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Phil Simms

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The all-time passing leader of the New York Giants is Phil Simms, a battle-scarred veteran of fifteen NFL seasons, who fought back from injury and adversity to become one of football's most respected quarterbacks.

Drafted out of Morehead State University in the first round of the 1979 draft by the then-struggling Giants, Simms showed promise as a rookie, but his potential seemed unlikely to be fulfilled as injuries forced him to sit out at least part of four successive seasons. Even though he set club passing records in his first full season as a starter and, in the 1986 season, won most valuable player honors for both the season and Super Bowl XXI, in which he led the Giants to their first championship in thirty years, Simms was never fully embraced by the notoriously fickle Giant fans. A gritty, blue-collar quarterback whose tenacity, disciplined work habits and fearless composure earned him the admiration and respect of head coach Bill Parcells, Simms was again leading New York to the playoffs when, in 1990, an injury forced him to the sidelines, where he watched as his substitute, Jeff Hostetler, guided the Giants to their second Super Bowl win in five seasons.

Simms and Hostetler competed for the starting job in 1991 and 1992, a period of disarray during which the Giants compiled a two-season record of 14-18 under the indecisive tutelage of Parcells' successor, Ray Handley. In 1993 a new head coach, Dan Reeves, returned the offense to Simms, who unexpectedly took the team to the playoffs with a Pro Bowl season.

Simms joined CBS Sports in January 1998 as lead analyst for the CBS Television Network's coverage of the NFL. Prior to joining CBS Sports, Simms served as a game analyst on NBC's top broadcast team. He called Super Bowls XXX and XXXII. In addition, he served as a studio analyst for ESPN.