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New York Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers (8) looks on before an NFL football matchup Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024 at EverBank Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla. [Corey Perrine/Florida Times-Union] / Corey Perrine/Florida Times-Union / USA TODAY NETWORK via Imagn ImagesPITTSBURGH -- The Pittsburgh Steelers, New York Giants, and Minnesota Vikings are all waiting on word from Aaron Rodgers as the 41-year-old makes his decision for the 2025 season. And after days of silence, there has finally been communication between the two sides.According to a source close to the situation, Rodgers and the Steelers have spoken for the first time in several days. It's unknown what the conversation included or if any progress was made on an answer, but for the first time since what's believed to be last week, there has been contact between Pittsburgh and Rodgers.The Steelers and Giants have offers on the table for Rodgers and are simply waiting for his choice. It's been reported that New York's offer is bigger than Pittsburgh's financially, as the Steelers are hoping to present a better opportunity to win as their bargaining chip. Pittsburgh is looking to sign a quarterback to a reasonable deal - one that works fairly for both sides. They are not willing to hinder the rest of their roster, or the future of their franchise, to sign any quarterback, let alone one that is 41 years old. The Minnesota Vikings are also in the race and reported to be Rodgers' preferred landing spot. As they navigate their decision on a starting quarterback this season, choosing to either ride with J.J. McCarthy or wait another year for their former first-round pick to start, Rodgers is seemingly waiting on them - much like Pittsburgh is waiting on Rodgers. It remains a mystery when the Rodgers saga comes to an end. Despite communication between Rodgers and the Steelers, a deal is not imminent, and it does not indicate an answer on the horizon. Some have speculated it can be dragged out until the NFL Draft, as Rodgers is in no rush to pick a team. What it means is there's movement, even if it's small. It remains a waiting game for any team involved in the Rodgers race, but the Steelers appear ready to wait, and a conversation between the two should extend that waiting period even further. As for who the Steelers' backup plan is, some believe it could be Mason Rudolph. The Steelers signed the veteran to a two-year contract in the midst of the Rodgers negotiations, and have plenty of experience with him leading the team. They could also look at former starter Russell Wilson, who remains an option despite being low on their list of candidates. Jameis Winston and Joe Flacco have been floated as options as well, and could be in consideration if the Steelers are truly looking for as many veteran options as they can get. If not, they have shown interest in the NFL Draft class and names like Will Howard, Jaxson Dart and Quinn Ewers. The Steelers likely won't wait forever, but they do not appear to be in a rush when it comes to Rodgers. So, as the two sides continue to negotiate, the rest of the NFL world remains on standby, running through all scenarios of how this saga might end. Make sure to bookmark Steelers On SI to get all your daily Pittsburgh Steelers news, interviews, breakdowns and more! Aaron Rodgers may choose to retire from the NFL if he doesn't get his way in free agency, according to The Athletic. As the former MVP reportedly considers offers from the New York Giants and Pittsburgh Steelers, he would prefer to sign with the Minnesota Vikings, according to the outlet. If Rodgers doesn't get an offer from Minnesota, he may retire. CLICK HERE FOR MORE SPORTS COVERAGE ON FOXNEWS.COM The Vikings have an opening for a veteran quarterback after last year's starter, Sam Darnold, signed with the Seattle Seahawks. However, Minnesota also has former Michigan national champion J.J. McCarthy, the team's first-round pick in the 2024 draft. Rodgers, at 41 years old, is not considered a long-term solution for any team. Famed NFL agent Leigh Steinberg, who has negotiated contracts for multiple Hall of Fame quarterbacks, told Fox News Digital he envisions Minnesota as a "positive fit" for Rodgers at this stage in his career, especially due to McCarthy's presence as a potential protégé and the team being suited to win in the short-term. "So, you need to have a situation where, because Aaron at best maybe plays another year, maybe plays another two years, but it's not a permanent solution, so it's a one- or two-year fix," Steinberg said. "So, he could go to a team that's really good but just needs that last little piece to put them over the top, and he could mentor a younger quarterback."BRETT FAVRE IMPLORES AARON RODGERS TO SIGN WITH ONE SPECIFIC TEAM: 'GOOD PLACE TO WIN' Steinberg also believes a team without a chance to win in the short term with no young quarterback on its roster would not be as good a fit. The Giants are a team that fits that mold. The Steelers may have had a winning record last season but aren't a shoe-in to be good again this year. They also don't have a young project quarterback."A team that's really dissatisfied with their quarterbacking that takes him wouldn't be as positive of