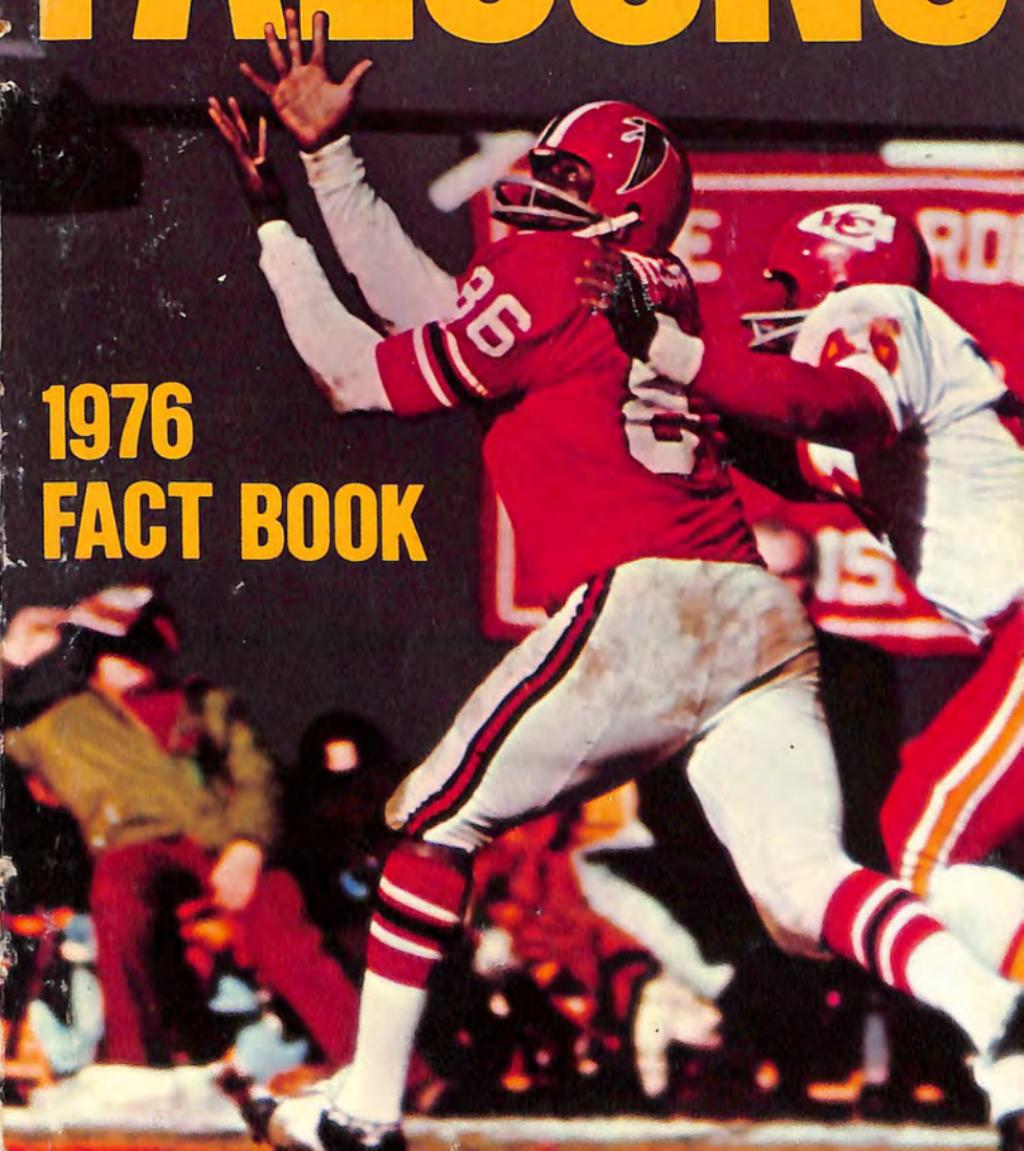


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## 1976 Falcons Schedule

### PRESEASON

SAT. JULY 31	8:00 PM	WASHINGTON REDSKINS at Atlanta
SAT. AUG. 7	3:30 PM	CLEVELAND BROWNS at Stillwater, Okla.
SAT. AUG. 14	8:00 PM	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS at Jacksonville, Fla.
SAT. AUG. 21	8:00 PM	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS at Atlanta
SAT. AUG. 28	8:00 PM	BALTIMORE COLTS at Atlanta
FRI. SEPT. 3	8:00 PM	GREEN BAY PACKERS at Milwaukee, Wisc.

### REGULAR CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

SUN. SEPT. 12	1:00 PM	LOS ANGELES RAMS at Atlanta
SUN. SEPT. 19	1:00 PM	DETROIT LIONS at Detroit
SUN. SEPT. 26	1:00 PM	CHICAGO BEARS at Chicago
SUN. OCT. 3	1:00 PM	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES at Atlanta
SUN. OCT. 10	1:00 PM	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS at New Orleans
SUN. OCT. 17	1:00 PM	CLEVELAND BROWNS at Atlanta
SAT. OCT. 23	7:00 PM	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at San Francisco
SUN. OCT. 31	1:00 PM	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS at Atlanta
SUN. NOV. 7	1:00 PM	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS at Seattle
SUN. NOV. 14	1:00 PM	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at Atlanta
SUN. NOV. 21	1:00 PM	DALLAS COWBOYS at Atlanta
SUN. NOV. 28	1:00 PM	HOUSTON OILERS at Houston
SAT. DEC. 4	12:30 PM	LOS ANGELES RAMS at Los Angeles
SUN. DEC. 12	1:00 PM	GREEN BAY PACKERS at Atlanta

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Jewelry has not really been an important accessory of the man's wardrobe in some time. Rankin M. Smith, Sr., gave up on it—save a favorite watch he has worn for years—in 1965. He even pulled off his University of Georgia class ring. "I did it because I have always wanted one of those," he said, pointing to General Manager Pat Peppler's Super Bowl championship ring. "And some day—some day soon, I hope—we (the Falcons) will have one, too." Sliding such a ring on his finger, he admits, is one of the greatest ambitions of his life. "We owe it to our fans to play winning football and, hopefully, give them a championship. No fans in football deserve that more. That knowledge is now—and will continue to be—foremost in the minds of everybody connected with our organization too." Smith, chairman of the board of the Falcons, likes—and wants—to win. That's part of his makeup. You don't become one of America's most successful insurance magnates without such drive and such an attitude. Smith, awarded an NFL franchise on June 30, 1965 for approximately \$8.5 million,

is a keen student of the game. He played at Bolles Academy in Jacksonville, Fla., before going to the University of Georgia. World War II interrupted any thoughts of playing for the Bulldogs. He was an Air Force combat pilot in the Western Pacific. Upon receiving his discharge, he became a debit agent in Hot Springs, Ark., for the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. His grandfather was one of the company's co-founders. The 51-year-old executive—born Oct. 29, 1925, in Atlanta—is today president and chief executive officer of Life of Georgia. The corporate name of the Falcons—the Five Smiths, Inc.—is in honor of his children: Rankin, Jr., 28, advertising sales manager of the Falcons; Mrs. Donald (Carroll Christine) Walraven, 27. Mrs. John O. (Dorothy Ann) Knox, 25; Taylor, 23, and, Nancy Karen, 18. Additional prides of Smith's life are his two grandsons, John O. and Bryan Knox, ages 5 and 3, respectively.





## FRANK E. WALL

PRESIDENT

When there is work to be done, Frank Elliott Wall is one of the most easily recognized men in professional football. He's the silver-haired gentleman with his sleeves already rolled up. That has been his posture ever since 1966, the year Atlanta joined the National Football League. And the days have seldom been long enough for him. He has been known to work well into the night, doing his part toward helping bring championship football to Falcon fans throughout the Southeast. "It is the dream of everyone connected with our organization," the man has said countless times, "to give our fans a winner. And we all have dedicated ourselves to the attainment of that goal." One of the most respected men in the NFL, Wall has been affiliated with the Falcons since their inception. During his career with the club, the 58-year-old executive has served as vice president and treasurer, general manager and president. One of eight Falcon stockholders, Wall, a Certified Public Accountant, has worked all his life. His first job was in the hot watermelon fields of South Georgia, laboring there for 50 cents a

day to help support himself and his widowed mother. Although he continued to work throughout his school days, he still found time to become a two-time all-state basketball forward at Pulaski, Ga., High School. He spent three and one-half years in combat throughout Europe with the medical corps during World War II. Born June 14, 1918, Wall and his wife, Jean, have four children. They are Christy, 16; Stacie, 5, and twins Tye and Jamie, 3.

## **PAT PEPLER**

### **GENERAL MANAGER**

Pat Peppler has been to more coronations than the tall, bearskin-capped Royal Palace Guards of London. And he's hopeful the next one he attends will be held in Atlanta. That is the goal he has feverishly been chasing since February, 1975, when he was named Falcons general manager. The 54-year-old Maryland native is openly blatant in his total disregard for the clock. He is usually always the first to work in the mornings and absolutely the last to leave in the evenings. Such was the total dedication he applied at both of his previous championship-filled jobs: Green Bay and Miami. He was director of player personnel and later assistant general manager for the Packers during the golden era of the late Vince Lombardi (1963-70). During this time he helped mold that club into the 1965 NFL champions and Super Bowl kings in 1967 and 1968. He became director of pro scouting at Miami in 1971. While there, the Dolphins won back-to-back Super Bowl championships (1973-74). Peppler, born April 16, 1922, in Baltimore, Md., is a graduate of Michigan State University. He won letters there in football, basketball and baseball. He began his professional athletic life in the late 1940s as a high school football coach in East Lansing, Mich. While there he led his teams to several league titles. In 1953, he became an assistant coach at North Carolina State. After eight seasons there, he moved to Wake Forest in 1962. A year later, of course, he joined the Packers. He and his wife, Lindy, have six children: Mrs. Greg (Pamela) Nickoli, 27; Susan, 25; Walter, 23; Terry, 20; John, 15, and Jim, 13.



