

## Steelers avoid singing blues in Motown



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The Pittsburgh Steelers won their fifth Lombardi Trophy with a 21-10 victory.

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Disregard the Marino curse bestowed upon Ben Roethlisberger, the sub par half-time performance by the antiquated

Rolling Stones, the poor officiating for both sides, the lack of good commercials, the forseen chaos in the week before the Super Bowl, the fact that Jerome Bettis' career almost ended on a fumble and the harsh criticism Pittsburgh received throughout the season. Super Bowl XL is over and done, and despite what critics may have predicted early in the season, the Pittsburgh Steelers finally claimed that one for the thumb by defeating the Seattle Seahawks 21-10.

Sunday night's game proved to be a joyful homecoming for Jerome Bettis and Larry Foote who both grew up in Detroit. In what proved to be Bettis' last game, he made the most of his opportunities. Even though he only had 14 carries for 43 yards, he still managed to make the big plays when the Steelers needed a boost.

A key factor in the game was to keep the yardage to third and short or third and five and Bettis provided the necessary yardage to get the first down. In the last press conference after the game, Bettis made the expected announcement that Super Bowl XL was his last game as a Steeler.

One element of the game that could not be controlled by either team was the crew of officials. There were many plays throughout the game that received questionable calls from the refs. The most prominent questionable call was the touchdown run by Big Ben where it seemed he was stopped short of the goal line. Another controversial call was the apparent fumble by

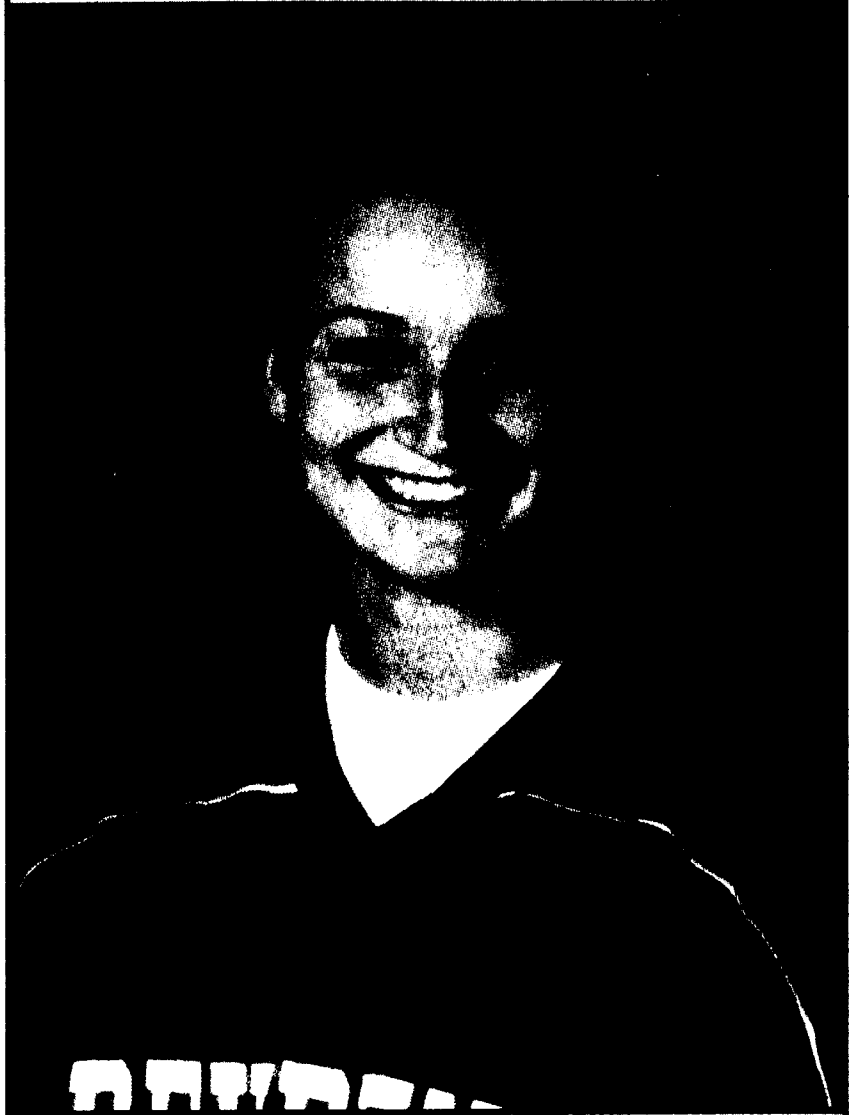
Jerramy Stevens that looked as if he had both feet down after the catch. At one crucial point in the game, the officials called offensive pass interference on Darrell Jackson in the end zone. To top it all off there were a number of holding calls and offsides calls that were neglected.

Sunday night seemed to be a night for the record books. Willie Parker blasted through the Seahawks defense to set the record for the longest run in a Super Bowl, beating Tony Dorsett's 74 yard run by one yard. Randle El was the first receiver to ever throw a touchdown pass in a Super Bowl. The Steelers are the first ever sixth ranked team to make it to the Super Bowl and the second team to win three away games in a row in the playoffs. Kelly Herndon for the Seahawks broke the record for the longest interception return of 76 yards.

Not only was it a homecoming for Bettis and Foote, but the proximity of Ford Field to Pittsburgh appeared to be in the Steelers' favor. A sea of "Terrible Towels" could be seen from Neptune as Steelers fans showed their Black and Gold pride. In addition to the following of Steelers' fans in Detroit, Pittsburgh seemed to be the national favorite. With the Pittsburgh faithful in mind, the Steelers brought home their first championship since the 1979 season, and finally earned that one for the thumb.

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## HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Julia Andrus  
SPORT: Women's Basketball  
CLASS: Sophomore  
DATE: February 6, 2006

Julia Andrus (Corry/Corry) has been named the Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week.

The junior led the blue and white to a 2-1 record last week with strong performances against three conference opponents. Andrus averaged 11.0 points and 4.0 rebounds, while shooting 58% from the field and 83% from the free throw line.

"Julia has come off the bench and performed real well for us," said head coach Roz Fornari. "She continues to shoot a high percentage from the field as well as from the free throw line."

Housing and Food Services Athlete of the Week is selected by the Sports Information Staff.

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**Friday, February 17th**

**6:00 & 8:00 pm, Junker Center**

**Chicken Wing Night**

**Sponsored by Timeout Tavern**



# LAST HOMO GAME

**PSB v. Lake Erie**

**Saturday, February 18th**

**6:00 & 8:00 pm, Junker Center**

**Free Chips & Pepsi**



**Erie SeaWolves  
Prize Pack**

