

# Jimbo Covert

**Jim Covert** was a member of the 1977 undefeated football team as a two-way tackle. Jim was also arguably the best wrestler ever at Freedom highschool. His mere presence on the football field made opposing coaches change their game plans, but rarely with success. Despite his massive impact on the football field and wrestling mat at Freedom, Jimbo was destined to gain even bigger recognition after moving on to the University of Pittsburgh and the National Football League.

While a Panther, he was a two-time All-American at offensive tackle. After his college career, he started on the defensive line. He excelled at left tackle, protecting another western Pennsylvania product - quarterback Dan Marino. Jimbo was named to Pitt's All-Time Team, allowing only three sacks his entire collegiate career. He was named to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

After his career at Pitt, Jimbo went on to a long career in the National Football league, spent entirely with the Chicago Bears. While playing left tackle for the Bears, he was twice named Offensive Lineman of the Year, was five times named All-Pro. Jimbo was a member of the Bears' Super Bowl Championship team while playing for another western Pennsylvania product and Pitt alum - Mike Ditka. He was named to the NFL's All Time team of the 1980's

