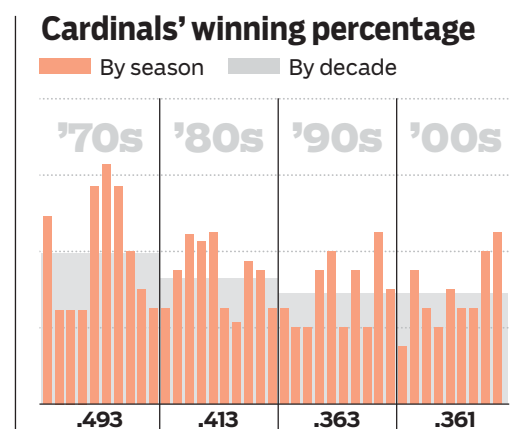
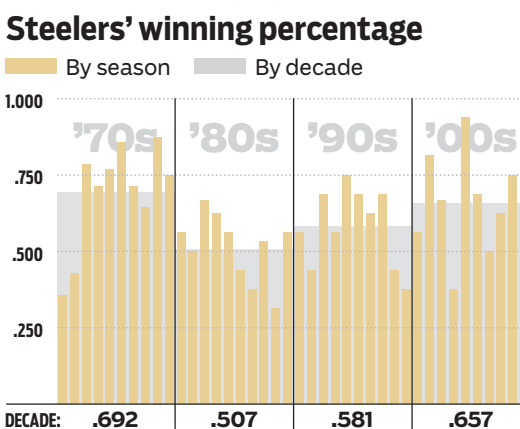
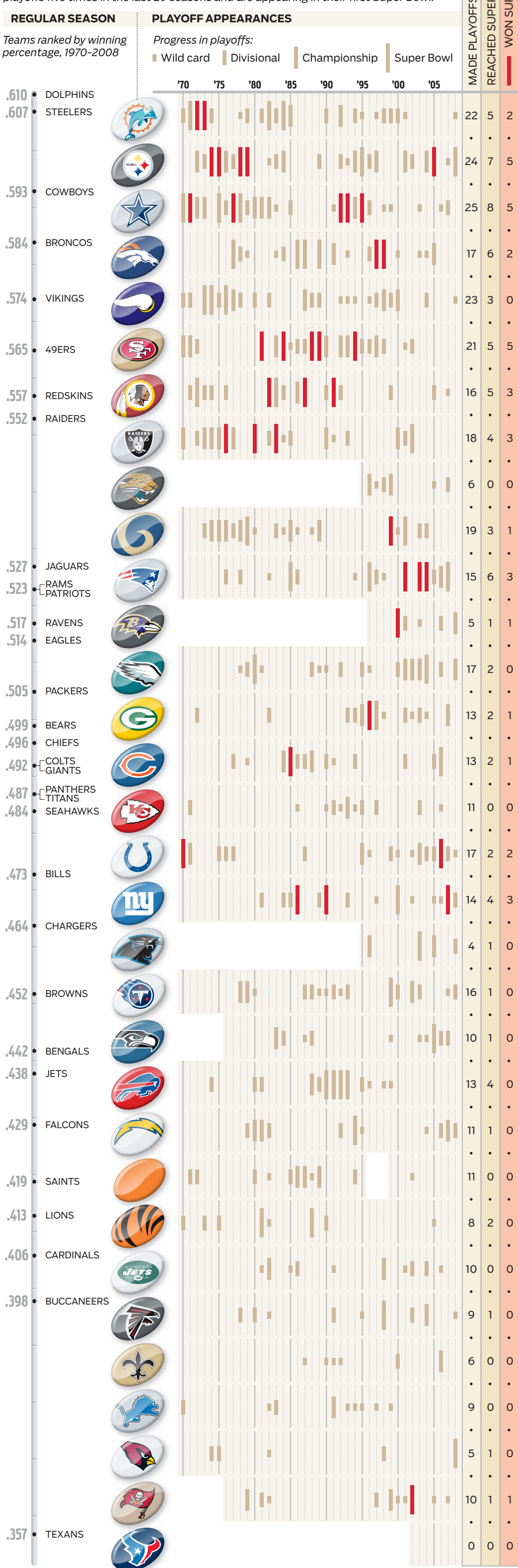


# Polar opposites

Never before have two Super Bowl teams been so mismatched, in terms of historic performance, since the NFL merger in 1970. With 24 postseason appearances and five Super Bowl wins, the Steelers loom large over the Cardinals, who have made the playoffs five times in the last 29 seasons and are appearing in their first Super Bowl.



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