

Steeler Fan Club Newsletter

GET READY TO RUMBLE!!!

Are you ready for some football? I can't hear you! Oh yeah baby. Can you feel it? I can, of course I am still hung over from our Hawaiian Luau. It's finally here, opening day for our Black & Gold on the road to play against the Jacksonville Jags. We've split the series with them the last few years it's a great rivalry. It is important the Steelers get off to a good start they have the 5th toughest schedule in the NFL. Listening to reports out of training camp, expect a good start for our boys. It's been a no nonsense all business training camp. Players such as Jerrome Bettis, Plaxico Burrus and Troy Edwards all reported to camp in great shape and focused on making our offense improve from the dismal 2000 season. Kordell also has looked good in camp. I know we've heard this before but Kordell's record last season as a starter was W 7 - L 4 not bad considering we lost two of those games in the last quarter and he only turned the ball over a stingy five times.....Lets go Kordell! I can't believe I am saying that. How about our defense? Looking good. Expect big seasons from Jason Giloon and Joe Porter, watch out Bruenell they'll be coming after you hard. Sorry to see Levon Kirkland & Jeremy Staat gone, we wish them well except when it comes to playing the Steelers. It's about damn time. It's about damn time, for what you ask? It's about damn time that Lynn Swann made it into the Hall of Fame. Who didn't want to be like Lynn Swann while growing up? I even thought about taking ballet lessons but those tutu's and tights were to damn tight around my crouch....oh well.....what can you do? Be sure to show your support by showing up at Harold's wearing your Black & Gold both this Sunday and next Sunday night and don't forget to bring those terrible towels.



COME JOIN THE CLUB.

STEELER MANIA AT HAROLD'S

"YOY" and double "YOY" Harold's Steeler Fan Club is over 350 members strong and many newcomers have inquired about joining. To all of the new people I welcome you to the best Steeler Fan Club in the country. To all the current members thank you for your support of the Black and Gold. You are the ones that make this club possible. There is nothing like watching a Steeler game at Harold's, but you already know that. Are you ready for more Steeler polka's?



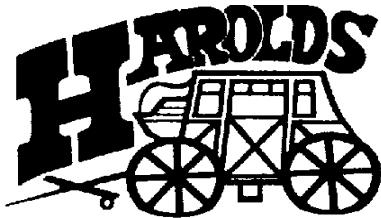
*"We're from the town with the great football team da, da, da, da.
We cheer the Pittsburgh Steelers."*



Sorry about the singing I guess I am a little bit excited about this years football season. Thank God you couldn't hear that. I only sound good after ten Iron City beers.

This year Harold's Steeler Fan Club is going to be bigger and better than ever. Membership will be \$5.00. This year's membership will entitle you to receive a club T-shirt, a club pass, our newsletter and the first 200 fans will receive a free Steeler logo bottle jacket (to keep those ICE COLD IRON CITY BEERS CHILLIN) or a Steeler cling-on for your car window. The club pass entitles you to receive a 10% discount on all Steeler Merchandise and entitles you to purchase one beer for only 10 cents (your choice of any Budweiser or Iron City products) every week. That's right, we have ice cold Iron City beer. After all we where voted one of the best Steeler bars in the country last year. Harold's every Sunday morning offers a breakfast buffet for only \$7.95. Drink specials are \$2.00 Bloody Mary's, \$2.00 Mimosa's, \$2.00 Budweiser and Iron City bottles and \$1.25 Budweiser small drafts during all Sunday football games.

Sunday night, September 16th, is the opening game at the Steelers new home... Heinz Field. It's a night game and you know how Harold's tears it up for night games....**PARTY!** We want all of yinz here to cheer and watch the Steelers kick those stinky Browns bottoms. Harold's will be going all out to secure a win for the first regular season game at our new home field. We'll be raffling a Steeler Jacket, Steeler shirts, free dinner for two (2) and much much more. Bring all your Steeler gear for a wild, fun and crazy football season at Harold's. **Call for reservations (480) 488-1906.** See yinz at kickoff.



