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BOBBY BEATHARD ENSHRINED IN THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME



RICHMOND, Va. [Aug. 4, 2018] — Former Washington Redskins general manager Bobby Beathard was enshrined in Canton, Ohio at the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2018. Beathard, the architect behind some of the most legendary teams in Redskins lore, was presented by former Washington Redskins head coach and Pro Football Hall of Famer Joe Gibbs.

Beathard's illustrious career as an NFL executive included 11 seasons as General Manager of the Redskins from 1978-88. After taking the job on Feb. 24, 1978, Beathard guided the organization to three Super Bowl appearances, including victories in Super Bowls XVII and XXII. Many of the players he acquired remained on the roster for the team's Super Bowl XXVI victory as well.

In Beathard's 11 seasons as General Manager, the Redskins averaged 9.5 wins a year. The team posted a regular season winning percentage of .625 (105-63) in that time frame, best in the NFC and second-best in the NFL. No team in that time frame posted a better postseason winning percentage than the Redskins, who went 11-3 in post-season play in his tenure for a winning percentage of .786.

Draft classes during Beathard's tenure featured three members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, including wide receiver Art Monk (1980, No. 18 overall), guard Russ Grimm (1981, No. 69) and cornerback Darrell Green (1983, No. 28).

The classes also featured four additional members of the Redskins Ring of Fame, including linebacker Monte Coleman (1979, No. 289), defensive end Dexter Manley (1981, No. 119) de-

fensive end Charles Mann (1983, No. 84) and quarterback Mark Rypien (1986, No. 146).

Additionally, Beathard oversaw the college free agent additions of Redskins Ring of Famers Jeff Bostic and Joe Jacoby and supplemented the team with a number of former USFL stars, including quarterback Doug Williams and wide receivers Gary Clark and Ricky Sanders. All of the players listed were led on the field Coach Gibbs, the former San Diego Chargers offensive coordinator whom Beathard hired prior to the 1981 season.

Beathard began his career as a part-time scout for the American Football League's Kansas City Chiefs in 1963. He earned an AFL championship ring with the organization in 1966 en route to the team's berth in Super Bowl I. He would later serve as a scout for the Atlanta Falcons from 1968-71 and as Director of Player Personnel for the Miami Dolphins from 1972-77 prior to joining the Redskins.

He finished his career as General Manager of the San Diego Chargers, serving in that capacity from 1990-2000. In all, Beathard's teams made seven Super Bowl appearances, including one by Kansas City (1966), two by Miami (1972-73), three by Washington (1982-83 and 1987) and one by San Diego (1994).

Beathard was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on Jan. 24, 1937. He grew up in the Los Angeles area and attended El Segundo H.S. before playing quarterback at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, where he helped lead the 1957 and 1958 teams to consecutive 9-1 records.



Bobby Beathard (L) and Joe Gibbs (R) unveil Beathard's Pro Football Hall of Fame bust during the enshrinement ceremony in Canton, Ohio.
- photo courtesy of the Pro Football Hall of Fame

NFL WINNING PERCENTAGES (1978-88)

Under Beathard's guidance from 1978-88, the Redskins compiled a 105-63 regular season record (.625, No. 2 in the NFL) and an 11-3 postseason record (.786, No. 1) for a combined winning percentage of .637, the highest mark in the NFL in that timeframe.

COMBINED REGULAR SEASON & POSTSEASON WINNING PCT. [BEATHARD'S TENURE IN WASHINGTON, 1978-88]:

| Team | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-------------------------|-----|----|---|-------|
| 1. Washington Redskins | 116 | 66 | 0 | 0.637 |
| 2. Miami Dolphins | 113 | 67 | 1 | 0.627 |
| 3. Chicago Bears | 108 | 70 | 0 | 0.607 |
| 4t. Denver Broncos | 106 | 71 | 1 | 0.598 |
| 4t. Los Angeles Raiders | 107 | 72 | 0 | 0.598 |

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The Washington Post

Bobby Beathard's five greatest moves as general manager of the Redskins

By Scott Allen, The Washington Post
August 4, 2018

Former Redskins and Chargers general manager Bobby Beathard will be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday in Canton, Ohio. Throughout his 33-year NFL career, which also included stints as a scout for the Chiefs and Falcons, and as director of player personnel for the Dolphins, Beathard's teams advanced to seven Super Bowls and won four championships. He won two Super Bowls in Washington and helped build a third title-winning Redskins team under coach Joe Gibbs, who will present Beathard at Saturday's ceremony.