## MARION CAMPBELL

### HEAD COACH



Sundown didn't catch Marion Campbell pulling into the 18th hole of many golf courses during the past off-season. His 17-foot pleasure boat wasn't caught out past dusk too often either. Instead he was either holed up in his office watching film or huddled with his coaching staff. It was that kind of January-to-July itinerary for the 47-year-old head coach. He was pre-occupied planning for the 1976 regular championship season. He didn't even take his full allotment of vacation days. Neither did any of his coaches. There wasn't time, really. He commanded a work schedule that would test the stamina of a Clydesdale. Thus, when the native South Carolinian did get on the links, his game wasn't as sharp as normal. When he plays with any regularity at all, he is a scratch player. Fishing is his admitted second love, yet he didn't allow himself much time for that either. His capacity for work has always been large, according to long-time friends. That is why, they insist, he was such a standout tackle (three-time All-SEC) at the University of Georgia. As a 1951 Bulldogs senior he was named

the club's most valuable player and, later, drafted by San Francisco in the fourth round. Prior to embarking on his six-year career in the NFL, he spent two years in the U. S. Army as a first lieutenant. Upon his discharge, he played two seasons with the 49ers before being traded to Philadelphia. In 1959 and again in 1960—when the Eagles won the world championship—he was named to *The Sporting News'* all-pro teams. Shortly after retiring at the end of the 1961 season, he was named defensive line coach for the old Boston Patriots of the American Football League. At every coaching stop thereafter, he built to his reputation as one of the game's best and soundest defensive strategists. He became head coach of the Falcons in January of 1975. He had served as interim coach since November, 1974. He first joined the Falcons, as head of defense, in 1969. The remaining portions of his coaching portfolio reads: Defensive line, Boston, 1962-63; chief of defense, Minnesota, 1964-66, and, defensive line, Los Angeles, 1966-68. Born May 25, 1929, in Chester, S. C., he and his wife, June, have two children: Scott, 14, and, Alicia, 11.



Bruney



Khayat



Lavan

## Assistant Coaches

### **Fred Bruney, Defensive Coordinator**

Like the famous company better known by its initials than proper name, progress is the most important product in Fred Bruney's work. Statistics bare this out, quite vividly. In his eight years on the Falcons staff, the one-time Ohio State star has made the club's defensive secondary one of the best in football. In three of the past four seasons, in fact, his unit has ranked third, second and second, respectively, in the NFL. The season before he came to Atlanta (1969), opponents averaged 163.2 yards per game passing against the Falcons. In 1974, the figure was 114.2 per. He was elevated to the position of defensive coordinator in January of 1975. Bruney spent 10 playing seasons in the pros. Although he was Cleveland's third round draft choice in 1953, he never played for the Browns. He was traded to San Francisco upon his 1956 discharge from the military. He did play for the 49ers, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and Boston of the old AFL. He was named all-pro at Boston in 1960. His coaching itinerary reads: Defensive backs, Boston, 1962-63; defensive backs, Philadelphia, 1964-68, and, Atlanta, 1969 to present. He and his wife, Louise, have five children: Chuck, 20; Susan, 12; Lori, 9; Rebecca, 6, and, Richard, 4. Born: Dec. 30, 1931, in Martin's Ferry, Ohio.

### **Ed Khayat, Def. Line Coach**

Ed Khayat and Marion Campbell have been in on a lot of gang tackles together. And they hope to instill the same kind of pursuit to the Falcons in 1976. The two old pals go back to 1960 together, in the days when they were the ringleaders of Philadelphia's NFL world championship defensive unit. Khayat was the Eagles' right-side

defensive tackle and Campbell, now Atlanta's head coach, was the defensive end. They trust their reunion here will continue as merry as the one of old. A Tulane University graduate, Khayat played 10 seasons in the NFL. He was signed by Washington as a free agent in 1957; played with the Eagles from 1958-61; was traded to Washington for 1962-63; returned via trade to Philadelphia in 1964-65, and, then ended his career with Boston of the old AFL in 1966. Since 1967, his NFL coaching positions have been: Defensive line, New Orleans, 1967-70; defensive line until promoted to head coach, Philadelphia, (three games into the season) 1971 (finishing 6-4-1) and 1972 (2-11-1); defensive line, Detroit, 1973-74, and, Atlanta since January, 1975. He and his wife, Deborah, have two children: Eddie, Jr., 7, and Bill, 3. Born: Sept. 14, 1935, in Moss Point, Miss.

**Al Lavan, Def. Backfield Coach** Reunions are especially fun when somebody you like comes back. And that's why the Falcons were so happy about the mid-February, 1975 return of Al Lavan. He was here earlier, in 1969 and part of '70, as a popular hard-nosed tackling defensive back. He sustained an injury in the second game of the 1970 season and underwent cervical fusion of the neck in September, 1971. He was advised by club doctors later to retire. He was originally signed by Atlanta in 1969 after being released by Philadelphia. He was the Eagles' eighth round draft choice in 1968 and spent the year on the cab squad there. Once in Falcons gear, he immediately became a starter. He is best remembered for his outstanding play against Minnesota in 1969. In that sensational 10-3 victory, he intercepted two passes and knocked down two more. Since his retirement, the former Colorado State star has been coaching in college. He spent the 1972 season working with receivers at Colorado State; moved to the University of Louisville to tutor defensive backs in 1973, and, joined the Falcons after one year at Iowa State as receivers coach. This is, of course, his first pro coaching duty. He and his wife, Bessie, have two children: sons Travis, 5, and Douglas, 3. Born: Sept. 13, 1946, in Pierce, Fla.

**Marv Matuszak, Linebackers Coach** Were it possible for Marv Matuszak to patent his love of the game and his enthusiasm for coaching, he would be a wealthy man. That quality was very much in evidence throughout 1975, inspiring Atlanta linebackers to some of their finest play in years. His people went at the game with a new vengeance. And each attributed that to the new drive Matuszak helped instill in him. It was the same kind of personal thrust that made him an all-pro performer throughout his 10-year playing career in pro football. A two-time All-America at the University of Tulsa, he played professionally with Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Baltimore of the NFL and Buffalo and Denver of the old AFL. He was a player-coach at Denver in 1965, then retired as a player in 1966. His coaching experience includes: Player-coach, Denver,



Matuszak



Nelsen



Orr

1965: head of overall defense, Denver, 1966: head coach and general manager, Alabama (Huntsville) Hawks of the Professional Football League, 1967 (Western Division championship, 9-1); linebackers, British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League, 1968-71; linebackers, New Orleans, 1971-73, and, Falcons, 1974 to present. He and his wife, Noreen, have two children: A married daughter, Mrs. Gary (Linda) Blacklidge, 21, and, a son, Robert, 9. Born: Sept. 12, 1931, in South Bend, Ind.

**Bill Nelsen, Offensive Coordinator** History has already repeated itself twice in Bill Nelsen's football-coaching life. And the Falcons are hoping for yet another re-run. If it happens, respectability will be returned to the club's offense. In his brief tenure, the California native has helped mold the careers of two brilliant young quarterbacks, Mike Phipps of Cleveland and Jim Plunkett of New England, and now he has Steve Bartkowski. Nelsen was a class quarterback himself during a brilliant 10-year career in the NFL. He twice (1968 and 1969) led the Cleveland Browns to the NFL Eastern Conference championship, beating Dallas both times. A 10th round draft choice of Pittsburgh in 1963, the Southern Cal All-America played with the Steelers through 1967. He was traded to Cleveland in 1968. He spent most of his last season (1972) in Cleveland serving as Phipps' tutor. Upon his retirement, Nelsen had completed 963 of 1905 passes for 14,165 yards and 98 touchdowns. His first full-time coaching assignment was at New England, 1973-74. He joined the Falcons as offensive coordinator-quarterback coach in January, 1975. He and his wife, Sue, have three children: Keith, 11; Missy, 9, and Tim, 8. Born: Jan. 29, 1941, in Los Angeles, Calif.

**Jimmy Orr, Receivers Coach** Since the late 1950s, Georgia and South Carolina have been at almost constant debate over Jimmy Orr.

Ever since he began attracting headlines as a peerless pass receiver both states have claimed him as a native son. It started during an outstanding career at the University of Georgia, then really peaked in the halycon days of the Baltimore Colts' championships (Super Bowl V, and 1971 and 1968 NFL titles). He first planned to retire from football following surgery in 1962, but was coaxed back by his coaches. When he did hang up his pads for good, he finished with an even 400 career receptions for 7,914 yards and 66 touchdowns. His single best season was 1962 when he caught 55 balls for 974 yards and 11 touchdowns. He became so proficient at a certain *out pattern* that usually found him alone in a specific corner of the Baltimore end zone, he became known as "The Mayor." And that section of turf was dubbed "Orrsville." He joined the Falcons in November of 1974 to begin his first coaching job. Jimmy's wife's name is Jill. They have no children. Born: Oct. 4, 1935, in Seneca, S. C.

