



A member of the 1992, 1993 and 1995 Super Bowl Champions team, **Bill Bates** has been a long time favorite of Cowboys fans. He was named the winner of the Bob Lilly Award four years in a row, from 1990 - 1994. This award is selected by a vote of the fans and annually goes to the Cowboy player who displays leadership and character on and off the field. The 1993 season had seen him return from a disabling knee injury that prematurely ended his 1992 season. After the 1993 season Bill was selected by his teammates to receive the Ed Block Courage Award for successfully overcoming his injury. In 1995, Bill was named by the fans and his team-mates the "Unsung Hero" award, which is given to one player from each NFL team. He has also been the recipient of the Dallas All Sports Association Courage Award. Bill was selected to the All-Madden Team for twelve years in a row and made the roster of the Madden-Summerall "ALL DALLAS COWBOY TEAM" and the Madden Hall of Fame.

Bates named the Cowboys three Super Bowl victories as the most memorable moments of his playing career. He was a part of championship teams in 1992, 1993, and 1995 as Dallas cemented its place as the team of the 90s. But one of his favorite memories involves the famed coif of his former coach. "There was that time when we defeated the Redskins in Washington, around the time when Jimmy Johnson first came to Dallas," Bates recalled. "At the end of the game I rubbed his head - not on purpose - which appeared to be sprayed down with hair spray and everyone was getting on him about it. For years after that, the clip where I rubbed his head was used as the opening to a sports show- fortunately that didn't end my career."

When Bates retired following the 1997 season, he tied the club record f...

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