

# SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS WHAT 2 WATCH 4



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49ERS**



**PITTSBURGH  
STEELERS**



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## LOOKING AHEAD

### With a Win at Pittsburgh...

- The **49ers** would start the season 2-0 for the first time since 2012 and the 14th time since 1970.
- The **Niners** would win their second consecutive game against the Steelers and their first in Pittsburgh since 1996. **San Francisco** would also take a 12-9 lead in the all-time series. The Niners have won 5 of the last 7 matchups.
- The **49ers** would improve to 26-12 in games following a *Monday Night Football* win.
- **San Francisco** would win its 96th game against AFC opponents, the most by any NFC team since 1970.
- Head coach **Jim Tomsula** would become the second head coach in 49ers history to start his career with a 3-0 record (George Seifert - 1989). Tomsula earned a 38-7 victory vs. Arz. as the team's interim head coach in San Francisco's 2010 season finale.

### MOST NFC WINS VS. AFC OPPONENTS (SINCE 1970)

Team	Wins
1. San Francisco	95
2. Dallas	94
3. Philadelphia	90
4. St. Louis	85
5. Chicago	82

## CAN'T HYDE HIM

- RB **Carlos Hyde** rushed for the most yds. in Week 1 after registering 168 yds. and 2 TDs on 26 atts. (6.5 avg.) vs. Min.
- Hyde's 11 rushing first downs also led the NFL last week and were the most by a 49ers running back in franchise history during a season opener.
- Hyde will look to continue his success this week as Sunday's contest takes place on his 25th birthday.

### MOST RUSHING FIRST DOWNS, WEEK 1

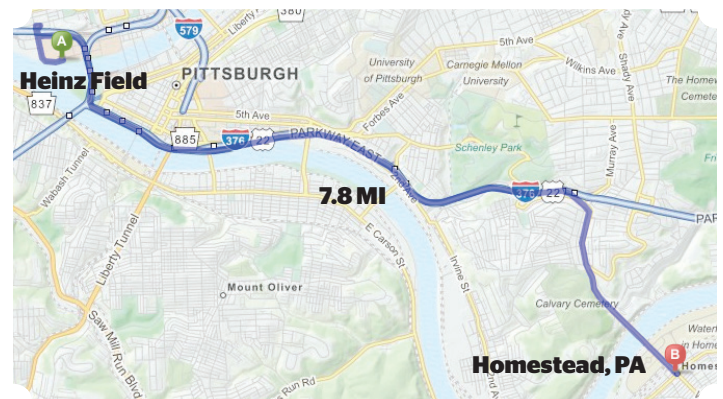
Player	1DN
1. Carlos Hyde, SF	11
2. Matt Forte, Chi.	7
3t. DeAngelo Williams, Pit.	6
Marshawn Lynch, Sea.	6
5t. Four Players	5

## QUICK HITS

- WR **Anquan Boldin** recorded 4 recepts. for 36 yds. against the Vikings in Week 1 on *Monday Night Football*. He moved past WR Derrick Mason (943) and now ranks 14th in NFL history with 944 career receptions.
- Against Min., S **Antoine Bethea** and S **Jaquiski Tartt** became the first pair of defensive backs in 49ers franchise history to record sacks in the same game during a season opener.
- Dating back to last season, LB **Aaron Lynch** has registered 1.0 sack in 7 of his last 11 games.
- Since 2009, the **49ers defense** has registered 112 INTs, ranking 4th in the NFL (GB - 133; NE - 120; BUF - 115).

## COMING HOME AGAIN

While the 49ers travel to Pittsburgh to take on the Steelers, this game also serves as a homecoming of sorts for head coach **Jim Tomsula**. The Tomsula family has a rich history with the Pittsburgh, PA area. Jim Tomsula's great-grandfather was a Hungarian immigrant who worked in the coal mines in Indiana, PA. His grandfather opened a restuarant in the shadow of Forbes Field, the one-time home of the Steelers and Pirates.

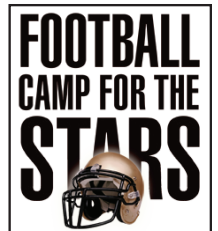


Above is a map of the Pittsburgh, PA area showing the proximity of Homestead, PA and Heinz Field.

Tomsula grew up in Homestead, PA, less than eight miles away from Heinz Field in downtown Pittsburgh. He played varsity football at Steel Valley High School, the same place where he received his start in his coaching career. After a career-ending injury in college, Tomsula began his coaching career as an assistant for his high school alma mater. The following season, he became the defensive line coach for Woodland Hills High School, less than seven miles away across the Monongahela River.

## CAMP FOR THE STARS

Founded in the Bay Area in 2007, "Football Camp for the Stars" provides athletes with Down syndrome an authentic football experience with professional athletes and coaches while maintaining the highest standards of safety. After taking part in the camp, Tomsula loved the idea and experience so much that he spearheaded the establishment of a "Football Camp for the Stars" back in his hometown of Pittsburgh, PA.



Emily Kaplan of *the MMQB* described Tomsula's interaction and compassion for campers in an in-depth feature story on the Niners head coach. "Throughout the two-day camp, Tomsula co-leads drills with his old football coach from Steel Valley High. Even though the campers wear nametags, Tomsula remembers most of their names without looking. He puts players through one drill that has them catching a ball in the air before falling onto a thick mat."