**Bill Walsh, Off. Line-Specialty Teams Coach** Quarterbacks have always had a special place in their hearts for Bill Walsh. In his 15 years in the NFL, his offensive lines have always given them a definite feeling of some security. Falcons quarterbacks experienced that feeling in 1975. It occurred when the line cut by 18 (from 50 in 1974 down to 32) the number of sacks. Overall blocking, grades prove, was substantially more improved as well. The former Notre Dame center found a high degree of success in his field at both Dallas and Kansas City. He is credited with the development of such perennial all-pro standouts as Ed Budde, Jim Tyrer and Jack Rudnay. Walsh, a native of Phillipsburg, N. J., was Pittsburgh's third round draft choice in 1949. He was with the Steelers for six seasons, twice being named all-pro. He retired in 1954 and was an assistant coach at Notre Dame until 1959, when he joined the staff at Kansas State. In 1960, then, he became the first assistant coach hired by Dallas of the old AFL. He moved with the Texans' franchise when it went to Kansas City in 1963. His pro coaching duties have been: Defensive line, Dallas, 1960-63, and, defensive line, Kansas City, 1963-74. He and his wife, Shirley, have six children: Mrs. Al (Sharon) Trivillini, 26; Patricia, 25; Cheryl, 19; Mike, 18; Kelly, 15, and, Christine, 11. Born: Sept. 8, 1927, in Phillipsburg, N. J.

**Tom Braatz, Dir. of Player Personnel** If you've laced on a pair of football cleats at just about any American college or university in the past nine years, chances are that Tom Braatz can tell you your speed in the 40-yard dash. He probably even saw you play. Or, at least, one of his five scouts did. That's how expansive and extensive the Falcons' scouting department has become under Braatz's direction. The personable, 41-year-old Wisconsin native is recognized throughout the NFL as one of the more competent and respected men in his field. A former Marquette University team captain, he spent five playing seasons in the NFL with Washington and Dallas. In 1961, his first year in retirement, he worked



Walsh



Braatz



Rhea

as an arms demonstrator for the Ithica, N. Y., Gun Co. He joined the Falcons as a scout in 1966 and two years later became director of player personnel. He and his wife, Jeri, have two sons: Tommy 15, and Jon, 10. Born: May 12, 1935, in Kenosha, Wis.

Serving as scouts under Braatz are: Duke Babb, 41, whose NFL playing career was spent at Dallas, Houston and San Francisco; Jon Jalacic, 39, who played with the New York Giants and Oakland Raiders; Bill Jobko, 40, affiliated with the Falcons since 1966 as a player, team captain, assistant coach and scout, and, Bob Riggle, 31, whose career was shortened by a severe knee injury after a brilliant rookie season (1966) with the Falcons.

**Jerry Rhea, Trainer** On a scale of one to eight, Jerry Rhea deserves a 10-point ranking as far as Falcon players are concerned. The Texas A&M graduate has both their respect and friendship. Long recognized as one of the NFL's most competent trainers, he has been with the club seven years. Prior to coming to Atlanta, he was an assistant trainer at Los Angeles. It was there that he first met the new Falcons coach (Campbell), a Rams assistant at the time. Rhea, 41, was born Sept. 12, 1935, in Ennis, Tex. He and his wife, Beverly, have one son, John, 17. East Tennessee state graduate Jay Shoop, 28, is Atlanta's assistant trainer. Born Sept. 30, 1945, in Wise, Va., he and his wife, Anne, have no children.

**Whitey Zimmerman, Equip. Manager** No time piece in the Western World could possibly take the pounding if Darwin (Whitey) Zimmerman had to punch a clock every hour he was on the job. He beats dawn to Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium every morning, sometimes by as



Zimmerman



Daniel



Shoop

much as two hours. And it's usually always dark, even in the off-season, when he locks the clubhouse for the day. A native of St. Louis, he has been with the Falcons since their 1966 inception. Before coming here, he was an equipment man for the football Cardinals. Whitey was born July 25, 1929, in St. Louis, Mo. He and his wife, Shelia, have five children: Jerry, 23; Terry, 18; Larry, 15; Greg, 11, and Scott, 8. Starting his ninth year with the club is Horace Daniel, Zimmerman's assistant. The 38-year-old native Atlantan was born May 7, 1938. He and his wife, Shirley, have two children, Kim, 9, and Kennon, 7.

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Polygraph tests don't even believe Brent Adams is for real. His story does read very much like fiction. To-wit: An eighth-round draft choice gets hurt in preseason and is forced to miss six important weeks of work. Yet, he manages to stick with the team as it whittles to 43 the number of players NFL rules permit. And, then, he winds up as a front-line performer. A good, dependable front-line performer, you might say. "He was a most pleasant surprise," says one Falcons coach. "He's a super kid and showed a lot of great technique from the beginning." The Elberton, Ga., youngster started his first game against Minnesota and perennial all-pro defensive end Jim Marshall. Coaches were quite impressed with his play against the Vikings star. 2nd year. Games—13 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** A four-year starter at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Adams was most impressive as a senior. So good was his play, in fact, he was named the team's most valuable player.

**PERSONAL** A very determined young man, Adams returned to school during the off-season in continuing pursuit of his B. S. degree in psychology. He lacks six hours having his diploma. Full name: David Brent Adams. Off-season residence: Chattanooga, Tenn. Single. Born: June 26, 1953, in Elberton, Ga.

### Steve Bartkowski, QB, 6-4, 213

Ameters throughout the Southeast were really jumping on 11 of Atlanta's NFL Sundays in 1975. There was an undeniable tingle of electricity in the air anytime Steve Bartkowski was in the lineup. The young Californian had that kind of effect on teammates and fans alike. And both parties came to fully expect something super-charged would happen. It usually did, too. Despite missing the equivalent of three and two-third games due to an elbow injury, he completed 115 of 255 passes for 1622 yards and 13 touchdowns. He was knocked out of the lineup against Cincinnati in the sixth game. Just after launching what was to become a 17-yard scoring pass to tight end Jim Mitchell, he was decked and landed on his left elbow. He sustained bone chips, doctors said, and was forced to leave the playing field. He missed the next three games, returning against Denver in game No. 10. In the first quarter against the Broncos, it was evident he had been away. He had three passes intercepted, was sacked four times and fumbled once. After "finding himself," however, he promptly sent the Broncos packing by completing 12 of 25 passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns. Passing wise, his best games were against Washington and San Francisco (Dec. 14). He was 14 of 26 for 281 yards and three touchdowns against the Redskins and 19 of 37 for 305 yards and two TDs versus the 49ers. He underwent elbow surgery in late December, 1975. 2nd year. Games—11 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Gangbusters, the old radio show, never came on as strong as Bartkowski did during his senior year at California. En route to becoming the Falcons'—and the NFL's—No. 1 selection in the 1975 draft, he completed 182 of 325 passes for 2580 yards and 12 touchdowns. He was, of course, a consensus All-America choice.

**PERSONAL** Few nationally-known banquets were held during the 1975 off-season without Bartkowski at their dias. Among the multitude of honors he picked up were the Old Spice/NFL Rookie of the Year award, presented by the Shulton Company and the Newspaper Enterprise Association; *The Sporting News'* Rookie of the Year citation, and, the State of Georgia Athletic Hall of Fame's Professional Athlete of the Year prize. Full name: Steve Joseph Bartkowski. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Single. Born: Nov. 12, 1952, in Des Moines, Iowa.

#### PASSING

Year	Club	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long	Int.	Pct.	Int.	Avg.
1975	Atlanta	255	115	45.1	1662	13	68	15	5.9	5.9	6.5
Totals		255	115	45.1	1662	13	68	15	5.9	5.9	6.5

#### RUSHING

Year	Club	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1975	Atlanta	14	15	1.1	5	2
Totals		14	15	1.1	5	2

**Greg Brezina, LB, 6-1, 221** Materialism isn't all that important to Greg Brezina any more. And it hasn't been since 1971. Not since he asked God to take charge of and direct his life. And to His glory, there have been very few dark moments in the life of the hard-hitting Texan. Especially on the football field. It is there that he has really excelled. The season of 1975 is a brilliant testimony to that fact. He had 76 individual tackles, 27 assists, four pass interceptions, knocked down three passes, recovered one fumble and sacked the quarterback four times. It was his best season ever, according to his coaches. It also marked the fourth straight season he has ranked in the top three in individual tackles. He was Atlanta's 11th round draft choice in 1968, 9th year. Games—11 in 1968, 14 in 1969, Inactive (due to knee surgery) in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** There isn't a hero in the Brezina football story. Greg insists. Instead, there are two heroines: His mom and younger sister, Nancy. He says they are the pillars of strength upon which the six brothers leaned throughout their athletic careers. All of the Brezina boys played at the University of Houston. Greg, who threw 26 TD passes as an all-district prep quarterback in 1963, was the first All-America of the group. He was so honored in 1967 by *The Sporting News*.



Adams



Bartkowski



Brezina

**PERSONAL** Full-time Christian work has occupied Brezina's almost every waking hour during the past two off-seasons. He has spoken to religious assemblies, conventions and banquets throughout America. Full name: Gregory Brezina. Off-season residence: College Park, Ga. Married, two children. Born: Jan. 7, 1946, in Sinton, Tex.

Year	Club	INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLIES				
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Long	TD	
1968	Atlanta	.....		none					none		
1969	Atlanta	.....	1	2	2.0	2	0	5	0	0	0
1970	Atlanta	.....		Injured, did not play					Injured, did not play		
1971	Atlanta	.....	3	22	7.3	11	0	3	8	8	0
1972	Atlanta	.....		none					none		
1973	Atlanta	.....	3	51	17.0	36	0		none		
1974	Atlanta	.....	1	9	9.0	9	0	1	0	0	0
1975	Atlanta	.....	4	11	2.8	8	0				
Totals			12	95	7.9	36	0	9	8	8	0

**Ray Brown, S, 6-2, 202** Vigilante committees were almost recommended again in 1975 when, for the second time in three seasons, Ray Brown didn't make the NFC Pro Bowl squad. The opposition proved it respects his talents, throwing into his coverage area only in dire emergencies. In total, the enemy only threw into his territory 12 times. And he responded by knocking down four of them and intercepting four. He stayed busy as a tackler, though. He made 57 unassisted stops and had 11 assists. The one-time West Texas State star earned the 1975 respect shown him via his superb play in 1974. En route to that season's Falcon Player of the Year honors, he had eight pass interceptions and led the secondary in tackles

(50) and assists (19). 6th year. Games—10 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Pinpointing the "best game" of Brown's collegiate career would be tough. He had many, as is evidenced by his three-year selection to the conference all-star team. He also starred in basketball and baseball.

