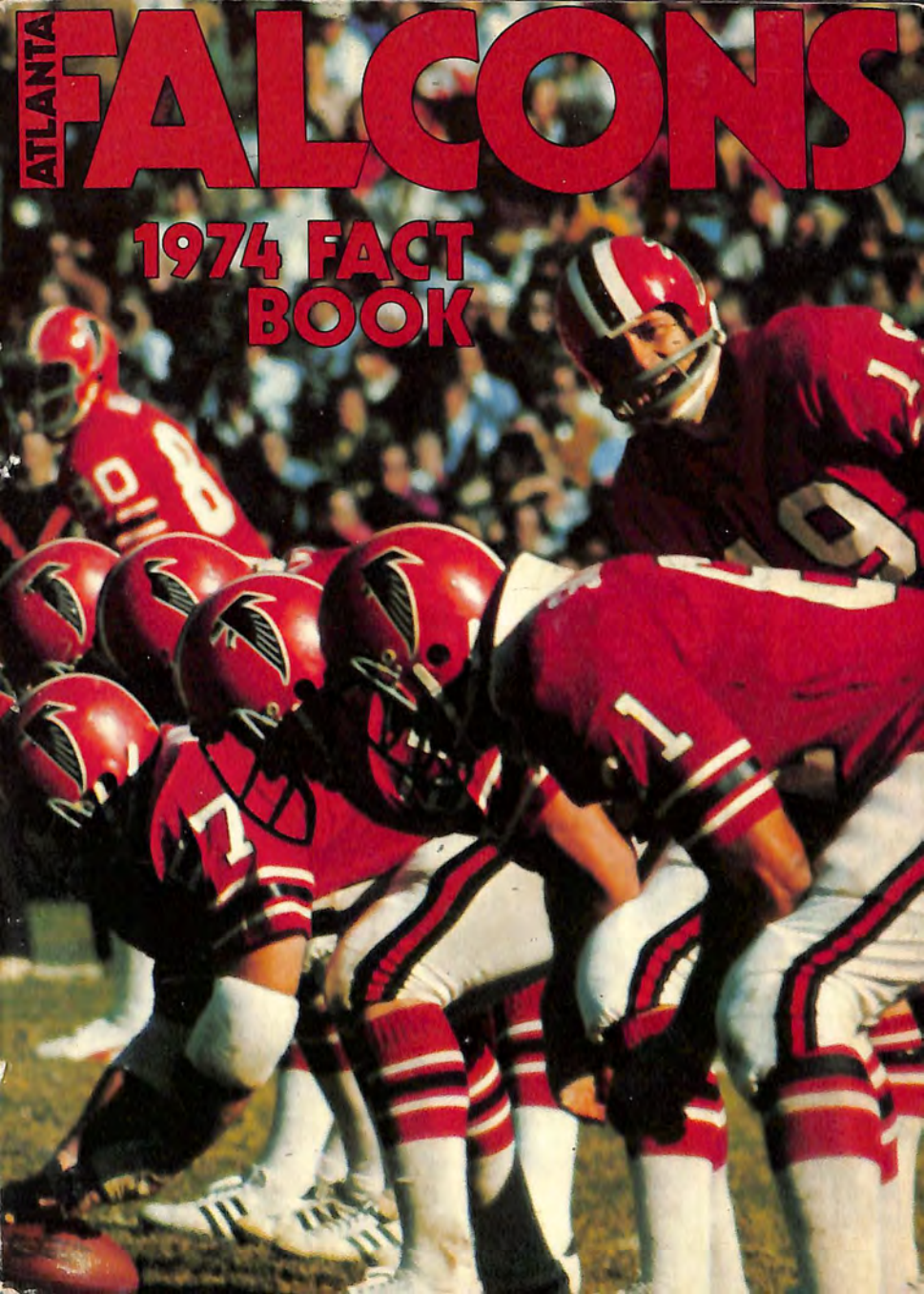
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PRESEASON

SUN.	AUG. 4	8:00 PM	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES at Philadelphia
SAT.	AUG. 10	1:00 PM	OAKLAND RAIDERS at Berkeley
SAT.	AUG. 17	9:00 PM	CINCINNATI at Grant Field
MON.	AUG. 26	8:00 PM	HOUSTON OILERS at Houston
SAT.	AUG. 31	6:00 PM	BALTIMORE COLTS at Atlanta
SUN.	SEPT. 8	8:00 PM	DENVER BRONCOS at Denver

REGULAR SEASON

SUN.	SEPT. 15	4:00 PM	DALLAS COWBOYS at Atlanta
SUN.	SEPT. 22	1:00 PM	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at Atlanta
SUN.	SEPT. 29	1:00 PM	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS at New Orleans
SUN.	OCT. 6	1:00 PM	NEW YORK GIANTS at New Haven
SUN.	OCT. 13	1:00 PM	CHICAGO BEARS at Atlanta
SUN.	OCT. 20	1:00 PM	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS at Atlanta
MON.	OCT. 28	9:00 PM	PITTSBURGH STEELERS at Pittsburgh
SUN.	NOV. 3	4:00 PM	MIAMI DOLPHINS at Miami
SUN.	NOV. 10	1:00 PM	LOS ANGELES RAMS at Los Angeles
SUN.	NOV. 17	1:00 PM	BALTIMORE COLTS at Atlanta
SUN.	NOV. 24	1:00 PM	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at San Francisco
SUN.	DEC. 1	4:00 PM	LOS ANGELES RAMS at Atlanta
SAT.	DEC. 7	12NOON	MINNESOTA VIKINGS at Minnesota
SUN.	DEC. 15	1:00 PM	GREEN BAY PACKERS at Atlanta

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Rankin McEachern Smith's first mark on football wasn't memorable at all.

Some 25 years later, however, his second impression would become indelible on the history of professional sports in the Southeast.

It happened on June 30, 1965, when he was awarded a National Football League franchise for approximately $8.5 million.

Smith's first real introduction to the game came in the early 1940s at Bolles School in Jacksonville, Fla. It was there that he spent one season as a 125-pound substitute halfback.

He remained extremely devoted to football throughout his collegiate career at Emory University and the University of Georgia although he never played again.

At the end of his freshman year of college, war was breaking out throughout Europe. Smith, whose sports interests also include bonefishing and quail hunting, enlisted as an Air Force instructor in Texas and later became a combat pilot in the Pacific.

Upon receiving his discharge in early 1945, he resumed his education at the University of Georgia.

Later he launched a career that would lead him to the pinnacle of success in the insurance business. He began as a debit agent in Hot Springs, Ark., for the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. His grandfather was one of the co-founders of the company.

Today Smith, a central figure in several charitable and civic organizations, is president and chief executive officer of Life of Georgia. He also serves countless corporations as a director.

Football weekends are always among the busiest of the year for Smith. Friday nights usually find him attending prep games at Lovett School, where his oldest son was once an all-state performer. Saturdays, it's off to University of Georgia games. And Sundays, of course, belong to the Falcons.

Upon his purchase of the Falcons, he gave the club the corporate name of The Five Smiths, Inc. It is named for his children: Rankin, Jr., 26; Carroll Christine, 25; Mrs. John O. (Dorothy Ann) Knox, 23; Taylor, 21, and, Nancy Karen, 16.

Smith, who has two grandsons, John O. and Bryan Knox, ages 3 and 1 respectively, was born Oct. 29, 1925, in Atlanta.



FRANK E. WALL
PRESIDENT

Frank Elliott Wall was there the day the Atlanta Falcons were born.

Throughout the club's life, he has always been at its side serving it loyally and with great acumen.

And during that eight-year period, the Pulaski, Ga., native has come to be recognized as one of the most respected men in the National Football League.

Assessing Wall's career in professional football, Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell once said:

"I think Frank is one of the more competent front office men in pro football, as well as being a truly fine gentleman. He has indeed been an important asset to the National Football League.

"He has acquired knowledge that even a fellow like me could—and does—listen to.

"In other words," continued Modell, "the NFL no longer waits for Frank Wall to call; it calls him."

Prior to joining the Falcons in 1965, Wall youngest of five brothers, was a partner in Garrett and Wall, an Atlanta accounting firm that he co-founded.

When insurance executive Rankin M. Smith first announced plans to purchase an NFL franchise, Wall was called upon to help in the financial arrangements. In mid-1966, he gave up his career as a Certified Public Accountant and joined the Falcons full-time as vice president and treasurer.

He was named general manager in late January of 1967 and stepped up to the club presidency on Jan. 6, 1970.

Wall, one of the eight Falcon stockholders, began his working career at various odd jobs during his youth in south Georgia including one era of employment as a watermelon picker at 50 cents a day. Having spent most of his youth working, Wall's view of sports has been primarily as a fan. It is for, perhaps, that reason that he empathizes with fans of professional football so strongly that he has stated on several occasions that "football does not belong to the players, to the coaches or to the owners; it belongs to the fans."

Because of color blindness, the 56-year-old gentleman was rejected by the Air Corps in World War II. A short time later, however, he was drafted and assigned to the Army medical corps. He spent three and one-half years in combat all over Europe.

Wall, born June 14, 1918, and his wife, Jean, have four children. They are Christy, 14; Stacie, 3, and twins Tye and Jamie, 1.



NORM VAN BROCKLIN
HEAD COACH AND GENERAL MANAGER

The yesterdays of Atlanta Falcons history were erased within days after Norm Van Brocklin became head coach in 1968.

No longer was it a two-year-old expansion club that played like one, or worse.

Assignments, blocking and running, weren't missed as often anymore. Not with the same degree of regularity, especially. If they were, that problem—individually and collectively—was solved in short order.

Step by step, Van Brocklin and his staff virtually tore down the Falcon machine he had inherited and methodically began rebuilding it. Their work habits soon stretched well past 12, 13, 14 hours a day.

He has attacked the Atlanta job with the same drive that for 12 seasons made him one of the NFL's all-time superstars. During his playing career he led the Los Angeles Rams to four NFL championships (1949, 50, 51 and 55) and Philadelphia to one (1960).

Soon after playing his final game, Van Brocklin, a 1971 inductee into Pro Football's Hall of Fame, accepted his first NFL coaching job. He was head coach of the Minnesota Vikings for six seasons, resigning in 1966.

One of nine children, Van Brocklin first began making a name for himself in athletics at Acalanes High School in Walnut Creek, Calif. After a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy, he became an All-America quarterback at the University of Oregon.

The Van Brocklins have six children: Mrs. William (Karen) Vanderyt 24; Lynn, 22; Mrs. Joe (Judy) Clarke, 21; Shelly Jo, 11; Allen, 10, and Randy, 5. They also have two grandchildren, Courtney Clarke, 1, and Kurtis Vanderyt, born in January, 1974. The coach was born March 15, 1926, in Eagle Butte, S. D.

VAN BROCKLIN COACHING RECORD

Year	Club	Won	Lost	Tied	Finish
1961	Minnesota	3	11	0	7th Western Conference
1962	Minnesota	2	11	1	6th Western Conference
1963	Minnesota	5	8	1	T4th Western Conference
1964	Minnesota	8	5	1	T2nd Western Conference
1965	Minnesota	7	7	0	5th Western Conference
1966	Minnesota	4	9	1	T7th Western Conference
1968	Atlanta	2	9	0	4th Coastal Division
1969	Atlanta	6	8	0	3rd Coastal Division
1970	Atlanta	4	8	2	3rd NFC Western Division
1971	Atlanta	7	6	1	3rd NFC Western Division
1972	Atlanta	7	7	0	2nd NFC Western Division
1973	Atlanta	9	5	0	2nd NFC Western Division
12	Seasons	64	94	7	

Assistant Coaches

Marion Campbell, Head Def. Coach When Marion Campbell first joined the Atlanta staff in 1969, even the finest of barometers would have been heavily taxed to find anything positive about the Falcons' defensive pressure. It was, at times, almost non-existent. From the club's inception in 1966, opponents had been averaging 384.4 yards per game. Since then, however, such heavy traffic has been curtailed drastically. It was down a total of 130.2 per game from the old mark in 1973 alone. And that was good enough to rank third in the National Football Conference and sixth in the whole NFL. Last season, for instance, the opposition averaged 10 less first downs than in 1972; 292 less total yards; 274 less yards passing, and, averaged 19.6 less per game. Campbell, head of the club's overall defense, will spend most of his 1974 on-the-field time working with the defensive line. He was a stellar tackle at the University of Georgia and later played in the NFL with San Francisco and Philadelphia. With the Eagles in 1959, he was named to *The Sporting News*' all-pro team. En route to the Falcons' staff, his coaching assignments were: Defensive line, Boston, 1962-63; chief of defense, Minnesota, 1964-66; defensive line, Los Angeles, 1966-68, and head of defense, Atlanta, 1969 to present. He and his wife, June, have two children, Scott, 12, and Alicia, 9. Born: May 25, 1929, in Chester, S. C.

Billy Ray Barnes, Off. Backfield Coach Billy Ray Barnes knew only one direction during his NFL playing career. And that was: Straight ahead! Since joining the Falcons in 1971, he has taught his running backs the same route. That was most notably reflected in the 1973 team statistics. To wit: Falcon backs increased by 42 the total of ball control plays (879 to 837); scored more rushing touchdowns, and, had 10 more first downs rushing than the year before. The highlight of Barnes' nine-year NFL playing career came in the 1960 NFL Championship Game in which he starred as Philadelphia stopped Green Bay, 17-13, for the title. An All-America at Wake Forest, he was the Eagles' No. 2 draft choice in 1957. He also played with Washington and Minnesota. Upon his retirement, he had 3421 career rushing yards, 29 touchdowns rushing, 153 pass receptions and nine touchdowns receiving. Career coaching record: Head Coach, Charleston, W. Va., team in the Continental League, 1968 (8-3); receivers, New Orleans, 1969-70, and, Atlanta, 1971 to present. Billy and Janice Barnes have twin daughters, Billi and Lani, 5. Born: May 14, 1935, in Landis, N. C.

Fred Bruney, Def. Backfield Coach Nobody laughs at the Atlanta secondary anymore. And especially not opposing quarterbacks. Fred Bruney has made sure of that, molding the Falcons' defensive backfield into one of the NFL's best against the pass. The group's guard against



Campbell



Barnes



Bruney

the run has been raised considerably, too. In 1973, for example, the Falcons were third in total pass defense in the NFL. They were first in the National Football Conference, allowing opponents an average of 102.1 yards per game. Only Miami and New England were better. Bruney, a standout collegian at Ohio State, played 10 years in the pros. He was with San Francisco, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles and Boston of the old AFL. He was all-pro at Boston in 1960. His coaching assignments have included: Defensive backs, Boston, 1962-63; defensive backs, Philadelphia, 1964-68, and defensive backs, Atlanta, 1969 to present. Fred and his wife, Louise, have five children; Chuck, 18; Susan, 10; Lori, 7; Rebecca, 4, and, Richard, 2. Born: Dec. 30, 1931, in Martin's Ferry, Ohio.

Harry Gilmer, Receivers Coach One of the first letters in the Deep South's football alphabet of all-time greats is still G—for Harry Gilmer. His accomplishments at the University of Alabama are legendary. One of Dixie's first truly great All-Americans, he was tabbed by Washington as the nation's No. 1 draft choice in 1948. When a leg injury crippled him as a rookie, Gilmer proved his versatility by switching to defense and becoming a two-time all-pro defensive back. He also played at Detroit. Into his 18th year of coaching in the NFL, his other positions have been: Offensive and defensive backs, Pittsburgh, 1957-60; defensive backs, Minnesota, 1961-64; head coach, Detroit, 1965 (6-7-1) and 1966 (4-9-1); quarterbacks, St. Louis, 1967-69; and, Falcons, 1970, to present. Harry and Katherine Gilmer have three married daughters, Mrs. Paul (Connie) West, 27; Mrs. Fran LaRoque, 26, and, Mrs. Terry (Dale) Morgan, 22, and a son, Drew, 18. The Gilmers have two grandchildren, Niki and George LaRoque, ages 6 and 4, respectively. The coach was born April 14, 1926, in Birmingham, Ala.

Bob Griffin, Speciality Teams Coach The 1974 season will find Bob Griffin busier than ever. If that's possible. The hard-working assistant coach will have far more responsibility in the new year. In addition to coaching the speciality teams, he will be in charge of film exchange, training camp, and, will be the follow-up man regarding team travel plans. An all-star center-linebacker during his college days at the University of Arkansas, Griffin spent nine seasons in professional football. In the NFL, he played with Los Angeles, which made him its No. 2 draft choice in 1952, Detroit and St. Louis. He also played one year at Calgary of the Canadian Football League. He retired in 1961 after undergoing his sixth knee operation. He was with St. Louis at the time. His coaching duties have been: Defense, University of Tulsa, 1963-65; defensive line, Denver, 1966; offensive line, Montreal of the CFL, 1967-68, and Falcons, 1969 to present. He is a bachelor. Born: Feb. 12, 1929, in Fort Worth, Tex.

Marv Matuszak, Linebackers Coach By reputation, Marv Matuszak is no stranger to the Falcons. Or to anybody else in professional football, for that matter. Regarded by his peers in the NFL as one of the game's best defensive instructors, he joined the staff in mid-January. He is in charge of linebackers, a position he played in all-star fashion as a collegian and through 10 professional seasons. A two-time All-America at the University of Tulsa, he played with Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Baltimore of the NFL and Buffalo and Denver of the old AFL. He was all-pro in both leagues, at San Francisco (1957) and Buffalo (1963). He retired in 1966. His coaching experience includes: Player-coach, Denver, 1965; head of overall defense, Denver, 1966; head coach and general manager, Alabama (Huntsville) Hawks of the Professional Football League, 1967 (Western Division championship, 9-3); linebackers, British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League, 1968-71, and linebackers, New Orleans, 1971-73. He and his wife, Noreen, have two children: A married daughter, Mrs. Gary (Linda) Blacklidge, 19, and a son, Robert, 7. Born: Sept. 12, 1931, in South Bend, Ind.

Duane Putnam, Off. Line Coach Almost 12 years after his retirement, Duane Putnam looks like he could still go one-on-one with the meanest of NFL defensive linemen. He stresses the same kind of conditioning for his offensive linemen. Strength and agility development are two of his pet projects. He and team trainer Jerry Rhea co-coordinate the club's off-season weights program. One of the smallest offensive guards in the NFL during his career, Putnam was, nonetheless, one of the most respected and feared. One of the game's quickest and surest-blocking lineman of his time, Putnam was an all-pro selection at Los Angeles three times (1955, 57-58). He also played at Cleveland. He joined the Falcons in 1970 and this has been his lone NFL coaching stop. Duane and Patty



Gilmer



Griffin



Putnam

Putnam have a married daughter, Mrs. Sam (Pam) Kingsfield, 22, and a son, Steve, 20. The Putnams have one grandson, Kevin, who is one year old. Born: Sept. 5, 1928, in Pollack, S. D.

Tom Braatz, Dir. of Player Personnel About the only college campus that Tom Braatz or one of his scouts didn't visit in 1973 was either: (1) Too poor to field a football team; (2) not interested in fielding one, or (3) had an all-female enrollment. Such is the extent of his department's search for talent. Braatz, a one-time Marquette star, was a Falcons scout until 1968, when be became director of player personnel. He split his five-year playing career in the NFL with Washington and Dallas. Upon his retirement in 1961, he became an arms demonstrator for the Ithica, N. Y., Gun Co. He and his wife, Jeri, have two sons, Tommy, 13, and Jon, 8.

Working under Braatz are scouts Duke Babb, 39, who played at Dallas, Houston and San Francisco; Jon Jelacic, 37, a one-time New York Giant and Oakland Raider; Bill Jobko, 38, one-time Falcon player, team captain and assistant coach; John Nikcevich, 45, who joined the Falcons last season after eight and one-half years with the San Francisco 49ers' scouting department, and, Bob Riggle, 29, a brilliant 1966 Falcon rookie whose career was shortened by a severe knee injury.

Jerry Rhea, Trainer One of the most respected and knowledgeable men in his profession, Jerry Rhea, 37, is beginning his sixth year with the Falcons. Earlier, the popular Texan was with the Los Angeles Rams. A graduate of Texas A&M, he worked his way through college as a student



Braatz



Rhea



Zimmerman

trainer during Bear Bryant's head coaching regime at A&M. Jerry, born Sept. 12, 1935, in Ennis, Tex., also is in charge of the Falcons' off-season weights program. He and his wife, Beverly, have one son, John, 15. Freddy Schwake, 29, is the assistant trainer. A Texas at El Paso graduate, he was born June 10, 1945, in Pyote, Tex. He and his wife, Lynne, have no children.

Whitey Zimmerman, Equip. Manager Darwin (Whitey) Zimmerman's value to the Falcons' football operations is such that it really can't be measured. Surveyed, either. He was especially busy in 1973. In addition to his usual duties, he also handled all the club's travel arrangements. Zimmerman, with the Falcons since their 1966 inception, worked previously for the St. Louis football Cardinals. He and his wife, Shelia, have five children: Jerry, 21; Terry, 16; Larry, 13; Greg, 9, and Scott, 6. Whitey was born July 25, 1929, in St. Louis, Mo. His right-hand man is Horace Daniel, 36. He has been with the club since 1967 as its assistant equipment manager. Born May 7, 1938, in Atlanta, he and his wife, Shirley, have two children, Kim, 7, and Kennon, 5.



Schwake



Daniel

The Veterans

Nick Bebout, T, 6-5, 260 Challenge, it seems, is just another surname for Nick Bebout. Seems as if there has been one in front of him most of his life. The last one he faced—and beat, just like most of the others—reared its head in mid-July 1973 when he reported to the Falcons' training camp in Greenville, S. C. There he was confronted with this apparent option: Beat out three veterans, including George Kunz, an all-pro the past three seasons. Or, face the possibility of having to re-pack his bags and return to Wyoming. So, he hitched up his pants, went to work, made the club's 47-man roster and eventually became one of the first 40. He saw some offensive duty, but worked mainly on the speciality teams. 2nd year. Games—13 in 1973.

COLLEGE Despite a nagging shoulder injury that put him on the University of Wyoming sidelines for four full games, Bebout was still a near unanimous selection to the 1972 All-Western Athletic Conference team.

PERSONAL Among the first challenges in Bebout's life were to (1) learn to play the guitar; (2) be a rodeo cowboy, and, (3) to drive a stock car in actual NASCAR competition. He did them all. Full name: Nick Bebout. Married, one child. Off-season residence: Decatur, Ga. Born: May 5, 1951, in Shoshoni, Wyo.

Greg Brezina, LB, 6-1, 220 Greg Brezina certainly wasn't on his feet much during the NFL Sundays of 1973. He spent most of his time stretched out, either diving at some running back, wrestling one to the ground, or buried at or near the bottom of a pileup. He was a busy young man, as reflected in the unofficial list of individual tackles and assists for the season. He was third in one (89) and second (46) in the other, respectively. He also showed some pretty nifty footwork, intercepting two passes. He went three yards with a Saints pass against New Orleans [Sept. 16] and 36 yards with one against San Diego. It was felt Brezina would never make it in professional football due to his lack of size. That is one reason, scouts insist, he wasn't picked until the 11th round of the 1968 draft. Nonetheless, the Falcons saw fit to choose him and their decision proved valid and wise. 6th year. Games—11 in 1968, 14 in 1969, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE The Brezina name is legend at the University of Houston. Greg, named to *The Sporting News'* All-America team in 1967, had four brothers who also starred for the Cougars. They were Bobby, who later played for Green Bay and Houston; Gus, Bernie, Butch and Steve. Greg played in the Blue-Gray Game in Montgomery, Ala.

PERSONAL Louise, Tex., High was a power to be reckoned with throughout Brezina's schoolboy career. As a senior all-state quarterback, he threw 26 touchdown passes. He has a B.A. degree in business management. Full name: Gregory Brezina. Off-season residence: College Park, Ga. Married, two children. Born: Jan. 7, 1946, in Sinton, Tex.

		INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1969	Atlanta	1	2	2.0	2	0	5	0	0	0
1970	Atlanta	Injured, did not play								
1971	Atlanta	3	22	7.3	11	0	3	8	8	0
1972	Atlanta	none								
1973	Atlanta	3	51	17.0	36	0	none			
Totals		7	75	10.7	36	0		8	8	0

Caught 1 pass for 9 yards in 1969, 1 for 3 in 1971.

Ray Brown, S, 6-2, 202 Alphabetically, he's been near the top of the list of outstanding NFL safeties for some time. After the year he had in 1973, Ray Brown should also rank high on the ability and respect charts. It was that kind of banner season for the former West Texas State star. He really flourished as a dual threat man, excelling in the secondary and at returning punts. It was in the latter category that he made his most lasting impression, as far as Atlanta's record book is concerned. He now owns six records outright. They are: Most punt returns, career [50]; most punt returns, season [40]; most punt returns, game (5); most yards gained on returns, career (434); most yards gained on returns, season (360); most yards gained on returns, one game (104), and highest average of returns, one game (26.0). Against Philadelphia, he returned four punts for 104 yards, the longest of which was 57 yards. He led the club in pass interceptions with six. He didn't make the Falcons' roster on his first try, back there in 1971. He was among the number to go on the next-to-last cut of training camp and was placed on waivers. His name was later removed from the list and by the sixth game of the year he was a starter. 4th year. Games—10 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE A strong safety throughout his career at West Texas State, Brown was an all-star performer for the Buffaloes for three straight years. He was selected by the Falcons in the sixth round of the 1971 NFL players draft.

PERSONAL Even as early as his junior year at Trimble Tech High in Fort Worth, Tex., Brown had the athletic reputation of being one of the state's best flanker-safety prospects. Full name: Raymond Madison Brown. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married. Born: Jan. 12, 1949, in Fort Worth, Tex.



Bebout



Brezina



Brown

		INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1971	Atlanta	3	32	10.7	23	0	1	11	11	0
1972	Atlanta	2	46	23.0	46	0	1	0	0	0
1973	Atlanta	6	99	16.5	24	0	2	0	0	0
Totals		11	177	16.1	46	0	4	11	11	0

		PUNT RETURNS					
Year	Club	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1971	Atlanta	1	0	2	2.0	2	0
1972	Atlanta	9	0	72	8.0	29	0
1973	Atlanta	40	11	360	9.0	57	0
Totals		50	11	434	8.7	57	0

Ken Burrow, WR, 6-0, 191 Through the Falcons' first nine games of 1973, Ken Burrow was having the kind of season one dreams about. Then it all became one big, bad nightmare. Against Philadelphia, the talented wide receiver sustained a cervical nerve root injury and was declared out of action for the balance of the year. He underwent neck surgery a short time later, his second such operation in six months. The first, in May, rendered him inactive through much of the preseason schedule. Once the regular championship season started, however, the ex-San Diego State star was brilliant. He had three games in which he caught two touchdown passes. He pulled in five passes for 164 yards and two TDs against the 49ers in San Francisco. His second touchdown catch against Philadelphia followed by less than four minutes the play on which he was re-injured. He was en route to the finest season of his three-year career. At the time, he had a team-leading 31 receptions for 567 yards and seven touchdowns. 4th year. Games—14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 9 in 1973.

COLLEGE After his freshman year at Utah State University, Burrow enrolled at San Diego State. And with the transfer, he moved immediately

into the spotlight as one of the nation's elite pass receivers. He was especially outstanding as a senior, finishing with 54 receptions for 904 yards and 12 touchdowns.

PERSONAL Education and professional baseball went one-on-one in its attempt to get Burrow's signature upon his graduation from De Anza High in Richmond, Calif. An outstanding defensive catcher and power hitter, he was picked by the Los Angeles Dodgers in an early round of the 1967 major league draft. He has a B.S. degree in criminal justice. Full name: Kenneth Robert Burrow. Off-season residence: Encinitas, Calif. Married, one child. Born: March 29, 1948, in Richmond, Calif.

		RUSHING					RECEIVING				
Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1971	Atlanta	1	5	5.0	5	0	33	741	22.5	84	6
1972	Atlanta	3	3	1.0	8	0	29	492	17.0	40	5
1973	Atlanta	2	17	8.5	9	0	31	567	18.3	57	7
Totals		6	25	4.2	9	0	93	1800	19.4	84	18

Al Dodd, WR, 6-0, 180 It was thought at the time to be a real stroke of luck when the Falcons obtained Al Dodd in a June, 1973, trade with New Orleans. Before midseason, there was no doubt. The sure-handed little Louisianan proved to be a real jewel, especially in the clutch. Many of his 19 seasonal receptions came in key situations. He proved quite adept at moving with the ball after reception, too, carrying it 291 yards, an average of 15.3 per. The season of 1969 was the biggest of the hard-working 6-0, 180-pound receiver's career. He had 37 catches for an even 600 yards. 6th year. Games—6 in 1967, 14 in 1969, 10 in 1970, 10 in 1971, 13 in 1973.

COLLEGE Defense was Dodd's football bag at Northwestern Louisiana State. And he was one of the best defenders in the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association. In fact, he set an all-time NAIA career record by intercepting 31 passes. Drafted in 1967 by Chicago as a fourth-round choice, he was waived by the Bears at season's end. He signed as a free agent with New Orleans in 1968 and was placed on the club's taxi squad. He played for the Saints three years, missing all of 1972 due to knee surgery.

PERSONAL Dodd, who grew up in the New Orleans area and lived there most of his life, set down some new roots late last season. After selling his home and sporting goods store in Gretna, La., he moved his family to Atlanta. "That should tell you what I think of this city," he said. He has a business administration degree. Full name: Alvin Roy Dodd, Sr. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, two children. Born: Aug. 21, 1945, in New Orleans, La.



Burrow



Dodd



Easterling

		RUSHING					RECEIVING				
Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1967	Chicago			none				none			
1968	New Orleans....			On taxi squad				none			
1969	New Orelans....	3	12	4.0	6	0	37	600	16.2	36	1
1970	New Orleans....	5	31	6.2	8	0	28	484	17.3	39	1
1973	Atlanta			none			15	298	19.9	43	0
1972	New Orleans....		Injured, did not play					none			
1971	New Orleans....	1	7	7.0	7	0	19	291	15.3	25	0
Totals		9	50	5.5	8	0	99	1673	16.9	43	2

		PUNT RETURNS						KICKOFF RET.			
Year	Club	No.	FC	Yds	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1967	Chi.	3	8	8	2.7	18	0	3	34	11.3	0
1968	N. O.		On taxi squad					On taxi squad			
1969	N. O.	15		106	7.1	24	0	8	171	21.4	0
1970	N. O.	14		129	9.2	25	0	15	319	21.3	0
1971	N. O.	13		88	6.8	21	0	12	252	21.0	0
1972	N. O.		Injured, did not play						none		
1973	Atl.	8	2	69	8.6	28	0				
Totals		53	10	400	7.5	28	0	38	776	20.4	0

Ray Easterling, CB, 6-0, 192 Ray Easterling dedicated 1973 to improvement. And he expects, or hopes, his work will be rewarded in 1974. Coaches feel it might be, too. "I can't cover as well as some right now," the young Virginian explained early last season. "So that is what I'm going to work on." He did just that, too, working with weights daily and employing any and every exercise that would help his agility. After the opening game, he was placed on the inactive list. 3rd year. Games—8 in 1972, 1 in 1973.

COLLEGE Wanting an education first and to play college football if possible, Easterling earned enough money upon graduation from prep school to

pay his own way to the University of Richmond. He won a scholarship in his sophomore year.

PERSONAL Easterling won 11 letters during his busy schoolboy career at Collegiate Prep Schools in Richmond, Va. Full name: Charles Ray Easterling. Off-season residence: Richmond, Va. Single. Born: Sept. 3, 1949, in Richmond, Va.

Clarence Ellis, S, 6-0, 190 The continuing development of Clarence Ellis as an NFL safety is best reflected in the Falcons' overall 1973 defensive statistics. He certainly did his share in helping the club successfully defend its title as the NFC's top defense against the pass. He did his part by becoming a deadlier tackler, remembering the mistakes of his rookie year and adjusting more quickly when similiar situations developed, and learning how to play the various receivers he covered. Ellis was the Falcons' No. 1 pick in the 1972 draft. He sustained a knee injury during workouts for the College All-Star Game in Chicago and underwent surgery less than 24 hours later in Atlanta. He missed the entire preseason and the first game of the regular championship season. In his pro debut, against New England, he swatted down two passes and was credited with four individual tackles. 3rd year. Games—13 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE "I've never had a better defensive back," Notre Dame's Ara Parseghian once said of Ellis. It was certainly no idle compliment, considering the career the young Michigan native had for the Fighting Irish. A sociology major, he was twice named All-America.

PERSONAL Conditioning is a year-around habit with Ellis. He stays in shape by playing a lot of basketball during the off-season, sometimes with the Falcons basketball team. Full name: Clarence Joseph Ellis, Jr. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, two children. Born: Feb. 11, 1950, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

		INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1972	Atlanta	3	13	4.3	13	0		none		
1973	Atlanta	2	90	45.0	48	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		5	103	20.6	48	0		none		

		PUNT RETURNS					
Year	Club	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1972	Atlanta	1	0	13	13.0	13	0
1973	Atlanta			none			
Totals		1	0	13	13.0	13	0



Ellis



Fritsch



Geredine

Ted Fritsch, C, 6-2, 242 The excellence of the Falcons' punting game for the last two seasons, even John James will tell you, is due in large measure to the work of Ted Fritsch. Since the ever-hustling young man from Wisconsin assumed the duties, the club hasn't had a bad snap during either a punting situation or a placement attempt. He made an equally large contribution to the speciality teams in 1973, usually either in on the tackle or making it alone. He joined the Falcons in 1972 as a free agent. 3rd year. Games—14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE There was a real sameness to Fritsch's daily post-school routine while at St. Norbert. Autumn afternoons found him excelling on the football field as a center-linebacker. Sandwiched in between the remaining days of the year was time to be an all-star performer in track—as a discus champion—and in hockey, as a goalie.