Here are the five best moves Beathard made during his 11-year tenure with the Redskins, which began in 1978:

1. Hiring Joe Gibbs

With Beathard picking the players and Gibbs coaching them up, the Redskins went to three Super Bowls and won two championships from 1981 to 1989. Gibbs led Washington to another Super Bowl title after the 1991 season with many players Beathard had a hand in acquiring.

"He has a track record that speaks for itself," Beathard told reporters after introducing Gibbs, a little-known assistant with the Chargers, as Jack Pardee's replacement in 1981. "Besides being bright and a terrific X's-and-O's man, Joe has demonstrated leadership. You can find a lot of fine assistant coaches, but there are few assistants who can lead. Joe has an unusual talent to get along with players."

During his own Hall of Fame acceptance speech in 1996, Gibbs thanked Beathard for convincing Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke to hire him in 1981.

"Can you imagine him going into Jack Kent Cooke and recommending they hire Joe Gibbs?" Gibbs said. "I can hear Mr. Cooke now: 'Joe who?' Bobby, thanks for having guts enough to do that. I also want to say thanks for picking all those players and making it easy."

2. Drafting Darrell Green

Beathard was a firm believer in the value of trading high draft picks for multiple later-round picks or players. He only made three first-round selections with the Redskins, and he hit on all of them. Wide receiver Art Monk (No. 18 in 1980) is in the Hall of Fame. Offensive lineman Mark May (No. 20 in 1981) was a key member of the Hogs. In 1983, the Redskins selected 5-foot-9, 170-pound cornerback Darrell Green out of Texas A&M with the 28th and final pick of the first round. Beathard still remembers the first phone call he made to the future Hall of Famer after he became a Redskin.

"I called Darrell and I said, 'Hey, it's Bobby; we took ya,'" Beathard said during a conference call with reporters last month. "He got mad at me and said, 'Why did you wait until the last pick in the draft to take me?' I said: 'Well, the way the draft works, we won the Super Bowl, so we had the last pick. Blame the other 28 teams or whoever who didn't take you; don't blame us.'"



3. Drafting Gary Clark

Beathard found talent everywhere. In 1984, despite the objections of New Jersey Generals owner Donald Trump, the NFL held a supplemental draft for college seniors who had signed with USFL or CFL teams. The Redskins selected kicker Tony Zendejas and wide receiver Gary Clark, who starred at JMU.

Clark signed a contract with the USFL's Jacksonville Bulls through the 1986 season, but the Bulls released him because of financial issues in 1985. After signing with the Redskins, Clark had five 1,000-yard seasons and won two Super Bowls as a member of "The Posse."

4. Signing Joe Jacoby

It's impossible to decide the best pick among Beathard's 1981 draft haul. May in the first round? Hall of Famer Russ Grimm in the third? What about Dexter Manley in the fifth, or Charlie Brown in the eighth? The Redskins also drafted Darryl Grant and Clint Didier that year.

Shortly after the draft, Redskins scout and future GM Charley Casserly convinced Beathard to sign Louisville tackle Joe Jacoby as an undrafted free agent, giving the Redskins an embarrassment of riches around which to build. The Redskins won their first Super Bowl the following season with 27 free agents signed by Beathard on the roster.

5. Trading for Earnest Byner

Consider it Beathard's parting gift. On the first day of the 1989 draft and two weeks before he resigned, Beathard dealt second-year running back Mike Oliphant to the Cleveland Browns for veteran running back Earnest Byner.

Oliphant had 15 carries in 18 games with the Browns and was out of the league by 1992. Byner had four productive seasons in Washington and was the leading rusher on the Redskins' 1991 team that won Gibbs's third Super Bowl title.

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With their original music, the Beathards take over Canton

By Nick Wagoner, ESPN
August 3, 2018

SANTA CLARA, Calif. -- With an assist from San Francisco 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan, there will be no shortage of Beathards converging upon Canton, Ohio, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame inductions this weekend to see longtime NFL executive Bobby Beathard join the game's most exclusive club.

Beathard's family is even providing a soundtrack to the festivities.

On Friday, Tucker Beathard, a country music artist and the grandson of Bobby and brother of 49ers quarterback C.J., released a music video for a song titled "Hall of Fame" that is dedicated to his grandfather. Casey Beathard, Beathard's son and himself a longtime country music songwriter, wrote the song in advance of Saturday's induction ceremony.

