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Brian Billick

Super Bowl-winning NFL Head Coach

Brian Billick is a former NFL Super Bowl winning head coach of the Baltimore Ravens and current NFL Network analyst. His competitiveness, unique down-to-earth nature, and generosity have led him to find success both on and off of the field.

Billick's versatility and all-around talent for coaching led to his success in the NFL. In 1998, Billick coached a Minnesota Vikings offense that set the NFL record for the most points scored in a season with 556. In 2000, his Baltimore Ravens defense smashed the record for fewest points allowed standard for a 16-game season – a record once held by the now-mythic 1985 Chicago Bears.

Directing the best team in the Ravens' five-year history in 2000, it also marked just his second season with the team and as a head coach at any level. The team finished the year with a record of 12-4, and rolled off 11 consecutive victories to end the year, including in the playoffs. Billick's leadership shined in the postseason when the Ravens emerged victorious over the Giants in Super Bowl XXXV.

Moving to Baltimore in January of 1999, Billick enthusiastically helped improve the community during his time there. He assisted the Central Maryland United Way as a former member of the board of directors and continues to serve on the board of trustees for the Living Classroom Foundation, where he has hosted numerous fundraisers and has had a number of Raven players volunteer at this important educational facility. Billick was also selected as the Maryland Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis 2001 Champion of the Year. His wife, Kim, joined in many of these community works and helped the Baltimore's Red Cross with a number of important projects.

Billick has co-authored two books, *Finding the Winning Edge* with NFL Hall of Fame coach Bill Walsh and Dr. James Peterson, and *Competitive Leadership: Twelve Principles for Success* with Dr. Peterson. He also recently wrote *More Than a Game: The Glorious Present and Uncertain Future of the NFL*, an inside look at professional football, both on and off the field. He continues to pursue his passion as an analyst and broadcaster, spending time with FOX from 2008-2009, and is currently a member of the NFL Network team.

A respected and innovative leader, Billick continues to achieve his goals with dedicated management and enthusiasm for the cause, predominantly crediting his accomplishments to passion and accountability.

"You have to have passion for the work you do to succeed. If a player doesn't like to study, practice or train, doesn't like the physicality of the game, he's going to have a very difficult time succeeding. Passion is a lubricant for success," Billick explained."Accountability is obvious. You have to perform. Accountability is also a sign of respect for your team. It is a reflection of a team's integrity when individuals take responsibility for their actions."

Billick was born in Fairborne, Ohio on February 28, 1954, and grew up in Redlands, California. He earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Brigham Young University, where he also pursued a master's in communication. Still close to his heart, Billick endows a scholarship at the communications college at BYU.