**PERSONAL** The future won't catch Brown off guard. He's getting ready for it, honing his creative writing skills. Well into his first novel, he hopes to submit it to publishers by the end of the year. Full name: Raymond Madison Brown. Off-season residence: Marietta, Ga. Married, one child. Born: Jan. 12, 1949, in Fort Worth, Tex.

#### INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Club	INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	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
1974	Atlanta	8	164	20.5	159	1	4	11	11	0
1975	Atlanta	4	119	29.8	41	1				
Totals		23	460	20.0	159	2	8	22	22	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
1974	Atlanta	9	2	96	10.7	23	0
1975	Atlanta	2	2	12	6.0	9	0
Totals		61	15	542	8.9	57	0

**Ken Burrow, WR, 6-0, 191** Traffic lights are more predictable than a Ken Burrow pass route. He might run the same play over and over, but each trip wouldn't resemble the other. He'll add one new twist—or fake—here and another there. He has been doing that ever since he came into the league six years ago. And that's the very reason he is, today, considered one of the NFL's shrewdest receivers. If it's humanly possible to escape the dragnet of a defensive secondary and get open, he will do it. His career stats prove that. In five previous seasons, he has caught 152 passes for 2668 yards and 21 touchdowns. In 1975, he had 25 receptions for 323 yards and four TDs. His best reception games were: Four against Washington for 63 yards and a touchdown; three against Detroit for 43 yards, and, three against New Orleans (Oct. 5) for 40 yards and one score. 6th year. Games—14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 9 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 13 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** For a while, it looked like Los Angeles might become Burrow's professional mailing address. A rifle-armed catcher with good, long-ball hitting power, he was drafted by the Dodgers. He chose football, though,



Brown



Burrow



Byas

and went on to become one of the NCAA's leading pass receivers as a San Diego State senior.

**PERSONAL** A pioneer of the Citizens Band radio craze that has hit the Falcons, Burrow's handle is "California Dreamer." And that's a big Ten-Four. Full name: Kenneth Robert Burrow. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, one child. Born: March 29, 1948, in Richmond, Calif.

RUSHING							RECEIVING				
Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	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
1974	Atlanta			none			34	545	16.0	48	1
1975	Atlanta			none			25	323	12.9	23	2
Totals		6	25	4.2	9	0	152	2668	17.6	84	21

**Rick Byas, DB, 5-9, 180** Recognition doesn't usually come easy for members of an NFL team's speciality—or suicide—teams. Unless, of course, you hit people like Rick Byas does. Then, you get noticed. That's how the coaches came to know him. He got their attention as a free agent rookie during training camp, 1974. And he has kept it by continuing to deck ball carriers with good, solid and forceful tackles. He played only sparingly in 1975 with the first defensive unit. He returned five kickoffs a total of 94 yards—and average of 18.8. He carried back the same number in 1974 for 136 yards—a 27.2 per average. 3rd year. Games 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

COLLEGE A certain Wayne State game-day photographer is partly responsible for Byas being with the Falcons. Had there been no film available on the 5-10, 180-pound hustler, he might be teaching school somewhere from July-to-December instead of January-to-June.

PERSONAL For the second straight off-season, Byas spent his time teaching and working as a member of the coaching staff at Wayne State. Full name: Richard R. Byas, Jr. Off-season residence: Detroit, Mich. Married, two children. Born: Oct. 19, 1950, in Detroit, Mich.

**KICKOFF RETURNS**

Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1974	Atlanta	5	136	27.2	35	0
1975	Atlanta	5	94	18.8	22	0
Totals		10	230	23.0	35	0

**Brad Davis, RB, 5-10, 200** Pine knots, according to folklore, are supposed to be about the toughest thing going. People who know Brad Davis aren't so sure, though. They feel he may be. And he is hoping to prove them right by "coming back" in 1976. He underwent knee surgery after the third game in 1975 and missed the remainder of the season. 2nd year. Games—3 in 1975.

COLLEGE Davis is the all-time leading ground gainer in LSU football history. His 2165 yards gained knocked to second place one of the giants of southern football, former Heisman Trophy winner Billy Cannon.

PERSONAL Graduation bells rang for Davis during the off-season. He earned his B. S. degree in micro-biology. Full name: Bradford Timothy Davis. Off-season residence: Baton Rouge, La. Single. Born: Feb. 9, 1953, in Hammond, La.

**Ray Easterling, S, 6-0, 192** Perseverance paid Ray Easterling a handsome dividend in 1975, but he didn't collect alone. The Falcons did too. His contributions were, according to the coaches, that profitable. Anytime you make 71 unassisted tackles, have 28 assists, intercept three passes and deflect seven others, your ledger is filled with many assets. And that's just what the five-year veteran from the University of Richmond did in 1975. It marked his first season as a starter, having been a spot player in his first three years with the club. A strong tackler, coaches say he developed into a most capable pass defender "through hard work and a determination like we wish all our guys had." 5th year. Games—8 in 1972, 1 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

COLLEGE Fighting for football recognition is old hat with Easterling. It started for him at the University of Richmond. He went there as a non-scholarshipped freshman and then won a full grant. To give his bio a real storybook flavor, he went on to become a Little All-America star.



Davis



Easterling



Eley

**PERSONAL** Christian-oriented banquets and events benefitting exceptional children took up most of Easterling's time during the past off-season. He is very devoted to both areas. Full name: Charles Ray Easterling. Off-season residence: Powhatan, Va. Married. Born: Sept. 3, 1949, in Richmond, Va.

#### INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1972	Atlanta	.....		none		
1973	Atlanta	.....		none		
1974	Atlanta	.....		none		
1975	Atlanta	3	32	10.7	15	0
Totals		3	32	10.7	15	0

## Monroe Eley, RB, 6-2, 210

Dossiers on Monroe Eley have a definite ring of repetition about them. Since the late 1960's, even the wordage hasn't changed: "He's a can't miss. The potential is there to become a really fine NFL running back." The Falcons first believed this in 1974 when they made him their co-fifth round draft choice. And their faith was restored in mid-1975 when he was signed by the club. Three seasons prior to that, he was with British Columbia of the Canadian Football League. During his career there, he rushed for 2308 yards; had 55 pass receptions for 952 yards, and returned 19 kickoffs for 543 yards. He retired at the end of the 1974 season. 2nd year. Games — 6 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Pro scouts have been talking about Eley for a long time. He first came to their attention during his sophomore year at Arizona State. In that season, he rushed for 728 yards and later won the MVP award when his Sun Devils played North Carolina in Atlanta's 1970 Peach Bowl Game.

**PERSONAL** Quiet and unassuming, Eley was drafted twice by the NFL. In 1973, after he had dropped out of college, he was chosen by Kansas City. The league ruled this action illegal, however. That is when he went to Canada. Full name: Monroe Eley. Off-season residence: Rocky Mount, N.C. Married, two children. Born: April 17, 1949, in Nashville, N.C.

RUSHING							KICKOFF RETURNS				
Year	Club	Atti.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1975	Atlanta	1	3	3.0	3	0	8	131	16.4	26	0
Totals		1	3	3.0	3	0	8	131	16.4	26	0

PUNT RETURNS						
Year	Club	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	Long
1975	Atlanta	7	0	61	8.7	15
Totals		7	0	61	8.7	15

**Mike Esposito, RB, 6-0, 183** Surgery did to Mike Esposito in 1975 what few defenses managed to do during his glory days at Boston College. It stopped him. A knee injury, suffered in training camp, decked him for the season. Recovered now, he was expected to resume his strong fight for a berth on the club's running backs corps. A tough runner, he also has pretty good acceleration. 2nd year. Games—Inactive (due to knee injury) in 1975.

**COLLEGE** An injury slowed him in his senior year, but Esposito's credentials are still such that he is considered one of Eastern football's top performers of the last decade. He ended his career with the Eagles with a four-year total of 2765 rushing yardage.

**PERSONAL** Esposito, by his own admission, "may be the second best athlete in our family." His mom once played semi-professional baseball in a women's league in the East. Full name: Michael John Esposito. Off-season residence: Boston, Mass. Married, one child. Born: Feb. 24, 1953, in Wilmington, Maine.

**Wallace Francis, WR, 5-11, 190** Anonymity has lost a Falcon from its ranks. Atlanta knows Wallace Francis now. And he hopes 1976 will increase the fans' knowledge of him. Another season like 1975 should do it, too. Although used sparingly as a receiver, he, nonetheless, led the club in average gain per catch (20.8). He also posted a most impressive statistic: He scored every 4.4 times he ran a route as the primary receiver. He had 13 catches—for 270 yards—and four touchdowns. He had four catches against San Francisco (Dec. 14) for 90 yards and one touchdown. A jarring blocker, that was his primary duty in 1975. Especially on short-yardage and placement situations. And coaches say he graded very well in this area. He came to Atlanta in a 1975 trade from Buffalo. 4th year. Games—12 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Francis, who led the American Football Conference in kickoff returns in 1973, was widely recruited after a celebrated prep career in his



Esposito



Francis



Fritsch

hometown of Franklin, La. He finally chose Arkansas AM&N, where he went on to become a two-time NAIA All-America performer in track and football.

**PERSONAL** Francis was a familiar sight at many pick-up basketball and softball games near his neighborhood during the off-season. He's a great friend of young, underprivileged children. He also found time to star with the Falcons' basketball team. Full name: Wallace Diron Francis. Off-season residence: Decatur, Ga. Married, one child. Born: Nov. 7, 1951, in Franklin, Pa.

#### KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	Club	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1973	Buffalo	23	687	29.9	101	2
1974	Buffalo	37	947	25.6	78	0
1975	Atlanta	14	265	18.9	32	0
Totals		74	1899	25.7	101	2

#### RECEIVING

No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
none	none	none	none	none
20.8	270	20.8	67	4
20.8	270	20.8	67	4

## Ted Fritsch, C, 6-2, 242

For the first time in more years than he can even remember, Ted Fritsch didn't snap one football in anger in 1975. And it almost slayed him. The inactivity, he says, was that brutal. A knee injury, sustained in training camp, forced him to the sidelines for the full season. And football from that vantage point is no fun. Especially when you are as competitive as he is. A rigid off-season rehabilitation program, designed and coordinated by Head Trainer Jerry Rhea, has resulted in Fritsch's knee "being as strong as ever." The hard-nosed Wisconsin native is anxious to test its strength. 5th year. Games—14 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 14 in 1974. Inactive (due to knee injury) in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Name the sport and Fritsch starred in it during his collegiate career at St. Norbert. He was an all-star in football, baseball and hockey.

**PERSONAL** Were off-season, coach-of-the-year citations available, Fritsch would have to have one. He earned it, coaching the Falcons basketball team to a 10-2 record. Full name: Theodore Edward Fritsch. Off-season residence: Marietta, Ga. Single. Born: Aug. 26, 1950, in Green Bay, Wisc.

## **John Gilliam, WR, 6-1, 187**

**Savvy** is a necessary condiment in the NFL. A jersey full of talent helps, sure. But if you lack that one important element, you're not around to hear much applause. And John Gilliam—who has both in abundance—has certainly heard his share. He has earned it, too, en route to becoming one of the game's most celebrated wide receivers. In nine 'all-star' seasons, he has 350 receptions, 6631 yards gained and 45 touchdowns. He caught 50 passes for 777 yards and seven touchdowns in 1975 at Minnesota. After playing out his option with the Vikings, he was signed by the Falcons in early May. The seasons of 1969 and 1972, statistically speaking, were two of the South Carolina native's best. He had 52 catches for 997 yards and nine touchdowns for St. Louis in 1969. With the Vikings in 1972, his 22.0 yards gained per catch led the National Football Conference. 10th year. Games—13 in 1967, 14 in 1968, 14 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Gilliam, three times an all-pro, starred in two sports at South Carolina State. He won four athletic monograms in football and three in track. In 1967, he was the No. 2 draft choice of the New Orleans Saints. He played two seasons there before being traded to St. Louis in 1969. He was traded, then, to Minnesota in 1972.

**PERSONAL** Owner of a fashionable shoe store in downtown Atlanta, Gilliam spent most of his off-season working there. He also found time to hone his already very fine golf game. Full name: John Rally Gilliam. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, three children. Born: Aug. 7, 1945, in Greenwood, S.C.

### RUSHING

Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1967	New Orleans	7	41	5.9	0	22	264	12.0	1
1968	New Orleans	2	36	18.0	0	24	284	11.8	0
1969	St. Louis	1	-4	-4.0	0	52	997	19.2	9
1970	St. Louis	5	68	13.6	1	45	952	21.2	5
1971	St. Louis	2	16	8.0	0	42	837	19.9	3
1972	Minnesota	8	14	1.8	0	47	1035	22.0	7
1973	Minnesota	5	71	14.2	1	42	907	21.6	8
1974	Minnesota	2	16	8.0	0	26	578	22.2	5
1975	Minnesota	3	35	11.7	0	50	777	15.5	7
Totals		35	293	8.4	2	350	6631	18.9	45



Gilliam



Gotshalk

## PUNT RETURNS

		7	13	1.9	0
1967	New Orleans	.....	15	60	4.0
1968	New Orleans	.....	1	none	0
1969	St. Louis	.....	21	21.0	0
1970	St. Louis	.....	none	none	0
1971	St. Louis	.....	none	none	0
1972	Minnesota	.....	none	none	0
1973	Minnesota	.....	none	none	0
1974	Minnesota	.....	none	none	0
1975	Minnesota	.....	none	none	0
Totals			23	94	4.1

## KICKOFF RETURNS

No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
16	481	30.1	1
15	328	21.9	0
11	339	30.8	1
5	107	21.4	0
	none		
14	369	26.4	0
10	174	17.4	0
3	86	28.7	0
	none		
74	1884	25.1	2

Recovered 2 fumbles for 13 yards in 1972.

**Len Gotshalk, T, 6-4, 259**

Ad valorem taxes are not paid, fortunately, on quality of performance. Otherwise, Len Gotshalk would have cost the Falcons a small fortune in 1975. That's how superior his play was, according to coaches. He is said to have graded out extremely high in every aspect of his job. A fierce competitor, he is especially tough when the combat is heavy. Running back Dave Hampton is quick to credit his teammate as "one very big reason I got my 1000 (1002) yards." Quick off the ball at the snap, the rugged Californian is an excellent—and explosive—scrimmage line blocker. Another season like 1975, media members who cover the club regularly have said, and some all-pro recognition is bound to come his way. He was claimed by the Falcons on waivers from Philadelphia in 1972. He has been an Atlanta starter for the past three seasons. 6th year. Games—Inactive (was on taxi squad) in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 10 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** There are three All-America certificates hanging in the den of Gotshalk's ranch-style home in California. He picked up two of them

at Santa Rosa Junior College and the third at Humboldt State. He is considered by both schools as one of the best to ever play for them.

**PERSONAL** Almost a folk hero in his adopted hometown, Gotshalk spent a most productive off-season selling insurance. Articulate and witty, he also continued making a big name for himself as an after-dinner speaker in Northern California. Full name: Leonard William Gotshalk. Off-season residence: Lakeport, Calif. Married, three children. Born: Oct. 21, 1949, in San Francisco, Calif.

## Dave Hampton, RB, 6-2, 202

Abracadabras had nothing to do with it. They weren't necessary, after all. Dave Hampton FINALLY got his 1000 (1002) yards without any help from the supernatural. At times in the past, however, it seemed the stylish running back would need all the assistance witchcraft could conjure up. But fate finally dealt him a winning hand in 1975. People began to think maybe it had after the opening game of the season. Against St. Louis, he rushed for 135 yards—the second highest single-game total in his career—and scored twice. Later in the year, he had his second 100-plus afternoon. He finished with 106 against Denver. Going into game No. 14, he was still 59 shy of the elusive 1000. Green Bay, the club from which he came via a 1972 trade, was braced to stop him. But, this time the deck favored the Michigan-born star. He got 61, pushing to 1002 his total. He just barely missed gaining 1000 in 1972 (finishing with 997) and 1973 (995). His highest single-game rushing total, 161, came against Los Angeles on Oct. 1, 1972, 8th year. Games—14 in 1969, 6 in 1970, 13 in 1971, 13 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 9 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Although he didn't play regularly until his senior year at Wyoming, Hampton finished with a most impressive 4.8 career rushing average. He was selected by Green Bay in the ninth round of the 1969 draft.

**PERSONAL** Demands for Hampton's time came with great frequency during the off-season. In addition to making a countless number of personal appearances, he also played with the Falcons basketball team. Full name: Dave Hampton. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Single. Born: May 7, 1947, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Year	Club	RUSHING						RECEIVING					
		Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	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	119	1		
1972	Atlanta	230	995	4.3	156	6	23	244	10.6	43	1		
1973	Atlanta	263	997	3.8	25	4	25	273	10.9	22	1		
1974	Atlanta	127	464	3.7	34	2	13	111	8.5	21	0		
1975	Atlanta	250	1002	4.0	22	5	21	195	9.3	24	1		
Totals		1065	4241	4.0	156	23	107	1099	10.1	50	6		



Hampton



Havig



Hilton

### **Dennis Havig, G, 6-2, 256**

Percentages are foreign to Dennis Havig. He knows only one: 100 per cent. And that's exactly what he gives—how he plays—according to his coaches. Especially when passing situations arise. He excels in that phase of his profession. A good, hang-tough blocker, he is the type offensive lineman that quarterbacks really love. When he came out of Colorado as Atlanta's eighth round draft choice (1971), it was felt he was just too light. So he was assigned to the taxi squad and told "gain some weight." Eighteen pounds later, he was his position's No. 1 swing man. By mid-season 1973 he was firmly ensconced as the starter at left guard. And he has been there ever since. 6th year. Games—Inactive (was on taxi squad) in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Havig was busy during three of his four Christmases at the University of Colorado. He played in two Liberty Bowl games (1969 and 1970) and then, as a senior, played in the East-West Shrine All-Star Game in San Francisco and the Senior Bowl Game in Mobile, Ala.

**PERSONAL** Transportation was again the No. 1 item on Havig's professional agenda during the past off-season. He worked for a local company for the second straight year. Full name: Dennis Eugene Havig. Off-season residence: Marietta, Ga. Married, two children. Born: May 6, 1949, in Powell, Wyo.

### **Roy Hilton, DE, 6-6, 250**

Amnesty was all Roy Hilton wanted when he asked the operator for an Atlanta telephone number. He didn't want to retire. There was still some good football left. He knew there

was. Falcons head coach Marion Campbell thought so too. So he bailed the one-time Baltimore Colts star out of inactivity. And the move proved quite helpful indeed. Sharing duty with rookie Jeff Merrow at left defensive end, the 33-year-old veteran made a two-fold contribution. An inspirational type person, he was most helpful in working with his younger compatriot. Among his on-the-field donations were three sacks of the quarterback, five "hurries" and two batted down passes. 12th year. Games—14 in 1965, 14 in 1966, 14 in 1967, 14 in 1968, 14 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 13 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 12 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Pro scouts had not begun spending too much time around relatively small schools like Jackson State in the mid-1960s. That's one reason Hilton, signed by Atlanta after being waived by the New York Giants, was not selected until the 15th round (by Baltimore) in 1965. He was with the Colts from 1965 through 1973, playing in the 1968 and 1970 NFL Championship games and the 1968 Super Bowl.

