

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE GAME SUMMARY

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DATE: 08/17/96 Day of Week: Saturday Starting Time: 6:06 PM EST

VISITOR: Tampa Bay Buccaneers VS HOME: Pittsburgh Steelers
AT Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh, PA

Played outdoors on turf: AstroTurf
Game Weather: Cloudy with a light breeze
Temp: 78 Humidity: 59 Wind: NW 7 mph

OFFICIALS Referee: Jerry Markbreit (9) Umpire: Chad Brown (31)
Line Judge: Lloyd McPeters (64) Side Judge: Ron Liebsack (76)
Head Linesman: Terry Gierke (72) Back Judge: George Coleman (45)
Field Judge: Don Hakes (96)

LINEUPS

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
WR 84 C.Wilson	LE 75 E.Curry
LT 74 P.Gruber	NT 77 B.Culpepper
LG 60 J.Pyne	UT 99 W.Sapp
C 61 T.Mayberry	RE 73 R.Upshaw
RG 62 I.Beckles	LLB 51 L.Marts
RT 79 D.Riesenber	MLB 56 H.Nickerson
TE 81 J.Harris	RLB 55 D.Brooks
WR 85 C.Hawkins	LCB 35 M.Mayhew
QB 12 T.Dilfer	RCB 21 D.Abraham
RB 37 J.Ellison	SS 38 T.Scott
FB 43 T.Johnson	FS 25 M.Johnson

----- SUBSTITUTIONS -----
WR 2 K.Williams,WR 3 T.Davis,P 4 R.Colley,K 5
M.Husted,P 6 T.Barnhardt,CB 8 G.Harris,QB 11
C.Weldon,QB 13 S.Milanovich,WR 14 L.Ryans,WR
17 N.Silvan,S 20 E.Austin,S 23 T.Bouie,CB 28
R.Rusk,S 29 K.Gant,RB 30 V.Turner,FB 33
R.Staten,RB 34 L.Thompson,FB 36 F.Lester,CB 39
C.Dimry,FB 40 M.Alstott,CB 45 T.Legette,TE 46
B.Jones,S 47 J.Lynch,LB 49 J.Gooch,LB 50
K.Goganious,LB 54 D.Stephens,G 64 J.Diaz,T 65
S.Ingram,G 67 D.Moore,G 68 J.Crisman,T 69
P.Pierson,T 70 J.Odom,T 71 S.Adams,DT 78
M.Jones,TE 82 C.Saunders,TE 83 D.Moore,TE 86
T.Armstrong,WR 89 M.Marshall,DT 90 J.Maniecki,
DE 91 H.Smith,LB 93 D.DuBose,DE 94 E.Ekiyor,DT
96 B.Williams,DE 97 T.Jackson
----- DID NOT PLAY -----
WR 7 J.Holmes,QB 10 K.Holcomb,RB 31 L.Green
----- NOT ACTIVE -----
CB 22 C.Abraham,CB 24 J.Wilson,CB 27 J.Taylor,
RB 32 E.Rhett,S 44 J.Booty,LB 52 W.Rouse,DE 72
C.Ahanotu,WR 80 A.Harper,WR 88 H.Copeland,DE
95 K.Powe

----- FIELD GOALS (made() & missed) -----
M.Husted 50S (33) N.Johnson (28)
J.Wood (39)

		1	2	3	4	OT	TOTAL
VISITOR	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0	0	0	3		3
HOME	Pittsburgh Steelers	0	7	3	3		13

Team Qtr		Clock		SCORING PLAY		-- SCORE --	
		Time				Visitor	Home
STEELE	2	0:21		J.Bettis 1 yd. run (N.Johnson,kick)(15-76,7:02)		0	7
STEELE	3	10:22		N.Johnson 28 yd. Field Goal (4-0,1:25)		0	10
BUCCAN	4	11:48		M.Husted 33 yd. Field Goal (18-72,10:23)		3	10
STEELE	4	4:52		J.Wood 39 yd. Field Goal (9-44,4:36)		3	13

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RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J.Ellison	13	24	1.8	8	0
V.Turner	3	12	4.0	8	0
M.Alstott	5	11	2.2	5	0
L.Thompson	4	9	2.3	8	0
T.Dilfer	3	2	0.7	3	0
C.Weldon	1	1	1.0	1	0
J.Lynch	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	30	59	2.0	8	0

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TKD/YD	TD	LG	IN
C.Weldon	15	9	76	3/25	0	13	0
T.Dilfer	10	6	48	1/9	0	14	0
S.Milanovich	8	4	23	0/0	0	14	0
Total	33	19	147	4/34	0	14	0

PASS RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	LONGEST	TD
F.Lester	4	30	12	0
K.Williams	3	37	13	0
V.Turner	3	11	7	0
J.Harris	1	14	14	0
C.Wilson	1	14	14	0
T.Armstrong	1	11	11	0
D.Moore	1	8	8	0
J.Ellison	1	7	7	0
L.Ryans	1	5	5	0
L.Thompson	1	5	5	0
T.Johnson	1	3	3	0
M.Alstott	1	2	2	0
Total	19	147	14	0

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YARDS	LONGEST	TD
Total	0	0	0	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	IN20	LG
T.Barnhardt	4	184	46.0	0	0	53
R.Colley	1	18	18.0	0	0	18
Total	5	202	40.4	0	0	53

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YARDS	LG	TD
N.Silvan	3	0	9	7	0
M.Marshall	1	0	1	1	0
[]	1	0	0	0	0
[DOWNED]	1	0	0	0	0
[TOUCHBACK]	1	0	0	0	0
Returns	4	0	10	7	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	FC	YARDS	LG	TD
M.Marshall	1	0	53	53	0
N.Silvan	1	0	22	22	0
[OUT OF BOUNDS]	2	0	0	0	0
Returns	2	0	75	53	0

Pittsburgh Steelers

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J.Bettis	8	52	6.5	16	1
E.Pegram	6	32	5.3	12	0
K.Stewart	5	22	4.4	18	0
F.McAfee	5	4	0.8	4	0
T.Lester	1	2	2.0	2	0
S.Avery	1	0	0.0	0	0
M.Tomczak	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0
Total	27	108	4.0	18	1

