

# PITTSBURGH GLADIATORS



**JOE HAERING**  
**HEAD COACH**



**Pittsburgh**  
**Gladiators**

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Brian Allen	WR/DB	6'0	185	Cal. St. Fullerton
Aric Anderson	RB/DB	6'2	225	Milliken
Larry Baretta	QB	6'0	192	Lycoming (PA)
Vincent Brooks	WR/DB	5'6	150	Norfolk State
Fabray Collins	OL/DL	6'2	220	So. Illinois
Rusty Fricke	K	6'0	195	Lycoming (PA)
Rodney Garner	OL/DL	6'2	270	Auburn
JoJo Heath	WR/DB	5'11	185	Pitt
Thomas Monroe	WR/DB	5'10	185	Prairie View A&M
Sam Muse	WR/DB	5'9	175	Bowie State (MD)
James Oakley	WR/DB	6'1	184	Essex C.C.
Mike Powell	RB/LB	6'0	214	Weber State
Alvin Ross	RB/LB	5'11	240	Oklahoma
Cornelius Ross	WR/DB	5'9	170	Humboldt State
D'Shaun Shamburger	WR/DB	6'3	220	Arizona State
Brad Smith	OL/DL	6'5	278	Peru State
Donald Thompson	OL/DL	6'1	270	Shepherd (WV)
Willie Totten	QB	6'1	225	Miss. Valley State
Alvin Williams	WR/DB	6'0	179	Texas Southern

**Head Coach:** Joe Haering  
**Asst. Coach:** Darrel "Pop" Jackson  
**Trainer:** Chris Harmon  
**Equipment Manager:** Chuck Botta, Jr.

## 1989 SCHEDULE

BYE, weekend of Friday, July 7  
 vs Denver, at Pittsburgh, Friday, July 14  
 vs Chicago, at Sacramento, Saturday, July 22  
 vs Detroit, at Cleveland, Friday, July 28  
 vs Maryland, at Washington, Saturday, August 5

## PITTSBURGH GLADIATORS

**Home Arena:** Civic Arena - Gate 7  
 300 Auditorium Place  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
 412/642-1800  
 Capacity: 15,089

## JOE HAERING - Pittsburgh Gladiators Head Coach

Like the Gladiators, Joe Haering is a charter member of Arenaball and a potential founding member of Tough Coaches Anonymous. A native Pittsburgher, he has coached the home team to consecutive winning seasons while compiling an overall indoor career mark of 10-10. An upbeat 4-2 record in '87 ended with a 45-16 loss to Denver in the ArenaBowl title game. Last season Pittsburgh finished 6-6 losing to Detroit, 34-25, in a playoff for ArenaBowl '88. His initial involvement in Arenaball came through "Mouse" Davis, an original AFL director and a fellow USFL coach at Denver and Jacksonville.

An accomplished defensive strategist, Haering is an enthusiastic and aggressive competitor. Motivating at the collegiate level, he served as defensive coordinator at Kent State, offensive coordinator at Boston University, running backs coach at Kentucky and linebacker coach at his alma mater, Bucknell. A former scout for the NFL Rams and defensive coordinator for the USFL Pittsburgh Maulers, he seasoned his skills on the staffs of George Allen (USFL Chicago Blitz) and Walt Michaels (NFL Jets).

## PITTSBURGH GLADIATORS TEAM HISTORY

Pittsburgh's Gladiators are one of four original Arena Football teams (Chicago Bruisers, Denver Dynamite, Washington (DC) Commandos) and played and won the first-ever League contest, 48-46, over the Commandos on June 19, 1987 in the Pittsburgh Civic Arena. Leading the neophyte League in attendance that initial season, the Gladiators drew 12,856 per game, finished the year on top at 4-2, after a 4-0 start, but, alas, lost the inaugural ArenaBowl '87 championship game to Denver, 45-16, disappointing 13,232 Civic Arena fans. No first-year Gladiator watcher will ever forget the performance of '87 League MVP Russell Hairston, who led in virtually every offensive category scoring 18 TDs in just six games. He had six scores, an AFL record, in Denver on July 11, 1987.

In '88, Pittsburgh won their first three but lost five of their last six to finish 6-6. Advancing to an ArenaBowl playoff contest, they lost to the eventual League champion Detroit Drive, 34-25.