PERSONAL Fritsch has a 23-year knowledge of the NFL. He has been around professional football most of his life. His dad, Ted, Sr., was an all-pro fullback with the 1945-46 world champion Green Bay Packers. Full name: Theodore Edward Fritsch. Off-season residence: Green Bay, Wisc. Single. Born: Aug. 26, 1950, in Green Bay, Wisc.

Thomas Geredine, WR, 6-2, 190 The way Thomas Geredine had it figured, one 1973 disappointment was enough for him. So just when it seemed that yet another setback was impending, the stout-hearted young Missourian really went to work. "As of this moment, I'm going to turn it on like these coaches have never seen me turn it on," he said one late August evening at training camp. He felt the coaches were about to put him on the taxi squad, an assignment the confident youngster didn't want. The results are, of course, history. When regular wide receiver Ken Burrow was declared out for the season after the ninth game, Geredine became a starter. In his debut against Minnesota, he had three receptions—

one a spectacular, diving circus-like catch—for 52 yards. He caught his first TD pass, a 38-yarder, against the Jets. The first disappointment? Oh, yes. It was the 1973 draft. "I thought surely I'd be picked in the first—or at least the second-round. Certainly not the fourth! That really threw me, man. It really did." 2nd year. Games—12 in 1973.

COLLEGE Geredine was a multi-honored, All-American athlete during his career at Northeast Missouri State University. In all, he won 12 A-A citations, nine of them in track and three in football.

PERSONAL In the earliest days of training camp in 1973, with comedian Flip Wilson as the inspiration, Geredine acquired the nickname of "Geraldine." After three brief fights, however, he became known as "Killer." Full name: Thomas Allen Geredine. Single. Off-season residence: Kirkville, Mo. Born: June 17, 1950, in St. Louis, Mo.

		RUSHING					RECEIVING				
Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1973	Atlanta	1	−3	−3.0	0	0	12	231	19.3	46	1
Totals		1	−3	−3.0	0	0	12	231	19.3	46	1

		KICKOFF RETURNS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1973	Atlanta	9	211	23.4	51	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		9	211	23.4	51	0	1	0	0	0

Len Gotshalk, G, 6-4, 259 Were his value to the 1973 Falcons converted into weight, Len Gotshalk would need help lifting it. Much help, in fact. He did yeoman service, spending the early part of the season playing the role of a back-up tackle and later sharing the duties at left guard with Andy Maurer. His big plays were many, signalling the fact he has definitely arrived as a most capable NFL lineman. This comes as no surprise to his coaches. When Gotshalk joined the club in 1971, the staff felt it would just be a matter of time before he blossomed as he did in 1973. Philadelphia chose the hustling Californian in the eighth round of the 1971 draft. He joined the Falcons after being cut by the Eagles and spent 1971 on the taxi squad. 3rd year. Games—14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Gotshalk first whetted the interest of NFL scouts during his playing days at Santa Rosa Junior College. He generated even more attention at Humboldt State and later in the North-South All-Star Game. He graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in physical education.

PERSONAL "Mort", so nicknamed by teammates because he has worked as an apprentice mortician in off-seasons past, is of Russian-German descent. Full name: Leonard William Gotshalk. Off-season residence: Lakeport, Calif. Married, two children. Born: Oct. 21, 1949, in San Francisco, Calif.



Gotshalk



Hampton

Dave Hampton, RB, 6-0, 202 One couldn't blame Dave Hampton, really, if he developed absolute contempt for the off-season. It offers too much time for reflection, entirely too much. And especially when you live with the constant nightmares he must have had in 1972 and 1973. Eight yards, that's all he needed to escape them. Eight yards—five the first, three the next—shy of the dream of all running backs, induction into the NFL's elusive 1000-Yard Club. The one-time Wyoming star reached the 1000-mark everso briefly in the final game of 1972, only to be thrown for a six-yard loss moments later. Time permitted only one more carry and netted just one yard, leaving him with 995. Going into the 14th game of 1973, he needed 87 yards to crack 1000. At halftime he had only 26. He didn't carry the ball in the third quarter, but was called upon 16 times in the fourth. He got 58 yards, for a season-ending 997. Three away! He rushed for 100 or more yards in three games in 1973. He got 104 against New Orleans in the seasonal opener; 100 even in a winning cause against San Francisco, and 108 in the club's pulsating 20-14 win over Minnesota. In a dismal early-season 31-6 loss to Detroit, he had an exceptional night. He gained 62 yards rushing and caught six passes for 66 more yards. Hampton, Green Bay's ninth round draft choice in 1969, came to Atlanta in a 1972 trade with the Packers. 6th year. Games—14 in 1969, 6 in 1970, 13 in 1971, 13 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Although blocking was considered his strongest suit while at the University of Wyoming, Hampton, nonetheless, earned much respect as a runner. He averaged 5.5 yards per carry as a senior. His career average was 4.8.

PERSONAL During the 1973 season, Hampton hosted his own sports show on one of Atlanta's major radio stations. It proved to be one of the more popular programs in the city. He says he would like a career in some area of journalism, perhaps radio or TV, when his playing days are over. Full name: Dave Hampton. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Single. Born: May 7, 1947, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

		RUSHING					RECEIVING				
Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1969	Green Bay	80	365	4.6	53	4	15	216	14.4	50	2
1970	Green Bay	48	115	2.4	14	0	7	23	3.3	12	0
1971	Green Bay	67	303	4.5	41	2	3	37	12.3	t19	1
1972	Atlanta	230	995	4.3	t56	6	23	244	10.6	43	1
1973	Atlanta	263	997	3.8	25	4	25	273	10.9	22	1
Totals		688	2775	4.0	t56	16	73	793	10.9	50	5

	KICKOFF RETURNS				
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1969	Green Bay	22	582	26.5	t87	1
1970	Green Bay	6	188	31.3	t101	1
1971	Green Bay	46	1314	28.6	t90	1
1972	Atlanta	25	535	21.4	52	0
1973	Atlanta	11	258	23.5	42	0
Totals		110	2877	26.2	t101	3

Don Hansen, LB, 6-2, 228 Don Hansen went to training camp last season feeling he had left the 1972 Falcons with an I.O.U. By the third game of 1973, he had repaid it, though, for sure. "My 1972 grades reflected the bad season I had," said the rugged veteran linebacker. "I felt my play, most definitely, wasn't near my capabilities. And I knew why. I didn't study or concentrate enough in 1972. I went to training camp determined to work and study harder than I ever had before. I did too, and hope my grades in 1973 will reflect that." They did, too. In fact, the ex-Illinois star had a good year, recovering three drive-killing opponents' fumbles, batting down four passes and unofficially ranking in the top three in individual tackles. He also intercepted one pass. The fumble recoveries came against Los Angeles in the Falcons' exciting 15-13 victory and two against the New York Jets. He was named Falcon Player of the Year in 1971. He can play all three linebacking positions. Hansen, Minnesota's third round choice in the 1966 draft, retired after suffering a knee injury in 1968. He returned in 1969, coming to Atlanta when the club traded a draft choice to the Vikings for the rights to him. 8th year. Games—14 in 1966, 12 in 1967, 11 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE People have been getting more publicity than Hansen ever since his collegiate days at Illinois. Few have performed more consistently, however, in college or in the pros. His fellow linebacker for the Fighting Illini was Dick Butkus of the Chicago Bears. He played in the East-West Shrine All-Star game in San Francisco, the Hula Bowl in Honolulu and the College All-Star Game in Chicago.

PERSONAL In off-seasons past, Hansen has worked for one of the major real estate firms in Atlanta. Full name: Donald Ray Hansen. Off-season residence: Dunwoody, Ga. Married, three children. Born: Aug. 20, 1944, in Warrick County, Ind.



Hansen



Havig

		INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1966	Minnesota			none				none		
1967	Minnesota			none			2	0	0	0
1968	Minnesota			retired						
1969	Atlanta	2	51	25.5	40	0		none		
1970	Atlanta	1	15	15.0	15	0		none		
1971	Atlanta	3	56	18.7	t40	1	3	14	14	0
1972	Atlanta	1	0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0
1973	Atlanta	1	0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Totals		8	122	15.3	t40	1	9	14	14	0

Dennis Havig, G, 6-2, 256 There's an old axiom in sports that warns if a player has a big rookie season, he'd better watch out or he might fall victim to the *sophomore jinx*. Through the years, some have actually been infected and their quality of performance has lagged noticeably. In the case of Dennis Havig, however, he showed a real immunity to it. As a 1972 NFL newcomer, he was named to *Football Digest's* and United Press International's all-pro rookie teams. He was even better in 1973, though, and proved to be one of the club's more consistent offensive linemen. The Falcons claimed him in the eighth round of the 1971 NFL players draft. He spent his "true" rookie season on the taxi squad and became the No. 1 offensive left guard in early 1972 training camp. 3rd year. Games—14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE On the final day of his collegiate football career, Havig tipped the scales at only 237. Because of this, pro scouts felt he might have difficulty making it in the NFL. The Falcons, attracted first by his speed (4.9 in the 40) and then his willingness to work, felt they could help him add the necessary weight. He starred in two Liberty Bowl games (1969-1970) and also played in the East-West Shrine All-Star Game in San Francisco and the Senior Bowl Game in Mobile, Ala.

PERSONAL Havig, who likes to dip snuff when he's relaxing, used to spend some of his collegiate off-seasons working in oil fields. It was there, he says, that he first started dipping. Full name: Dennis Eugene Havig. Off-season residence: Boise, Idaho. Married, one child. Born: May 6, 1949, in Powell, Wyo.

Tom Hayes, CB, 6-1, 198 Unless their memory is really minute, opposing quarterbacks will think twice before trying to complete a pass in Tom Hayes' coverage area in 1974. His deeds of 1973 certainly merit remembering. For the season he intercepted four passes and returned two of them for touchdowns. He stole a pair of Saints passes in the seasonal opener and returned one 68 scoring yards. His final interception—and second touchdown—came against St. Louis, a 38-yard play. He led the 1972 Falcons in interceptions with five. 4th year. Games—14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Hayes once went four straight years between football games. After graduation from high school, he spent two years at Riverside City (Jr.) College, which had no football team. Then for the next 24 months he was in the U.S. Army. After receiving his discharge, a younger brother, playing at San Diego State at the time, asked Aztec coaches to take a look at Tom. Impressed with what they saw, the ex-soldier earned his grant-in-aid. And soon he became one of the school's finest cornerbacks ever.

PERSONAL Traveling, meeting people from all walks of life and listening to good music are listed one-two-three as Hayes' favorite hobbies. A four-sport all-star in prep school in Riverside, Calif., he excelled in basketball and track in junior college. He spent the off-season past obtaining his bachelor's degree in human relations. Full name: Thomas Hayes, Jr. Off-season residence: San Diego, Calif. Married. Born: April 18, 1946, in Riverside, Calif.

		INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1971	Atlanta	3	27	9.0	27	0	3	60	t60	1
1972	Atlanta	5	10	2.0	8	0	2	0	0	0
1973	Atlanta	4	142	35.5	t65	2		none		
Totals		12	179	14.9	t65	2	5	60	t60	1

Don Highsmith, RB, 6-0, 205 Signed by the Falcons in mid-season after being waived by Green Bay, Don Highsmith spent the remainder of the year on the taxi squad. He can play in the NFL, though, as evidenced by his three seasons with the Oakland Raiders. He was traded to Green Bay in July of 1973. 4th year. Games—14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 8 in 1972.

COLLEGE A dedicated athlete, Highsmith was the recipient of the "Spartan Award for Showing the Most Effort" upon completion of his career at



Hayes



Highsmith



Humphrey

Michigan State University. He played in the Senior Bowl Game in Mobile, Ala., the Blue-Gray Game in Montgomery, Ala., and the American Bowl in Tampa, Fla.

PERSONAL The desire for an education drove Highsmith into many part-time jobs during his collegiate days. Among them were: electrician helper, floor buffer in an office building and fork lift driver unloading trucks. Full name: Donald Cornelius Highsmith. Off-season residence: Oakland, Calif. Single. Born: March 12, 1948, in New Brunswick, N. J.

Claude Humphrey, DE, 6-5, 265 If Claude Humphrey and his prized Doberman Pinscher keep winning citations, plaques and show ribbons at their current pace, the big Falcon defensive end may soon have to seal up some of the windows in his new home. If he wishes to hang all of them up, that is. And wall space is already running out. Humphrey, who has been recognized as one of the NFL's grade A talents since his rookie year, continued to add to his collection in 1973. For the third straight time, he was listed on virtually every all-pro team named. It was his third time on the Professional Football Writers Association and The Associated Press' All-NFL first teams and fourth on *Pro Football Weekly's*. En route, he enjoyed one of his finest seasons ever. He had 11 sacks of the quarterback for minus 84 yards, returned a fumble recovery 22 yards against New Orleans [Sept. 16], and swatted down a team-high eight passes. He had a pair of two-sack games, against San Francisco (Oct. 7) and Chicago. Perhaps his most important quarterback dump of 1973 came late in the club's super-charged 15-13 victory over Los Angeles. It was a minus seven-yards play that took the Rams out of field goal range. The No. 1 pick in the 1968 draft, he climaxed his first year in the pros by being named the NFL's defensive rookie of the year. A very durable performer, he has missed only two games (out of a possible 84) since joining the pros. 7th year. Games—14 in 1968, 14 in 1969, 12 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE There were some who insisted that Humphrey was ready for professional football as early as his junior year at Tennessee State. *Time* and *The Sporting News* thought so, picking him to their respective All-America teams then and repeating the gesture a year later. He was on The Associated Press' Little All-America teams both seasons. He played in the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., the Blue-Gray Game in Montgomery, Ala., the Coaches All-America Game and the College All-Star Game in Chicago.

PERSONAL Jade's Commanche Barchet occupies center stage of Humphrey's attention in the off-season. He has handled the dog in shows throughout the Southeast and won ribbons at virtually every stop. He also makes countless appearances at functions for underprivileged children. Full name: Claude B. Humphrey. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, two children. Born: June 29, 1944, in Memphis, Tenn.

		INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1968	Atlanta			none			3	0	0	0
1969	Atlanta			none			1	24	t24	0
1970	Atlanta	1	5	5.0	5	0	1	3	3	0
1971	Atlanta			none				none		
1972	Atlanta			none			2	0	0	0
1973	Atlanta	1	6	6.0	6	0	1	22	22	0
Totals		2	11	5.5	6	0	8	49	t24	0

John James, P, 6-3, 200 As storybook-like as the way John James wound up in the NFL reads in the first place, it's really beginning to sound like high fiction now. From the shadows of obscurity to center spotlight. That's the basic outline of the tale he has woven. He came to the Falcons as a free agent, just two years after kicking a football for the first time under actual game conditions. James was so impressive in training camp in 1972, the club's incumbent, a two-time NFL punting champion, was waived He responded brilliantly as a rookie, posting a 42.8 average. In 1973, he punted 63 times for a 42.6 average, third best in the National Football Conference. He also had the longest kick of the season in the NFC, 72 yards in the season opener in New Orleans. *Pro Football Weekly* named him to its All-NFC second team. He made both *Pro Football Weekly* and *Football Digest's* All-NFC rookie team in 1972. 3rd year. Games—14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE It is well-documented how James literally came out of the University of Florida cheering section one Saturday afternoon to become the club's punter. And it happened almost that rapidly. As a senior he averaged 40.3 yards per kick but was overlooked in the 1972 draft.

PERSONAL James spent the past off-season earning his real estate license.



James



Kelly

His dad, Wilbur James, is considered one of the Gators' all-time great football stars. Full name: John Wilbur James, Jr. Off-season residence: Gainesville, Fla. Single. Born: Jan. 21, 1949, in Panama City, Fla.

		RUSHING					PUNTING				
Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	Blkd.
1972	Atlanta			none			61	2609	42.8	59	0
1973	Atlanta			none			63	2682	42.6	72	0
Totals				none			124	5291	42.7	72	0

Tom Kelly, PK, 6-0, 180 Time really did slip up on Tom Kelly. Originally, he came to this country on a self-imposed 24-hour pass. He was going to get married the afternoon of his 1969 arrival from England and return immediately after his wedding. Five years have passed, and he's still here. The Manchester, England, native joined the Falcons in mid-April after being claimed on waivers from Minnesota. He spent 1973 on the Vikings' taxi squad after suffering a leg inqury on the fourth day of training camp.

COLLEGE After taking several pre-engineering courses at a university in England, Kelly finished his college education at Oklahoma City, Okla., University. The school had no football team, so he played semi-professionally, with the Oklahoma City Warriors. His longest field goal as a Warrior was 57 yards.

PERSONAL Kelly spent the weekends of his England youth on the soccer field. Had he not come to America, he might have become a professional in that sport. Full name: Thomas Kelly. Off-season residence: Eagan, Minn. Married, one child. Born Dec. 12, 1944, in Manchester, England.

George Kunz, T, 6-6, 268 Were all the offensive tackles in the NFL as good as George Kunz to hold a convention, they'd need less space than a telephone booth somewhere along Peachtree Street. And that's not just the opinion of one man, one football team or one franchise. That's the feelings of most of the players in the league. That was evidenced by their vote in the Newspaper Enterprise Association's annual All-Pro balloting. When all the counting was done, the Falcons' talented No. 75 was—once again—nominated to a spot on the first team. It was the third time such homage was paid the former Notre Dame star by his peers. The fact he started in his third straight Pro Bowl game speaks pretty loudly of his ability too. As does his selection to the Professional Football Writers Association and *Pro Football Weekly's* all-pro first teams. Extremely quick, he excels in all phases of blocking. 6th year. Games—14 in 1969, 9 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Changing jersies was about the only adjustment Kunz had to make in coming from college to the Falcons. He was ready for the pros, scouts say, from the time he first became an All-American at Notre Dame. And, on some teams, that was as a sophomore. As a junior and senior, however, he was a consensus pick on all the A-A teams. He was the Falcons' No. 1 choice in the draft of that year. He also excelled scholastically as a collegian, graduating cum laude—with a 3.4 overall grade point average. He played in the East-West Game, Coaches All-America Game, the Hula Bowl and the College All-Star Game in Chicago.

PERSONAL A gentleman farmer in the off-season, Kunz raises Appaloosa horses on his ranch in Alpharetta. He also is the television spokesman for one of Metro Atlanta's largest automobile agencies. Full name: George James Kunz. Off-season residence: Alpharetta, Ga. Married, no children. Born: July 15, 1947, in Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Returned 1 kickoff for 13 yards in 1969; recovered 1 opponents' fumble for no yards in 1969; caught 1 pass for 2 yards in 1971.

Rolland Lawrence, CB, 5-10, 179 Had there even been one in training camp, Rolland Lawrence's name would never have made it to the *morning line.* None of the media assigned to cover the Falcons gave him even the slightest chance of making the club. "Since he's here, so small and from Tabor University—Tabor?—and all, I guess I'd better write about him early. He'll probably be gone any day now," said one skeptical scribe. Lawrence, one of 15 children, could not possibly have heard the conversation. He acted as if he had, though, and soon became the talk of camp. He spent most of the season working on speciality teams and occasionally returning kickoffs and punts. His biggest play was an 81-yard return of an intercepted pass against San Diego. 2nd year. Games—14 in 1973.

COLLEGE They'll remember Rolland Lawrence for a long time at Tabor University, where he is regarded as the school's finest athlete of all time.



Kunz



Lawrence



Lee

He starred in football and track at the tiny Mennonite college (student enrollment 500) in Hillsboro, Kan.

PERSONAL Sports was always a way of life for Lawrence. One of nine brothers, he wanted to go to Tabor because he felt he could play more football at a small school. Full name: Rolland Derenfro Lawrence. Off-season residence: Franklin, Pa. Single. Born: March 24, 1951 in Franklin, Pa.

		INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1973	Atlanta	1	81	81.0	81	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		1	81	81.0	81	0	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS

Year	Club	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1973	Atlanta	0	1	0	1.0	0	0
Totals		0	1	0	1.0	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1973	Atlanta	3	71	23.7	28	0
Totals		3	71	23.7	28	0

Bob Lee, QB, 6-2, 201 The fortunes of the South — and more specifically, its pro football-loving serfs—did indeed rise again in 1973. And once again, one of the major rallying forces behind that climb was a general named Lee. General Robert M. Lee that is, commandant of "Lee's Legion," that arm-band-wearing platoon of fans who helped popularize banners at Atlanta Stadium. When the red-haired Californian took command of the on-field Atlanta forces, the attack was bogged down by a 1-3 record. Executing his plays with the precision of a real military

chief, he soon had the Falcons very much on the offensive however. The result was seven straight victories, including a smashing 20-14 decision over the previously undefeated Minnesota Vikings. Lee, voted Falcon Player of the Year and NEA's Third Down Award winner, began the season on the bench, no thanks to an injury sustained on the last play of the first training camp scrimmage. He aggravated the injury—a bruised nerve in the elbow—a couple of times and began the season as the backup quarterback. He saw only token action in the first three games. Lee got his first start against Chicago and responded by hitting 11 of 13 passes for 181 yards and two touchdowns. His most self-satisfying game of 1973, no doubt, came against the Vikings. He was 11 of 23 passing for 171 yards and two touchdowns. He spent the first four years of his career with that club, playing out his option in 1972 and joining the Falcons in a May, 1973 trade. While with the Vikings, Lee started 11 games at quarterback and won nine of them. 6th year. Games—14 in 1969, 6 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 2 in 1972, 12 in 1973.

COLLEGE After a brilliant prep career at Lowell High in San Francisco, Calif., Lee accepted a combination football-baseball grant-in-aid to Arizona State University. He played there as a freshman and then transferred to City College of San Francisco. Upon graduation, he enrolled at the University of Pacific, where he set five school passing and punting records. Because some NFL scouts thought he might sign a major league baseball contract, Minnesota didn't choose him until the 17th round of the 1968 draft.

PERSONAL It's now Professor Robert M. Lee, if you please. He rose to that station in the past off-season when he joined the faculty at City College of San Francisco. He has a bachelor of science degree in education and a Masters degree, both from Pacific. Full name: Robert Melville Lee. Off-season residence: San Francisco, Calif. Married, no children. Born: Aug. 7, 1946, in Columbus, Ohio.

PASSING

Year	Club	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long	Int.	Pct. Int	Avg. Gain
1969	Minnesota	11	7	63.6	79	1	30	0	0.0	7.18
1970	Minnesota	79	40	50.6	610	5	52	5	6.3	7.72
1971	Minnesota	90	45	50.0	598	2	51	4	4.4	6.64
1972	Minnesota	6	3	50.0	75	1	63	0	0.0	12.50
1973	Atlanta	230	120	52.2	1786	10	57	8	3.5	6.92
Totals		416	215	51.7	3148	19	57	17	4.1	7.57

RUSHING

Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1969	Minnesota	3	9	3.0	4	—
1970	Minnesota	10	20	2.0	10	1
1971	Minnesota	11	14	1.3	4	1
1972	Minnesota	—	—	—	—	—
1973	Atlanta	29	67	2.3	11	0
Totals		53	110	2.1	11	2

PUNTING

Year	Club	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Blkd.
1969	Minnesota	67	2680	40.0	56	0
1970	Minnesota	—	—	—	—	—
1971	Minnesota	89	3515	39.5	58	0
1972	Minnesota	—	—	—	—	—
1973	Atlanta		none			
Totals		157	6195	39.5	58	0



Lewis



Madeya

Mike Lewis, DT, 6-4, 261 Members of the left side of the Falcons' offensive line say playing against Mike Lewis in training camp scrimmages is akin to Marine boot camp. If you can survive that, you'll definitely be ready once the regular NFL championship season starts. That is just a sampling of respect teammates have for the shy, soft-spoken young Texan. One of the more agile defensive tackles in the league, Lewis was at his 1973 best against Detroit. He was credited with eight individual tackles, six assists, slapped down two passes and sacked the quarterback once for a loss of 10 yards. When he first reported to the Falcons as a 1971 free agent, he was a 220-pound linebacker. Coaches converted him into a defensive lineman, first stationing him at end and finally moving him to tackle. Meantime, he was put on a special weights program and soon built himself up to his present proportions. 4th year. Games—9 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE When Wiley College of Marshall, Tex., dropped football at the end of Lewis' sophomore year, there was no question that he would continue in the sport. He eventually chose Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College in Pine Bluff, Ark.

PERSONAL A true believer in year-around conditioning, Lewis either worked out or played a couple hours of basketball almost daily during the off-season. He has the same dedication deemed necessary to become a complete player in the NFL. Full name: Michael Henry Lewis. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Single. Born: July 14, 1949, in Houston, Tex.

		INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1971	Atlanta	none					none			
1972	Atlanta	1	3	3.0	3	0	1	0	0	0
1973	Atlanta	none					none			
Totals		1	3	3.0	3	0	1	0	0	0

John Madeya, QB, 6-4, 212 A picture-book quarterback. That was one of the more commonly used descriptions of John Madeya during

his collegiate career at the University of Louisville. And in time that phrasing could possibly become vogue for him in the NFL. Coaches feel he has all the equipment to become a good professional quarterback. He spent 1973 on the inactive list. 2nd year.

COLLEGE Nobody at the University of Louisville is going to forget Johnny Unitas, but they will have to look behind the name of Madeya to find any of the old NFL passing master's records. The youngster broke most of them by completing 364 of 746 passes for 4504 yards and 34 touchdowns.

PERSONAL By nature a very quiet and private person, Madeya has always let his athletic abilities speak for him. He was a standout schoolboy athlete in McKeesport, Pa., his hometown. Full name: John Madeya. Married. Off-season residence: Louisville, Ky. Born: Sept. 13, 1951, in McKeesport, Pa.

Art Malone, RB, 6-0, 216 Pardon Art Malone if he gives you a pained expression anytime mention of 1973 is made. It was that kind of year for the rugged veteran running back from Arizona State. For the first time in his pro career, he spent an NFL season in almost as much pain as he dished out. He suffered a strained knee in the seventh game and was rendered virtually ineffective the remainder of the schedule. He spent two full games on the inactive list. Noted as a better-than-average pass receiver, he finished with 19 catches for the year for 177 yards and one touchdown. He caught five passes for 28 yards in the first game against San Francisco. Until felled by injury against the 49ers later in the year, he had 69 yards rushing on 17 carries. This was to be his best ground gaining afternoon. He had a banner season in 1972, rushing for 798 yards and gaining 585 yards more on 50 pass receptions. He was the club's second round draft choice in 1970. 5th year. Games—14 in 1970, 13 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 9 in 1973.

COLLEGE A referee's whistle signalling the end of a play was about the only sure way of stopping Malone during his football career at Arizona State. Defenses had little such success, as evidenced by his offensive figures. In three years with the Sun Devils' varsity, he harrassed enemy defenders by amassing 2549 yards rushing on 565 carries and scored 30 touchdowns. He played in the East-West Shrine All-Star Game in San Francisco and the College All-Star Game in Chicago.

PERSONAL After spending much of his early youth in the hot Arizona cotton fields, Malone discovered that one sure way out of them was through athletics. His prep football totals at Santa Cruz Valley High in Eloy, Ariz., were astronomical. He has a B.S. degree in elementary education and has some hours toward his Masters. Full name: Arthur Lee Malone. Off-season residence: Phoenix, Ariz. Married, two children. Born: March 20, 1948, in Tyler, Tex.



Malone



Manning

		RUSHING					RECEIVING				
Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1970	Atlanta	40	136	3.4	12	0	9	38	4.2	9	1
1971	Atlanta	120	438	3.7	19	6	34	380	11.2	t46	2
1972	Atlanta	180	798	4.4	27	8	50	585	11.7	t57	2
1973	Atlanta	76	336	4.4	14	2	19	177	9.3	33	1
Totals		416	1708	4.1	27	16	112	1180	10.5	t57	6

KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1970	Atlanta	5	66	13.2	25	0
1971	Atlanta			none		
1972	Atlanta	2	37	18.5	20	0
1973	Atlanta			none		
Totals		7	103	14.7	25	0

Rosie Manning, DT, 6-5, 255 After two seasons of apprenticeship on the Falcon taxi squad, coaches feel 1974 might just be the year Rosie Manning "arrives" as an NFL-quality defensive tackle. He opened the 1973 season as a member of the active list but was inactive the next 13 weeks. The big Texan was selected by the Falcons in the second round of the 1972 NFL players draft. 3rd year. Games—3 in 1972, 1 in 1973.

COLLEGE Northwestern Oklahoma must have thought Manning was four or five people in its 1971 game against his team, Northeastern Oklahoma. In it, he made 18 unassisted tackles and blocked a punt. He was an Associated Press and Kodak Coaches Little All-America selection as a senior.

PERSONAL Basketball was considered Manning's best sport during his prep days at Wichita Falls, Tex. He was a schoolboy All-America and turned down several basketball grants-in-aid to play football. Full name: Roosevelt Manning, Jr. Off-season residence: Wichita Falls, Tex. Married, no children. Born: May 31, 1950, in Wichita Falls, Tex.

Greg Marx, DT, 6-4, 260 In his brief NFL career, Greg Marx has surprised no one. He has been everything he was expected to be: A real talent. Early in the season, coaches toyed with the idea of having him learn tackle and end. Eventually he was settled at tackle, there to play behind starters Mike Tilleman and Mike Lewis and first reserve Chuck Walker. Marx showed the brilliance of his skill by becoming one of the most dependable members of the speciality teams. A bright future has been predicted for the former Notre Dame All-America, and he seems destined to prove the forecasters correct. 2nd year. Games—14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Marx' was a household word in 1972 among All-America selectors. He made virtually every team. The Detroit, Mich., native was an all-star in the classroom too, twice being named to the National All-America Academic squad.

PERSONAL After an all-star prep career in Detroit, Marx was literally flooded by scholarship offers. He had always wanted to play football at Notre Dame, so he went on to become one of the school's all-time performers. He graduated with a B.A. degree in psychology and hopes to eventually enter law school. Full name: Gregory Allan Marx. Married, one child. Off-season residence: South Bend, Ind. Born: July 18, 1950, in Detroit, Mich.

Henry Matthews, RB, 6-3, 212 Potentially, his coaches feel, Henry Matthews can become a more than competent NFL running back. He has the qualifications: Good size, speed and determination. He saw limited action in 1973, used primarily on the speciality teams. He was signed as a free agent after being waived by New England. 3rd year. Games—3 in 1972, 3 in 1973.

COLLEGE Matthews was overlooked in the draft of 1972 after earning three letters at Michigan State University. He was signed as a free agent by the Patriots. He majored in Social Science.

PERSONAL A real outdoors buff, Matthews likes to spend his leisure time either on a golf course or in a field somewhere hunting. Full name: John Henry Matthews, Jr. Off-season residence: Akron, Ohio. Married, one child. Born: March 17, 1949, in Akron, Ohio.

Returned 3 kickoffs for 74 yards in 1972.

Andy Maurer, G, 6-3, 255 Andy Maurer holds down two football jobs a year. He's an employe at one establishment for six months, and the boss at the other for six. His second position is that of director of the Andy Maurer Football Camp in Medford, Ore. That is where he spends



Marx



Maurer



Mialik

almost every waking hour in the off-season. Once the bell rings for the start of an NFL season, however, he devotes the same enthusiasm and drive to playing left offensive guard for the Falcons. In mid-1973, he began splitting the position with Len Gotshalk. They were the "messengers," taking in every play from the sidelines. In 1970, his rookie season, he became a Falcon starter after beating out the incumbent left guard, a seven-year veteran. Since signing with Atlanta as its third round draft choice in 1970, Maurer has played in 56 straight games. A tough competitor, he doesn't mind playing with some pain. 5th year. Games—14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Playing in the interior line never crossed Maurer's mind as a collegian. He was too busy being a freshman and sophomore fullback, a slot back as a junior and tight end as a senior. He led the Ducks in receiving as a senior with 22 receptions.

PERSONAL Eleven man football was a new experience for Maurer when he got to the University of Oregon. His hometown high school (Prospect, Ore.) was so small it could only field an eight-man team. Despite the enrollment and the "new" football, he was nevertheless named to Oregon's all-state eleven man team as a senior. Full name: Andrew Lee Maurer. Off-season residence: Medford, Ore. Married, two children. Born: Sept. 30, 1948, in Silverton, Ore.

Larry Mialik, TE, 6-1, 226 The crisp blocking talent of Larry Mialik was very much on display in 1973. On key close-yardage situations, the tough young New Jersey native was always hurried into the lineup. He wants to play and works very hard in every practice, hoping to earn more game action. He caught two passes in 1973 for 30 yards. 3rd year. Games—14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE A broken arm curtailed Mialik's collegiate career at the University of Wisconsin, but by then he had already caught the eye of some pro scouts. He had a big junior season for the Badgers, leading the club with 33 receptions for 702 yards and being named to the Big Ten all-star team. He had 15 catches at the time of his injury a year later.

PERSONAL Mialik's reputation as a hard worker and his dedication to football, especially, is an old story. He played all sports with vigor during his schoolboy days at Passaic, N. J. Full name: Larry Mialik. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married. Born: May 15, 1950, in Passaic, N. J.

Recovered 1 opponents' fumble for no gain in 1972; recovered 1 opponents' fumble for no gain in 1973.

		RECEIVING					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1973	Atlanta	2	30	15.0	17	0	1	0	0	0

Nick Mike-Mayer, PK, 5-8, 180 Nick Mike-Mayer, by his own admission, got a bigger kick out of training camp than the Falcons got from him. "I sometimes have an eating problem," says the young Hungarian, born in Bologna, Italy, but an American citizen since his teens. "I gained too much weight (12 pounds) because of all the good food at the training table and it resulted in me slightly hurting my leg." Once he parred down, however, his leg got well and he became one of the most prolific rookie scorers in NFL history. The highpoint of his infant career came Nov. 4 when his five field goals helped the Falcons to a stunning 15-13 victory over Los Angeles. After the Rams had taken a 10-0 lead, he booted fielders of 28, 30, 12 and 26 yards to move the club to within one point of the lead. Then, with 54 seconds remaining, he calmly kicked a 16 yarder to send Atlanta into ecstasy with one of the greatest victories in its eight-year NFL history. He broke several club records including longest field goal—a 52-yard effort against San Francisco on Oct. 28—and most points (15) scored in one game. 2nd year. Games—14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Throughout his career at Temple University, Mike-Mayer was regarded as one of the country's leading placement specialists. As a senior, he hit on 13 of 20 field goals and was 24 of 26 on points after touchdown.

