAST GAME

Minnesota 17, Pittsburgh 10

Saturday, August 19 • Pittsburgh, Pa. (Heinz Field)

Team Notes:

Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota

Post-Game Notes

Aug. 19, 2006

Pittsburgh Team Notes:

- The Steelers are now 1-3 against Minnesota in the preseason during the Bill Cowher era and are 2-9 all-time in the preseason.
- Pittsburgh is now 31-32 in the preseason under Head Coach Bill Cowher . The Steelers are 101-91-1 all-time in the preseason.
- Pittsburgh took its opening drive of the game 55 yards in six plays as WR Cedrick Wilson hauled in a 16-yard pass from QB Ben Roethlisberger to give the Steelers a 7-0 lead. Roethlisberger was 3-for-4 for 30 yards (135.4 rating) on the drive.
- Minnesota responded with a nine-play, 76-yard drive that ended with a 12-yard touchdown pass from QB Brad Johnson to TE Jermaine Wiggins with 4:38 left in the first quarter.
- The Vikings added a field goal on their next possession as K Ryan Longwell booted a 38-yard field goal to give Minnesota a 10-7 lead early in the second quarter.
- Pittsburgh turned the ball over two times in the second quarter in Vikings' territory.
- Minnesota upped their advantage to 17-7 with 9:20 left in the third quarter as Tavaris Jackson hit WR Jason Carter on a six-yard touchdown play.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Tuesday, Aug. 22	Wednesday, Aug. 23	Thursday, Aug. 24	Friday, Aug. 25	Saturday, Aug. 26	Sunday, Aug. 27	Monday, Aug. 28
3-5 p.m. - Practice • <i>Players available following practice</i> • <i>Coach Cowher available following practice</i>	11 a.m. - Coach Cowher Press Conference 3-5 p.m. - Practice • <i>Players available following practice</i> • <i>Coach Cowher not available after practice</i>	• <i>No coaches or players available for media interviews</i> • <i>Team travels to Philadelphia, Pa.</i>	8 p.m. (ET) Away Game at Philadelphia Eagles (Lincoln Financial Field) ESPN	No Practice (Players Day Off) • <i>No coaches or players available for media interviews</i>	No Practice (Players Day Off) • <i>No coaches or players available for media interviews</i>	1:30-3:30 p.m. - Practice • <i>Players available following practice</i>

- Pittsburgh cut the lead to 17-10 late in the third quarter as **K Jeff Reed** connected on a 32-yard field goal with 38 seconds left. The drive began after **LB Rian Wallace** picked off a Minnesota pass and returned it 27 yards to the Minnesota 47-yard line. It was the Steelers first interception of the preseason.
- Despite the loss, for the second straight game the Steelers outgained their opponent in total yards. Pittsburgh finished with 338 yards (227 passing, 111 rushing) while Minnesota had 294 yards (173 passing, 121 rushing).
- Both teams were penalized five times (Pittsburgh 5-35; Minnesota 5-34).
- Minnesota held the ball for 33:48 to Pittsburgh's 26:12.
- The kickoff of the game was delayed 15 minutes due to inclement weather in the Pittsburgh area.
- **WR Hines Ward**, **TE Jerame Tuman**, **WR Isaac West**, **WR Sean Morey** and **C Chukky Okobi** did not dress.

Pittsburgh Individual Notes:

QB Ben Roethlisberger

- In one series of action, was 3-for-4 with 30 yards passing with a 16-yard touchdown pass to WR Cedrick Wilson.

QB Charlie Batch

- Played half of the first quarter and the entire second quarter.
- Finished 8-of-14 for 103 yards passing with one interception (50.6 rating).

QB Omar Jacobs

- Played the entire third quarter and finished 3-for-7 with 28 yards passing (54.5 rating).

QB Shane Boyd

- Saw action in the fourth quarter and finished 6-of-17 for 83 yards (51.8 rating).

RB Willie Parker

- In one series of action, had one carry for five yards.

RB Duce Staley

- Had five carries for 11 yards (2.2 avg.).

RB Verron Haynes

- Caught a 14-yard pass from QB Charlie Batch for a first down in the second quarter.
- Finished with three catches for 31 yards (10.3 avg.)
- Added nine yards rushing on two carries.

FB John Kuhn

- Led the team in rushing with 30 yards on eight carries (3.8 avg.).

WR Nate Washington

- Had a 20-yard rush on the Steelers' first drive of the game.
- Caught three passes for a team-high 53 yards (17.7 avg.), including a 20-yarder in the second quarter for a first down.

WR Cedrick Wilson

- Hauled in a 16-yard touchdown pass from QB Ben Roethlisberger on the Steelers' first drive of the game.
- Finished with two catches for 23 yards and a touchdown.

WR Willie Reid

- Had three catches for 18 yards (6.0 avg.) and one rush for eight yards.
- Tallied four punt returns for 36 yards (9.0 avg.) and one kickoff return for 22 yards.

WR Walter Young

- Posted two catches for 25 yards (12.5 avg.).

TE Jon Dekker

- Had a 19-yard reception in the third quarter that led to a Steelers' field goal.
- Also had another 19-yard catch for a total of two receptions for 38 yards (19.0 avg.).

LB Joey Porter

- In his first action of the preseason, finished with five tackles (four solo).

LB Rian Wallace

- Had the Steelers' first interception of the 2006 preseason and returned it 27 yards.

LB Richard Seigler

- Finished with a team-high (tied) six tackles, including five solo.

S Mike Lorello

- Had a seven-yard sack early in the third quarter.

S Anthony Smith

- Had his first sack of the preseason with a 13-yarder midway through the fourth quarter.
- Finished with a team-high (tied) six tackles (four solo).

P Mike Barr

- Had three punts for 116 yards (38.7 avg.), including a 50-yarder and one downed inside the 20-yard line.

P Chris Gardocki

- Punted twice for a total of 88 yards (44.0 avg.).

SERIES NOTES

Series History: Began in 1933

Overall: Philadelphia leads, 46-27-3

At Pittsburgh: Philadelphia leads, 19-18-1

At Philadelphia: Philadelphia leads, 25-8-2

Neutral Sites: Philadelphia leads, 2-1

Last Regular Season Meeting: Nov. 7, 2004 (in Pittsburgh)
Pittsburgh 27, Philadelphia 3

Preseason: Pittsburgh leads, 12-9

(preseason record not included in overall series record)

Pittsburgh is 12-9 all-time in the preseason versus the Philadelphia Eagles, including a 3-5 record during the **Bill Cowher** era...this marks the fourth straight year in which the Steelers and Eagles have met in the preseason...the Steelers are 27-46-3 all-time in the regular season against Philadelphia, including a 2-2 record under Cowher...Pittsburgh had dropped two straight games to the Eagles prior to a 27-3 triumph on Nov. 7, 2004...the Steelers and Eagles have a unique history that will forever link the teams to one another...sixty-three years ago, in 1943, the two teams merged to form the Phil.-Pitt. Steagles due to World War II, which depleted NFL rosters and made it difficult for clubs to field full teams...the Steagles played two home games in Pittsburgh and four in Philadelphia...the squad finished the season with a 5-4-1 record.

TEAM NOTES

Steelers in the Preseason: Pittsburgh is 31-32 in the preseason under Head Coach **Bill Cowher**, including a 3-5 record against the Eagles.

This marks the fourth straight season the teams have met in the preseason. Last year, the Steelers defeated the Eagles, 38-31, in the preseason opener at Heinz Field. The last time the teams met at Lincoln Financial Field, Pittsburgh defeated Philadelphia, 27-21.

Pittsburgh finished 3-1 in the preseason in 2005, marking the first time since 2001 (3-1) it has finished with a winning preseason record. The Steelers went .500 in both 2002 and 2004.

The Steelers are 101-91-1 overall in the preseason.

Coming Off a Super Bowl Win: Pittsburgh finished with a winning record in three of the four preseasons following its Super Bowl victories. Following their 21-13 defeat to Arizona last week, the Steelers are a combined 14-9 (.609) in preseason games after winning the Lombardi Trophy.

Camping Out: Pittsburgh is in the midst of its 40th consecutive year of conducting its preseason training camp in Latrobe, Pa. The Steelers' 40-year tenure at St. Vincent College ranks second (tied with Minnesota) in the NFL for training camp longevity, trailing only the Green Bay Packers, who have held their preseason camp at St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisc., for 48 years.

Rookie Impact: In two preseason games, several rookies have made immediate impacts in the Steelers.

WR Santonio Holmes, Pittsburgh's first-round pick, finished with four catches for a team-high 32 yards in the preseason opener at Arizona, including an 11-yard reception. He also added one kickoff return for 25 yards. Last week against Minnesota, he finished with one catch for 11 yards and two kickoff returns for 39 yards (19.5 avg.).

S Anthony Smith, who was the Steelers' second pick of the draft (3a), posted two interceptions and finished with two tackles and two passes defended against the Cardinals. He added six tackles (four solo) and one sack last week versus the Vikings.

Pittsburgh's other third-round selection, **WR Willie Reid**, also had four receptions for 30 yards at Arizona. Serving as the team's primary punt returner, Reid had one for eight yards and tallied 31 yards on two kickoff returns (15.5 avg.). Reid followed that with three catches for 18 yards and four punt returns for 36 yards (9.0 avg.). He also returned one kickoff for 22 yards. He is ranked sixth (tied) in the preseason in the NFL in receptions with seven.

QB Omar Jacobs, the first of two fifth-round picks by Pittsburgh, is the second-rated rookie quarterback in the AFC with a 100.0 passer rating.

Fresh Faces: The Steelers currently have 36 new faces on their 2006 training camp roster. The new faces include nine draft picks, 11 rookie free agents, three veteran free agents, 12 first-year players and one NFL Europe League practice squad player.

The veteran free agents with at least one year of NFL experience include **DE Rodney Bailey**, **S Ryan Clark** and **FB Doug Easlick**. Bailey is the lone veteran free agent that has experience on the team's regular-season roster (2001-03).

The Steelers' nine 2006 draft picks include **WR Santonio Holmes** (1st), **S Anthony Smith** (3a), **WR Willie Reid** (3b), **OT Willie Colon** (4a), **DE Orien Harris** (4b), **QB Omar Jacobs** (5a), **TE Charles Davis** (5b), **C Marvin Philip** (6th) and **RB Cedric Humes** (7th).

Several Steelers and Eagles are products of the same colleges, including the following:

STEELERS-EAGLES COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

STEELERS	COLLEGE	EAGLES
Kendall Simmons (OG)	Auburn	Roderick Hood (CB)
Chris Hoke (DT)	BYU	Reno Mahe (RB)
Brett Keisel (DE)		Scott Young (OG)
Shaun Nua (DE)		
Andre Frazier (LB)	Cincinnati	Trent Cole (DE)
Chris Gardocki (P)	Clemson	Bryan Dawkins (FS)
Clark Haggans (LB)	Colorado State	Dexter Wynn (CB)
Joey Porter (LB)		
Charlie Batch (QB)	Eastern Michigan	Jason Short (LB)
Max Starks (OT)	Florida	Jabar Gaffney (WR)
		Jevon Kearse (DE)
		Darrell Lee (DE)
		Lito Sheppard (CB)
Bryant McFadden (CB)	Florida State	Brodrick Bunkley (DT)
Willie Reid (WR)		William Thomas (OT)
Arnold Harrison (LB)	Georgia	Reggie Brown (WR)
Verron Haynes (RB)		Max Jean-Gilles (OG)
Hines Ward (WR)		
Walter Young (WR)	Illinois	Jason Davis (FB)
		Greg Lewis (WR)
Barrett Brooks (OT)	Kansas State	Darren Howard (DE)
Quincy Morgan (WR)		Mark Simoneau (LB)
Ike Taylor (CB)	La.-Lafayette	Billy Sampsy (WR)
Orien Harris (DE)	Miami (Fla.)	Jerome McDougle (DE)
Larry Foote (LB)	Michigan	Jason Avant (WR)
Jerame Tuman (TE)		Dhani Jones (LB)
		Jon Runyan (OT)
Tyrone Carter (S)	Minnesota	Thomas Tapeh (FB)
Aaron Smith (DE)	Northern Colorado	Dirk Johnson (P)
Kyle Andrews (LS/C)	Ohio State	Adrian Clarke (OG)
Rodney Bailey (DE)		
Santonio Holmes (WR)		
Branden Joe (FB)		
Mike Barr (P)	Rutgers	L.J. Smith (TE)
Duce Staley (RB)	South Carolina	Sheldon Brown (CB)
		Winston Justice (OT)
		Mike Patterson (DT)
		LaJuan Ramsey (DT)
		Scott Ware (SS)
Anthony Smith (S)	Syracuse	Donovan McNabb (QB)
Cedrick Wilson (WR)	Tennessee	Omar Gaither (LB)
		Darwin Walker (DT)
Lee Mays (WR)	UTEP	Trey Darilek (OG/OT)
Travis Kirschke (DE)	UCLA	Matt Clark (CB)
		Matt Ware (CB)

Keystone State Connections: Several Steelers have ties to the Eagles and the Philadelphia area. Steelers head coach **Bill Cowher** signed with the Eagles as an undrafted rookie free agent in 1979. Cowher was the last linebacker released during training camp, but returned to Philadelphia in 1983 as part of a trade with the Cleveland Browns. Cowher was selected the Eagles' most valuable special teams player that year.

Other Steelers with ties to the Philadelphia and the Eagles include: defensive coordinator **Dick LeBeau**, who coached with the Eagles from 1973-75; **RB Duce Staley** was selected by the Eagles in the third round of the 1997 NFL Draft and played with Philadelphia from 1997-03; **OT Barrett Brooks** was Philadelphia's second-round draft choice in 1995 and played with the Eagles from 1995-98; rookie **LB Rian Wallace** played at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Eagles with ties to Pittsburgh and the Steelers include: wide receivers coach **David Culley**, who coached wide receivers with the Steelers from 1996-98; secondary coach **Trent Walters** coached at the University of Pittsburgh in 1985; **C Hank Fraley** attended Robert Morris College and was in training camp with the Steelers in 2000 as an undrafted rookie free agent.

Racking Up The Sales: The Steelers were not only the top team at the end of last season on the field, but they were also the top team in merchandise sales in the entire NFL.

The following is a list of the top five teams in NFL merchandise sales from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006:

1. Pittsburgh Steelers
2. Philadelphia Eagles
3. Oakland Raiders
4. Dallas Cowboys
5. New England Patriots

Heinz Field Advantage: Pittsburgh was 13-3 at home over the past two seasons, including a 5-3 record at Heinz Field in 2005. Two of the team's home losses last season came on the game's final possession, including one in overtime.

The Steelers finished the 2004 regular season with an undefeated (8-0) home record for only the third time in team history and for the first time in 25 years, ultimately advancing to the AFC Championship Game.

The last time the Steelers finished a regular season with an undefeated home record was in 1979, when they were 8-0 at home and eventually won Super Bowl XIV.

The Steelers were also undefeated at home (7-0) in 1972.

Pittsburgh is second to only Miami (.724, 199-75-1) in home records since 1970, posting a .720 winning percentage (199-77-1) over the past 35 seasons.

FINAL 2005 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICAL COMPARISON

Steelers	Category	Opponents
24.3	Points Scored Per Game	16.1
16.1	Points Allowed Per Game	24.3
18.6	First Downs Per Game	17.2
321.8	Total Yards Per Game	283.5
138.9	Rushing Yards Per Game	85.5
182.9	Passing Yards Per Game	198.0
47	Sacks By	32
15	Interceptions By	14
31:16	Avg. Time of Possession	28:44
45	Touchdowns	27
21	Rushing Touchdowns	10
21	Passing Touchdowns	15
3	Touchdowns on Returns	2
24-29	Field Goals	24-30
41.7	Punting Avg.	43.3
10.2	Punt Return Avg.	9.1
21.6	Kickoff Return Avg.	21.6

LOOKING AHEAD...

The Steelers return home for their final preseason game as they host the Carolina Panthers on Thursday, Aug. 31. Kickoff at Heinz Field is set for 7:30 p.m. The game will be televised locally on KDKA-TV (channel 2) and FSN Pittsburgh (simulcast).

SI.com ranked the top 10 toughest places to play and Heinz Field finished sixth. The web site had this to say about the Steelers' home stadium:

"The defending Super Bowl champs love playing in front of all those rabid fans with their Terrible Towels. The always-aggressive Pittsburgh defense gets just a little nastier at home."

