



Steelers in the Hall of Fame



Arthur J. Rooney Sr.

Founder, President, Chairman of the Board (1933-'88) **Elected:** 1964

Born on January 27, 1901, in Coulterville, Pa., Art Rooney was one of the most influential personalities in the sport of football. Mr. Rooney, who was affectionately referred to as "the Chief", founded the Steelers organization on July 8, 1933, with a \$2,500 purchase. Mr. Rooney helped orchestrate the NFL-AFL merger and kept the Steelers franchise afloat during the depression, World War II, many losing seasons and financial problems. Mr. Rooney won his first of four Super Bowl championships in 1974.



Daniel M. Rooney

President and Chairman (1955-Present) **Elected:** 2000

Born on July 20, 1932, in Pittsburgh's North Side, Daniel M. Rooney is one of NFL's most influential owners. Mr. Rooney contributed to the labor negotiations between the League and Player's Association in 1982 and 1993 and is largely responsible for the NFL's current realignment and scheduling format. Mr. Rooney, who is entering his 53rd season with the organization, was named the Steelers' president in 1975, a title he held until passing it to his oldest son Art Rooney II in 2002.



Burt Bell

Co-owner (1940-'45) **Elected:** 1963
Bert Bell was an owner of the Philadelphia Eagles (1933-'40) and co-owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers (1940-'45). Bell was named the NFL commissioner (1946-'59) and helped set up the league's television and anti-gambling policies. He also oversaw the merger of the NFL and All-American Football League in 1949. Bell died on October 11, 1959, while watching a football game between his two former teams: Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.



Johnny 'Blood' McNally

Player (1934, 1937-39), Coach (1937-39) **Elected:** 1963

John "Blood" McNally played 14 seasons in the NFL with five different teams, including two stints with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He served as both a player and coach from 1937-39 for the Pirates and was considered possibly the best receiver in the NFL during his playing days.



Bill Dudley

Halfback (1942, 1945-46) **Elected:** 1966

Bill Dudley, nicknamed "Bullet Bill", was a first-round draft pick of the Steelers in 1942 and finished his rookie season as the league's leading rusher with 696 yards, earning him all-league honors. In 1946, he became the NFL's first player to lead the league in four distinctly different statistical categories, including rushing, punt returns, interceptions and lateral passes attempted. That same year he was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player. Dudley was a two-time All-NFL selection during his nine-year career.



Walt Kiesling

Player (1937-'39), Coach (1939-'44, 1949-'61) **Elected:** 1966

Walt Kiesling spent 34 years in the NFL as a player, assistant coach and head coach. In 1939, Kiesling got his first head coaching job with the Pittsburgh. He led the Steelers to their first winning season in franchise history in 1942. Kiesling left coaching in 1944, but returned in 1954 with the Steelers. His teams earned a reputation for playing rugged hard-hitting football.



Bobby Layne

Quarterback (1958-62) **Elected:** 1967

Bobby Layne played five of his 15 NFL seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He helped provide the Steelers with some of their finest seasons up to that point. Prior to Pittsburgh, Layne was a two-time All-NFL selection and was the league's scoring champion in 1956. His last-second touchdown pass won the 1953 NFL title game for the Detroit Lions.



Ernie Stautner

Defensive Tackle (1950-63) **Elected:** 1969

Ernie Stautner, considered one of the toughest players in league history by his teammates and opponents, was a nine-time Pro Bowl selection as he anchored Pittsburgh's defense for 14 seasons. He captured the NFL's Best Lineman Award in 1957 and was named all-league four times. Showing his gritty and hard-working attitude, Stautner missed just six games during his 14-year career despite having numerous broken ribs, shoulders, hands and a nose. The Steelers honored him by retiring his No. 70 jersey in 1964 following his retirement, and he remains the only Steeler to have received that honor.



Joe Greene

Defensive Tackle (1969-81) **Elected:** 1987

The leader of the "Steel Curtain" defense during the 1970s, Joe Greene dominated the NFL during that decade and helped the Steelers to four Super Bowl victories. The team's No. 1 draft pick in 1969, Greene quickly became a presence in the league as he was named the NFL's Rookie of the Year and received the first of his 10 Pro Bowl invitations. He earned All-NFL honors five times and all-conference 11 straight years to begin his career. Greene was twice the league's Defensive Player of the Year and played a critical role in the Steelers' Super Bowl IX victory over the Minnesota Vikings with a pass interception and a fumble recovery.