PERSONAL Football, American style, did not become a real part of Mike-Mayer's life until his junior year in prep school. Until then he really didn't know the sport. He was, however, well versed in another form of football. His father was a world-famed Hungarian soccer star who moved his family to America in 1964. Two other Mike-Mayers are currently making names for themselves as collegiate kickers. Steve, who had a 54-yard field goal in early 1973, is a junior at the University of Maryland. Frank, oldest of the three, is a sophomore at Temple University. Full name: Nicholas Mike-Mayer. Off-season residence: Lansdowne, Pa. Married, no children. Born: March 1, 1950, in Bologna, Italy.



Mike-Mayer



Miller

SCORING

Year	Club	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	Points
1973	Atlanta	34	34	26	38	112

Field goal distances in order in 1973—21-45-48-27-37-46-42-33-32-23-43-12-52-16-26-12-30-28-45-8-30-25-49-16-26-32

Jim Miller, G, 6-3, 240 If hard work ever pays Jim Miller its dividends, the determined young Iowan should be greatly rewarded. After countless hours in the Falcons' weight program last off season, trying to rehabilitate a knee that was operated on early in 1972, he still wasn't able to answer the starting bell in 1973. In fact, he spent the entire year on injured reserve. After failing his physical in training camp, Miller, who joined the club in 1971 as a free agent, underwent corrective knee surgery. If healthy in 1974, he could see a lot of action. 3rd year. Games—14 in 1971, 2 in 1972.

COLLEGE At 220, Miller was one of the lightest—but toughest—tackles in the Big Ten throughout his career at the University of Iowa. He was a three-year starter, working two seasons at right tackle and one at left.

PERSONAL A two-sport star at Regina High School in Iowa City, Iowa, Miller could have attended college on either a football or basketball grant. Full name: James Robert Miller. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Single. Born: July 24, 1949, in Iowa City, Iowa.

Jim Mitchell, TE, 6-1, 236 The season of 1973 was a real winning one for Jim Mitchell. He led the club in receiving with 32 receptions for 420 yards, an average of 13.1 per catch. His biggest game, reception wise, came against New Orleans in the seasonal opener. In that game, he

caught seven passes for 104 yards. 6th year. Games—14 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 13 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Mitchell was literally a star from the very first day of his collegiate career at Prairie View A&M. He was voted the Southwestern Athletic Conference's rookie of the year in 1965 and made the all-star team four straight seasons. As a senior he was voted the best all-around player in the league.

PERSONAL The past off-season found Mitchell enjoying banker's hours. Really. He worked with a bank in downtown Atlanta. Full name: James Robert Mitchell. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, one child. Born: Oct. 19, 1947, in Shelbyville, Tenn.

		RUSHING					RECEIVING				
Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1969	Atlanta	5	77	15.4	40	0	22	339	15.4	t42	4
1970	Atlanta	5	23	4.6	t12	1	44	650	14.8	t51	6
1971	Atlanta	4	25	6.3	24	0	33	593	18.0	43	5
1972	Atlanta	2	19	9.5	18	0	28	460	16.4	t40	4
1973	Atlanta	5	34	6.8	13	0	32	420	13.1	50	0
Totals		21	178	8.5	40	1	159	2462	15.5	t51	19

Ken Mitchell, LB, 6-2, 224 There is, apparently, nothing athletically impossible as far as Ken Mitchell is concerned. Especially when the sport is football. He has proved that since joining the Falcons two seasons ago. He didn't even start playing the game until he was a junior at Pierce Junior College. After one season he dropped out of school and joined the Marine Corps. He was discharged a year later, however, due to a shoulder ailment and enrolled at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. He played there as a junior, but was declared ineligible for his senior football season. NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle then stepped into Mitchell's young football life, putting him "up for grabs" following the 1972 draft. The Falcons claimed the young Californian and signed him as a free agent. He spent 1972 on the taxi squad, but made the team last season as a backup linebacker and speciality team man. 2nd year. Games—12 in 1973.

COLLEGE Mitchell really made good use of his limited collegiate playing time, attracting professional scouts because of his hustle and great desire.

PERSONAL Front lawn and neighborhood "pick-up games" was the limit of Mitchell's sports participation during his Inglewood, Calif., youth. He was interested in prep school sports, he says, but not enough to compete. Full name: Kenneth Wayne Mitchell. Off-season residence: Las Vegas, Nev. Single. Born: Nov. 14, 1948, in Inglewood, Calif.

		RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1973	Atlanta	2	0	0	0



J. Mitchell



K. Mitchell



Nobis

Louis Neal, WR, 6-4, 215 Louis Neal joined the Falcons after being waived by Oakland. The Raiders had made him their fifth round choice in the 1973 NFL players draft. Neal, a tight end and wide receiver in college, scored his first professional touchdown against the Jets in New York. It came on a 48-yard pass from quarterback Bob Lee. Injuries to Ken Burrow and Al Dodd in mid-season, moved the big Californian into the starting lineup. 2nd year. Games—10 in 1973.

COLLEGE Grambling College will have a hard time forgetting Neal. Especially after his game against that Louisiana school in 1971. In it, he caught eight passes for 142 yards. That season, incidentally, he averaged 22.3 yards per catch.

PERSONAL Neal was all-league in three sports during his prep career at Woodrow Wilson High in San Francisco, Calif. He was a stalwart, two-way performer in football, making All-San Francisco prep as both a strong safety and end. Full name: Louis Charles Neal. Off-season residence: San Francisco, Calif. Single. Born: Jan. 10, 1951, in San Francisco, Calif.

		RECEIVING				
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1973	Atlanta	5	131	26.2	50	1

Tommy Nobis, LB, 6-3, 243 In total jest, Tommy Nobis insisted in early 1973 that he had found a loophole in one of the NFL's newest edicts. The one saying a $100 fine would be levied against anyone throwing a football into the stands. Unfortunately, he didn't get a chance to test the validity of his idea. "If I'm fortunate enough to intercept a pass or advance a fumble for a touchdown," he joked, "I'm going to beat the fine by punting the ball into the stands. The rule doesn't say anything about

kicking it." Unfortunately, he didn't score, but he certainly had a lot to do with preventing others from doing it. Ask the Minnesota Vikings, for instance. During a late drive that had touchdown written all over it, it was Mr. Nobis who stymied the advance with a jarring, fumble-producing tackle. He alertly fell on the loose ball, then, to officially help seal the Vikings' doom and preserve a tremendous 20-14 Falcon victory. Typical of his career, the big Texan had many big plays in 1973, but none was more dramatic than that one. Since becoming the Falcons' No. 1 draft choice in 1966, he has won numerous honors. Among them are: All-Pro in 1967; the Bert Bell Award as the most valuable rookie in the NFL in 1966; Professional Football Writers Association and *The Sporting News* rookie of the year, 1966; played in the Pro Bowl five times, and, Falcon Player of the Year, 1966 and 1968. 9th year. Games—14 in 1966, 14 in 1967, 14 in 1968, 5 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 4 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE His parents needed a den and parts of two bedrooms to house all the awards Nobis won during his legendary career at the University of Texas. He was twice a consensus All-America and won both the prestigious Maxwell and Outland awards, symbolic of the most outstanding lineman in college football, as a senior.

PERSONAL A tireless worker on behalf of exceptional children, Nobis spent almost every waking hour during the past off season preparing and presenting his annual Super Sports Telethon, seen in April over a local Atlanta TV station. Proceeds from this yearly endeavor go to help provide all kinds of recreational experiences for these children. Full name: Thomas Henry Nobis, Jr. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, two children. Born: Sept. 20, 1943, in San Antonio, Tex.

		INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1966	Atlanta		none				1	0	0	0
1967	Atlanta	3	57	19.0	t41	1	1	0	0	0
1968	Atlanta	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1969	Atlanta	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1970	Atlanta	2	36	18.0	19	0	2	0	0	0
1971	Atlanta		none							
1972	Atlanta	3	74	24.7	t37	1	1	3	3	0
1973	Atlanta		none							
Totals		10	167	16.7	t41	2	7	3	3	0

Tony Plummer, S, 5-11, 190

Fear is not only abstract, as far as Tony Plummer is concerned, it is an emotion that doesn't even exist. He shows that every time the Falcons play. And because of the pell-mell manner in which he played as a member of the 1973 speciality teams, the Atlanta media nicknamed him "Kamikaze." He was at his best putting heavy pressure on opposing punters and placement specialists. Anytime one of the top four defensive backs was sidelined, Plummer, as the fifth man at that position, made sure his presence was felt. He was always around the football and usually near the bottom of the pileup. He was acquired from



Plummer



Ray

St. Louis for a draft choice during training camp, 1971. 5th year. Games—1 in 1970, 7 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE A graduate of California's outstanding junior college program, Plummer played as a freshman and sophomore at College of San Mateo, Calif. In his final two seasons, he played at the University of Pacific.

PERSONAL The go-go-go style Plummer displays in football switched sports during the past off-season. He was the ever-hustling coach and playmaker for the Falcons basketball team. He has a B.S. degree in history. Full name: Tony Lamount Plummer. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Single. Born: Jan. 21, 1947, in Dallas, Tex.

Returned 1 intercepted pass for 39 yards in 1973; recovered 1 opponents' fumble for no yards in 1973.

		KICKOFF RETURNS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1973	Atlanta	5	113	22.6	35	0	1	0	0	0

Eddie Ray, RB, 6-2, 235 When the role was called last July for the start of the Falcons' 1973 training camp, there was no answer from Eddie Ray. The one-time Louisiana State star wasn't there the next day either. Or the next, and so on. Finally, after three weeks of extensive searching, a friend of Director of Player Personnel Tom Braatz found the big running back on a golf course in Baton Rouge, La. The true wisdom of the Falcons' insistence that Ray be found and returned to the fold flowered in the eighth game of the season. He was the first person called when regular running back Art Malone sustained a sprained knee against San Francisco, there. And he responded beautifully. "I thought I'd probably be waived eventu-

ally—since the fellow I assumed would be ahead of me anyway (Ray Lamb) had been waived during the off season," Ray said later, explaining his training camp tardiness. "So, I figured I'd be wasting my time and the club's too by even reporting to Greenville (S. C.)" He scored 11 touchdowns in 1973, a new club record. His nine TDs rushing also was a record. His best rushing games were against Philadelphia, 71 yards and two touchdowns; New York Jets, 76 yards and two TDs, and Minnesota, 61 yards. Before becoming a starter, Ray already had more rushing attempts and yards gained than his entire three-year totals in the NFL. 5th year. Games—5 in 1970, 4 in 1971, 7 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Ray, a bullish-running, All-SEC fullback and punter for Louisiana State University, was regarded as one of the finest pro prospects in the country in 1970. The Patriots, who then called Boston home, thought so too, drafting him in the fourth round.

PERSONAL A natural athlete, Ray is one of the best golfers in professional football. He has given some thought to the possibility of turning pro when his playing days are over. Although he did not take up the sport until his sophomore year in college, he is a scratch golfer. Full name: Edward B. Ray. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Single. Born: April 5, 1947, in Vicksburg, Miss.

		RUSHING					RECEIVING				
Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1970	Boston	5	13	2.6	4	0		none			
1971	San Diego	2	15	7.5	8	0		none			
1972	Atlanta	8	34	4.3	9	0	1	14	14.0	14	0
1973	Atlanta	96	434	4.5	17	9	19	192	10.1	39	2
Totals		111	496	4.5	17	9	20	206	10.3	39	2

Ken Reaves, CB, 6-3, 209 As chairman of the board of the Falcons secondary, Ken Reaves should have been a leading candidate in 1973 for executive of the year honors. With the aplomb of a polished and well-heeled mogul, he led Atlanta's deep defenders to the richest season in the club's history. To wit: The secondary shaved 274 yards off the net yards gained passing figures of 1972 (from 1704 down to 1430). It also trimmed 292 yards off the total yards gained passing against the Falcons (1911 in 1972 down to 1619). And Reaves, through his play and knowledge of enemy offenses that he shared freely with teammates, was one of the prime reasons for the improvement. Unofficially, the one-time Norfolk State star led the secondary in tackles. He also increased by two his career interceptions total (29). In addition, he stretched to 112 the number of consecutive games—every one since the club's inception, in fact—he has played as a Falcon. This is a team record. Both of his 1973 interceptions, incidentally, came against New Orleans. In the season opener, he went 11 yards with his steal. On the final day of the season, he carried back a Saints interception nine yards. 9th year. Games—14 in 1966, 14 in 1967, 14 in 1968, 14 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.



Reaves



Riley

COLLEGE *Ebony Magazine* first forecast stardom for Reaves in 1963, his sophomore season. He made that publication's All-America team the next two years.

PERSONAL Had Braddock, Pa. High given out jackets everytime a person won an athletic monogram from 1958-61, Reaves could have clothed his whole neighborhood. He earned 12, excelling in football, baseball, basketball and track. Full name: Kenneth Milton Reaves. Off-season residence: Fairburn, Ga. Married, no children. Born: Oct. 29, 1944, in Braddock, Pa.

		INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1966	Atlanta	1	16	16.0	t6	1		none		
1967	Atlanta	7	153	21.9	42	0	1	0	0	0
1968	Atlanta	1	90	90.0	t90	1		none		
1969	Atlanta	3	14	4.7	14	0	1	0	0	0
1970	Atlanta	6	44	7.3	28	0	1	0	0	0
1971	Atlanta	6	43	7.2	31	0	1	0	0	0
1972	Atlanta	3	59	19.7	28	0		none		
1973	Atlanta	2	20	10.0	11	0		none		
Totals		29	439	15.1	t90	2		none		

		KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1966	Atlanta	4	85	21.3	28	0	1	0	2	2.0	2	0

None 1967-1973.

Preston Riley, WR, 6-1, 190 A proven NFL receiver, all Preston Riley wants now is another chance. And the Falcons have promised him just that in 1974. He was out of football most of last season, being waived by New Orleans after the first game of the 1973 schedule. The one-time Memphis State star was the ninth round draft choice of the San Francisco 49ers in 1970. It was against the Falcons in 1972 that Riley caught the lone touchdown pass of his career. The play covered 28 yards. His first-ever

reception in the NFL was a 68-yard pitch from 49ers quarterback John Brodie. He was traded to the Saints in April, 1973 for a future draft choice. 5th year. Games—14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 1 in 1973.

COLLEGE His 4.6 speed in the 40 literally ran Riley out of the Memphis State defensive secondary in his junior year. He wound up at flanker and became one of the nation's finest. He also was a quarter miler in track.

PERSONAL Sports—period—was Riley's bailiwick as a schoolboy star at Culkin Academy in Vicksburg, Miss. He was all-state in football, all-district in basketball and state mile and half-mile champion in track. Full name: Preston Troy Riley. Off-season residence: San Francisco, Calif. Married, one child. Born: Oct. 30, 1947, in Vicksburg, Miss.

		RECEIVING				
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1970	San Francisco	7	136	19.4	68	0
1971	San Francisco	3	39	13.0	14	0
1972	San Francisco	11	156	14.2	128	1
1973	New Orleans	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		21	331	15.8	68	1

Returned 1 punt for 5 yards and 1 kickoff for no yards in 1970; returned 1 punt for 2 yards and recovered 3 fumbles in 1971; recovered 2 fumbles in 1972.

Bill Sandeman, T, 6-6, 265 Bill Sandeman spent most of 1973 exposing the belief that a person's productivity really suffers once he reaches *the threshold of pain* as nothing but a big, bruised myth. Seldom was there a Monday through Saturday he didn't feel a lot of pain. Yet he used his football Sundays to dish it out, especially that frosty November afternoon in Philadelphia. There he threw two dynamite blocks that enabled running back Eddie Ray to easily score twice en route to breaking the game wide open. It was, many feel, the best game of his career. Despite the fact he was plagued by an aching knee throughout the season, Sandeman didn't miss a game. He was claimed by the Falcons on waivers from New Orleans in early 1967. He wasn't drafted in 1966, but was later signed by Dallas as a free agent. 9th year. Games—8 in 1966, 13 in 1967 (New Orleans 2 Atlanta 11), 4 in 1968, 13 in 1969, 6 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Once while at San Joaquin Delta Junior College, Sandeman decided to literally dunk his football career. After one day on the school's water polo team, however, he returned to football. Upon his graduation, he received a full grant-in-aid to the University of Pacific.

PERSONAL A championship-quality swimmer since grade school, Sandeman spends much of his off-season in the water. When not diving for abalone—which is his customary December-to-June vocation, he enjoys underwater photography. He has a B.S. degree in education. Full name:



Sandeman



Sovio

William Stewart Sandeman. Off-season residence: San Diego, Calif. Married, two children. Born: Nov. 30, 1942, in Providence, R. I.

Returned 1 kickoff for no yards in 1967.

Henry Sovio, TE, 6-3, 234 Just when coaches felt Henry Sovio was about to make his move and become an integral part of the 1973 Falcons, he suffered a strained Achilles tendon in training camp. Once recovered from that, he was far behind the rest of his teammates but still showed enough promise to make the taxi squad. Then, he got hurt again, fracturing the navicular bone in his left wrist, and finished the season on injured reserve. 3rd year.

COLLEGE With 36 passes for 527 yards, Sovio was one of collegiate America's leading pass receivers in his senior year at the University of Hawaii.

PERSONAL Sovio was all-state in four sports during his prep career at Queen Elizabeth High School in Surrey, B. C. He starred in football as a receiver, was a center in basketball, a pitcher in baseball and threw the shot putt in track and field. Full name: Henry Peter Sovio. Off-season residence: White Rock, B.C., Canada. Married. Born: April 15, 1949, in Rauma, Finland.

Chris Stecher, DT, 6-6, 268 Chris Stecher will have a reunion of sorts in 1974. He will be returning to his first football love, defense. He was away from that area of the game in 1973, having been moved by the coaches to offense. A defensive tackle throughout college, he was among

the last group of players waived in training camp. He was later recalled, however, and signed as a future. Afterwards he spent the balance of the season on the inactive list. He was the Falcons' 13th round draft choice in 1973. 2nd year.

COLLEGE Stecher was named to the All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and NAIA District III All-Star Teams in each of his four years with the Claremont-Mudd varsity.

PERSONAL A German Literature major in college, Stecher graduated in the top five per cent of his class. Full name: Christopher John Stecher. Off-season residence: Los Angeles, Calif. Born: Oct. 7, 1951, in St. Louis, Mo.

Pat Sullivan, QB, 6-0, 201 Although his 1973 playing time was limited, Pat Sullivan proved his potential is unlimited. Thrown into action for the first time against Chicago, for instance, he completed six of seven passes for 76 yards. The determined young man from Auburn, 1971 Heisman Trophy winner, threw the first touchdown pass of his career against Philadelphia. It was a 21-yard strike to wide receiver Ken Burrow. The Falcons' second pick in the 1972 draft, he spent part of early season 1973 on the inactive list. 3rd year. Games—14 in 1972, 4 in 1973.

COLLEGE Sullivan is a legend at Auburn University, and rightly so. His career touchdown responsibility of 71 ties an NCAA record. His 53 career touchdown passes ranks him third in collegiate history in that category. He sparkled in both the Senior Bowl Game in Mobile, Ala., and the College All-Star Game in Chicago and was voted the most valuable player in each.

PERSONAL The spotlight has been centered on Pat Sullivan, athlete, ever since his prep days at John Carroll High in Birmingham, Ala. He was all-state in three sports: Football, basketball and baseball. Full name: Patrick Joseph Sullivan, Sr. Off-season residence: Birmingham, Ala. Married, three children. Born: Jan. 18, 1950, in Birmingham, Ala.

PASSING

Year	Club	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long	Int.	Pct. Int.	Avg. Gain
1972	Atlanta	19	3	15.8	44	0	18	3	15.8	2.3
1973	Atlanta	26	14	53.8	175	1	21	0	0.0	6.25
Totals		45	17	37.8	219	1	21	3	6.7	4.87

RUSHING

Year	Club	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1972	Atlanta	2	8	4.0	10	0
1973	Atlanta	3	19	6.3	9	0
Totals		5	27	5.4	10	0



Sullivan



Tilleman



Van Note

Mike Tilleman, DT, 6-7, 278 Mike Tilleman saw double in 1973. Double team blocking, that is. Seldom was he afforded the opportunity to go one-on-one with any opposing lineman. Nonetheless, the big Montanan was, unofficially, the front four's leading tackler. He finished third in sacks of the quarterback with six, with two in the club's sensational 15-13 victory over Los Angeles. Two years ago, while at Houston, he led the NFL in sacks with 14. He was drafted by Minnesota as a 1964 "future" out of the University of Montana. He spent one season as a member of the Vikings' taxi squad and one on the active 40-man roster. He was claimed by New Orleans in the expansion draft of 1967. With the Saints, he was a four-year starter before being traded to Houston in 1971. He missed the first game of 1973 due to a knee injury sustained in training camp. 9th year. Games—12 in 1966, 14 in 1967, 14 in 1968, 14 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 13 in 1973.

COLLEGE Tilleman really knows the route to All-America acclaim. He traveled it during his career at the University of Montana. He made some A-A third teams as a sophomore, became a second teamer as a junior and then was named to almost all of them as a senior.

PERSONAL Known for his tremendous wit, Tilleman was at his best in training camp. It was there that he treated the media and teammates to stories of some of his favorite pets: The legendary Simple Simon, a turtle; Peter Punkin, a pesky rabbit, and Sandy, an 85-pound Labrador Retriever that personally reduced the population of chickens on Tilleman's mother's ranch from 30 to five. Mike has a B.S. degree in business administration. Full name: Michael John Tilleman. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, two children. Born: March 20, 1944, in Chinook, Mont.

Jeff Van Note, C, 6-2, 247 Were an artist ever commissioned to put on canvas what "the professional football player" is supposed to look like, the model would have to be center Jeff Van Note. The rugged

Kentuckian brings to his position the toughness you'd expect from THE player too. That is why he has become one of the best centers in the National Football League. His coaches are on record as saying they feel there is none better. He continually grades high game after game. Until he joined the Falcons, the ex-University of Kentucky star had never played center. He was a running back in high school and was a two-time All-SEC defensive end-linebacker for the Wildcats. He was sent by the Falcons to Huntsville, Ala., then of the old Continental Football Conference, in 1969 to develop his skills. He returned in 1970, won the No. 1 job and has been there ever since. 6th year. Games—1 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Despite an all-star career at Kentucky, Van Note was not selected until the 11th round of the 1969 NFL players draft. He really caught the Falcons' eyes during the Blue-Gray Game in Montgomery, Ala.

PERSONAL Football and baseball were Van Note's elite sports as a schoolboy at St. Joseph's High in Bardstown, Ky. And he excelled at both, being voted all-state honors as a senior. He has a B.A. degree in history and political science. Full name: Jeffrey Aloysis Van Note. Off-season residence: Louisville, Ky. Married, two children. Born: Feb. 7, 1946, in South Orange, N. J.

Harmon Wages, RB, 6-1, 212

A Falcon since 1968, Harmon Wages enjoyed one of the biggest days of his career in New Orleans in 1969. On that afternoon, he ran for one touchdown, passed 66 yards for another and then caught an 88-yard scoring play for a third. He was signed as a free agent. 6th year. Games—13 in 1968, 14 in 1969, 13 in 1970, 14 1971, 8 in 1973.

COLLEGE Wages spent his college career as Florida's No. 2 quarterback. It wasn't really that ego deflating though, since the man ahead of him (Steve Spurrier) became the 1967 Heisman Trophy winner. The Jacksonville, Fla., native lettered three seasons with the Gators and played in two post-season bowl games, the Sugar in 1966 and the Orange in 1967.

PERSONAL The past off-season was super busy, once again, for Wages. When not making personal appearances around the Southeast, he was involved in taping television commercials. Full name: Harmon Leon Wages. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Single. Born: May 18, 1948, in Jacksonville, Fla.

		RUSHING					RECEIVING				
Year	Club	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1968	Atlanta	59	211	3.6	31	0	16	121	7.6	t55	1
1969	Atlanta	72	375	5.2	t66	2	22	228	10.4	t88	1
1970	Atlanta	119	422	3.5	40	1	26	153	5.9	24	2
1971	Atlanta	64	266	4.2	27	1	19	249	13.1	47	1
1972	Atlanta	Injured, did not play									
1973	Atlanta	18	47	2.6	13	1	2	14	7.0	14	0
Totals		332	1321	4.0	t66	5	85	765	9.0	t88	5



Wages



Walker

		KICKOFF RETURNS					PASSING					
Year	Atlanta	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	Att.	Comp.	Yards	TD	Long	Int
1968	Atlanta	1	23	23.0	23	0	2	1	21	0	21	0
1969	Atlanta	6	76	12.7	23	0	1	1	16	1	t16	0
1970	Atlanta	1	22	22.0	22	0	1	1	13	0	13	0
1971	Atlanta	1	21	21.0	21	0			none			
1972	Atlanta			injured, did not play								
1973	Atlanta			none								
Total		10	142	14.2	23	0	4	3	50	1	21	0

Chuck Walker, DT, 6-3, 261 If you're a quarterback and Chuck Walker ever starts chasing you, climb a tree. That's one sure way of eluding him. "I'm afraid of heights," admits the burly 11-year veteran from Duke University. "That's why I was in charge of all the ground work and my partner climbed the trees." He used to operate a tree surgeon business in St. Louis during the off-season with Cardinals' defensive end Ron Yankowski. He proved an invaluable asset to the 1973 Falcons, occasionally spelling both starting tackles, Mike Tilleman and Mike Lewis, and doing it with class and much ability. A Pro Bowl participant in 1966, Walker was claimed by St. Louis as a "future" in the 12th round of the 1963 draft. He was a junior All-Atlantic Coast Conference tackle at Duke at the time. He was obtained by the Falcons from the Cardinals in a trade. 11th year. Games—3 in 1964, 14 in 1965, 14 in 1966, 13 in 1967, 14 in 1968, 14 in 1969, 11 in 1970, 11 in 1971, 11 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Walker is one of the few players in the NFL to have received a Masters degree. He took it in education and history at Duke in 1966. He has a bachelor of arts degree in political science.

PERSONAL A quiet, articulate man, Walker played the trumpet in his high school band before being coaxed into football by his head coach

as a sophomore. Full name: Charles David Walker. Off-season residence: St. Louis, Mo. Married. Born: Aug. 10, 1941, in Uniontown, Pa.

Lonnie Warwick, LB, 6-3, 240 Aside from being one of the most knowledgeable football men on the Falcons' roster in 1973, Lonnie Warwick also proved to be one of the most infectious. His enthusiasm and spirit, ablaze from the very first day of training camp, touched everybody. When not filling in for a regular or leading the speciality teams, he was the most mobile person you ever saw along the sidelines. He must have walked 40 miles, at least, up and down the chalk lines, yelling encouragement to the offense as well as the defense. Warwick, who grew up in the coal fields of West Virginia, was passed over in the 1964 draft, but signed as a free agent with Minnesota. He was the Vikings' starting middle linebacker from 1965 until being felled by knee and leg injuries in 1971. He played out his option there in 1972. 10th year. Games—14 in 1965, 12 in 1966, 14 in 1967, 14 in 1968, 14 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 4 in 1971, 6 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE Warwick, an all-state footballer at Mount Hope, W. Va. High, signed a grant-in-aid with the University of Tennessee upon graduation. He played freshman football for the Baby Vols and then transferred to Tennessee Tech.

PERSONAL While the opinion Warwick will someday make a tremendous coach is almost unanimous among his teammates, he insist he wants no part of that scene right now. Full name: Lonnie Preston Warwick. Off-season residence: Maryville, Tenn. Single. Born: Feb. 26, 1942, in Mount Hope, W. Va.

Returned 1 punt for 10 yards and a touchdown in 1965; fumbled once in 1967; recovered 2 opponents' fumbles in 1969; recovered 1 opponents' fumble in 1973.

Joe Washington, RB, 5-9, 180 Joe Washington, somebody said in preseason 1973, "runs like a little water bug. He literally just scoots along when he runs, like a bug scooting across the water." The swift, 5-7, 180-pound running back earned that bit of praise after the Falcons obtained him in a straight cash deal with Miami. The Dolphins had signed him as a free agent. He spent part of the year on the taxi squad, but soon earned playing time returning kickoffs. 2nd year. Games—9 in 1973.

COLLEGE Washington teamed with fellow running back Ron Bell in 1972 to help Illinois State to one of the finest football seasons [8-3] in its history.

PERSONAL One of the real fashion plates on the team, Washington could always be counted upon to unfurl at least a new hat on every road trip



Warwick



Zook

he made in 1973. Full name: Joseph Washington. Off-season residence: Baton Rogue, La. Single. Born: July 10, 1951, in Baton Rogue, La.

		RUSHING					KICKOFF RETURNS				
Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1973	Atlanta	4	36	9.0	16	0	20	432	21.6	30	0

John Zook, DE, 6-5, 248 Traffic leading to the soapbox from which people have long sounded the praises of John Zook reached its heaviest peak in 1973. Fellow defensive end Claude Humphrey was among the more vocal speakers. And, apparently, his words reached, at last, the ears of some all-pro voting folks. Shortly after the final game of 1973, Humphrey said: "John has had a great season, people; an outstanding season. He deserves to be all-pro. It will be a shame if he doesn't make it." Zook did make some all-pro second teams, but his real signal honor came when he was selected to play in his first Pro Bowl. Long recognized as one of the NFL's most consistent performers, Zook was at his all-time best in 1973. He finished second on the team in sacks of the quarterback with nine for minus 64 yards and was unofficially credited with batting down six passes. His best game, as far as dogging and then dropping the enemy quarterback is concerned, was against Chicago. He dumped Bears quarterbacks three times for minus 22 yards. He had two sacks against New Orleans in the first game of the year. Zook's name was on the roster of two NFL clubs before he finally wound up in Atlanta. Drafted in the fourth round in 1969 by Los Angeles, he was soon afterwards traded to Philadelphia. Almost before he even got to see an Eagles jersey, he was traveling again. This time, he was Atlanta bound in a trade involving four other people. 6th year. Games—14 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973.

COLLEGE All-America citations arrived almost daily after Zook's senior football year at the University of Kansas. He made virtually every team,



Zook makes big stop en route to great win over Vikings.

including those of The Associated Press, United Press International, *Look,* Coaches and *The New York Daily News.* He was the Big Eight Conference's lineman of the year in 1968.

PERSONAL Unless somebody near him happens to have a mobile telephone in their tackle box, it is often next to impossible to find Zook during the off-season. After a usual morning workout at Atlanta Stadium, he's off to some lake or stream for a little fishing. Full name: John Eldon Zook. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Single. Born: Sept. 24, 1947, in Garden City, Kan.

		INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1969	Atlanta	2	22	11.0	15	0	1	7	7	0
1970	Atlanta	1	24	24.0	24	0	2	8	8	0
1971	Atlanta			none				none		
1972	Atlanta			none			2	37	t26	1
1973	Atlanta			none			1	0	0	0
Totals		3	46	15.3	24	0	6	52	t26	1

Recent Falcon Trades

1969

Tight end RAY OGDEN to Chicago for linebacker JIM PURNELL and rookie cornerback RUDY REDMOND (Pacific); Linebacker JIM PURNELL to Philadelphia for rookie defensive end JOHN ZOOK (Kansas), defensive tackle FRANK MOLDEN, cornerback JOHN MALLORY and a draft choice; Linebacker DICK ABSHER to Los Angeles for a draft choice; Guard DAN GRIMM to Baltimore for two draft choices; A draft choice to Minnesota for linebacker DON HANSEN; Linebacker RALPH HECK and defensive tackle JOE SZCZECKO to New York Giants for two draft choices; Tackles ERROL LINDEN and DON TALBERT to New Orleans for tackle JERRY JONES, guard ROY SCHMIDT and center JIM FERGUSON; Wide receiver BOB LONG to Washington for a draft choice; Rookie guard JON SANDSTORM (Oregon State) to Minnesota for rookie wide receiver TOM McCAULEY (Wisconsin); A draft choice to Los Angeles for defensive tackle DAVE CAHILL; Running back PERRY LEE DUNN to Baltimore for a draft choice; Running back BILL HARRIS to Minnesota for a draft choice; Defensive end RICHARD CASH to Los Angeles for a draft choice; Running back JUNIOR COFFEY to New York Giants for two draft choices.

1970

Defensive tackle JERRY SHAY to New York Giants for a draft choice.

1971

A draft choice to New Orleans for tight end RAY POAGE; a draft choice to St. Louis for safety TONY PLUMMER; Quarterback RANDY JOHNSON to New York Giants for a draft choice; Running back PAUL GIPSON to Detroit for a draft choice; Quarterback RANDY JOHNSON to New York Giants for two draft choices.

1972

Running back SONNY CAMPBELL, cornerback RUDY REDMOND and a draft choice to Detroit for a draft choice; Defensive tackle GREG LENS and defensive end RANDY MARSHALL to Buffalo for a draft choice; Guard DICK ENDERLE to New York Giants for a draft choice; Safety JOHN MALLORY to New Orleans for a draft choice; Guard MAL SNIDER to Green Bay for running back DAVE HAMPTON; Running back JIM (CANNONBALL) BUTLER to St. Louis for defensive end tackle CHUCK WALKER.

