

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

CONFERENCE: AFC
DIVISION: North
STADIUM: Heinz Field
CAPACITY: 65,050
SURFACE: Grass
COACH NAME: Mike Tomlin
EXPERIENCE: 2nd
RECORD: 10-6
PLAYOFF REC: 0-1
WINNING%: .625

2007 REC	HOME	AWAY	ATS	HOME ATS	AWAY ATS	FAV ATS	DOG ATS	O/U	DIV	CONF	GRASS	TURF
10-6	7-1	3-5	8-8	5-3	3-5	8-7	0-1	8-8	5-1	7-5	8-3	2-3

The Steelers made the playoffs last season after winning their 18th division title since 1970 thanks to a 10-6 record (8-8 ATS). They beat out Cleveland, which also finished 10-6, thanks to two regular-season victories (covering one) against the Browns. Pittsburgh was unable to get any kind of postseason run going as they lost 31-29 to Jacksonville in the wild card game. This season is going to be a lot tougher as everyone in the division is improving. The best thing Pittsburgh did in the offseason was sign QB Ben Roethlisberger to a new contract, locking up the face of the franchise. The Steelers grabbed highly touted tailback Rashard Mendenhall with their first round draft pick. He will team up nicely with Willie Parker to form perhaps the best tailback tandem in the NFL. Big Ben wanted the club to bring in a tall target for him to throw to, and he got his wish when the team selected WR Limas Sweed in the second round. Add him to Santonio Holmes, who led the NFL with an 18.1 yards per catch on average last year, and Hines Ward, and the Steelers have the tools to become an offensive juggernaut overnight. That is, if the offensive line surprises. A weak unit got even weaker when it lost Pro Bowl guard Alan Faneca to the Jets and the Steelers did nothing to replace him. This season the Steelers have to take on the toughest schedule in the NFL. Fourteen of their sixteen games are against teams that had winning records last season. If the Steelers manage to survive that slate of games, they could be spent come playoff time.

BETTING OUTLOOK

SB ODDS	+2200	TOTAL WINS	OVER 9 (-150)
CONF. ODDS	+1200	3 YEAR ATS	24-24-0
DIV. ODDS	+110	3 YEAR O/U	26-21-1
TO WIN MVP	BEN ROETHLISBERGER		+1800
	WILLIE PARKER		+2000
TO WIN ROY	RASHARD MENDENHALL		+600

2007 RANKINGS

OFFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS FOR	24.56	9
YARDS PER PLAY	5.24	17	
1ST DOWNS	18.63	17	
YARDS PER RUSH	4.24	7	
YARDS PER PASS	10.87	10	
RUSHING	135.25	3	
PASSING	192.19	22	
TOTAL YARDS	327.44	17	
TIME OF POSSESSION	33:28	1	

DEFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS AGAINST	16.81	2
YARDS PER PLAY	4.57	3	
1ST DOWNS	15.56	1	
YARDS PER RUSH	3.98	14	
YARDS PER PASS	9.67	4	
RUSHING	89.88	3	
PASSING	176.5	3	
TOTAL YARDS	266.38	1	
TURNOVERS	1.56	22	

2007 STATS LEADERS

QUARTERBACK	G	COMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	Y/G	Y/A	TD	INT	Rat.
Ben Roethlisberger	15	264	404	65.3	3154	210.3	7.8	32	11	104.1
Charlie Batch	7	17	36	47.2	232	33.1	6.4	2	3	52.1

RUSHING	GP	ATT	YARDS	YPC	TD	FUM	YPG
Willie Parker	15	321	1316	4.1	2	4	87.7
Najeh Davenport	15	107	499	4.7	5	1	33.3
Ben Roethlisberger	15	35	204	5.8	2	9	13.6

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YARDS	AVG	TD	YAC
Santonio Holmes	13	52	942	18.1	8	5
Hines Ward	13	72	736	10.2	7	3.6
Heath Miller	16	47	566	12	7	5.2
Nate Washington	15	29	450	15.5	5	2.8

KICKERS	GP	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	LONG
Jeff Reed	16	44	44	23	25	49

KICK RETURNS	KR	YDS	AVG	TD
Allen Rossum	38	885	23.3	1
Najeh Davenport	7	123	17.6	0

