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STEELERS Champs Again

Seahawks doomed by big plays, mistakes

The Steelers' 21-10 victory over Seattle in the Super Bowl on Sunday was their record-tying fifth, but the first since 1980 and the first ever for Jerome Bettis and Bill Cowher.

Moments after the Rolling Stones rocked a Ford Field in Detroit that could easily have been Heinz Field — or Hines' field in Pittsburgh — Willie Parker broke a record 75-yard touchdown run. The Steelers earned that elusive ring and completed a magic bus ride that made Bettis' homecoming — and farewell — a success.

It was sweet validation for Cowher with a title in his 14th season as their coach, the longest tenure in the NFL. The tough guy, who lost his only previous Super Bowl 10 years ago to Dallas, teared up as he walked to midfield to embrace Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren. "A lot of people tell you you can't do it, but you know what, it



Super Bowl MVP Hines Ward (left) celebrates his Pittsburgh Steelers victory while Seattle Seahawks players find disappointment at the end of their first ever championship game. (AP photos)

doesn't mean you don't go out and try," Cowher said. "History was not going to determine our fate. Our effort today decided this game and that's what's great."

Pittsburgh tied San Francisco and Dallas with its five Super Bowl titles.

The Steelers certainly got plenty

of help from the Seahawks. Seattle was plagued by penalties, drops, poor clock management and a critical fourth-quarter interception of Matt Hasselbeck just when the NFC champions seemed ready to take the lead.

Instead, Pittsburgh (15-5) got the clinching score with the kind of

trickery that has carried it through an eight-game winning streak.

Bettis, with 43 yards on 14 carries, had a minimal role in what was the final game for the NFL's No. 5 career rusher.

So did quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. The most noteworthy play for the youngest quarterback to win a Super Bowl was a horrid pass that Kelly Herndon of the Seahawks (15-4) returned a record 76 yards.

That set up the Seahawks' only touchdown, a 16-yard pass to Jeramy Stevens — Joey Porter, his verbal sparring partner all week, was nowhere in sight. Neither was All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu.

But with Parker's burst and Seattle's self-destructive tendencies, the Steelers completed their postseason march through the NFL's top four teams: Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Denver and Seattle, with all the wins coming away from Heinz Field.

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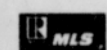
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dustrial lab. School district facilities management staff recommending using Jefferson facilities.

"We said no," Morrison said. The board directed staff to provide the facilities immediately, using monies from the Banfield sale. It helped that the vocational

school had the support of the Madison South Neighborhood Association, which also supported the Banfield purchase, but with an explicit condition that the needs of

Vocational Village be attended to. A new challenge arrived when news of the relocation reached Meek neighbors and the Concordia Neighborhood Association that represents them.

Concordia had three issues: Concerns that teenagers from elsewhere would come through their neighborhood "with their cars, drugs and booze," as one person put it; the likelihood Meek would never again be a local school; and a lack of public input.

Despite this, the school district and Concordia reached an accommodation.

"They were a very articulate, politically savvy and reasonable group of people," Morrison said. "They tried really hard not to take out their anger with the district on our kids," McSwiggen added. Concordia Chair Nancy Hendricks asked hard questions and pushed for conditions.

Today, Morrison said, she is sometimes asked if the Meek building is being used, so small is the neighborhood impact.

Student Michael Armstrong said that the Project Citizen class was "more powerful because it was a real experience."

McSwiggen said her students found that they could go up and ask serious questions of important people.

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