



## Mike Singletary

Mike Singletary is widely regarded as one of the best defensive football players in the history of the game. His intensity is legendary.

Mike was a 2<sup>nd</sup> round pick of the Chicago Bears in the 1981 NFL draft and was the starting middle linebacker by mid-season. He was named to the NFL's all-rookie team even though having started 9 of 16 games.

Mike's love for hitting opponents with tremendous force led him to being the Bears' leading or second-leading tackling in the last 11 or his 12 seasons in the league. Of course, one can't mention the Singletary Bears without mentioning the 1985 season when the Bears went 15-1 in the regular season and then marched through the playoffs to a dominating 46-10 thrashing of the Patriots in Super Bowl XX. For his outstanding 1985 season with the Monsters of the Midway, Singletary was named NFL Defensive Player of the Year, an honour he earned again for his 1988 performance.



Mike earned many honours for his career, with his election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1998 being at the top of the list. He was also a 7-time First Team All Pro and once a Second Team All Pro and a 10-time Pro Bowler. In 1990 he won the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award given to the player voted to have combined community work with on-field excellence and is considered the NFL's highest award. In 1999, he was ranked #56 on The Sporting News' list of the 100 Greatest Football Players. In yet another honour, he was named to the NFL's All-1980's Team. Finally, in 1991, he was given the Bart Starr Award as the player who best exemplifies outstanding character and leadership in the home, on the field and in the community.

After his playing career ended, Singletary began his coaching career which included being the head coach of the San Francisco 49ers. He also had coaching position with the Ravens, Giants, and Rams.

Mike was raised in a Christian home, the son of a Pentecostal preacher but didn't grow in his faith until later in life. Once he began to listen to the Lord's calling, he began trusting fully in Him and is the head of a family with his wife that includes seven children and a God-fearing household.