The following is the top 10 toughest places to play, according to SI.com:

1. Arrowhead Stadium (Kansas City Chiefs)
2. Gillette Stadium (New England Patriots)
3. RCA Dome (Indianapolis Colts)
4. Invesco Field (Denver Broncos)
5. Qwest Field (Seattle Seahawks)
6. HEINZ FIELD (PITTSBURGH STEELERS)
7. Soldier Field (Chicago Bears)
8. Lambeau Field (Green Bay Packers)
9. Lincoln Financial Field (Philadelphia Eagles)
10. Metrodome (Minnesota Vikings)

Road Warriors: The Steelers finished the 2005 regular season 6-2 on the road, including wins at Houston (Week 2), San Diego (Week 5), Cincinnati (Week 7), Green Bay (Week 9), Minnesota (Week 15) and Cleveland (Week 16).

Pittsburgh was 9-2 on the road overall with three road playoff victories against Cincinnati (Wild Card), Indianapolis (Divisional Playoff) and Denver (AFC Championship Game). The Steelers became the first team to win nine road games in a single season.

The Steelers had their team-record 11-game road winning streak snapped in Week 11 with their overtime loss in Baltimore (Week 11). Pittsburgh had won 11 straight road games, dating back to last season, after finishing the 2004 slate with a 7-1 mark on the road.

The 11-game road winning streak tied the second-longest streak in NFL history behind the San Francisco 49ers 18-game road winning streak that lasted from 1988-1990.

The 11 straight road wins eclipsed the team's previous record of nine, set from Nov. 19, 1974, to Nov. 30, 1975.

Pittsburgh's lone setback away from home last year was a 30-13 loss to Baltimore in Week 2. The seven road wins in 2004 also tied the team record that was originally set during the 1978 season.

The following are the NFL's longest road winning streaks:

Road Wins	Team	Dates
18	San Francisco 49ers	1988-1990
11	Pittsburgh Steelers	2004-2005
11	L.A./S.D. Chargers	1960-61
11	San Francisco 49ers	1987-88

If You Build It, They Will Come: The Steelers broke the team home attendance record last season by averaging 63,429 (507, 434 total). The 64,868 in attendance for Pittsburgh's game versus New England (Week 3) was the fourth-largest in Heinz Field history.

In 2004, the Steelers finished the season with an average attendance of 63,423 at Heinz Field. That average broke the team's mark for attendance, surpassing the 2001 season's 62,399 standard, the team's first year at Heinz Field.

Pittsburgh's largest average attendance at Three Rivers Stadium was 58,077 in 1998. Following is a look at the team's average attendance in its four-plus years at Heinz Field:

Year	Total Attendance	Avg.
2005	507,434	63,429
2004	507,385	63,423
2003	477,584	59,698
2002	490,274	61,284
2001	499,191	62,399

• Team record

Winning Stretch: Pittsburgh finished the 2005 regular season in the midst of its best winning stretch in team history as it has won 25 of its past 30 regular-season games.

The Steelers won their final 14 games of 2004 and won 11 of its 16 contests in 2005.

Pittsburgh also won 25-of-30 games stretching from Dec. 18, 1977 (W, 10-9 at San Diego) to Nov. 25, 1979 (W, 33-30 (OT) vs. Cleveland).

Heartbreak Hotel: Three of Pittsburgh's five regular-season losses last year were on the final possession of the game and by a combined 12 points.

The Steelers lost to New England (Week 3), 23-20, on a field goal with one second remaining in regulation. Pittsburgh then lost to Jacksonville (Week 6), 23-17, on an interception return in overtime. The Steelers lost in Week 11 at Baltimore on an overtime field goal.

In Pittsburgh's last nine regular-season losses, dating back to 2003, six of them have been by six points or less.

Gimme The Ball: Pittsburgh has been very efficient over the past 11 years in the regular season in takeaways, ranking second in the NFL over that span with a total of 351 (195 INTs, 156 fumbles). Carolina leads with 372 takeaways.

The Steelers are plus-43 (+43) in that 11-year span.

The following is a look at the top NFL teams with the most takeaways since 1995:

Team	Int.	Fum.	Total
Carolina	211	161	372
Pittsburgh	195	156	351
Miami	208	140	348
St. Louis	213	135	348
Kansas City	192	155	347
Tampa Bay	214	133	347

Scoring Dominance: Pittsburgh gave up a total of just 33 points during its four-game winning streak to end the 2005 regular season, including a 41-0 blanking of the Cleveland Browns in Week 16. It marks the best four-game defensive stretch for the Steelers since they allowed nine points during a four-game span in 2000 in which they shut out both Cincinnati (15-0) and Cleveland (22-0) while also defeating New York Jets (20-3) and Baltimore (9-6).

The Steelers had not allowed a point in seven straight quarters prior to giving up two touchdowns in the first quarter against Detroit (Week 17). In the first two weeks of this season, Pittsburgh's defense had given up just 14 points, including a stretch of five quarters without allowing a single point.

Pittsburgh gave up a total of 258 points (16.1) on the year, which ranked second (tied) in the AFC and third (tied) in the NFL. The Steelers allowed 127 points in the first half (7.9 avg.), including just 49 total points in the second quarter.

Clamping Down: In the past four years, only two teams gave up fewer points than Pittsburgh. The Steelers allowed 1,393 points during that span, trailing only Tampa Bay (1,318) and Philadelphia (1,384).

In the Red Zone: The Steelers converted 55 of their 56 regular-season attempts in the red zone into points in 2005, including 34 touchdowns and 21 field goals. Their 60.7 percent touchdown ratio inside the opponent's 20-yard line ranked fourth (tied) in the AFC and sixth (tied) in the NFL.

Following is a look at how the Steelers offense performed in the red zone in 2005:

REGULAR SEASON

Opponent	Att./Scores	TDs	FGs	Pts
Tennessee	4/4	3	1	24
@ Houston	5/5	3	2	27
New England	3/3	1	2	13
@ San Diego	3/3	3	0	21
Jacksonville	2/2	1	1	10
@ Cincinnati	4/4	2	2	20
Baltimore	4/4	2	2	20
@ Green Bay	3/3	1	2	13
Cleveland	5/4	3	1	24
@ Baltimore	3/3	1	2	13
@ Indianapolis	1/1	1	0	7
Cincinnati	3/3	2	1	17
Chicago	3/3	3	0	21
@ Minnesota	4/4	1	3	16
@ Cleveland	5/5	3	2	27
Detroit	4/4	4	0	28
Total	56/55	34	21	301

POSTSEASON

Opponent	Att./Scores	TDs	FGs	Pts
@ Cincinnati	3/3	2	1	17
@ Indianapolis	4/3	3	0	21
@ Denver	5/5	4	1	31
vs. Seattle	2/1	1	0	7
Total	14/12	10	2	76

Red Zone Defense: The Steelers defense was efficient in the red zone during the 2005 regular season, allowing 35 scores (23 touchdowns, 12 FGs) in 48 tries. Their 47.9 touchdown percentage on defense ranked fifth in the AFC and 10th overall in the NFL.

Following is a look at how the Steelers' defense performed in the red zone in 2005:

Opponent	Att./Scores	TDs	FGs	Pts
Tennessee	3/1	1	0	7
@ Houston	1/1	1	0	7
New England	5/3	2	1	17
@ San Diego	4/4	2	2	20
Jacksonville	3/3	2	1	17
@ Cincinnati	3/2	1	1	10
Baltimore	2/2	1	1	10
@ Green Bay	3/1	1	0	7
Cleveland	2/2	2	0	14
@ Baltimore	2/2	1	1	10
@ Indianapolis	3/3	1	2	13
Cincinnati	6/5	4	1	31
Chicago	2/2	1	1	9
@ Minnesota	4/1	0	1	3
@ Cleveland	2/0	0	0	0
Detroit	3/3	3	0	21
Total	48/35	23	12	196

POSTSEASON

Opponent	Att./Scores	TDs	FGs	Pts
@ Cincinnati	2/1	1	0	7
@ Indianapolis	2/2	1	1	10
@ Denver	2/2	1	1	10
vs. Seattle	3/2	1	1	10
Total	9/7	4	3	37

Five & 10: The Steelers ranked in the top five in the AFC and/or the top 10 in the NFL in several key team and individual categories. Following is a list of those rankings:

PITTSBURGH STEELERS FINAL 2005 AFC/NFL RANKINGS

Team Offense	Statistic	Rank (AFC/NFL)
Rushing Yards/Game	138.9	3rd/5th
Yards/Play	5.4	7th/10th
Passing Net Yards/Play	7.7	2nd/2nd
Red Zone Efficiency	50.7	T-4th/T-6th

Team Defense	Statistic	Rank (AFC/NFL)
Sacks	47	T-2nd/T-3rd
Total Defense	283.5	1st/4th
Yards/Play	4.5	1st/2nd
Rushing Yards/Game	85.5	3rd/3rd
Rushing Yards/Attempt	3.4	1st/1st
Passing Net Yards/Play	5.8	2nd/3rd
First Downs/Game	18.6	3rd/9th
Fourth-Down Efficiency	35.3	5th/8th
Points/Game	16.1	T-2nd/T-3rd
Points/Game Differential	8.2	3rd/5th
Net Yards/Game Differential	38.3	5th/7th
Red Zone Efficiency	47.9	5th/10th
Turnover Ratio	+7	6th/T-9th

Team Special Teams	Statistic	Rank (AFC/NFL)
Net Punting Average	34.5	4th/6th
Kickoffs Receiving (Avg. Starting)	30.1	5th/7th

Individual Offense	Statistic	Rank (AFC/NFL)
Roethlisberger (Passer Rating)	98.6	3rd/3rd
Roethlisberger (Avg. Per Comp.)	8.9	1st/1st
Roethlisberger (Touchdown Pct.)	6.3	T-1st/T-1st
Roethlisberger (Completion Pct.)	62.7	6th/9th
Roethlisberger (Interceptions)	9	T-6th/T-8th
Parker (Longest TD Run)	80	2nd/4th
Ward (Receiving TDs)	11	T-2nd/T-3rd
Ward (Longest TD Reception)	85	1st/3rd

Individual Special Teams	Statistic	Rank (AFC/NFL)
Reed (Scoring, Kickers)	117	4th/T-7th
Randle El (Punt Return Avg.)	10.2	3rd/6th
Randle El (Longest Punt Return)	81t	1st/2nd
Morgan (Kickoff Returns)	25.3	5th/8th

On the Ground: The Steelers averaged 138.9 yards per game in 2005, which ranked third in the AFC and fifth in the NFL.

Pittsburgh finished with 209 yards rushing in its Week 16 victory over Cleveland. Earlier in the year, the Steelers muscled 206 rushing yards against Tennessee in the season opener, leading all teams during the NFL's Kickoff Weekend.

In Week 7, Pittsburgh rushed for a season-best 221 yards on 47 carries (4.7 avg.). **RB Willie Parker** had 131 yards on the ground on 18 carries (7.3 avg.) while fellow backfield partner **Jerome Bettis** added 56 yards on 13 carries (4.3 avg.).

In 2004, the Steelers re-established the strong rushing attack that has been characteristic during **Bill Cowher's** tenure. The Steelers finished the regular season ranked first in the AFC and second in the NFL in rushing offense with 154.0 yards-per-game. They rushed 618 times for 2,464 yards during the regular season, setting a new record for rushing attempts during the Cowher era.

The Steelers are 30-0-1 when they have a running back rush for at least 100 yards in the past 31 games it has achieved that feat.

Knack For Running: The running game has been vital to the Steelers success during the **Bill Cowher** era. Pittsburgh is 127-28 (.819) in the regular season when it rushes for more yards than their opponents under Cowher. The Steelers are 90-6-1 (.933) when they rush at least 35 times in a game in the regular season and 57-9 (.864) when they pass fewer than 25 times in a game.

Since Cowher was named head coach in 1992, the Steelers have rushed for more yards than any team in the NFL. They have rushed for 30,311 yards on 7,363 attempts (4.1 avg.) during the Cowher era and have led the NFL in rushing three times (1994, '97 and '01), finished in the top five on seven separate occasions and have 12 top-10 finishes.

Following is a year-by-year breakdown of the Steelers' team rushing statistics since 1992:

Steelers Rushing Totals Since 1992

Year	Att.	Yards	Avg.	NFL Rank
1992	518	2,156	4.2	4 th
1993	491	2,003	4.1	6 th
1994	546	2,180	4.0	1 st
1995	494	1,852	3.7	12 th
1996	525	2,299	4.4	2 nd
1997	572	2,479	4.3	1 st
1998	490	2,034	4.2	7 th
1999	495	1,991	4.0	10 th
2000	527	2,248	4.3	4 th
2001	580	2,774	4.8	1 st
2002	512	2,120	4.1	9 th
2003	446	1,488	3.3	31 st
2004	618	2,464	4.0	2 nd
2005	549	2,223	4.0	5 th
Total	7,363	30,311	4.1	1st

Not In A Rush: Over the past five years, Pittsburgh's defense has been among the best in holding its opponents to the fewest rushing yards in the league.

During the stretch, the Steelers have given up a league-low 6,978 yards on the ground, including just 1,299 in 2004, best in the NFL.

Pittsburgh's defense had not allowed a 100-yard rusher for 22 straight games before Indianapolis' Edgerrin James posted 124 yards rushing in Week 12 (2005). Prior to James' outing, the last time the Steelers allowed a 100-yard rusher was when Cincinnati's Rudi Johnson rushed for 123 yards on 24 carries in Pittsburgh's 28-17 victory over the Bengals on Oct. 3, 2004.

Since 2000, Pittsburgh has allowed just 13 100-yard rushers to lead the NFL in that category. Baltimore is second with 16.

Following is a look at the number of yards rushing the Steelers have allowed in each of the past five seasons:

Year	Rushing Yds. Allowed	Avg./Game	AFC/NFL Rank
2001	1,375	85.9	1st/1st
2002	1,195	74.7	1st/1st
2003	1,741	108.8	8th/12th
2004	1,299	81.2	1st/1st
2005	1,368	85.5	3rd/3rd
Total	6,978	87.2	1st/1st

2005 POSTSEASON RECAP

Rare Road Victories: The Steelers won all four of their playoff games last year away from home, marking their first postseason road victories since 1989.

By winning three playoff games on the road, Pittsburgh was the first sixth seed to reach the Super Bowl. It also became the first team to win three games on the road in the playoffs since the league went to a six-team playoff format in 1990.

Pittsburgh defeated the Cincinnati Bengals, 31-17, in the Wild Card Game at Cincinnati's Paul Brown Stadium, marking the first road victory for the Steelers since 26-23 victory over the Houston Oilers on Dec. 31, 1989 at the Astrodome. It was also the first road playoff victory under **Bill Cowher**. In the Divisional Playoff, the Steelers defeated the top-seeded Indianapolis Colts, 21-18, at the RCA Dome. Pittsburgh defeated the Denver Broncos, 34-17, at Invesco Field at Mile High, the first Denver loss at home in 2005.

Lucky No. 6: Pittsburgh became the first sixth seed in NFL history to reach and win the Super Bowl. It also became the first team to knock off the top three seeds in the playoffs, all on the road.

Shutting Down The Best: Pittsburgh's defensive backs did an excellent job of shutting down the two starting AFC wide receivers in last year's Pro Bowl.

In the Wild Card victory over Cincinnati, the Steelers limited Chad Johnson to just four catches for 59 yards. Pittsburgh also shut down All-Pro Marvin Harrison in the Divisional Playoff win at Indianapolis, holding him to just three catches for 52 yards.

In the AFC Championship Game against Denver, the Steelers limited Pro Bowler Rod Smith to four catches for 61 yards.

Putting Up The Points: Pittsburgh's 34 points in its 34-17 victory over the Denver Broncos were the second-most points scored in a road playoff game in team history.

The Steelers scored a franchise-best 40 points on the road in a 40-14 victory at the Baltimore Colts on Dec. 19, 1976.

In four postseason games in 2005, the Steelers averaged 26.7 points per game after putting up 24.3 during the regular season.

COACHING NOTES

Among The Best: Head coach **Bill Cowher** has averaged 10 wins per year since he took over in 1992. Among the 19 head coaches that have been elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Cowher's 10 wins per year average would rank third behind Don Shula (10.5 avg.) and Bill Walsh (10.2).

Additionally, his 141 regular-season wins rank 10th when compared to Hall of Fame coaches and his .632 winning percentage would rank ninth.

Title Holder: **Bill Cowher** is one of only five head coaches in NFL history to win at least eight division titles. Cowher's 57.1 division title winning percentage is the best in the NFL since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger.