1973

First round draft choice to Houston for defensive tackle MIKE TILLEMAN; Quarterback BOB BERRY and first round draft choice in 1974 to Minnesota for quarterback BOB LEE and linebacker LONNIE WARWICK; Two draft choices to New Orleans for linebacker TOM ROUSSEL and wide receiver AL DODD; Running back JOE PROFIT to New Orleans for a draft choice; Defensive tackle JOHN SMALL to Detroit for offensive guard FRANK GALLAGHER; Wide receiver RAY JARVIS to Buffalo for a draft choice; Wide receiver WES CHESSON to Philadelphia for a draft choice; Running back WILLIE BELTON to Buffalo for defensive end LOUIS ROSS.

1974 DRAFT CHOICES

1 Traded choice and quarterback Bob Berry to Minnesota for veterans Bob Lee, a quarterback, and linebacker Lonnie Warwick.

2 Gerald Tinker, WR, 5-9, 170 Speed afoot is a trait that literally runs in Gerald Tinker's family. His dad, for instance, used to run track throughout Europe during World War I. His sister, Joyce, was heralded as the fastest girl in the world when she was only 12 years old. And in 1972 Gerald himself got into the running act, winning a Gold Medal at the 1972 Olympic Games as a member of America's 400-meter relay team. He has blazing speed, having tied at 9.1 the old world record for the 100-yard dash. In two varsity football seasons at Kent State University, he caught 47 passes for 752 yards and three touchdowns. As a senior, he had 35 receptions for 602 yards. His best individual game came as a senior against Ohio University. In it, he caught five passes for 123 yards. He played two seasons at Memphis State University before transferring. Full name: Gerald Alexander Tinker. Single. Born: Jan. 19, 1951, in Miami, Fla.

3 Kim McQuilken, QB, 6-2, 203 He wasn't in the center of it until he was a senior at Lehigh, but Kim McQuilken was in the spotlight as one of small college America's top quarterbacks for three seasons. The strong-armed youngster completed 516 of 927 passes for 6996 yards and 37 touchdowns during his career. His 1973 number of completions (196), yardage gained (2603), touchdown passes (19) and completion percentage (60.1) led the NCAA's Division II. Full name: Kim Evan McQuilken. Married, one child. Born: Feb. 26, 1951, in Allentown, Pa.

3 Maurice Spencer, DB, 6-0, 175 A real ballhawk, Maurice Spencer averaged seven pass interceptions a year during his career at North Carolina Central. He had nine as a freshman, six as a sophomore, nine again as a junior and five in his senior year. Also a punt return specialist of note, he was 10th in the nation in that department as a sophomore. That season he returned 15 for an average of 18.7 per. A pre-dental student, Spencer was one of the key ringleaders in Central's rise to the 1973 Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference championship. Full name: Thurmon Maurice Spencer. Single. Born: June 15, 1952, in Winston-Salem, N. C.

4 Vince Kendrick, RB, 6-0, 223 The foundation of Vince Kendrick's University of Florida reputation was built on his explosive blocking talent. Yet, he still found time to become the Gators' seventh all-time rushing leader. In three seasons, he carried the football 279 times and gained 1269 yards. He was especially busy as a senior, blocking and running his way to all-star acclaim. As a 1973 runner, he ended with 127 rushes for 542 yards, an average of 4.3 per, and scored five touchdowns. Full name: Vincent Kendrick. Single. Born: March 18, 1952, in Miami, Fla.

5 Henry Childs, TE, 6-2, 223 The first touch of Georgia flavoring to Atlanta's 1974 draft came when tight end Henry Childs became a Falcon selection. He is a native of Thomasville. After the career he had at Kansas State, the State of Kansas surely feels he's one of its own too. In three varsity seasons with the Wildcats, he caught 94 passes for 1349 yards and 10 touchdowns. His five scoring receptions in 1972 is an all-time school record. Full name: Henry Childs. Single. Born: April 16, 1951, in Thomasville, Ga.

5 Monroe Eley, RB, 6-2, 210 After a blazing sophomore season at Arizona State University, Monroe Eley dropped out of school and headed for Canada. Once over the border, he began plying his all-star talents for the Vancouver Lions. In two seasons there, he rushed for 1132 yards—a 4.2 per carry average—and caught 37 passes for 631 more. He gained 728 yards rushing as a college sophomore and won the most valuable player award when the Sun Devils played North Carolina in the 1970 Peach Bowl in Atlanta. Full name: Monroe Eley. Single. Born: April 17, 1949, in Nashville, N. C.

6 Doyle Orange, RB, 5-10, 201 Doyle Orange signed with Toronto of the Canadian Football League.

7 James Coode, T, 6-4, 247 Upon hearing he had been selected by the Falcons in the 1974 draft, James Coode took a long look at himself. And then he said: "I know what I'll have to do, if I hope to make it. I'll have to work hard this summer on pass protection blocking. I just hope this won't be a liability." The level-headed young Ohioan didn't have to pass block much at Michigan, which is basically a running team. Full name: James Edward Coode. Single. Born: Oct. 22, 1951, in Cleveland, Ohio.

8 Choice to Green Bay through New Orleans.

9 Larry Bailey, DT, 6-4, 238 Hyperactive is the best single word one can use to describe the 1973 football nature of Larry Bailey. And he was just that for the University of Pacific varsity. He led the club with 60 unassisted tackles, had 26 assists, nine sacks of the quarterback, three fumble recoveries and six pass deflections. He was the Defensive Player of the Year in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association. Full name: Larry Bailey. Single. Born: May 10, 1952, in San Mateo, Calif.

10 Paul Ryczek, C, 6-2, 230 Despite missing three games in 1973 due to an elbow injury, Paul Ryczek was still considered one of the Atlantic Coast Conference's premier talents. He was named to the league's all-star team two seasons. An older brother, Dan, is a member of the Washington Redskins. Full name: Paul Andrew Ryczek. Single. Born: June 25, 1952, in Mentor, Ohio.

11 Eddie Wilson, WR, 5-11, 80 Defense was the name of Eddie Wilson's game as a 1973 senior at Albany State. And he didn't let people forget it, proving to be a hard-nosed tackler and superb pass thief. He had nine interceptions for the year for 90 yards. He was a wide receiver in his first three varsity seasons. Full name: Eddie Lee Wilson. Single. Born: Jan. 31, 1950, in Monticello, Fla.

12 Vic Koegel, LB, 6-0, 218 At offensive-minded Ohio State, Vic Koegel was considered a real defensive gem. As the Buckeyes' starting middle linebacker for three seasons, he was one of the club's leading tacklers in 1973 with 96 individual stops. He was the leader in that category as a sophomore with 126. Full name: Victor Aloysius Koegel. Single. Born: Nov. 2, 1952, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

13 Ralph Powell, RB, 6-0, 221 When Nebraska needed "the big yard" in 1973, the Cornhuskers knew they needed only to call Ralph Powell's number. He was thrown for only one loss (three yards). He ended the year with 259 yards gained, an average of 5.3 per carry. Full name: Ralph Powell. Single. Born: Feb. 28, 1951, in Detroit, Mich.

14 John Givens, G, 6-3, 240 Projected as an offensive guard in the pros, John Givens hasn't blocked anybody from the line of scrimmage since his prep days. He was a three-year starter at defensive tackle for Villanova, annually leading the team in individual tackles and assists. Full name: John Donald Givens, Jr. Single. Born: Feb. 19, 1952, in Darby, Pa.

15 Willie Jones, WR, 5-10, 175 Another Georgian who found collegiate glory outside his home state, Willie Jones was the hit of Iowa State football for three seasons. During his career there, he caught 78 passes for 1392 yards and 12 touchdowns. Full name: Willie Jones, Jr. Married, three children. Born: July 13, 1951, in Valdosta, Ga.

16 Sylvester McGee, RB, 5-0, 184 The University of Massachusetts may remember Sylvester McGee as long as his own school, Rhode Island, does. He rushed for 163 yards against the Minutemen last season as his Rams captured second place in the tough Yankee Conference. He gained 768 for the year. Full name: Sylvester McGee. Single. Born: Aug. 26, 1952, in Haverstraw, N. Y.

17 Al Davis, G-T, 6-3, 248 Boise State led Division II of the NCAA in total offense per game because of people like Al Davis. Led by his steady blocking, the Broncos went 10-3 for the year and averaged 466.3 yards per game. Full name: Alvin Woodrow Davis. Single. Born: Dec. 2, 1951, in Richmond, Calif.

FREE AGENTS

East of Hillsboro, Kan., nobody—save his parents and friends—had ever heard of **Rolland Lawrence** in mid-July of 1973. And certainly not the Atlanta Falcons. Not until he came to training camp as an almost unannounced free agent, that is. Little fanfare was made of the diminutive 5-10, 176-pound cornerback when he signed. By mid-training camp, however, everybody knew him. He made himself known through his hustle, determination and hard-hitting. Several people who contributed heavily to the success of the 1973 Falcons were free agents of other years. John James, for one. And Mike Lewis. Quite possibly some of the following, appearing here in brief sketches, will make it in 1974. (These free agents were signed as of June 20, 1974.)

Richard Byas passed his "screen test" with the Falcons and was signed. The club borrowed a film on him, found him impressive and decided to give him a chance to return punts and kickoffs. . . . **R. A. Coppedge** was a highly-sought free agent. He is considered a capable punter as well as a good placements man. . . . There was a bit of a foot race to sign **Rick Danmeier.** Several clubs tried to get the steady placekicker-punter under contract. . . . The tag "sleeper" has been placed on **James Davis.** The Falcons feel his height, desire and hustle are three big things he has going for him in his drive to make it in the NFL. . . . A weights program has been prescribed for **Barry Dotzauer,** a youngster the Falcons think could make it in professional football. A lack of weight is one reason he wasn't drafted. . . . Toughness is said to be one of **Paul Gabel's** greatest football virtues. He will be tried at offensive guard and tackle with the Falcons. . . . **Cliff Greenfield** was considered among the very top free agent prospects in the country. He has the size and apparent determination to make it. . . . **Al Helgemo,** scouts say, has all the ingredients necessary to play in the NFL: Size, speed and savvy. . . . A fine, sure-handed tackler, **Rudy Holmes** will get a two-way shot. He will be tried at cornerback and as a kick returner. . . . **Greg Ingram,** who played flanker as a 1973 senior, will be returned to defense by the Falcons. . . . After his freshman year at the University of Georgia, **Herb Malone** transferred to Livingston, Ala., State and found his niche as one of America's best small college linemen. . . . It will be a whole new sports world for **Dudley Morton** in 1974, but team officials feel he will adapt well. The only football he has ever played was as a prepster at Atlanta's Turner High. He was an all-star basketball center in college. . . . A three-year starter at Yankton College, **John Nielsen** earned recognition as one of the best small college linemen in the country . . . There is a Falcon in his family's past and he hopes one in its future. **Ron Simmons,** whose brother Jerry was once an Atlanta receiver, will be given a shot at cornerback . . . **Gregg Trebnick** has been compared favorably with former Green Bay star receiver Boyd Dowler. He is said to be on the same physical build, have the same speed and the same strides as Dowler had . . . . Off a fine comeback in his senior season, club officials have said **Godfrey White** will get a good look as a halfback in 1974. He missed all of his junior year due to injuries.

1974 Atlanta Falcon Veterans

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
63	Bebout, Nick	T	6-5	260	23	2	Wyoming
50	Brezina, Greg	LB	6-1	221	28	6	Houston
34	Brown, Ray	S	6-2	202	25	4	W. Texas State
82	Burrow, Ken	WR	6-0	191	26	4	San Diego State
41	Dodd, Al	WR	6-0	178	29	7	N.W. Louisiana St.
32	Easterling, Ray	S	6-0	192	25	3	Richmond
29	Ellis, Clarence	S	6-0	190	24	3	Notre Dame
66	Fritsch, Ted	C	6-2	242	24	3	St. Norbert
84	Geredine, Thomas	WR	6-2	189	24	2	N.E. Missouri St.
65	Gotshalk, Len	T	6-4	259	25	3	Humboldt State
43	Hampton, Dave	RB	6-0	202	27	6	Wyoming
58	Hansen, Don	LB	6-2	228	30	8	Illinois
56	Havig, Dennis	G	6-2	256	29	3	Colorado
27	Hayes, Tom	CB	6-1	198	28	4	San Diego State
40	Highsmith, Don	RB	6-0	205	26	5	Michigan State
87	Humphrey, Claude	DE	6-5	265	30	7	Tennessee St.
6	James, John	P	6-3	200	24	3	Florida
16	Kelly, Tom	PK	6-0	180	30	1	Oklahoma City
75	Kunz, George	T	6-6	268	27	6	Notre Dame
22	Lawrence, Rolland	CB	5-10	179	23	2	Tabor
19	Lee, Bob	QB	6-2	201	28	6	Pacific
69	Lewis, Mike	DT	6-4	261	25	4	Arkansas AM&N
9	Madeya, John	QB	6-5	212	23	1	Louisville
25	Malone, Art	RB	6-0	216	26	5	Arizona State
77	Manning, Rosie	DT	6-5	255	24	3	N.E. Oklahoma
78	Marx, Greg	DE	6-4	260	24	2	Notre Dame
33	Matthews, Henry	RB	6-3	212	25	3	Michigan State
64	Maurer, Andy	G	6-3	247	26	5	Oregon
83	Mialik, Larry	TE	6-1	226	24	3	Wisconsin
12	Mike-Mayer, Nick	K	5-9	187	24	2	Temple
55	Miller, Jim*	G	6-3	240	25	4	Iowa
86	Mitchell, Jim	TE	6-1	236	27	6	Prairie View
52	Mitchell, Ken	LB	6-1	224	26	2	Nevada, Las Vegas
80	Neal, Louis	WR	6-4	215	23	2	Prairie View
60	Nobis, Tommy	LB	6-2	243	31	9	Texas
35	Plummer, Tony	S	5-10	187	27	5	Pacific
44	Ray, Eddie	RB	6-2	240	27	5	L.S.U.
36	Reaves, Ken	CB	6-3	209	30	9	Norfolk State
85	Riley, Preston**	WR	6-1	190	27	4	Memphis State
61	Sandeman, Bill	T	6-6	265	32	9	Pacific
89	Sovio, Henry	TE	6-3	234	25	1	Univ. of Hawaii
67	Stecher, Chris	T	6-6	257	23	1	Claremont-Mudd
7	Sullivan, Pat	QB	5-11	201	24	3	Auburn
74	Tilleman, Mike	DT	6-7	278	30	8	Montana
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	247	28	6	Kentucky
5	Wages, Harmon	RB	6-1	212	28	6	Florida
79	Walker, Chuck	DT	6-3	261	33	11	Duke
59	Warwick, Lonnie	LB	6-2	240	32	10	Tennessee Tech
30	Washington, Joe	RB	5-9	180	24	2	Illinois State
71	Zook, John	DE	6-5	249	27	6	Kansas

1974 Atlanta Falcon Rookies

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College	How Acq.
24	Alvarez, Jack	WR	6-2	200	24	Kentucky	FA
68	Bailey, Larry	DT	6-4	238	22	Pacific	D9
23	Brady, Jim	RB	6-3	210	23	Arizona St.	FA
72	Brown, Archie	G	6-4	240	21	Lincoln	FA
39	Brown, Ike	DR	5-11	175	22	Sterling	FA
38	Byas, Richard	DB	5-9	180	23	Wayne St.	FA
88	Childs, Henry	TE	6-2	223	23	Kansas St.	D5
73	Coode, James	T	6-4	247	22	Michigan	D7
14	Coppedge, R. A.	K	5-11	210	21	Tex. - Arlington	FA
10	Danmeier, Richard	PK	5-11	220	22	Sioux Falls	FA
62	Davis, Al	G-T	6-3	248	22	Boise St.	D17
49	Davis, James	WR	6-2	188	22	Winston-Salem	FA
47	Dotzauer, Barry	DB	6-1	160	22	Michigan	FA
77	Gabel, Paul	G-T	6-4	252	23	Penn. State	FA
70	Givens, John	G	6-3	240	22	Villanova	D14
72	Greenfield, Cliff	DE	6-3	240	22	Morgan St.	FA
68	Helgemo, Al	T	6-5	230	22	Bemidji St.	FA
28	Holmes, Rudy	DB	5-10	170	21	Drake	FA
62	Hyde, Glen	DT	6-3	240	23	Pittsburgh	FA
37	Ingram, Greg	DB	5-11	169	23	Miami	FA
15	Jones, Willie	WR	5-10	175	23	Iowa State	D15
20	Kendrick, Vince	RB	6-0	223	22	Florida	D4
54	Koegel, Vic	LB	6-0	218	21	Ohio St.	D12
78	Malone, Herb	G	6-3	250	23	Livingston	FA
88	Morton, Dudley	DE	6-9	260	24	Tenn. State	FA
31	McGee, Sylvester	RB	5-10	184	21	Rhode Island	D16
11	McQuilken, Kim	QB	6-2	203	23	Lehigh	D2
69	Nielsen, John	G	6-2	240	22	Yankton	FA
42	Powell, Ralph	RB	6-0	223	23	Nebraska	D13
79	Riley, Robert	T	6-3	240	23	N. Eastern	FA
53	Ryczek, Paul	C	6-2	230	22	Virginia	D10
45	Simmons, Ron	CB	5-11	180	22	U. Minn. at Morris	FA
21	Spencer, Maurice	DB	6-0	175	22	N. C. Central	D3
45	Smith, Willie	RB	5-11	189	23	Morris Brown	FA
48	Sweeting, Walter	WR	6-2	185	22	Miami	FA
81	Tinker, Gerald	WR	5-9	170	23	Kent St.	D2
47	Trebnick, Gregg	WR	6-6	200	22	St. Thomas	FA
37	White, Godfrey	RB	6-0	195	24	Baylor	FA
46	Wilson, Eddie	WR	5-11	180	24	Albany St.	D11

Falcon Draft Choices

1966
Bonus choice each of first five rounds

1. TOMMY NOBIS, lb.....Texas
   RANDY JOHNSON, qb.....Texas A&I
2. Nick Rassas, s.....Notre Dame
   Jerry Jones, t.....Bowling Green
3. Mike Dennis, rb.....Mississippi
   Phil Sheridan, te.....Notre Dame
4. Ken Reaves, cb.....Norfolk State
   Bill Asbury, rb.....Kent State
5. Bill Wolski, rb.....Notre Dame
   Martin Kahn, t.....No. Texas State
6. Charlie Casey, wr.....Florida
7. Bill Johnson, rb.....Suwanee
8. Bill Goss, lb.....Tulane
9. Bob Sanders, c.....No. Texas State
10. Mike Bender, g.....Arkansas
11. Steve Sloan, qb.....Alabama
12. Ken Hollister, t.....Indiana
13. Bob Collins, t.....South Carolina
14. Steve Ecker, p....Shippensburg State
15. Tommy Tolleson, wr.....Alabama
16. Jim Vining, g.....Rice
17. Lurley Archambeau, c.....Toledo
18. Doug Korver, c.....State Col. of Iowa
19. Walt Mainer, cb-s.....Xavier
20. Bob Riggle, s.....Penn. State

1967

1. Choice traded to San Francisco
2. Leo Carroll, de.....San Diego State
3. Jimmy Jordan, rb.....Florida
4. Choice traded to Cleveland
5. Bill Delaney, te.....Amer. Internat'l
   Randy Matson, de.....Texas A&M
   (from San Francisco)
6. Choice traded to Baltimore
   Gene Snipes, wr.....Elizabeth City
   (from Los Angeles)
   Martine Bercher, cb-s.....Arkansas
   (from Baltimore)
7. Corey Colehour, qb.....North Dakota
8. Choice traded to Washington
9. Bob Moten, wr.....Bishop, Tex.
10. Dick Schafroth, t.....Iowa
11. John Walker, lb.....Jackson State
12. Bill Gentry, lb...North Carolina State
13. Sandor Szabo, k.....Ithaca
14. Tom Bryan, rb.....Auburn
15. Al Nicholas, rb.....Sacramento State
16. Larry Chester, cb-s.....Allen
17. Bill Buckner, qb.....Delta State



1968

1. CLAUDE HUMPHREY, de....Tenn. St.
2. Carlton Dabney, dt.....Morgan State
   John Wright, wr.....Illinois
   (from Green Bay through Los Angeles)
3. Choice traded to Chicago
4. Choice traded to St. Louis
5. Choice traded to Washington
6. Jim Hagle, rb.....So. Methodist
   Joe Wynns, cb-s...So. Carolina State
   (from Pittsburgh)
   Rick Eber, wr.....Tulsa
   (from Baltimore)
7. Choice traded to Minnesota
8. Ray Jeffords, te.....Georgia
9. Henry Holland, c.....No. Texas State
10. Mike Tomasini, dt.....Colorado State
11. Greg Brezina, lb.....Houston
12. A. J. Vaughan, rb.....Wayne State
13. Bill Harris, rb.....Colorado
14. Joe Polk, rb.....Livingstone, N.C.
15. Don Bean, wr.....Houston
16. Roy Hall, t.....San Jose State
17. Jim Schmidt, cb-s.....San Francisco

1969

1. GEORGE KUNZ, t.....Notre Dame
2. Paul Gipson, rb.....Houston
3. Malcolm Snider, g.....Stanford
   Jon Sandstrom, g.....Oregon State
   (from N.Y. Giants thru Los Angeles)
4. Jim Mitchell, te.....Prairie View
   Dicky Lyons, rb.....Kentucky
   (from Baltimore)
5. Choice traded to Minnesota
   Tony Pleviak, dt.....Illinois
   (from Dallas through Baltimore)
6. Choice traded to Los Angeles
   Wally Oyler, cb-s.....Louisville
   (from Detroit)
7. Dick Enderle, g.....Minnesota
   Ted Cottrell, lb.....Delaware Valley
   (from Detroit)
8. Jim Callahan, wr.....Temple
9. Choice traded to Baltimore
10. Jeff Stanciel, rb.....Miss. Valley
11. Jeff Van Note, c.....Kentucky
12. Denver Samples, de....Texas-El Paso
13. Harry Carpenter, g...Tennessee State
14. Billy Hunt, cb-s.....Kansas
15. Jim Weatherford, s.....Tennessee
16. Ed Hughes, rb.....Texas Southern
17. Paul Williams, wr.....California

1970

1. JOHN SMALL, lb.....Citadel
2. Art Malone, rb.....Arizona State
3. Andy Maurer, g.....Oregon
   Todd Snyder, wr.....Ohio U.
   (from N.Y. Giants)
4. Paul Reed, t.....Johnson C. Smith
   (from Philadelphia)
   Choice traded to St. Louis
5. Bruce Van Ness, rb.....Rutgers
   (from Philadelphia thru N.Y. Giants)
   Ken Mendenhall, c.....Oklahoma
6. Mack Herron, rb.....Kansas State
   Jade Butcher, wr.....Indiana
   (from Washington)
   Randy Marshall, de.....Linfield
   (from Los Angeles)
7. Choice traded to Los Angeles
   Gary Orcutt, wr.....So. California
   (from N.Y. Giants)
8. Larry Brewer, te.....Louisiana Tech
   (from N.Y. Giants)
   Seth Miller, s.....Arizona State
9. Roy Robinson, cb-s.....Montana
10. Jim Hatcher, cb-s.....Kansas
11. Mike Brunson, wr-rb....Arizona State
12. Lonnie Holton, rb..Northern Michigan
13. Rick Stepanek, dt.....Iowa
14. Chuck Wald, wr.....No. Dakota State
15. Keith Mauney, cb-s.....Princeton
16. Steve Parnell, wr.....Massachusetts
17. Bill Bell, k.....Kansas

1971

1. JOE PROFIT, rb.....N.E. Louisiana
2. Ken Burrow, wr.....San Diego State
3. Leo Hart, qb.....Duke
4. Mike Potchad, dt.....Pittsburg State
5. Ray Jarvis, wr.....Norfolk State
6. Tom Hayes, cb.....San Diego State
   Ray Brown, s.....West Texas State
   (from N.Y. Giants)
7. Wes Chesson, wr.....Duke
8. Dennis Havig, g.....Colorado
9. Alvin Griffin, wr.....Tuskegee
10. Faddie Tillman, de.....Boise State
11. Larry Shears, cb-s.....Lincoln, Mo.
12. Ronny Lowe, wr.....Fort Valley State
13. Dan Crooks, cb-s.....Wisconsin
14. Deryl Comer, te.....Texas
15. Wallace Clark, rb.....Auburn
16. Lindsey James, rb-te...San Diego St.
17. Willie Martin, rb....Johnson C. Smith

1972

1. CLARENCE ELLIS, s.....Notre Dame
2. Pat Sullivan, qb.....Auburn (from Philadelphia thru Detroit)
   Steve Okoniewski, t.....Montana (from Detroit)
   Roosevelt Manning, dt....N. E. Okla.
3. Les Goodman, rb.....Yankton, S. D.
4. Andy Howard, dt .....Grambling
5. Bill Taylor, rb.....Michigan (from Buffalo)
   Ralph Cindrich, lb.....Pittsburgh
6. Mike Perfetti, p-s .....Minnesota (from New England thru N. Y. Giants)
   Fred Riley, wr.....Idaho (choice reacquired from New Orleans)
7. Lance Moon, rb.....Wisconsin
8. Hank Brandon, rb .....Southern U.
9. Ray Easterling, s.....Richmond
10. Choice traded to St. Louis
11. Jack Phillips, wr.....Grambling
12. Larry Mialik, te.....Wisconsin
13. Henry Sovio, te.....Hawaii
14. Tom Chandler, lb.....Minnesota
15. Oscar Jenkins, cb.....Virginia Union
16. Larry Butler, lb.....Stanford
17. Bill Holland, rb.....So. California

1973

1. Choice traded to Houston
2. Greg Marx, dt.....Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to San Diego through Oakland
4. Thomas Geredine, wr ....NE Mo. State
5. Choice traded to Washington
6. Nick Bebout, t.....Wyoming
7. George Campbell, cb.....Iowa St.
8. Tom Reed, g.....Arkansas
9. Russ Ingram, c.....Tex. Tech
10. Nick Mike-Mayer, k.....Temple
11. Byron Buelow, db..LaCrosse, Wis.
12. Mike Samples, dt.....Drake
13. Chris Stecher, t..Claremont-Mudd
14. John Madeya, qb.....Louisville
15. Tom Gage, db .....Lamar Tech
16. Rufus Ferguson, rb....Wisconsin
17. Jim Hodge, wr.....Arkansas

1974

1. Traded choice and quarterback Bob Berry to Minnesota for veterans Bob Lee, a quarterback, and linebacker Lonnie Warwick.
2. Gerald Tinker, wr .....Kent State
3. Kim McQuilken, qb .....Lehigh
   Maurice Spencer, db ...N. Carolina Central
4. Vince Kendrick, rb .....Florida
5. Henry Childs, te .....Kansas State
   Monroe Eley, rb .....Ariz. State
6. Doyle Orange, rb ....Southern Miss.
7. James Coode, t .....Michigan
8. Choice to Green Bay through New Orleans
9. Larry Bailey, dt .....Pacific
10. Paul Ryczek, c .....Virginia
11. Eddie Wilson, wr .....Albany State
12. Vic Koegel, lb .....Ohio State
13. Ralph Powell, rb .....Nebraska
14. John Givens, g .....Villanova
15. Willie Jones, wr .....Iowa State
16. Sylvester McGee, rb ....Rhode Island
17. Al Davis, g-t .....Boise State



Tinker

1973 Team Statistics

	Falcons	Opp.
Touchdowns	32	23
First downs	240	211
First downs rushing	123	104
First downs passing	100	91
First downs by penalty	17	16
Net yards gained	4038	3559
Rushing yardage	2037	2129
Passing yardage	2001	1430
Rushes	518	520
Avg. yards	3.9	4.1
Passes	168-320	151-324
Pct. completed	52.5	46.6
Tackled-yds. lost	41-361	29-189
Had intercepted	12	22
Field goals	26-38	19-28
Punts-average	63-42.6	80-42.1
Punt returns	48	30
Punt return average	8.9	6.2
Kickoff returns	53	51
Kickoff return average	20.8	22.4
Penalties	65-593	58-562
Fumbles	39	29
Own recovered	18	14

Score by quarters

Atlanta	51	124	64	79	—	318
Opponents	38	76	59	51	—	224

1973 Individual Statistics

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Hampton	263	997	3.8	25	4
Ray	96	434	4.5	17	9
Malone	76	336	4.4	14	2
Lee	29	67	2.3	11	0
(Others)	21	53	2.5	12	2
Wages	18	47	2.6	13	1
Washington	4	36	9.0	16	0
J. Mitchell	5	34	6.8	13	0
Sullivan	3	19	6.3	9	0
Burrow	2	17	8.5	9	0
Geredine	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
Atl Tot	518	2037	3.9	25	18
Opp Tot	520	2129	4.1	57	12

SCORE BY QUARTERS						
Atlanta	51	124	64	79	—	318
Opp.	38	76	59	51	—	224

PUNTING	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blk
James	63	2682	42.6	72	0
Opp Tot	80	3368	42.1	71	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp	Pct	Yds	TD	Pct	Long	Int	Int	Gain	TT/Lost
Lee, B.	230	120	52.2	1786	10	4.3	57	8	3.5	6.92	28/256
(Others)	64	34	53.1	401	3	4.7	34	4	6.3	5.35	11/ 86
Sullivan, P.	26	14	53.8	175	1	3.8	21	0	0.0	6.25	2/ 19
Atl Tot	320	168	52.5	2362	14	4.4	57	12	3.7	6.54	41/361
Opp Tot	324	151	46.6	1619	11	3.4	42	22	6.8	4.59	29/189

RECEIVING	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Burrow, K.	31	567	18.3	57	7
Mitchell, J.	32	420	13.1	50	0
Dodd, A.	19	291	15.3	25	0
Hampton, D.	26	273	10.9	22	1
Geredine, T.	12	231	19.3	46	1
Ray, E.	19	192	10.1	39	2
Malone, A.	19	177	9.3	33	1
Neal, L.	5	131	26.2	50	1
(Others)	2	36	18.0	20	1
Mialik, L.	2	30	15.0	17	0
Wages, H.	2	14	7.0	14	0
Atl Total	168	2362	14.1	57	14
Opp Total	151	1619	10.7	42	11

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Brown, R.	6	99	16.5	24	0
Hayes, T.	4	142	35.5	65	2
Brezina	3	51	17.0	36	0

Ellis, C.	2	90	45.0	48	0
Reaves, K.	2	20	10.0	11	0
Lawrence, R.	1	81	81.0	81	0
Plummer, T.	1	39	39.0	39	0
Humphrey, C.	1	6	6.0	6	0
Hansen, D.	1	0	0.0	0	0
(Others)	1	0	0.0	0	0
Atl Total	22	528	24.0	81	2
Opp Total	12	83	6.9	42	0

KICKOFF RET	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Lawrence, R.	3	71	23.7	28	0
Hampton, D.	11	258	23.5	42	0
Geredine, D.	9	211	23.4	51	0
Plummer, T.	5	113	22.6	35	0
Washington	20	432	21.6	30	0
Benson, D.	3	20	6.7	9	0
Wages, H.	1	0	0.0	0	0
(Others)	1	0	0.0	0	0
Atl Total	53	1105	20.8	51	0
Opp Total	51	1143	22.4	50	0

PUNT RET	No	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Brown, R.	40	11	360	9.0	57	0
Dodd, A.	8	2	69	8.6	28	0
Lawrence, R.	0	1	0	1.0	0	0
Atl Total	48	14	429	8.9	57	0
Opp Total	30	15	185	6.2	54	0

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDRT	FG	PAT	TP
Mike-Mayer	0	0	0	26-38	34-34	112
Ray, E.	9	2	0	0- 0	0- 0	66
Burrow, K.	0	7	0	0- 0	0- 0	42
Hampton, D.	4	1	0	0- 0	0- 0	30
Malone, A.	2	1	0	0- 0	0- 0	18
(Others)	2	1	0	0- 0	0- 0	18
Hays, T.	0	0	2	0- 0	0- 0	12
Wages, H.	1	0	0	0- 0	0- 0	6
Geredine, T.	0	1	0	0- 0	0- 0	6
Neal, L.	0	1	0	0- 0	0- 0	6
Atl Total	18	14	2	26-38	34-34	318
Opp Total	12	11	1	19-28	23-24	224

FIELD GOALS (Starred, Good)

Mike-Mayer (21*, 45* 29, 44) (48*, 27*) (37*, 42, 57, 46*, 42*, 34) (33*, 32*, 23*) (43*, 12*) (52*, 37) (16*, 26*, 12*, 30*, 28*) (45*, 8* 30*) (46, 21, 25*, 49*) (37) (16*, 26*) (49, 32*) (42, 24)

FGS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mike-Mayer	5- 5	7-10	6- 9	7-12	1- 2
Opp.	3- 3	4- 4	8-12	4- 7	0- 2

Game-by-Game Review of 1973

Game No. 1

Atlanta 62, New Orleans 7

Tulane Stadium, 66,428

Both the Saints and the record book took a beating in Atlanta's opening game of the season. En route to their smashing 62-7 victory, the Falcons either tied or broke 35 individual and/or team records.

Atlanta	0	24	21	17 —62
New Orleans	0	0	7	0 — 7

Atl.—Malone 2 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 21
Atl.—Hayes 65 interception return (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Burrow 34 pass from Shiner (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Burrow 23 pass from Shiner (Mike-Mayer kick)
N.O.—Butler 5 pass from Manning (Feller kick)
Atl.—Chesson 16 pass from Shiner (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Profit 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 45
Atl.—Ray 8 pass from Lee (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Ray 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

	Falcons	Saints
First downs	32	11
Net yards gained	496	184
Rushing yardage	218	152
Passing yardage	278	35
Passes—Comp.—had int.	22-17-0	24-8-6
Punts	2-61.0	7-47.0
Fumbles—lost	6-2	2-2
Penalties	3-26	5-59

Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 19 for 104; Malone 11 for 57, 1 TD; Shiner 3 for -2; Wages 3 for 11; Mitchell 1 for 9; Profit 9 for 19, 1 TD; Ray 5 for 25, 2 TDs; Lee 1 for -5.

