

Steeler Fan Club Newsletter

MY CALL TO "DUTY"

2 wins - 3 loses not how I expected us to start the season. After losing the first two games the Steelers found themselves in a "must win" situation against one of our most despised rivals The CLEVELAND BROWNS. It's hard to believe so early in the season we were faced with a "must win" but, there it was. I knew this game was important when I received a phone call from someone in the Steelers Organization (whom shall remain nameless). This person said "Dan, we need you to come to Pittsburgh for the Cleveland game, you are one of our biggest fans and just you being here in Pittsburgh will inspire not only the team but the rest of the fans." My first reaction wasI can't leave our loyal fans in Arizona, they need me here. After I thought about it for a second, I knew you guys could keep the spirit alive and cheer them on without me. How could I turn down a request from our beloved Steelers when they are in a time of need? So, I decided to heed the cry of the Steelers and head to the game, when duty calls we all must answer. Iron City Beer helped sponsor my trip to the Burgh by supplying me with tickets to the game. They had strategically placed my seats were a fan like myself could have optimum affect. Yinz guys would have been proud of me even when it looked like we were going to lose the game, I had our whole section cheering and going nuts. It was even rumored that my personal screams of passion to "BLOCK THAT KICK" in over time inspired Kimo Von Oelhoffen to get his big butt off the ground and deflect the kick off his helmet. I think I made the difference. I also want to thank yinz guys for picking up the slack at Harold's while I was gone and DJ Dex for the doing the "Table Slide" to keep the tradition alive. I truly missed being here to celebrate the victory with all yinz however, we will have many more victories to share together.

A PERFECT DAY

I just wanted to share the experience of a wonderful day in the Burgh with yinz guys to let you know how truly special it is to be a Pittsburgh Steeler Fan ...As I awoke from a long night of drinking at the Penn Brewery during Oktoberfest, I realized that I must have been really shit faced the night before because my head felt like the size of Jerome Bettis's butt. My girlfriend Meri and I stayed at a friends house in Mt. Washington. From their patio you can see the entire city of Pittsburgh ,but this particular day all those beers). I could smell a scent in the air and it wasn't from the sauerkraut I ate from the night before, it was the smell of footballSteeler football. I knew it was going to be a perfect day. After showering and dressing up in my Steeler game day attire (Steeler socks, Steeler underwear, Harold's Steeler Fan Club shirt, Harold's Steeler Fan Club badge, Steeler jersey, Steeler hat and last but not least "The Terrible Towel") my friends and I were ready to begin our journey. As we started our march in Mt. Washington towards the Incline, the fog had almost completely disappeared as well as my hangover. I could see our beloved city in its entirety, shining and glistening in the morning sun. It's an awesome site, especially seeing Heinz Field, Point Park where the three rivers meet and the beautiful Downtown skyline. As we continued our journey down the Incline to Station Square, you start to notice more and more Steeler Fans all decked out in their Black & Gold. Even if they were not going to the game, I think it's a city ordinance that you have to wear your Black & Gold on a Steeler game day because everyone was dressed up. While we were waiting to board the Gateway Clipper boat to cross the river to Heinz Field, I noticed a hat with "#52 in memory of" embroidered on it and I decided to purchase this hat. It would be appropriate attire for this Sunday and a way for me to honor a man who gave so much to our beloved team for so many years. God bless you Iron Mike.....We will miss you.

It was now time for us to board the Gateway Clipper boat and head towards the hallowed grounds of Heinz Field. Upon entrance on the ship it was time to officially start Game Day. So, we furnished ourselves with some Iron City beer "chilled", and once you take that first sip of Iron City beer it is official. After the boat docked on the beautiful grounds of Heinz Field we anxiously made our way toward a tailgate party. We were scheduled to meet another member of the Harold's Steeler Fan Club, Ed Kramer, whom also made the journey (from Arizona to Pittsburgh) to do some tailgating. As we walked through the parking lot you understand why Pittsburgh fans are so special. In the parking lot there are Winnabago's, conversion vans and even some SUV's painted Black & Gold with different players numbers on them. These vehicles were converted for one reason only..... to enjoy a Steeler tailgate party. Some people arrived in the parking lots a 7:00 a.m. to set up their tables, grills and stereos. The smell of gilled kielbasa and bratwurst fill the air while sounds of Steeler chants echoed throughout the area. Entire families and friends all are gathered to cheer for a Steeler victory. There are no worries of work or concerns for problems that may be going on in the world. They are there for one reason only.....to celebrate a Steeler Sunday. I am truly honored to be a part of that and we try to convey that spirit at Harold's.

