

Bill Cowher
Super Bowl-winning Coach

Whether it's football, life, or a business, Bill Cowher believes that everyone should be instilled with three critical points. Everyone needs the right game plan, the right people and environment surrounding them, and the right approach to achieve all your goals.

Coach Cowher was only the team's second head coach since 1969, after taking over for legendary head coach Chuck Noll on January 21, 1992, at the age of 34. In 1995, at age 38, he became the youngest head coach to lead his team to the Super Bowl when the Steelers played the Dallas Cowboys in Super Bowl XXX. He then led the Steelers to their first Super Bowl title in 26 years in 2005.

Cowher's Steelers teams earned 10 post-season berths, captured eight division titles, advanced to six AFC Championship games, made two Super Bowls appearances and won one Super Bowl title. He led the Steelers to post-season appearances in each of his first six seasons tying an NFL record originally set by Cleveland Browns legendary head coach Paul Brown. Cowher is one of only six coaches in NFL history to claim at least eight division titles. During his 15 seasons, the Steelers tied with New England for the league's most division titles and posted the NFL's best overall record in the regular season. In 2009, NFL.com named him the number 6 most motivational coach of all-time.

Cowher ended his coaching career with an overall record of 161-99-1 (.619) including a 149-90-1 (.623) mark in the regular-season. His record with the team ranks only second to Noll's overall (209-156-1; .572) and regular-season (193-148-1; .556) records. Cowher's regular-season (.623) and overall (.619) winning percentages are the highest in Steelers history. He was the longest-tenured head coach in the NFL before stepping down following the 2006 season after 15 years with the Steelers. His 15 seasons with Pittsburgh is the ninth longest tenure with one team in NFL history.

Cowher played five years as a linebacker and special teams standout for the Cleveland Browns (1980-82) and the Philadelphia Eagles (1983-84). He began his coaching career as a special teams coach in 1985 under Marty Schottenheimer and followed him to Kansas City as the eventual defensive coordinator before moving to Pittsburgh as head coach.

In 2007, Cowher joined CBS Sports to bring his experience, knowledge and passion for the game as an analyst for the Network's NFL studio show, THE NFL TODAY. He was also a participant on the fast-paced reality show, *Fast Cars and Super Stars*, where he impressed fans with his driving abilities.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Cowher was born on May 8, 1957. He played linebacker for four years at North Carolina State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1979. Cowher has three daughters and resides in Raleigh, N.C.