Saints—Butler 8 for 40; Phillips 8 for 58; Manning 2 for 9; Davis 3 for 10; Mathews 2 for 3; Stevens 4 for 22; Lawson 2 for 8; Minor 2 for 2.

Passing

Falcons—Shiner 13 of 15 for 227, 3 TDs; Lee 4 of 7 for 56, 1 TD.

Saints—Manning 5 of 13 for 62, 1 TD; Davis 3 of 11 for -5.

Receiving

Falcons—Chesson 2 for 36, 1 TD; Mitchell 7 for 111; Malone 2 for 40; Burrow 3 for 64, 2 TDs; Ray 2 for 17; Dodd 1 for 15.

Saints—Butler 2 for 7, 1 TD; Brown 2 for 4; Newland 2 for 48; Lawson 1 for -9; Abramowicz 1 for 7.

Game No. 2

Los Angeles 31, Atlanta 0

Los Angeles Coliseum, 64,528

Whereas everything was almost letter-perfect one week earlier, nothing fell properly into place for the Falcons in Los Angeles. As a result, the Rams emerged victorious 31-0. Atlanta was limited to two first downs and 70 yards in total offense. Only 17 of that came via passing, Falcon quarterbacks hitting only two of nine attempts.

Atlanta	0	0	0	0 — 0
Los Angeles	0	14	3	14 —31

LA—Jackson 7 pass from Hadl (Ray kick)
LA—Bertelsen 4 run (Ray kick)
LA—FG Ray 34
LA—Snow 29 pass from Hadl (Ray kick)
LA—L. Smith 2 run (Ray kick)

	Falcons	Rams
First downs	2	24
Net yards gained	70	351
Rushing yardage	66	209
Passing yardage	4	142
Passes—Comp.—had int.	9-2-1	15-12-0
Punts	8-39.7	3-35.6
Fumbles—lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties	1-15	2-30

Rushing

Falcons—Malone 10 for 36; Hampton 12 for 30.

Rams—McCutcheon 19 for 65; Bertelsen 16 for 52, 1 TD; Gordon 1 for 19; Hadl 2 for -2; L. Smith 8 for 43, 1 TD; Baker 6 for 25; Josephson 3 for 7.

Passing

Falcons—Shiner 2 of 9 for 17.
Rams—Hadl 12 of 15 for 142, 2 TDs.

Receiving

Falcons—Malone 1 for 8; Burrow 1 for 9.

Rams—McCutcheon 5 for 33; Jackson 3 for 34, 1 TD; Snow 2 for 44, 1 TD; Klein 1 for 22; L. Smith 1 for 9.

Game No. 3

Detroit 31, Atlanta 6

Tiger Stadium, 45,519

Detroit, capitalizing on Atlanta miscues throughout, stopped the Falcons, 31-6, in ABC-TV's third Monday Night Game of the season. The winners were aided tremendously by six sacks of the quarterback for 54 yards. Rookie kicking specialist Nick Mike-Mayer accounted for Atlanta's scoring with field goals of 48 and 27 yards.

Atlanta	3	0	3	0 — 6
Detroit	7	14	3	7 —31

Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 48
Det.—Walton 57 run (Mann kick)
Det.—Taylor 10 run (Mann kick)
Det.—Farr 32 run (Mann kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 27
Det.—FG Mann 20
Det.—Jessie 9 run (Mann kick)

	Falcons	Lions
First downs	15	15
Net yards gained	188	297
Rushing yardage	118	258
Passing yardage	70	39
Passes—Comp.—had int.	30-15-2	12-6-0
Punts	6-42	8-42.2
Fumbles—lost	5-3	2-1
Penalties	4-25	2-15

Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 14 for 62; Malone 8 for 43; Mitchell 1 for 13.

Lions—Taylor 16 for 48, 1 TD; Farr 16 for 90, 1 TD; Walton 1 for 57, 1 TD; Landry 4 for 25; Jessie 1 for 9, 1 TD; Crosswhite 4 for 16; Zofko 5 for 13.

Passing

Falcons—Shiner 15 of 30 for 124.

Lions—Landry 6 of 12 for 67.

Receiving

Falcons—Malone 4 for 24; Dodd 1 for 12; Mitchell 2 for -1; Burrow 2 for 23; Hampton 6 for 66.

Lions—Farr 4 for 37; Walton 2 for 30.

Game No. 4

San Francisco 13, Atlanta 9

Atlanta Stadium, 58,850

An erratic Atlanta pass with just 57 seconds remaining helped save San Francisco and earn the 49ers a 13-9 victory in the Falcons' opening home game of the season. The drive-stopping play occurred on a fourth-and-one situation at the 49ers' 19-yard line.

San Francisco	0	10	3	0 —13
Atlanta	0	6	0	3 — 9

S.F.—FG Gossett 10
S.F.—V. Washington 7 run (Gossett kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 42
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 46
S.F.—FG Gossett 36
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 37

	Falcons	49ers
First downs	15	16
Net yards gained	271	290
Rushing yardage	133	151
Passing yardage	138	139
Passes—Comp.—had int.	38-17-1	24-13-0
Punts	5-45.0	7-43.7
Fumbles—lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties	5-61	7-95

Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 14 for 74; Malone 11 for 52; B. Lee 1 for 7.

S.F.—Schreiber 12 for 51; V. Washington 12 for 42; 1 TD; Thomas 8 for 49; Willard 5 for 9.

Passing

Falcons—Lee 13 of 28 for 131; Shiner 4 of 10 for 33.

S.F.—Brodie 13 of 24 for 168.

Receiving

Falcons—Burrow 5 for 69; Malone 5 for 28; Hampton 4 for 30; Dodd 3 for 37.

S.F.—G. Washington 3 for 67; Kwalick 3 for 48; Schreiber 3 for 15; V. Washington 1 for 20; Witcher 1 for 13; Abramowicz 1 for 8; Thomas 1 for -3.

Game No. 5

Atlanta 46, Chicago 6

Atlanta Stadium, 58,850

Bob Lee, getting his first call as a starting quarterback, answered loudly as he directed the Falcons to a big 46-6 victory over the Chicago Bears. The one-time Pacific star connected on 11 of 13 passes for 181 yards and two touchdowns. The Atlanta defense shared co-star billing, thanks to six sacks of Bear quarterbacks.

Chicago	**0**	**6**	**0**	**0 — 6**
Atlanta	**0**	**17**	**21**	**8 —46**

Chi.—Garrett 15 run (kick failed)
Atl.—Hampton 24 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 23
Atl.—Burrow 41 pass from Lee (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Hampton 2 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Malone 3 pass from Lee (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Profit 5 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 32
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 33
Atl.—Safety, Plummer chased Green out of end zone.

	Falcons	Bears
First downs	21	13
Net yards gained	422	158
Rushing yardage	175	137
Passing yardage	247	21
Passes—Comp.—had int.	20-17-0	19-9-1
Punts	3-37.0	4-40.0
Fumbles—lost	3-1	5-3
Penalties	8-73	6-50

Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 19 for 90, 2 TDs; Profit 9 for 36, 1 TD; Ray 1 for 13; Malone 3 for 10; Burrow 1 for 9; Mitchell 1 for 8; Lee 1 for 5; Wages 4 for 4.

Bears—Garrett 11 for 66, 1 TD; Douglass 6 for 32; Harrison 11 for 31; Kosins 2 for 5; Moore 1 for 3.

Passing

Falcons—Lee 11 of 13 for 181, 2 TDs; Sullivan 6 of 7 for 76.

Bears—Douglass 4 of 7 for 38; Huff 5 of 12 for 26.

Receiving

Falcons—Mitchell 3 for 73; Burrow 3 for 59, 1 TD; Dodd 3 for 43; Malone 3 for 27, 1 TD; Hampton 2 for 21; Geredine 1 for 21; Ray 1 for 13; Wages 1 for 0.

Bears—Harrison 4 for 34; Farmer 1 for 12; Cotton 1 for 10; Thomas 2 for 7; Kosins 1 for 1.

Game No. 6

Atlanta 41, San Diego 0

San Diego Stadium, 41,527

Picking up where they left off against the Bears, the Falcons stunned San Diego, 41-0, for their second straight victory and third of the year. Reserve running back Eddie Ray led the scoring attack, piling into the end zone from two and 12 yards out. This marked only the second time an Atlanta team has won while playing on the west coast.

Atlanta	**7**	**10**	**10**	**14 —41**
San Diego	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0 — 0**

Atl.—Malone 8 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 43
Atl.—Hampton 4 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 12
Atl.—Hampton 2 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Ray 2 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Ray 12 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

	Falcons	Chargers
First downs	25	11
Net yards gained	338	177
Rushing yardage	196	89
Passing yardage	142	88
Passes—Comp.—had int.	19-11-1	36-13-4
Punts	3-39.3	5-41.2
Fumbles—lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties	5-24	5-21

Rushing

Falcons—Malone 12 for 63, 1 TD; Hampton 19 for 76, 2 TDs; Lee 1 for -1; Burrow 1 for 8; Ray 5 for 29; Wages 6 for 15; J. Washington 2 for 6.

Chargers—C. Jones 10 for 32; Edwards 9 for 39; Holmes 3 for 28.

Passing

Falcons—Lee 9 of 17 for 146; Sullivan 2 of 2 for 27.

Chargers—Fouts 13 of 36 for 99.

Receiving

Falcons—Mitchell 2 for 18; Burrow 2 for 59; Malone 2 for 18; Dodd 2 for 43; Hampton 1 for 8; Ray 1 for 13; Wages 1 for 14.

Chargers—LeVias 4 for 42; Edwards 4 for 1; C. Jones 1 for 6; Holliday 3 for 44; Holmes 1 for 6.

Game No. 7

Atlanta 17, San Francisco 3

Candlestick Park, 56,825

Quarterback Bob Lee, playing before a hometown crowd of 56,825, proved to be a "local boy who really did do good" in directing the Falcons to a 17-3 victory over the always-tough 49ers. He completed 11 of 13 passes for 236 yards and two touchdowns. His scoring throws of 51 and 22 yards went to wide receiver Ken Burrow.

Atlanta 7	7	3	0	—17
San Francisco 0	0	0	3	— 3

Atl.—Burrow 51 pass from Lee (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Burrow 22 pass from Lee (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 52
S.F.—FG Gossett 42

	Falcons	49ers
First downs	19	13
Net yards gained	377	178
Rushing yardage	183	93
Passing yardage	194	85
Passes—Comp.—had int.	13-11-1	37-15-0
Punts	4-44.8	8-44.9
Fumbles—lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties	4-50	6-70

Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 25 for 100; Malone 17 for 69; Ray 3 for 9; Lee 3 for 5.

49ers—V. Washington 13 for 59; Spurrier 2 for 16; Willard 4 for 9; Cunningham 3 for 9.

Passing

Falcons—Lee 11 of 13 for 236, 2 TDs.

49ers—Brodie 12 of 26 for 83; Spurrier 4 of 11 for 12.

Receiving

Falcons—Burrow 5 for 164, 2 TDs; Dodd 2 for 39; Malone 1 for 26; Mitchell 1 for 6; Hampton 2 for 1.

49ers—Cunningham 4 for 32; Kwalick 3 for 25; Abramowicz 2 for 19; Isenbarger 2 for 18; V. Washington 4 for 2; Willard 1 for 1.

Game No. 8

Atlanta 15, Los Angeles 13

Atlanta Stadium, 58,850

Atlanta got the biggest kick of its NFL life out of dependable Nick Mike-Mayer on this sun-kissed afternoon before a capacity crowd at the Stadium. The young 10th round draft choice from Temple University kicked a dramatic 16-yard field goal—His fifth of the game—with just 54 seconds remaining to whip Los Angeles, 15-13.

Los Angeles 10	0	0	3	—13
Atlanta 3	6	0	6	—15

L.A.—FG Ray 32
L.A.—Baker 2 run (Ray kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 28
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 30
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 12
L.A.—FG Ray 42
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 26
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 16

	Falcons	Rams
First downs	18	14
Net yards gained	261	226
Rushing yardage	93	126
Passing yardage	168	100
Passes—Comp.—had int.	31-19-1	19-6-1
Punts	5-42.6	5-50.8
Fumbles—lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties	5-53	5-45

Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 20 for 53; Ray 7 for 22; Lee 5 for 18.

Rams—McCutcheon 16 for 76; Bertelson 14 for 36; Baker 4 for 9; Smith 1 for 5.

Passing

Falcons—Lee 19 of 31 for 222.

Rams—Hadl 6 of 19 for 107

Receiving

Falcons—Burrow 5 for 69; Ray 4 for 44; Dodd 4 for 42; Mitchell 4 for 43; Hampton 2 for 24.

Rams—Jackson 3 for 66; Klein 2 for 21; McCutcheon 1 for 20.

Game No. 9

Atlanta 44, Philadelphia 27

Veteran Stadium, 63,114

The Falcons exploded for 24 points in the fourth period to defeat the Philadelphia Eagles, 44-27, in a game that dealt a real blow to the club's receiving corps. Wide receiver Ken Burrow, enjoying the finest season of his career, sustained a neck injury and was lost for the season. He had 31 receptions for 567 yards and seven touchdowns.

Atlanta	7	10	3	24 —44
Philadelphia	7	6	7	7 —27

Phil.—Sullivan 4 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick)
Atl.—Ray 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Burrow 12 pass from Lee (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 45
Phil.—FG Dempsey 34
Phil.—FG Dempsey 48
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 8
Phil.—Bulaich 4 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick)
Atl.—Ray 2 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Wages 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 30
Phil.—Carmichael 19 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick)
Atl.—Burrow 21 pass from Sullivan (Mike-Mayer kick)

	Falcons	Eagles
First downs	22	20
Net yards gained	292	330
Rushing yardage	170	128
Passing yardage	122	205
Passes—Comp.—had int.	25-13-1	33-21-2
Punts	3-44.0	5-41.4
Fumbles—lost	4-0	3-0
Penalties	9-77	5-35

Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 21 for 53; Ray 12 for 71, 2 TDs; Wages 5 for 17, 1 TD; Geredine 1 for -3; Lee 2 for 2; Washington 2 for 30.

Eagles—Sullivan 12 for 57; Bulaich 8 for 24; Bailey 5 for 24; Carmichael 1 for 23.

Passing

Falcons—Lee 12 of 23 for 109, 1 TD; Sullivan 1 of 2 for 21, 1 TD.

Eagles—Gabriel 21 of 33 for 221, 3 TDs.

Receiving

Falcons—Dodd 1 for 16; Burrow 5 for 51, 2 TDs; Mitchell 2 for 20; Hampton 2 for 26; Ray 2 for 0; Mialik 1 for 17.

Eagles—Carmichael 6 for 105, 1 TD; Zimmerman 1 for 14; Young 2 for 16; Sullivan 6 for 41; Bulaich 2 for 9; Bailey 4 for 36.

Game 10

Atlanta 20, Minnesota 14

Atlanta Stadium, 58, 850

Atlanta withstood a fast-closing Minnesota charge in the fourth period to whip the previously-unbeaten Vikings, 20-14, for its sixth straight victory and seventh of the season. The Falcons scored 17 points in the second quarter, twice on touchdown passes from quarterback Bob Lee.

Running back Dave Hampton caught the first TD pass, a 19-yard toss. Fellow back Eddie Ray pulled in the other, a 39 yarder.

Atlanta	0	17	3	0 —20
Minnesota	0	7	0	7 —14

Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 25
Minn.—Gilliam 39 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
Atl.—Hampton 19 pass from Lee (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Ray 39 pass from Lee (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 49
Minn.—Brown 2 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

	Falcons	Vikings
First downs	18	17
Net yards gained	347	291
Rushing Yardage	176	82
Passing yardage	171	209
Passes—Comp.—had int.	23-11-1	30-17-1
Punts	3-43.0	5-40.8
Fumbles—lost	2-2	3-2
Penalties	6-56	5-54

Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 23 for 108; Ray 12 for 61; Lee 5 for 6; J. Mitchell 1 for 1.

Vikings—Foreman 9 for 38; B. Brown 8 for 17; Tarkenton 5 for 16; Osborn 6 for 6; Marinaro 4 for 5.

Passing

Falcons—Lee 11 of 23 for 171, 2TDs.

Vikings—Tarkenton 17 of 30 for 214, 2 TDs.

Receiving

Falcons—Hampton 3 for 55, 1 TD; Geredine 3 for 52; Ray 1 for 39, 1 TD; J. Mitchell 3 for 21; L. Neal 1 for 4.

Vikings—Gilliam 4 for 97, 1 TD; Foreman 3 for 46; Dawson 2 for 24; Marinaro 4 for 21; Voigt 2 for 20; B. Brown 2 for 6, 1 TD.

Game 11

Atlanta 28, New York Jets 20

Shea Stadium 61, 327

The Falcons used three key pass interceptions—two by left safety Ray Brown—and a fumble recovery to literally slide by the New York Jets, 28-20, in a monsoon-like downpour at Shea Stadium. The victory pushed to eight the Falcons' total for the year, a new all-time high.

Running back Eddie Ray was once again one of the key workhorses in the win. In addition to his touchdown runs of one and two yards, he also rushed for a single game career high 76 yards.

Atlanta	7	14	0	7—28
N. Y. Jets	7	6	7	0—20

Atl.—Geredine 38 pass from Lee (Mike-Mayer kick)
N. Y.—Caster 2 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)
N. Y.—FG Howfield 14
Atl.—Ray 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
N. Y.—FG Howfield 24
Atl.—Neal 47 pass from Lee (Mike-Mayer kick)
N. Y.—Bell 38 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)
Atl.—Ray 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

	Falcons	Jets
First downs	15	15
Net yards gained	288	290
Rushing yardage	147	117
Passing yardage	141	173
Passes—Comp.—had int.	18-8-1	32-15-3
Punts	4-39.1	5-34.8
Fumbles—lost	2-2	4-3
Penalties	3-31	1-1

Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 23 for 65; Ray 19 for 76, 2 TDs; Mitchell 1 for 3; Lee 1 for 3.

Jets—Boozer 18 for 78; Adamle 11 for 39.

Passing

Falcons—Lee 8 of 18 for 146, 2 TDs.
Jets—Namath 15 of 32 for 191, 2 TDs.

Receiving

Falcons—Geredine 3 for 61, 1 TD; Neal 3 for 77, 1 TD; Mitchell 1 for 0; Ray 1 for 6.

Jets—Barkum 3 for 30; Bell 4 for 75, 1 TD; Boozer 3 for 25; Adamle 1 for 6; Caster 4 for 55, 1 TD.

Game 12

Buffalo 17, Atlanta 6

Atlanta Stadium, 58, 850

Buffalo's incomparable O. J. Simpson, having one of the greatest seasons in the history of running backs in the NFL, grounded out 137 yards against Atlanta en route to a stunning 17-6 upset victory.

The Falcons' lone points of the day came via field goals. Rookie kicking specialist Nick Mike-Mayer got those on kicks of 26 and 16 yards, respectively.

Buffalo	7	3	7	0—17
Atlanta	0	6	0	0— 6

Buff.—Braxton 1 run (Leypoldt kick)
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 26
Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 16
Buff.—FG Leypoldt 20
Buff.—Braxton 1 run (Leypoldt kick)

	Falcons	Bills
First downs	12	17
Net yards gained	272	334
Rushing yardage	125	239
Passing yardage	147	95
Passes—Comp.—had int.	22-9-0	12-7-1
Punts	5-48.8	7-41.0
Fumbles—lost	3-3	1-0
Penalties	4-20	3-41

Rushing

Falcons—Ray 13 for 61; Hampton 16 for 49; Lee 3 for 15.

Bills—Simpson 24 for 137; Braxton 23 for 80, 2 TDs; Ferguson 7 for 22.

Passing

Falcons—Lee 9 of 22 for 195.

Bills—Ferguson 7 of 12 for 95.

Receiving

Falcons—J. Mitchell 4 for 71; Neal 1 for 50; Ray 3 for 28; Geredine 1 for 46.

Bills—Hill 3 for 54; Chandler 4 for 41.

Game 13

St. Louis 32, Atlanta 10

Atlanta Stadium, 58,850

After rushing into an early 10-0 lead in the first quarter, Atlanta was slowed considerably in the final three periods as St. Louis dashed by the Falcons, 32-10. Six field goals by Cardinals placement specialist Jim Bakken helped seal the win.

St. Louis	0	10	9	13	—32
Atlanta	10	0	0	0	—10

Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 32
Atl.—Hayes 38 interception return (Mike-Mayer kick)
St. L.—FG Bakken 35
St. L.—Otis 1 run (Bakken kick)
St. L.—FG Bakken 46
St. L.—FG Bakken 35
St. L.—FG Bakken 31
St. L.—FG Bakken 37
St. L.—FG Bakken 28
St. L.—McFarland 32 run with fumble recovery (kick failed)

	Falcons	Cardinals
First downs	9	15
Net yards gained	120	252
Rushing yardage	89	243
Passing yardage	31	9
Passes—Comp.—had int.	31-8-2	10-2-1
Punts	4-46.3	4-40.0
Fumbles—lost	5-3	5-1
Penalties	3-27	3-9

Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 11 for 49; Ray 7 for 22; Sullivan 3 for 19; Malone 1 for —1.

Cardinals—Metcalf 18 for 100; Anderson 25 for 82; Otis 16 for 61, 1 TD; Keithley 1 for 0.

Passing

Falcons—Lee 3 of 16 for 27; Sullivan 5 of 15 for 51.

Cardinals—Keithley 2 of 10 for 9.

Receiving

Falcons—J. Mitchell 2 for 27; Ray 3 for 25; Hampton 1 for 16; Geredine 2 for 10.

Cardinals—McFarland 1 for 7; Gray 1 for 2.

Game No. 14

Atlanta 14, New Orleans 10

Atlanta Stadium, 58,850

Veteran running back Eddie Ray, capping the greatest season of his career in the NFL, scored a pair of touchdowns on runs of one yard each to push the Falcons past New Orleans, 14-10.

With the victory, Atlanta finished with a 9-5 seasonal record, best in the club's history.

New Orleans	0	0	10	0	—10
Atlanta	7	7	0	0	—14

Alt.—Ray 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl.—Ray 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
N.O.—Newland 6 pass from Scott (McClard kick)

N.O.—FG McClard 11

	Falcons	Saints
First downs	17	11
Net yards gained	296	195
Rushing yardage	148	105
Passing yardage	148	90
Passes—comp.—had int.	19-10-0	21-6-2
Punts	5-36.0	7-39.7
Fumbles—lost	4-2	0-0
Penalties	5-55	4-37

Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 27 for 84; Ray 12 for 45, 2 TDs; Lee 5 for 12; Malone 3 for 7.

Saints—Phillips 18 for 49; Profit 13 for 47; Myers 1 for 8; Scott 3 for 7; Stevens 1 for 2; Butler 2 for-1; O'Neal 1 for 7.

Passing

Falcons—Lee 10 of 19 for 168.

Saints—Scott 6 of 21 for 90, 1 TD.

Receiving

Falcons—Dodd 2 for 44; Geredine 2 for 41; J. Mitchell 1 for 31; Hampton 2 for 26; Mialik 1 for 13; Ray 1 for 7; Malone 1 for 6.

Saints—Newland 3 for 61, 1 TD; Dunbar 1 for 27; Beasley 1 for 2; Profit 1 for 0.

1973 FINAL STANDINGS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Los Angeles	12	2	0	.857	388	178
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	318	224
New Orleans	5	9	0	.357	163	312
San Francisco	5	9	0	.357	262	319

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	10	4	0	.714	382	203
*Washington	10	4	0	.714	325	198
Philadelphia	5	8	1	.393	310	393
St. Louis	4	9	1	.321	286	365
N.Y. Giants	2	11	1	.179	226	362

*NFC Wild Card Qualifier

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Minnesota	12	2	0	.857	296	168
Detroit	6	7	1	.464	271	247
Green Bay	5	7	2	.429	202	259
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	195	334

NFC PLAYOFFS

Minnesota 27, Washington 20
Dallas 27, Los Angeles 16

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Minnesota 27, Dallas 10

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Miami	12	2	0	.857	343	150
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	259	230
New England	5	9	0	.357	258	300
Baltimore	4	10	0	.286	226	341
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286	240	306

*AFC Wild Card Qualifier

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cincinnati	10	4	0	.714	286	231
*Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	347	210
Cleveland	7	5	2	.571	234	255
Houston	1	13	0	.071	199	447

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Oakland	9	4	1	.679	292	175
Denver	7	5	2	.571	354	296
Kansas City	7	5	2	.571	231	192
San Diego	2	11	1	.179	188	386

AFC PLAYOFFS

Oakland 33, Pittsburgh 14
Miami 34, Cincinnati 16

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Miami 27, Oakland 10

SUPER BOWL VIII

Miami 24, Minnesota 7

Year-By-Year Leaders

RUSHING

Year	Player	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	NFL Rank
1966	Junior Coffey	199	722	3.6	37	4	9
1967	Junior Coffey	180	722	4.0	t20	4	8
1968	Jim Butler	94	365	3.9	t60	2	29
1969	Jim Butler	163	655	4.0	39	3	9
1970	Jim Butler	166	636	3.8	33	0	21
1971	Jim Butler	186	594	3.2	19	2	27
1972	Dave Hampton	230	995	4.3	t56	6	11
1973	Dave Hampton	263	997	3.8	25	3	T6

PASSING

Year	Player	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Pct. Int.	Avg. Gain	NFL Rank
1966	Randy Johnson	295	129	43.7	1795	12	7.1	6.1	17
1967	Randy Johnson	288	142	49.3	1620	10	7.3	5.6	16
1968	Bob Berry	153	81	52.9	1433	7	8.5	9.4	11
1969	Bob Berry	124	71	57.3	1087	10	1.6	9.8	21
1970	Bob Berry	269	156	58.0	1806	16	4.8	6.7	7
1971	Bob Berry	226	136	60.2	2005	11	7.1	8.9	7
1972	Bob Berry	277	154	55.6	2158	13	4.4	7.79	4
1973	Bob Lee	230	120	52.2	1786	10	3.5	6.92	10

RECEIVING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	NFL Rank
1966	Alex Hawkins	44	661	15.0	42	2	20
1967	Tommy McDonald	33	436	13.2	t75	4	T32
1968	Jerry Simmons	28	479	17.1	61	0	T40
1969	Paul Flatley	45	834	18.5	t71	6	T17
1970	Jim Mitchell	44	650	14.8	51	6	T15
1971	Art Malone	34	380	11.2	t46	2	T36
1972	Art Malone	50	585	11.7	t57	2	8
1973	Jim Mitchell	32	420	13.1	50	0	36

PUNTING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	Blocked	NFL Rank
1966	Billy Lothridge	73	2968	40.7	60	0	11
1967	Billy Lothridge	87	3801	43.7	62	0	1
1968	Billy Lothridge	75	3324	44.3	70	0	1
1969	Billy Lothridge	69	2846	41.2	57	0	5
1970	Billy Lothridge	76	2944	38.7	59	0	23
1971	Billy Lothridge	44	1639	37.3	58	1	T25
1972	John James	61	2609	42.8	59	0	5
1973	John James	63	2682	42.6	72	0	6

SCORING

Year	Player	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	TP	NFL Rank
1966	Lou Kirouac	19	24	9	18	46	32
1967	Wade Traynham	22	22	7	18	43	35
1968	Bob Etter	17	19	11	21	50	T23
1969	Bob Etter	33	33	15	30	78	9
1970	Kenny Vinyard	23	26	9	25	50	37
1971	Bill Bell	29	33	13	21	68	20
1972	Bill Bell	31	31	16	30	79	19
1973	Nick Mike-Mayer	34	34	26	38	112	4

INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	NFL Rank
1966	Jerry Richardson	5	68	13.6	20	0	T 9
1967	Ken Reaves	7	153	21.9	42	0	T 6
1968	Jim Burson	4	100	25.0	t73	1	T19
1969	Rudy Redmond	5	50	10.0	32	0	T 7
1970	Ken Reaves	6	44	7.3	28	0	T 9
1971	Ken Reaves	6	43	7.2	31	0	T10
1972	Tom Hayes	5	10	2.0	8	0	13
1973	Ray Brown	6	99	16.5	24	0	T4

PUNT RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	NFL Rank
1966	Ron Smith	11	1	80	7.3	23	0	18
1967	Ron Smith	20	2	92	4.6	26	0	11
1968	Jim Burson	11	16	56	5.1	17	0	20
1969	John Mallory	13	6	42	3.2	15	0	13
1970	John Mallory	17	3	203	11.9	t75	1	3
1971	Willie Belton	30	3	163	5.4	32	0	T20
1972	Willie Belton	17	—	110	6.5	34	0	15
1973	Ray Brown	40	11	360	9.0	57	0	10

KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	NFL Rank
1966	Ron Smith	43	1013	23.6	80	0	14
1967	Ron Smith	39	976	25.0	t99	1	8
1968	Jim Butler	37	799	21.6	42	0	15
1969	Charlie Bryant	21	407	19.4	39	0	23
1970	Jim Butler	14	284	20.3	29	0	27
1971	Willie Belton	28	706	25.2	58	0	13
1972	Dave Hampton	25	535	21.0	52	0	32
1973	Joe Washington	20	432	21.6	30	0	T28

Year-by-Year Scores

1966 (3-11)
Seventh Place, Eastern Conference

Coach: Norb Hecker		Atl.	Opp.
Los Angeles	(H)	14	19
Philadelphia	(A)	10	23
Detroit	(A)	10	28
Dallas	(H)	14	47
Washington	(A)	20	33
San Francisco	(H)	7	44
Green Bay	(A)	3	56
Cleveland	(H)	17	49
Baltimore	(H)	7	19
New York Giants	(A)	27	16
Chicago	(A)	6	23
Minnesota	(A)	20	13
St. Louis	(H)	16	10
Pittsburgh	(H)	33	57

1967 (1-12-1)
Fourth Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norb Hecker		Atl.	Opp.
Baltimore	(A)	31	38
San Francisco	(A)	7	38
Green Bay	(A)	0	23
Philadelphia	(H)	7	38
Washington	(H)	20	20
Detroit	(A)	3	24
Minnesota	(H)	21	20
Dallas	(A)	7	37
Baltimore	(H)	7	49
Los Angeles	(H)	3	31
New Orleans	(A)	24	27
Los Angeles	(A)	3	20
San Francisco	(H)	28	34
Chicago	(H)	14	23

1968 (2-12)
Fourth Place, Coastal Division
Norb Hecker (0-3)

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin (2-9)		Atl.	Op.
Minnesota	(A)	7	47
Baltimore	(H)	20	28
San Francisco	(A)	13	28
Green Bay	(H)	7	38
New York Giants	(H)	24	21
Los Angeles	(A)	14	27
Cleveland	(A)	7	30
Pittsburgh	(H)	21	41
Los Angeles	(H)	10	17
Chicago	(A)	16	13
St. Louis	(A)	12	17
Baltimore	(A)	0	44
Detroit	(H)	7	24
San Francisco	(H)	12	14

1969 (6-8)
Third Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin		Atl.	Opp.
San Francisco	(H)	24	12
Los Angeles	(A)	7	17
Baltimore	(H)	14	21
Dallas	(H)	17	24
San Francisco	(A)	21	7
Green Bay	(A)	10	28
Los Angeles	(H)	6	38
Detroit	(A)	21	27
Chicago	(H)	48	31
Washington	(A)	20	27
Baltimore	(A)	6	13
New Orleans	(H)	45	17
Philadelphia	(A)	27	3
Minnesota	(H)	10	3

1970 (4-8-2)
Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin		Atl.	Opp.
New Orleans	(A)	14	3
Green Bay	(A)	24	27
San Francisco	(H)	21	20
Dallas	(A)	0	13
Denver	(A)	10	24
New Orleans	(H)	32	14
Chicago	(H)	14	23
Los Angeles	(A)	10	10
Philadelphia	(A)	13	13
Los Angeles	(H)	7	17
Miami	(H)	7	20
San Francisco	(A)	20	24
Pittsburgh	(H)	27	16
Minnesota	(H)	7	37

1971 (7-6-1)
Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin		Atl.	Opp.
San Francisco	(H)	20	17
Los Angeles	(A)	20	20
Detroit	(A)	38	41
St. Louis	(H)	9	26
Los Angeles	(H)	16	24
New Orleans	(H)	28	6
Cleveland	(A)	31	14
Cincinnati	(A)	9	6
New York Giants	(H)	17	21
Green Bay	(H)	28	21
Minnesota	(A)	7	24
Oakland	(H)	24	13
San Francisco	(A)	3	24
New Orleans	(A)	24	20

1972 (7-7)
Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin	Atl	Opp.
Chicago .....(A)	37	21
New England .....(A)	20	21
Los Angeles .....(H)	31	3
Detroit .....(H)	23	26
New Orleans .....(A)	21	14
Green Bay .....(Mil)	10	9
San Francisco .....(H)	14	49
Los Angeles .....(A)	7	20
New Orleans .....(H)	36	20
Washington .....(A)	13	24
Denver .....(H)	23	20
Houston .....(H)	20	10
San Francisco .....(A)	0	20
Kansas City .....(H)	14	17

1973 (9-5)
Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin	Atl.	Op.
New Orleans . . . (A)	62	7
Los Angeles . . . . (A)	0	31
Detroit . . . . . (A)	6	31
San Francisco . . . (H)	9	13
Chicago . . . . . (H)	46	6
San Diego . . . . (A)	41	0
San Francisco . . . (A)	17	3
Los Angeles . . . . (H)	15	13
Philadelphia . . . (A)	44	27
Minnesota . . . . (H)	20	14
New York Jets . . . (A)	28	20
Buffalo . . . . . (H)	6	17
St. Louis . . . . . (H)	10	32
New Orleans . . . (H)	14	10