The video appeared on the Hall of Fame's official website and features Tucker Beathard singing and highlights from his grandfather's career interspersed with some clips of the other inductees.

"Ain't nobody in the world more proud than little old me," Tucker Beathard sings. "But even if the folks who make that call, never would have called his name, it wouldn't change that spot he's got on the wall in my real World Hall of Fame."

Bobby Beathard is one of the most well-known talent evaluators and team builders in league history. He spent 38 years in the NFL, 22 as general manager in Washington and San Diego. Bobby Beathard also helped construct a pair of Super Bowl champions as the Redskins' GM and won two other Super Bowls as a scout for the Miami Dolphins. He was selected for this year's Hall of Fame class in February.

That football blood made its way to C.J. Beathard, who is the backup to quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo in San Francisco. Because the Niners' training camp coincides with the Hall of Fame ceremonies, Beathard, who is in his second season, did not want to ask if he could attend. As it turned out, he didn't need to.

Shanahan made it clear to C.J. Beathard earlier this week that his attendance -- in Canton, not training camp -- was mandatory.

C.J. Beathard is in his second season with the 49ers. Samuel Stringer/Icon Sportswire

"I know it means a lot to him," Shanahan said. "He would never tell us, and he definitely didn't ask. Then when I told him he had to go and he didn't have a choice, then he told us how thankful he was."

C.J. Beathard plans to fly to Ohio on Saturday, which actually works well with the 49ers' schedule because it's their day off. He then will attempt to fly back in time for Sunday's practice, though Shanahan expects Beathard to miss it.

For C.J. Beathard, the chance to be there with his family and grandfather is especially meaningful. Earlier this week, he called Bobby Beathard "one of my biggest, if not the biggest, role model in my life." C.J. and his grandfather still speak on the phone regularly, and those conversations aren't limited to just football.

"I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for him," C.J. Beathard said. "So it means a lot to him allowing me to go support him and see him get inducted. That's a pretty big deal."

When Beathard took over as the Niners' starter last year, he said he leaned on his grandfather for advice. Drawing on his experience putting together teams of varying degrees of success, Bobby helped him stay positive through the various ups and downs.

Still, even as Bobby Beathard receives football's highest honor, his grandson marvels at how grounded he remains.

"That's the funny thing," C.J. Beathard said. "He's so humble. He's excited, I'm sure, but if it were up to him, he would probably want nobody to know it. That's the funny thing about him."

The Washington Post

Bobby Beathard picks Joe Gibbs to present him at Hall of Fame induction ceremony

By Scott Allen, The Washington Post
March 7, 2018

Former Redskins general manager Bobby Beathard, who was elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame last month, announced Joe Gibbs will present him at his August enshrinement ceremony in Canton, Ohio. Gibbs was the Redskins' coach for all but the first three years of Beathard's tenure in D.C., during which time Washington went to three Super Bowls and won two championships.

"We were together so long," Beathard, 81, said in a video shared by the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Wednesday. "I think he knows more about me and what I did in football, and I know more about him. So I think he was just kind of the natural [pick]. I thought of one of my boys, our kids, but I didn't think they would enjoy it as much. I thought Joe would just be the right person because we worked together for so long."

Beathard won two Super Bowls as the director of player personnel for the Miami Dolphins before the Redskins hired him as their general manager in 1978. He hired Gibbs, then the San Diego Chargers' offensive coordinator and a relative unknown, to replace Jack Pardee in January 1981 after a three-and-a-half-hour meeting with owner Jack Kent Cooke.

"He has a track record that speaks for itself," Beathard said at the time. "Besides being bright and a terrific X's-and-O's man, Joe has demonstrated leadership. You can find a lot of fine assistant coaches but there are few assistants who can lead. Joe has an unusual talent to get along with players."

In Wednesday's video, Beathard said he was sold on Gibbs after a conversation with Ernie Zampesi, an assistant on the Chargers' staff when Gibbs was in San Diego.

"We got Joe and Joe was great," Beathard said. "He said, 'You get the players, we'll coach 'em.' We had a great relationship."

The relationship was strained by the end of the 1988 season. Beathard resigned in May 1989, took a season off and then served as the Chargers' general manager for a decade before retiring in 2000.