Cowher won five AFC Central Division titles in his first six seasons as a head coach (1992, '94-97) and won three AFC North division crowns in 2001, 2002 and 2004. He led the Steelers to a Wild Card playoff berth in 1993 and 2005.

With one more division crown, Cowher will tie Chuck Noll's nine division titles in 23 seasons as the Steelers' head coach.

NFL Head Coaches with Most Division Titles (Since 1970)

Coach	No. Seasons	No. Titles	Pct.
Don Shula	26	11	.423
Chuck Noll	22	9	.409
Bud Grant	15	9	.600
Tom Landry	19	9	.474
Bill Cowher	14	8	.571
Chuck Knox	22	7	.318

Winning Tradition: **Bill Cowher** ranks fourth among active coaches with 153 career victories, including the postseason. His 141 regular-season wins rank third among active coaches.

Cowher has a 153-91-1 (.627) career record, including the postseason, and is 141-82-1 (.632) in the regular season. He has the highest winning percentage of any Steelers coach. Hall of Fame Head Coach Chuck Noll finished his head coaching career with a .572 winning percentage (209-156-1).

Cowher won his 100th career game in Week 12 (Dec. 2) of the 2001 season against the Minnesota Vikings, becoming the 30th head coach in NFL history to reach that plateau. Cowher won his 100th regular-season game Sept. 29, 2002, by defeating the Cleveland Browns, 16-13, in overtime.

With a 31-17 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals in the AFC Wild Card game this year, Cowher notched his 150th career victory (postseason included).

Following are the NFL's winningest active head coaches:

NFL's Winningest Active Head Coaches

No.	Name	Yrs.	Regular Season	Post-Season	Total
1.	Marty Schottenheimer	21	186-124-1	5-12	191-136-1
2.	Bill Parcells	19	163-123-1	11-7	174-130-1
3.	Joe Gibbs	15	140-76-0	17-6	157-82-0
4.	Bill Cowher	15	141-82-1	12-9	153-91-1
5.	Mike Holmgren	15	138-86-0	11-9	149-95-0
6.	Mike Shanahan	14	122-74-0	8-4	130-78-0
7.	Dennis Green	13	108-83-0	4-8	112-91-0
8.	Bill Belichick	12	99-77-0	11-2	110-78-0
9.	Tony Dungy	11	102-58-0	5-8	107-66-0
10.	Jeff Fisher	12	97-85-0	5-4	102-89-0

Best Winning Percentage Since 1992 (All coaches, min. 50 games)

No.	Name	Record	Winning Pct.
1.	Tony Dungy	102-58	.638
2.	Jimmy Johnson	61-35	.635
3.	Bill Cowher	141-82-1	.632
4.	Andy Reid	70-42	.625
5.	Mike Shanahan	122-74	.622

Cowher Power: Only seven coaches in NFL history have had longer tenures with one team than **Bill Cowher** (15 years) has with the Steelers.

NFL's Longest Head Coaching Tenures with One Team

Coach, Team (Seasons)	Years
George Halas, Chicago Bears (1920-29, '33-42, '46-55, '58-67)	40
Earl (Curly) Lambeau, Green Bay (1921-49)	29
Tom Landry, Dallas (1960-88)	29
Don Shula, Miami (1970-95)	26
Steve Owen, N.Y. Giants (1930-53)	24
Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh (1969-91)	23
Bud Grant, Minnesota (1967-83, '84)	18
Bill Cowher, Pittsburgh (1992-06)	15
Joe Gibbs, Washington (1981-92, '04-06)	15
Hank Stram, Kansas City (1960-74)	15
Paul Brown, Cleveland (1950-62)	13

Italics – Active Coaches

Setting the Standard: The Steelers have the best overall record in the NFL since 1992 when Bill Cowher took over as head coach.

Cowher has led the Steelers to a 141-82-1 (.632) regular-season record and eight division titles during his career as head coach of the team. He also has guided the Steelers to the postseason nine times, including a Wild Card playoff berth in 1993 and 2005.

Cowher is the only NFL head coach to remain with the same team since 1992. His eight division titles lead all NFL coaches during his tenure, and give the Steelers the most division titles in the NFL since 1992.

NFL CALENDAR

August 29	Roster cut-down to maximum of 65 players on Active List by 4 p.m. EST.
September 2	Roster cut-down to maximum of 53 players on Active/Inactive List by 4 p.m. EST. NFL Europe League exemptions expire.
September 3	After 12 noon (EST), clubs may establish a Practice Squad of eight players.

* The Steelers will be allowed to carry a ninth player (WR Marvin Allen) on the practice squad due to the NFL Europe International Development program.

Following are the cumulative regular-season records of each NFL team since 1992:

RECORDS OF NFL TEAMS (1992-present)

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	Division Titles
Pittsburgh	141	82	1	.632	8
Green Bay	141	83	0	.629	6
Denver	138	86	0	.616	3
Kansas City	132	92	0	.589	4
Miami	129	95	0	.576	3
Minnesota	129	95	0	.576	4
San Francisco	129	95	0	.576	6
Philadelphia	125	98	1	.560	4
New England	124	100	0	.554	7
Dallas	123	101	0	.549	6
Indianapolis	122	102	0	.545	4
Tennessee	120	104	0	.536	3
Jacksonville	94	82	0	.534	2
Buffalo	116	108	0	.518	2
New York Giants	112	111	1	.502	2
Tampa Bay	112	112	0	.500	2
Baltimore	78	81	1	.491	1
Seattle	108	116	0	.482	2
Oakland	107	117	0	.478	3
St. Louis	107	117	0	.478	3
Carolina	82	94	0	.466	2
San Diego	103	121	0	.460	3
Atlanta	101	122	1	.453	2
New York Jets	99	125	0	.442	2
Washington	98	125	1	.440	1
New Orleans	97	127	0	.433	1
Chicago	96	128	0	.429	2
Detroit	91	133	0	.406	1
Cleveland	66	110	0	.375	0
Arizona	79	145	0	.353	0
Cincinnati	79	145	0	.353	1
Houston	18	46	0	.281	0

Cowher vs. Individual Opponents

(Regular Season Only)

Team	Record
Cincinnati Bengals	20-8
Cleveland Browns	17-5
Baltimore Ravens	13-7
Tennessee Titans	11-12
Jacksonville Jaguars	8-9
San Diego Chargers	7-1
Oakland Raiders	5-1
Buffalo Bills	5-2
Indianapolis Colts	4-1
Detroit Lions	4-1
New York Jets	4-1
Miami Dolphins	4-2
Kansas City Chiefs	4-3
New England Patriots	4-3
Washington Redskins	3-0
Atlanta Falcons	3-0-1
Chicago Bears	3-1
Arizona Cardinals	2-1
Carolina Panthers	2-1
New York Giants	2-1
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2-1
Green Bay Packers	2-2
Minnesota Vikings	2-2
Philadelphia Eagles	2-2
Seattle Seahawks	2-4
Houston Texans	1-1
New Orleans Saints	1-1
Dallas Cowboys	1-2
Denver Broncos	1-2
St. Louis Rams	1-2
San Francisco 49ers	1-3
Total	141-82-1

Holding the Lead: Bill Cowher has a 100-1-1 (.985) record in the regular season in games when he is leading by 11 or more points. The .985 winning percentage is the best mark in NFL history of the 70 head coaches who have led by more than 10 points at least 40 times in their coaching careers.

His only loss came Dec. 30, 2001, when the Steelers led 14-0 in the second quarter at Cincinnati before losing, 26-23, in overtime. The Steelers tied the Atlanta Falcons, 34-34, Nov. 10, 2002, after leading, 34-17, in the fourth quarter.

140 Club: Cowher became one of only nine head coaches in NFL history to win at least 140 regular-season games with one team when he defeated the Cleveland Browns, 41-0, on Dec. 24, 2005 (Week 16). Cowher's 141 regular-season victories rank ninth in NFL history among head coaches with the most wins with one team.

Following is a list of the NFL head coaches with the most victories with one team:

Head Coaches with Most Wins with One Team

(Regular Season Only)

Name/Team	Years	Record	Pct.
George Halas (Chicago)	1920-29, '33-42		
	'46-55, '58-67	318-148-31	.682
Don Shula (Miami)	1970-95	257-133-2	.658
Tom Landry (Dallas)	1960-88	250-162-6	.607
Earl (Curly) Lambeau (Green Bay)	1921-49	209-104-21	.657
Chuck Noll (Pittsburgh)	1969-91	193-148-1	.566
Paul Brown (Cleveland)	1946-62	158-48-8	.767
Bud Grant (Minnesota)	1967-83, '84	158-96-5	.621
Steve Owen (New York Giants)	1930-53	151-100-17	.602
Bill Cowher (Pittsburgh)	1992-Pres.	141-82-1	.632
Joe Gibbs (Washington)	1981-92, '04-Pres.	140-76-0	.648

Italics – Active Coaches

Tough in the Clutch: The Steelers under Cowher have been very successful in close games.

During the regular season under Cowher, the Steelers are 48-32-1 (.599) in games decided by seven points or less; 27-18-1 (.598) in games decided by three points or less; and 6-2-1 (.722) in games decided by one point or less.

Last year, Pittsburgh was 2-4 in games decided by seven points or less. In 2004, the Steelers were 6-0 in the regular season in games decided by seven or fewer points.

Steelers in Close Games

Year	7pts	3pts	1pt.
1992	4-1	2-1	1-0
1993	3-1	2-0	1-0
1994	5-2	2-1	0-0
1995	3-2	3-0	0-0
1996	1-1	1-0	0-0
1997	5-2	3-2	1-0
1998	5-3	1-2	0-1
1999	2-5	1-2	0-1
2000	1-3	1-3	1-0
2001	5-2	2-2	0-0
2002	4-1-1	4-1-1	0-0-1
2003	2-5	0-2	0-0
2004	6-0	3-0	1-0
2005	2-4	2-2	1-0
Totals	48-32-1	27-18-1	6-2-1

Fast Start: The Steelers are traditionally difficult to beat after they take an early lead. Pittsburgh was 8-1 during the 2005 regular season when it scored first and is 98-21-1 (.820) during the **Bill Cowher** era. The Steelers are 44-60 (.423) when their opponent scores first under Cowher, including a 3-4 record in 2005.

COACHING CAROUSEL

Since **Bill Cowher** took over as head coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1992, there have been 105 head coaches hired in the NFL.

Monday Night Perfection: **Bill Cowher** owns a perfect 11-0 record at home on Monday Night Football. That ranks the best in NFL history among coaches. Tom Flores (8-0), Tony Dungy (6-0) and John Madden (5-0) are all unbeaten at home on Monday nights.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Pittsburgh's Perfection: **Ben Roethlisberger** opened his 2005 season with a perfect passer rating of 158.3 in the Steelers' 34-7 victory over the Tennessee Titans in Week 1. He completed 9-of-11 passes for 218 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Roethlisberger's 98.6 passer rating ranked third in both the AFC and the NFL. That mark broke the Steelers' season record for passer rating, surpassing his mark of 98.1 set during his rookie year (2004).

His perfect passer rating was the 32nd time in the NFL since 1970 that a quarterback has registered such a rating when attempting at least 10 passes. It also marked the first time in the NFL since Kansas City's Trent Green had a 158.3 passer rating in a 45-17 victory over Detroit on Dec. 14, 2003.

In 2004, Roethlisberger nearly had a perfect passer rating against Jacksonville, but came up just 0.3 points shy and finished with a 158.0 passer rating. He completed 14-of-17 passes for 221 yards and two touchdowns against the Jaguars in a 17-16 victory.

Ben's Clock Still Ticking: **QB Ben Roethlisberger** is 22-3 as a starter in the regular season and 5-1 in the postseason. His three setbacks as a starting quarterback came in the team's 23-20 loss to New England in Week 3 (2005) and in consecutive weeks last season to division leaders Indianapolis and Cincinnati. Prior to that, he had posted an NFL-record 15-0 mark in the regular season.

While guiding the Steelers to the AFC Championship Game for the second straight year in 2005, Roethlisberger became the first NFL quarterback in the modern era to lead his team to consecutive trips to the conference championship in his first two seasons.

Roethlisberger also is the second-youngest quarterback to lead his team to a Super Bowl appearance. At 23 years, 11 months, he is second only to Dan Marino (23 years, four months). However, Roethlisberger became the youngest starting quarterback to win a Super Bowl.

In his rookie year (2004), Roethlisberger became the first quarterback in NFL history to go 13-0 in the regular season, and finished his rookie year with a 14-1 starting record, including the playoffs. No other NFL quarterback has won his first 13 starts in a season, dating back to when the NFL lengthened its schedule from 12 to 14 games in 1961.

Postseason Success: In four postseason games last year, **QB Ben Roethlisberger** did an excellent job of controlling the game's tempo with his outstanding play.

In those four games combined, Roethlisberger was 58-of-93 (62.4%) for 803 yards with seven touchdowns and three interceptions. His passer rating was 101.7 and averaged 8.6 yards per pass attempt.

Additionally, in the first half of those four games, Roethlisberger was 39-of-61 for 564 yards with six touchdowns and two interceptions.

In the AFC Championship win over the Denver Broncos, Roethlisberger was 21-of-29 for 275 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions. His 21 completions and 275 yards were both postseason career highs.

Chart Topper: **WR Hines Ward** became the Steelers' all-time leader in receptions during their Week 10 (2005) victory versus the Cleveland Browns. He finished with eight catches (for 124 yards) and surpassed Hall of Fame wide receiver John Stallworth (537) for the most in Steelers' history.

Ward now has 574 career receptions and ranks second on the team's all-time receiving yardage list (7,030) and second in touchdown catches (52).

In 2005, Ward had three multi-touchdown and four 100-yard games. His 14.1 receiving average was his highest since 2000.

Ward ranked second (tied) in the AFC and third (tied) in the entire NFL with 11 touchdown receptions in 2005, which was one shy of tying his career best (set in 2002) and of tying the Steelers' single-season mark.

Ward, who has led the Steelers in receiving the past six years, again led the team with 69 catches for 975 yards. He finished just 65 receiving yards for his fifth straight 1,000-yard season. Last year, Ward caught 80 passes for 1,004 yards (12.6 avg.) and four touchdowns.

In Week 3 against New England, Ward had his eighth multi-touchdown game of his career, and second straight, as he finished with two touchdown receptions (85, 4). He finished with four catches for 110 yards, including a Heinz Field-record 85-yard touchdown pass from **QB Ben Roethlisberger**. The 85-yard score was the ninth-longest pass play in team history and the longest since Kordell Stewart connected with Bobby Shaw on a 90-yard touchdown against Baltimore on Dec. 16, 2001.

7,000-Club: **WR Hines Ward** became just the second Steeler all-time to reach 7,000 yards receiving after he finished with 40 yards in the 2005 season finale versus Detroit. He finished the season with 7,030 career receiving yards.

Only Hall of Famer John Stallworth has more receiving yards in his career with Pittsburgh, finishing his tenure with a club-record 8,723 receiving yards.

Pro Bowl Distinction: Despite not being selected to last year's AFC Pro Bowl squad, **WR Hines Ward** is the only wide receiver in Steelers history to be voted to four Pro Bowls. Ward's 1,004 receiving yards in 2004 made him the first Steelers receiver to reach 1,000 yards four times during his career with the team.

In 2002, Ward became the first receiver in Steelers history to catch 100 passes (112) in a season. He also became the first Steelers receiver with three consecutive games with at least 100 yards receiving. His 12 touchdown receptions in 2002 tied him with Louis Lipps (1985) and Buddy Dial (1961) for the highest single-season total in team history.

Following is where Ward ranks in Steelers history in several key receiving categories:

Ward's Rankings Among Steelers Receivers (All-Time)

Category	Statistic	Rank
Receptions	574	1 st
Receiving Yards	7,030	2 nd
Receiving TDs	52	2 nd
Consecutive Games w/ Catch	119	1 st
1,000-Yd. Seasons (2001-04)	4	1 st
Consecutive 1,000-Yd. Seasons (2001-04)	4	1 st
90-plus Catch Seasons (2001-03)	3	1 st
Consecutive 90-plus Seasons (2001-03)	3	1 st
Receptions in a Season (2002)	112	1 st
TD Receptions in a Season (2002)	12	T-1 st
Receptions in a Single Game (11/30/03)	13	2 nd
Receiving Yards in a Season (2002)	1,329	3 rd
Receiving Yards in a Game (11/17/02)	168	11 th
Career 100-Yard Games	14	3 rd

100-Yard Games in a Season (2002)	4	T-4 th
Consecutive 100-Yard Games (2002)	3	1 st
Rushing Yards by a Receiver	378	2 nd
Consecutive Pro Bowls by Receiver (2001-04)	4	1 st

Ward On The Run: WR Hines Ward's versatility makes him a threat to run the football as well as catch a pass. He has rushed for 385 yards during his career and needs just four rushing yards to pass Louis Lipps (388) for the most career rushing yards by a Steelers wide receiver. He scored his first career rushing touchdown in 2004 against Philadelphia.