**PERSONAL** Hilton's nickname is "Chuck Berry." Teammates gave it to him because of his striking facial resemblance to the famed rock and roll star. Full name: Roy Lee Hilton. Off-season residence: Baltimore, Md. Married, three children. Born: March 23, 1943, in Hazelhurst, Miss.

### **Claude Humphrey, DE, 6-5, 256**

Migraine headaches figure to be up around the NFL in 1976. Particularly, among quarterbacks. Claude Humphrey will be back. And that means instant pain for the people he most enjoys slamming to the ground. They got a break in 1975. A knee injury, sustained in a preseason game with the New York Jets, sidelined the hard-hitting all-star for the entire year. "Being out hurt so badly," he once said, "I sometimes didn't even want to go to the games." To make sure it wouldn't be any more of that inactive bit for him, he worked like a demon in the off-season to strengthen his knee. "I want to come back better than ever . . . be much better than I ever was before. And I intend to." Despite the fact he wasn't consensus all-pro (for the first time in four years), the season of 1974 was one of his greatest. In it, he sacked the quarterback 16 times, had 75 individual tackles, 20 assists, blocked four field goal attempts, and one PAT. 9th year. Games—14 in 1968, 14 in 1969, 11 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 14 in 1974. Inactive (due to knee surgery) in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Stardom was nothing new to Humphrey when he got to the Falcons. He had been in the spotlight ever since his prep days. The same kind of attention was his during his celebrated career at Tennessee State too.

**PERSONAL** Humphrey, the Falcon's No. 1 pick in the draft of 1968, worked out almost every day during the past off-season. He was determined



Humphrey



Hunter

to "make up for a lot of lost time" in 1976. Full name: Claude B. Humphrey. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, two children. Born: June 29, 1944, in Memphis, Tenn.

Year	Club	INTERCEPTIONS					RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES				
		No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD	
1968	Atlanta.....			none			3	0	0	0	
1969	Atlanta.....			none			1	24	124	1	
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	
1974	Atlanta.....			none			1	0	0	0	
1975	Atlanta.....			none							
Totals		2	11	5.5	6	0	9	49	124	1	

**Scott Hunter, QB, 6-2, 210** Victory parties have long been a part of Scott Hunter's football social calendar. He has been to many of them through the years, first at Vigor High in Pritchard, Ala., then at the University of Alabama and later at Green Bay. He would like to attend a few with the Falcons, too. And that is why he signed with the club as a free agent in June of 1976. He wants to do his part, along with fellow quarterbacks Steve Bartkowski and Kim McQuilken, to make such affairs big on the Atlanta football scene. 5th year. Games — 13 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 8 in 1973, 1 in 1974.

**COLLEGE** In three varsity seasons at Alabama, Hunter earned the reputation as one of Collegiate America's most accurate passers. He completed 382 of 672 attempts—a 56.8 percentage—for 4899 yards and 27 touchdowns. He was Green Bay's sixth round draft choice in 1971.

**PERSONAL** Hunter proved himself a winner in the NFL in 1972, guiding the Packers to the NFC's Central Division championship. His best game of that season was against Detroit. He was 11 of 18 passing—61.1 per cent—for 149 yards and one touchdown. He was traded by Green Bay to Buffalo in July of 1974. A year later, he was claimed on waivers by the New York Giants. He was waived prior to the start of the 1975 regular championship season and went into private business. Full name: James Scott Hunter. Off-season residence: Mobile, Ala. Married, two children. Born: Nov. 19, 1947, in Mobile, Ala.

#### Passing

Year	Club	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long	Int.	Pct. Int.
1971	Green Bay	163	75	46.0	1210	7	177	17	7.42
1972	Green Bay	199	86	43.2	1252	6	49	9	6.29
1973	Green Bay	84	35	41.7	442	2	30	4	5.26
1974	Buffalo				None				
Totals		446	196	43.9	2904	15	177	30	6.72

#### Rushing

Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1971	Green Bay	21	50	2.4	16	4
1972	Green Bay	22	37	1.7	12	5
1973	Green Bay	8	13	1.6	1	1
1974	Buffalo		None			
Totals		15	100	2.0	16	10

Recovered 1 fumble for 11 yards in 1971; Recovered 3 fumbles for 0 yards in 1972; Recovered 1 fumble for 0 yards in 1973.

**Larron Jackson, G, 6-3, 260** Mayhem is what you expect when you see Larron Jackson pulling out of the line of scrimmage and heading downfield to block. And what you see is usually what you get. That's evidenced by his 1975 grades. Coaches, fans and opponents alike marvel at the speed of the big Missourian. One of the quickest guards in the NFL, his appearance in the Atlanta lineup has given the club a new dimension in downfield blocking. Atlanta obtained him in a January, 1975 trade from Denver. Selected by Houston in the fourth round of the 1971 draft, he spent one season with the Oilers before being traded to Denver. The ex-Missouri great was a three-year starter for the Broncos. 6th year, Games—14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 13 in 1973, 7 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** An academic classroom All-America, Jackson twice duplicated that honor on the playing field. He was All-Big Eight three times.



Jackson



James

**PERSONAL** The months of March and April found Jackson busier than a beaver. That's tax season, you know. He is a part owner in an accounting firm in Denver. Full name: Larron Deonne Jackson. Off-season residence: Denver, Colo. Single. Born: Aug. 26, 1945, in St. Louis, Mo.

**John James, P, 6-3, 200** Fairy tales do come true. One did in late December, 1975. That's when John James was named to the NFC's All-Pro squad. It climaxed the kind of Cinderella-like story we all used to enjoy as children. From nowhere to stardom, that was the theme and the route. Virtually not even mentioned during the NFL players draft of 1972, the University of Florida graduate was signed by Atlanta as a free agent. And the first challenge he faced was storybook-like in its own right. To make the club, all he had to do was beat out a two-time NFL punting champion. So, he did. He has been the club's No. 1 punter ever since. The season of 1975 was the second busiest in his four-year career. He punted 89 times and averaged 41.5 per kick. He hit the longest punt of his career (75) against Oakland. 5th year. Games—14 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** James' collegiate punting career was only two years in length. Phase No. 1 of his story is the fact he came out of the Florida cheering section to become the team's punter.

**PERSONAL** Painting his house, playing golf and working with the Florida football varsity during spring drills took up most of James' off-season. He also found time to play in several celebrity golf tournaments. Full name: John Wilbur James, Jr. Off-season residence: Gainesville, Fla. Married. Born: Jan. 21, 1949, in Panama City, Fla.

**PUNTING**

Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	Bktd.
1972	Atlanta	61	2609	42.8	59	0
1973	Atlanta	63	2682	42.6	72	0
1974	Atlanta	96	3891	40.5	61	1
1975	Atlanta	89	3696	41.5	75	9
Totals		309	12878	41.5	75	1

**Al Jenkins, WR, 5-10, 172**

Tail-gate parties around Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium had a new hero to talk about in 1975. And he gave them plenty to say. Wide receiver Al Jenkins was the personification of excitement Sunday after Sunday. With his blistering speed and snake-like moves, he gave the Falcons a much—and long—needed deep threat. He delivered too. Among his 38 receptions for 767 yards and six touchdowns were long-distance catches of 68, 63 and 52 yards. The latter two, against San Francisco (Dec. 14) and Green Bay, were touchdowns. The 68 yarder was against Washington. His 20.2 yard average gain per reception was tops in the NFC. The former Morris Brown College of Atlanta star, signed as a 1975 free agent, had four games in which he caught in excess of 100 yards in passes. He had four for 102 against New Orleans (Nov. 2); six for 106 and two touchdowns against Oakland; four for 106 against Denver, and, seven for 147 yards and two touchdowns against San Francisco (Dec. 14). 2nd year. Games—14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Many telephone calls came from NFL teams prior to the completion of Jenkins' career at Morris Brown. At draft time, 1972, however, Mr. Bell's invention didn't ring at all. Finally he was signed by Houston as a free agent.

**PERSONAL** The signing of Jenkins, a sensation with Birmingham of the old WFL in 1974, was a master stroke. No less than 15 other NFL teams were trying to hustle his signature onto a contract. During the past off-season, the articulate Hogansville, Ga., native worked as a sportscaster for a local television station. Full name: Alfred Jenkins. Residence: Atlanta. Married. Born: Jan. 25, 1952, in Hogansville, Ga.

**KICKOFF RETURNS**

Year	Club	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1975	Atlanta	1	24	24.0	24	0
Totals		1	24	24.0	24	0

**RECEIVING**

No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
38	767	20.2	68	6
38	767	20.2	68	6



Jenkins



Jones

## PUNT RETURNS

Year	Club	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1975	Atlanta	6	0	38	6.3	15	0
Totals		6	0	38	6.3	15	0

**Bob Jones, DB, 6-3, 193**

Obscurity could never contain Bob Jones. Not the way he plays football. Especially when he's on speciality teams assignments. Because of his style of play, you notice him. Whether he's the blocking fullback on punting situations or going down field as a tackler, you notice him. He's always where the action is. He and rookie linebacker Fulton Kuykendall led the speciality—or suicide—squads in tackles in 1975. He was signed by Atlanta as a free agent in early 1975. 4th year. Games—9 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Jones was an all-around, do-it-all-with-class performer at Virginia Union. So impressive was he, in fact, he was Cincinnati's sixth round pick in the NFL players draft of 1973.

**PERSONAL** A dedicated music buff, Jones taught himself to play several instruments and is considered quite good with the guitar. Full name: Bob Jones. Off-season residence: McIntosh, Fla., Single. Born: Boardman, Fla.

