



# BOB SUTTON

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR



- 15th Year NFL Coach
- 2nd with Chiefs

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Bob Sutton enters his second year with the Chiefs as defensive coordinator after spending 13 years with the New York Jets.

In his first year leading the defense, the Chiefs made their greatest single-season turnaround in franchise history, improving from 2-14 to an 11-5 record. The defense ranked second in the league with 36 takeaways, tied for first in the league with six defensive touchdowns, tied for fifth in points allowed per game (19.1 avg.) and ranked fifth in third down conversion percentage (34.1 pct.).

Under Sutton's leadership, LBs Tamba Hali and Justin Houston racked up 11.0 sacks a piece and both made trips to the Pro Bowl, along with fellow defensive teammates NT Dontari Poe, S Eric Berry, LB Derrick Johnson and CB Brandon Flowers.

Prior to the Chiefs, Sutton served as the Jets assistant head coach/linebackers coach (2012) and as the team's senior defensive assistant/linebackers coach (2009-11) when Head Coach Rex Ryan joined the club in 2009.

From 2006-08, Sutton was the Jets defensive coordinator after beginning his tenure as linebackers coach. In 2008, Sutton's defensive unit was ranked near the top of the league in rushing defense (94.9 ypg) and yards per rush allowed (3.7 avg.), the team's best statistical showing since 1993. The club scored a club-record five defensive touchdowns. His units racked up 41.0 sacks to rank seventh in the NFL, and their 30 takeaways were tied for fifth-best in the NFL.



As the club's linebackers coach in 2005, he guided Jonathan Vilma to his first Pro Bowl appearance after he lead the league in tackles with 187. In 2004, Vilma became only the third Jets player in team history to be voted Associated Press NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year after finishing the season with 118 tackles, 2.0 sacks, three pressures and three INTs and helping the Jets defense finish fourth in the NFL in points allowed (16.3) and fifth against the run (97.9).

In his first year with the Jets in 2000, the club's defense was led by LBs Marvin Jones (125 tackles) and Mo Lewis (10.0 sacks), with Lewis

## SUTTON'S FOOTBALL CAREER

1972-73	Michigan . . . . .	Grad. Assistant/ Linebackers/Defensive Backs
1974	Syracuse . . . . .	Linebackers
1975-76	Western Michigan . . . . .	Def. Coord./Linebackers
1977-79	Illinois . . . . .	Def. Coordinator/Linebackers
1980-81	Western Michigan . . . . .	Off. Coord./ Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers
1982	North Carolina State . . . . .	Running Backs
1983-99	Army . . . . .	Defensive Coordinator ('83-90) Head Coach ('91-99)
2000-12	New York Jets . . . . .	Linebackers ('00-05) Defensive Coordinator ('06-08) Senior Def. Assistant/Linebackers ('09-11) Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers ('12)
2013-14	Kansas City Chiefs . . . . .	Defensive Coordinator

earning his third-consecutive Pro Bowl.

Prior to entering the NFL ranks, Sutton spent nine years as the head coach at Army (1991-99). Nine seasons leading Army placed him second in coaching tenure, trailing only legendary Head Coach Earl "Red" Blaik, who guided the Cadets for 18 seasons.

From 1995-96, Sutton's Army team rattled off 11 straight wins, the longest winning streak at the school in five decades. Army finished as the nation's top-ranked rushing offense in 1993, 1996 and 1998. In the 1996 season, the Cadets posted one of their finest seasons in history as the team notched a team-record 10 victories and a trip to the the Independence Bowl. He became the first Army coach to defeat Navy five straight times (1992-96).

The 1996 Army squad won the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy, while Sutton won the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award, making him the first Army coach since Tom Cahill in 1966 to earn the award. One of six finalists for the Bear Bryant Coach of the Year Award, he was named the Metropolitan Football Writers Division I Coach of the Year and the GTE Regional Coach of the Year by the AFCA.

Prior to serving as Army's head coach, Sutton was the Cadets' defensive coordinator (1983-90). He coached the running backs at North Carolina State under Monte Kiffin (1982) and had two tours of duty at Western Michigan under Elliott Uzelac (1980-81 and 1975-76), serving as defensive coordinator and offensive coordinator, respectively. Sutton worked as defensive coordinator/linebackers coach at Illinois (1977-79), and he was the linebackers coach at Syracuse (1974). He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Michigan for legendary coach Bo Schembechler.

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