"Is there disagreement? There has been disagreement between me and Bobby from the first day I was here, as far as players at times," Gibbs said at the 1989 draft, a few weeks before Beathard resigned. "I think that when somebody works as closely as Bobby and I do and our lives are so tied together and our careers are so tied together, obviously, there are times Bobby and I would disagree on a player, whether he should come or go."

"I love the guy," Beathard said before Gibbs' induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1996. "I have so much respect for him. That's probably the most fun I've had in a relationship with a head coach. There were times we had differences near the end, but those two positions are always going to have disagreements. You look back at the differences, and the team turned out the better for it. When we talk on the phone now, we start telling stories and laughing."

During his acceptance speech, Gibbs thanked Beathard for taking a chance on him in 1981.

"Can you imagine him going into Jack Kent Cooke and recommending they hire Joe Gibbs?" Gibbs said. "I can hear Mr. Cooke now, 'Joe who?' Bobby, thanks for having guts enough to do that. I also want to say thanks for picking all those players and making it easy."

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**Bobby Beathard took a chance on Joe Gibbs.
Now the GM will join the coach in the Hall of Fame.**

By Scott Allen, The Washington Post
August 3, 2018

Thirty-seven years ago, Redskins General Manager Bobby Beathard introduced Joe Gibbs, a little-known assistant on Don Coryell's Chargers staff, as the 20th head coach in Redskins history. On Saturday, Gibbs, who would go on to win three Super Bowls with Washington, will welcome Beathard into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Neither man would be enshrined in Canton, Ohio if not for what they achieved over their eight seasons together with the Redskins. Among his other accomplishments, Beathard deserves the credit for making their union possible.

An Ohio native who played college football and roomed with John Madden at Cal Poly, Beathard had started to make a name for himself in the NFL before he teamed up with Gibbs. Released by the Redskins during training camp as an undrafted rookie free agent safety in 1959, Beathard worked a few odd jobs outside of football before joining the Chiefs as a part-time scout in 1963. He was working as a scout for the Falcons when Don Shula hired him to become the Dolphins' director of player personnel in 1972. Miami won two Super Bowls with Beathard leading its scouting department and the Redskins hired him as their general manager in 1978.

"We don't have to get worse to get better," Beathard told reporters at his introductory news conference. "We'll explore any avenue that's open to strengthen the team through trades, draft choices and the waiver list."

The Redskins had traded away their picks in the first five rounds of the 1978 NFL draft before Beathard was hired. His first draft pick as general manager, a sixth-round selection, was Florida running back Tony Green, who made the Pro Bowl his rookie year as a return man. Beathard drafted Hall of Famers Darrell Green, Russ Grimm and Art Monk while with the Redskins, and also showed off an incredible eye for finding valuable contributors in the later rounds and in free agency.

"If it was a draft that was deep in talent, I thought it was more valuable to get some of the later picks because there were real good

players down there, not only in the first round," Beathard said during a conference call with reporters last month. "If you had a high pick in the first round, trade that and get multiple picks where all the other players were. Fortunately, it worked out for us."

Beathard and the Redskins picked in the first round three times during his 11-year tenure in Washington. The Redskins' first Super Bowl-winning roster in 1982 featured 27 free agents signed by Beathard — plus a coach, in Gibbs, he had picked to replace Jack Pardee after a 6-10 season in 1980. Beathard said it took a three-and-a-half-hour meeting with Jack Kent Cooke to convince the Redskins' owner that Gibbs, despite no previous head coaching experience, was the right man for the job.

"Who in the hell is Joe Gibbs?" Beathard recalled Cooke asking him, during an interview with NBC's Michele Tafoya at Thursday's Hall of Fame Game in Canton. "'If we hire a guy named Joe Gibbs, they'll never forgive us. You're going to be fired.' I said, 'No, just stick with it.'

Cooke stuck with it and was rewarded when the Redskins won two Super Bowls and appeared in a third during a six-season span in the 1980s. Beathard said the 1987 season, which culminated in a 42-10 rout of the Broncos in Super Bowl XXII, was one of his most satisfying as a GM. The year began with Beathard and his assistant, Charley Casserly, assembling a team of replacement players during the NFL players' strike.

