

Steelers sign Warren to 3-year extension

PITTSBURGH (AP) — When Jaylen Warren arrived in Pittsburgh in the spring of 2022 as an undrafted rookie free agent running back, he was hoping he could do enough to earn a spot on the practice squad.

Warren has done far more than that.

Six months after letting former first-round pick Najee Harris leave in free agency, the Steelers on Monday signed Warren to a three-year contract extension that erased any doubt about his status going into 2025 and beyond.

“It’s a great feeling knowing they have my back,” Warren said shortly after the deal was announced. “I’m going to do what I can to have their back.”

Head territory for a player who reported to Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, (about two hours south of Salt Lake City) as a freshman in 2017 a little “pudgy,” according to one of the coaches.

The staff at Snow told Warren that if he could get in shape, his future might change considerably.

He did. And it has.

Playing with a physicality that belies his size (5-foot-8, 215 pounds), Warren has methodically risen from Snow to Utah State to Oklahoma State to a surprise roster addition in 2022 to — after three years coming off the bench to spell Harris — an NFL starter.

When the Steelers open the season at the New York Jets on Sunday, Warren will run out onto the field alongside Aaron Rodgers, DK Metcalf and Pat Freiermuth.

While admitting his journey has been “surreal,” Warren likely won’t stop carrying the chip that’s been visible from his first padded practice



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jaylen Warren carries the ball against the Carolina Panthers during the first half of an NFL preseason football game.

at training camp in the summer of 2022, when he opened eyes during the traditional “backs on (line)backers” drill by holding his own against bigger, more experienced defenders.

“If anything, it’s going to add more chips,” Warren said.

He believes there are still naysayers out there who might doubt his ability to handle a heavier workload. Warren has never carried the ball more than 15 times in a game as a pro, though most of that is due to Harris’ durability and the way the club split the workload between the two.

Warren has thrived as a role play-

er, averaging 4.8 yards per carry over the course of his career while being a capable receiver out of the backfield. He also has proven ferociously effective as a blocker, even if it has sometimes crossed the line in the eyes of the NFL.

Steelers All-Pro outside linebacker T.J. Watt joked that Warren’s deal means he can recoup some of the money in fines he’s piled up over the years.

“(It’s) awesome, but don’t mistake it for all the hard work that he’s done and how it’s truly well-deserved,” Watt said. “And he’s going to continue to earn it, I know that.”

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Both teams traded punts on their next possessions, but the Knights found some momentum with their first full series of the final stanza. Mincer started it off with a 17-yard gain, and 15 more yards were tacked on with a late-hit penalty. Mincer then took off down the sideline for a 40-yard sprint to the pylon that ended at the one-yard line.

An offside penalty by SR inched the Knights a half-yard closer, but Mincer was pushed back to the one on his next carry, before another errant snap led to another scramble for the ball. Long ended up with the fumble recovery at the SR 14, thwarting FHS once again.

Looking to put the game on ice, the Rockets were pinned back at their four-yard line after they were called for a 10-yard penalty following the fumble recovery. But the Knights were unable to stop their momentum as Scott ran seven times for 45 yards, including a five-yard run to the end zone that capped the 14-play drive. Lasko’s PAT kick put the score at 20-7 with 1:24 remaining.

With their backs against the wall and time running out, the Knights were forced to air the ball out. But, Blackhurst’s first attempt was intercepted by Popovec, and he returned it 60 yards to the end zone to set the final score.

“We went toe-to-toe with a very good football team,” Turk said. “I can’t be prouder of the guys for turning this around on less than three days the way that they did. We were a much more fundamentally sound football team than we were last week. We made significant improvements, and I’m looking forward to our next game.”

