

# Speculative Realms

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## Paranormal Prognosticator Picks Steelers to Win It



By Spooky Chronister, Fictitious Paranormal NFL Prognosticator

Maybe all is wrong with the world and we got unemployment, homelessness, and foreclosure, but there is somethin' right with the world when either the Pittsburgh Steelers or the Green Bay Packers make the Super Bowl.

These are two storied franchises with magical histories. The Packers once played a game in minus-15 degree weather. They were tough sons of bitches. Their middle linebacker had

no front teeth and their head coach had a gap between his front teeth you could jam Tony Siragusa through. They won a gazillion championships.

The Steelers drafted a bunch of studs in the seventies and created something called the Steel Curtain. This is not the Iron Curtain. They were not commies. Nobody could score on them. Curiously, they also had tough guys with dental problems. They had a guy named Jack Lambert who also had teeth you could cram Tony Siragusa through. Lambert hit people like a freight train. He even dragged them along the tracks after him. He hit so hard he knocked his own teeth out.

They had a guy named Mean Joe Greene who was actually a pussycat. He gave little kids bottles of Coke. He wasn't so mean off the field but on it if you had to block him you had to take anesthetic between ball possessions.

These guys had great quarterbacks too. The Steelers won four Super Bowls with Terry Bradshaw, a Dixie whistling son of a gun from Louisiana whose taste for crawdads got him pinched a lot. Bradshaw had a powerful arm. The ball came out like a grenade from a launcher. Most of his bombs were caught by Lynn Swann against the Dallas Cowboys for touchdowns.

Green Bay had Bart Starr. He threw a pretty ball. He was a chess master quarterback. He picked you apart, mostly at the exact worst time possible. He was a student of the game, a gentleman and a scholar.

The coaches of the two teams were among the greats and one, Vince Lombardi, coach of the Packers, the guy with the gap in his teeth, was the greatest. The Super Bowl Trophy was named after him. He was a guy Papa Hemingway would have loved and if Lombardi hadn't lived Hemingway might have created him. He made football seem like a high sea adventure and he favored his players with literary anecdotes sprinkled through his pep talks, saying the same thing differently each time.

The Steelers had Chuck Noll, who won 4 Super Bowls. They also had Bill Cowher and Mike Tomlin, who've won a couple or three. The thing you'll notice about them is they don't change coaches like they're going out of style. They keep the family together. That's why they go to Super Bowls.

The greatest part about the Steelers are the Rooneys. They're the model football franchise owning family. If you want to know why football is so popular in America, read up on the Rooneys and you'll understand.

The Packers are owned by their town. As exemplary as the Rooneys are, the sad fact is that corporate ownership of an NFL team tends to locate it in the clutches of fatcats and egomaniacs. Egomaniacs doesn't work well in football. It is a game of ego death. So teams with egomaniac owners tend to lose. A lot.

I think the Green Bay Model would work best for the league. It would be great if every town owned its team. But that is too socialist for most of the tea partiers to stomach, even though the revenue of the League would blow sky high if more towns across the country had teams. This is one reason to support decertification in the current labor talks.

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These two teams have good quarterbacks just like their great granddads. Ben Roethlisberger is out to make amends for bad boy behavior. Bradshaw, in fact, at one point, wanted Roethlisberger out. We won't find out about Big Ben's makeover until the offseason when he has no structure around him and he goes out and gets tempted.

He's the reason Quarterbacks are getting to be as big as defensive lineman these days. You have to hit Roethlisberger with more than one guy to get his face in the dirt. Teams are going for the Hulk-QB nowadays because of Roethlisberger and his bulky play-extension capabilities.

But everyone is in love with Aaron Rodgers from the Packers. All the QB commentators just love his mechanics, his throwing motion, his play-extension capabilities. He is now better than Tom Brady, some say.

No, he's not.

I've seen Rodgers get knocked around too much to allow this lovefest to continue. Nobody knocks people around better than the Steelers. He wins a Super Bowl—OK, then you can start talking about how good he is. Tom Brady has Lombardi Trophies up the wahzoo. And he's not finished.

So, it's time to lay down a prediction. I'm thinking everybody else is saying these are two teams with great defenses, it's going to be a low-scoring game—so obviously there are going to be points galore. Not as many as I am going to predict, but enough to keep you gee-whizing at the touchdowns.

Besides, I'm sure the League Office has visited Clay Matthews and Troy Polamalu and said look, guys, the fans want touchdowns. So back off a bit with the Steel Curtain and the Packer Punishment acts, okay?

This game is probably going to produce blockbuster ratings. If not because it features two storied franchises, then because the Fans know they may not see football next year.


Aaron Rodgers flatters his flatterers with a virtuoso passing performance. He leads the Packers to a 56-50 lead with two minutes to go. But Ben Roethlisberger catches fire. Burning passion for redemption takes Roethlisberger into the ZONE. On the final possession of the game, Roethlisberger runs ten straight quarterback draws, keeping the ball himself for 10 plays, 80 yards. With five seconds left on the clock, Roethlisberger dives over from the one yard line.

Clay Matthews appeared to have him in the backfield, but Big Ben grabs Matthews's hair, spins, and throws Matthews in an aikido flip across the ten yard-line. Big Ben maintains ball control, makes himself into a missile, and fires full thrusters into the end zone.

Steelers 57, Packers 56.

### About Spooky Chronister

Spooky Chronister was a middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears who never got to play a game. He gave up the ghost at a meat packing plant and went looking for suckers he could channel his ghost into. He found Gary Haden by the side of the road one day and decided . . . what the hell?

Posted by Gary Haden at 6:38 AM 

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February 7, 2011 8:01 AM

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