Falcons vs. The NFL

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Falcons vs. Baltimore	0	7	0	.000	85	212
Falcons vs. Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	16	17
Falcons vs. Chicago	4	3	0	1.000	181	141
Falcons vs. Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	9	6
Falcons vs. Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	55	93
Falcons vs. Dallas	0	4	0	.000	38	121
Falcons vs. Denver	1	1	0	.500	33	44
Falcons vs. Detroit	0	7	0	.000	108	201
Falcons vs. Green Bay	2	5	0	.286	82	202
Falcons vs. Houston	1	0	0	1.000	20	10
Falcons vs. Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	14	17
Falcons vs. Los Angeles	2	11	2	.167	163	307
Falcons vs. Miami	0	1	0	.000	7	20
Falcons vs. Minnesota	4	3	0	.571	92	158
Falcons vs. New England	0	1	0	.000	20	21
Falcons vs. New York Giants . .	2	1	0	.667	68	58
Falcons vs. New York Jets . . .	1	0	0	1.000	28	20
Falcons vs. New Orleans	9	1	0	.900	300	138
Falcons vs. Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	24	13
Falcons vs. Philadelphia	2	2	1	.500	101	104
Falcons vs. Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	81	114
Falcons vs. San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	41	0
Falcons vs. San Francisco . . .	5	10	0	.333	216	347
Falcons vs. St. Louis	1	3	0	.250	47	85
Falcons vs. Washington	0	3	1	.000	73	104
Totals	39	69	4	.366	1892	2553

Preseason Records

1966 (1-4)

Philadelphia at Atlanta (26,072) 7-9
St. Louis at St. Louis (34,303) 10-20
N.Y. Giants at Nashville (20,945) 7-14
Cleveland at Atlanta (48,548) 3-42
San Francisco at Columbia (21,780) 24-17

1967 (2-2-1)

N.Y. Giants at Ithaca (20,000) 10-10
Miami at Miami (50,822) 27-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (52,240) 34-31
Minnesota at Cleveland (1st game of doubleheader; 84,236) 3-16
N.O. at New Orleans (67,486) 14-27

1968 (1-4)

Washington at Tampa (42,180) 14-16
N.Y. Giants at Nashville (14,455) 13-17
N.Y. Jets at Birmingham (27,406) 12-27
N.O. at Atlanta (49,832) 16-10
Miami at Miami (36,122) 13-19

1969 (2-4)

Philadelphia at Portland (21,625) 13-7
Boston at Boston (24,084) 34-16
Washington at Atlanta (56,990) 7-24
N.O. at New Orleans (69,898) 17-21
K.C. at Kansas City (37,273) 10-14
Green Bay at Canton (17,411) 24-38

1970 (4-1)

N.Y. Jets at Winston-Salem (19,700) 33-7
Washington at Washington (35,186) 13-21
Kansas City at Atlanta (56,990) 22-17
Buffalo at Buffalo (30,869) 10-7
Miami at Miami (50,259) 20-17

1971 (3-2)

Kansas City at K.C. (37,403) 10-12
Denver at Memphis (22,474) 27-10
Buffalo at Atlanta (53,090) 35-24
New England at Foxboro (48,631) 45-35
San Diego at San Diego (32,555) 14-21

1972 (1-4)

San Diego at San Diego (41,404) 7-30
Pittsburgh at Atlanta (53,288) 17-31
Miami at Miami (75,372) 10-24
New York Jets at Atlanta (37,806) 3-9
Cincinnati at Cincinnati (55,804) 44-14

1973 (2-3)

Baltimore at Atlanta (57,122) 34-10
New England at Atlanta (56,238) 27-10
Cleveland at Knoxville, Tenn. (40,831) 17-20
Atlanta at Cincinnati (55,863) 20-31
Atlanta at Pittsburgh (50,350) 0-19

Greatest Falcon Performances

RUSHING YARDAGE

161—Dave Hampton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972, 29 attempts (AS)
127—Jim Butler vs. San Francisco, Oct. 4, 1970, 17 attempts (AS)
117—Junior Coffey vs. Cleveland, Oct. 30, 1966, 17 attempts (AS)
114—Jim Butler vs. New Orleans, Oct. 24, 1971, 20 attempts (AS)

PASSING YARDAGE

309—Bob Berry vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 13 of 23
302—Bob Berry vs. Green Bay, Sept. 27, 1970, 28 of 44
301—Bob Berry vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 26, 1971, 15 of 22
282—Bob Berry vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 3, 1968, 15 of 26 (AS)
269—Bob Berry vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971, 18 of 27
263—Randy Johnson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1967, 14 of 34 (AS)

RECEIVING YARDAGE

190—Ken Burrow vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 6 receptions
190—Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971, 8 receptions
144—Alex Hawkins vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1966, 9 receptions
143—Jim Mitchell vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 26, 1971, 4 receptions
120—Wes Chesson vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 5, 1972, 7 receptions
120—Paul Flatley vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 14, 1969, 4 receptions
113—Paul Flatley vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 28, 1969, 6 receptions
110—Paul Gipson vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 22, 1970, 5 receptions AS)
105—Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969, 3 receptions (AS)
101—Paul Flatley vs. Baltimore, Oct. 5, 1969, 3 receptions

Longest Falcon Plays

LONG RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE

t66—Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
65—Ernie Wheelwright vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 11, 1966 (AS)
t60—Jim Butler vs. Detroit, Dec. 8, 1968 (AS)
t56—Dave Hampton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
45—Bob Berry vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 10, 1968 (AS)

LONG PASS COMPLETIONS

t88—Bob Berry to Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
84—Bob Berry to Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971
t82—Randy Johnson to Ray Ogden vs. San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1967 (AS)
t75—Tom Moore to Tommy McDonald vs. Baltimore, Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)

LONG FIELD GOALS

52—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. San Francisco, Oct. 28, 1973 (AS)
49—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Minnesota, Nov. 19, 1973 (AS)
49—Kenny Vinyard vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1971 (AS)
48—Wade Traynham vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
48—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Detroit, Oct. 1, 1973

LONG PUNTS

72—John James vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
70—Billy Lothridge vs. Cleveland, Oct. 27, 1968
62—Billy Lothridge vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
62—Billy Lothridge vs. Green Bay, Oct. 6, 1968 (AS)

LONG INTERCEPTION RETURNS

t90—Ken Reaves vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 20, 1968
81—Rolland Lawrence vs. San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973
t77—Lee Calland vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
t73—Jimmy Burson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 15, 1968 (AS)
t65—Tom Hayes vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973

LONG PUNT RETURNS

t77—Tom McCauley vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
t75—John Mallory vs. Minnesota, Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
57—Ray Brown vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1973

LONG KICKOFF RETURNS

t99—Ron Smith vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
82—Jim Butler vs. Green Bay, Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)
80—Ron Smith vs. Chicago, Nov. 27, 1966
61—Jim Butler vs. Washington, Nov. 23, 1969
58—Willie Belton vs. Cleveland, Oct. 31, 1971

LONG FUMBLE RETURNS

t74—Jim Weatherford vs. San Francisco, Oct. 19, 1969
t60—Tom Hayes vs. Oakland, Dec. 5, 1971 (AS)
t45—John Mallory vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 17, 1971 (AS)
43—Jimmy Burson vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 20, 1968
42—Tom McCauley vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)

(AS) Indicates performance occurred at Atlanta Stadium.



In the beginning: Owner Rankin Smith with first Falcon ever, Tommy Nobis.

Falcon History Book, 1964-73

1964 "With money we don't have," Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., said on the occasion, "for teams that don't exists," ground is broken for an $18 million stadium, April 15.

1965 With expansion as the No. 1 item on its agenda, the American Football League calls a meeting for June 7-8, June 3. Expansion in the National Football League, it announces, is planned for 1967. An AFL franchise is awarded to Atlanta and J. Leonard Reinsch of Cox Broadcasting Corporation, June 8. After the NFL alters its earlier plans and says it will expand a year earlier, Commissioner Pete Rozelle dispatches pollster Lou Harris to Atlanta. Harris' poll shows citizenry overwhelmingly favors NFL franchise over the AFL. "We're in the catbird seat," says Stadium Authority official Arthur Montgomery. Rankin M. Smith, 41-year-old executive vice president of Life Insurance Company of Georgia, is awarded an NFL franchise for approximately $8.5 million, June 30. Rights are quickly awarded Smith's franchise by the Stadium Authority. "Five Smiths, Inc.," so named for Smith's five children, is registered as corporate name for the team, Aug. 20. Stockholders are listed as Lindsey Hopkins, Jr., Howard Dobbs, Jr., Cody Laird, Jr., I. M. Sheffield, III, Dorothy Laird Williams, W. Barrett Howell, and M. E. Kilpatrick, Mr. Smith's attorney, Aug. 24. Miss Julia Elliott, Griffin, Ga., school teacher, is notified that her suggested nickname of the "Falcons" has been chosen in a local radio station's contest to name the team, Aug. 29. Florida A&M's Bob Paremore and Gary Barnes of Clemson are the first players signed, Sept. 9. An NFL record for ticket requests by a new team is set when 26,000 mark is reached, Nov. 24. Tommy Nobis, All-America linebacker from the University of Texas, and quarterback Randy Johnson of Texas A&I are co-first round choices, Nov. 27. When the count reaches 45,000, season ticket sales are stopped, Dec. 24.

1966 Norb Hecker, a member of Coach Vince Lombardi's staff at Green Bay, is named head coach, Jan. 26. Hal Herring, John Symank, Tom Fears, George Dickson and Brad Ecklund are hired as assistant coaches. The expansion draft finds the Falcons selecting 42 players, three from each of the 14 established teams, Feb. 15. A YMCA camp near Asheville, N. C., Blue Ridge Assembly, is named site of the Falcons' first training camp, March 26. The long-awaited NFL-AFL merger is announced, June 8. They will play separate schedules until 1970, but meet in championship and preseason games beginning in 1967. Frank E. Wall, a well-known Atlanta accountant, is named vice president and treasurer, June 14. Training camp opens, July 2. Falcons lose 9-7 to Philadelphia in their first preseason game, Aug. 1. Falcons are impressive in their first regular championship season game, a 19-14 loss to Los Angeles. A 53-yard pass from quarterback Randy Johnson to wide receiver Gary Barnes nets Atlanta its first touchdown ever, Sept. 11. Nine games later, Atlanta whips the New York Giants 27-16 for its first of three victories for the season, Nov. 30. The Falcons whip St. Louis, 16-10, for their first Atlanta Stadium victory, Dec. 11.

1967 Frank E. Wall is elevated to the role of general manager, Jan. 31. Falcons trade their No. 1 choice to San Francisco for wide receiver Bernie Casey, ex-University of Georgia tackle Jim Wilson and defensive end Jim Norton on the opening day of the NFL players draft, March 14. Training camp site shifts to Johnson City, Tenn., and the campus of East Tennessee State University, July 18. Falcons keep their owner Rankin Smith dry by beating Miami, 27-17, in second preseason game. Mr. Smith had pledged to jump into the Miami River if his team lost, Aug. 19. Middle linebacker Tommy Nobis returns intercepted pass 41 scoring yards to earn Falcons a big 21-20 upset victory over tough Minnesota, Oct. 30. Nobis is named All-Pro, Atlanta's first player so honored, Dec. 15. Club finishes season with dismal 1-12-1 with 23-14 loss to Chicago, Dec. 17.

1968 Former Washington and Dallas linebacker Tom Braatz is promoted from scout to director of player personnel, Jan. 22. Team emblem is replaced on sleeve of jersies by stripes, May 13. Norm Van Brocklin is named head coach, replacing Norb Hecker, Oct. 1. Club's 11-game losing streak comes to dramatic end with 24-21 victory over New York Giants. Five regulars are placed on waivers two weeks after Van Brocklin's arrival. They are cornerback Lee Calland, center Joe Cerne, running back Brendan McCarthy, defensive tackle Jim Norton and linebacker Marion Rushing, Nov. 14. Twenty-four hours after final game of season, five assistant coaches are dismissed, Dec. 15.

1969 Van Brocklin begins building his own staff of assistant coaches: Walt Yowarsky, Jan. 3; Bob Griffin, Jan. 9; Marion Campbell, Jan. 22; Duane Putnam, Jan. 23; Fred Bruney, March 28. Falcons win their first seasonal opener, beating San Francisco, 21-7, Sept. 21. Running back Junior Coffey, last of 42 original expansion draftees, is traded to New York Giants for two draft choices, Oct. 29. Atlanta upends Minnesota 10-7, stopping Vikings' 12-game winning streak. Triumph makes Falcons' record 6-8-1, best in club history, Dec. 21.

1970 Frank E. Wall is raised to the rank of team president, Rankin M. Smith to chairman of the board and Van Brocklin adds title of general manager, Jan. 6. Van Brocklin, as head coach, guides West to a 16-13 victory in the Pro Bowl, Jan. 18. Harry Gilmer is added to the coaching staff as an assistant, July 23. Team concludes finest preseason of its history with 20-17 conquest of Miami. Record stands at 4-1, Sept. 12.

1971 For first time in team history, ticket prices are raised. Most seats increase in price from $6 to $7.50, Jan. 3. Billy Ray Barnes joins staff as an assistant coach, Feb. 23. Van Brocklin, who became one of the game's all-time greats during his playing career at Los Angeles and Philadelphia, is elected to Pro Football Hall of Fame, Feb. 4. Furman

University in Greenville, S. C., becomes the third home of Falcons' training camp, July 19. Van Brocklin is given a new multi-year contract, Oct. 25. Falcons post first winning season in history (7-6-1) after wide receiver Ken Burrow pulls in winning touchdown pass from quarterback Bob Berry in 24-20 victory over New Orleans, Dec. 19.

1972 Draft rights for Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan of Auburn is obtained as Falcons make four deals involving six veterans. Sullivan is chosen second, behind No. 1 pick Clarence Ellis of Notre Dame, Feb. 1. Sullivan and Ellis sign their contracts at dual ceremony at Atlanta Stadium, April 17. Sullivan is named the most valuable player in Chicago's College All-Star Game despite 20-7 loss to world champion Dallas Cowboys, July 29. Running back Dave Hampton scores two touchdowns and rushes for new club record of 161 yards as the Falcons stop Los Angeles, 31-3, for the club's first victory ever (in 11 games) over the Rams. Fellow running back Art Malone rushes for 103 yards, marking first time in Atlanta's seven-year history that two backs have ever gained 100 yards or more rushing in one game, Oct. 1. Despite having missed five full quarters earlier in the season due to an elbow injury, Hampton picks up 66 yards against Denver to break the existing club record for yards gained in a single season (722), Nov. 26. Three weeks later, Hampton gains enough yardage to go past 1000-yard rushing mark for season, then loses six of it to finish at 995, Dec. 17.

1973 Falcons trade quarterback Bob Berry and a No. 1 draft choice to Minnesota for veterans Bob Lee, a quarterback, and linebacker Lonnie Warwick, May 14. Smashing 35 team records in the process, Falcons soundly defeat New Orleans, 62-7, in the season's opener, Sept. 16. After three back-to-back defeats, Falcons return to their winning ways by defeating Chicago, 46-6. Down 10-0 early in the game, the Falcons rally behind the five field goals of kicking specialist Nick Mike-Mayer to defeat Los Angeles, 15-13, in one of the greatest victories in Atlanta history, Nov. 4. In one of the most dramatic comebacks in the club's history, the Falcons rebound to defeat the previously unbeaten Minnesota Vikings, 20-14, before a capacity Atlanta Stadium crowd and a national television audience, Nov. 11. Atlanta defeats the New York Jets in the rain and mud of Shea Stadium, 28-20, for their seventh straight victory. Falcons defeat New Orleans, 14-10, to end the season with nine victories and five defeats, the club's best record ever, Dec. 16. Needing 87 yards to crack the elusive 1000-Yard Club, Falcon running back Dave Hampton rushes for 84 against New Orleans, finishing three shy—997 yards for the year. Rookie kicking specialist Nick Mike-Mayer, defensive ends Claude Humphrey and John Zook and offensive tackle George Kunz are named to the National Football Conference Pro Bowl team, Dec. 18.

Falcon Honors

FALCON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1966—Tommy Nobis, linebacker. 1967—Junior Coffey, running back. 1968—Nobis. 1969—Jim Butler, running back. 1970—Jim Mitchell, tight end. 1971—Don Hansen, linebacker. 1972—Dave Hampton, running back. 1973—Bob Lee, quarterback.

ALL-PRO

1967—Tommy Nobis, linebacker, Associated Press first team. 1971—Claude Humphrey, defensive end, Newspaper Enterprise Association, first team. 1972—Humphrey, Associated Press, *Pro Football Weekly*, *Football News*, Newspaper Enterprise Association, *Football Digest*, Professional Football Writers Association, first teams. George Kunz, tackle, Newspaper Enterprise Association, first team. 1973—Humphrey, Associated Press, *Pro Football Weekly*, Professional Football Writers Association, *Football News*, Computer Kick-Off, first teams. Kunz, Newspaper Enterprise Association, *Pro Football Weekly*, first teams. Nick Mike-Mayer, kicker, *Pro Football Weekly*, first team. Mike Tilleman, defensive tackle, National Star News Service, first team.

ALL-NATIONAL CONFERENCE

1970—Claude Humphrey, defensive end, United Press International, first team. 1971—Humphrey, UPI, first team. 1972—Humphrey, UPI, Associated Press, *The Sporting News*, *Football Digest*, *Football News*, first teams. John James, punter, All-NFC Rookie Team, *Pro Football Weekly*, *Football Digest*, first teams. Dennis Havig, guard, UPI, *Football Digest* All-Rookie team, first team. Willie Germany, safety, All-Rookie team, *Football Digest*, first team. 1973—Humphrey, *Pro Football Weekly*, UPI, *The Sporting News*, Associated Press, UPI, first teams. Kunz, *Pro Football Weekly*, UPI, first team. Nick Mike-Mayer, kicker, *Pro Football Weekly*, *The Sporting News*, Associated Press, first teams.

PRO BOWL

Jan. 22, 1967—Tommy Nobis, linebacker. Jan. 21, 1968—Nobis. Jan. 19, 1969—Nobis. Jan. 18, 1970—Jim Butler, running back. Added to West squad: Bob Berry, quarterback; Greg Brezina, linebacker; Bob Etter, kicker; George Kunz, tackle; Jim Mitchell, tight end; Ken Reaves, cornerback. Jan. 24, 1971—Claude Humphrey, defensive end. Jan. 23, 1972—Humphery, Kunz. Jan. 21, 1973—Humphery, Kunz, Mitchell, Nobis. Jan. 20, 1974—John Zook, defensive end; Nick Mike-Mayer, kicker; Kunz, Humphrey.



Three-time All-Pro Humphrey gets another sack.

CHICAGO ALL-STAR GAME

1966—Tommy Nobis, linebacker, Texas; Nick Rassas, safety, Notre Dame. 1967—Leo Carroll, defensive end, San Diego State. 1968—Claude Humphrey, Defensive end, Tennessee State. 1969—George Kunz, tackle, Notre Dame. 1970—Art Malone, running back, Arizona State; Ken Mendenhall, center, Oklahoma; John Small, linebacker, The Citadel. 1971—Joe Profit, running back, N. E. Louisiana. 1972—Clarence Ellis, cornerback, Notre Dame; Steve Okoniewski, tackle, Montana; Pat Sullivan, quarterback, Auburn. 1973—Greg Marx, defensive tackle, Notre Dame. 1974—Gerald Tinker, wide receiver, Kent State; Maurice Spencer, defensive back, North Carolina Central.

EIGHT-YEAR ROSTER

The 189 who have played in at least one league game.

A

Absher, Dick (LB), Maryland . . . 1967-68
Acks, Ron (LB), Illinois . . . 1968-71
Allen, Grady (LB), Texas A&M . . . 1969-72
Anderson, Taz (TE), Georgia Tech . . 1966-67
Auer, Joe (RB), Georgia Tech 1968

B

Barnes, Gary (WR), Clemson 1966-67
Bebout, Nick (T), Wyoming 1973
Bell, Bill (PK), Kansas 1971-72
Belton, Willie (RB), Maryland St. . . 1971-72
Benson, Duane (LB), Hamline . . . 1972-73
Berry, Bob (QB), Oregon 1968-72
Bleick, Tom (S), Georgia Tech 1967
Bosley, Bruce (C), West Virginia . . . 1969
Bowling, Andy (LB), Virginia Tech . . 1967
Bramlett, John (LB), Memphis St. . . 1971
Breitenstein, Bob (G-T), Tulsa . . . 1969-70
Brezina, Greg (LB), Houston . 1968-69, 71-73
Brown, Ray (S), W. Texas State . . 1971-73
Brunson, Mike (WR-RB), Arizona State . . 1970
Bryant, Charlie (RB), Allen 1969-69
Burke, Vern (WR), Oregon State . . . 1966
Burrow, Ken (WR), San Diego St. . . 1971-73
Burson, Jimmy (CB-S), Auburn . . . 1968
Butler, Jim (RB), Edward Waters . . 1968-71

C

Cahill, Dave (DT), Northern Arizona . . 1969
Calland, Lee (CB), Louisville . . . 1966-68
Campbell, Sonny (RB), N. Arizona . . 1970-71
Cash, Rick (DE), N.E. Missouri . . . 1968
Cavness, Grady (CB), Texas-El Paso . . 1970
Cerne, Joe (C), Northwestern 1968
Chesson, Wes (WR), Duke 1971-73
Claridge, Dennis (QB), Nebraska . . . 1966
Coffey, Junior (RB), Washington . 1966-67, 69
Cogdill, Gail (WR), Wash. State . . 1969-70
Coia, Angelo (WR), So. California . . . 1966
Condren, Glen (DT), Oklahoma . . 1969-72
Cook, Ed (G), Notre Dame 1966-67
Cordill, Olie (WR), Memphis State . . 1968
Cottrell, Ted (LB), Delaware Valley . 1969-70

D

Dabney, Carlton (DT), Morgan State . . . 1968
Donohoe, Mike (TE), San F'cisco . 1966, 70-71
Dodd, Al (WR), N.W. La. State . . . 1973
Duich, Steve (G), San Diego State . . 1968
Dunaway, Dave (WR), Duke 1968
Dunn, Perry Lee (RB), Mississippi . 1966-68

E

Easterling, Ray (S), Richmond 1972
Eber, Rick (WR), Tulsa 1968
Ellis, Clarence (CB), Notre Dame . . . 1972-73
Enderle, Dick (G), Minnesota . . . 1969-71
Etter, Bob (K), Georgia 1968-69

F

Ferguson, Jim (C), So. California . . . 1969
Fitzgerald, Mike (CB-S), Iowa State . . 1967
Flatley, Paul (WR), Northwestern . . 1968-69
Freeman, Mike (CB-S), Fresno State . 1968-70
Fritsch, Ted (G), St. Norbert 1972-73

G

Gallagher, Frank (G), North Carolina . . . 1973
Garcia, Jim (DE), Purdue 1968
Geredine, Thomas (WR), N.E. Missouri St. . 1973
Germany, Willie (S), Morgan State . . . 1972
Gipson, Paul (RB), Houston . . . 1969-70
Glass, Glenn (WR), Tennessee . . . 1966
Goodwin, Doug (RB), Maryland State . . 1968
Gotshalk, Len (T), Humbold State . . 1972-73
Grimm, Dan (G-C), Colorado . . . 1966-68

H

Halverson, Dean (LB), Washington . . . 1970
Hampton, Dave (RB), Wyoming . . . 1972-73
Hansen, Don (LB), Illinois 1969-73
Harmon, Tom (G), Gus. Adolphus . . . 1967
Harris, Bill (RB), Colorado 1968
Hart, Leo (QB), Duke 1971
Havig, Dennis (G), Colorado . . . 1972-73
Hawkins, Alex (WR), South Carolina . 1966-67
Hayes, Tom (CB), San Diego St. . . 1971-73
Heck, Ralph (LB), Colorado 1966-68
Hettema, Dave (T), New Mexico . . . 1970
Hudlow, Floyd (CB-S), Arizona . . . 1967-68
Hughes, Bob (DE), Jackson State . . 1967, 69
Humphrey, C. (DE), Tenn. State . . 1968-73
Hutchinson, Tom (WR), Kentucky . . . 1966

J

James, John (P), Florida 1972-73
Jenke, Noel (LB), Minnesota 1972
Jarvis, Ray (WR), Norfolk State . . . 1971-72
Jobko, Bill (LB), Ohio State 1966
Johnson, Randy (QB), Texas A&I . . . 1966-70
Johnson, Rudy (RB), Nebraska . . . 1966
Jones, Bob (WR), San Diego State . . . 1969
Jones, Jerry (DT), Bowling Green . . . 1966

K

Kirouac, Lou (G-K), Boston College . . 1966-67
Koeper, Rich (T), Oregon State . . . 1966
Kuechenberg, Rudy (LB), Indiana . . . 1967
Kunz, George (T), Notre Dame . . . 1969-73
Kupp, Jake (G), Washington 1967

L

Lamb, Ron (RB), South Carolina 1972
Lavan, Al (S), Colorado State U. . . 1969-70
Lawrence, Kent (WR), Georgia 1970
Lawrence, Rolland (DB), Tabor 1973
Ledbetter, Monte (WR), N.W. La. . . . 1969
Lee, Bob (WR), Minnesota 1969
Lee, Bob (QB), Pacific 1973
Lee, Dwight (RB), Michigan State . . . 1968
Lemmerman, Bruce (QB),
San Fernando Valley 1968-69
Lens, Greg (DT), Trinity, Tex. . . . 1970-71
Lewis, Mike (DE), Arkansas AM&N . . . 1971-73
Linden, Errol (T), Houston 1966-68
Long, Bob (WR), Wichita State . . . 1968
Lothridge, Billy (P-S), Georgia Tech . . 1966-71

M

Mack, Red (WR), Notre Dame 1966
Mallory, John (S), West Virginia . . . 1969-71
Malone, Art (RB), Arizona State . . . 1970-73
Mankins, Jim (RB), Florida State . . . 1967
Manning, Rosie (T), Northeastern Okla. . . 1972
Marchlewski, Frank (C), Minnesota . . 1966-68
Marshall, Randy (DE), Linfield . . . 1970-71
Marshall, Rich (DT), Stephen F. Austin . 1966
Martin, Billy (TE), Georgia Tech . . . 1966-67

Marx, Greg (DT), Notre Dame 1973
Matlock, John (C), Miami 1970-71
Matthews, Henry (RB), Michigan State . . 1973
Maurer, Andy (G), Oregon 1970-73
McCarthy, Brendan (RB), Bos. Coll. . . . 1968
McCauley, Tom (S-WR), Wisconsin . . 1969-71
McDermott, Gary (RB), Tulsa 1969
McDonald, Tommy (WR), Oklahoma . . . 1957
McInnis, Hugh (TE), So. Mississippi . . 1966
Mialik, Larry (TE), Wisconsin . . . 1972-73
Mike-Mayer, Nick (PK), Temple 1973
Miller, Jim (G), Iowa 1971-72
Mitchell, Jim (TE), Prairie View . . . 1969-73
Mitchell, Ken (LB), Nevada, Las Vegas . . 1973
Moore, Tom (RB), Vanderbilt 1957
Morris, Larry (LB), Georgia Tech . . . 1966

N

Nobis, Tommy (LB), Texas 1966-73
Notsinger, Terry (QB), Utah 1967
Norton, Jim (DT-DE), Washington . . . 1967-68

O

Ogden, Ray (TE), Alabama 1967-68

P

Plummer, Tony (S), Pacific 1971-73
Poage, Ray (TE), Texas 1971
Profit, Joe (RB), N.E. Louisiana 1971-73

R

Rassas, Nick (S), Notre Dame 1966-68
Ray, Eddie (RB), LSU 1972-73
Reaves, Ken (CB), Norfolk State . . . 1966-73
Rector, Ron (RB), Northwestern . . . 1966-67
Redmond, Rudy (CB), Pacific 1969-71
Reese, Guy (DT), So. Methodist 1966
Richards, Bobby (DE), LSU 1966-67
Richardson, Jerry (CB-S),
West Texas State 1966-67
Ridlehuber, Preston (RB), Georgia . . . 1966
Riggle, Bob (S), Penn State 1966-67
Roberts, Gary (G), Purdue 1970
Rubke, Karl (DT), So. California . . . 1966-67
Rushing, Marion (LB), So. Illinois . . 1966-68

S

Sabatino, Bill (DT), Colorado 1969
Sandeman, Bill (T), Pacific 1967-73
Sanders, Bob (LB), No. Texas State . . . 1967
Scales, Charlie (RB), Indiana 1966
Schmidt, Roy (G-T), Long Beach State . 1969
Shay, Jerry (DT), Purdue 1968-69
Shears, Larry (CB), Lincoln, Mo. 1971
Sherlag, Bob (WR), Memphis State . . 1966
Shiner, Dick (QB), Maryland 1971-73
Sidle, Jimmy (TE-RB), Auburn 1966
Sieminski, Chuck (DT), Penn State . . 1966-67
Silvestri, Carl (CB-S), Wisconsin . . . 1966
Simmons, Jerry (WR),
Bethune-Cookman 1967-69
Simon, Jim (G-T), Miami 1966-68
Sloan, Steve (QB), Alabama 1966-67
Small, John (DT), Citadel 1970-72
Smith, Ralph (TE), Mississippi 1969
Smith, Ron (CB-WR), Wisconsin . . . 1966-67
Snider, Malcolm (G), Stanford 1969-71
Snyder, Todd (WR), Ohio U. 1970-72
Sobocinski, Phil (C), Wisconsin 1968
Spiller, Phil (S), Cal. State-L.A. 1968
Stanciel, Jeff (RB), Mississippi Valley . . 1969
Strahan, Art (DT), Texas Southern . . . 1968
Suchy, Larry (CB), Mississippi College . 1968
Sullivan, Jim (DE), Lincoln, Mo. 1970
Sullivan, Pat (QB), Auburn 1972-73
Szczecko, Joe (DT), Northwestern . . . 1966-68

T

Talbert, Don (T), Texas 1966-68
Tilleman, Mike (DT), Montana 1973
Tolleson, Tommy (WR), Alabama 1966
Traynham, Wade (K), Frederick . . . 1966-67

V

Van Note, Jeff (C), Kentucky 1969-73
Vinyard, Kenny (K), Texas Tech 1970

W

Wages, Harmon (RB), Florida . . 1968-71, 73
Walker, Chuck (DT), Duke 1972-73
Walker, Cleo (LB), Louisville 1971
Warwick, Lonnie (Lu), Tenn. Tech 1973
Washington, Joe (RB), Illinois State . . . 1973
Waskiewicz, Jim (C) Wichita State 1969
Weatherford, Jim (S), Tennessee 1969
Wheelwright, Ernie (RB), So. Ill. . . . 1966-67
Whitlow, Bob (C), Arizona 1966
Williams, Sam (DE), Michigan State . 1966-67
Wilson, Jim (C), Georgia 1967
Winkler, Randy (G), Tarleton State . . . 1968
Wolski, Bill (RB), Notre Dame 1966
Wood, Bo (DE), North Carolina 1967
Wright, John (WR), Illinois 1968
Wright, Nate (S), San Diego State 1969

Z

Zook, John (DE), Kansas 1969-73

Roll Call of Players by Colleges

Alabama 3, Allen 1, Arizona 2, Arizona State 2, Arkansas AM&N 1, Auburn 3, Bethune-Cookman 1, Boston College 2, Bowling Green 1, Cal. State-L. A. 1, Citadel 1, Clemson 1, Colorado 5, Colorado State U. 1, Delaware Valley 1, Duke 4, Edward Waters 1, Florida 2, Florida State 1, Frederick 1, Fresno State 1.

Georgia 4, Georgia Tech 6, Gustavus Adolphus 1, Hamline 1, Houston 3, Humboldt St., 1, Illinois 3, Indiana 2, Iowa 2, Iowa State 1, Jackson State 1, Kansas 2, Kentucky 2, Lincoln, Mo., 2, Linfield 1, Long Beach State 1, Louisville 2, LSU 2.

Maryland 2, Maryland State 2, Memphis State 3, Miami 2, Michigan State 2, Minnesota 4, Mississippi 2, Mississippi College 1, Mississippi Valley 1, Morgan State 2, Nebraska 2, N. E. Louisiana 1, N. E. Missouri 1, New Mexico 1, Norfolk State 2, North Carolina 1, Northern Arizona 2, No. Texas State 1, Northeastern Oklahoma 1, Northwestern 4, Notre Dame 5, N. W. Louisiana 1.

Ohio State 1, Ohio U. 1, Oklahoma 2, Oregon 2, Oregon State 2, Pacific 3, Penn State 2, Prairie View 1, Purdue 3, Richmond 1, San Diego State 5, San Fernando Valley 1, San Francisco 1, So. California 3, So. Illinois 2, So. Methodist 1, So. Mississippi 1, South Carolina 2, Stanford 1, Stephen F. Austin 1.

Tarleton State 1, Tennessee 2, Tennessee State 1, Texas 3, Texas A&I 1, Texas A&M 1, Texas-El Paso 1, Texas Southern 1, Texas Tech 1, Trinity, Tex. 1, Tulsa 3, Utah 1, Vanderbilt 1, Virginia Tech 1, Washington 4, Washington State 1, West Texas State 2, West Virginia 2, Wichita State 2, Wisconsin 5, Wyoming 1.

