



**COY BACON**

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## *Inductees*

### **Coy Bacon**

Coy Bacon was an outstanding football and basketball player at Ironton High School who went on to play at Jackson State. He then played a year of minor league football for the Charleston Rockets where he was discovered by a Dallas Cowboys' scout and signed to the team's taxi squad.



When starting defensive tackle Roger Brown went down with an injury, the Los Angeles Rams traded for Bacon in 1968. He became a starter on the defensive line and was part of the Fearsome Foursome that included Lamar Lundy and future Hall of Fame players Deacon Jones and Merlin Olsen.

He had 11 quarterback sacks in 1971 and was voted second team All-Pro and the team's Defensive Lineman of the Year. He was second team All-Pro again in 1972.

In 1973, San Diego needed a pass rusher and traded for Bacon. It was during that season he returned an interception 80 yards for his only career touchdown.

He was traded to the Cincinnati Bengals in 1976 and set a then-NFL record with 21.5 sacks. The original total was 26 but was downgraded by the NFL. He was voted the Bengals' Most Valuable Player, was a second-team All-Pro, and was selected to the Pro Bowl.

Washington traded for Bacon in 1978 where he set a franchise record with 15 sacks in 1979 and had 11 the next year. He finished his career with the Washington Federals of the USFL.