

PITTSBURG

STEELERS (12-4)

Heinz Field
Pittsburg, PA
Capacity - 65,050



2011 AFC CHAMPIONS

The Super Bowl has arrived, and we have the Green Bay Packers against the Pittsburgh Steelers, as they play for all the marbles at the Jerry-dome. The Packers haven't won a Superbowl since 1997, whilst the Steelers took home the trophy just two years ago. Last time these teams met was in 2009, and it was a cliff-hanger, with the Steelers winning on the final play of the game on a scrambling Big Ben touchdown to Mike Wallace, 37-36... we are expecting another tight finish again.

The Steelers finished the regular season with a record of 12-4. With the number 2 seed, they had the bye in the first round, and then dispatched both the Ravens and Jets to reach the big game. Meanwhile, the Packers had a much tougher run, after posting a 10-6 record during the year. They have then taken care of the Eagles, Falcons and Bears, all of which were away from home, so they certainly deserve their spot in the Superbowl.

The spotlight will be on both quarterbacks. Big Ben Rothlisberger is not flashy, but he gets the job done, and is solid as a rock under center. He is looking for his 3rd ring in just his

7th season, and should he be successful in this game, would sit just one behind the quarterback record of 4 rings. He has had his fair share of off-field drama, but he has put that behind them. For the Packers, they made the decision to move on from Brett Favre, with Aaron Rodgers seen as their future... and the future is now! Aaron has turned out to be the quarterback they had hoped for, and a Packers win would surely allow him to step outside of Favre's shadow once and for all.

When the Steelers have the ball expect a heavy dose of Rashad Mendenhall... the powerful runner ripped the Jets to shreds two weeks ago, and will likely be the key again this game to help set-up the pass. They have plenty of experience through the air as well. Wide-outs Hines Ward and Mike Wallace will be targeted often, as will Tight End Heath Miller, who had a very strong game against the Packers last time out. He's big and reliable, has especially in the red-zone. Look for Ben to look for his huge target in the back of the endzone while the Packers backs are to the goal post. The Steelers is very good in the red zone when it comes to Play Action passes.

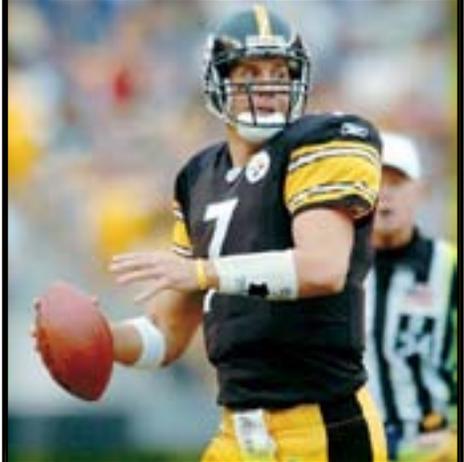
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"The guy is committed to the game of football and, obviously, is a tremendous talent. He make their defense go."

- Former Pro Bowl Safety John Lynch

#7 BEN ROETHLISBERGER QB



"Big Ben" is what Steelers fans call him. Living up the name, Ben is going to his third superbowl in the last half decade in search of his third ring.

BEN'S QUARTERBACK STATS

YEAR	TDS	INT	YDS	PCT	RAT
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Wallace	60	1,257	21.0	56	10
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DEFENSE

NAME	TK	FF	FR	INT	TDS
Allen	12	0	1	0	0
Clark	90	0	0	2	0
Polamalu	63	1	1	7	2
Harrison	100	6	2	2	0

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PLAYER TO WATCH

DEFENSE#9?



JAMES HARRISON

James Harrison, the Steelers vocal point on defense. Leading the team with 100 tackles, 10.5 sacks, and 6 forced fumbles during the regular season. After a couple of seasons behind some of Pittsburg best like James Farrior and Larry Foote, Harrison is hungry to win a championship. Harrison who is undrafted out of Kent State looks to pursue one of his childhood dreams.



PACKERS (10-6)

Lambeau Field
Greenbay, WI
Capacity - 58,052



2011 NFC CHAMPIONS

Meanwhile on offense for the Packers, despite the loss of RB Ryan Grant and TE Jermichael Finley, Rodgers certainly has a large range of weapons available at his disposal. James Starks has been a revelation over the past month, and will likely be given the starting gig, but expect Brandon Jackson and John Kuhn to be thrown into the mix often. However, we see the Packers passing a lot in this game, with the main beneficiary being star wide-out Greg Jennings. Rodgers does like to spread the ball, so Donald Driver, James Jones and Jordy Nelson will be relied upon all game, and will certainly pose a strong test for the steel-curtain.

However, it is the DEFENSE that wins championships, and for this reason it is why both teams are here. Both were ranked in the top 5 throughout the regular season for least points allowed, least yards allowed, most interceptions and most sacks. Whichever team gets on top in this battle and forces the most turnovers, will likely be the eventual winners. It is not surprising that the game will feature the top two vote getters of the NFL's defensive player of the

year award; Troy Polamalu and Clay Matthews. The Steelers defense ranked as the best in the league at stopping the run throughout the regular season, so expect Casey Hampton and Brett Keisel to cause the Green Bay running backs plenty of problems.

Meanwhile, the Pittsburgh Steelers linebackers will put a lot of pressure on Rodgers, limiting his time to pass the ball, with veteran James Farrior leading the way. As for their secondary, well they have had mixed performances all season, and you can count of them to be tested once again... standing in the way though is the fearsome Troy Polamalu at safety.

The Packers have a very strong pass rush, so expect BJ Raji to be a thorn in the side all game. The linebackers are their strength, with a rotation of Desmond Bishop, AJ Hawk, Nick Barnett and of course Clay Matthews, we see them getting into the backfield often. Don't discount their secondary either, led by reigning defensive player of the year, cornerback Charles Woodson. They will put a lot of pressure on Big Ben with their lockdown coverage, Free safety Nick Collins will need to have a strong game again if the Pack are to win this game.

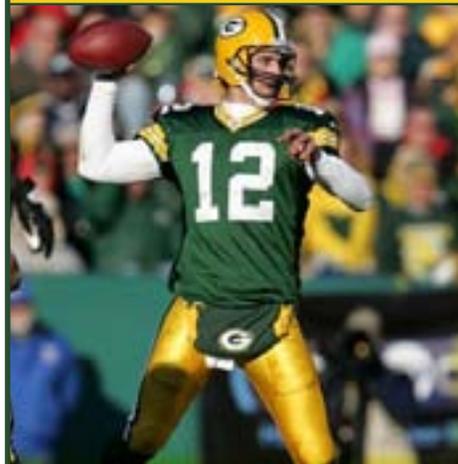
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“Everybody wants to be a hero, so to speak. But it takes everybody. Those four downs, it was somebody different on those four plays.”

- Pro Bowl Cornerback Charles Woodson

#12 AARON RODGERS QB



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