



"I grew up in very modest circumstances. I was always the last one chosen. I was too short, I was too fat, I was laughed at by the other children. I was told by people I wasn't good enough, that I would never make it at anything I tried. In spite of these circumstances, however, I made an internal commitment to become a person who succeeded through persistence. I had very little ability but a lot of persistence. Just keep trying to find a way to succeed and you can do it." A review of his achievements reveals that **Bill Curry's** commitment to persistence has indeed paid off.

Born in Atlanta on October 21, 1942, Bill Curry attended College Park High School . Curry received a football scholarship to Georgia Tech where he lettered for three seasons at center for Coach Bobby Dodd. He was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 1964, and was coached by the legendary Vince Lombardi. Bill Curry was an integral part of the team that won the 1965 NFL Championship and the very first Super Bowl in 1966. Bill Curry was traded to the Baltimore Colts in 1967, where he played under another legendary coach, Don Shula. With the Colts, Curry played in Super Bowls III and V and was named to the All Pro Team in 1971 and 1972. His ten-year NFL career ended in 1975 following brief stints with the Houston Oilers and Los Angeles Rams when a knee injury forced him to retire.

Though retired from playing, Bill Curry did not retire from football. Instead, Curry began his coaching career at his alma mater, Georgia Tech, serving as an Assistant Coach. After a three-year stint as Offensive Line Coach under his old friend Bart Starr with the Green Bay Packers, Curry returned to Georgia Tech in 1980 as its Head Football Coach. During his tenure at Georgia...

**Bill Curry**

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