**Fulton Kuykendall, LB, 6-5, 225** Kamikaze-like in his dedication and determination, Fulton Kuykendall became an almost cult hero with Atlanta fans in 1975. As the wedge buster on kickoffs, he thrilled everybody with his absolute abandon. It earned him the unbending respect of his teammates too. To show it, they named him captain of the speciality teams. And he became affectionately known as "Captain Crazy" or "Captain Cuckoo." When the veteran Don Hansen was claimed by Seattle in March's NFL allocation draft, a momentary void was created at left-side linebacker. It was filled, though, just as soon as coaches could pencil in the name of the soft-spoken Californian. When summoned into action with the first unit in 1975, he responded positively. He had 18 solo tackles, 12 assists and knocked down three passes. He also forced one fumble with a jarring tackle and recovered another. 2nd year. Games—14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Kuykendall booked playing time at all three linebacking spots—left, right and middle—during his career at UCLA. He captained the Bruins as a senior.

**PERSONAL** A move that has become known as a real coup brought Kuykendall to the Falcons. He was part of the 1975 George Kunz-to-Baltimore trade for the draft rights to quarterback Steve Bartkowski. He came as the sixth round draft choice that the Colts gave Atlanta. Full name: Fulton Gerald Kuykendall. Off-season residence: Los Angeles, Calif. Single. Born: June 10, 1953, in Coronado, Calif.

**Rolland Lawrence, DB, 5-10, 179** Larceny was Rolland Lawrence's avocation in 1975. And he became a master craftsman at it. That's evidenced by his record-smashing nine pass interceptions and equally astounding number of passes deflected (24). Among his thefts was a sensational 87-yard scoring return against Oakland. He had a pair of two interceptions games, against San Francisco (Oct. 12) and Los Angeles (Nov. 16). His others were opposite New Orleans (Nov. 2), Denver, San Francisco (Dec. 14) and Green Bay. A deadly tackler, the Pennsylvania native had 32 solo stops in 1975 and four assists. His touchdown against the Raiders was the second longest scoring interception in club history. Originally signed as a free agent, this will be his third season as a regular. He was used primarily with the speciality teams as a 1973 rookie. 4th year. Games—14 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Escaping would-be tacklers was Lawrence's major responsibility during his collegiate days at Tabor University. And he did it with great flash and daring. So much, in fact, that he amassed more than 4000 offensive yards. He also played defense.



Kuykendall



Lawrence



Lewis

**PERSONAL** Golf, softball and conditioning occupied most of Lawrence's time during the off-season. And he worked hard at both. He has honed his golf game down to the point he's almost a scratch player. Full name: Rolland Derenfro Lawrence. Off-season residence: Franklin, Pa. Single. Born: March 24, 1951, in Franklin, Pa.

KICKOFF RETURNS								INTERCEPTIONS					
Year	Club	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	
1973	Atlanta	....	3	0	71	23.7	28	0	1	81	81.0	81	0
1974					None			1	0	0.0	0	0	
1975	Atlanta	....	4	0	80	20.0	24	0	9	163	18.1	187	1
Totals			7	0	151	43.7	52	0	11	244	22.2	187	1

**Mike Lewis, DT, 6-4, 261** Bionic, he isn't. It just seems that way sometimes, the way Mike Lewis zooms across the line of scrimmage to make a tackle. Perhaps the quickest defensive tackle in the NFL, he also is rapidly becoming recognized as one of the finest. You pick up reputations like that when you compile the figures he has in the past two seasons. In 1975, for instance, he had 68 unassisted tackles, 14 assists, 10 "hurries" (making the quarterback throw before he is really ready), knocked down two passes, forced one fumble and sacked the quarterback eight times. His figures from 1974 were, respectively, 81, 26, eight, three, four and six. Soon, his coaches feel, somebody is going to accept the fact that the ex-Arkansas AM&N star is worthy of some all-pro consideration.

7th year. Games—Inactive (was on taxi squad) in 1970. 9 in 1971. 14 in 1972. 14 in 1973. 14 in 1974. 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** His name wasn't even mentioned during the NFL players draft of 1970. Since that time, however, Lewis has made a lot of opposing coaches wish they had called him to their roster. He was signed as a free agent, 218-pound linebacker by Atlanta.

**PERSONAL** Lewis, once timed at 4.8 in the 40, honed his quickness to a fine, new edge—insiders say—during the past off-season. He did it by playing basketball every morning and starring as a rebounder for the club's team during the evenings. Full name: Michael Henry Lewis. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, one child. Born: July 14, 1949, in Houston, Tex.

**Ron Mabra, DB, 5-10, 164** Unlikely as it may seem due to his small stature, Ron Mabra is one of the Falcons' hardest hitters. "When he gets you," a running back-teammate says, "you know you've been gotten." His penchant for hitting was one of the first things that impressed the coaches in 1975 training camp. He saw action in eight games, mainly with the speciality teams. Against Minnesota, in the eighth game, he suffered strained ligaments in his right knee and was sidelined for the remainder of the year. 2nd year. Games—8 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** His credentials were quite impressive, but the NFL players draft of 1973 failed to call Mabra's name. So the Howard University graduate signed as a free agent with Kansas City.

**PERSONAL** Mabra, who starred with Philadelphia of the old WFL in 1974, split his leisure time during the past off-season. When not involved selling authentic Indian jewelry for his own firm, he was busy working to strengthen his knee. Full name: Ronald Lee Mabra. Off-season residence: College Park, Ga. Married. Born: June 4, 1951, in Talladega, Ala.

**Greg McCrary, TE, 6-3, 230** Being No. 2 isn't necessarily so bad. And especially when your situation is similar to that of Greg McCrary and old-time Chicago running back Gene Ronzani. One plays behind Jim Mitchell. The other subbed—ever so seldom—for the immortal Red Grange. Likley as not, the young Falcon probably saw more game action in 1975 than the ex-Bears player did in a handful of seasons. McCrary was used mainly on occasions when short yardage was needed. A deft blocker, he caught no passes. 2nd year. Games—14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Until becoming a pro, McCrary had never run a pass route when he wasn't the primary receiver. He earned that acclaim during an



Mabra



McCrary



McQuilken

all-star, catch-everything-thrown-at-him career at Clark College in Atlanta. He was the Falcons' fifth round pick in the draft of 1975.

**PERSONAL** Hoping for a lot more playing time in 1976, McCrary worked out almost daily in the off-season in an effort to "be ready" when 1976 arrived. Full name: Gregory Alonza McCrary. Off-season residence: College Park, Ga. Single. Born: March 24, 1952, in Griffin, Ga.

#### KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1975	Atlanta	3	48	16.0	19	0
Totals		3	48	16.0	19	0

**Kim McQuilken, QB, 6-2, 203** Curling up and surrendering never crossed his mind. That just isn't Kim McQuilken's nature. Falling from first to third in the Falcons' quarterbacking alignment did nothing to lessen his competitiveness. In fact, he says, it made him work just that much harder. He knew his time to play would come again. And he was determined to be ready, physically and mentally. "Last season proved you need more than one quarterback," the former Lehigh star said. "I

had rather start, sure, but I realize, the way football is, Steve (Bartkowski) might need some help. And if I can't beat him out for the top job, at least I want to be the guy the club turns to next." Twice in 1975, Atlanta did just that: Turned to him. He started against New Orleans (Nov. 2) and Minnesota. For the season, he completed 20 of 61 passes for 253 yards and one touchdown. 3rd year. Games—5 in 1974, 3 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Small college football fans throughout America came to know McQuilken well during his three-year career at Lehigh. When you complete 516 of 927 passes for 6996 yards and 37 touchdowns, you get a lot of ink.

**PERSONAL** McQuilken divided his time by four during the past off-season. He used a piece for his family; his job as a sale representative for a local hotel; the Falcons basketball team, and, conditioning. Full name: Kim Evan McQuilken. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, two children. Born: Feb. 26, 1951, in Allentown, Pa.

#### PASSING

Year	Club	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long	Int.	Pct.	Avg.	Gain
1974	Atlanta	78	34	43.6	373	0	26	9	11.5	4.78	
1975	Atlanta	61	20	32.7	253	1	31	9	14.8	4.1	
Totals		139	54	38.8	626	1	31	18	12.9	4.5	

#### RUSHING

Year	Club	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1974	Atlanta	2	1	0.5	1	0
1975	Atlanta	4	26	6.5	14	0
Totals		6	27	4.5	14	0

## Jeff Merrow, DE, 6-4, 230

Filling another's shoes had never presented much of a problem for Jeff Merrow—before 1975. With his size 13½'s, he usually had no trouble at all. He had not, however, been called on to step into somebody else's size 15's. When the challenge came to fill in for the injured Claude Humphrey, the drawling Ohioan didn't shy away, though. He stepped right in. And, in fact, did a most creditable job, according to his coaches. He had 27 individual tackles, 21 assists, knocked down two passes, caused six "hurries" and had two and one-half sacks of the quarterback. Originally drafted as a tackle, he moved to defensive end in training camp. When Humphrey went down, he moved to end for the duration of the season. He sustained a left hamstring strain in late September, missing two games. 2nd year. Games—12 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Merrow saw eye-to-eye with many opposing centers during his collegiate career at West Virginia University. They didn't enjoy the vision much, though. He was an all-star defensive middle guard for the Mountaineers.



Merrow



Mike-Mayer

**PERSONAL** His success in 1975 really boosted the legend of Atlanta's 11th round choices. That was Merrow's place in Atlanta's 1975 draft. Right-side linebacker Greg Brezina was the 11th round pick in the draft of 1968 and center Jeff Van Note came in 1969. Full name: Jeffrey Colin Merrow. Off-season residence: Madesville, W. Va. Single. Born: July 12, 1953, in Akron, Ohio.

