

There are many things Steelers fans like to complain about.

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The defense. Play selection. Slow starts. The coaches are also often targets of such complaints. Specifically Womens Ben Roethlisberger Jersey , Mike Tomlin has taken fire for struggling coming out of a bye. But do the numbers back up the claim? Coming off of the bye week, the Steelers under Coach Tomlin have a record of 7-4. A winning percentage of 0.636 does not scream of ineptitude. In fact, Mike Tomlin's regular-season record is 119-62-1, which gives a winning percentage of 0.657. If using this same winning percentage over an 11-game sample, what would be the predicted record? It would be 7-4. In other words, Mike's Tomlin's record coming out of the bye is no different from his regular season record. It is exactly what one would expect it to be. It's almost as if the post bye week games aren't any different from any other regular season games. Not every coach can be like Andy Reid and his unprecedented 16-3 record after a regular season bye. Even the great Bill Belichick's record off the bye is in line with his record. While in New England, Coach Belichick has a regular season record of 219-76. Applying this win percentage of 0.742, the prediction of Belichick's record coming out of the bye week would be 13-5, which is exactly what it is. For comparison sake, Mike Tomlin has a much better win percentage after the bye than his predecessor. Bill Cowher's record coming out of the bye was 9-7. This record is skewed ever so slightly because of the 1993 season when teams were given two byes. The Steelers won both games following their bye week in Week 5 and Week 9. It is much safer to say that Coach Cowher's win percentage out of the bye of 0.563 is noticeably less than his career regular-season win percentage of 0.623. So why do some Steeler fans insist that the Steelers are not successful after the bye week? It could be because of recent history. Of the last four seasons, the Steelers have lost following the bye three times. Before last year's five-game winning streak following their Week 9 bye, the Steelers had lost games for three straight seasons after their week off. But as quickly as we are to remember this losing streak Youth David DeCastro Jersey , the five straight seasons of picking up a win after the bye week from 2008 to 2013 seem to have been forgotten. Of the four games the Steelers have lost coming out of the bye under Mike Tomlin, three of them have been by one score. The only exception was a 39-30 loss in Seattle in 2015. Even this game was a one score game until Seattle added another touchdown with 2:01 left in the game. One last important piece of information: every season a Mike Tomlin coached Steelers team has lost coming out of the bye, the team has gone on to make the playoffs. http://www.sndpic.com/nike_nfl_jerseys/nike_pittsburgh_steelers/nike_steelers_3172.jpg That's correct- every season. In 2007, 2014, 2015, and 2016, the Steelers recovered from the loss to still reach the postseason. If the Steelers manage to pick up the win against the Browns at Heinz Field this Sunday, Mike Tomlin will have twice as many victories coming out of the bye than losses. With the numbers not matching the narrative, fans who feel the need to complain about something will have to quickly move on to the next grumbling point. Steelers Podcast: Will a loss Sunday mean it is time to panic? The Pittsburgh Steelers are finally playing games that actually count! With a surge of Steelers news, it was time to get back on the airwaves and discuss the Black-and-gold. Take a look at the rundown for the latest episode of the BTSC flagship podcast The Standard is the Standard. On this show Jeff Hartman and Lance Williams break down all things Steelers, including a fun game of "True or False!" Check out the rundown of the show: News and Notes Recapping the Browns tie Week 2 True or False! Breaking down the Steelers vs. Chiefs Week 2 game Week 2 game predictions and MUCH MORE! Jeff Hartman, editor of BTSC Youth Jon Bostic Jersey , and Lance Williams walk you through everything you need to know regarding the Black-and-gold. If you haven't heard, we have a YouTube channel, and the main reason for this is to increase the sound quality on our shows. But if you're a visual learner you can watch the show below. Be sure to subscribe to our channel! If you missed the live show, be sure to check out all episodes on our BlogTalkRadio page. If you're old-school and just want the audio, you can listen to it in the player below. Be sure to follow us on iTunes by searching The Standard is the Standard. The show is sponsored by Frank Walker Law, the top criminal defense firm to call in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia and home to one of the nation's top-100 ranked trial attorneys in Frank Walker. For his PA office, call 412-212-3878 or to reach his WV office call 304-712-2089. You

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