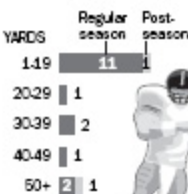


THE AFC CHAMPIONS

Per game averages

	REGULAR SEASON	POST-SEASON
OFFENSE		
Total yds.	311.9	308.5
Rush	105.6	108.5
Pass	206.3	200
Points scored	21.7	29
3rd down conversion	92/224 41.1%	13/32 40.6%
DEFENSE		
Total yards	237.2	244
Rush	80.3	44
Pass	156.9	200
Points allowed	13.9	19

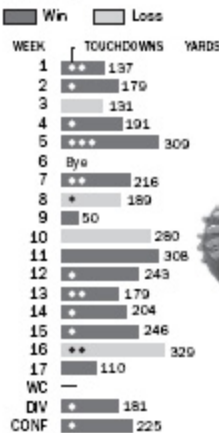
Touchdown pass distances



Team makeup



Roethlisberger's season



Dan Rooney
Hall of Fame owner

The Pittsburgh Steelers

The Steelers are one of the most historic franchises in NFL history and are looking to become the first team to win six Super Bowl titles. Their latest Steel Curtain — the most intimidating defense since the Ravens of eight years ago — may be its most impressive.

OFFENSE

A balanced attack. They'll turn to Willie Parker early. If successful, they'll mix in some medium-range and deep throws to playmaker Santonio Holmes whose contributions will be even more necessary if Hines Ward — MVP of the 2006 Super Bowl — is limited or out with a knee injury.

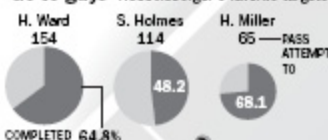


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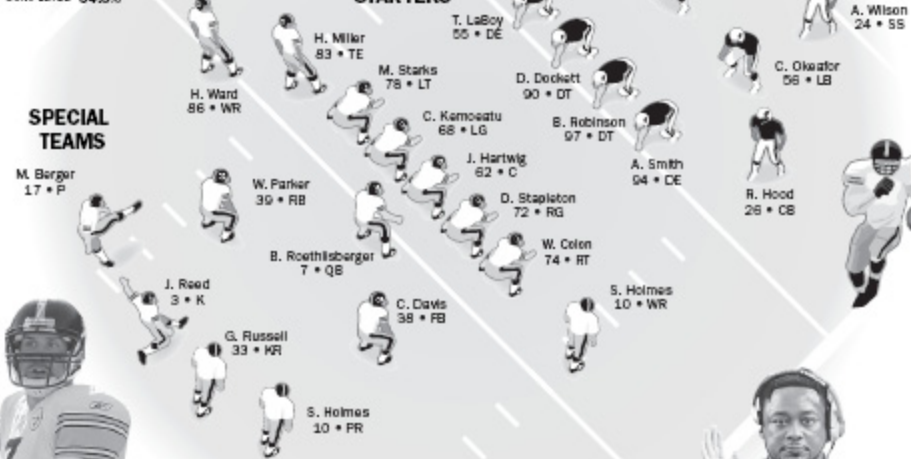
Arizona's secondary has performed inconsistently in the playoffs, but has seven interceptions. The squad also has seven sacks in the postseason. DT Darrell Dockett is disruptive in all phases and S Adrian Wilson is a stilling presence. The LBs have been very active lately.



Go-to guys



PROBABLE STARTERS



SPECIAL TEAMS

M. Berger 17 • P
 W. Parker 39 • RB
 B. Roethlisberger 7 • QB
 J. Reed 3 • K
 G. Russell 33 • KR
 S. Holmes 10 • PR
 C. Davis 38 • FB

FIELD GENERAL

Ben Roethlisberger
 When RB Willie Parker couldn't find much room against Baltimore in the AFC championship game, Ben took control. Look for clutch target TE Heath Miller to have a big game. Roethlisberger must find a way to get rid of the ball — he was sacked four times against the Ravens.

HEAD COACH

Mike Tomlin
 Since he got the lead gig, he has led the Steelers to two AFC North titles and now to a second Super Bowl in four years. A disciple of the 4-3 defense, he stood behind coordinator Dick LeBeau's 3-4 because the scheme fit the talent on hand. It paid off.



Yards gained and lost

	Passing	Rushing
OFFENSE		
Regular season		
Yards (total 5,297)	3,607 yards	1,690
First downs (290)	18 penalty	179
18 penalty	93	
DEFENSE		
Yards allowed (4,145)	2,861	1,284

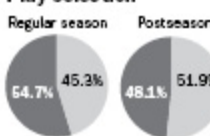
OFFENSE

Regular season	Postseason
436 yards	217
First downs (33)	3 penalty
17	13

DEFENSE

Regular season	Postseason
Yards allowed (537)	449
	88

Play selection



Rushing standouts

Player	Regular season	Postseason
Willie Parker	210	791
Mewelde Moore	140	588
ATT.	4.2	5
YARDS	4.2	5
AVG.	4.2	5
TDs	4.2	5

In the red

Production inside the 20-yard line, regular season:

Offense	Field goals	No score
Touchdowns	34.7%	10.2%
55.1%	34.7%	10.2%

DEFENSE

Regular season	Postseason
33.3	45.2
21.4	

Getting a leg up