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TKD/YD	TD	LG	IN
M.Tomczak	12	6	71	2/16	0	25	0
Ji.Miller	6	3	14	1/10	0	7	0
K.Stewart	6	2	32	0/0	0	17	0
Total	24	11	117	3/26	0	25	0

PASS RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	LONGEST	TD
M.Bruener	2	34	25	0
J.Witman	2	7	7	0
J.Barnes	1	17	17	0
J.Farquhar	1	15	15	0
C.Johnson	1	14	14	0
J.Arnold	1	12	12	0
A.Hastings	1	8	8	0
F.McAfee	1	7	7	0
T.Lester	1	3	3	0

Total	11	117	25	0
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INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YARDS	LONGEST	TD
Total	0	0	0	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	TB	IN20	LG
Jo.Miller	4	166	41.5	1	2	45
R.Stark	2	100	50.0	0	1	50
S.Edge	1	44	44.0	0	0	44
Total	7	310	44.3	1	3	50

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YARDS	LG	TD
A.Hastings	2	0	12	15	0
C.Johnson	1	0	4	4	0
J.Arnold	1	0	-1	-1	0
[DOWNED]	1	0	0	0	0
Returns	4	0	15	15	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	FC	YARDS	LG	TD
J.Arnold	0	0	24	24	0
D.Mays	1	0	20	20	0
A.Hastings	1	0	8	8	0
Returns	2	0	52	24	0

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Tampa Bay Buccaneers										
FUMBLES	FUM	OWN-REC	YDS	TD	FORCED	OPP-REC	YDS	TD	OUT-BDS	
W.Sapp	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
N.Silvan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Brooks	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Weldon	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Moore	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
MARTS	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Pittsburgh Steelers										
FUMBLES	FUM	OWN-REC	YDS	TD	FORCED	OPP-REC	YDS	TD	OUT-BDS	
M.Tomczak	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Myslinski	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Lester	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.Pegram	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
[]	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Conley	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
J.Gildon	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
D.Figures	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	2	7	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
LLOYD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs Pittsburgh Steelers
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FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	VISITOR BUCCAN	HOME STEELE
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	15	13
By Rushing	5	8
By Passing	10	4
By Penalty	0	1
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	8-18-44%	4-13-31%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-2-0%	0-0-0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	172	199
Total Offensive Plays (inc. times thrown passing)	67	54
Average gain per offensive play	2.6	3.7
NET YARDS RUSHING	59	108
Total Rushing Plays	30	27
Average gain per rushing play	2.0	4.0
NET YARDS PASSING	113	91
Times thrown - yards lost attempting to pass	4-34	3-26
Gross yards passing	147	117
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	33-19-0	24-11-0
Average gain per pass play (inc. # thrown passing)	3.1	3.4
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	2-0-0	4-0-0
PUNTS Number and Average	5-40.4	7-44.3
Had Blocked	0	0
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	10	15
No. and Yards Punt Returns	4-10	4-15
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	2-75	2-52
No. and Yards Interception Returns	0-0	0-0
PENALTIES Number and Yards	7-45	9-70
FUMBLES Number and Lost	3-1	2-0
TOUCHDOWNS	0	1
Rushing	0	1
Passing	0	0
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempts	0-0	1-1
Kicking Made-Attempts	0-0	1-1
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	1-2	2-2
SAFETIES	0	0
FINAL SCORE	3	13
TIME OF POSSESSION	32:23	27:37

TB wins toss, elects to receive, and PS elects to defend the South goal.
Steelers in black jerseys, Tampa in white jerseys
N.Johnson kicks 62 from PS30 to TB8, M.Marshall ret, P-OOB at PS39 for 53 (N.Johnson).

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 15:00

- 1-10-PS39 J.Ellison right guard to PS35 for 4 yards (L.Kirkland).
- 2-6-PS35 M.Alstott up middle to PS30 for 5 yards (J.Steed; B.Johnson).
- 3-1-PS30 J.Ellison right guard to PS29 for 1 yard (L.Kirkland; B.Johnson).
- 1-10-PS29 J.Ellison left guard to PS26 for 3 yards (L.Kirkland).
- 2-7-PS26 T.Dilfer sacked at PS35 for -9 (B.Johnson).
- 3-16-PS35 T.Dilfer pass to T.Johnson to PS32 for 3 yards (C.Lake).
- 4-13-PS32 M.Husted 50 yard field goal is No good, short. Center-J.Pyne. Holder-T.Barnhardt.
- R1

Pittsburgh Steelers at 10:42

- 1-10-PS41 E.Pegram right guard to PS46 for 5 yards (W.Sapp).
- 2-5-PS46 E.Pegram right end to TB47 for 7 yards (L.Marts; M.Johnson).
- 1-10-TB47 E.Pegram right guard to TB45 for 2 yards (D.Brooks).
- 2-8-TB45 M.Tomczak pass incomplete to E.Pegram. (Coverage by #35 Mayhew)
- 3-8-TB45 M.Tomczak (shotgun) pass incomplete to A.Hastings. (Coverage by #56 Nickerson on the overthrown pass.)
- 4-8-TB45 Jo.Miller punts 45 yards to TB0, Center-K.Gammon, TOUCHBACK.
- R1

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 8:30

- 1-10-TB20 TB-P.Gruber PENALIZED 5 yards for False Start. No Play
- 1-15-TB15 J.Ellison left guard to TB18 for 3 yards (C.Lake).
- 2-12-TB18 T.Dilfer pass incomplete to C.Wilson (G.Lloyd).
- 3-12-TB18 T.Dilfer pass to K.Williams to TB31 for 13 yards (D.Figures).
- 1-10-TB31 T.Dilfer pass to J.Harris to TB45 for 14 yards (W.Williams).
- 1-10-TB45 M.Alstott up middle to TB48 for 3 yards (J.Gildon).
- 2-7-TB48 J.Ellison left tackle to TB49 for 1 yard (C.Brown).
- 3-6-TB49 T.Dilfer pass incomplete to T.Armstrong. (Coverage by #37 Lake.)
- 4-6-TB49 R.Colley punts 18 yards to PS33, Center-D.Moore. Downed by M.Johnson.
- P2
- P3

