



## **Walter Abercrombie**

Walter entered the NFL as the Pittsburgh Steelers #1 draft choice as a running back out of Baylor University. He was part of a great class of running backs that year that included Marcus Allen, Joe Morris, Gerald Riggs, Darrin Nelson, Barry Redden and Butch Woolfolk.

Walter played in Pittsburgh for 6 seasons and in both 1985 and 1986 surpassed 1,000 yards for combined yards rushing and passing. He is best remembered for his performance in a 1984 AFC playoff game against the Denver Broncos when Walter rushed for 75 yards and caught passes for another 18 yards as the Steelers upset the Denver Broncos 24-17. The victory put the Steelers in the AFC Championship game.

Expectations of Abercrombie were high in Pittsburgh as fans wanted him to step into the shoes left by Hall of Famer Franco Harris. In 1988, Walter left Pittsburgh to play for the Philadelphia Eagles but knee injuries soon ended his playing career.

In his post-playing career, Walter returned to Baylor University and served as Executive Director of Baylor Athletics.

The son of a Baptist pastor, Walter is a Christian man who speaks boldly about his faith. He is also an accomplished gospel singer.

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