

# BCSP Profile

50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50



A DAY-BY-DAY, SUPER BOWL-BY-SUPER BOWL LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON SUPER BOWLS I THRU 49 AS WE COUNT DOWN THE 50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50

DAY 35 - Sunday, January 24

## SUPER BOWL XXXV

Baltimore 34, New York Giants 7

January 28, 2001 - Raymond James Stadium, Tampa

Five (5) Black College Players

**New York Giants (1)**  
Michael Strahan DE Texas Southern

**Baltimore Ravens (4)**  
Ben Coates TE Livingstone  
Charles Evans RB Clark Atlanta  
Anthony Mitchell DB Tuskegee  
Shannon Sharpe TE Savannah State

**ICONIC PHOTO:** Baltimore linebacker and Super Bowl XXXV MVP Ray Lewis holds up newspaper heralding Ravens' victory.



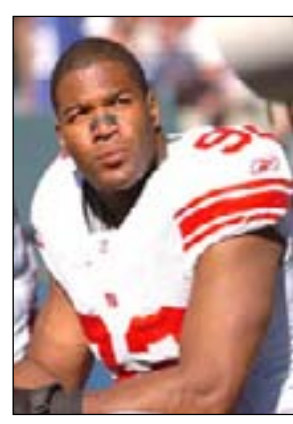
**Storyline:** The vaunted Baltimore Ravens defense picked off New York quarterback Kerry Collins four times, forced five turnovers, and held the Giants to 152 total yards in a 34-7 blowout win in Super Bowl XXXV. The Ravens featured two of the premier tight ends in the league in **Shannon Sharpe (Savannah State)** and **Ben Coates (Livingstone)**. Sharpe, who won two Super Bowl rings with Denver earlier in his career, and Coates, who won a Super Bowl ring with New England, were both brought to Baltimore by former all-pro tight end Ozzie Newsome, the general manager of the Ravens.

### New York Giants

**Michael Strahan, DE (Texas Southern)**

Posted three solo tackles, three (3) assists, 1.5 sacks in loss to Baltimore.

- Teams with linebacker Jesse Armstead to take running back Jamal Lewis for no gain in first quarter.
- Tackles Lewis on 2-yard run up the middle in second quarter.
- Sacks quarterback Trent Dilfer for -9 yard loss in second quarter.
- Teams with defensive end Cornelius Griffin on sack of Dilfer for -8 yards early in third quarter.
- Teams with safety Shaun Williams to stop Lewis on 2-yard run early in fourth quarter. Two plays later, stops Lewis on 2-yard run up the middle. Two plays later, Lewis scores on 3-yard touchdown (Baltimore 31, New York 7, 8:45). Ron Dixon fumbles the ensuing kickoff back to Baltimore.
- Teams with tackle Keith Hamilton to stop Lewis on 2-yard run up the middle in the fourth quarter. On next play, Matt Stover kicks 34-yard field goal (Baltimore 34, New York 7, 5:27).



### Baltimore

**Ben Coates, TE (Livingstone)**

Three (3) receptions for 30 yards in Ravens win.

- Catches 2-yard pass in third quarter.
- Caught for offensive holding on second half kickoff.
- Catches 11-yard pass over the middle late in third quarter.
- Catches 17-yard pass over the middle early in fourth quarter.

**Shannon Sharpe, TE (Savannah State)**

One reception for five yards in Ravens win.

- Catches 5-yard pass in right flat on last play of third quarter.