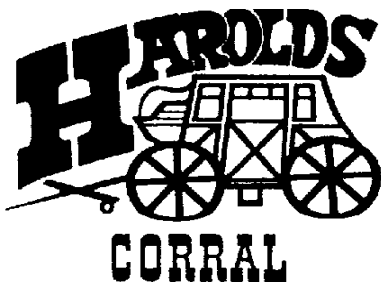
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Pittsburgh Steelers Schedule



Sep. 9	at Jacksonville	L 21-3	Nov. 11	at Cleveland	1:00PM ET
Sep. 16	vs. Cleveland		Nov. 18	vs. Jacksonville	4:05PM ET
Sep. 30	at Buffalo	W 20-3	Nov. 25	at Tennessee	1:00PM ET
Oct. 7	vs. Cincinnati	W 16-7	Dec. 2	vs. Minnesota	1:00PM ET
Oct. 14	at Kansas City	W 20-17	Dec. 9	vs. NY Jets	4:15PM ET
Oct. 21	at Tampa Bay	W 17-10	Dec. 16	at Baltimore	8:30PM ET
Oct. 29	vs. Tennessee	W 37-7	Dec. 23	vs. Detroit	1:00PM ET
Nov. 4	vs. Baltimore	1:00PM ET	Dec. 30	at Cincinnati	1:00PM ET

Steelers look to open up offense

By Vito Stellino

NFL Insider

(July 12, 2001) -- The Pittsburgh Steelers can run the ball and play defense.

That's usually a formula for making the playoffs, but the Steelers wound up missing the NFL playoff party for the third consecutive season in 2000. That's because even though they had the league's fourth-ranked rushing offense and seventh-ranked defense, they were twenty-ninth in passing offense. The result was that head coach Bill Cowher fired offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride, whose units ranked twenty-sixth and twenty-ninth in passing offense in his two seasons with the club. Cowher didn't need an extensive search to find a replacement for Gilbride. He went down the hall and promoted tight ends coach Mike Mularkey. Except for veteran running backs coach Dick Hoak, the rest of the offensive staff is new. The key addition may be Tom Clements, the team's first quarterback coach since 1973. The Steelers also added offensive line coach Russ Grimm, receivers coach Kenny Jackson, and tight ends coach Ken Whisenhunt. "We've gotten a lot of good feedback from these guys," Mularkey says. "They've all come from different teams and different philosophies and they've been around some great offenses, so you listen and take it all in." The Mularkey system will be designed to take advantage of quarterback Kordell Stewart's athletic ability. There won't be more than two reads to a route so Stewart can try to make something happen rather than sitting in the pocket waiting for a third or fourth receiver to open up. "I'm trying to get these guys to not think so much, but to react," Mularkey says. Stewart, who began last season on the bench but came back to win the starting job, has to make more plays than he did in 2000 when he completed only 52.2 percent of his passes. He may be helped by some of the new wrinkles in the Mularkey offense. "I guarantee teams are wondering what on earth we're going to do," Mularkey says. The Steelers also need their receiving corps of Hines Ward, Plaxico Burress, Bobby Shaw, and Troy Edwards to make more plays. Ward and Shaw led the team with only 48 and 40 catches, respectively. Burress, who was hampered by a wrist injury, caught only 22 passes and Edwards 19. Tight end Mark Bruener, who had only 17 catches, also may be more of a factor in the Mularkey offense. The Steelers' bread and butter, though, will continue to be the running game. Jerome Bettis rushed for 1,341 yards last season and The Bus still has some tread left on his tires. The offensive line also figures to be improved with free agent Jeff Hartings at center in place of the departed Dermontti Dawson. The defense will be anchored by outside linebackers Jason Gildon and Joey Porter, who combined for 24 sacks last season, and the Steelers have a pair of good corners in Dewayne Washington and Chad Scott. They also hope that first-round draft pick Casey Hampton can win the starting job at nose tackle so Kimo von Oelhoffen can switch to defensive end. The Steelers lost linebacker Levon Kirkland in free agency, but Earl Holmes will move into his spot and they signed free agent Mike Jones to take Holmes's place. Second-round draft pick Kendrell Bell will press Jones. The defense held opponents to nine points or fewer in six games last season and figures to be a formidable force once again. The Steelers, who overcame an 0-3 start to go 9-4 in their last 13 games, want to pick up where they left off.

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