Pittsburgh Steelers at 5:19

- 1-10-PS33 M.Tomczak sacked at PS25 for -8 (W.Sapp). M.Tomczak FUMBLES, forced by W.Sapp, recovered by PS-T.Myslinski at PS25.
- 2-18-PS25 M.Tomczak pass to M.Bruener to PS34 for 9 yards (M.Mayhew).
- 3-9-PS34 M.Tomczak (shotgun) pass to C.Johnson, ran out of bounds at PS45 for 11 yards.
PS-T.Myslinski PENALIZED 10 yards for Illegal Use of Hands. No Play
- 3-19-PS24 M.Tomczak (shotgun) pass incomplete to A.Hastings (M.Mayhew).
- 4-19-PS24 R.Stark punts 50 yards to TB26, Center-K.Gammon. N.Silvan ret. to TB29 for 3 yards.
(Silvan returned it for a touchdown, called back on penalty.)
TB-J.Gooch PENALIZED 10 yards for Illegal Block Above Waist.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 3:18

- 1-10-TB19 T.Dilfer pass to T.Armstrong to TB30 for 11 yards (C.Lake).
- 1-10-TB30 M.Alstott right guard to TB32 for 2 yards (D.Perry).
- 2-8-TB32 J.Ellison left tackle to TB33 for 1 yard (G.Lloyd).
- 3-7-TB33 T.Dilfer up middle to TB34 for 1 yard (G.Lloyd). (Scrambles to avoid the sack.)
- 4-6-TB34 T.Barnhardt punts 43 to PS23, Center-D.Moore. A.Hastings ret. to PS20 for -3 (K.Goganious, D.Stephens).
- P4

Pittsburgh Steelers at 0:37

- 1-10-PS20 J.Bettis right end to PS20 for no gain (M.Johnson).

END OF QUARTER	Score	Time	First	Downs	Efficiencies
==== Quarter Summary =====		Poss	R	P	X T 3Down 4Down
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0	10:10	1	3	0 4 2/5 0/0
Pittsburgh Steelers	0	4:50	1	0	0 1 0/2 0/0

Pittsburgh Steelers continued.

2-10-PS20	M.Tomczak pass to M.Bruener to PS45 for 25 yards (H.Nickerson, M.Johnson).	P2
1-10-PS45	J.Bettis right tackle to TB43 for 12 yards (T.Scott).	R3
1-10-TB43	J.Bettis left guard to TB42 for 1 yard (M.Jones).	
2-9-TB42	M.Tomczak up middle to TB46 for -4 yards (H.Nickerson). (Slips coming from under center.)	
3-13-TB46	M.Tomczak (shotgun) sacked at PS46 for -8 (M.Mayhew; H.Nickerson).	
4-21-PS46	Jo.Miller punts 43 yards to TB11, Center-K.Gammon. Downed by C.Oldham.	

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 12:20

1-10-TB11	L.Thompson up middle to TB12 for 1 yard (J.Gildon, K.Henry).	
2-9-TB12	T.Dilfer pass to M.Alstott to TB14 for 2 yards (J.Gildon).	
3-7-TB14	V.Turner right tackle to TB22 for 8 yards (M.Bell). (On the draw play.)	R5
1-10-TB22	T.Dilfer pass incomplete to C.Wilson. (Coverage by #27 Williams.)	
2-10-TB22	L.Thompson right end to TB30 for 8 yards (R.Woodson; C.Lake).	
3-2-TB30	T.Dilfer pass to L.Thompson to TB35 for 5 yards (J.Gildon).	P6
1-10-TB35	T.Dilfer pass incomplete to C.Hawkins. (Coverage by #39 Perry.)	
2-10-TB35	M.Alstott up middle to TB35 for no gain (C.Brown, G.Lloyd).	
Tampa Bay Buccaneers time out at 8:11. First time out.		
3-10-TB35	T.Dilfer up middle to TB38 for 3 yards (C.Brown). (Forced out of the pocket by #26 Woodson.)	
4-7-TB38	T.Barnhardt punts 53 to PS9, Center-D.Moore. A.Hastings ret, P-OOB at PS24 for 15 (T.Bouie).	

Pittsburgh Steelers at 7:23

1-10-PS24	J.Bettis left guard to PS33 for 9 yards (D.Abraham).	
2-1-PS33	M.Tomczak pass incomplete to Y.Thigpen. (Coverage by #21 Abraham.)	
3-1-PS33	E.Pegram left guard to PS36 for 3 yards (H.Nickerson; M.Johnson).	R4
1-10-PS36	M.Tomczak pass to T.Lester to PS39 for 3 yards (D.Brooks, M.Mayhew).	
2-7-PS39	J.Bettis left tackle to PS48 for 9 yards (D.Brooks).	R5
1-10-PS48	J.Bettis left tackle to TB36 for 16 yards (D.Abraham, T.Scott).	R6
1-10-TB36	M.Tomczak pass incomplete to A.Hastings.	
TB-M.Mayhew PENALIZED 5 yards for Defensive Holding. No Play		
1-10-TB31	J.Bettis left guard to TB26 for 5 yards (L.Marts).	X7
PS-M.Bruener PENALIZED 10 yards for Offensive Holding. No Play		
1-20-TB41	M.Tomczak pass incomplete to E.Pegram.	
2-20-TB41	M.Tomczak pass to J.Arnold to TB29 for 12 yards (M.Johnson).	
3-8-TB29	M.Tomczak (shotgun) pass to C.Johnson to TB15 for 14 yards (M.Johnson).	P8
1-10-TB15	T.Lester L guard to TB13 for 2 (L.Marts). T.Lester FUMBLES, recovered by PS-E.Pegram at TB6.	
E.Pegram to TB6 for no gain (M.Johnson; D.Abraham). (Pegram recovered the ball at the TB10...advanced to TB6, no yards credited on recovery.)		
Official time out at 2:00. Two-minute warning.		
2-1-TB6	(2:00) J.Bettis left tackle to TB3 for 3 yards (B.Culpepper; M.Mayhew).	
PS-J.Hayes PENALIZED 10 yards for Offensive Holding. No Play		
Pittsburgh Steelers time out at 1:55. First time out.		
2-11-TB16	(1:55) M.Tomczak pass to A.Hastings to TB8 for 8 yards (M.Mayhew).	
3-3-TB8	(1:17) E.Pegram (shotgun) right end to TB5 for 3 yards (L.Marts; D.Brooks).	R9
1-5-TB5	(:36) J.Bettis left guard to TB1 for 4 yards (T.Jackson, T.Scott).	
Pittsburgh Steelers time out at 0:36. Second time out.		
2-1-TB1	(:29) M.Tomczak pass incomplete to J.Bettis (R.Upshaw).	
Pittsburgh Steelers time out at 0:24. Third time out.		
3-1-TB1	(:24) J.Bettis up middle for 1 and TOUCHDOWN. ..TOUCHDOWN...TOUCHDOWN	R10
N.Johnson extra point is GOOD. Center-K.Gammon. Holder-R.Stark.		
TB- PENALIZED 5 yards for Defensive 12 on Field.		