**MVP:** Ray Lewis, MLB, Baltimore - Three solo tackles and three pass break-ups in win over New York.

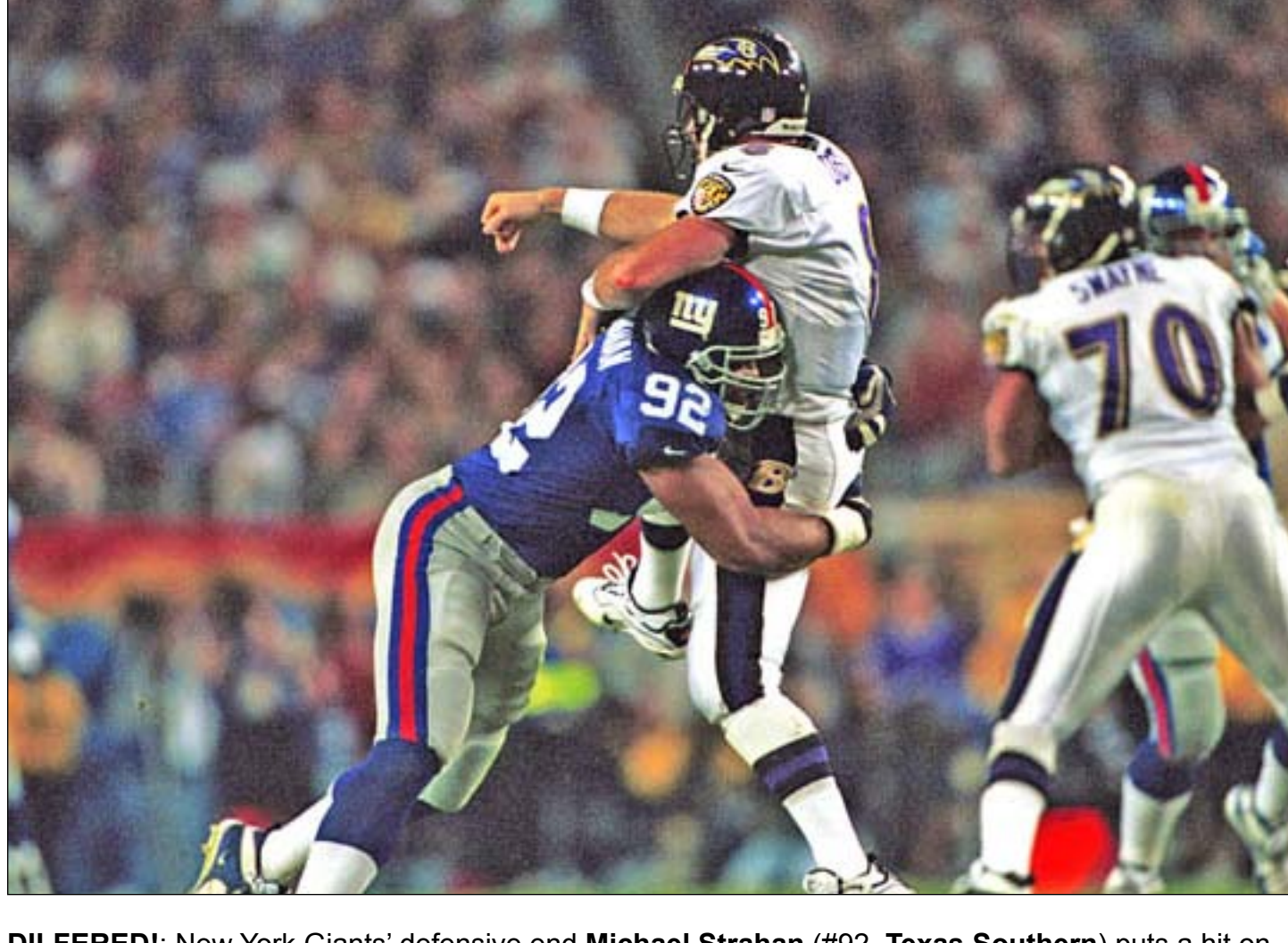
**KEY FACTS:** Ray Lewis was the middle linebacker and leader of the Ravens' defense that held New York to 66 yards rushing and 86 yards passing in the Super Bowl. New York quarterback Kerry Collins completed just 15 of 39 passes with four picks.



**HOLD IT, HOLD IT!** New York Giants' defensive end **Michael Strahan** (#92, **Texas Southern**) closes in on Baltimore quarterback Trent Dilfer in Super Bowl XXXV. Strahan had 1 1/2 sacks in the loss to the Ravens.



**CAN'T CATCH THIS!** Baltimore Ravens tight end **Shannon Sharpe** (#82, **Savannah State**) reaches for a pass as New York Giants linebacker Ryan Phillips (91) defends during Super Bowl XXXV.



**DILFERED!** New York Giants' defensive end **Michael Strahan** (#92, **Texas Southern**) puts a hit on Baltimore quarterback Trent Dilfer in Super Bowl XXXV. Strahan had 1 1/2 sacks in the loss to the Ravens.