"I played in a touch football league and some of the players in the touch football league were pretty good," said Beathard, a health nut who used to live off granola and protein powder. "I called some of the guys in the touch football league to ask them if they wanted to play on the replacement team, and those guys did, and they ended up getting Super Bowl rings. The replacement year was one of the real fun years we ever had, and one of the greatest memories we had. Because some teams didn't take it as seriously, and we thought that if we could win any replacement games, it would help us in the end."

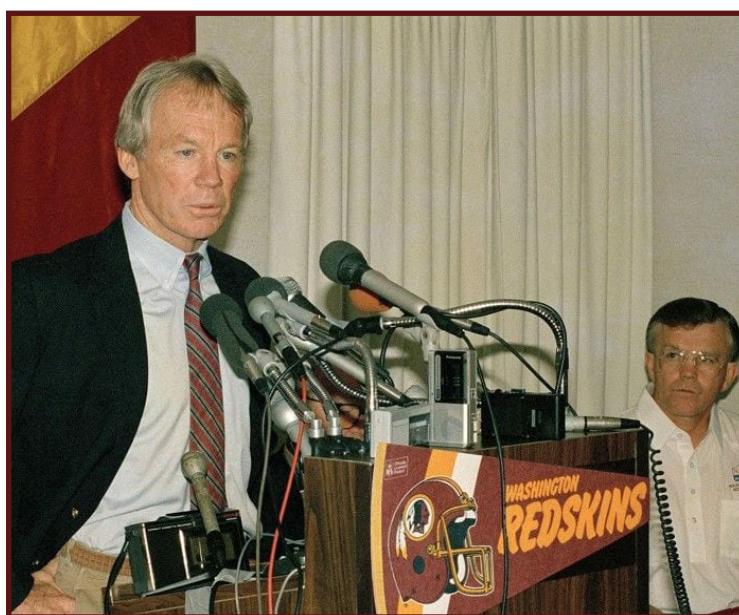
The Redskins' replacements went 3-0 during the strike. A few months after Washington's second Super Bowl title, Sports Illustrated labeled Beathard the "Smartest Man in the NFL."

Thirty years later, Redskins replacement players receive Super Bowl rings

Beathard's relationship with Gibbs was strained by the end of the 1988 season. ("Is there disagreement? There has been disagreement between me and Bobby from the first day I was here, as far as players at times," Gibbs said at the 1989 draft.) Beathard resigned in May 1989, took a season off and then served as the Chargers' general manager for a decade before retiring in 2000. During his time in San Diego, he drafted Hall of Fame linebacker Junior Seau and helped the Chargers to their first Super Bowl appearance, his seventh.

Twenty-two years after Gibbs was enshrined, Beathard will join him in the Hall of Fame. Fittingly, Gibbs will present him at Saturday's induction ceremony.

"It was an easy decision," Beathard said. "I would have had one of my sons, but I think it was more appropriate to have Joe. We spent a long time together."



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Richmond Times-Dispatch

Bobby Beathard believed in his evaluations as a GM. He can't believe he made it to Canton.

By Jacob Meyers, Richmond Times-Dispatch
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In a 1988 issue of Sports Illustrated, Bobby Beathard was called the "smartest man in the NFL." He insists one doesn't have to search his college or high school transcript long to find a teacher that would take issue with that statement.

Nonetheless, the 11-year Washington Redskins general manager made his living by taking guys in the later rounds of the draft who were overlooked, and having the coaches in place to turn those players into ones capable of making it to four Super Bowls and winning three.

Beathard, 81, will be the 311th member to be enshrined in Canton, Ohio, at the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday night. Former Redskins Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs will present Beathard's bust at the ceremony.

"All the years I worked, I never thought, boy, I hope I make the Hall of Fame someday. I don't think you think about those [things]," Beathard said during a teleconference. "It's just unbelievable."

As the general manager from 1978 to 1988 in Washington, Beathard helped bring home two Super Bowl championships and three conference championships. His willingness to take risks in drafts, trade down to acquire more picks and sign free agents who were forgotten made him different than other NFL general managers who stuck to the script.

Beathard said he just had great trust in his evaluations and his scouts' evaluations of players. Charley Casserly, Beathard's assistant general manager who succeeded him in 1989, said it was Beathard's comfortability with moving past a mistake and his aggressiveness with roster choices that showed he was a cut above the rest.

Casserly and Beathard both singled out choosing a 5-foot-8 cornerback from small school Texas A&I (now Texas A&M-Kingsville) named Darrell Green as perhaps the acquisition that most accurately showed Beathard's fearlessness as a team executive. But the most important acquisition, Casserly said, was Gibbs.