1974 NFL Schedule

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 (First Week)

1. Baltimore at Pittsburgh 1:00
2. Dallas at Atlanta 4:00
3. Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00
4. Detroit at Chicago 1:00
5. Los Angeles at Denver 2:00
6. Miami at New England 1:00
7. Minnesota at Green Bay 1:00
8. New York Jets at Kansas City.. 3:00
9. Philadelphia at St. Louis 1:00
10. San Diego at Houston 1:00
11. San Francisco at New Orleans. 1:00
12. Washington at New York Giants 1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

13. Oakland at Buffalo 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (Second Week)

14. Green Bay at Baltimore 2:00
15. Houston at Cleveland 1:00
16. Kansas City at Oakland 1:00
17. Miami at Buffalo 1:00
18. Minnesota at Detroit 1:00
19. New England at N.Y. Giants... 1:00
20. New Orleans at Los Angeles .. 1:00
21. New York Jets at Chicago 1:00
22. Pittsburgh at Denver 2:00
23. St. Louis at Washington 1:00
24. San Diego at Cincinnati 1:00
25. San Francisco at Atlanta 1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

26. Dallas at Philadelphia 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (Third Week)

27. Atlanta at New Orleans 1:00
28. Baltimore at Philadelphia 1:00
29. Chicago at Minnesota 1:00
30. Cincinnati at San Francisco ... 1:00
31. Cleveland at St. Louis 1:00
32. Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee 1:00
33. Kansas City at Houston 1:00
34. Los Angeles at New England .. 1:00
35. Miami at San Diego 1:00
36. New York Giants at Dallas 1:00
37. New York Jets at Buffalo 1:00
38. Oakland at Pittsburgh 4:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

39. Denver at Washington 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 (Fourth Week)

40. Atlanta at New York Giants .. 1:00
41. Baltimore at New England ... 1:00
42. Buffalo at Green Bay 1:00
43. Denver at Kansas City 3:00
44. Detroit at Los Angeles 1:00
45. Minnesota at Dallas 3:00
46. New Orleans at Chicago 1:00
47. Oakland at Cleveland..... 1:00
48. Philadelphia at San Diego 1:00
49. Pittsburgh at Houston 1:00
50. St. Louis at San Francisco ... 1:00
51. Washington at Cincinnati 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

52. New York Jets at Miami 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 (Fifth Week)

53. Buffalo at Baltimore..... 2:00
54. Chicago at Atlanta 1:00
55. Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00
56. Dallas at St. Louis 1:00
57. Houston at Minnesota 1:00
58. Los Angeles vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee 3:00
59. Miami at Washington 1:00
60. New England at New York Jets 1:00
61. New Orleans at Denver 2:00
62. N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia .. 1:00
63. Pittsburgh at Kansas City 1:00
64. San Diego at Oakland 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

65. San Francisco at Detroit 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 (Sixth Week)

66. Baltimore at New York Jets... 1:00
67. Cincinnati at Oakland 1:00
68. Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00
69. Detroit at Minnesota 1:00
70. Kansas City at Miami 4:00
71. New England at Buffalo 1:00
72. New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00
73. New York Giants at Washington 1:00
74. Philadelphia at Dallas 1:00
75. St. Louis at Houston 1:00
76. San Diego at Denver 2:00
77. San Francisco at Los Angeles. 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

78. Green Bay at Chicago 8:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 (Seventh Week)

79. Baltimore at Miami 1:00
80. Chicago at Buffalo 1:00
81. Dallas at New York Giants ... 1:00
82. Denver at Cleveland 1:00
83. Green Bay at Detroit 1:00
84. Houston at Cincinnati 1:00
85. Kansas City at San Diego 1:00
86. Los Angeles at New York Jets 1:00
87. New England at Minnesota.... 1:00
88. Oakland at San Francisco 1:00
89. Philadelphia at New Orleans.. 1:00
90. Washington at St. Louis 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

91. Atlanta at Pittsburgh 9:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (Eighth Week)

92. Atlanta at Miami 4:00
93. Buffalo at New England..... 1:00
94. Cincinnati at Baltimore 2:00
95. Cleveland at San Diego 1:00
96. Houston at New York Jets .. 1:00
97. Minnesota at Chicago 1:00
98. New Orleans at Detroit 1:00
99. New York Giants at Kansas City 3:00
100. Oakland at Denver 2:00
101. Philadelphia at Pittsburgh 1:00
102. St. Louis at Dallas 1:00
103. Washington at Green Bay 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

104. Los Angeles at San Francisco 6:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 (Ninth Week)

105. Atlanta at Los Angeles 1:00
106. Chicago vs. Green Bay at Mil. 1:00
107. Cleveland at New England 1:00
108. Denver at Baltimore 2:00
109. Detroit at Oakland 1:00
110. Houston at Buffalo 1:00
111. Miami at New Orleans 1:00
112. New York Jets at N.Y. Giants. 1:00
113. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 4:00
114. San Diego at Kansas City 1:00
115. San Francisco at Dallas 1:00
116. Washington at Philadelphia .. 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

117. Minnesota at St. Louis 8:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 (Tenth Week)

118. Baltimore at Atlanta 1:00
119. Buffalo at Miami 1:00
120. Cincinnati at Houston 1:00
121. Dallas at Washington 4:00
122. Green Bay at Minnesota 1:00
123. Los Angeles at New Orleans.. 1:00
124. New York Giants at Detroit .. 1:00
125. New York Jets at New England 1:00
126. Oakland at San Diego 1:00
127. Pittsburgh at Cleveland 1:00
128. St. Louis at Philadelphia 1:00
129. San Francisco at Chicago 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

130. Kansas City at Denver 7:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 (Eleventh Week)

131. Atlanta at San Francisco 1:00
132. Buffalo at Cleveland 1:00
133. Chicago at Detroit 1:00
134. Dallas at Houston 1:00
135. Denver at Oakland 1:00
136. Kansas City at Cincinnati 1:00
137. Miami at New York Jets 1:00
138. Minnesota at Los Angeles 1:00
139. New England at Baltimore 2:00
140. Philadelphia at Washington .. 1:00
141. St. Louis at New York Giants.. 1:00
142. San Diego at Green Bay 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

143. Pittsburgh at New Orleans .. 8:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (Twelfth Week)

144. Denver at Detroit 12:30
145. Washington at Dallas 2:45

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

146. Baltimore at Buffalo 1:00
147. Green Bay at Philadelphia .. 1:00
148. Houston at Pittsburgh 1:00
149. Kansas City at St. Louis 1:00
150. Los Angeles at Atlanta 4:00
151. New England at Oakland 1:00
152. New Orleans at Minnesota .. 1:00
153. New York Giants at Cnicago .. 1:00
154. San Diego at New York Jets.. 1:00
155. San Francisco at Cleveland .. 1:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

156. Cincinnati at Miami 9:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 (Thirteenth Week)

157. Atlanta at Minnesota 12:00
158. Cleveland at Dallas 3:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

159. Buffalo at New York Jets 1:00
160. Chicago at San Diego 1:00
161. Detroit at Cincinnati 1:00
162. Green Bay at San Francisco .. 1:00
163. Houston at Denver 2:00
164. Miami at Baltimore 2:00
165. Oakland at Kansas City 3:00
166. Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants .. 1:00
167. Pittsburgh at New England 1:00
168. St. Louis at New Orleans 1:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

169. Washington at Los Angeles .. 6:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 (Fourteenth Week)

170. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 1:00
171. Minnesota at Kansas City 2:45
172. Dallas at Oakland 6:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

173. Buffalo at Los Angeles 1:00
174. Chicago at Washington 1:00
175. Cleveland at Houston 1:00
176. Denver at San Diego 1:00
177. Detroit at Philadelphia 1:00
178. Green Bay at Atlanta 1:00
179. New England at Miami 1:00
180. New Orleans at San Francisco 1:00
181. New York Giants at St. Louis.. 1:00
182. New York Jets at Baltimore.. 2:00

POSTSEASON

Saturday, December 21	— AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
Sunday, December 22	— AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
Sunday, December 29	— AFC Championship Game (NBC) —NFC Championship Game (CBS)
Sunday, January 12	— Super Bowl IX at New Orleans (NBC)
Monday, January 20	— AFC-NFC Pro Bowl at Miami (night, ABC)

SCHEDULE OF EACH FALCON OPPONENT IN 1974

BALTIMORE COLTS

Sept.	15—at Pittsburgh	1:00
Sept.	22—GREEN BAY	2:00
Sept.	29—at Philadelphia	1:00
Oct.	6—at New England	1:00
Oct.	13—BUFFALO	2:00
Oct.	20—at New York Jets	1:00
Oct.	27—at Miami	1:00
Nov.	3—CINCINNATI	2:00
Nov.	10—DENVER	2:00
Nov.	17—at Atlanta	1:00
Nov.	24—NEW ENGLAND	2:00
Dec.	1—at Buffalo	1:00
Dec.	8—MIAMI	2:00
Dec.	15—NEW YORK JETS	2:00

CHICAGO BEARS

Sept.	15—DETROIT	1:00
Sept.	22—NEW YORK JETS	1:00
Sept.	29—at Minnesota	1:00
Oct.	6—NEW ORLEANS	1:00
Oct.	13—at Atlanta	1:00
Oct.	21—GREEN BAY (Mon.)	8:00
Oct.	27—at Buffalo	1:00
Nov.	3—MINNESOTA	1:00
Nov.	10—vs. Green Bay (Mil)	1:00
Nov.	17—SAN FRANCISCO	1:00
Nov.	24—at Detroit	1:00
Dec.	1—NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00
Dec.	8—at San Diego	1:00
Dec.	15—at Washington	1:00

DALLAS COWBOYS

Sept.	15—at Atlanta	4:00
Sept.	23—at Philadelphia (Mon.)	9:00
Sept.	29—NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00
Oct.	6—MINNESOTA	3:00
Oct.	13—at St. Louis	1:00
Oct.	20—PHILADELPHIA	1:00
Oct.	27—at New York Giants	1:00
Nov.	3—ST. LOUIS	1:00
Nov.	10—SAN FRANCISCO	1:00
Nov.	17—at Washington	4:00
Nov.	24—at Houston	1:00
Nov.	28—WASHINGTON (Thanks.)	2:45
Dec.	7—CLEVELAND (Sat.)	3:00
Dec.	14—at Oakland (Sat.)	6:00

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Sept.	15—MINNESOTA	1:00
Sept.	22—at Baltimore	2:00
Sept.	29—DETROIT (Mil)	1:00
Oct.	6—BUFFALO	1:00
Oct.	13—LOS ANGELES (Mil)	3:00
Oct.	21—at Chicago (Mon.)	8:00
Oct.	27—at Detroit	1:00
Nov.	3—WASHINGTON	1:00
Nov.	10—CHICAGO (Mil)	1:00
Nov.	17—at Minnesota	1:00
Nov.	24—SAN DIEGO	1:00
Dec.	1—at Philadelphia	1:00
Dec.	8—at San Francisco	1:00
Dec.	15—at Atlanta	1:00



LOS ANGELES RAMS

Sept.	15—at Denver	2:00
Sept.	22—NEW ORLEANS	1:00
Sept.	29—at New England	1:00
Oct.	6—DETROIT	1:00
Oct.	13—vs. Green Bay (Mil)	3:00
Oct.	20—SAN FRANCISCO	1:00
Oct.	27—at New York Jets	1:00
Nov.	4—at San Francisco (Mon.)	6:00
Nov.	10—ATLANTA	1:00
Nov.	17—at New Orleans	1:00
Nov.	24—MINNESOTA	1:00
Dec.	1—at Atlanta	4:00
Dec.	9—WASHINGTON (Mon.)	6:00
Dec.	15—BUFFALO	1:00

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Sept.	15—at New England	1:00
Sept.	22—at Buffalo	1:00
Sept.	29—at San Diego	1:00
Oct.	7—NEW YORK JETS (Mon.)	9:00
Oct.	13—at Washington	1:00
Oct.	20—KANSAS CITY	4:00
Oct.	27—BALTIMORE	1:00
Nov.	3—ATLANTA	4:00
Nov.	10—at New Orleans	1:00
Nov.	17—BUFFALO	1:00
Nov.	24—at New York Jets	1:00
Dec.	2—CINCINNATI (Mon.)	9:00
Dec.	8—at Baltimore	2:00
Dec.	15—NEW ENGLAND	1:00

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Sept.	15—at Green Bay	1:00
Sept.	22—at Detroit	1:00
Sept.	29—CHICAGO	1:00
Oct.	6—at Dallas	3:00
Oct.	13—HOUSTON	1:00
Oct.	20—DETROIT	1:00
Oct.	27—NEW ENGLAND	1:00
Nov.	3—at Chicago	1:00
Nov.	11—at St. Louis (Mon.)	8:00
Nov.	17—GREEN BAY	1:00
Nov.	24—at Los Angeles	1:00
Dec.	1—NEW ORLEANS	1:00
Dec.	7—ATLANTA (Sat.)	12:00
Dec.	14—at Kansas City (Sat.)	2:45

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Sept.	15—BALTIMORE	1:00
Sept.	22—at Denver	2:00
Sept.	29—OAKLAND	4:00
Oct.	6—at Houston	1:00
Oct.	13—at Kansas City	1:00
Oct.	20—CLEVELAND	1:00
Oct.	28—ATLANTA (Mon.)	9:00
Nov.	3—PHILADELPHIA	1:00
Nov.	10—at Cincinnati	4:00
Nov.	17—at Cleveland	1:00
Nov.	25—at New Orleans (Mon.)	8:00
Dec.	1—HOUSTON	1:00
Dec.	8—at New England	1:00
Dec.	14—CINCINNATI (Sat.)	1:00

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Sept.	15—SAN FRANCISCO	1:00
Sept.	22—at Los Angeles	1:00
Sept.	29—ATLANTA	1:00
Oct.	6—at Chicago	1:00
Oct.	13—at Denver	2:00
Oct.	20—at Atlanta	1:00
Oct.	27—PHILADELPHIA	1:00
Nov.	3—at Detroit	1:00
Nov.	10—MIAMI	1:00
Nov.	17—LOS ANGELES	1:00
Nov.	25—PITTSBURGH (Mon.)	8:00
Dec.	1—at Minnesota	1:00
Dec.	8—ST. LOUIS	1:00
Dec.	15—at San Francisco	1:00



NEW YORK GIANTS

Sept.	15—WASHINGTON	1:00
Sept.	22—NEW ENGLAND	1:00
Sept.	29—at Dallas	1:00
Oct.	6—ATLANTA	1:00
Oct.	13—at Philadelphia	1:00
Oct.	20—at Washington	1:00
Oct.	27—DALLAS	1:00
Nov.	3—at Kansas City	3:00
Nov.	10—NEW YORK JETS	1:00
Nov.	17—at Detroit	1:00
Nov.	24—ST. LOUIS	1:00
Dec.	1—at Chicago	1:00
Dec.	8—PHILADELPHIA	1:00
Dec.	15—at St. Louis	1:00

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Sept.	15—at New Orleans	1:00
Sept.	22—at Atlanta	1:00
Sept.	29—CINCINNATI	1:00
Oct.	6—ST. LOUIS	1:00
Oct.	14—at Detroit (Mon.)	9:00
Oct.	20—at Los Angeles	1:00
Oct.	27—OAKLAND	1:00
Nov.	4—LOS ANGELES (Mon.)	6:00
Nov.	10—at Dallas	1:00
Nov.	17—at Chicago	1:00
Nov.	24—ATLANTA	1:00
Dec.	1—at Cleveland	1:00
Dec.	8—GREEN BAY	1:00
Dec.	15—NEW ORLEANS	1:00

(Mil) Green Bay home game at Milwaukee. All games Sunday unless noted otherwise.

NFC PLAYOFFS

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ATLANTA (9-5)

62	New Orleans	7
0	Los Angeles	31
6	Detroit	31
9	*San Francisco	13
46	*Chicago	6
41	San Diego	0
17	San Francisco	3
15	*Los Angeles	13
44	Philadelphia	27
20	*Minnesota	14
28	New York Jets	20
6	*Buffalo	17
10	*St. Louis	32
14	*New Orleans	10
318		224

CHICAGO (3-11)

17	*Dallas	20
13	*Minnesota	22
33	Denver	14
16	New Orleans	21
6	Atlanta	46
10	*New England	13
35	*Houston	14
31	Green Bay	17
7	Kansas City	19
7	*Detroit	30
13	Minnesota	31
0	*Los Angeles	26
7	Detroit	40
0	*Green Bay	21
195		334

DALLAS (10-4)

20	Chicago	17
40	*New Orleans	3
45	*St. Louis	10
7	Washington	14
31	Los Angeles	37
45	*New York Giants	28
16	Philadelphia	30
38	*Cincinnati	10
23	New York Giants	10
31	*Philadelphia	10
7	*Miami	14
22	Denver	10
27	*Washington	7
30	St. Louis	3
382		203

DETROIT (6-7-1)

10	Pittsburgh	24
13	Green Bay	13
31	*Atlanta	6
9	*Minnesota	23
13	New Orleans	20
27	*Baltimore	29
34	*Green Bay	0
30	San Francisco	20
7	Minnesota	28
30	Chicago	7
0	*Washington	20
20	St. Louis	16
40	*Chicago	7
7	Miami	34
271		247

GREEN BAY (5-7-2)

23	*New York Jets (Mil)	7
13	*Detroit	13
3	Minnesota	11
16	New York Giants	14
10	*Kansas City (Mil)	10
7	Los Angeles	24
0	Detroit	34
17	*Chicago	31
25	*St. Louis	21
24	New England	33
6	San Francisco	20
30	*New Orleans (Mil)	10
7	*Minnesota	31
21	Chicago	0
202		259

LOS ANGELES (12-2)

23	Kansas City	13
31	*Atlanta	0
40	San Francisco	20
31	Houston	26
37	*Dallas	31
24	*Green Bay	7
9	Minnesota	10
13	Atlanta	15
29	*New Orleans	7
31	*San Francisco	13
24	New Orleans	13
26	Chicago	0
40	*New York Giants	6
30	*Cleveland	17
388		178

MINNESOTA (12-2)

24	*Oakland	16
22	Chicago	13
11	*Green Bay	3
23	Detroit	9
17	San Francisco	13
28	*Philadelphia	21
10	*Los Angeles	9
26	*Cleveland	3
28	*Detroit	7
14	Atlanta	20
31	*Chicago	13
0	Cincinnati	27
31	Green Bay	7
31	New York Giants	7
296		168

NEW ORLEANS (5-9)

7	*Atlanta	62
3	Dallas	40
10	Baltimore	14
21	*Chicago	16
20	*Detroit	13
0	San Francisco	40
19	*Washington	3
13	*Buffalo	0
7	Los Angeles	29
14	San Diego	17
13	*Los Angeles	24
10	Green Bay	30
16	*San Francisco	10
10	Atlanta	14
163		312

N. Y. GIANTS (2-11-1)

34	*Houston	14
23	*Philadelphia	23
10	Cleveland	12
14	*Green Bay	16
3	*Washington	21
28	Dallas	45
27	St. Louis	35
0	Oakland	42
10	*Dallas	23
24	*St. Louis	13
16	Philadelphia	20
24	Washington	27
6	Los Angeles	40
7	*Minnesota	31
226		362

PHILADELPHIA (5-8-1)

23	*St. Louis	34
23	New York Giants	23
7	*Washington	28
26	Buffalo	27
27	St. Louis	24
21	Minnesota	28
30	*Dallas	16
24	*New England	23
27	*Atlanta	44
10	Dallas	31
20	*New York Giants	16
28	San Francisco	38
24	*New York Jets	23
20	Washington	38
310		393

SAN FRANCISCO (5-9)

13	Miami	21
36	Denver	34
20	*Los Angeles	40
13	Atlanta	9
13	*Minnesota	17
40	*New Orleans	0
3	*Atlanta	17
20	Detroit	30
9	Washington	33
13	Los Angeles	31
20	*Green Bay	6
38	*Philadelphia	28
10	New Orleans	16
14	*Pittsburgh	37
262		319

ST. LOUIS (4-9-1)

34	Philadelphia	23
34	*Washington	27
10	Dallas	45
10	*Oakland	17
24	*Philadelphia	27
13	Washington	31
35	*New York Giants	27
17	*Denver	17
21	Green Bay	25
13	New York Giants	24
24	Cincinnati	42
16	*Detroit	20
32	Atlanta	10
3	*Dallas	30
286		365

WASHINGTON (10-4)

38	*San Diego	0
27	St. Louis	34
28	Philadelphia	7
14	*Dallas	7
21	New York Giants	3
31	*St. Louis	13
3	New Orleans	19
16	Pittsburgh	21
33	*San Francisco	9
22	*Baltimore	14
20	Detroit	0
27	*New York Giants	24
7	Dallas	27
38	*Philadelphia	20
325		198

*Denotes home game

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BALTIMORE (4-10-0)

14	Cleveland	24
10	*New York Jets	34
14	*New Orleans	10
16	New England	24
13	Buffalo	31
29	Detroit	27
21	*Oakland	34
27	*Houston	31
0	Miami	44
14	Washington	22
17	*Buffalo	24
17	New York Jets	20
16	*Miami	3
18	*New England	13
226		341

BUFFALO (9-5-0)

31	New England	14
7	San Diego	34
9	*New York Jets	7
27	*Philadelphia	26
31	*Baltimore	13
6	Miami	27
23	*Kansas City	14
0	New Orleans	13
13	*Cincinnati	16
0*	Miami	17
24	Baltimore	17
17	Atlanta	6
37	*New England	13
34	New York Jets	14
259		230

CINCINNATI (10-4-0)

10	Denver	28
24	*Houston	10
20	San Diego	13
10	*Cleveland	17
19	*Pittsburgh	7
14	*Kansas City	6
13	Pittsburgh	20
10	Dallas	38
16	Buffalo	13
20	*New York Jets	14
42	*St. Louis	24
27	*Minnesota	0
34	Cleveland	17
27	Houston	24
286		231

CLEVELAND (7-5-2)

24	*Baltimore	14
6	Pittsburgh	33
12	*New York Giants	10
17	Cincinnati	10
9	*Miami	17
42	*Houston	13
16	*San Diego	16
3	Minnesota	26
23	Houston	13
7	Oakland	3
21	*Pittsburgh	16
20	Kansas City	20
17	*Cincinnati	34
17	Los Angeles	30
234		255

DENVER (7-5-2)

28	*Cincinnati	10
34	*San Francisco	36
14	*Chicago	33
14	Kansas City	16
48	Houston	20
23	*Oakland	23
40	New York Jets	28
17	St. Louis	17
30	*San Diego	19
23	Pittsburgh	13
14	*Kansas City	10
10	*Dallas	22
42	San Diego	28
17	Oakland	21
354		296

HOUSTON (1-13-0)

14	New York Giants	34
10	Cincinnati	24
7	*Pittsburgh	36
26	*Los Angeles	31
20	*Denver	48
13	Cleveland	42
14	Chicago	35
31	Baltimore	27
13	*Cleveland	23
14	Kansas City	38
0	*New England	32
6	*Oakland	17
7	Pittsburgh	33
24	*Cincinnati	27
199		447

KANSAS CITY (7-5-2)

13	*Los Angeles	23
10	New England	7
16	*Oakland	3
16	*Denver	14
10	Green Bay	10
6	Cincinnati	14
14	Buffalo	23
19	San Diego	0
19	*Chicago	7
38	*Houston	14
10	Denver	14
20	*Cleveland	20
7	Oakland	37
33	*San Diego	6
231		192

MIAMI (12-2-0)

21	*San Francisco	13
7	Oakland	12
44	*New England	23
31	*New York Jets	3
17	Cleveland	9
27	*Buffalo	6
30	New England	14
24	New York Jets	14
44	*Baltimore	0
17	Buffalo	0
14	Dallas	7
30	*Pittsburgh	26
3	Baltimore	16
34	*Detroit	7
343		150

NEW ENGLAND (5-9-0)

13	*Buffalo	31
7	*Kansas City	10
23	Miami	44
24	*Baltimore	16
7	*New York Jets	9
13	Chicago	10
14	*Miami	30
23	Philadelphia	24
13	New York Jets	33
33	*Green Bay	24
32	Houston	0
30	*San Diego	14
13	Buffalo	37
13	Baltimore	18
258		300

N. Y. JETS (4-10-0)

7	Green Bay (Mil)	23
34	Baltimore	10
7	Buffalo	9
3	Miami	31
9	New England	7
14	Pittsburgh	26
28	*Denver	40
14	*Miami	24
33	*New England	13
14	Cincinnati	20
20	*Atlanta	28
20	*Baltimore	17
23	Philadelphia	24
14	*Buffalo	34
240		306

OAKLAND (9-4-1)

16	Minnesota	24
12	*Miami	7
3	Kansas City	16
17	St. Louis	10
27	*San Diego	17
23	Denver	23
34	Baltimore	21
42	*New York Giants	0
9	*Pittsburgh	17
3	*Cleveland	7
31	San Diego	3
17	Houston	6
37	*Kansas City	7
21	*Denver	17
292		175

PITTSBURGH (10-4-0)

24	*Detroit	10
33	*Cleveland	6
36	Houston	7
38	*San Diego	21
7	Cincinnati	19
26	*New York Jets	14
20	*Cincinnati	13
21	*Washington	16
17	Oakland	9
13	*Denver	23
16	Cleveland	21
26	Miami	30
33	*Houston	7
37	San Francisco	14
347		210

SAN DIEGO (2-11-1)

0	Washington	38
34	*Buffalo	7
13	*Cincinnati	20
21	Pittsburgh	38
17	Oakland	27
0	*Atlanta	41
16	Cleveland	16
0	*Kansas City	19
19	Denver	30
17	*New Orleans	14
3	*Oakland	31
14	New England	30
28	*Denver	42
6	Kansas City	33
188		386

*Home games

Falcon Records

(AS)—established in Atlanta Stadium
(*)—current

ATTENDANCE

Most Consecutive Regular Season Sell Outs
21 First game of 1971 through 1973
Largest In-Stadium Attendance, Season, Regular Season Games Only
382,125 1971
Smallest In-Stadium Attendance, Season Regular Season Games Only
297,504 1968
Fewest No-Shows, Season, Regular Season Games Only
25,602 1966
Most No-Shows, Season, Regular Season Games Only
64,361 1973
Fewest No-Shows, Single Regular Season Game
960 Vs. Det., Oct. 8, 1972
Most No-Shows, Single Regular Season Game
24,703 vs. N. O., Dec. 16, 1973
Largest Preseason Single Game In-Stadium Attendance
54,553 Vs. K. C., Aug. 29, 1970
Smallest Preseason Single Game In-Stadium Attendance
47,639 Vs. Pitt., Aug. 19, 1972

SERVICE

Most Seasons, Falcon Player
8 Tommy Nobis, 1966-73*
Ken Reaves, 1966-73*
Most Consecutive Falcon Games Played
112 Ken Reaves, 1966-73*

SCORING

Most Points, Falcon Career
147 Bill Bell, 1971-72 (60-pat, 29-fg)*
Most Points, Season
112 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973 (34 pat, 26 fg)
Most Points, Rookie Season
112 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973 (34 pat, 26 fg)
Most Points, Game
15 Nick Mike-Mayer, vs. L. A. Nov. 4, 1973 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
24 Dan Reeves, Dall., Nov. 5, 1967 (4-td)
Roy Jefferson, Pitt., Nov. 3, 1968 (4-td) (AS)
Most Consecutive Games Scoring
26 Bill Bell, 1971-72
Most Points, One Quarter
12 6 times. Last time, Eddie Ray, vs. S.D., Oct. 21, 1973 (2-td) 4th (Q)
Vs. Falcons
12 6 times. Last time, Ken Willard, S. F., Dec. 10, 1972 (2-td) 4th (Q)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Falcon Career
22 Art Malone, 1970-73 (16-r, 6-p)*
Most Touchdowns, Season
11 Eddie Ray, 1973 (9-r, 2-p)



Most Touchdowns, Rookie Season
6 Ken Burrow, 1971 (6-p)

Most Touchdowns, Game
2 31 times. Last time, Eddie Ray and Ken Burrow, vs. Phil., Nov. 11, 1973
Vs. Falcons
4. Dan Reeves, Dall., Nov. 5, 1967 (2-r, 2-p) Roy Jefferson, Pitt., Nov. 3, 1968 (4-p) (AS)

Most Consecutive Games Scoring Touchdowns
3 Jim Butler, 1969
Jim Mitchell, 1970, 1971
Art Malone, 1971-72
Eddie Ray, 1973

POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN

Most Points After Touchdown Attempted, Falcon Career
64 Bill Bell, 1971-72

Most Points After Touchdown Attempted, Season
34 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

Most Points After Touchdown Attempted, Game
8 Nick Mike-Mayer, vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Vs. Falcons
8 Don Chandler, G.B., Oct. 23, 1966

Most Points After Touchdown, Falcon Career
60 Bill Bell, 1971-72

Most Points After Touchdown, Season
34 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

Most Points After Touchdown, Game
8 Nick Mike-Mayer, vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Vs. Falcons
8 Don Chandler, G.B., Oct. 23, 1966

Most Consecutive Points After Touchdown
40 Bill Bell, 1971-72

Most Points After Touchdown (no misses), Season
34 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

Most Points After Touchdown (no misses), Game
8 Nick Mike-Mayer, vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Vs. Falcons
8 Don Chandler, G.B., Oct. 23, 1966

FIELD GOALS

Most Field Goals Attempted, Falcon Career
51 Bob Etter, 1968-69
Bill Bell, 1971-72

Most Field Goals Attempted, Season
38 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

Most Field Goals Attempted, Game
5 Nick Mike-Mayer, vs. L.A., Nov. 4, 1973 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
7 Jim Bakken, St. L., Dec. 11, 1966 (AS)
Jim Bakken, St. L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)

Most Field Goals, Falcon Career
29 Bill Bell, 1971-72

Most Field Goals, Season
26 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

Most Field Goals, Game
5 Nick Mike-Mayer, vs. L.A. Nov. 4, 1973 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
6 Jim Bakken, St. L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)

Most Consecutive Games, Field Goals
8 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

Most Consecutive Field Goals
8 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

Longest Field Goal
52 Nick Mike-Mayer, vs. S.F., Oct. 28, 1973
Vs. Falcons
51 Bobby Howfield, Den., Oct. 18, 1970
Horst Muhlmann, Cinn., Nov. 7, 1971

Highest Completion Percentage, Season (14 attempts)
68.4 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973 (38-26)

RUSHING

Most Attempts, Falcon Career
609 Jim Butler, 1968-71

Most Attempts, Season
263 Dave Hampton, 1973

Most Attempts, Game
30 Dave Hampton, vs. G.B., Oct. 22, 1972 (93 yards)
Vs. Falcons
29 Calvin Hill, Dall., Oct. 11, 1970 (117 yds)

RUSHING YARDAGE

Most Yards Gained, Falcon Career
2250 Jim Butler, 1968-71

Most Yards Gained, Season
997 Dave Hampton, 1973

Most Yards Gained, Game
161 Dave Hamption, vs. L.A., Oct. 1, 1972 (29 att) (AS)
Vs. Falcons
172 Gale Sayers, Chi., Nov. 27, 1966 (19)

Most Games, 100 Yds. or More, Rushing, Falcon Career
4 Wave Hampton, 1972-73*

Longest Run From Scrimmage
t66 Harmon Wages, vs. N.O., Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
65 Ernie Wheelwright, vs. L.A., Sept. 11, 1966 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
t73 Clint Jones, Minn., Nov. 28, 1971

AVERAGE GAIN RUSHING

Highest Average Gain, Falcon Career (100 attempts per season)
4.10 Art Malone, 1970-73 (416-1709)*

Highest Average Gain, Season (100 att)
4.43 Art Malone, 1972 (180-798)

Highest Average Gain, Game (10 att)
9.10 Art Malone, vs. S. F., Dec. 10, 1972 (10-91)
Vs. Falcons
9.05 Gale Sayers, Chi., Nov. 27, 1966 (19-172)

TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING

Most Touchdowns Rushing, Falcon Career
16 Art Malone, 1970-73*

Most Touchdowns Rushing, Season
9 Eddie Ray, 1973

Most Touchdowns Rushing, Game
2 12 times, Eddie Ray, vs. Phil., Nov. 11, 1973
Vs. Falcons
2 16 Times, Last time, Jim Braxton, Buff., Dec. 2, 1973 (AS)

Most Consecutive Games Rushing Touchdowns
2 Junior Coffey, 1966
Junior Coffey, 1967
Perry Lee Dunn, 1968
Sonny Campbell, 1970
Dave Hampton, 1972
Art Malone, 1972
Dave Hampton, 1973
Eddie Ray, 1973

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted, Falcon Career
1049 Bob Berry, 1968-72 (598 completions)
Most Passes Attempted, Season
295 Randy Johnson, 1966 (129 comp)
Most Passes Attempted, Game
44 Bob Berry, vs. G.B., Sept. 27, 1970 (28 comp)
Vs. Falcons
41 C. A. (Sonny) Jurgenson, Wash., Oct. 15, 1967 (28 comp) (AS)

COMPLETIONS

Most Passes Completed, Falcon Career
598 Bob Berry, 1968-72 (1049 attempts)
Most Passes Completed, Season
156 Bob Berry, 1970 (269 att)
Most Passes Completed, Game
28 Bob Berry, vs. G.B., Sept. 27, 1970 (44 att)
Vs. Falcons
28 C. A. (Sonny) Jurgensen, Wash., Oct. 15, 1967 (41 att) (AS)
Most Consecutive Passes Completed
10 Randy Johnson, vs. Det. (6), Nov. 9; vs. Chi. (4), Nov. 16, 1969 (AS)
Vs. Falcons (one game)
12 John Unitas, Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)

PASSING EFFICIENCY

Highest Passing Efficiency, Falcon Career (140 att per season)
57.0 Bob Berry, 1968-72 (1049-598)
Highest Passing Efficiency, Season (140 att)
60.2 Bob Berry, 1971 (226-136)
Highest Passing Efficiency, Game (20 att)
76.2 Bob Berry, vs. S.F., Sept. 19, 1971 (21-16) (AS)
Bob Berry, vs. G.B., Nov. 22, 1971 (21-16) (AS)
Vs. Falcons
85.0 John Unitas, Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (20-17) (AS)
John Brodie, S.F., Sept. 29, 1968 (20-17)