PUNTERS	GP	PUNTS	YDS	AVG	IN20
Daniel Sepulveda	16	68	2880	42.4	28

PUNT RETURNS	PR	YDS	AVG	TD
Allen Rossum	36	232	6.4	0

DEFENSE	GP	TAK	SACK	IR	FR
James Farrior	16	94	6	1	0
James Harrison	16	86	8.5	1	3
Ike Taylor	16	79	1	3	1
Anthony Smith	16	63	0	2	1
Troy Polamalu	11	58	0	0	1
Clark Haggans	16	57	3	0	1
Tyrone Carter	16	52	0.5	0	0

2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LINE		FINAL SCORE		W/L
			OPEN	CLOSE	TEAM	OPP	
Sun, Sep 7	1:00 PM	Houston					
Sun, Sep 14	8:15 PM	at Cleveland					
Sun, Sep 21	4:15 PM	at Philadelphia					
Mon, Sep 29	8:30 PM	Baltimore					
Sun, Oct 5	8:15 PM	at Jacksonville					
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Sun, Oct 19	1:00 PM	at Cincinnati					
Sun, Oct 26	4:15 PM	NY Giants					
Mon, Nov 3	8:30 PM	at Washington					
Sun, Nov 9	4:15 PM	Indianapolis					
Sun, Nov 16	4:15 PM	San Diego					
Thu, Nov 20	8:15 PM	Cincinnati					
Sun, Nov 30	4:15 PM	at New England					
Sun, Dec 7	4:15 PM	Dallas					
Sun, Dec 14	1:00 PM	at Baltimore					
Sun, Dec 21	1:00 PM	at Tennessee					
Sun, Dec 28	1:00 PM	Cleveland					

2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE	RES	LINE	ATS	O/U	RES
at Cleveland	34-7	W	-4.5	W	36.5	0
Buffalo	26-3	W	-10.0	W	39.5	U
San Francisco	37-16	W	-9.5	W	38.0	0
at Arizona	14-21	L	-5.5	L	42.5	U
Seattle	21-0	W	-5.0	W	41.5	U
at Denver	28-31	L	-4.5	L	38.0	0
at Cincinnati	24-13	W	-4.0	W	48.0	U
Baltimore	38-7	W	-9.0	W	36.0	0
Cleveland	31-28	W	-9.5	L	47.0	0
at NY Jets	16-19	L	-9.0	L	41.0	U
Miami	3-0	W	-15.0	L	37.0	U
Cincinnati	24-10	W	-7.0	W	40.5	U
at New England	13-34	L	11.0	L	49.5	U
Jacksonville	22-29	L	-3.0	L	34.5	0
at St. Louis	41-24	W	-8.5	W	43.0	0
at Baltimore	21-27	L	-3.0	L	35.0	0

2008 DRAFT

PICK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
23	Rashard Mendenhall	RB	Illinois
53	Limas Sweed	WR	Texas
88	Bruce Davis	DE	UCLA
130	Tony Hills	OT	Texas
156	Dennis Dixon	QB	Oregon
188	Mike Humpal	LB	Iowa
194	Ryan Mundy	S	West Virginia

ROSTER CHANGES

ADDITIONS	DELETIONS
Justin Hartwig, C	Alan Faneca, OL
Keyaron Fox, LB	Allen Rossum, DB
Mewelde Moore, RB	Brian St. Pierre, QB
	Cedrick Wilson, WR
	Clark Haggans, LB
	Clint Kriewaldt, LB
	Jerame Tuman, TE

TRENDS

- PIT is 12-2 ATS in L14 as home FAVs of 3.5-10.
- PIT is 27-9 ATS vs. a +.750% team since '92.
- PIT is 32-12 ATS vs. good passing teams since '92.
- PIT is 0-7 O/U in L7 on road vs. opponent after 2 previous losses to the same team.
- Since '05, PIT is 16-3 OVER in AFC home games.
- PIT is 12-3 SU & ATS at CIN since '94.
- HOME TEAM is 15-5 ATS in PIT-JAX games since '95.
- ROAD TEAM is 20-9 ATS in L30 PIT-CIN games.