=== TB 0 PS 7, 15 plays, 76 yards, 2 penalties, 7:02 drive, 14:39 elapsed =====

N.Johnson kicks 57 yards from PS35 to TB8, N.Silvan ret. to TB30 for 22 yards. N.Silvan

FUMBLES, forced by S.Conley, recovered by TB-D.Brooks at TB34. (S.Conley).

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 0:21 (1st play from scrimmage 0:18)

1-10-TB34 (:18) T.Dilfer up middle to TB32 for -2 yards.

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Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0	5:18	1	1	0 2 2/3 0/0
Pittsburgh Steelers	7	9:42	6	2	1 9 4/5 0/0

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M.Husted kicks 63 yards from TB30 to PS7, A.Hastings ret. to PS15 for 8 yards.
Lateral to J.Arnold to PS39 for 24 return yards (M.Johnson).

Pittsburgh Steelers at 15:00

- 1-10-PS39 E.Pegram right end to PS39 for no gain (D.Brooks; H.Nickerson). (#16 Ji.Miller at QB)
PS-D.Dawson PENALIZED 10 yards for Offensive Holding. No Play
- 1-20-PS29 Ji.Miller pass to J.Witman to PS36 for 7 yards (D.Brooks).
- 2-13-PS36 E.Pegram left end to PS48 for 12 yards (H.Smith; H.Nickerson).
- 3-1-PS48 E.Pegram to PS48 for no gain.
PS-T.Myslinski PENALIZED 5 yards for False Start. No Play
- 3-6-PS43 Ji.Miller (shotgun) pass incomplete to A.Hastings.
- 4-6-PS43 S.Edge punts 44 to TB13, Center-K.Gammon. N.Silvan ret. to TB20 for 7 (C.Oldham).

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 12:35

- 1-10-TB20 J.Ellison right guard to TB18 for -2 yards (C.Brown). (#11 Weldon at QB.)
- 2-12-TB18 C.Weldon pass incomplete to K.Williams. (Coverage by #26 Woodson.)
- 3-12-TB18 C.Weldon sacked at TB10 for -8 (J.Gildon; G.Lloyd). C.Weldon FUMBLES, forced by J.Gildon, recovered by PS-G.Lloyd at TB10.

Pittsburgh Steelers at 11:47

- 1-10-TB10 F.McAfee left tackle to TB10 for no gain (G.Harris).
- 2-10-TB10 Ji.Miller pass to J.Witman to TB10 for no gain (M.Jones).
- 3-10-TB10 Ji.Miller (shotgun) pass incomplete to A.Hastings (M.Jones). (Rules out of the endzone.)
- 4-10-TB10 N.Johnson 28 yard field goal is GOOD. Center-K.Gammon. Holder-R.Stark.

===== TB 0 PS 10, 4 plays, 0 yards, 1:25 drive, 4:38 elapsed =====

N.Johnson kicks 62 yards from PS30 to TB8 and out of bounds.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 10:22

- 1-10-TB40 C.Weldon pass to F.Lester to PS48 for 12 yards (C.Emmons).
- 1-10-PS48 L.Thompson left guard to PS50 for -2 yards (E.Holmes).
- 2-12-PS50 C.Weldon pass incomplete to T.Armstrong. (Coverage by #40 Bell.)
- 3-12-PS50 V.Turner left tackle to TB49 for -1 yard (C.Emmons).
- 4-13-TB49 J.Lynch right guard to TB49 for no gain (E.Holmes).

P7

Pittsburgh Steelers at 8:17

- 1-10-TB48 F.McAfee right end to TB48 for no gain.
PS-J.Farquhar PENALIZED 5 yards for False Start. No Play
Official time out at 8:17. Injury...Tampa Bay...#78 M.Jones
- 1-15-PS47 Ji.Miller pass incomplete to J.Arnold. (Coverage by #39 Dimry.)
- 2-15-PS47 Ji.Miller pass to F.McAfee, pushed out of bounds at TB46 for 7 yards (D.Stephens).
- 3-8-TB46 Ji.Miller (shotgun) sacked at PS44 for -10 (D.Stephens).
- 4-18-PS44 Jo.Miller punts 44 to TB12, Center-K.Gammon. M.Marshall ret. to TB13 for 1 (R.Bell).

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 7:11

- 1-10-TB13 J.Ellison left guard to TB16 for 3 yards (O.Gibson; J.Olsavsky).
- 2-7-TB16 C.Weldon pass to F.Lester to TB21 for 5 yards (D.Figures).
- 3-2-TB21 J.Ellison right end to TB24 for 3 yards (J.Olsavsky).
- 1-10-TB24 C.Weldon pass to K.Williams, pushed out of bounds at TB37 for 13 yards (R.Bell).
- 1-10-TB37 J.Ellison left guard to TB38 for 1 yard (E.Holmes; O.Gibson).
- 2-9-TB38 C.Weldon pass to D.Moore to TB46 for 8 yards (D.Figures).
- 3-1-TB46 C.Weldon up middle to TB47 for 1 yard (I.Raybon, J.Olsavsky).
- 1-10-TB47 M.Alstott right end to TB48 for 1 yard (C.Emmons, O.Roye).
- 2-9-TB48 C.Weldon pass to K.Williams to PS41 for 11 yards (D.Figures).
- 1-10-PS41 C.Weldon pass to J.Ellison to PS34 for 7 yards (J.Olsavsky).
- 2-3-PS34 J.Ellison up middle to PS36 for -2 yards (E.Holmes; O.Roye).