"Obviously Joe changed the course of the franchise," he said. "He took it from one level of winning to the ultimate level of winning. Bobby had a lot to do with that with getting him players."

In 1987, during the players' strike, Beathard once again proved why he was arguably the best talent evaluator in the league. He said he signed a few players as replacement players who stood out to him in his touch football league. They famously went 3-0 during the strike and finally received their Super Bowl rings this June.

"I guess I was lucky to have a feel for some of these guys and have the coaches that were willing to coach them," Beathard said.

Beathard was born in Ohio but spent most of his life in California. He always had difficulty staying away from the beach, especially if there were waves barreling onto the beaches — he's a passionate body surfer.

Before joining the Redskins, he started as a scout for the Kansas City Chiefs then the Atlanta Falcons. In 1972, Beathard served his first season as the Miami Dolphins' director of player personnel in the only undefeated season in NFL history, and earned his first Super Bowl ring.

Beathard took the general manager position with the then-San Diego Chargers in 1990. He was able to be closer to his parents, who lived in the area and weren't as independent as they used to be.

He took San Diego to its only Super Bowl.

Saturday, Beathard will not only join Gibbs but also the two people who had the most influence on him — Don Shula and Al Davis — as an eternal figure of professional football.

For the ceremony itself, he said he's most nervous about giving a speech. Concerning the gold jacket, Beathard doesn't think it will go anywhere but into his closet.

"I'm more of a navy blue blazer guy," he said.

It was important to Beathard that his scouts spent their weekends at home with their families, Casserly said. That was a part of his creed.

And so was going with his gut.

"People said he would go against the grain," Casserly said. "Nah. He went with what he believed in."



Bobby Beathard Feels Like 'One Of The Luckiest Guys In The World' With Hall of Fame Induction

By Grant Cohen [Contributing Writer], Redskins.com
July 13, 2018

Former Washington Redskins General Manager Bobby Beathard never thought he would be entering the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his career. He went into Redskins Park because of his love of the job, which led to the creation of three Super Bowl champion teams.

When Beathard received the call that he was selected as a member of the 2018 class, the feeling was overwhelming as he was told that he'd be the 31st Redskins player, coach or administrator to be inducted.

"All the years I've worked, I never thought, 'boy I hope I make the Hall of Fame someday,'" Beathard said on Friday's Pro Football Hall of Fame induction call. "I just don't think you think about that. If I hadn't made it, I had a lot of fun working and we had a lot of success. It's just unbelievable. You do all of that and you end up getting some accolade or whatever it is like that...it's really a great honor and I feel like one of the luckiest guys in the world."

Beathard changed the way NFL general managers today use first-round picks as valuable asset in trading. Despite only making three first-round selections in his 11 years as general manager, the Cal Poly alum thrived off scouting players that were overlooked in talented draft classes.

Utilizing picks in the later rounds, Beathard's trades allowed the Redskins to select four players who would eventually make the Redskins Ring of Fame during his tenure. He believed that gaining players after the first and second round was more important than stick-

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ing with one standout prospect.

"I just always had a plan," Beathard said. "If I ever got in that position, I knew I had a plan of how I wanted to do it. It wasn't that the No. 1 draft pick was the most important thing. Every year, we'd go out all year to all these colleges scouting, looking at the players. And if it was a draft that was deep in talent, I thought it was more valuable to get the later picks because there were real good players down there not only in the first round. If you had a high pick in the first round, trade that and get multiple picks where all the other players were. Fortunately it worked out for us."

One of the moments that changed Beathard's career was during the 1987 NFL Players Association strike. While other teams scrambled to find new players during the 24-day strike, Beathard had a blueprint for how the Redskins were going to compete in those games.