Climbing the Charts: WR Hines Ward is the leading receiver in Steelers history and ranks second in receiving yardage.

Following are the Steelers career receiving leaders:

Steelers All-Time Leading Receivers

Rank	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1.	Hines Ward (1998-present)	574	7,030	12.2	52
2.	John Stallworth (1974-87)	537	8,723	16.2	63
3.	Louis Lipps (1984-91)	358	6,018	16.8	39
4.	Lynn Swann (1974-82)	336	5,462	16.3	51
5.	Elbie Nickel (1947-57)	329	5,133	15.6	37
6.	Franco Harris (1972-83)	306	2,284	7.5	9
7.	Plaxico Burress (2000-2004)	261	4,164	16.0	22
8.	Charles Johnson (1994-98)	250	3,400	13.6	15
9.	Merril Hoge (1987-93)	241	2,054	8.5	13
10.	Ray Mathews (1951-59)	230	3,919	16.1	34

Steelers All-Time Receiving Yardage Leaders

Rank	Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1.	John Stallworth (1974-87)	537	8,723	16.2	63
2.	Hines Ward (1998-present)	574	7,030	12.2	52
3.	Louis Lipps (1984-91)	358	6,018	16.8	39
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5.	Elbie Nickel (1947-57)	329	5,133	15.6	37
6.	Buddy Dial (1959-63)	229	4,723	20.6	42
7.	Plaxico Burress (2000-04)	261	4,164	16.0	22
8.	Ray Mathews (1951-59)	230	3,919	16.1	34
9.	Roy Jefferson (1965-69)	199	3,671	18.4	29
10.	Yancey Thigpen (1992-97)	222	3,641	16.4	21

STEELERS' ALL-TIME SCORING LEADERS

Rank	Player	TDs	PATs	2pt.	FGs	Pts
1.	Gary Anderson (1982-93)	0	416	0	309	1,343
2.	Roy Gerela (1971-78)	0	293	0	146	731
3.	Franco Harris (1972-83)	100	0	0	0	600
4.	Jerome Bettis (1996-2005)	80	0	1	0	482
5.	Norm Johnson (1995-98)	0	137	0	105	452
6.	Jeff Reed (2002-present)	0	126	0	92	402
7.	John Stallworth (1974-87)	64	0	0	0	384
8.	Kris Brown (1999-01)	8	98	0	80	336
9.	Hines Ward (1998-present)	53	0	4	0	326
10.	Lynn Swann (1974-82)	53	0	0	0	318

Catching Consistency: With his one catch in the 2005 season finale against Detroit, WR Hines Ward extended his team record to 119 consecutive games with at least one reception. That streak ranks fourth among active players for consecutive games with at least one reception.

Jerry Rice (274), Art Monk (183) and Tim Brown (174) own the top all-time record for consecutive games with a reception.

The following is a look at the top five active players in the NFL with at least one reception in consecutive regular-season games:

Player (Team)	Consecutive Games
Marvin Harrison (Colts)	154
Keyshawn Johnson (Panthers)	151
Terrell Owens (Cowboys)	136
Hines Ward (Steelers)	119
Rod Smith (Broncos)	108

Parker Proving His Worth: RB Willie Parker broke a Super Bowl record in the Steelers' victory over Seattle in Super Bowl XL. Parker surpassed Marcus Allen's 74-yard run in Super Bowl XVIII with a 75-yard touchdown run. Parker finished with 93 yards on 10 carries (9.3 avg.) with one touchdown.

He finished with 135 yards rushing in the season finale win over Detroit, giving him 1,202 rushing yards on the year to become the first Steelers' running back to gain at least 1,000 yards in a season since RB Jerome Bettis accomplished it in 2002. He also became the first back other than Bettis to reach at least 1,000 yards in a season since Barry Foster had 1,690 in 1992.

Parker was seventh in the AFC in rushing with his 1,202 yards. That mark ranks as the sixth-best rushing output in Steelers' history and the most since Bettis finished with 1,341 in 2000.

Parker made the most of his first career start in the Steelers' season opener against Tennessee. He rushed for a career-high 161 yards on 22 carries (7.3 avg.) with one touchdown. His 161 yards were the most by a Steelers' running back in a season opener. The previous high was 114 yards by Frenchy Fuqua in a 17-15 loss to Chicago to open the 1971 season.

Parker's 161 yards also marked the 12th-highest rushing performance in team history and it also was the most for the Steelers since Bettis had 163 yards on Nov. 11, 2001, at Cleveland. The 161 yards set a Heinz Field record. For his efforts, he was named the AFC Player of the Week (Week 1), the first of his career.

Parker continued to shine in Week 2 at Houston as he finished with a game-high 111 yards on 25 carries (4.4 avg.), his third straight 100-yard rushing game (dating back to last season).

In 2005, he had five 100-yard rushing games.

Miller Time: The Steelers' 2005 No. 1 pick TE Heath Miller began his NFL career by catching a touchdown pass with his first professional reception. He hauled in a three-yard pass from QB Ben Roethlisberger in the first quarter of the season opener, marking the first score of the year for the Steelers.

Miller caught his first career postseason touchdown in the AFC Divisional Playoff game against Indianapolis, a seven-yard strike from Roethlisberger.

He finished the regular season tied for third in the NFL among all rookies (non-kickers) in scoring with 36 points (six touchdowns) and was fourth among all NFL rookies in receptions (39). His 39 catches were the most by a Steelers' tight end since TE Eric Green caught 46 during the 1994 season.

Miller started 15 of the 16 games last year as Pittsburgh opened with two tight-end sets on its opening play in five of those contests. He moved up on the depth chart to a full-time starter prior to Week 8 (Baltimore).

He had caught a touchdown in four straight games before Green Bay (Week 9), tying the Steelers' tight end record for consecutive games with a touchdown. Green also caught a touchdown pass in four straight games during the 1991 season.

Miller, who didn't start against San Diego, caught his second career touchdown pass and finished with four catches for 36 yards versus the Chargers in Week 5. He followed that up with four catches for 72 yards, both team highs, with a 15-yard touchdown against Jacksonville in Week 6. It marked the first time a tight end had led Pittsburgh in catches outright in a game since Eric Green caught three passes for 35 yards in a 30-14 victory over Houston on Oct. 3, 1994.

Miller caught a 50-yard reception on Pittsburgh's first drive against Minnesota (Week 15), which was the longest by a Steelers' tight end since Eric Green hauled in a 71-yard touchdown in 1993.

Miller's Quick Six: TE Heath Miller caught his fifth and sixth touchdowns of the 2005 season in the Week 8 win over Baltimore, marking his first multi-touchdown game of his career. He was named AFC Offensive Rookie of the week for his efforts.

The only other tight ends in NFL history to catch six TD passes in their first seven games in the league are Raymond Chester (1970 Raiders) and Eric Green (1990 Steelers).

Miller was named the Offensive Rookie of the Month for October after catching 17 passes for 184 yards and five touchdowns.

Rookie Sensation: TE Heath Miller's six touchdowns also ranked among the best for rookie tight ends in NFL history.

Miller finished his rookie season three touchdowns shy of breaking the team record for touchdowns by a tight end, which is nine held by Elbie Nickel. He also was just one touchdown short of tying the team record for touchdowns (7) by a rookie tight end, set by Eric Green in 1990.

The following is a look at the top tight end touchdown marks in league history for a rookie:

Name	Receiving TDs
1. Mike Ditka (1961), Chicago Bears	12
2. Junior Miller (1980), Atlanta Falcons	9
3. John Mackey (1963), Baltimore Colts	7
Raymond Chester (1970), Oakland Raiders	7
Joe Senser (1980), Minnesota Vikings	7
Eric Green (1990), Pittsburgh Steelers	7
7. Heath Miller (2005), Pittsburgh Steelers	6

Cedrick the Entertainer: WR Cedrick Wilson did his fair share of entertaining the crowd in 2005, coming up with more long receptions last year than anyone on the team.

On the year, Wilson averaged a team-best 17.3 yards per reception. Wilson, who was acquired in 2005 as a free agent from the San Francisco 49ers, had seven plays during the regular season of at least 25 yards, tops on the team. He had a season-best 46-yarder in Week 16 victory over Cleveland and had a 40-yard and 36-yard reception in the Week 2 victory at Houston.

In the victory over Cincinnati in the AFC Wild Card game, Wilson finished with a team-best 104 receiving yards on three catches, including a 54-yard touchdown catch and a 43-yard reception. He also had a game-high five catches for 92 yards in the AFC Championship Game against Denver, including a 12-yard touchdown reception.

Porter Producing: LB Joey Porter continues to climb the Steelers' all-time list for sacks as he recorded a team-best 10.5 sacks last year. Porter has 53.0 career sacks, good for sixth on the team's all-time list. He needs one sack to pass Greg Lloyd (53.5) for fifth place.

In the Week 16 victory over Cleveland, Porter finished with three sacks on QB Charlie Frye. The last time he had three sacks in one game was against New England on Oct. 31, 2004. His career-high was four sacks against Tampa Bay on Oct. 21, 2001.

His 10.5 sacks in 2005 were the most by a linebacker in the NFL and they tied his career high, which he initially set in 2000. In four postseason games last year, Porter had three sacks.

In his first six years, he has led or tied for the team lead in sacks three times.

The following is a look at the Steelers all-time sack leaders:

Name	Sacks
1. Jason Gildon (1994-03)	77.0
2. L.C. Greenwood (1969-81)	73.5
3. Joe Greene (1969-81)	66.0
4. Keith Willis (1982-87, 1989-91)	59.0
5. Greg Lloyd (1988-97)	53.5
6. Joey Porter (1999-Pres.)	53.0
7. Dwight White (1971-80)	46.0
8. Ernie Holmes (1972-77)	40.0
9. Kevin Greene (1993-95)	35.5
10. Gary Dunn (1977-87)	35.0

Clark Causing Havoc: LB Clark Haggans posted nine sacks in 2005, which was a personal-best for him in his six-year career. His nine sacks tied for third among all linebackers in the NFL this year.

Haggans has at least one sack in nine of the 13 games he played in 2005. He was inactive for three weeks with a groin injury, but still had 61 tackles on the season.

His best game of the season was in Week 3 versus New England as he finished with a career-high 10 tackles (eight solo) and posted a sack. He also forced two fumbles.

On the year, Haggans forced four fumbles.

Putting His Foote Down: LB Larry Foote had his best season to date as he led the team with 123 tackles in 2005. He also had three sacks and one fumble recovery on the year.

He posted a career-high 13 tackles, including 10 solo, in Week 6 versus Jacksonville and had 12 tackles (10 solo) in the Week 9 victory at Green Bay.

In Week 15 at Minnesota, he combined with LB Joey Porter to tackle Vikings' RB Michael Bennett in the end zone for a safety.

Foote posted his first career postseason interception in the AFC Championship game against Denver.

Young Guns: The emergence of several young defensive backs over the past few years has given the Steelers a strong and deep last line of defense.

Pittsburgh's 2005 pass defense ranked among the best in the NFL. Last year, Pittsburgh's defense gave up 198.0 passing yards per game, including just 108 against Houston in Week 2. The Steelers allowed just 177.2 passing yards per game in 2004, ranking third in the AFC and fourth in the NFL.

The following is a brief look at the youth of the Steelers' defensive backfield:

- **CB Ike Taylor**, who posted his first career postseason interception in the AFC Championship Game against Denver, had a key interception in Super Bowl XL deep in the Steelers' own territory. He moved into the starting lineup this season and made 15 starts while ranking fifth on the team in tackles (96). Taylor's 96 tackles were the most by a Steelers' DB since Rod Woodson posted 100 in 1992. Additionally, his team-leading 25 passes defended are the most for Pittsburgh since Dewayne Washington had 25 in 2000.

- **SS Troy Polamalu** was named First Team All-Pro for the first time in his career in 2005 and was selected to his second straight Pro Bowl last year. Polamalu tied an NFL record for sacks by a safety by registering three in the win at Houston in Week 2.

- **CB Bryant McFadden** had two passes defended in the Steelers' Divisional Playoff victory over Indianapolis, including a pass breakup in the end zone in the final minute. McFadden, Pittsburgh's second-round draft pick in the 2005 Draft, is quickly emerging into a very productive cornerback. After not dressing for the first four games of the year, McFadden came in against Jacksonville (Week 6) and made an immediate impact, collecting his first career interception that came in the end zone at the end of regulation, halting a potential game-winning score.

- **CB Ricardo Colclough** recorded his first career interception in the 2005 season opener against the Tennessee Titans. A fixture on the Steelers' kickoff return unit, Colclough added a team-best three tackles on special teams versus the Titans.

What A Rush: The Steelers' offensive line paved the way for first-year starting **RB Willie Parker** to gain 1,000 rushing yards in 2005.

Parker finished the season with 1,202 yards on 255 carries (4.7 avg.) as he became the first Steelers' running back to gain over 1,000 yards in a season since RB Jerome Bettis had 1,072 rushing yards in 2001. He also is the first Pittsburgh back other than Bettis to break the 1,000-yard rushing mark in a season since RB Barry Foster had 1,690 in 1992.

The Steelers' offensive line answered critics by paving the way for 190 rushing yards in Week 14 versus the Chicago Bears, who ranked seventh in the league at the time against the run. The Steelers ranked third in the AFC in rushing yards per game (138.9 avg.) this season.

In Week 7, Pittsburgh rushed for a season-best 221 yards on 47 carries (4.7 avg.) in its 27-13 victory at Cincinnati. **RB Willie Parker** rushed for 131 yards while **RB Jerome Bettis** added 56 yards.

The Steelers, who were running without veterans **Duce Staley** and Bettis, muscled out 206 rushing yards in the win over the Titans in the season opener. The unit helped first-time starter Parker set a team record for rushing yards in a season opener (161) and dominated the trenches all afternoon despite having two new starters on the right side of the line in **OG Kendall Simmons** and **OT Max Starks**.

Two Steelers' offensive linemen were selected to last year's Pro Bowl, including **OG Alan Faneca**, who was also a First Team All-Pro selection, and **C Jeff Hartings**. In 2005, the Steelers sent an unprecedented three linemen to the Pro Bowl, including Faneca, Hartings and left **OT Marvel Smith**.

Establishing The Mark: **K Jeff Reed** broke the Steelers' team record for consecutive field goals made in Week 2 at Houston last year. He broke Gary Anderson's team record of 19 straight, which was set in 1994.

Reed extended the record to 22 straight with a 33-yard field goal against New England, but would later miss a 52-yard attempt.

Additionally, Reed converted four straight field goal attempts during the 2004 postseason, which is not included in the streak.

He had made at least one field goal in 21 straight games, dating back to 2004, before missing his only attempt in Week 12 at Indianapolis. However, he has made 36 straight field goals inside of 40 yards.

Reed has made his last eight field goals in the postseason.

Getting His Kicks: **K Jeff Reed** ranks sixth in scoring in Steelers' history with 402 career points after scoring five points in Week 17 versus Detroit.

Reed has 92 field goals and 126 extra points during his four-year career with the Steelers (402 points).

End Zone Kickoff Efficiency: **K Jeff Reed** has done a good job of kicking the ball deep against the Steelers' opponents last year on kickoffs. Of his 76 kickoffs in 2005, 14 of those were to the end zone and six of them resulted in touchbacks.

In his first full season as the starting kicker in 2003, Reed finished with five touchbacks. In 2004, he posted a personal-best seven touchbacks.

Quick Kicks: Steelers **P Chris Gardocki** has punted an NFL-record 1,112 times in the regular season during his 15-year career without having a punt blocked.

Gardocki became the first and only punter in NFL history to punt 1,000 times without having a punt blocked last season in Week 4 versus the Cincinnati Bengals.

Gardocki earned NFL Special Teams Player of the Week honors for the first two times in his career in 2004 for his performances in Week 11 (Nov. 21) at Cincinnati and Week 14 (Dec. 12) against the New York Jets. At Cincinnati, Gardocki had punts of 50 and 52 yards in the fourth quarter, and placed five punts inside the Bengals 20-yard line. He posted a 39.6 net average and a 42.4 gross average on five punts against the Jets, while placing two of his kicks inside the New York 20-yard line.

