

Brian Billick

From 1999-2007, Billick served as the head coach of the Ravens, a new franchise with the youngest players in NFL history. In his first year as head coach, Billick guided the Ravens to their first non-losing season (8-8) in 1999. In 2000, he led the Ravens to a decisive 34-7 Super Bowl XXXV victory over the New York Giants. The Ravens returned to the NFL playoffs in 2001 and 2003. In 2006, the team produced its best regular season in team history, winning the tough AFC North with a 13-3 record.

Before coaching the Ravens, Billick coached professional and collegiate teams, including the Redlands (1977), Brigham Young (1978), San Diego State (1981-1985), Utah State (1986-1988), Stanford (1989-1991) and the Minnesota Vikings (1992-1998). In 1998, Billick managed a Vikings offense that scored the most points in NFL history (556). In 2000, under Billick's direction, the Ravens' defense set the NFL's 16-game standard for fewest points allowed (165).

Billick earned All-Western Athletic Conference honors and honorable mention All-America in 1976 as a tight end at Brigham Young University (BYU). In 1976, he caught 20 passes for 338 yards and a touchdown. Billick played linebacker for the Air Force Academy during his freshman year, before transferring to BYU.

Billick has participated enthusiastically in community work since his arrival in Baltimore, including working with the United Way of Central Maryland (the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society), hosting golf tournaments for the National Breast Cancer Foundation and serving as the honorary chairman for the American Lung Association's Breath of Life Celebration. He also serves on the board of directors of the Living Classrooms Foundation. The Multiple Sclerosis Society, Maryland Chapter selected Billick as its 2001 "Champion of the Year."

Billick has co-authored three books: *Competitive Leadership: Twelve Principles for Success* (with Dr. James A. Peterson), *Finding the Winning Edge* (with NFL Hall of Fame coach Bill Walsh and Dr. Peterson) and his latest book, *More Than a Game: the Glorious Present and Uncertain Future of the NFL* (with Michael MacCambridge). *Finding the Winning Edge* is a blueprint for developing an NFL team, covering everything from practice schedules to front office structure.

Following his coaching career, Billick worked as a studio analyst for ABC Sports and as a draft analyst for the NFL Network in 2008. He recently joined the FOX Sports team as the NFL game analyst for the 2008-2009 football season.