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**MORE STEELERS FANS IN PA SAY REPLACE AARON RODGERS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SPORTS POLL FINDS;
EAGLES FANS RALLY AROUND JALEN HURTS**

As the NFL makes its offseason plays, Steelers fans are weighing in on what they think the Pittsburgh Steelers should do while Aaron Rodgers mulls over whether to commit to a 22nd NFL season or retire.

Fifty-one percent of Pittsburgh Steelers fans think the team should try to replace Rodgers with a different quarterback, while 32 percent think the team should keep Rodgers as their starting quarterback, with 17 percent not offering an opinion, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University Sports Poll of adults in Pennsylvania released today. The survey was conducted in collaboration with the Quinnipiac University School of Communications.

Among NFL fans overall, 40 percent think the Steelers should try to replace him with a different quarterback, while 31 percent think the Steelers should keep Rodgers as their starting quarterback, with 29 percent not offering an opinion.

“Aaron Rodgers does not seem interested in stepping away from the NFL just yet, and the Steelers have expressed interest in re-signing him. Fans, on the other hand, are not showing that same level of confidence in the quarterback,” said Brittani Webb, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Media Studies, Quinnipiac University School of Communications.

STEELERS HEAD COACH

Four in 10 Steelers fans (40 percent) think the team made the right move hiring Mike McCarthy to be their next head coach, while 31 percent think the team made the wrong move, with 29 percent not offering an opinion.

Among NFL fans overall, 39 percent think the Steelers made the right move hiring McCarthy, while 24 percent think the team made the wrong move, with 37 percent not offering an opinion.

“While there is broad respect across the NFL for Super Bowl-winning coach Mike McCarthy, he still has a lot to prove to Steelers fans in this post-Tomlin era,” added Webb.

EAGLES QB

Eagles fans, hands down, want to keep starting quarterback Jalen Hurts, as 83 percent think the Eagles should keep Hurts, while 7 percent think they should try to replace him with a different quarterback, with 10 percent not offering an opinion.

Seventy-two percent of NFL fans overall think the Eagles should keep Hurts and 8 percent think the team should try to replace Hurts, with 20 percent not offering an opinion.

“Sports fans like to overreact. It’s part of who they are. But at some point, you hope they find logic. And these numbers at least feel like logic is alive and well. Replacing Jalen Hurts, given what he’s done in an Eagles uniform, feels silly,” said Nick Pietruszkiewicz, Assistant Professor of Journalism and Program Director of Sports Communications, Quinnipiac University.

EAGLES HEAD COACH

Three quarters of Eagles fans (75 percent) think the Eagles should keep head coach Nick Sirianni, while 10 percent think the team should fire Sirianni, with 14 percent not offering an opinion.

Among NFL fans overall, 68 percent think the Eagles should keep Sirianni, while 8 percent think the team should fire Sirianni, with 24 percent not offering an opinion.

“Coaching changes happen in the NFL. Look at this past offseason for evidence. Everyone is looking for a coach that can win games, get in the playoffs, go deep. Nick Sirianni has won double-digit games in four of five seasons in Philadelphia, been to two Super Bowls and won one of them. He frustrates Philly fans, but that isn’t good enough to go searching for someone else when the guy you have wins games,” added Pietruszkiewicz.

EAGLES WIDE RECEIVER

More than two-thirds of Eagles fans (68 percent) think the Eagles should keep wide receiver A.J. Brown, while 19 percent think the Eagles should trade Brown, with 13 percent not offering an opinion.

Among NFL fans overall, 52 percent think the Eagles should keep Brown and 25 percent think the team should trade Brown, with 23 percent not offering an opinion.

912 adults in Pennsylvania were surveyed from February 19th – 23rd with a margin of error of +/- 4.5 percentage points, including the design effect. The sample includes 631 self-identified NFL fans with a margin of error of +/- 5.4 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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20. Thinking about professional football, would you describe yourself as a super fan, a fan, a casual fan, or not a fan?

	ADULTS.....								
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			AREA.....		
18-49				50-64	65+	West	Cntrl	East	
Super fan	11%	14%	8%	10%	15%	9%	11%	7%	13%
Fan	23	30	15	20	27	27	24	20	24
Casual fan	29	27	31	30	27	31	32	24	30
Not a fan	37	29	46	39	30	33	33	49	33
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

21. (If professional football super fan, fan or casual fan q20) Are you a Steelers fan, an Eagles fan, or a fan of another team?

	NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FANS Q20.....								
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			AREA.....		
18-49				50-64	65+	West	Cntrl	East	
Steelers	33%	32%	33%	33%	36%	36%	85%	25%	4%
Eagles	44	40	48	45	34	47	-	38	73
Another team	22	27	17	22	28	14	15	35	21
DK/NA	1	1	2	-	2	3	-	3	1

FAN TYPE Q20.....
Super Fan Casual

Steelers	28%	36%	31%
Eagles	45	41	46
Another team	26	22	21
DK/NA	2	1	2

22. (If professional football super fan, fan or casual fan q20) Do you think the Steelers should keep - Aaron Rodgers as their starting quarterback or try to replace him with a different quarterback?

	NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FANS Q20.....								
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			AREA.....		
18-49				50-64	65+	West	Cntrl	East	
Keep Rodgers	31%	31%	31%	33%	22%	33%	34%	35%	28%
Replace Rodgers	40	45	32	33	54	41	50	35	35
DK/NA	29	24	36	34	24	26	16	31	37

FAN TYPE Q20..... FAVORITE TEAM Q21.....
Super Fan Casual Steelers Eagles OtherTeam

Keep Rodgers	40%	29%	29%	32%	28%	35%
Replace Rodgers	43	52	29	51	35	33
DK/NA	17	18	42	17	37	32

23. (If professional football super fan, fan or casual fan q20) Do you think the Eagles should keep - Jalen Hurts as their starting quarterback or try to replace him with a different quarterback?

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FANS Q20.....									
	AGE IN YRS.....						AREA.....		
Tot	Men	Wom	18-49	50-64	65+	West	Cntrl	East	
Keep Hurts	72%	74%	70%	76%	75%	71%	64%	68%	78%
Replace Hurts	8	11	6	6	9	9	6	8	10
DK/NA	20	16	25	19	17	21	31	23	12
	FAN TYPE Q20.....			FAVORITE TEAM Q21.....					
	Super	Fan	Casual	Steelers	Eagles	Other	Team		
Keep Hurts	84%	78%	63%	61%	83%	65%			
Replace Hurts	7	13	5	10	7	9			
DK/NA	9	10	31	29	10	25			

24. (If professional football super fan, fan or casual fan q20) Do you think the Steelers made the right move or the wrong move hiring - Mike McCarthy to be their next head coach?

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FANS Q20.....									
	AGE IN YRS.....						AREA.....		
Tot	Men	Wom	18-49	50-64	65+	West	Cntrl	East	
Right move	39%	38%	40%	38%	39%	43%	42%	31%	41%
Wrong move	24	33	13	31	23	17	28	27	20
DK/NA	37	29	47	31	38	39	30	42	39
	FAN TYPE Q20.....			FAVORITE TEAM Q21.....					
	Super	Fan	Casual	Steelers	Eagles	Other	Team		
Right move	51%	44%	30%	40%	38%	39%			
Wrong move	32	30	16	31	20	22			
DK/NA	17	26	53	29	42	39			

25. (If professional football super fan, fan or casual fan q20) Do you think the Eagles should keep head coach - Nick Sirianni, or fire him?

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FANS Q20.....									
	AGE IN YRS.....						AREA.....		
Tot	Men	Wom	18-49	50-64	65+	West	Cntrl	East	
Keep Sirianni	68%	74%	60%	66%	69%	73%	61%	63%	74%
Fire Sirianni	8	9	8	12	6	4	5	12	9
DK/NA	24	18	32	22	24	24	33	25	17
	FAN TYPE Q20.....			FAVORITE TEAM Q21.....					
	Super	Fan	Casual	Steelers	Eagles	Other	Team		
Keep Sirianni	74%	76%	59%	65%	75%	55%			
Fire Sirianni	16	8	6	4	10	11			
DK/NA	10	17	34	30	14	34			

26. (If professional football super fan, fan or casual fan q20) Do you think the Eagles should keep wide receiver - A.J. Brown, or trade him?

	NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FANS Q20.....								
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			AREA.....		
				18-49	50-64	65+	West	Cntrl	East
Keep Brown	52%	51%	54%	54%	52%	51%	39%	42%	65%
Trade Brown	25	33	14	25	27	21	24	30	23
DK/NA	23	15	33	21	21	27	37	28	12

	FAN TYPE Q20.....			FAVORITE TEAM Q21.....		
	Super	Fan	Casual	Steelers	Eagles	OtherTeam
Keep Brown	50%	55%	51%	42%	68%	36%
Trade Brown	39	32	14	23	19	38
DK/NA	11	13	35	35	13	26

27. As you may know, the United States, Canada, and Mexico will host the World Cup this year, with six soccer matches held in Philadelphia. How interested are you in the 2026 World Cup; very interested, somewhat interested, not so interested, or not interested at all?

	ADULTS.....								
	Tot	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			AREA.....		
				18-49	50-64	65+	West	Cntrl	East
Very interested	12%	16%	8%	15%	8%	9%	7%	11%	16%
Somewhat interested	29	34	24	32	27	25	24	16	40
Not so interested	18	13	22	19	17	20	22	19	15
Not interested	41	37	45	33	48	47	47	54	29
DK/NA	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1