Players with 1,000+ Punts

Player	Total
Sean Landeta	1,367
Jeff Feagles	1,364
Lee Johnson	1,226
Dave Jennings	1,154
Chris Mohr	1,152
Rohn Stark	1,141
Mark Royals	1,116
Chris Gardocki (Pit.) •	1,112

• Active Players

Most Punts Without Being Blocked

(Active Players Only)

Player (Team)	Punts
Chris Gardocki (Pit)	1,112
Lee, Andy, S.F.	203
McBriar, Mat, Dal.	156
Scifres, Mike, S.D.	140

2005 STEELERS INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Head Coach Bill Cowher

Sunday ESPN NFL Primetime Game Ball (Week 7)

RB Jerome Bettis

AFC Offensive Player of the Week (Week 14)

Sunday ESPN NFL Primetime Game Ball (Week 14)

OG Alan Faneca

2005 Associated Press All-Pro

2006 Pro Bowl

Pro Football Weekly 2005 All-NFL Team

Pro Football Weekly 2005 Midseason All-Pro Team

DT Casey Hampton

2006 Pro Bowl

Pro Football Weekly 2005 Midseason All-Pro Team

C Jeff Hartings

2006 Pro Bowl

S Chris Hope

USA Today All-Joe Team

FB Dan Kreider

USA Today All-Joe Team

TE Heath Miller

AFC Offensive Rookie of the Month (October)

AFC Offensive Rookie of the Week (Week 8)

RB Willie Parker

AFC Offensive Player of the Week (Week 1)

S Troy Polamalu

2005 Associated Press All-Pro

2006 Pro Bowl

Pro Football Weekly 2005 All-NFL Team

Pro Football Weekly 2005 Midseason All-Pro Team

LB Joey Porter

2006 Pro Bowl

2005 Associated Press All-Pro (second team)

AFC Defensive Player of the Week (Week 16)

WR/PR Antwaan Randle El

Pro Football Weekly 2005 All-NFL Team

USA Today All-Joe Team

QB Ben Roethlisberger

Sunday ESPN NFL Primetime Game Ball (Wild Card Week)

Sunday ESPN NFL Primetime Game Ball (Divisional Playoffs)

Sunday ESPN NFL Primetime Game Ball (AFC Championship Week)

WR Hines Ward

Super Bowl XL MVP

AFC Offensive Player of the Week (Week 10)

Preseason Game #1

Arizona 21, Pittsburgh 13
Aug. 12, 2006
Cardinals Stadium (63,400)

GLENDAL, Ariz. — **QB Ben Roethlisberger**, only two months removed from his June 12th motorcycle accident, played the first series as the Steelers suffered a 21-13 setback to the host Arizona Cardinals in the first game played at brand-new Cardinals Stadium.

Roethlisberger completed 3-of-4 passes for 29 yards with a long of 11 and a quarterback rating of 94.8.

Rookie **S Anthony Smith** intercepted two John Navarre passes and recorded two solo tackles. **S Ryan Clark** led the team with five tackles (four solo) and **LB Richard Seigler** registered four solo tackles and the team's only sack.

Rookie **TE Isaac Smolko** caught the team's only touchdown on a one-yard fade from rookie **QB Omar Jacobs**.

WR Santonio Holmes, the team's first-round draft pick in 2006, caught four passes for 32 yards (8.0 avg.), while fellow **WR Willie Reid** caught four passes for 30 yards (7.5 avg.). Holmes also returned one kickoff for 25 yards. **FB John Kuhn** led all running backs with 15 yards on two carries.

The Cardinals opened the scoring when Kurt Warner hit Bryant Johnson for a five-yard touchdown. Pittsburgh answered that early in the second quarter with a 48-yard field goal by **K Jeff Reed**, that cut the deficit to 7-3.

Arizona struck again when Warner connected with Obafemi Ayanbadejo for a 15-yard touchdown.

Following Smith's first interception, rookie **QB Shane Boyd** led the team on a six-play 29-yard drive that ended with a 24-yard field goal by **K Mark Brubaker** to cut the lead to 14-6 as the first half expired.

Diamond Ferri added to Arizona's lead with a five-yard touchdown run with 9:41 left in the fourth quarter.

Jacobs, who finished the game completing 5-of-7 passes for 61 yards, one touchdown, and a passer-rating of 137.5, led the Steelers on an eight-play 80-yard drive, capped off by the touchdown pass to Smolko in the corner of the end zone with 1:25 left in the game.

WR Sean Morey caught three passes for 27 yards (9.0 avg.). **P Mike Barr** finished the game with three punts for 147 yards (49.0 avg.) and a long of 51.

GAME SUMMARY

STEELERS (0-1)	0	6	0	7	13
Cardinals (1-0)	7	7	0	7	21

TEAM	Q	TIME	PLAY	DRIVE	SCORE
ARIZ	1	2:39	Johnson 5 pass from Warner (Rackers kick)	12-56; 6:22	0-7
PIT	2	13:25	Reed 48 FG	8-54; 4:14	3-7
ARIZ	2	3:31	Ayanbadejo 15 pass from Warner (Rackers kick)	11-71; 5:33	3-14
PIT	2	0:00	Brubaker 24 FG	6-29; 1:08	6-14
ARIZ	4	9:41	Ferri 5 run (Novak kick)	11-78; 5:28	6-21
PIT	4	1:25	Smolko 1 pass from Jacobs (Reed kick)	8-80; 3:19	13-21

TEAM STATISTICS

	Steelers	Cardinals
1st Downs	17 (3-10-4)	20 (4-13-3)
3rd Downs	6-13 (46%)	8-13 (62%)
4th Downs	0-0 (0%)	2-2 (100%)
Total Net Yards	246	227
Plays-Avg.	55-4.5	61-3.7
Rushing Yards	72	57
Rush Att.-Avg.	23-3.1	32-1.8
Passing Yards	174	170
Att.-Comp.-Int.	31-19-1	28-20-2
Sacks By	1-8	1-10
Punts-Avg.	4-51.5	3-39.0
Penalties	5-45	7-55
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Time of Poss.	28:41	31:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Pit. — Boyd 4-16; Kuhn 2-15; Staley 7-14; Parker 3-12; Washington 1-10; Humes 3-4; Haynes 3-1. **Ariz.** — Anderson 7-21; Ferri 6-17, 1 TD; Shipp 6-13; Arrington 6-11; Warner 1-5; Navarre 1-1; James 2-(-2); Davey 2-(-2); Walters 1-(-7).

PASSING: Pit. — Boyd 16-8-1, 67; Jacobs 7-5-0, 61, 1 TD; Roethlisberger 4-3-0, 29; Batch 4-3-0, 27. **Ariz.** — Navarre 15-11-2, 60; Warner 13-9-0, 118, 2 TDs.

RECEIVING: Pit. — Holmes 4-32; Reid 4-30; Morey 3-27; Humes 1-33; Wilson 1-18; Morgan 1-13; Miller 1-11; Haynes 1-11; Parker 1-7; Dekker 1-1; Smolko 1-1, 1 TD. **Ariz.** — Johnson 3-42, 1 TD; McCoy 3-29; Fitzgerald 2-33; Boldin 2-24; Spurlock 2-11; Holiday 2-10; Ayanbadejo 1-15, 1 TD; Shipp 1-12; Arrington 1-4; Pope 1-4; Walters 1-(-1); Anderson 1-(-5).

Preseason Game #2

Minnesota 17, Pittsburgh 10
Aug. 19, 2006
Heinz Field (57,813)

PITTSBURGH — Three days after injuring his right thumb, **QB Ben Roethlisberger** started for the Steelers and led the offense to a touchdown in his only drive as Pittsburgh suffered a 17-10 setback to the Minnesota Vikings at Heinz Field.

Roethlisberger, who completed 3-of-4 passes for 30 yards and a passer-rating of 135.4, ran a no-huddle offense while leading the team on a six-play, 55-yard scoring drive. Roethlisberger connected with **WR Cedrick Wilson** for a 16-yard touchdown strike to give Pittsburgh an early 7-0 lead.

The Vikings made it a 7-7 game with 4:38 left in the first quarter when Brad Johnson found Jermaine Wiggins for a 12-yard touchdown pass. Minnesota took a 10-7 lead early in the second quarter following a 38-yard field goal by Ryan Longwell.

The Vikings opened the scoring in the second half when Tarvaris Jackson hit Jason Clark for a six-yard touchdown to extend the lead to 17-7.

The Steelers capped the scoring with a **Jeff Reed** 32-yard field goal late in the third quarter.

WR Nate Washington had game highs with three catches (tied) for 58 yards (17.7 avg.) and gained 20 yards on a reverse on the games' opening play. Rookie **WR Willie Reid** also caught three passes for 18 yards, and Wilson finished with two catches for 23 yards and a TD.

RB John Kuhn was the team's leading rusher after gaining 30 yards on eight carries (3.8 avg.), and **RB Verron Haynes** rushed twice for nine yards (4.5 avg.) and had three receptions for 31 yards (10.3 avg.).

S Anthony Smith led the defense with six tackles (tied) and four solo, while recording his first sack of the preseason. **LB Richard Seigler** finished the game with a game-high five solo tackles (six total) and fellow **LB Joey Porter** recorded five tackles (four solo) in his first game action of the preseason.

Rookie free agent **S Mike Lorello** recorded his first sack and **LB Rian Wallace** picked off a Mike McMahon pass and returned it 27 yards.

GAME SUMMARY

Vikings (1-1)	7	3	7	0	17
STEELERS (0-2)	7	0	3	0	10

TEAM	Q	TIME	PLAY	DRIVE	SCORE
PIT	1	10:12	Wilson 16 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick)	6-55; 2:32	7-0
MINN	1	4:38	Wiggins 12 pass from Johnson (Longwell kick)	9-76; 5:34	7-7
MINN	2	12:56	Longwell 38 FG	13-40; 5:33	7-10
MINN	3	9:20	Carter 6 pass from Jackson (Longwell kick)	8-56; 4:12	7-17
PIT	3	0:38	Reed 32 FG	8-33; 3:31	10-17

TEAM STATISTICS

	Vikings	Steelers
1st Downs	18 (7-10-1)	19 (4-15-0)
3rd Downs	7-15 (47%)	7-15 (47%)
4th Downs	1-1 (100%)	1-2 (50%)
Total Net Yards	294	338
Plays-Avg.	66-4.5	67-5.0
Rushing Yards	121	111
Rush Att.-Avg.	35-3.5	21-5.3
Passing Yards	173	227
Att.-Comp.-Int.	29-19-1	42-20-1
Sacks By	4-17	2-20
Punts-Avg.	6-44.8	5-40.8
Penalties	5-34	5-35
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Time of Poss.	33:48	26:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Minn. — C. Taylor 10-36; Mathis 8-36; Fason 9-31; Johnson 2-12; Echemia 3-8; Richardson 2-7; T. Taylor 1-(-9). **Pit.** — Kuhn 8-30; Washington 1-20; Boyd 1-17; Staley 5-11; Humes 2-11; Haynes 2-9; Reid 1-8; Parker 1-5.

PASSING: Minn. — Jackson 11-9-0, 80, 1 TD; Johnson 11-9-0, 71, 1 TD; McMahon 7-1-1, 42. **Pit.** — Boyd 17-6-0, 83; Batch 14-8-1, 103; Jacobs 7-3-0, 28; Roethlisberger 4-3-0, 30 1 TD.

RECEIVING: Minn. — Wiggins 3-21, 1 TD; C. Taylor 3-15; Carter 2-48, 1 TD; T. Taylor 2-40; Owens 2-15; Williamson 2-13; Richardson 2-(-2); Hoag 1-26; Jackson 1-11; Robinson 1-6. **Pit.** — Washington 3-53; Haynes 3-31; Reid 3-18; Dekker 2-38; Young 2-25; Wilson 2-23, 1 TD; Morgan 2-15; Mays 1-27; Holmes 1-11; Staley 1-3.

2006 PITTSBURGH STEELERS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

SE	80	CEDRICK WILSON (5-10, 183, 6)	11	Quincy Morgan (6-1, 215, 6)	10	Santonio Holmes (5-11, 189, R)
			89	Lee Mays (6-2, 193, 5)	19	Isaac West (6-0, 187, 1)
LT	77	MARVEL SMITH (6-5, 321, 7)	79	Trai Essex (6-4, 324, 2)	69	Ulish Booker (6-6, 319, 1)
LG	66	ALAN FANECA (6-5, 307, 9)	72	Barrett Brooks (6-5, 325, 11)	61	Grayling Love (6-3, 296, R)
C	64	JEFF HARTINGS (6-3, 295, 11)	56	Chukky Okobi (6-1, 305, 6)	62	Marvin Philip (6-1, 307, R)
RG	73	KENDALL SIMMONS (6-3, 315, 5)	68	Chris Kemoeatu (6-3, 344, 2)	65	Tim Brown (6-5, 313, 1)
RT	78	MAX STARKS (6-8, 337, 3)	74	Willie Colon (6-3, 315, R)	67	Nick Hagemann (6-7, 295, R)
TE	83	HEATH MILLER (6-5, 256, 2)	84	Jerame Tuman (6-4, 253, 8)	87	Charles Davis (6-6, 260, R)
			48	Isaac Smolko (6-5, 257, R)	88	Jon Dekker (6-5, 250, R)
HB	39	WILLIE PARKER (5-10, 209, 3)	22	Duce Staley (5-11, 242, 10)	34	Verron Haynes (5-10, 222, 5)
					30	Cedric Humes (6-1, 233, R)
FB	35	DAN KREIDER (5-11, 255, 7)	44	Doug Easlick (5-11, 243, 1)	38	Branden Joe (6-0, 242, 1)
					42	John Kuhn (6-0, 255, 1)
QB	7	BEN ROETHLISBERGER (6-5, 241, 3)	16	Charlie Batch (6-2, 216, 9)	4	Omar Jacobs (6-4, 224, R)
					8	Shane Boyd (6-1, 232, 1)
FL	86	HINES WARD (6-0, 205, 9)	85	Nate Washington (6-1, 185, 2)	15	Willie Reid (5-10, 186, R)
			81	Sean Morey (5-11, 200, 5)	18	Walter Young (6-4, 220, 3)
					14	Marvin Allen (5-10, 185, 1)

DEFENSE

DE	91	AARON SMITH (6-5, 298, 8)	93	Rodney Bailey (6-3, 305, 6)	96	Shaun Nua (6-5, 280, 2)
NT	98	CASEY HAMPTON (6-1, 325, 6)	76	Chris Hoke (6-2, 305, 5)	74	Scott Paxson (6-4, 292, R)
DE	99	BRETT KEISEL (6-5, 285, 5)	90	Travis Kirschke (6-3, 298, 10)	71	Orien Harris (6-3, 302, R)
					67	Lee Vickers (6-6, 285, R)
LOLB	53	CLARK HAGGANS (6-4, 243, 7)	94	Andre Frazier (6-5, 234, 2)	97	Arnold Harrison (6-3, 241, 1)
LILB	51	JAMES FARRIOR (6-2, 243, 10)	54	Rian Wallace (6-3, 243, 2)	95	Richard Seigler (6-2, 238, 2)
RILB	50	LARRY FOOTE (6-1, 239, 5)	57	Clint Kriewaldt (6-1, 248, 8)	47	Ronald Stanley (6-0, 244, 1)
ROLB	55	JOEY PORTER (6-3, 250, 8)	92	James Harrison (6-0, 242, 3)	49	Malcolm Postell (6-2, 231, 1)
LCB	24	IKE TAYLOR (6-1, 191, 4)	21	Ricardo Colclough (5-11, 195, 3)	37	Anthony Madison (5-9, 180, R)
FS	25	RYAN CLARK (5-11, 205, 5)	23	Tyrone Carter (5-8, 195, 7)	27	Anthony Smith (5-11, 192, R)
SS	43	TROY POLAMALU (5-10, 207, 4)	31	Mike Logan (6-1, 211, 10)	45	Mike Lorello (5-11, 208, R)
					28	Zach Baker (6-2, 212, R)
RCB	26	DESHEA TOWNSEND (5-10, 190, 9)	20	Bryant McFadden (6-0, 190, 2)	29	Chidi Iwuoma (5-9, 184, 6)

