



## **Ted Petersen**

Ted Petersen was selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers as a 4th round draft choice in 1977. He graduated from Eastern Illinois University, where he served as co-captain and was selected first team All-American. Ted played offensive tackle for the Steelers from 1977 to 1984, which included Super Bowls XIII and XIV.

While in Pittsburgh, Ted was surrounded by the great of the game and future Hall of Fame members. Imagine being on the offensive line with the likes of Mike Webster, John Kolb, Ray Pinney, Moon Mullins, Larry Brown, and Sam Davis. And then being a teammate of other greats such as Franco Harris, Terry Bradshaw, wide receivers Lynn Swann and John Stallworth, Mel Blount, Mean Joe Green, LC Greenwood, Dwight White, etc. The roster read like a list of all-time superstars of football.

Ted considers his best NFL game have been played against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1983 when he was matched up against future Hall of Famer Lee Roy Selmon. He prepared himself by watching game film Selmon destroy his opponents and learning his moves.



Ted also played for the Cleveland Browns and Indianapolis Colts in 1984-1985 and finished his career with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1987.

Petersen was one of many Christian players on the Steelers of that era and he remains active in sports ministry speaking to churches and groups about his faith.

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