

[« back to University News](#) [Tiger Beat Home](#) [About us »](#) [Archive »](#) [Subscribe RSS/XML](#)

Feb15

[Mike](#)

### [Alum recalls playing football under Coughlin](#)

One of the coolest RIT stories in recent memory has little to do with the RIT that we know and love today. Rather, it's about the RIT of more than three decades ago, when the nascent campus in Henrietta had fewer people, fewer buildings, fewer of almost everything—except it had *more* pigskin.

As you may know, RIT once fielded a football team—led for four seasons by head coach **Tom Coughlin** (below, second from right, with his RIT coaching staff), the same coach who now guides the Super Bowl-winning New York Giants.



When the Coughlin-led Giants reached the Super Bowl, media inquiries about his early coaching days at RIT led to interviews with former players—including RIT alumnus **Mark McCabe**—and to an RIT Football Team Reunion of more than 40 ex-Tigers players and coaches on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3, in Henrietta.

Here's some of the coverage:

[Former RIT coach leads Super Bowl champions](#)

[Former players say Coughlin never forgot roots](#)

[Coach Coughlin touched by RIT team](#)

[Coughlin will make you believe](#)

On this week's [Dateline: RIT – The Podcast](#), McCabe, who was a Tigers linebacker, defensive end and co-captain, tells what it was like playing under Coughlin, who began his head-coaching career here in 1970. Coughlin has a reputation for a strong disciplinary style of coaching. But McCabe recalls a coach who worked his players hard but who was also caring, emphasized teamwork and had concern for his players' off-the-field success.

“From RIT to the Super Bowl. If you ever thought anyone deserved it and had earned it, it was definitely him,” McCabe says.

Hear more from McCabe, along with campus news and [News & Events](#) highlights, on [Dateline: RIT – The Podcast](#).

Have a great weekend!

-

1. [Will Dube](#)

Feb15

This type of story is incredibly interesting not only because of the connection of a now famous person to RIT but also because of the tremendous influence the university obviously had on Coughlin and his players.

Name (required)

E-mail (required)

Website

### About us

The Tiger Beat takes you behind the scenes with the members of [RIT University News](#)—the news and public relations division of [Rochester Institute of Technology](#). Get the "story behind the story" and an insider's look at who we are and what we do to publicize RIT news.

[more about us »](#)

### Recent Comments

- John / Jul 24 [The 'abolishionist' is corrected](#)
- Justin / Jul 17 [RIT goes west](#)
- Jeff / Jul 12 [Shine on, classic beauties!](#)
- Brennan / Jun 24 [Shine on, classic beauties!](#)
- Will / Jun 17 [What to do with all that hardware?](#)
- David / Jun 14 [Shine on, classic beauties!](#)
- Nancy / Jun 13 [Shine on, classic beauties!](#)
- Mike / Jun 2 [Time is running out to ♦talk back♦ to University News](#)
- Ralph / May 30 [Time is running out to ♦talk back♦ to University News](#)
- John / May 19 [Sensationalism trumps accuracy in Channel 10 news story](#)

©2006 [RIT University News](#) [RIT Home](#) [Subscribe RSS/XML](#) powered by [Wordpress](#)