PASSING YARDAGE

Most Yards Gained, Falcon Career
8489 Bob Berry, 1968-72
Most Yards Gained, Season
2158 Bob Berry, 1972
Most Yards Gained, Game
309 Bob Berry, vs. Det., Oct. 3, 1971 (23-13)
Vs. Falcons
401 John Unitas, Balt., Sept. 17, 1967 (32-22)
Most Games, 300 Yds. or More, Passing, Falcon Career
3 Bob Berry, 1968-71
Longest Pass Completion
t88 Bob Berry (to Harmon Wages), vs. N.O., Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
84 Bob Berry (to Ken Burrow), vs. N.O., Dec. 19, 1971
t82 Randy Johnson (to Ray Ogden), vs. S.F., Dec. 10, 1967 (AS)
t75 Tom Moore (to Tommy McDonald), vs. Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
t89 Don Horn (to Carroll Dale), G.B., Sept. 27, 1970
t88 John Unitas (to Tom Matte), Balt., Sept. 17, 1968
Shortest Pass Completion for Touchdown
1 Bob Berry (to Jim Butler), vs. L.A., Oct. 17, 1971 (AS)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Most Touchdown Passes, Falcon Career
57 Bob Berry, 1968-72
Most Touchdown Passes, Season
16 Bob Berry, 1970
Most Touchdown Passes, Game
4 Randy Johnson, vs. Chi., Nov. 16, 1969 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
4 Frank Ryan, Clev., Oct. 30, 1966 (AS)
John Unitas, Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)
Most Consecutive Games, Touchdown Passes
8 Bob Berry, 1970

PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED

Fewest Passes Had Intercepted, Falcon Career (140 att per season)
59 Bob Berry, 1968-72 (1049 att)
8 Bob Lee, 1973 (230 att)
Most Passes Had Intercepted, Falcon Career
65 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
Fewest Passes Had Intercepted, Season (140 att)
8 Bob Lee, 1973 (230 att)
Most Passes Had Intercepted, Season
21 Randy Johnson, 1966
Randy Johnson, 1967
Most Passes Had Intercepted, Game
4 Five times. Last Time, Bob Berry, vs. St. L. Oct. 10, 1971 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
5 Bob Berry, Minn., Dec. 4, 1966
Archie Manning, N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Most Consecutive Passes Attempted, None Intercepted
113 Bob Berry, 1969

RECEIVING

Most Pass Receptions, Falcon Career
159 Jim Mitchell, 1969-73*
Most Pass Receptions, Season
50 Art Malone, 1972 (585 yards)
Most Pass Receptions, Game
9 Alex Hawkins, vs. Phil., Sept. 18, 1966 (144 yds)
Harmon Wages, vs. Balt., Dec. 1, 1968 (56 yds)
Paul Flatley, vs. L.A., Nov. 22, 1970 (92 yds) (AS)
Vs. Falcons
11 Dick Witcher, S.F., Dec. 10, 1967 (186 yds) (AS)
Roy Jefferson, Pitt., Nov. 3, 1968 (199 yds) (AS)
Most Consecutive Games, Pass Receptions
18 Paul Flatley, 1968-69
Art Malone, 1972-73

YARDAGE RECEIVING

Most Yards Gained, Falcon Career
2462 Jim Mitchell, 1969-73*
Most Yards Gained, Season
834 Paul Flatley, 1969 (45 receptions)
Most Yards Gained, Game
190 Ken Burrow, vs. Det., Oct. 3, 1971 (6)
Ken Burrow, vs. N.C., Dec. 19, 1971 (8)
Vs. Falcons
199 Roy Jefferson, Pitt., Nov. 3, 1968 (11) (AS)
Longest Pass Reception
t88 Harmon Wages (Bob Berry), vs. N.O., Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
84 Ken Burrow (Bob Berry), vs. N.O., Dec. 19, 1971
t82 Ray Ogden (Randy Johnson), vs. S.F., Dec. 10, 1967 (AS)



t75 Tommy McDonald (Tom Moore), vs. Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)

Vs. Falcons

t89 Carroll Dale (Don Horn), G.B., Sept. 27, 1970

t88 Tom Matte (John Unitas), Balt., Sept. 17, 1967

AVERAGE GAIN RECEIVING

Highest Average Gain, Season (35 receptions)

18.5 Paul Flatley, 1969 (45)

TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING

Most Touchdown Passes, Falcon Career

19 Jim Mitchell, 1969-72*

Most Touchdown Passes, Season

7 Ken Burrow, 1973

Most Touchdown Passes, Game

2 14 times. Last time, Ken Burrow, vs. Phil., Nov. 11, 1973

4 Roy Jefferson, Pitt., Nov. 3, 1968 (AS)

Most Consecutive Games, Touchdown Passes

3 Jim Mitchell, 1970

INTERCEPTIONS BY

Most Interceptions by, Falcon Career

29 Ken Reaves, 1966-73*

Most Interceptions by, Season

7 Ken Reaves, 1967

Most Interceptions by, Game

2 18 times. Last time, Ray Brown, vs. N.Y. Jets, Nov. 25, 1973

Vs. Falcons

3 Paul Martha, Den., Oct. 18, 1970

Most Consecutive Games, Passes Intercepted by

4 Ken Reaves (Last 3 games 1970, first game 1971)

INTERCEPTION YARDAGE

Most Yards Gained, Falcon Career

439 Ken Reaves, 1966-73*

Most Yards Gained, Season

153 Ken Reaves, 1967

Most Yards Gained, Game

90 Ken Reaves, vs L.A., Oct. 20, 1968 (1 int)

Longest Gain

t90 Ken Reaves, vs. L.A., Oct. 20, 1968

81 Rolland Lawrence, vs. S. D., Oct. 21, 1973

t77 Lee Calland, vs. Balt., Sept. 17, 1967

Vs. Falcons

t80 Herb Adderley, G.B.. Oct. 26, 1969

TOUCHDOWNS ON INTERCEPTIONS

Most Touchdowns, Falcon Career

2 Tom Hayes, 1971-73*

Most Touchdowns, Season

2 Tom Hayes, 1973

Most Touchdowns, Game

1 Nine times. Last time, Tom Hayes, vs. St. L. Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)

Vs. Falcons

1 By many players

PUNTING

Most Seasons Leading League

2 Billy Lothridge, 1967-68

Most Punts, Falcon Career
424 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
Most Punts, Season
87 Billy Lothridge, 1967
Most Punts, Game
10 Billy Lothridge, vs. Minn., Dec. 21, 1969 (AS)
John James, vs. S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
8 Herman Weaver, Det., Oct. 1, 1973
Tom Wittum, S.F., Oct. 28, 1973
Longest Punt
72 John James, vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Vs. Falcons
71 Steve O'Neal, N.O., Sept. 16, 1973

AVERAGE YARDAGE PUNTING

Highest Punting Average, Falcon Career
42.67 John James, 1972-73 (124)*
41.33 Billy Lothridge 1966-71 (424)
Highest Punting Average, Season (35 punts)
44.32 Billy Lothridge, 1968 (75)
Highest Punting Average, Game (4 punts)
50.00 Billy Lothridge, vs. Balt., Sept. 17, 1967 (4)
Vs. Falcons
50.8 Dave Chapple, L.A., Nov. 4, 1973 (5)

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns, Falcon Career
50 Ray Brown, 1971-73*
Most Punt Returns, Season
40 Ray Brown, 1973
Most Punt Returns, Game
5 Ray Brown, vs. S.F., Oct. 7, 1973 (AS)
Ray Brown, vs. Buff, Dec. 2, 1973 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
9 Ralph McGill, S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)

FAIR CATCHES

Most Fair Catches, Season
16 Jimmy Burson, 1968
Most Fair Catches, Game
3 Jimmy Burson, vs. L.A., Oct. 20, 1968
Jimmy Burson, vs. S.F., Dec. 15, 1968 (AS)
Ray Brown, vs. Hou., Dec. 3, 1972 (AS)
Ray Brown, vs. N.O., Dec. 16, 1973 (AS)

YARDAGE RETURNING PUNTS

Most Yards Gained, Falcon Career
434 Ray Brown, 1971-73*
Most Yards Gained, Season
360 Ray Brown, 1973
Most Yards Gained, Game
104 Ray Brown, vs. Phil., Nov. 11, 1973 (4 returns)
Vs. Falcons
109 Ralph McGill, S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (9 returns) (AS)
Longest Punt Return
t77 Tom McCauley, vs. N.O., Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
t77 Donny Anderson, G.B., Oct. 23, 1966

AVERAGE YARDAGE RETURNING PUNTS

Highest Average, Falcon Career (14 per season)
8.7 Ray Brown, 1971-73 (50)*
Highest Average, Season (14 returns)
11.94 John Mallory, 1970 (17)



Highest Average, Game (3 returns)
26.0 Ray Brown, vs. Phil., Nov. 11, 1973 (4)
Vs. Falcons
24.33 Chuck Latourette, St.L., Nov. 24, 1968

TOUCHDOWNS RETURNING PUNTS

Most Touchdowns, Falcon Career
1 Tom McCauley, 1969-70
John Mallory, 1969-70
Most Touchdowns, Season
1 Tom McCauley, 1970
John Mallory, 1970
Most Touchdowns, Game
1 Tom McCauley, vs. N.O., Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
John Mallory, vs. Minn., Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
1 Donny Anderson, G.B., Oct. 23, 1966

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns, Falcon Career
82 Ron Smith, 1966-67
Most Kickoff Returns, Season
43 Ron Smith, 1966
Most Kickoff Returns, Game
7 Ron Smith, vs. G.B., Oct. 23, 1966
Ron Smith, vs. Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
6 Margene Adkins, N.O.. Nov. 12, 1972 (AS)
Kermit Alexander, Phil., Nov. 11, 1973

YARDAGE RETURNING KICKOFFS

Most Yards Gained, Falcon Career
1989 Ron Smith, 1966-67 (82 returns)
Most Yards Gained, Season
1013 Ron Smith, 1966 (43 returns)
Most Yards Gained, Game
177 Ron Smith, vs. Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (7) (AS)
Vs. Falcons
151 Mike Garrett, S.D., Oct. 14, 1973 (4)
Longest Kickoff Return
t99 Ron Smith, vs. Balt., Sept. 17, 1967
Vs. Falcons
t98 Vic Washington, S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)

AVERAGE YARDAGE RETURNING KICKOFFS

Highest Average, Falcon Career (14 per season)
24.26 Ron Smith, 1966-67 (82 returns)
Highest Average, Season (14 returns)
25.21 Willie Belton, 1971 (28 returns)
Highest Average, Game (3 returns)
46.33 Ron Smith, vs. Balt., Sept. 17, 1967 (3)
Vs. Falcons
41.66 Ron Jessie, Det., Oct. 3, 1971 (3)

TOUCHDOWNS RETURNING KICKOFFS

Most Touchdowns, Falcon Career
1 Ron Smith, 1966-67
Malcolm Snider, 1969-71
Most Touchdowns, Season
1 Ron Smith, 1967
Malcolm Snider, 1969

Most Touchdowns, Game
1 Ron Smith, vs. Balt., Sept. 17, 1967
Malcolm Snider, vs. Chi., Nov. 16, 1969 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
1 Jim Duncan, Balt., Oct. 5, 1969 (AS)
Bobby Williams, Det., Nov. 9, 1969
Cecil Turner, Chi., Nov. 1, 1970 (AS)
Ron Jessie, Det., Oct. 3, 1971
Vic Washington, S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles, Falcon Career
28 Bob Berry, 1968-72
Most Fumbles, Season
13 Randy Johnson, 1966
Most Fumbles, Game
4 Jim Butler, vs. S.F., Oct. 4, 1970 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
2 By many players

MISCELLANEOUS

Longest Fumble Run
t74 Jim Weatherford, vs. S.F., Oct. 19, 1969
Vs. Falcons
t97 Chuck Howley, Dall., Oct. 2, 1966 (AS)
Most Yards Returned Missed Field Goal
37 Ron Smith, vs. Balt., Nov. 13, 1966 (AS)
Most Blocked Punts Recovered for Touchdown
1 Ron Acks, vs. N.O., Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)

Team Records: Offense

(AS) — established in Atlanta Stadium

GAMES

Most Games Won, Season
9 1973
Fewest Games Won, Season
1 1967
Most Games Without Defeat, Season
9 1973
Most Consecutive Games Without Defeat
7 1973 (Won 7)
Most Consecutive Victories
7 1973

SCORING

Most Points, Season
318 1973
Most Points, Game
62 Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Vs. Falcons
57 Pitt., Dec,. 18, 1966 (AS)
Fewest Points, Game
0 Vs. G.B., Oct. 1, 1967 (23-0)
Vs. Balt., Dec. 1, 1968 (44-0)
Vs. Dall., Oct. 11, 1970 (13-0)
Vs. S.F., Dec. 10, 1972 (20-0)
Vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973 (31-0)
Vs. Falcons
0 S.D., Oct. 21, 1973 (41-0)



Most Points, Both Teams, Game
90 Atlanta (33) vs. Pitt. (57), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)

Number of Ties, All-Time
4 Last tie, vs. L.A., Sept. 26, 1971 (20-20)

Number of Shutouts by Falcons
1 Vs. S.D., Oct. 21, 1973 (41-0)
Vs. Falcons
5 G.B., Oct. 1, 1967 (23-0)
Balt., Dec. 1, 1968 (44-0)
Dall., Oct. 11, 1970 (13-0)
S.F., Dec. 10, 1972 (20-0)
L.A., Sept. 23, 1973 (31-0)

Largest Point Margin in Victory
55 Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973 (62-7)
Vs. Falcons
53 G.B., Oct. 23, 1966 (56-3)

Smallest Point Margin in Victory
1 Vs. Minn., Oct. 29, 1967 (21-20) (AS)
Vs. S.F., Oct. 4, 1970 (21-20) (AS)
Vs. G. B., Oct. 22, 1972 (10-9)
Vs. Falcons
1 N. E., Sept. 24, 1972 (21-20)

Most Points, First Half
31 vs. Chi., Sept. 17, 1972

Most Points, Second Half
38 Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973

Most Points, One Quarter
24 Vs. Chi., Sept. 17, 1972
Vs. N.O., (2Q), Sept. 16, 1973
Vs. Phil., (4Q), Nov. 11, 1973
Vs. Falcons
28 Minn. (2Q), Sept. 14, 1968

Most Points, Both Teams, One Quarter
35 Atlanta (14) vs. Pitt. (21), Dec. 18, 1966 (3Q) (AS)

Most Points, Each Quarter
1st: 14 Four times. Last time, vs. Clev., Oct. 31, 1971
2nd: 24 Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
3rd: 21 Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Vs. Chi., Oct. 14, 1973 (AS)
4th: 24 Vs. Phil., Nov. 11, 1973
Vs. Falcons
1st: 24 Phil., Oct. 8, 1967 (AS)
2nd: 28 Minn., Sept. 14, 1968
3rd: 21 Pitt., Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
G.B., Oct. 6, 1968 (AS)
4th: 24 L.A., Nov. 19, 1967 (AS)

Most Points, Both Teams, Each Quarter
1st: 24 Atlanta (0) vs. Phil. (24), Oct. 8, 1967 (AS)
2nd: 31 Atlanta (17) vs. Det. (14), Oct. 3, 1971
3rd: 35 Atlanta (14) vs. Pitt. (21), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
4th: 31 Atlanta (24) vs. Phil. (7), Nov. 11, 1973

Most Consecutive Games Scoring
36 1970-72

Most Touchdowns, Season
34 1971, 1973

Most Touchdowns, Game
8 Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Vs. Falcons
8 G.B., Oct. 23, 1966

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game
12 Atlanta (5) vs. Pitt. (7), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)

Most Points After Touchdown, Season
34 1973

Most Points After Touchdown, Game
8 Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Vs. Falcons
8 G.B., Oct. 23, 1966

Most Points After Touchdown, Both Teams, Game
10 Atlanta (6) vs. Chi. (4), Nov. 16, 1969 (AS)
Atlanta (5) vs. Det. (5), Oct. 3, 1971

Most Field Goals Attempted, Season
38 1973

Most Field Goals Attempted, Game
6 Vs. S.F., Oct. 7, 1973 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
7 St.L., Dec. 11, 1966 (AS)
St.L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)

Most Field Goals Attempted, Both Teams, Game
10 Atlanta (3) vs. St.L., (7), Dec. 11, 1966 (AS)

Most Field Goals, Season
26 1973

Most Field Goals, Game
5 Vs. L.A., Nov. 4, 1973 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
6 St.L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)

Most Field Goals, Both Teams, Game
7 Atlanta (5) vs. L.A. (2), Nov. 4, 1973 (AS)

Most Consecutive Games Scoring Field Goals
8 1973

FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs, Season
240 1973

Fewest First Downs, Season
174 1968

Most First Downs, Games
32 Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Vs. Falcons
30 Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)

Fewest First Downs, Game
2 Vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973
Vs. Falcons
7 G.B., Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)

Most First Downs, Both Teams, Game
45 Atlanta (19) vs. Wash. (26), Oct. 9, 1966
Atlanta (23) vs. Clev. (22), Oct. 30, 1966 (AS)
Atlanta (18) vs. Pitt. (27), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
Atlanta (21) vs. N.O. (24), Nov. 26, 1967
Atlanta (19) vs. G.B. (26), Oct. 26, 1969

Fewest First Downs, Both Teams, Game
14 Atlanta (5) vs. Minn. (9), Dec. 21, 1969 (AS)

Most First Downs, Rushing, Season
123 1973

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season
68 1967

Most First Downs, Rushing, Game
19 Vs. N.O., Oct. 24, 1971 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
16 G.B., Oct. 26, 1969

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game
1 Vs. Minn., Nov. 28, 1971
Vs. Falcons
3 Six times. Last time, S.F., Oct. 28, 1973

Most First Downs, Passing, Season
110 1970

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season
89 1969



Most First Downs, Passing, Game
15 Vs. G.B., Sept. 27, 1970
Vs. Falcons
17 G.B., Oct. 6, 1968 (AS)
Fewest First Downs, Passing, Game
0 Vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973
Vs. Falcons
1 N.O., Oct. 15, 1972
St.L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)
Most First Downs, Penalty, Season
23 1969
Fewest First Downs, Penalty, Season
9 1968
Most First Downs, Penalty, Game
4 Six times. Last time, vs. S.D., Oct. 21, 1973
Vs. Falcons
6 S.F., Dec. 6, 1970

THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY

Most Third Down Conversions, Season
101 1968
95 1972
Most Third Down Conversions, Game
12 Vs. Clev., Oct. 31, 1971
Vs. Falcons
12 Three times. Last time, K.C., Dec. 17, 1972
Fewest Third Down Conversions, Season
55 1967
Vs. Falcons
74 1973
Fewest Third Down Conversions, Game
1 Four times. Last time, vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973
Vs. Falcons
2 Four times. Last time, N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Highest Percentage of Third Down Conversions, Season
45.9 1972
Vs. Falcons
49.8 1968
Highest Percentage of Third Down Conversions, Game
76.9 Vs. S.D., Oct. 21, 1973
Vs. Falcons
76.9 S.F., Oct. 10, 1966
Lowest Percentage of Third Down Conversions, Season
29.6 1967
Vs. Falcons
35.1 1973
Lowest Percentage of Third Down Conversions, Game
7.7 Minn., Dec. 21, 1969
Vs. Falcons
16.7 Two times. Last time, Cincinnati, Nov. 7, 1971

NET YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Season
4038 1973
Fewest Yards Gained, Season
3013 1967
Most Yards Gained, Game
496 Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973 (218-r, 278-p)
Vs. Falcons
595 Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (169-r, 426-p) (AS)
Fewest Yards Gained, Game
58 Vs. G.B., Oct. 1, 1967 (39-r, 19-p)
Vs. Falcons

121 N.O., Oct. 15, 1972 (101-r, 20-p)

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game
829 Atlanta (321) vs. Clev. (508), Oct. 30, 1966 (AS)

Fewest Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game
278 Atlanta (111) vs. Minn. (167), Dec. 21, 1969 (AS)

RUSHING

Most Rushing Attempts, Season
518 1973

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Season
344 1967

Most Rushing Attempts, Game
55 Vs. G.B., Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
60 St.L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Game
14 Vs. Dall., Nov. 5, 1967
Vs. Falcons
15 N.O., Oct. 24, 1971 (AS)

Most Rushing Attempts, Both Teams, Game
86 Atlanta (32) vs. Dall. (54), Oct. 11, 1970
Atlanta (32) Vs. Buff. (54), Dec. 2, 1973 (AS)
Atlanta (47) vs. N.O. (39), Dec. 16, 1973 (AS)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Both Teams, Game
49 Atlanta (18) vs. Den. (31), Oct. 18, 1970

Most Yards Gained, Rushing, Season
2092 1972

Fewest Yards Gained, Rushing, Season
1303 1967

Most Yards Gained, Rushing, Game
297 Vs. L.A., Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
299 Chi., Nov. 27, 1966

Fewest Yards Gained, Rushing, Game
32 Vs. L.A., Oct. 20, 1968
Vs. Falcons
58 N.O., Oct. 24, 1971 (AS)

Most Yards Gained Rushing, Both Teams, Game
417 Atlanta (204) vs. Clev. (213), Oct. 30, 1966 (AS)

Fewest Yards Gained Rushing, Both Teams, Game
164 Atlanta (56) vs. Balt. (108), Dec. 1, 1968

Highest Average Gain Rushing, Season
4.5 1969

Most Touchdowns Rushing, Season
18 1973

Most Touchdowns Rushing, Game
5 Vs. S.D., Oct. 21, 1973
Vs. Falcons
4 Pitt., Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
Det., Oct. 1, 1973

Most Touchdowns Rushing, Both Teams, Game
5 Atlanta (1) vs. Pitt. (4), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
Atlanta (5) vs. S.D. (0), Oct. 21, 1973

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted, Season
381 1966 (175-comp)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Season
282 1969 (149-comp)

Most Passes Attempted, Game
44 Vs. G.B., Sept. 27, 1970 (28-comp)
Vs. Falcons
42 Wash., Oct. 15, 1967 (29-comp) (AS)
S.F., Oct. 19, 1969 (26-comp)



Fewest Passes Attempted, Game
9 Vs. Chi., Sept. 17, 1972
Vs. L.A., Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
Vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973
Vs. Falcons
8 G.B., Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)

Most Passes Attempted, Both Teams, Game
72 Atlanta (30) vs. Wash. (42), Oct. 15, 1967 (AS)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Both Teams, Game
21 Atlanta (9) vs. Chi. (12), Sept. 17, 1972

Most Passes Completed, Season
197 1970 (342-att)

Fewest Passes Completed, Season
149 1969 (282-att)

Most Passes Completed, Game
28 Vs. G.B., Sept. 27, 1970 (44-att)
Vs. Falcons
29 Wash., Oct. 15, 1967 (42-att) (AS)

Fewest Passes Completed, Game
2 Vs. L.A., Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
Vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973
Vs. Falcons
2 St.L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)

Most Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game
47 Atlanta (18) vs. Wash. (29), Oct. 15, 1967 (AS)

Fewest Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game
10 Atlanta (6) vs. Minn. (4), Dec. 21, 1969 (AS)
Atlanta (6) vs. Chi. (4), Sept. 17, 1972
Atlanta (8) vs. St.L. (2), Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)

Most Yards Gained Passing, Season (Net)
2256 1971

Fewest Yards Gained Passing, Season (Net)
1710 1967

Most Yards Gained Passing, Game (Net)
295 Vs. Det., Oct. 3, 1971
Vs. Falcons
426 Balt.. Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)

Fewest Yards Gained Passing, Game (Net)
4 Vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973
Vs. Falcons
9 St.L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)

Most Yards Gained Passing, Both Teams, Game (Net)
623 Atlanta (291) vs. Pitt. (332), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)

Fewest Yards Gained Passing, Both Teams, Game (Net)
83 Atlanta (44) vs. Dall. (39), Oct. 11, 1970

Most Times Tackled Attempting Passes, Season
70 1968

Fewest Times Tackled Attempting Passes, Season
31 1971

Most Times Tackled Attempting Passes, Game
11 Vs. St.L., Nov. 24, 1968
Vs. Falcons
7 N.Y., Nov. 20, 1966

Most Times Tackled Attempting Passes, Both Teams, Game
13 Atlanta (11) vs. St.L. (2), Nov. 24, 1968
Atlanta (10) vs. Det. (3), Dec. 8, 1968 (AS)

Most Touchdowns Passing, Season
20 1969

Fewest Touchdowns Passing, Season
9 1968

Most Touchdowns Passing Game
4 Vs. Pitt., Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
Vs. Chi., Nov. 16, 1969 (AS)
Vs. N.O., Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Vs. Falcons
6 Clev., Oct. 30, 1966 (AS)

Most Touchdowns Passing, Both Teams, Game
7 Atlanta (1) vs. Clev. (6), Oct. 30, 1966 (AS)
Atlanta (3) vs. Pitt. (4), Nov. 3, 1968 (AS)
Most Passes Had Intercepted, Season
27 1966 (381-att)
Fewest Passes Had Intercepted, Season
12 1969 (282 att)
1973 (320 att)
Most Passes Had Intercepted, Game
6 Vs. L.A., Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
6 N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
Most Passes Had Intercepted, Both Teams, Game
7 Atlanta (5) vs. Balt, (2), Nov. 13, 1966 (AS)
Atlanta (2) vs. Pitt. (5), Dec. 13, 1970 (AS)
Atlanta (6) vs. L.A. (1), Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)

PUNTING

Most Punts, Season
87 1967
Fewest Punts, Season
60 1971
Most Punts, Game
10 Vs. Minn., Dec. 21, 1969 (AS)
Vs. S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
8 Det., Oct. 1, 1973
S.F., Oct. 28, 1973
Fewest Punts, Game
1 Vs. Det., Oct. 3, 1971
Vs. Falcons
1 By many teams
Highest Punting Average, Season
44.32 1968

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punting Returns, Season
48 1973
Most Punt Returns, Game
6 Vs. S.F., Oct. 28, 1973
Vs. Falcons
9 S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)
Most Fair Catches, Season
16 1968, 1972
Fewest Fair Catches, Season
4 1966
Most Fair Catches, Game
3 Five times. Last time, vs. N.O., Dec. 16, 1973 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
6 Minn., Nov. 28, 1971
Most Yards Gained Punt Returns, Season
429 1973
Most Yards Gained Punt Returns, Game
104 Vs. Phil., Nov. 11, 1973
Vs. Falcons
109 S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)
Highest Average, Punt Returns, Season
10.47 1970
Most Touchdowns Punt Returns, Season
2 1970
Most Touchdowns, Punt Returns, Game
1 Vs. N.O., Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
Vs. Minn., Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
1 G.B., Oct. 23, 1966



KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns, Season
82 1966
Most Kickoff Returns, Game
10 Vs. Pitt., Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
8 N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
S.D., Oct. 21, 1973
Most Yards Gained Kickoff Returns, Season
1737 1966
Most Yards Gained Kickoff Returns, Game
209 Vs. Pitt., Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
242 S.D., Oct. 21, 1973
Highest Average Kickoff Returns, Season
25.0 1971
Most Touchdowns Kickoff Returns, Season
1 1967, 1969

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles, Season
42 1972
Fewest Fumbles, Season
20 1967
Most Fumbles, Game
7 Vs. L.A., Sept. 28, 1969
Vs. Falcons
5 Balt., Oct. 5, 1969 (AS)
Chi., Nov. 16, 1969 (AS)
Minn., Dec. 21, 1969 (AS)
St.L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)
Most Fumbles Lost, Season
23 1973
Fewest Fumbles Lost, Season
14 1967
Most Fumbles Lost, Game
5 Vs. N.O., Oct. 15, 1972

PENALTIES

Most Penalties, Season
88 1967 (866 yds)
Fewest Penalties, Season
63 1968 (659 yds)
1969 (601 yds)
Most Penalties, Game
11 Vs. N.O., Oct 24, 1971 (AS)
Vs. Falcons
11 L.A., Nov. 19, 1967 (135 yds) (AS)
N.O., Oct. 25, 1970 (89 yds (AS)
Chi., Nov. 1, 1970 (65 yds) (AS)
Fewest Penalties, Game
1 Vs. Chi., Nov. 16, 1969 (AS)
Vs. S.F., Dec. 10, 1972
Vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973
Vs. Falcons
0 Minn., Nov. 28, 1971
Most Yards Penalized, Season
866 1967 (88 pen)
Fewest Yards Penalized, Season
593 1973 (65 pen)
Most Yards Penalized, Game
143 Vs. Phil., Nov. 15, 1970 (9 pen)
Vs. Falcons
135 L.A., Nov. 19, 1970 (11 pen) (AS)

Team Records: Defense

SCORING

Fewest Points Allowed, Season
224 1973

Most Points Allowed, Season
437 1966

Fewest Touchdowns Allowed, Season
24 1973

Most Touchdowns Allowed, Season
53 1967

FIRST DOWNS

Fewest First Downs Allowed, Season
211 1970, 1973

Most First Downs Allowed, Season
302 1968

Fewest First Downs Allowed, Rushing, Season
93 1970

Most First Downs Allowed, Rushing, Season
129 1968

Fewest First Downs Allowed, Passing, Season
83 1972

Most First Downs Allowed, Passing, Season
157 1968

NET YARDS ALLOWED

Fewest Yards Allowed, Season
3559 1973

Most Yards Allowed, Season
5531 1967

RUSHING

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Season
1722 1970

Most Yards Allowed, Rushing, Season
2235 1968

Fewest Touchdowns Allowed, Rushing, Season
12 1973

Most Touchdowns Allowed, Rushing, Season
20 1966

PASSING

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Passing, Season
1430 1973

Most Net Yards Allowed, Passing, Season
3392 1967

Most Opponents Tackled Attempting Passes, Season
34 1966

Fewest Touchdowns Allowed, Passing, Season
9 1971

Most Touchdowns Allowed, Passing, Season
31 1967



INTERCEPTIONS BY

Most Passes Intercepted by, Season
22 1973 (opp att-324)

Fewest Passes Intercepted by, Season
14 1968 (opp att-389)

Most Consecutive Games, 1 or More Interceptions by
8 1971

Most Yards Gained, Interceptions, Season
528 1973 (22)

Most Yards Gained, Interceptions, Game
182 Vs. S.D., Oct. 21, 1973 (4)

Most Touchdowns, Interception Returns, Season
2 1967, 1968, 1973

Most Touchdowns, Interception Returns, Game
1 Eight times, Last time, vs. St.L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)

ALL-TIME LEADERS

Rushing—Jim Butler, 1968-71, 2250 yds., 609 att., 3.7 avg., 7 TDs.
Passing—Bob Berry, 1968-72, 1049 att., 598 comp., 8489 yds., 57 TDs.
Receiving—Jim Mitchell, 1973, 159, 2462, 15.5 avg., 19 TDs.
Punting—John James, 1972-73, 42.7 avg., 104 punts.
Scoring—Bill Bell, 1971-72, 147 pts., 60-64 XPs, 29x51 FGs.
Interceptions—Ken Reaves, 1966-73, 29 int., 439 yds., 15.1 avg., 1 TD.
Punt Returns—Ray Brown, 1971-73, 8.7 avg., 50 ret., 434 yds., 0 TDs.
Kickoff Returns—Ron Smith, 24.3 avg., 82 ret., 1989 yds., 1 TD.



Play-by-play man Jack Hurst (L) welcomes Billy Lothridge to broadcast team.

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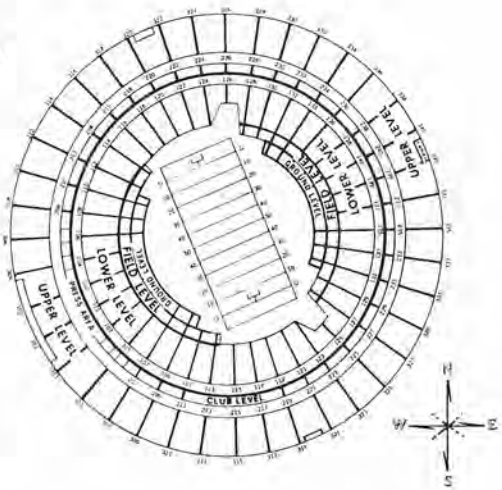
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Fitzgerald	WBHB-AM	1240 kc		
Gainesville	WDUN-AM	1240 kc	WDUN-FM	106.7 mc
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Griffin	WGRI-AM	1410 kc		
Hawkinsville	WCEH-AM	610 kc	WCEH-FM	103.9 mc
Madison	WYTH-AM	1250 kc		
Rome	WRGA-AM	1470 kc		
Toccoa	WNEG-AM	630 kc		
Vidalia	WVOP-AM	970 kc	WVOP-FM	97.7 mc
Alabama				
Opelika	WJHO-AM	1400 kc		
South Carolina				
Greenville	WMRB-AM	1490 kc		

Atlanta Stadium

Groundbreaking Apr. 15, 1964
19.4 acres on 62-acre site
58,850 football seats
52,884 baseball seats
9200 tons of steel
40,000 cu. yds. concrete
Diameter 750.5 feet
Roof 145 feet high
36 concession stands
44 restrooms
4000 parking spaces
Cost $18,000,000
Completed in 1966
Playing surface: grass



Seating for Falcon Games

Ground Level	1,860
Field Level	3,094
Lower Level	25,411
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Upper Level	25,689

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Falcon office (803) 246-8140
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Camp Report Dates

July 19—Veterans and rookies
July 20—Physicals
July 21—Fan Day

Cut Down Dates

Aug. 6—60 players
Aug. 27—49 players
Sept. 3—44 players
Sept. 9—40 players (Also date interconference trading ends)
Dec. 2—Injured reserve players resume practice
Dec. 14—Post-season rosters frozen.
Jan. 13—Intraconference trading resumes
Jan. 20—Interconference trading resumes
Jan. 28-29—NFL Players Draft

Postseason Playing Dates

Dec. 21, 1974—NFC Divisional Playoff Games
Dec. 21, 1974—AFC Divisional Playoff Games
Dec. 29, 1974—NFC Championship Game
Dec. 29, 1974—AFC Championship Game
Sunday, Jan. 12, 1975—Super Bowl IX, Tulane Stadium, New Orleans, La.
Monday, Jan. 20, 1975—NFC-AFC Pro Bowl Game, Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla.



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