a solution," Steinberg said. If Rodgers does end up getting an offer from the Vikings and signing with them, he would follow a nearly identical career path to that of his Green Bay Packer predecessor, Brett Favre. Like Favre, Rodgers played the vast majority of his career with the Packers, winning a Super Bowl before being traded to the New York Jets. Favre then spent his final two years on the Vikings. CLICK HERE TO GET THE FOX NEWS APP Favre offered advice to Rodgers and encouraged him to sign with the Vikings during an interview on Fox News Channel's "The Will Cain Show" Tuesday. By all means, sign with them," Favre said. "They got a really good football team. They're loaded at pretty much every position. They made it to the playoffs last year. They got a tremendous fan base, much like the Packers. If you get the opportunity, that's a good place to win. "Of course, you gotta play the Packers then."Follow Fox News Digital's sports coverage on X, and subscribe to the Fox News Sports Huddle newsletter. The latest on Aaron Rodgers. An American National Football League player, Rodgers joined the Green Bay Packers in 2005. A quarterback, he led the team to Super Bowl victory in 2010. 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Training camp is here. The 41-year old future Hall of Fame quarterback is ready to suit up with the entire Steelers roster to prepare for the season.Pittsburgh will be holding its collective breath.After all that: How good can Rodgers be for the Steelers?That's what The Athletic's Mike DeFabo will be watching most closely during camp."Aaron Rodgers' indecision dominated the headlines throughout the offseason," DeFabo writes. "Now that he's finally put pen to paper, we can stop wondering when and where he'll sign and start asking a more important question: How will he perform in the Steelers' offense? Rodgers only participated in individual drills during the three minicamp practices he attended. That means training camp at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., will be the first glimpse of the Steelers' newest old gunslinger. Will he play like a four-time MVP or will he look more like a 41-year-old who flirted with retirement?"MORE: Browns rookie QB Shedeur Sanders could be subject to a 'second draft'Rodgers and the Jets only went 5-12 last season. That wasn't all the quarterback's fault, but it did raise plenty of concerns.Is Rodgers good enough to lead a contender anymore?The Steelers gave him a chance to answer that, albeit with other questions around him. There isn't an obvious No. 2 wide receiver. The running back workload is uncertain, too.But the biggest focus will be on Rodgers and just how much he has left in the tank.MORE NFL NEWS: Aaron Rodgers heard Terry Bradshaw's comments from May, saying the QB should stay in California and "chew some bark." There was also a comment about Rodgers having to go "whisper to the gods." Bradshaw said it sarcastically when he was asked about the possibility of Rodgers joining the Pittsburgh Steelers. LATROBE, Pa. -- Quarterback Aaron Rodgers completed his first pass in his first team period Thursday afternoon at the Pittsburgh Steelers' opening training camp practice. The only problem? It wasn't to one of his offensive skill position players.Instead, linebacker Patrick Queen picked off the opening throw from the four-time MVP, prompting loud "Ooos" from the crowd of a couple of thousand at St. Vincent College.But to Rodgers, the interception wasn't a bad omen for his Steelers' tenure."It's good to get that out the way," Rodgers said. "Anybody that's watched me practice over the years, you like to try certain throws at certain times, and anybody that's watched me in the games knows I've been pretty stellar taking care of the football over the years."It's going to be a good challenge for me throwing in this heat every single day. I look forward to it, but I'm going to throw some picks, but I'm going to throw some touchdowns, too."Rodgers didn't throw any touchdowns in Thursday's 90-minute practice, but he completed team-period passes to wide receiver Scotty Miller, tight end Darnell Washington and wide receiver DK Metcalf.Rodgers had one completion to Metcalf on three targets in team periods, but the quarterback wasn't concerned about the pair's connection."DK and I have worked out in the offseason together, got a good relationship," Rodgers said. "We talked about a lot of football stuff. We FaceTime, we texted during the offseason after many camps, so we've got a good relationship. It's going to just keep on growing."It will also keep growing in the dorms at St. Vincent College, where they are suitemates, thanks to a Mike Tomlin-assigned arrangement."I was secretly hoping it wasn't a big lineman or something," Rodgers said with a sly grin. "Maybe somebody had cared about their hygiene a little bit. So, when I walked in I saw a standard suitcase. I said, 'Oh, I think it's going to be good. This is probably DK.'"Like Rodgers, Metcalf was surprised they were living so close to each other."He knocked on my door, and I thought it was the front door, and it was actually my bathroom door," Metcalf said. "He was like, 'Oh man, I was hoping it was you.' I was like, 'I did not think I was going to have a roommate, but glad to see you, too.'"It was a good experience just to see his face and