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	17	CHRIS GARDOCKI (6-1, 192, 16)	6	Mike Barr (6-2, 230, 1)		
PK	3	JEFF REED (5-11, 225, 5)	9	Mark Brubaker (6-0, 189, R)		
LS	60	GREG WARREN (6-3, 252, 2)	45	Kyle Andrews (5-11, 254, 1)		
H	17	CHRIS GARDOCKI (6-1, 192, 16)				
KR	21	RICARDO COLCLOUGH (5-11, 195, 3)	15	Willie Reid (5-10, 186, R)		
	11	QUINCY MORGAN (6-1, 215, 6)	10	Santonio Holmes (5-11, 189, R)		
PR	15	WILLIE REID (5-10, 186, R)	10	Santonio Holmes (5-11, 189, R)		

- Rookies
- Injured

2006 PITTSBURGH STEELERS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acquired	2005GP/GS
14	Allen, Marvin	WR	5-10	185	3/5/83	1	n/a	London, England	NFLEL-06	0/0^
45	Andrews, Kyle	LS	6-0	254	9/10/81	1	Ohio State	Middletown, OH	FA-06	0/0^
93	Bailey, Rodney	DE	6-3	305	10/7/79	6	Ohio State	Cleveland, OH	FA-06	8/0
28	Baker, Zach	S	6-2	212	7/27/83	R	East Carolina	Tucson, AZ	FA-06	N/A
6	Barr, Mike	P	6-2	230	12/8/78	1	Rutgers	Lynchburg, VA	FA-06	0/0^
16	Batch, Charlie	QB	6-2	216	12/5/74	9	Eastern Michigan	Homestead, PA	FA-02	4/2
69	Booker, Ullish	OT	6-6	319	8/14/79	1	Michigan State	West Haven, CT	FA-05	0/0
8	Boyd, Shane	QB	6-1	232	9/17/82	1	Kentucky	Lexington, KY	FA-06	0/0^
72	Brooks, Barrett	OT	6-5	325	5/5/72	12	Kansas State	St. Louis, MO	FA-03	16/0
65	Brown, Tim	C	6-5	313	5/12/80	1	West Virginia	Harrisburg, PA	FA-05	0/0
9	Brubaker, Mark	K	6-0	189	2/11/84	R	East Stroudsburg	Stouchsburg, PA	FA-06	N/A
23	Carter, Tyrone	S	5-8	195	3/31/76	7	Minnesota	Pompano Beach, FL	FA-04	16/0
25	Clark, Ryan	S	5-11	205	10/12/79	5	Louisiana State	Merraro, LA	UFA (Was)-06	13/0
21	Colclough, Ricardo	CB	5-11	195	4/18/82	3	Tusculum	Sumter, SC	D2-04	14/0
74	Colon, Willie	OT	6-3	315	4/9/83	R	Hofstra	Bronx, NY	D4a-06	N/A
87	Davis, Charles	TE	6-6	260	3/13/83	R	Purdue	Detroit, MI	D5b-06	N/A
88	Dekker, Jon	TE	6-5	250	5/15/83	R	Princeton	Greenfield, WI	FA-06	N/A
44	Easlick, Doug	FB	5-11	243	12/4/80	2	Virginia Tech	Marlton, NJ	FA-06	0/0
79	Essex, Trai	OT	6-4	324	12/5/82	2	Northwestern	Fort Wayne, IN	D3-05	6/4
66	Faneca, Alan	OG	6-5	307	12/7/76	9	Louisiana State	New Orleans, LA	D1-98	16/16
51	Farrior, James	LB	6-2	243	1/6/75	10	Virginia	Eltrick, VA	UFA (NYJ)-02	14/14
50	Foote, Larry	LB	6-1	239	6/12/80	5	Michigan	Detroit, MI	D4-02	16/16
94	Frazier, Andre	LB	6-5	234	6/29/82	2	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	FA-05	11/0#
17	Gardocki, Chris	P	6-1	192	2/7/70	16	Clemson	Stone Mountain, GA	UFA-04	16/0
67	Hagemann, Nick	OT	6-7	295	9/9/82	R	South Dakota	New Vienna, IA	FA-06	N/A
53	Haggans, Clark	LB	6-4	243	1/10/77	7	Colorado State	Torrance, CA	D5a-00	13/13
98	Hampton, Casey	DT	6-1	325	9/3/77	6	Texas	Galveston, TX	D1-01	16/15
71	Harris, Orient	DE	6-3	302	6/3/83	R	Miami (Fla.)	Newark, DE	D4b-06	N/A
97	Harrison, Arnold	LB	6-3	241	9/20/82	1	Georgia	Augusta, GA	FA-05	0/0
92	Harrison, James	LB	6-0	242	5/4/78	3	Kent State	Akron, OH	FA-04	16/3
64	Hartings, Jeff	C	6-3	295	9/7/72	11	Penn State	St. Henry, OH	UFA (Det)-01	16/16
34	Haynes, Verron	RB	5-10	222	2/17/79	5	Georgia	Bronx, NY	D5-02	14/0
76	Hoke, Chris	DT	6-2	305	4/6/76	6	Brigham Young	Long Beach, CA	FA-02	15/0
10	Holmes, Santonio	WR	5-11	189	3/3/84	R	Ohio State	Belle Glade, FL	D1-06	N/A
30	Humes, Cedric	RB	6-1	233	8/7/83	R	Virginia Tech	Virginia Beach, VA	D7-06	N/A
29	Iwuoma, Chidi	CB	5-9	184	2/19/78	6	California	Pasadena, CA	FA-02	15/0
4	Jacobs, Omar	QB	6-4	224	3/3/84	R	Bowling Green	Delray Beach, FL	D5a-06	N/A
38	Joe, Brandon	FB	6-0	242	10/12/81	1	Ohio State	Westerville, OH	FA-06	0/0
99	Keisel, Brett	DE	6-5	285	9/19/78	5	Brigham Young	Greybull, WY	D7b-02	16/0
68	Kemoeatu, Chris	OG	6-3	344	1/4/83	2	Utah	Kahuka, HI	D6-05	0/0
90	Kirschke, Travis	DE	6-3	298	9/6/74	10	UCLA	Highland Ranch, CO	UFA (SF)-04	16/0
35	Kreider, Dan	FB	5-11	255	3/11/77	7	New Hampshire	Lancaster, PA	FA-00	16/7
57	Kriewaldt, Clint	LB	6-1	248	3/16/76	8	Wisc-Stevens Point	Shiocton, WI	UFA (Det)-03	16/2
42	Kuhn, John	FB	6-0	255	9/9/82	1	Shippensburg	York, PA	FA-05	0/0
31	Logan, Mike	S	6-1	211	9/15/74	10	West Virginia	Pittsburgh, PA	UFA (Jax)-01	12/1
45	Lorello, Mike	S	5-11	208	10/15/84	R	West Virginia	Powell, OH	FA-06	N/A
61	Love, Grayling	OG	6-3	296	9/30/83	R	Arizona State	Lansing, MI	FA-06	N/A
37	Madison, Anthony	CB	5-9	180	10/8/81	R	Alabama	Thomasville, AL	FA-06	N/A
89	Mays, Lee	WR	6-2	193	9/18/78	4	Texas-El Paso	Houston, TX	FA-05	0/0
20	McFadden, Bryant	CB	6-0	190	11/21/81	2	Florida State	Hollywood, FL	D2-05	12/1
83	Miller, Heath	TE	6-5	256	10/22/82	2	Virginia	Swords Creek, VA	D1-05	16/15
81	Morey, Sean	WR	5-11	200	2/26/76	5	Brown	Marshfield, MA	FA-04	15/0
11	Morgan, Quincy	WR	6-1	215	9/23/77	6	Kansas State	Dallas, TX	UFA (Dal)-05	16/0#
96	Nua, Shaun	DE	6-5	280	5/2/81	2	Brigham Young	Pago Pago, Am. Samoa	D7a-05	0/0
56	Okobi, Chukky	C	6-1	305	11/18/78	6	Purdue	Pittsburgh, PA	D5-01	16/0
39	Parker, Willie	RB	5-10	209	11/11/80	3	North Carolina	Clinton, NC	FA-04	15/15
74	Paxson, Scott	DT	6-4	292	2/3/83	R	Penn State	Philadelphia, PA	FA-06	N/A
62	Philip, Marvin	C	6-1	307	2/3/82	R	California	Redwood City, CA	D6-06	N/A
43	Polamalu, Troy	S	5-10	207	4/19/81	4	Southern California	Tenmile, OR	D1-03	16/16
55	Porter, Joey	LB	6-3	250	3/22/77	8	Colorado State	Bakersfield, CA	D3a-99	16/16
49	Postell, Malcolm	LB	6-2	231	8/3/82	1	Pittsburgh	Keyport, NJ	FA-06	0/0
3	Reed, Jeff	K	5-11	225	4/9/79	5	North Carolina	Charlotte, NC	FA-02	16/0
15	Reid, Willie	WR	5-10	186	9/19/82	R	Florida State	Kathleen, GA	D3b-06	N/A
7	Roethlisberger, Ben	QB	6-5	241	3/2/82	3	Miami (OH)	Findlay, OH	D1-04	12/12
95	Seigler, Richard	LB	6-2	238	10/19/80	2	Oregon State	Las Vegas, NV	FA-05	0/0
73	Simmons, Kendall	OG	6-3	315	3/11/79	5	Auburn	Ripley, MS	D1-02	16/16
91	Smith, Aaron	DE	6-5	298	4/9/76	8	Northern Colorado	Colorado Springs, CO	D4-99	16/16
27	Smith, Anthony	S	5-11	192	9/20/83	R	Syracuse	Hubbard, OH	D3a-06	N/A
77	Smith, Marvel	OT	6-5	321	8/6/78	7	Arizona State	Oakland, CA	D2-00	12/12
48	Smolko, Isaac	TE	6-5	257	2/28/83	R	Penn State	Youngstown, OH	FA-06	N/A
22	Staley, Duce	RB	5-11	242	2/27/75	10	South Carolina	Columbia, SC	UFA (Phi)-04	5/1
47	Stanley, Ronald	LB	6-0	244	3/6/83	1	Michigan State	Saginaw, MI	FA-05	0/0
78	Starks, Max	OT	6-8	337	1/10/82	3	Florida	Orlando, FL	D3-04	16/16
24	Taylor, Ike	CB	6-1	191	5/5/80	4	LA-Lafayette	Gretna, LA	D4-03	16/15
71	Torrey, Brandon	OT	6-4	295	5/18/83	1	Howard	Durham, NC	FA-06	0/0^
26	Townsend, Deshea	CB	5-10	190	9/8/75	9	Alabama	Batesville, MS	D4a-98	16/15
84	Tuman, Jerame	TE	6-4	253	3/24/76	8	Michigan	Liberal, KS	D5-99	16/9
67	Vickers, Lee	DE	6-6	285	3/13/81	R	North Alabama	Athens, AL	FA-06	N/A
54	Wallace, Rian	LB	6-3	243	5/24/82	2	Temple	Pottstown, PA	D5-05	4/0
86	Ward, Hines	WR	6-0	205	3/8/76	9	Georgia	Forest Park, GA	D3b-98	15/15
60	Warren, Greg	LS	6-3	252	10/18/81	2	North Carolina	Goldsboro, NC	FA-05	16/0
85	Washington, Nate	WR	6-1	185	8/28/83	2	Tiffin	Toledo, Ohio	FA-05	1/0
19	West, Isaac	WR	6-0	187	4/5/82	1	Furman	Hampton, VA	FA-06	0/0^
80	Wilson, Cedrick	WR	5-10	183	12/17/78	6	Tennessee	Memphis, TN	UFA (SF)-05	16/1
18	Young, Walter	WR	6-4	220	12/7/79	2	Illinois	Park Forest, IL	FA-04	0/0^

COACHES: Bill Cowher, head coach; Dick LeBeau, defensive coordinator; Ken Whisenhunt, offensive coordinator; Russ Grimm, asst. head coach/offensive line coach; Bruce Arians, wide receivers; Keith Butler, linebackers coach; James Daniel, tight ends; Dick Hoak, running backs coach; Ray Horton, asst. defensive backs; John Mitchell, defensive line coach; Darren Perry, defensive backs; Matt Raich, offensive asst.; Lou Spanos, defensive asst.; Kevin Spencer, special teams coach; Mark Whipple, quarterbacks.