R8

P9

R10

P11

Tampa Bay Buccaneers time out at 0:35. First time out.

- 3-5-PS36 C.Weldon pass to V.Turner to PS29 for 7 yards (M.Bell; R.Bell).

P12

END OF QUARTER	Score	Time	First	Downs	Efficiencies
==== Quarter Summary ====		Poss	R	P	X T 3Down 4Down
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0	10:04	2	4	0 6 3/5 0/1
Pittsburgh Steelers	10	4:56	0	0	0 0 0/3 0/0

Tampa Bay Buccaneers continued.

1-10-PS29 C.Weldon pass to F.Lester to PS23 for 6 yards (C.Emmons).

2-4-PS23 J.Ellison right end to PS15 for 8 yards (D.Figures, E.Holmes). R13

1-10-PS15 C.Weldon pass to F.Lester to PS8 for 7 yards (R.Bell).

2-3-PS8 J.Ellison right tackle to PS8 for no gain (M.Bell).

3-3-PS8 C.Weldon sacked at PS15 for -7 (I.Raybon).

4-10-PS15 M.Husted 33 yard field goal is GOOD. Center-J.Pyne. Holder-T.Barnhardt.

===== TB 3 PS 10, 18 plays, 72 yards, 10:23 drive, 3:12 elapsed =====

M.Husted kicks 66 yards from TB30 to PS4, D.Mays ret. to PS24 for 20 yards (D.Abraham).

Pittsburgh Steelers at 11:48

1-10-PS24 F.McAfee left guard to PS28 for 4 yards (R.Upshaw, J.Maniecki). (#10 Stewart at QB)

2-6-PS28 K.Stewart right end to PS31 for 3 yards (D.Stephens).

3-3-PS31 K.Stewart (shotgun) pass incomplete to A.Hastings. (Coverage by #23 Bouie.)

4-3-PS31 R.Stark punts 50 to TB19, Center-K.Gammon. N.Silvan ret. to TB18 for -1 (J.Witman, F.McAfee).

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 10:07

1-10-TB18 C.Weldon pass incomplete to R.Staten. (Coverage by #40 M.Bell.)

2-10-TB18 L.Thompson left end to TB20 for 2 yards (E.Holmes).

Penalty declined on TB-J.Crisman, Offensive Holding.

3-8-TB20 C.Weldon pass incomplete to L.Ryans. (Coverage by #49 Miles.)

4-8-TB20 T.Barnhardt punts 44 to PS36, Center-B.Jones. J.Arnold ret. to PS35 for -1 (C.Wilson).

Pittsburgh Steelers at 9:28

1-10-PS35 F.McAfee right guard to PS38 for 3 yards (H.Smith).

2-7-PS38 K.Stewart pass to J.Farquhar to TB47 for 15 yards (D.Stephens). P11

1-10-TB47 F.McAfee left end to TB50 for -3 yards (R.Upshaw).

2-13-TB50 K.Stewart up middle to TB32 for 18 yards (D.Stephens). R12

1-10-TB32 K.Stewart pass to J.Barnes to TB15 for 17 yards (R.Rusk, T.Bouie). P13

1-10-TB15 F.McAfee up middle to TB15 for no gain (D.DuBose; D.Stephens).

2-10-TB15 K.Stewart pass incomplete to C.Holliday (T.Legette).

3-10-TB15 (Illegal snap)

PS-K.Gammon PENALIZED 5 yards for False Start. No Play

3-15-TB20 PS-J.Parrish PENALIZED 5 yards for False Start. No Play

3-20-TB25 K.Stewart (shotgun) left guard to TB21 for 4 yards (H.Smith).

Tampa Bay Buccaneers time out at 4:57. Second time out.

4-16-TB21 J.Wood 39 yard field goal is GOOD. Center-K.Gammon. Holder-S.Edge.

===== TB 3 PS 13, 9 plays, 44 yards, 4:36 drive, 10:08 elapsed =====

N.Johnson kicks 65 yards from PS30 to TB5 and out of bounds.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 4:52

1-10-TB40 C.Weldon pass incomplete to L.Ryans. (Pressure by #51 Emmons.)

2-10-TB40 C.Weldon pass to V.Turner to PS30 for 30 yards (M.Bell).

TB-D.Moore PENALIZED 10 yards for Illegal Use of Hands. No Play

2-20-TB30 C.Weldon pass incomplete to M.Marshall. (Coverage by #49 Miles.)

3-20-TB30 TB-S.Ingram PENALIZED 5 yards for False Start. No Play

3-25-TB25 C.Weldon sacked at TB15 for -10 (D.Figures). C.Weldon FUMBLES, forced by D.Figures, recovered by TB-D.Moore at TB15.

4-35-TB15 T.Barnhardt punts 44 yards to PS41, Center-D.Moore. C.Johnson ret. to PS45 for 4 yards (K.Gant).

PS-W.Williams PENALIZED 10 yards for Offensive Holding.

Pittsburgh Steelers at 3:38

1-10-PS35 J.Vaughn left guard to PS38 for 3 yards (J.Maniecki).

PS-K.Gammon PENALIZED 10 yards for Offensive Holding. No Play

1-20-PS25 S.Avery right guard to PS25 for no gain (H.Smith, B.Williams).

Tampa Bay Buccaneers time out at 3:25. Third time out.

2-20-PS25 K.Stewart pass incomplete to C.Holliday. (Coverage by #20 Austin.)

3-20-PS25 K.Stewart (shotgun) pass incomplete to C.George. (Coverage by #28 Rusk.)

4-20-PS25 Jo.Miller punts 34 yards to TB41, Center-K.Gammon.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 3:02

1-10-TB41 S.Milanovich pass to V.Turner to TB44 for 3 yards (D.Figures). (#13 Milanovich at QB.)

2-7-TB44 V.Turner left guard to TB49 for 5 yards (L.Kirkland; I.Raybon).