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John Henry Johnson

Fullback (1960-65) **Elected:** 1987

Originally drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1953, John Henry Johnson spent his first eight years in the NFL outside of the Steel City. However, Johnson enjoyed his finest seasons with the Steelers. In both 1962 and 1964, Johnson became the first Steeler to eclipse the 1,000-yard rushing barrier. After retiring in 1966 from the Houston Oilers, Johnson's 6,803 career rushing yards ranked him fourth at the time among the NFL's all-time top ground gainers behind only Jim Brown, Jim Taylor and Joe Perry.



Jack Ham

Linebacker (1971-82) **Elected:** 1988

Playing all 12 seasons of his NFL career with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Jack Ham earned All-Pro or All-AFC honors in seven consecutive seasons (1973-79). He also was selected to play in eight straight Pro Bowls and was named the *Football News* Defensive Player of the Year in 1975. Ham won the starting linebacker job as a rookie and never looked back, playing in five AFC Championship games and three Super Bowls (sat out Super Bowl XIV due to injuries). His interception return against Oakland in the 1974 AFC Championship game that set up the Steelers' go-ahead touchdown, giving the team its first ever championship victory and a berth in Super Bowl IX.



Mel Blount

Cornerback (1970-'83) **Elected:** 1989

Melvin Cornell Blount, the Steelers' third-round pick in 1970, had superior size, speed, strength and intelligence. His physical style of play is widely credited for changing NFL pass defense rules. Blount played 14 seasons and 200 regular-season games in Pittsburgh and his 57 interceptions remain a Steelers record. Blount played in five Pro Bowls and was named an All-Pro four times and the NFL defensive MVP in 1975.



Terry Bradshaw

Quarterback (1970-'83) **Elected:** 1989

Terry Paxton Bradshaw was the top-overall pick in the 1970 NFL Draft. Bradshaw led the Steelers to eight AFC Central division and four Super Bowl titles while calling his own plays. Bradshaw was named MVP in Super Bowls XIII and XIV and NFL MVP in 1978. Bradshaw finished his career with 27,989 yards passing and 212 TDs.



Franco Harris

Running Back (1972-'83) **Elected:** 1990

Franco Harris is the Steelers' all-time leading rusher with 11,950 yards and all-time leader in rushing touchdowns (91). Harris, the Steelers' first-round pick in 1972, was a big-power back who was on the receiving end of the "Immaculate Reception", which is widely recognized as the greatest play in NFL history. Harris was named Super Bowl IX MVP, after rushing for a then-record 158 yards and a touchdown.



Lynn Swann

Wide Receiver (1974-'82) **Elected:** 2001

Lynn Curtis Swann was the Steelers' first-round draft pick in 1974. Swann filled the highlight reels with his graceful moves and leaping ability. Swann was at his best in the team's biggest games, and earned MVP honors for his performance in Super Bowl X when he caught four passes for 161 yards and a TD. Swann finished his career with 336 receptions for 5,462 yards and 51 TDs.

Note: Other Hall of Famers who spent part of their careers with the Steelers include:

COL HUBBARD (Player 1936, elected 1963), **MARION MOTLEY** (Player 1955, elected 1968), **EARLE (GREASY) NEALE** (Coach 1943, elected 1969), **BILL HEWITT** (Player 1943, elected 1971), and **LEN DAWSON** (Player 1957-1959, elected 1987).

Chuck Noll

Coach (1969-'91) **Elected:** 1993

Charles Henry Noll is the only NFL head coach to win four Super Bowls. Noll won a team record 209 games in 23 seasons with the Steelers. He led the Steelers to their first ever postseason victories and was responsible for drafting nine Pro Football Hall of Fame players.



Mike Webster

Center (1974-'88) **Elected:** 1997

Michael Lewis Webster spent his first 15 NFL seasons in a Steelers uniform. Webster was the leader of one of the most dominant offensive lines of his era. Webster was very durable, missing only six games in his first 16 seasons while playing in 150 consecutive games. Webster was a seven-time All-Pro and played in nine Pro Bowls.



Jack Lambert

Linebacker (1974-'84) **Elected:** 1990

John Harold Lambert was a two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year, eight-time All-Pro and nine-time Pro-Bowler. He led the team in tackles in every season except his last, when he missed extensive action due to a severe toe injury that forced him to retire. Lambert, the Steelers' second-round draft pick in 1974, was noted for his vicious tackling and is recognized as the premier linebacker of his era.

John Stallworth

Wide Receiver (1974-'87) **Elected:** 2002

Johnny Lee Stallworth was the Steelers' fourth-round draft pick in 1974. He had 12-postseason touchdown catches and 17-consecutive postseason games with a reception. Stallworth set Super Bowl records for career average-per-catch (24.4 yards) and for single-game average (40.3), set in Super Bowl XIV. A two-time team MVP, Stallworth retired as the Steelers' all-time leader in receptions (537) yards (8,723) 100-yards receiving games (25) and receiving TDs (63).