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STANDINGS												
Baseball Expanded Standings												
AMERICAN LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Toronto	79	59	.572	—	—	5-5	L-1	45-24	34-35	679	624	55
New York	76	61	.555	2½	+3	7-3	L-1	41-28	35-33	719	585	134
Boston	77	62	.554	2½	+3	7-3	W-2	43-27	34-35	684	580	104
Tampa Bay	67	69	.493	11	5½	6-4	W-3	34-33	33-36	611	564	47
Baltimore	62	76	.449	17	11½	3-7	W-1	31-37	31-39	595	683	-88
Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Detroit	80	59	.576	—	—	4-6	L-1	44-26	36-33	669	581	88
Kansas City	70	67	.511	9	3	5-5	L-1	37-32	33-35	529	532	-3
Cleveland	68	68	.500	10½	4½	4-6	L-2	35-33	33-35	523	580	-57
Minnesota	62	75	.453	17	11	4-6	L-1	35-33	27-42	578	642	-64
Chicago	50	88	.362	29½	23½	5-5	W-2	30-42	20-46	542	633	-91
West Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Houston	76	62	.551	—	—	6-4	W-1	42-30	34-32	580	560	20
Seattle	73	64	.533	2½	—	5-5	W-1	41-27	32-37	627	602	25
Texas	71	67	.514	5	2½	4-6	W-2	42-27	29-40	596	504	92
Los Angeles	64	73	.467	11½	9	3-7	L-1	34-35	30-38	584	690	-106
Athletics	64	75	.460	12½	10	5-5	W-1	29-40	35-35	636	719	-83
NATIONAL LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Philadelphia	80	58	.580	—	—	6-4	W-1	45-23	35-35	660	559	101
New York	74	64	.536	6	—	6-4	W-1	45-27	39-37	660	594	66
Miami	65	73	.471	15	9	5-5	L-1	31-37	24-36	599	684	-85
Atlanta	62	76	.449	18	12	4-6	L-1	33-33	29-43	610	628	-18
Washington	54	83	.394	25½	19½	2-8	W-1	27-42	27-41	573	751	-178
Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Milwaukee	85	54	.612	—	—	4-6	L-2	45-25	40-29	711	550	161
Chicago	79	59	.572	5½	+5	6-4	W-1	42-25	37-34	683	565	118
Cincinnati	70	68	.507	14½	4	3-7	W-2	38-31	32-37	616	582	34
St. Louis	68	71	.489	17	6½	4-6	L-2	37-33	31-38	606	647	-41
Pittsburgh	61	77	.442	23½	13	7-3	L-1	39-30	22-47	500	562	-62
West Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Los Angeles	78	59	.569	—	—	6-4	W-1	45-26	33-33	700	599	101
San Diego	76	62	.551	2½	+2	4-6	L-2	43-23	33-39	582	527	55
San Francisco	69	69	.500	9½	5	8-2	W-2	35-34	34-35	588	571	17
Arizona	68	70	.493	10½	6	6-4	L-1	34-32	34-38	680	663	17
Colorado	39	99	.283	39½	35	2-8	L-1	22-48	17-51	518	877	-359
AMERICAN LEAGUE												
Monday's Games												
Cincinnati 5, Toronto 4												
N.Y. Mets 10, Detroit 8												
Boston 6, Cleveland 4												
Chicago White Sox 6, Minnesota 5												
Athletics 11, St. Louis 3												
Houston 8, L.A. Angels 3												
Baltimore 4, San Diego 3												
Seattle at Tampa Bay, late												
Texas at Arizona, late												
Tuesday's Games												
N.Y. Mets (McLean 3-0) at Detroit (Gipson-Long 0-1), 6:40 p.m.												
Toronto (Berrios 9-5) at Cincinnati (Lodolo 8-7), 6:40 p.m.												
Cleveland (Ceconci 5-0) at Boston (Croschet 14-5), 6:45 p.m.												
Seattle (Woo 12-7) at Tampa Bay (Rasmussen 10-5), 7:35 p.m.												
Chicago White Sox (Martin 5-9) at Minnesota (Woods Richardson 5-4), 7:40 p.m.												
L.A. Angels (Farris 0-0) at Kansas City (Lorenzen 5-8), 7:40 p.m.												
Athletics (Severino 6-11) at St. Louis (Mikolas 6-10), 7:45 p.m.												
N.Y. Yankees (Fried 14-5) at Houston (Valdez 12-7), 8:10 p.m.												
Baltimore (Wells 0-0) at San Diego (Darvish 3-4), 9:40 p.m.												
Texas (TBD) at Arizona (Crismitt 2-0), 9:40 p.m.												
NATIONAL LEAGUE												
Monday's Games												
Washington 2, Miami 0												
Cincinnati 5, Toronto 4												
N.Y. Mets 10, Detroit 8												
Athletics 11, St. Louis 3												
San Francisco 8, Colorado 2												
Chicago Cubs 7, Atlanta 6, 10 innings												
Philadelphia 10, Milwaukee 8												
Baltimore 4, San Diego 3												
Texas at Arizona, late												
Tuesday's Games												
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 9-2) at Pittsburgh (Mlodzinski 3-7), 6:40 p.m.												
N.Y. Mets (McLean 3-0) at Detroit (Gipson-Long 0-1), 6:40 p.m.												
Toronto (Berrios 9-5) at Cincinnati (Lodolo 8-7), 6:40 p.m.												
Miami (Mazur 0-1) at Washington (Cavalli 1-1), 6:45 p.m.												
Atlanta (Wentz 5-4) at Chicago Cubs (Imanaga 8-6), 7:40 p.m.												
Athletics (Severino 6-11) at St. Louis (Mikolas 6-10), 7:45 p.m.												
San Francisco (Webb 12-9) at Colorado (Freeland 3-13), 8:40 p.m.												
Baltimore (Wells 0-0) at San Diego (Darvish 3-4), 9:40 p.m.												
Texas (TBD) at Arizona (Crismitt 2-0), 9:40 p.m.												