

## IN INDIANAPOLIS, THE RING COMES FROM THE HEART

"I know they normally say that diamonds are a woman's best friend, but they're a man's best friend, too," Pro Bowl receiver **REGGIE WAYNE** said this offseason upon receiving his ring commemorating the Colts' Super Bowl XLI victory.

This ring was designed by Colts owner **JIM IRSAY**, his wife, **MEG**, and **PETE WARD**, the Colts' senior executive vice president.

"I'm excited the way it turned out," says Jim Irsay. "There's obviously some bling, but we wanted it to have some beautiful simplicity and we wanted to feature the horseshoe. The symbol of the horseshoe is so universal, so powerful."

The "bling" that Irsay cites refers to the 50 diamonds and a synthetic blue sapphire horseshoe that encrust the three-ounce ring. The Lombardi Trophy is engraved in the middle of the horseshoe. There is even a dot of red enamel in one of the rivets in the horseshoe emblematic of players "leaving it all on the field," as the Colts feel they did all season.

Irsay is most satisfied with the two phrases inscribed on the ring: last season's motto "Our Time" and the word "Faith." The proud owner explained that, faith "gives you the strength to have the perseverance to move forward even after many disappointments."

## SUPER FOLLOW-UPS

How Super Bowl winners fared the following season, with teams that repeated in **bold** (eight Super Bowl winners won the title game the next year and three lost it):

<b>Super Bowl</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Next Season</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
II	Green Bay	Missed playoffs
III	NY Jets	Lost in first round
IV	Kansas City	Missed playoffs
V	Baltimore	Lost AFC Championship Game
VI	Dallas	Lost NFC Championship Game
<b>VII</b>	<b>Miami</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
VIII	Miami	Lost in first round
<b>IX</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
X	Pittsburgh	Lost AFC Championship Game
XI	Oakland	Lost AFC Championship Game
XII	Dallas	Lost Super Bowl
<b>XIII</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
XIV	Pittsburgh	Missed playoffs
XV	Oakland	Missed playoffs
XVI	San Francisco	Missed playoffs
XVII	Washington	Lost Super Bowl
XVIII	L.A. Raiders	Lost Wild Card Game
XIX	San Francisco	Lost Wild Card Game
XX	Chicago	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
XXI	NY Giants	Missed playoffs
XXII	Washington	Missed playoffs
<b>XXIII</b>	<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
XXIV	San Francisco	Lost NFC Championship Game
XXV	NY Giants	Missed playoffs
XXVI	Washington	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
<b>XXVII</b>	<b>Dallas</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
XXVIII	Dallas	Lost NFC Championship Game
XXIX	San Francisco	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
XXX	Dallas	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
XXXI	Green Bay Packers	Lost Super Bowl
<b>XXXII</b>	<b>Denver Broncos</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
XXXIII	Denver Broncos	Missed playoffs
XXXIV	St. Louis Rams	Lost Wild Card Game
XXXV	Baltimore Ravens	Lost AFC Divisional Playoff Game
XXXVI	New England Patriots	Missed playoffs
XXXVII	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Missed playoffs
<b>XXXVIII</b>	<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
XXXIX	New England Patriots	Lost AFC Divisional Playoff Game
XL	Pittsburgh Steelers	Missed playoffs
XLI	Indianapolis Colts	???