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Are You Ready for Some Football?



For nearly two decades, the National Football League (NFL) has asserted itself as the most beloved and popular of all the major U.S. sports leagues. While baseball and hockey have faltered due to player strikes and steroids controversies, the NFL has enjoyed record attendances year after year.

In this week's publication, we explore several ways to make Sundays more fun this season. First, we share resources designed to educate you about your team. Second, we examine some unique ways to watch games in style. Finally, we'll reveal some easy ways to join the ranks of other NFL "super fans."

Get to Know Your Team



Most NFL teams change their playing staff quite a bit from season to season, and, with 50-plus guys making each team, it can be a bit dizzying to keep track of everyone. To get familiar with this year's squad, begin by taking a look at your team's [projected depth chart](#) for the 2009-2010 season. Find out where all of your favorite college players ended up by viewing the [2009 draft recap](#). Stay up to date with off-season acquisition opportunities by viewing the latest [off-season trade rumors](#).

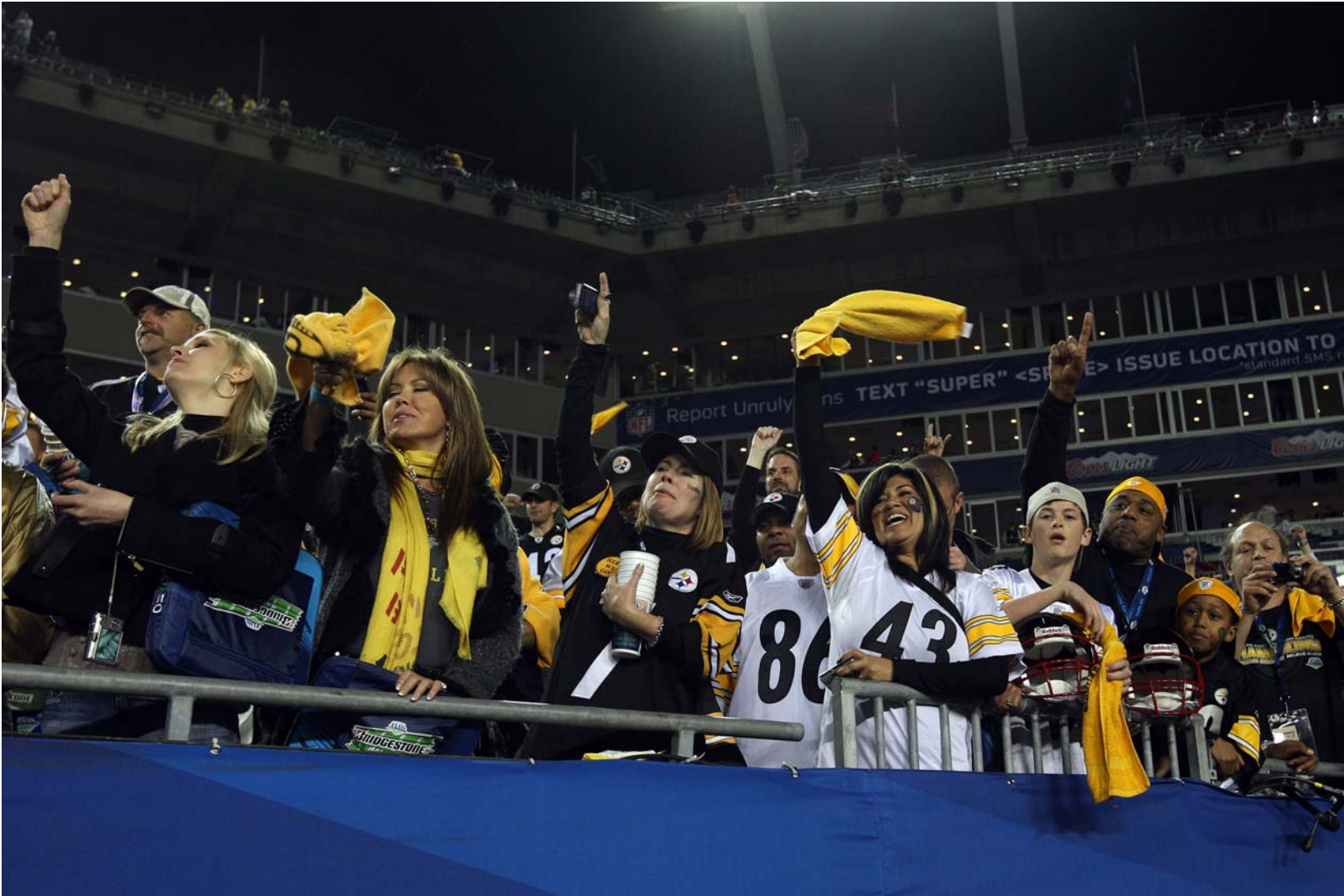
In the NFL, season-ending injuries are an occupational hazard. Find out how your team is holding up through its pre-season training camp by viewing a real-time feed of every team's [injury updates](#).

The NFL is often referred to as a "coaches' league." Coaches set a team's priorities, formations, and playbook for their respective teams. You can familiarize yourself with your team's coaching staff by viewing this [NFL coaching web directory](#).

In a 16-game season, every game counts. Prepare for all the big games by taking a look at the [NFL schedule](#).

Finally, see what the experts expect for your team by viewing the [current Las Vegas odds](#) for the 2009-2010 season.

Watch Games in Style



To find great places to watch your favorite team within your community (i.e. sports bars), visit your team's official message board. Many message boards contain whole sections devoted to notifying fans about the best gathering places in cities throughout the world. For instance, San Diego Chargers fans will be happy to know there are Chargers' hot spots in every major metropolitan area in the United States.

To purchase tickets directly from your local team, visit the [directory of NFL ticket offices](#). Once you select the link to your team, you can purchase tickets to a single game, group passes, or even last-minute season tickets, in select cities.

Looking for tickets to a sold-out game? Try the [official NFL Ticket Exchange](#), where fans can buy and sell tickets from other fans.

This message board provides links to free, live, [streaming feeds of NFL games](#). The message board is remarkably reliable, finding links to nearly 90% of NFL regular season games prior to kickoff. Or, if you prefer to listen to games, you can access these [free audio feeds](#) from your computer or smartphone.

Finally, if you want to watch every game from the comfort of your living room, consider the [DirectTV NFL Package](#).

Become a Super Fan



Some fans are content to just watch and cheer, but an elite few take it to the next level, ascending to the level of “super fan.” Here are some fun ways to join their ranks.

Wear your favorite player’s jersey, or better yet, your favorite team’s jersey with your name on it. Visit this [online memorabilia store](#) to select from a wide variety of official and custom jerseys from every NFL team, as well as other clothing and memorabilia.

To show that you are a long-time fan, you can pick up a throwback jersey (a jersey from a team or player that is no longer active). These have become quite trendy in recent years. You can find NFL throwbacks, as well as Canadian Football League (CFL) and college throwbacks, at this [store for throwback jerseys](#).

What super fan is complete without a face painted in the team colors? Become a face-painting master by following these [simple tips for face-painting](#). You can select from a wide variety of face paints at this [online face paint store](#).

Perhaps you’re looking to move beyond the obvious demonstrations of affection for your local team and into the realm of legendary super fans. If so, this [gallery of super fans](#) should give you some unique ideas, or, at the very least, a hearty chuckle.