finished 2005 season on injured reserve
^ allocated to NFL Europe

2006 PITTSBURGH STEELERS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acquired	2005GP/GS
3	Jeff Reed	K	5-11	225	4/9/79	5	North Carolina	Charlotte, NC	FA-02	16/0
4	Omar Jacobs	QB	6-4	224	3/3/84	R	Bowling Green	Delray Beach, FL	D5a-06	N/A
6	Mike Barr	P	6-2	230	12/8/78	1	Rutgers	Lynchburg, VA	FA-06	0/0^
7	Ben Roethlisberger	QB	6-5	241	3/2/82	3	Miami (OH)	Findlay, OH	D1-04	12/12
8	Shane Boyd	QB	6-1	232	9/17/82	1	Kentucky	Lexington, KY	FA-06	0/0^
9	Mark Brubaker	K	6-0	189	2/11/84	R	East Stroudsburg	Stouchsburg, PA	FA-06	N/A
10	Santonio Holmes	WR	5-11	189	3/3/84	R	Ohio State	Belle Glade, FL	D1-06	N/A
11	Quincy Morgan	WR	6-1	215	9/23/77	6	Kansas State	Dallas, TX	UFA (Dal)-05	16/0#
14	Marvin Allen	WR	5-10	185	3/5/83	1	n/a	London, England	NFLEL-06	0/0^
15	Willie Reid	WR	5-10	186	9/19/82	R	Florida State	Kathleen, GA	D3b-06	N/A
16	Charlie Batch	QB	6-2	216	12/5/74	9	Eastern Michigan	Homestead, PA	FA-02	4/2
17	Chris Gardocki	P	6-1	192	2/7/70	16	Clemson	Stone Mountain, GA	UFA-04	16/0
18	Walter Young	WR	6-4	220	12/7/79	2	Illinois	Park Forest, IL	FA-04	0/0^
19	Isaac West	WR	6-0	187	4/5/82	1	Furman	Hampton, VA	FA-06	0/0^
20	Bryant McFadden	CB	6-0	190	11/21/81	2	Florida State	Hollywood, FL	D2-05	12/1
21	Ricardo Colclough	CB	5-11	195	4/18/82	3	Tusculum	Sumter, SC	D2-04	14/0
22	Duce Staley	RB	5-11	242	2/27/75	10	South Carolina	Columbia, SC	UFA (Phi)-04	5/1
23	Tyrone Carter	S	5-8	195	3/31/76	7	Minnesota	Pompano Beach, FL	FA-04	16/0
24	Ike Taylor	CB	6-1	191	5/5/80	4	LA-Lafayette	Gretna, LA	D4-03	16/15
25	Ryan Clark	S	5-11	205	10/12/79	5	Louisiana State	Merraro, LA	UFA (Was)-06	13/13
26	Deshea Townsend	CB	5-10	190	9/8/75	9	Alabama	Batesville, MS	D4a-98	16/15
27	Anthony Smith	S	5-11	192	9/20/83	R	Syracuse	Hubbard, OH	D3a-06	N/A
28	Zach Baker	S	6-2	212	7/27/83	R	East Carolina	Tucson, AZ	FA-06	N/A
29	Chidi Iwuoma	CB	5-9	184	2/19/78	6	California	Pasadena, CA	FA-02	15/0
30	Cedric Humes	RB	6-1	233	8/7/83	R	Virginia Tech	Virginia Beach, VA	D7-06	N/A
31	Mike Logan	S	6-1	211	9/15/74	10	West Virginia	Pittsburgh, PA	UFA (Jax)-01	12/1
34	Verron Haynes	RB	5-10	222	2/17/79	5	Georgia	Bronx, NY	D5-02	14/0
35	Dan Kreider	FB	5-11	255	3/11/77	7	New Hampshire	Lancaster, PA	FA-00	16/7
37	Anthony Madison	CB	5-9	180	10/8/81	R	Alabama	Thomasville, AL	FA-06	N/A
38	Branden Joe	FB	6-0	242	10/12/81	1	Ohio State	Westerville, OH	FA-06	0/0
39	Willie Parker	RB	5-10	209	11/11/80	3	North Carolina	Clinton, NC	FA-04	15/15
42	John Kuhn	FB	6-0	255	9/9/82	1	Shippensburg	York, PA	FA-05	0/0
43	Troy Polamalu	S	5-10	207	4/19/81	4	Southern California	Tenmile, OR	D1-03	16/16
44	Doug Easlick	FB	5-11	243	12/4/80	2	Virginia Tech	Marlton, NJ	FA-06	0/0
45	Kyle Andrews	LS	6-0	254	9/10/81	1	Ohio State	Middletown, OH	FA-06	0/0^
45	Mike Lorello	S	5-11	208	10/15/84	R	West Virginia	Powell, OH	FA-06	N/A
47	Ronald Stanley	LB	6-0	244	3/6/83	1	Michigan State	Saginaw, MI	FA-05	0/0
48	Isaac Smolko	TE	6-5	257	2/28/83	R	Penn State	Youngstown, OH	FA-06	N/A
49	Malcolm Postell	LB	6-2	231	8/3/82	1	Pittsburgh	Keyport, NJ	FA-06	0/0
50	Larry Foote	LB	6-1	239	6/12/80	5	Michigan	Detroit, MI	D4-02	16/16
51	James Farrior	LB	6-2	243	1/6/75	10	Virginia	Ettrick, VA	UFA (NYJ)-02	14/14
53	Clark Haggans	LB	6-4	243	1/10/77	7	Colorado State	Torrance, CA	D5a-00	13/13
54	Rian Wallace	LB	6-3	243	5/24/82	2	Temple	Pottstown, PA	D5-05	4/0
55	Joey Porter	LB	6-3	250	3/22/77	8	Colorado State	Bakersfield, CA	D3a-99	16/16
56	Chukky Okobi	C	6-1	305	11/18/78	6	Purdue	Pittsburgh, PA	D5-01	16/0
57	Clint Kriewaldt	LB	6-1	248	3/16/76	8	Wisc-Stevens Point	Shiocton, WI	UFA (Det)-03	16/2
60	Greg Warren	LS	6-3	252	10/18/81	2	North Carolina	Goldsboro, NC	FA-05	16/0
61	Grayling Love	OG	6-3	296	9/30/83	R	Arizona State	Lansing, MI	FA-06	N/A
62	Marvin Philip	C	6-1	307	2/3/82	R	California	Redwood City, CA	D6-06	N/A
64	Jeff Hartings	C	6-3	294	9/7/72	11	Penn State	St. Henry, OH	UFA (Det)-01	16/16
65	Tim Brown	C	6-5	313	5/12/80	1	West Virginia	Harrisburg, PA	FA-05	0/0
66	Alan Fanece	OG	6-5	307	12/7/76	9	Louisiana State	New Orleans, LA	D1-98	16/16
67	Nick Hagemann	OT	6-7	295	9/9/82	R	South Dakota	New Vienna, IA	FA-06	N/A
67	Lee Vickers	DE	6-6	285	3/13/81	R	North Alabama	Athens, AL	FA-06	N/A
68	Chris Kemoeatu	OG	6-3	344	1/4/83	2	Utah	Kahuka, HI	D6-05	0/0
69	Uliash Booker	OT	6-6	319	8/14/79	1	Michigan State	New Haven, CT	FA-05	0/0
71	Orien Harris	DE	6-3	302	6/3/83	R	Miami (Fla.)	Newark, DE	D4b-06	N/A
71	Brandon Torrey	OT	6-4	295	5/18/83	1	Howard	Durham, NC	FA-06	0/0^
72	Barrett Brooks	OT	6-5	325	5/5/72	12	Kansas State	St. Louis, MO	FA-03	16/0
73	Kendall Simmons	OG	6-3	315	3/11/79	5	Auburn	Ripley, MS	D1-02	16/16
74	Willie Colon	OT	6-3	315	4/9/83	R	Hofstra	Bronx, NY	D4a-06	N/A
74	Scott Paxson	DT	6-4	292	2/3/83	R	Penn State	Philadelphia, PA	FA-06	N/A
76	Chris Hoke	DT	6-2	305	4/6/76	6	Brigham Young	Long Beach, CA	FA-02	15/0
77	Marvel Smith	OT	6-5	321	8/6/78	7	Arizona State	Oakland, CA	D2-00	12/12
78	Max Starks	OT	6-8	337	1/10/82	3	Florida	Orlando, FL	D3-04	16/16
79	Trai Essex	OT	6-4	324	12/5/82	2	Northwestern	Fort Wayne, IN	D3-05	6/4
80	Cedrick Wilson	WR	5-10	183	12/17/78	6	Tennessee	Memphis, TN	UFA (SF)-05	16/1
81	Sean Morey	WR	5-11	200	2/26/76	5	Brown	Marshfield, MA	FA-04	15/0
83	Heath Miller	TE	6-5	256	10/22/82	2	Virginia	Swords Creek, VA	D1-05	16/15
84	Jerame Tuman	TE	6-4	253	3/24/76	8	Michigan	Liberal, KS	D5-99	16/9
85	Nate Washington	WR	6-1	185	8/28/83	2	Tiffin	Toledo, OH	FA-05	1/0
86	Hines Ward	WR	6-0	205	3/8/76	9	Georgia	Forest Park, GA	D3b-98	15/15
87	Charles Davis	TE	6-6	260	3/13/83	R	Purdue	Detroit, MI	D5b-06	N/A
88	Jon Dekker	TE	6-5	250	5/15/83	R	Princeton	Greenfield, WI	FA-06	N/A
89	Lee Mays	WR	6-2	193	9/18/78	4	Texas-El Paso	Houston, TX	FA-05	0/0
90	Travis Kirschke	DE	6-3	298	9/6/74	10	UCLA	Highland Ranch, CO	UFA (SF)-04	16/0
91	Aaron Smith	DE	6-5	298	4/9/76	8	Northern Colorado	Colorado Springs, CO	D4-99	16/16
92	James Harrison	LB	6-0	242	5/4/78	3	Kent State	Akron, OH	FA-04	16/3
93	Rodney Bailey	DE	6-3	305	10/7/79	6	Ohio State	Cleveland, OH	FA-06	8/0
94	Andre Frazier	LB	6-5	234	6/29/82	2	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	FA-05	11/0#
95	Richard Seigler	LB	6-2	238	10/19/80	2	Oregon State	Las Vegas, NV	FA-05	0/0
96	Shaun Nua	DE	6-5	280	5/2/81	2	Brigham Young	Pago Pago, Am. Samoa	D7a-05	0/0
97	Arnold Harrison	LB	6-3	241	9/20/82	1	Georgia	Augusta, GA	FA-05	0/0
98	Casey Hampton	DT	6-1	325	9/3/77	6	Texas	Galveston, TX	D1-01	16/15
99	Brett Keisel	DE	6-5	285	9/19/78	5	Brigham Young	Greybull, WY	D7b-02	16/0

COACHES: Bill Cowher, head coach; Dick LeBeau, defensive coordinator; Ken Whisenhunt, offensive coordinator; Russ Grimm, asst. head coach/offensive line coach; Bruce Arians, wide receivers; Keith Butler, linebackers coach; James Daniel, tight ends; Dick Hoak, running backs coach; Ray Horton, asst. defensive backs; John Mitchell, defensive line coach; Darren Perry, defensive backs; Matt Raich, offensive asst.; Lou Spanos, defensive asst.; Kevin Spencer, special teams coach; Mark Whipple, quarterbacks.

finished 2005 season on injured reserve
^ allocated to NFL Europe

2006 PITTSBURGH STEELERS POSITIONAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acquired
Quarterbacks (4)									
4	Omar Jacobs	QB	6-4	224	3/3/84	R	Bowling Green	Delray Beach, FL	D5a-'06
7	Ben Roethlisberger	QB	6-5	241	3/2/82	3	Miami (OH)	Findlay, OH	D1-'04
8	Shane Boyd	QB	6-1	232	9/17/82	1	Kentucky	Lexington, KY	FA-'06
16	Charlie Batch	QB	6-2	216	12/5/74	9	Eastern Michigan	Homestead, PA	FA-'02
Running Backs (8)									
22	Duce Staley	RB	5-11	242	2/27/75	10	South Carolina	Columbia, SC	UFA (Phi)-'04
30	Cedric Humes	RB	6-1	233	8/7/83	R	Virginia Tech	Virginia Beach, VA	D7-'06
34	Verron Haynes	RB	5-10	222	2/17/79	5	Georgia	Bronx, NY	D5-'02
35	Dan Kreider	FB	5-11	255	3/11/77	7	New Hampshire	Lancaster, PA	FA-'00
38	Branden Joe	FB	6-0	242	10/12/81	1	Ohio State	Westerville, OH	FA-'06
39	Willie Parker	RB	5-10	209	11/11/80	3	North Carolina	Clinton, NC	FA-'04
42	John Kuhn	FB	6-0	255	9/9/82	1	Shippensburg	York, PA	FA-'05
44	Doug Easlick	FB	5-11	243	12/4/80	2	Virginia Tech	Marlton, NJ	FA-'06
Wide Receivers (12)									
10	Santonio Holmes	WR	5-11	189	3/3/84	R	Ohio State	Belle Glade, FL	D1-'06
11	Quincy Morgan	WR	6-1	215	9/23/77	6	Kansas State	Dallas, TX	UFA (Dal)-'05
14	Marvin Allen	WR	5-10	185	3/5/83	1	n/a	London, England	NFLLE-'06
15	Willie Reid	WR	5-10	186	9/19/82	R	Florida State	Kathleen, GA	D3b-'06
18	Walter Young	WR	6-4	220	12/7/79	2	Illinois	Park Forest, IL	FA-'04
19	Isaac West	WR	6-0	187	4/5/82	1	Furman	Hampton, VA	FA-'06
80	Cedrick Wilson	WR	5-10	183	12/17/78	6	Tennessee	Memphis, TN	UFA (SF)-'05
81	Sean Morey	WR	5-11	200	2/26/76	5	Brown	Marshfield, MA	FA-'04
85	Nate Washington	WR	6-1	185	8/28/83	2	Tiffin	Toledo, Ohio	FA-'05
86	Hines Ward	WR	6-0	205	3/8/76	9	Georgia	Forest Park, GA	D3b-'98
89	Lee Mays	WR	6-2	193	9/18/78	4	Texas-El Paso	Houston, TX	FA-'05
Tight Ends (5)									
48	Isaac Smolko	TE	6-5	257	2/28/83	R	Penn State	Youngstown, OH	FA-'06
83	Heath Miller	TE	6-5	256	10/22/82	2	Virginia	Swords Creek, VA	D1-'05
84	Jerame Tuman	TE	6-4	253	3/24/76	8	Michigan	Liberal, KS	D5-'99
87	Charles Davis	TE	6-6	260	3/13/83	R	Purdue	Detroit, MI	D5b-'06
88	Jon Dekker	TE	6-5	250	5/15/83	R	Princeton	Greenfield, WI	FA-'06
Offensive Line (16)									
56	Chukky Okobi	C	6-1	305	11/18/78	6	Purdue	Pittsburgh, PA	D5-'01
61	Grayling Love	OG	6-3	296	9/30/83	R	Arizona State	Lansing, MI	FA-'06
62	Marvin Philip	C	6-1	307	2/3/82	R	California	Redwood City, CA	D6-'06
64	Jeff Hartlings	C	6-3	295	9/7/72	11	Penn State	St. Henry, OH	UFA (Det)-'01
65	Tim Brown	C	6-5	313	5/12/80	1	West Virginia	Harrisburg, PA	FA-'05
66	Alan Faneca	OG	6-5	307	12/7/76	9	Louisiana State	New Orleans, LA	D1-'98
67	Nick Hagemann	OT	6-7	295	9/9/82	R	South Dakota	New Vienna, IA	FA-'06
68	Chris Kemoeatu	OG	6-3	344	1/4/83	2	Utah	Kahuka, HI	D6-'05
69	Ulich Booker	OT	6-6	319	8/14/79	1	Michigan State	West Haven, CT	FA-'05
71	Brandon Torrey	OT	6-4	295	5/18/83	1	Howard	Durham, NC	FA-'06
72	Barrett Brooks	OT	6-5	325	5/5/72	12	Kansas State	St. Louis, MO	FA-'03
73	Kendall Simmons	OG	6-3	315	3/11/79	5	Auburn	Ripley, MS	D1-'02
74	Willie Colon	OT	6-3	315	4/9/83	R	Hofstra	Bronx, NY	D4a-'06
77	Marvel Smith	OT	6-5	321	8/6/78	7	Arizona State	Oakland, CA	D2-'00
78	Max Starks	OT	6-8	337	1/10/82	3	Florida	Orlando, FL	D3-'04
79	Trai Essex	OT	6-4	324	12/5/82	2	Northwestern	Fort Wayne, IN	D3-'05
Defensive Line (10)									
67	Lee Vickers	DE	6-6	285	3/13/81	R	North Alabama	Athens, AL	FA-'06
71	Orien Harris	DE	6-3	302	6/3/83	R	Miami (Fla.)	Newark, DE	D4b-'06
74	Scott Paxson	DT	6-4	292	2/3/83	R	Penn State	Philadelphia, PA	FA-'06
76	Chris Hoke	DT	6-2	305	4/6/76	6	Brigham Young	Long Beach, CA	FA-'02
90	Travis Kirschke	DE	6-3	298	9/6/74	10	UCLA	Highland Ranch, CO	UFA (SF)-'04
91	Aaron Smith	DE	6-5	298	4/9/76	8	Northern Colorado	Colorado Springs, CO	D4-'99
93	Rodney Bailey	DE	6-3	305	10/7/79	6	Ohio State	Cleveland, OH	FA-'06
96	Shaun Nua	DE	6-5	280	5/2/81	2	Brigham Young	Pago Pago, Am. Samoa	D7a-'05
98	Casey Hampton	DT	6-1	325	9/3/77	6	Texas	Galveston, TX	D1-'01
99	Brett Keisel	DE	6-5	285	9/19/78	5	Brigham Young	Greybull, WY	D7b-'02
Linebackers (12)									
47	Ronald Stanley	LB	6-0	244	3/6/83	1	Michigan State	Saginaw, MI	FA-'05
49	Malcolm Postell	LB	6-2	231	8/3/82	1	Pittsburgh	Keyport, NJ	FA-'06
50	Larry Foole	LB	6-1	239	6/12/80	5	Michigan	Detroit, MI	D4-'02
51	James Farrior	LB	6-2	243	1/6/75	10	Virginia	Eltrick, VA	UFA (NYJ)-'02
53	Clark Haggans	LB	6-4	243	1/10/77	7	Colorado State	Torrance, CA	D5a-'00
54	Rian Wallace	LB	6-3	243	5/24/82	2	Temple	Pottstown, PA	D5-'05
55	Joey Porter	LB	6-3	250	3/22/77	8	Colorado State	Bakersfield, CA	D3a-'99
57	Clint Kriewaldt	LB	6-1	248	3/16/76	8	Wisc-Stevens Point	Shiocton, WI	UFA (Det)-'03
92	James Harrison	LB	6-0	242	5/4/78	3	Kent State	Akron, OH	FA-'04
94	Andre Frazier	LB	6-5	234	6/29/82	2	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	FA-'05
95	Richard Seigler	LB	6-2	238	10/19/80	2	Oregon State	Las Vegas, NV	FA-'05
97	Arnold Harrison	LB	6-3	241	9/20/82	1	Georgia	Augusta, GA	FA-'05
Secondary (13)									
20	Bryant McFadden	CB	6-0	190	11/21/81	2	Florida State	Hollywood, FL	D2-'05
21	Ricardo Colclough	CB	5-11	195	4/18/82	3	Tusculum	Sumter, SC	D2-'04
23	Tyrone Carter	S	5-8	195	3/31/76	7	Minnesota	Pompano Beach, FL	FA-'04
24	Ike Taylor	CB	6-1	191	5/5/80	4	LA-Lafayette	Gretna, LA	D4-'03
25	Ryan Clark	S	5-11	205	10/12/79	5	Louisiana State	Merraro, LA	UFA (Was)-'06
26	Deshea Townsend	CB	5-10	190	9/8/75	9	Alabama	Batesville, MS	D4a-'98
27	Anthony Smith	S	5-11	192	9/20/83	R	Syracuse	Hubbard, OH	D3a-'06
28	Zach Baker	S	6-2	212	7/27/83	R	East Carolina	Tucson, AZ	FA-'06
29	Chidi Iwoma	CB	5-9	184	2/19/78	6	California	Pasadena, CA	FA-'02
31	Mike Logan	S	6-1	211	9/15/74	10	West Virginia	Pittsburgh, PA	UFA (Jax)-'01
37	Anthony Madison	CB	5-9	180	10/8/81	R	Alabama	Thomasville, AL	FA-'06
43	Troy Polamalu	S	5-10	207	4/19/81	4	Southern California	Tenmile, OR	D1-'03
45	Mike Lorelio	S	5-11	208	10/15/84	R	West Virginia	Powell, OH	FA-'06
Specialists (6)									
3	Jeff Reed	K	5-11	225	4/9/79	5	North Carolina	Charlotte, NC	FA-'02
6	Mike Barr	P	6-2	230	12/8/78	1	Rutgers	Lynchburg, VA	FA-'06
9	Mark Brubaker	K	6-0	189	2/11/84	R	East Stroudsburg	Stouchsburg, PA	FA-'06
17	Chris Gardocki	P	6-1	192	2/7/70	16	Clemson	Stone Mountain, GA	UFA-'04
45	Kyle Andrews	LS	6-0	254	9/10/81	1	Ohio State	Middletown, OH	FA-'06
60	Greg Warren	LS	6-3	252	10/18/81	2	North Carolina	Goldboro, NC	FA-'05