3-2-TB49 S.Milanovich pass to L.Ryans to PS46 for 5 yards (B.Miles). P14

1-10-PS46 S.Milanovich pass to V.Turner, pushed out of bounds at PS45 for 1 yard (C.Oldham).

Official time out at 1:57. Two-minute warning.

2-9-PS45 (1:57) S.Milanovich pass to C.Wilson to PS31 for 14 yards (B.Miles). P15

1-10-PS31 (1:39) S.Milanovich pass incomplete to C.Wilson. (Coverage by #24 Oldham.)

2-10-PS31 (1:34) S.Milanovich pass incomplete to K.Williams (D.Figures).

3-10-PS31 (1:28) S.Milanovich pass incomplete to L.Ryans. (Overthrown.)

4-10-PS31 TB-S.Milanovich PENALIZED 5 yards for Delay of Game. No Play

4-15-PS36 S.Milanovich pass incomplete to L.Ryans. (Coverage by #49 Miles.)

Pittsburgh Steelers at 1:16

1-10-PS36 (1:16) K.Stewart up middle to PS35 for -1 yard. (Down on one knee.)

2-11-PS35 (:40) K.Stewart up middle to PS33 for -2 yards.

END OF GAME	Score	Time	First	Downs	Efficiencies
=== Quarter Summary ===		Poss	R	P	X T 3Down 4Down
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3	6:51	1	2	0 3 1/5 0/1
Pittsburgh Steelers	13	8:09	1	2	0 3 0/3 0/0

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DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Tampa Bay Buccaneer=====REGULAR DEFENSIVE PLAYS=====										=SPECIAL TEAMS					===MISC===			
----- TKL-AST-COMB SACK/YRDS IN-PD FF-FR										TK-AS FF-FR BL					TK-AS FF-FR			
M.Johnson	3	4	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Stephens	5	1	6	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Brooks	4	1	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
H.Nickerson	2	3	5	0.5	4.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H.Smith	3	1	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Mayhew	2	2	4	0.5	4.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Abraham	2	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Marts	1	2	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Scott	1	2	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Jones	2	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W.Sapp	2	0	2	1.0	8.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Upshaw	2	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G.Harris	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Jackson	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Rusk	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Bouie	0	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.DuBose	0	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Maniecki	0	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Williams	0	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Gant	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Goganious	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Legette	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Moore	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
C.Wilson	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	32	21	53	3.0	26.0	0	4	2	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

TKL/TK=Tackle AST/AS=Assist COMB=Combined IN=Interception
PD=Pass Defense FF=Forced Fumble FR=Fumble Recovery BL=Block

Pittsburgh Steeler=====REGULAR DEFENSIVE PLAYS=====										=SPECIAL TEAMS					===MISC===			
----- TKL-AST-COMB SACK/YRDS IN-PD FF-FR										TK-AS FF-FR BL					TK-AS FF-FR			
D.Figures	7	0	7	1.0	10.0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.Holmes	3	3	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Gildon	4	1	5	0.5	4.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Brown	4	0	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Emmons	4	0	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Lake	3	1	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Kirkland	2	2	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G.Lloyd	2	2	4	0.5	4.0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Olsavsky	2	2	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Bell	2	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Bell	2	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I.Raybon	2	1	3	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Johnson	1	2	3	1.0	9.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Miles	2	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O.Gibson	0	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O.Roye	0	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Oldham	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Perry	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W.Williams	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Henry	0	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Steed	0	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Woodson	0	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Conley	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Johnson	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F.McAfee	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Myslinski	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
E.Pegram	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
J.Witman	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	43	23	66	4.0	34.0	0	2	2	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2

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BALL POSSESSION AND DRIVE CHART

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

#	TIME RECD	TIME LOST	TIME POSS	HOW BALL OBTAINED	DRIVE BGN	# PLAY	YDS GAIN	YDS PEN	NET YDS	1ST DOWN	LAST SCRUM	HOW GIVEN UP
1	15:00	10:42	4:18	Kickoff	PS39	7	7	0	7	1	PS32	Missed FG
2	8:30	5:19	3:11	Punt	TB20	7	34	-5	29	2	TB49	Punt
3	3:18	0:37	2:41	Punt	TB19	4	15	0	15	1	TB34	Punt
4	12:20	7:23	4:57	Punt	TB11	9	27	0	27	2	TB38	Punt
5	0:21	0:00	0:21	Kickoff	TB34	1	-2	0	-2	0	TB34	Half
6	12:35	11:47	0:48	Punt	TB20	3	-10	0	-10	0	TB18	Fumble
7	10:22	8:17	2:05	Kickoff	TB40	5	9	0	9	1	TB49	Downs
8	7:11	11:48	10:23	Punt	TB13	18	72	0	72	6	*PS15	Field Goal
9	10:07	9:28	0:39	Punt	TB18	3	2	0	2	0	TB20	Punt
10	4:52	3:38	1:14	Kickoff	TB40	3	-10	-15	-25	0	TB15	Punt
11	3:02	1:16	1:46	Punt	TB41	9	28	-5	23	2	PS36	Downs
(317) Average TB29												

Pittsburgh Steelers

#	TIME RECD	TIME LOST	TIME POSS	HOW BALL OBTAINED	DRIVE BGN	# PLAY	YDS GAIN	YDS PEN	NET YDS	1ST DOWN	LAST SCRUM	HOW GIVEN UP
1	10:42	8:30	2:12	Missed FG	PS41	5	14	0	14	1	TB45	Punt
2	5:19	3:18	2:01	Punt	PS33	3	1	-10	-9	0	PS24	Punt
3	0:37	12:20	3:17	Punt	PS20	6	26	0	26	2	PS46	Punt
4	7:23	0:21	7:02	Punt	PS24	15	91	-15	76	7	*TB1	TD
5	15:00	12:35	2:25	Kickoff	PS39	3	19	-15	4	0	PS43	Punt
6	11:47	10:22	1:25	Fumble	TB10	4	0	0	0	0	*TB10	Field Goal
7	8:17	7:11	1:06	Downs	TB48	3	-3	-5	-8	0	PS44	Punt
8	11:48	10:07	1:41	Kickoff	PS24	3	7	0	7	0	PS31	Punt
9	9:28	4:52	4:36	Punt	PS35	9	54	-10	44	3	*TB21	Field Goal
10	3:38	3:02	0:36	Punt	PS35	3	0	-10	-10	0	PS25	Punt
11	1:16	0:00	1:16	Downs	PS36	2	-3	0	-3	0	PS35	Game
(429) Average PS39												