knowing that we could continue conversations outside the meeting room."Rodgers isn't a stranger to staying in dorms on a college campus for training camp after spending 14 seasons at St. Norbert College for the Green Bay Packers' camp. And though Rodgers is a larger-than-life persona with his football résumé and pop culture presence, Tomlin said that he wasn't worried about Rodgers fitting into the Steelers' culture."When in Rome, he's going to be Roman, and it's our job to teach him how we do things," Tomlin said after Thursday's practice. "But not only him, guys like Jalen Ramsey and others, man, we got a lot of new significant players. As a coach, I embrace that challenge of educating them not only about the things that we value but how we go about our business here. They've all been really receptive to it."The Steelers' way of doing business shifted this offseason as the team went all-in to overhaul the roster and bring in a number of high-profile acquisitions, including Rodgers, Metcalf and Ramsey. General manager Omar Khan said Wednesday that he was building a team to win the Super Bowl. A day later, Rodgers expressed his confidence in the team Khan assembled."I think most of the 32 teams would probably say something to that accord at this time of the year, but I think that there's really only six to eight that really have a legitimate chance," Rodgers said. "Sometimes, it's 10 to 12 and there's teams that surprise you, but I would say on paper, we're probably one of those 10 to 12."And, he added, turning a paper championship into a real Lombardi Trophy starts with training camp."It's coming together, times like this with these 17 or so practices that we have here and finding the chemistry and hanging out with each other ... growing together through our practice," he said. "Mike wants to practice at the hottest time of the day, which is interesting, but I love it just because it's a stressor. We see how guys respond to adversity." The Aaron Rodgers retirement saga has been going on ever since his tenure with the Green Bay Packers came to an end two and a half years ago. Every year, without fail, debates about Rodgers ending his storied career have made the rounds over the summer. But each time, he's chosen to come back to the gridiron. This summer, after a disastrous run with the New York Jets, the rumors were back in full force. And when the four-time MVP hadn't signed with a team even after the 2025 NFL Draft, the rumors, if anything, got stronger. However, throughout the process, the Pittsburgh Steelers held steadfast in their belief that they would get their guy. Eventually, just days ahead of mandatory minicamp, the news became official. Now, with the start of the preseason less than a week away, Rodgers sat down to reveal the exact reason for returning for one final run. Try out PFSN's FREE playoff predictor, where you can simulate every 2025-26 NFL season game and see how it all shakes out! What Makes the 2025 Season Special for Aaron Rodgers? One of the greatest quarterbacks to ever step foot in the NFL, Rodgers' legacy is set in stone. Four MVPs, countless historic numbers and records, a Super Bowl title, and one of the most polarizing personalities, Rodgers is a genuine all-time great. However, the last few years of his career have been marred by subpar performances and off-court drama. His final year with the Packers was a mess throughout, with the writing on the wall about his exit clear to the entire league. Unfortunately, his foray with the Jets wasn't a wholly positive experience either. After missing basically the entire 2023 campaign, he finally got to start in 2024. After promising multiple Super Bowls to the organization and the fanbase, he led them to five total wins. As a result, his star was waning by the second, making retirement seem even more likely than before. However, with the Steelers in desperate need of breaking their near-decade-long playoff losing streak, the former Super Bowl champion answered the call. Why? That was an exclusive answer from the legendary signal-caller while talking to Kyle Brandt for the Back Together Weekend program on the NFL Network. "I fell in love with this game when I was six years old. So, I wanted to have that closure and give back to the game one more time, the way that it's given to me." His love for the sport shone through with every word that he spoke. "As I thought about my life, really, everything special in my life is because of this game, and that's not hyperbole." "Really, everything special in my life is because of this game, and that's not hyperbole."@AaronRodgers12 tells @KyleBrandt why he decided to come back for another season. Back Together Weekend - Live on @NFLNetwork Stream on @NFLPlus pic.twitter.com/6dnlUe0sI — NFL (@NFL) July 26, 2025 From his friendships and relationships to the wealth and stature he's accumulated, Rodgers credited it all to football. At the end of the day, it was one simple statement that defined why one of the most accomplished players in the history of the sport wanted another swansong. It's the same reason his rival and friend, Tom Brady, couldn't stay retired for too long. It's the same reason why countless players, even while risking brutal life-changing injury, continue to come back to it. "I love this game."

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