2006 ROSTER MOVES

2/17/06	Kyle Andrews	Signed as Center/Allocated to NFL Europe
2/17/06	Mike Barr	Signed as Punter/Allocated to NFL Europe
2/17/06	Ulish Booker	Signed as Offensive Tackle
2/17/06	Shane Boyd	Signed as Quarterback/Allocated to NFL Europe
2/17/06	Tim Brown	Signed as Offensive Tackle
2/17/06	Matt Farrior	Signed as Linebacker/Allocated to NFL Europe
2/17/06	Adam Herzing	Signed as Wide Receiver/Allocated to NFL Europe
2/17/06	Mike Jemison	Signed as Running Back/Allocated to NFL Europe
2/17/06	Erik Jensen	Signed as Tight End
2/17/06	John Kuhn	Signed as Fullback
2/17/06	Brandon Newton	Signed as Center/Allocated to NFL Europe
2/17/06	Malcolm Postell	Signed as Linebacker/Allocated to NFL Europe
2/17/06	Rod Rutherford	Signed as Quarterback
2/17/06	Richard Seigler	Signed as Linebacker
2/17/06	Ron Stanley	Signed as Linebacker
2/17/06	Fred Staton	Signed as Running Back/Allocated to NFL Europe
2/17/06	Brandon Torrey	Signed as Offensive Tackle/Allocated to NFL Europe
2/17/06	Isaac West	Signed as Wide Receiver/Allocated to NFL Europe
2/17/06	Walter Young	Signed as Wide Receiver/Allocated to NFL Europe
3/6/06	Mike Logan	Released as Safety
3/6/06	Tommy Maddox	Released as Quarterback
3/6/06	Russell Stuvaints	Released as Safety
3/6/06	Willie Williams	Released as Corner Back
3/14/06	Ryan Clark	Signed as Safety
3/15/06	Brett Keisel	Signed as Defensive End
3/15/06	Charlie Batch	Signed as Quarterback
3/15/06	Clint Kriewaldt	Signed as Linebacker
3/15/06	Jerame Tuman	Signed as Tight End
3/15/06	Barrett Brooks	Signed as Offensive Tackle
3/15/06	Brandon Joe	Signed as Fullback
3/15/06	Doug Easlick	Signed as Fullback
3/16/06	Rodney Bailey	Signed as Defensive End
3/20/06	Lee Mays	Signed as Wide Receiver
3/27/06	Quincy Morgan	Signed as Wide Receiver
3/27/06	Shaun Nua	Signed as Defensive End
3/30/06	Verron Haynes	Signed as Running Back
4/6/06	Eugene Baker	Signed as Wide Receiver
4/26/06	Mike Logan	Signed as Safety
4/30/06	Zach Baker	Signed as Safety
4/30/06	Mark Brubaker	Signed as Kicker
4/30/06	Jonathan Dekker	Signed as Tight End
4/30/06	Nick Hagemann	Signed as Offensive Tackle
4/30/06	Mike Kudla	Signed as Linebacker
4/30/06	Jamar Landrom	Signed as Safety
4/30/06	Mike Lorello	Signed as Safety
4/30/06	Grayling Love	Signed as Offensive Guard
4/30/06	Anthony Madison	Signed as Cornerback
4/30/06	Scott Paxson	Signed as Defensive Tackle
4/30/06	Isaac Smolko	Signed as Tight End
4/30/06	Lee Vickers	Signed as Defensive End
5/4/06	Fred Staton	Released as Running Back
5/4/06	Erik Jensen	Released as Tight End
6/14/06	Jamar Landrom	Released as Safety
6/14/16	Malcolm Postell	Released as Linebacker
6/14/06	Matt Farrior	Released as Linebacker
7/28/06	Rod Rutherford	Released as Quarterback
7/29/06	Joey Porter	Placed on PUP as Linebacker
7/29/06	Walter Young	Placed on PUP as Wide Receiver
8/1/06	Walter Young	Removed from PUP as Wide Receiver
8/7/06	Eugene Baker	Released as Wide Receiver
8/8/06	Mike Kudla	Released as Linebacker
8/9/06	Joey Porter	Removed from PUP as Linebacker

HOW THE 2006 STEELERS WERE BUILT

Year-Record (Finish)	Draft Choices (34)			Free Agents (41) Unrestricted Free Agents (10) Trades (0) NFLEL (1)		
1998: 7-9 (3rd AFC Central)	OG	Alan Faneca	(#1)			
	WR	Hines Ward	(#3b)			
	CB	Deshea Townsend	(#4a)			
1999: 6-10 (4th AFC Central)	LB	Joey Porter	(#3a)			
	DE	Aaron Smith	(#4)			
	TE	Jerame Tuman	(#5a)			
2000: 9-7 (3rd AFC Central)	OT	Marvel Smith	(#2)	FB	Dan Kreider	FA
	LB	Clark Haggans	(#5a)			
2001: 13-3 (1st AFC Central)	DT	Casey Hampton	(#1)	C/G	Jeff Hartings	UFA (Det.)
	C	Chukky Okobi	(#5)	S	Mike Logan	UFA (Jax.)
2002: 11-5-1 (1st AFC North)	OG	Kendall Simmons	(#1)	LB	James Farrior	UFA (NYJ)
	LB	Larry Foote	(#4)	K	Jeff Reed	FA
	RB	Verron Haynes	(#5)	DT	Chris Hoke	FA
	DE	Brett Keisel	(#7b)	CB	Chidi Iwuoma	FA
				QB	Charlie Batch	FA
2003: 6-10 (3rd AFC North)	S	Troy Polamalu	(#1)	LB	Clint Kriewaldt	FA
	CB	Ike Taylor	(#4)	OT	Barret Brooks	FA
2004: 15-1 (1st AFC North)	QB	Ben Roethlisberger	(#1)	RB	Duce Staley	UFA (Phi.)
	CB	Ricardo Colclough	(#2)	P	Chris Gardocki	UFA (Cle.)
	OT	Max Starks	(#3)	DL	Travis Kirschke	UFA (S.F.)
				LB	James Harrison	FA
				RB	Willie Parker	FA
				WR	Sean Morey	FA
				S	Tyrone Carter	FA
				WR	Walter Young	FA
2005 11-5 (2nd AFC North)	TE	Heath Miller	(#1)	WR	Cedrick Wilson	UFA (S.F.)
	CB	Bryant McFadden	(#2)	WR	Quincy Morgan	UFA (Dal)
	OT	Trai Essex	(#3)	LS	Greg Warren	FA
	LB	Rian Wallace	(#5)	LB	Andre Frazier	FA
	OG	Chris Kemoeatu	(#6)	WR	Nate Washington	FA
	DE	Shaun Nua	(#7a)	LB	Arnold Harrison	FA
				FA	Lee Mays	FA
				OT	Ulish Booker	FA
				C	Tim Brown	FA
				LB	Richard Seigler	FA
				LB	Ronald Stanley	FA
2006 0-0 (AFC North)	WR	Santonio Holmes	(#1)	DE	Rodney Bailey	UFA (Sea)
	FS	Anthony Smith	(#3a)	S	Ryan Clark	UFA (Was)
	WR	Willie Reid	(#3b)	LS	Kyle Andrews	FA
	OT	Willie Colon	(#4a)	P	Mike Barr	FA
	DE	Orien Harris	(#4b)	FB	John Kuhn	FA
	QB	Omar Jacobs	(#5a)	QB	Shane Boyd	FA
	TE	Charles Davis	(#5b)	OT	Brandon Torrey	FA
	C	Marvin Philip	(#6)	FB	Doug Easlick	FA
	RB	Cedric Humes	(#7)	RB	Mike Jemison	FA
				WR	Isaac West	FA
				FB	Doug Easlick	FA
				FB	Branden Joe	FA
				TE	Isaac Smolko	FA
				TE	Jonathan Dekker	FA
				K	Mark Brubaker	FA
				OT	Nick Hagemann	FA
				OG	Grayling Love	FA
				CB	Anthony Madison	FA
				S	Zach Baker	FA
				DT	Scott Paxson	FA
				DE	Lee Vickers	FA
				S	Mike Lorello	FA
				WR	Marvin Allen	NFLEL
				LB	Malcolm Postell	FA

* Reserve/Injured

2006 PITTSBURGH STEELERS PRE-SEASON STATISTICS (0-2)

Date	W-L	Score	OT	Opponent	Attendance
08/12	L	13-21		at Arizona	63,400
08/19	L	10-17		Minnesota	57,813
08/25				at Philadelphia	
08/31				Carolina	

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Kuhn	10	45	4.5	11	0
Boyd	5	33	6.6	17	0
Washington	2	30	15.0	20	0
Staley	12	25	2.1	6	0
Parker	4	17	4.3	5	0
Humes	5	15	3.0	9	0
Haynes	5	10	2.0	6	0
Reid	1	8	8.0	8	0
Team	44	183	4.2	20	0
Opponents	67	178	2.7	17	1

Statistic	Pitt.	Opp.
Total First Downs	36	38
Rushing	7	11
Passing	25	23
Penalty	4	4
3rd Down: Made/Att	13/28	15/28
3rd Down Pct.	46.4	53.6
4th Down: Made/Att	1/2	3/3
4th Down Pct.	50.0	100.0
Possession Avg.	27:27	32:33
Total Net Yards	584	521
Avg. Per Game	292.0	260.5
Total Plays	122	127
Avg. Per Play	4.8	4.1
Net Yards Rushing	183	178
Avg. Per Game	91.5	89.0
Total Rushes	44	67
Net Yards Passing	401	343
Avg. Per Game	200.5	171.5
Sacked/Yards Lost	5/27	3/28
Gross Yards	428	371
Att./Completions	73/39	57/39
Completion Pct.	53.4	68.4
Had Intercepted	2	3
Punts/Average	9/45.6	9/42.9
Net Punting Avg.	9/37.1	9/36.7
Penalties/Yards	10/80	12/89
Fumbles/Ball Lost	4/1	1/0
Touchdowns	2	5
Rushing	0	1
Passing	2	4
Returns	0	0

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Reid	7	48	6.9	12	0
Holmes	5	43	8.6	11	0
Haynes	4	42	10.5	14	0
Washington	3	53	17.7	20	0
Wilson	3	41	13.7	18	1
Dekker	3	39	13.0	19	0
Morgan	3	28	9.3	13	0
Morey	3	27	9.0	17	0
Young	2	25	12.5	21	0
Humes	1	33	33.0	33	0
Mays	1	27	27.0	27	0
Miller	1	11	11.0	11	0
Parker	1	7	7.0	7	0
Staley	1	3	3.0	3	0
Smolko	1	1	1.0	1	1
Team	39	428	11.0	33	2
Opponents	39	371	9.5	42	4

Interceptions	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
An. Smith	2	10	5.0	10	0
Wallace	1	27	27.0	27	0
Team	3	37	12.3	27	0
Opponents	2	35	17.5	27	0

Score By Periods	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
Team	7	6	3	7	0	23
Opponents	14	10	7	7	0	38

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Holmes	3	64	21.3	25	0
Reid	3	53	17.7	22	0
Colclough	1	16	16.0	16	0
Team	7	133	19.0	25	0

Scoring	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Reed	0	0	0	0	2/2	2/3	0	8
Smolko	1	0	1	0			0	6
Wilson	1	0	1	0			0	6
Brubaker	0	0	0	0	0/0	1/1	0	3
Team	2	0	2	0	2/2	3/4	0	23
Opponents	5	1	4	0	5/5	1/1	0	38

Punt Returns	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Reid	5	1	44	8.8	18	0
Holmes	1	0	12	12.0	12	0
Team	6	1	56	9.3	18	0
Opponents	7	0	76	10.9	28	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
Barr	6	263	43.8	37.5	0	1	51	0
Gardocki	3	147	49.0	36.3	0	0	59	0
Team	9	410	45.6	37.1	0	1	59	0
Opponents	9	386	42.9	36.7	0	3	57	0

Field Goals	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Reed	0/0	0/0	1/1	1/1	0/1
Brubaker	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0
Team	0/0	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/1
Opponents	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/0

Reed: (54N, 49G) (32G)
 Brubaker: (24G) ()
 Opponents: () (38G)
 2-Pt. Conversions: Team 0-0, Opponents 0-0
 Sacks: Seigler 1.0, An. Smith 1.0, Lorello 1.0
 Team 3.0, Opponents 5.0

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Boyd	33	14	150	42.4	4.55	0	0.0	1	3.0	27	1/6	43.8
Batch	18	11	130	61.1	7.22	0	0.0	1	5.6	20	1/5	60.0
Jacobs	14	8	89	57.1	6.36	1	7.1	0	0.0	33	2/6	100.0
Roethlisberger	8	6	59	75.0	7.38	1	12.5	0	0.0	16t	1/10	134.9
Team	73	39	428	53.4	5.86	2	2.7	2	2.7	33	5/27	68.8
Opponents	57	39	371	68.4	6.51	4	7.0	3	5.3	42	3/28	87.7

2006 PITTSBURGH STEELERS PRESEASON DEFENSIVE/SPECIAL TEAMS STATISTICS
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Player											SPECIAL TEAMS STATISTICS					
	U	A	Tot	Sacks/ Yds.	QH	Int	TFL	PD	FF	FR	U	A	Tot	FF	FR	BL
Seigler	9	1	10	1.0/8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark	6	2	8	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frazier	6	2	8	0.0/0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
An. Smith	6	2	8	1.0/13	1	2	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Wallace	7	0	7	0.0/0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kriewaldt	7	0	7	0.0/0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor	6	1	7	0.0/0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McFadden	5	1	6	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Iwuoma	2	4	6	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Porter	4	1	5	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foote	4	0	4	0.0/0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keisel	4	0	4	0.0/0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nua	3	1	4	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Stanley	3	1	4	0.0/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Logan	1	3	4	0.0/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Colclough	3	0	3	0.0/0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison	3	0	3	0.0/0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Polamalu	3	0	3	0.0/0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bailey	2	1	3	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Harrison	2	1	3	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Harris	2	1	3	0.0/0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lorello	2	1	3	1.0/7	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Kirschke	1	2	3	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vickers	1	2	3	0.0/0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carter	2	0	2	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Smith	2	0	2	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haggans	1	1	2	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baker	1	0	1	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
J. Harrison	1	0	1	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Townsend	1	0	1	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hampton	0	1	1	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davis	0	0	0	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Barr	0	0	0	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Dekker	0	0	0	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Kuhn	0	0	0	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Reid	0	0	0	0.0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	100	29	129	3.0/28	5	3	17	6	0	0	13	4	17	0	1	0
OPPONENTS	84	21	105	5.0/27	11	2	9	11	3	1	12	3	15	0	1	0

2006 STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

Opponent

SE LT LG C RG RT TE FL QB RB FB

Preseason

At Arizona (8/12) Wilson Smith Faneca Hartings Simmons Starks Miller Washington Roethlisberger Parker Kreider

MINNESOTA (8/19) Wilson Smith Faneca Hartings Simmons Starks Miller Washington Roethlisberger Parker Kreider

At Philadelphia (8/25)

CAROLINA (8/31)

DEFENSE

Opponent

LE NT RE LOLB LILB RILB ROLB LCB RCB SS FS

Preseason

At Arizona (8/12) Smith Hampton Keisel Haggans Farrior Foote Harrison Taylor Townsend Polamalu Carter

MINNESOTA (8/19) Smith Hampton Keisel Haggans Farrior Foote Harrison Taylor Townsend Polamalu Clark

At Philadelphia (8/25)

CAROLINA (8/31)