* inside opponent's 20

Time of Possession by Quarter		1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOTAL
VISITOR	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	10:10	5:18	10:04	6:51		32:23
HOME	Pittsburgh Steelers	4:50	9:42	4:56	8:09		27:37

Kickoff Drive No.-Start Average BUCCAN: 4-TB44 STEELE: 2-PS32

POST GAME QUOTES

STEELERS vs. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS - AUGUST 17, 1996 - THREE RIVERS STADIUM

STEELERS QUOTES

HEAD COACH BILL COWHER:

"I got a chance to bring back one of my old terms -- a nice, ugly win. We found a way to win but we certainly have left ourselves lots of room for improvement. We'll just go from there.

How much ugliness do you attribute to this time of year? "I don't know about the time of year. These are things that we have to get corrected. The penalties were things that we can correct. There's no reason for that. We had some opportunities and we just didn't take advantage of them. It's obviously a situation we need to look at and be very objective about it. From the same standpoint, I went into the locker room and thought we just lost 30-0. That's a good sign. The standards that we have set around here are very high and when you don't meet them, you feel a sense of dissatisfaction. I don't want them to lose that.

Does that make your decisions any more difficult? "There's no easy decision. You sit back and look at everything, take everything into account. You've got to make them and move on. We're certainly going to have to do that relative to certain positions where we have to name starters and make cuts. This is not an easy time of year. From the same standpoint we're about two weeks away from playing Jacksonville and that's basically our focus. These things have to get done.

Do you still plan to name the starting quarterback this week? "More than likely. I don't want to give you guys a time and date right now. But more than likely that will be done. I'll let you know.

Are you any closer to a decision than you were three weeks ago? "Yeah. I'm closer.

All three quarterbacks were lackluster tonight. Does that factor in to your decision? "We probably looked lackluster on offense. It was mentioned that we probably looked like a team that's been practicing with three quarterbacks. There were some good things. Erric (Pegram) and Jerome (Bettis) are running the ball awfully well. We had some guys make some plays. I thought we played well for the most part defensively against a team that runs the ball pretty well. There are some things that we have to work on and we have to get better at, but that's what this time of year is for.

How about Josh Miller, new punter? "I thought he did pretty good.

How about your kicker on kickoffs (Norm Johnson)? "I'd rather kick the ball down. I don't like the team starting from the 40 yard line. I'm not real happy about that.

Would you like to have your starting QB named by the time you start your next serious practice? "I haven't put a timetable on it. I would like to sit down and talk with all three quarterbacks before I make anything public and talk with our coaches, make a decision and go from there.

Mike Tomczak had the most opportunity to play tonight. Comment on his performance: "I thought offensively we kind of sputtered a little bit, not just because of Tomczak. We had some penalties. We had some guys running right free into the backfield at times. But then we did put together a very good drive at the end of the first half. There a very good defensive football team as well."

P JOSH MILLER: Assess your performance: "I had some good punts and a couple not so good. They gave me an opportunity tonight and all I can hope for is another opportunity next week.

Do you think you have the ability to punt in the NFL? "I don't want to sound big-headed because there's nothing for me to be big-headed about. But yes I can and if it's not here, hopefully somewhere else this season."

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RB JEROME BETTIS: Does the offense need to know who its quarterback is now? "Yeah, it's time. All three guys have their own abilities and strengths but we need to know who it's going to be so we can get one exhibition game with everybody knowing what's going to happen.

What about your role? Does it matter if you're not the starter? "Sure I want to carry the ball as much as possible and be the starter. But with me and Erric (Pegram) we have as good a one-two punch as you'll find. If they ask me to carry the ball 25 times, I will welcome it. But if not, that's okay too. We're going to be able to run the ball.

WR ANDRE HASTINGS: How was it in your first game back? "I think I'm pretty much ready. I need to take a few more hits, but I'm in the best physical shape I've ever been in and I'm ready to do whatever's asked of me.

Is it time to pick a quarterback? "Probably, but no matter who Coach Cowher picks, it's going to be tough decision. They've all looked good, and they've all struggled at times. We've got pretty much everything in line offensively except for that position. Plus we need to get Ernie (Mills) back. Heck, with our running game, we might not need to throw it.

Would you like to return punts and kickoffs? "I wouldn't mind it, but I don't know if the coaches will want me doing both, especially until Ernie comes back. I don't want to get winded and take away from the wide receiver position, but I'm ready to do it."

OT JAMAIN STEPHENS: Are the veterans working well with you? "Great. They're the best guys in the league I feel. I know this is the only place I've been but the attitude around here is win, win, win. That's exactly what they want to do."

QB MIKE TOMCZAK: Is anything more clear in your mind as to the quarterback position? "From my own personal opinion, I feel very confident. Obviously I didn't have a sound performance tonight. Offensively we really sputtered a great deal out there tonight but we finally, after 26 minutes, realized that in order for us to be a great football team, we have to put a long drive together. We got in the huddle and everyone communicated on the same page. Even though we had a few penalties down there right before we got in the endzone, we were able to overcome that adversity and put the ball in the endzone right before the half.

When do you expect a decision from Coach Cowher? "I don't know. I think he has a certain timetable. He knows in his mind when a decision is going to come and I'll just wait anxiously for that time.

If you had to handicap it, what would you put your odds at? "We're not allowed to handicap things in the National Football League. It's illegal."

QB JIM MILLER: Do you think Coach Cowher is going to name a starter before the next preseason game? "I hope he does. I think they'd want a starter to be in against Philadelphia to get some continuity and get a feel for everything. But that's his decision. Whatever he decides, all three of us have to accept it and work with it. Either way, whether it's Kordell (Stewart), Mike (Tomczak) or myself, we're going to win a lot of football games. We've got a good team and yeah, we've still got some corrections to make, but we'll be fine no matter who he chooses.