A PERFECT DAY ... Continued ...

Upon finding my friend, Ed Kramer, it was time to start tailgating. We cracked open some Iron City beers to get into the proper mode to cheer our Steelers to victory. With every good tailgate party you always have one problem.... that is.... where to take a leak. After all your in a parking lot. There aren't any bathrooms around only port-a-potties with long lines which cause you to miss out on some serious drinking time. You can't just whip it out because there are women and children in the area. Ed Kramer came up with a solution. He was able to get a large cup attached to the inside driver side of the front car door and with the back car door open no one could see you. You took a leak in the cup, properly poured the cup out and got it ready for the next person. Crude yes but definitely effective. By the way, Ed was driving a rental car. After enjoying our tailgate party and consuming some Iron City beer it was time to venture into Heinz Field and get down to business.

What a game it was, our defense played awesome. They only gave up one big play the entire game. They knocked Tim Crotch around all day, they looked liked the #1 Steeler defense from a year ago. The fans were going crazy the entire game and when the Steelers asked for support from the fans, I've never heard a stadium get so loud. It reminded me of Three Rivers Stadium. What a sight watching tens of thousands of Terrible Towels waving in the air. So many great moments, Tommy Maddox coming off the bench going 11-13 for a 122 yards which led the Steelers on to the game winning drive. One airline ticket \$300.00, one Mike Webster hat \$7.00, 45 Iron City Light beers \$325.00 and a Steeler victory over the Cleveland Browns.....PRICELESS. After the game my girl-friend, her friends and I went to the local bars to celebrate the Steeler victory. All the bars were rocking, fans where drinking, dancing and hugging each other like it was a holiday. Every City needs to come together once in awhile and in Pittsburgh as in Harold's Corral we come together every Sunday. What can I say it was a perfect day.

BUST THOSE COLTS

A chance for the Steelers to redeem themselves after our first Monday night debacle. Our men of Steel have a lot of pride and I'm sure they'll be fired up. This is Monday night in the Burg baby ,and the crowd at Heinz Field will be rocking. The Steelers, coming off a big win last week, I know what your thinking, it was Cincinnati but, a win is a win in the NFL and the Steelers D-fense potty trained those pussy cats. How about the Bus baby I think he got a tune up he was motoring and the 41 yard touchdown run he had was awesome. The offense as a unit has looked great with Tommy Maddox at the helm. Give it up for Cower for making the switch . Can you say "Plaxico"? What a game, this kid is making a name for himself. I told you he was going to be great why else would I name my dog after him? Do you believe in miracles? Our special teams are playing great as is Randel El, this kid is fun to watch! I cant remember the last time we scored on a return. The Steelers are going to bust those Colts. Peyton Manning will be looking like a broken down mule once our defense gets through with him. I know were only 2 and 3 but were in first place, and were playing better each week. This week look for the return of Kendel "going to ring Manning's " Bell. Our defense will be fired up. They have taken a lot of heat this year but I'm betting a **FLAMING TABLE SLIDE** they will kick ass this week.

MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS AT HAROLD'S

Monday night, October 21st at 6:00 p.m. 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 round up and brand those Colts butts. Steeler Monday night means come dressed in your best and finest Black & Gold attire and of course be sure to accessorize with your terrible towels, Steeler flags, which you can buy at your favorite Steeler Bar (Harold's). It's Monday night **BABY** so be ready to **PARTY!!!** Harold's will be going all out to make a great Steeler Monday night football game. We'll be raffling prizes and free dinners for two. After the Steelers finish spanking those donkey's, DJ Dex will be spinning some of your favorite Steeler tunes and more. **Call for reservations (480) 488-1906.** See yinz at kickoff. I've got the Everclear and fire extinguishers ready for the infamous flaming table slide oh yeah baby! **I'M READY, ARE YOU!?**

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