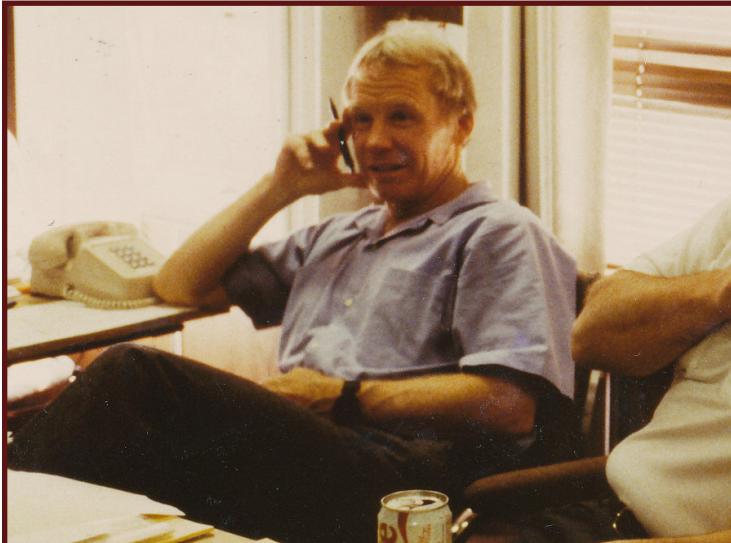
He scouted players from all over, including some that he saw play in a touch football league and ones he witnessed from Canada to form an entire team of replacement players that competed for three weeks. With Beathard believing those games would mean something later on in the season, the team composed of entirely replacements won all three of their games that helped Washington to Super Bowl XXII.

"Looking back on the year with the strike, it was probably one of the most gratifying years we ever had," Beathard said. "There were a few teams that we heard of that didn't take getting a team together, replacement players, as serious as some other teams and we took it pretty seriously. I played in a touch football league and some of the touch football league were pretty good. I called some of the guys in the touch football league to ask them if they ask them if they wanted to play on the replacement team and those guys did and they ended up getting Super Bowl rings."

"The replacement year was one of the real fun years we ever had and one of the greatest memories we had because some teams didn't take it as seriously and we thought that if we could win any replacement games it would help us in the end. Fortunately we were able to do it."

Now that he has the same honor of being in the Pro Football Hall of Fame like the players and coaches he brought in, Beathard said that his induction is a testament for the success his NFL teams had.

"It's quite an honor, of course. I've been up there several times to see other people's inductions," Beathard said. "The only bad thing was when I found out I was going to be there, I thought, 'oh no I have to make a speech.' So that was the bad part of it, but other than that I'll get through that. It was great. I was born in Ohio, so I thought, 'gosh to have the Hall of Fame be back there, it's really nice to get to go back there.' It means that during the whole time that I got to spend all those years in the NFL, I guess we all did a pretty good job to get our teams there."



Bobby Beathard Donates Memorabilia Ahead Of Hall Of Fame Induction

By Eric Spyropoulos (Contributing Writer), Redskins.com
June 7, 2018

Former Washington Redskins General Manager Bobby Beathard has donated several pieces of NFL memorabilia ahead of his August 2018 enshrinement ceremony into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Beathard, who was the general manager of the Redskins from 1978-1989, led the team to two Super Bowl victories during his tenure, drafting key players such as Art Monk and hiring head coach Joe Gibbs, a 1996 inductee into the Hall of Fame. Gibbs will present Beathard at the enshrinement ceremony, as the two built a strong relationship overseeing a successful decade of Redskins football.

Beathard joined the Redskins after winning two Super Bowls as the Director of Player Personnel for the Miami Dolphins in the 1970s, and brought his extensive scouting experience and leadership to the Redskins in 1978.

Among the memorabilia Beathard donated is an official game ball from the Redskins' 42-10 Super Bowl XXII victory in 1988 over the Denver Broncos. Beathard also donated an official game ball from the San Diego Chargers' 1995 AFC Championship victory, as well as a 1978 race tag from the Boston Marathon, one of the four races in which he participated.

After departing from the Redskins, Beathard continued to make his mark as an executive in the NFL, leading the Chargers to the Super Bowl in 1994. During his 33 years in the NFL, Beathard was a highly regarded personnel administrator, working for four NFL teams (Redskins, Chargers, Dolphins, and Kansas City Chiefs) and leading them to 10 division titles and seven Super Bowl appearances, winning four of them.

Beathard's vision and idea to use first-round draft picks as trade assets soon became a common practice in the NFL. He had a keen eye for identifying talent, which was especially apparent in 1982, when the Redskins' Super Bowl-winning team included 27 free agents that Beathard had signed.



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Highlights from the artifacts donated to the Hall by #PFHOF18 class member Bobby Beathard - 1 of his 4 Boston Marathon race tags, an official game ball from Super Bowl XXII for the @Redskins victory & an official game ball from the 1995 AFC Championship victory by the @Chargers.

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