Do you think you played well enough to win the job? "I don't see why not. I don't know what I've done wrong. But again, it's just who he feels comfortable with, who he thinks is going to be productive, who's going to lead the team and who's going to move the team. There are a lot of different scenarios. Mike, myself and Kordell all bring something different to the table. That's up to Coach Cowher to decide which way he wants to go with it."

QB KORDELL STEWART: After tonight's performance do you feel better or worse about your chances? "I'm just out there pretty much just doing what I can. I had opportunities going against Green Bay. I felt I did well. I went out there tonight and we had a nice drive. We had a few errors as far as not completing passes, but considering the circumstances, in my opinion I think I did well. But it's all about how the coaches critique you. We have our own way and they have their own way of judging things. There were a few things that I did well and a few things that I didn't do so well. At the same time, I feel confident.

You're the crowd favorite: "It's nice to know I have the crowd behind me."

POST GAME QUOTES

STEELERS VS BUCCANEERS - THREE RIVERS STADIUM - AUGUST 17, 1996

BUCCANEERS QUOTES

HEAD COACH TONY DUNGY:

I'm just a little bit disappointed because the first two weeks I thought we played better each week. We really didn't play that well today, but we are playing against a very good football team. We had our chances in the first half and didn't take advantage of them. It's tough to go on the road against a playoff type team and blow opportunities like that. I'm a little disappointed with the penalties and not really being sharp. Overall, we just weren't real crisp. That will come. Our effort was good. Our hitting was good. We just need to clean a few things up (mistakes). Pittsburgh's defense played pretty well. They do a lot of things that you have to take more than a day to prepare for. They blitz a lot and they are a very physical unit. We had our chances. I thought we moved the ball well early. Unfortunately, a sack killed one drive and a penalty on our punt return. This is not the type of defense that's you're not going to get many opportunities. Those are the type of plays we need to win this type of game. I thought our defense played okay. They (Pittsburgh) took advantage of the opportunities and we didn't. Our young guys played well tonight. Unfortunately, they just didn't click consistently. We need to be sharper. I hate to see the mistakes and the errors. You have to be sharper than that when you're trying to beat a good team.

(On his emotions coming back to Three Rivers) I really wasn't very emotional. I had a fun time here seeing many friends and Mr. Rooney especially. I was really more excited about how we would respond to this test. Unfortunately, we didn't play as well as I hoped we would. My emotions are a little disappointed right now.

LB HARDY NICKERSON:

(On playing in Pittsburgh) It was a slow evening. We came out and played well early. There was a string of plays late in the first half which they were able to put together a drive. We've got to get better. We'll get better. Fortunately, this is a preseason game but we want to step it up to another level so that we're able to play with a team like Pittsburgh, toe-to-toe, four quarters, and come out with a victory.

(On forcing turnovers) We've been working on stripping the ball in practice, trying to create turnovers, but it just hasn't happened. A guy may be getting his hand on the ball, and it's slipping out of his hand. But we'll keep working hard. Turnovers come in bunches. Once they start, hopefully they'll continue the whole season. We just have to continue to work hard, getting our jobs done, concentrating on our assignments, no mental mistakes, and not beating ourselves. If we do that, we'll be okay.

(On defensive blitzing) We have a versatile group especially at linebacker. I'm sure the coaches want to make sure that we mix things up and give people different looks and keep them off balance. It's all part of playing defense. Pittsburgh does the same thing. They blitz a lot of people, and send different blitzes at people to keep them off balance. If you get an offense to play off balance, they kind of play right into your hands. That's something we've been concentrating on and we're pretty good at it.

FB TRACY JOHNSON:

(On the team's performance) I do have to give their team a lot of credit. They are the defending AFC Champions, and they are a good squad. As far as our performance, I still think that a lot of it is due to the fact that we weren't able to practice and see a lot of the 3-4 defense. We did see it on film, but like with Miami we'll have to go back and watch their previous game and prepare better for that team and other teams that we might face.

QB TRENT DILFER:

(Evaluating the game) I think my impressions of the game, are that like I said in the first two preseason games, when you're able to run the football and dominate the line of scrimmage it makes everything a lot easier. Those 3rd and 4s and 3rd and 5s are a lot easier than 3rd and 10, and 3rd and 11. I think the problems that we ran into today, and these aren't excuses, obviously they outplayed us, but when you have to prepare for a 3-4 defense, it's nice to have 2, 3, or 4 days to prepare for them and be comfortable with it. But when you have a day and a half and only one of those are in pads, it's more difficult to prepare for the run-throughs and the blitzes. The positives of the first half were that we were able to get out of the hole. When we got backed up, we got out of the hole. Sometimes you win games doing that. You battle for field position and get a big play, and you can score some points. I wasn't really disappointed with our performance in the first half, because we were able to do that. We were able to establish field position for the defense. They did a good job of holding them with the exception of the one drive. I think what I was most disappointed with was our ability on 3rd down. I take a good deal of responsibility of that, because twice they just tricked me. They brought blitzes that one—I just hadn't prepared for and couldn't get the ball off, and the other one was one that I didn't see. I looked for it, and I didn't see it. It cost us a 3rd and

(over)

8. It's one of those games that you look at the film, you see why you weren't to play well, and then you answer those questions. You go out and prepare next week better in those areas. I think it was more us not executing and when you play teams with pro bowlers, Super Bowl teams, you can't make mistakes, and we made too many mental mistakes. They didn't result in fumbles or interceptions, but they resulted in penalties and the inability to convert on 3rd and long.

(On only scoring two touchdowns in three preseason games) I think we're concerned with how we performed in the red zone in the first two preseason games. We shot ourselves in the foot a couple times, but in this game, it's tough to go 80 yards against the Pittsburgh Steelers, and you're not going to do it many times. You might do it in a course of an entire game twice. We didn't do it at all in the first half. That doesn't mean we couldn't have done it in the second half if the first group was in there. I'm concerned with our ability in the first three games of not getting in the end zone. A lot of the teams in this league have problems in the red zone for a period of time, but figure it out and score a lot of touchdowns. I think we'll be able to do that with how well we usually run the football.