**Nick Mike-Mayer, PK, 5-9, 187** Rules changes continued to restrict Nick Mike-Mayer's playing time in 1975. Not his effectiveness, though. The one-time Temple University star was four-of-10 on field goal attempts and hit 30-of-33 point after touchdown tries. This gave him 42 points and his third straight Atlanta scoring title. His longest field goal of the season was a 44 yarder against Washington. He missed the first PAT of his career against Oakland in the 11th game. Until that moment—his 20th attempt of the year—he had hit 73 straight for his career. His greatest afternoon as a pro came Nov. 4, 1973. His fifth field goal of that game—a 16-yard boot with 54 seconds left—beat Los Angeles, 15-13. 4th year. Games—14 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Fans first began getting a kick out of Mike-Mayer's talents during his career at Temple U. It was there that he became one of the country's leading placement specialists. As a senior he kicked 13 of 20 field goals and was 24-of-26 on points after touchdown.

**PERSONAL** In the NFL's latest sibling rivalry, Atlanta leads San Francisco, 12-6. That is, Nick Mike-Mayer accounted for six more points against San Francisco in 1975 than his older brother, Steve, scored against Atlanta. Nick had field goals of 27 and 22 yards and six PATs in two games against the 49ers. Steve had a pair of 26-yard fielders. Full name: Nicholas Mike-Mayer. Off-season residence: Decatur, Ga. Married, one child. Born: March 1, 1950, in Bologna, Italy.

SCORING						
Year	Club	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	Points
1973	Atlanta	34	34	26	38	112
1974	Atlanta	12	12	9	16	39
1975	Atlanta	30	33	4	10	42
Totals		76	79	39	64	193

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.

Field Goal Distances in order in 1974—32-21-27-31-35-47-32-36-47.

Field Goal Distances in order in 1975—27-44-23-22.

## Jim Mitchell, TE, 6-1, 236

Hara-kiri couldn't possibly hurt more than a Jim Mitchell forearm upside your head. Defensive backs and linebackers around the NFL will vouch for that. And they should know. The big Tennessean has rendered enough of them listless en route to becoming one of the best—yet least honored—tight ends in the game today. He performs all the duties of his position with style and explosiveness. A brilliant pass receiver, he certainly doesn't mind going into traffic to catch the ball. Coiling his forearm, whether it's for the purpose of challenging a would-be tackler or somebody he's to block, is something he enjoys, too. As a receiver, he was most productive in 1975, catching 34 balls for 536 yards and four touchdowns. These figures boosted his role as the team's all-time leader in all three categories. In his sparkling seven-year career, he has 223 receptions for 3477 yards and 24 touchdowns. Yet, he has neither been afforded all-pro recognition nor asked to play in the Pro Bowl game. And 1975 would have been an appropriate time for either to have happened. Four times in the club's 14-game schedule, he had four reception afternoons. The games were: Los Angeles (Oct. 19), for 65 yards and one touchdown; Cincinnati, 65 yards and two touchdowns; Los Angeles (Nov. 16), 46 yards and one touchdown, and, San Francisco (Dec. 14), for 67 yards. 8th year. Games—14 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 13 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** There are eight athletic monograms tucked away in Mitchell's collection of college memorabilia. The former Prairie View A&M great won four in football and four in baseball.

**PERSONAL** Mitchell will soon be walking down the aisle again. This time it will be to pick up his college diploma. He is three hours shy and plans to obtain those at the end of the 1976 season. Full name: James Robert Mitchell. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Married, two children. Born: Oct. 19, 1947, in Shelbyville, Tenn.



Mitchell



Nobis



Ortega

## RUSHING

Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1969	Atlanta	5	77	5.4	40	0
1970	Atlanta	5	23	4.6	112	1
1971	Atlanta	4	25	6.3	24	0
1972	Atlanta	2	19	9.5	18	0
1973	Atlanta	5	34	6.8	13	0
1974	Atlanta	3	21	7.0	15	0
1975	Atlanta	.....	none			
Totals		24	199	8.3	40	1

## RECEIVING

No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
22	339	15.4	142	4
44	650	14.8	151	6
33	593	18.0	43	5
28	460	16.4	140	4
32	420	13.1	50	0
30	479	16.0	52	1
34	536	15.8	32	4
223	3477	15.6	52	24

**Tommy Nobis, LB, 6-3, 243**

Cramming the highlights of Tommy Nobis' career into 24-30 lines is like trying to knock a running back down with a handful of balloons. Not even the celebrated and voluminous *War and Peace* could contain them. His career has been that productive. And 1975 was no exception. For the ninth time in his Atlanta career, he led the team in tackles. According to official coaching statistics, he had 91 solo stops, 24 assists, knocked down two passes, forced one fumble and had one sack of the quarterback. Trying to pinpoint his greatest game would be just as taxing. His Sept. 29, 1974, date against New Orleans would have to be in the top three, though. His performance that afternoon was nonpareil. Of his 15 unassisted tackles, eight were of the touchdown-saving variety. 11th 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, 14 in 1974, 13 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** It's a wonder there's any furniture at all in Nobis' den. And if he put all his trophies and various other awards in it, there wouldn't be enough room. His career in football, from prep to college to the pros, has been that honored. In addition to being a two-time All-America selection at the University of Texas, he also won both the prestigious Maxwell and Outland trophies as collegiate football's lineman of the year.

**PERSONAL** America's—and most specifically Georgia's—Special Olympics program didn't have just a daily, nine-to-five routine out of Nobis during the off-season. He gave it many 12, 13, even 14-hour days. He didn't slow down after the last putt of his ultra-successful Super Sports Celebrity Golf Classic either. Full name: Thomas Henry Nobis, Jr. Off-season residence: Marietta, Ga. Married, three children. Born: Sept. 20, 1943, in San Antonio, Tex.

Year	Club	INTERCEPTIONS				RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES				
		No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Long	TD
1966	Atlanta	.....	.....	none	.....	.....	1	0	0	0
1967	Atlanta	3	57	19.0	141	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	137	1	1	3	3	0
1973	Atlanta	.....	.....	none	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1974	Atlanta	1	10	10.0	10	0	1	0	0	0
1975	Atlanta	.....	.....	none	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals		11	177	16.1	141	2	8	3	3	0

**Ralph Ortega, LB, 6-2, 220** "Handles" are necessary if you have a Citizen's Band radio in your car. You just don't say, "This is so-and-so, what's your 10-20?" You give them your "handle," which is either an extension of your personality, residence or occupation. Most of them are appropriate. Like the one his teammates have given Ralph Ortega, for instance. He's "The Blaster." A Falcons running back that he popped—or blasted—in an early 1975 scrimmage hung it on him. Several backs during the regular NFL championship season concurred later. Used primarily as the fourth linebacker in passing situations, he was credited with 20 tackles, two assists, one sack of the quarterback and knocked down three passes. A bright future is forecast for him. 2nd year. Games—14 in 1975.

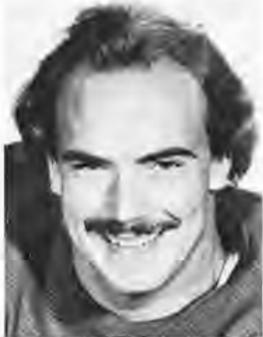
**COLLEGE** Ortega did a lot of "blasting" during his All-America career at the University of Florida. He was credited with 279 primary tackles, 108 assists and forced 14 fumbles during three years with the Gators varsity.

**PERSONAL** The books were what Ortega, the Falcons' second round draft choice in 1975, hit during the past off-season. He was back in school at Florida, pursuing his degree. Full name: Ralph Ortega. Off-season residence: Gainesville, Fla. Married. Born: July 6, 1953, in Havana, Cuba.

**Carl Russ, LB, 6-2, 227** Drawing a bead on a running back is relatively easy, they say. Hitting the target is the real trick; the tough thing to do. But not for Carl Russ. The young Michigan graduate proved his sure-handedness in 1975. He was one of the key tacklers on the speciality teams and was just as effective when called in for spot duty.



Russ



Ryczek



Smith

Coaches really like his aggressive style of play and determination. 2nd year. Games—14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Scholarship was first on Russ' mind when he got to college. He went on an academic grant-in-aid. In his sophomore year, he decided to join the football team and soon earned an athletic grant.

**PERSONAL** An honor graduate, Russ is contemplating returning to college in the immediate future in pursuit of a law degree. He spent most of the last off-season in Atlanta, working out and playing basketball. Full name: James Carlton Russ. Off-season residence: College Park, Ga. Single. Born: Feb. 16, 1953, in Muskegon, Mich.

**Paul Ryczek, C, 6-2, 230** Ballads aren't usually written about battles for second place. The Paul Ryczek-Ted Fritsch confrontation had all the markings, though, when the Falcons opened their 1976 training camp. The two veterans were to compete for the No. 2 spot at center behind Jeff Van Note. Ryczek is the incumbent. He moved in to the spot when Fritsch went down with a knee injury during 1975's training camp. Coaches said they would open the new camp rated neck-and-neck. In addition to an occasional role as a reserve, the back-up man usually handles all snaps on placement and punting situations. 3rd year. Games—14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Selected by the Falcons in the 10th round in 1974, Ryczek was one of the stars of the speciality teams as a rookie. It was a new role for him, having started for three seasons as an all-star center at the University of Virginia.

PERSONAL Ryczek did some traveling in the past off-season, in addition to playing with the club's basketball team. Full name: Paul Andrew Ryczek. Off-season residence: Marietta, Ga. Married. Born: June 25, 1952, in Mentor, Ohio.

**Royce Smith, G, 6-3, 250** Bodyguards with the speed of Royce Smith are almost as valuable to a football team as the down markers and chains. They are most effective—and necessary—on sweeps. And that is exactly where the ex-Georgia All-America excels. A great pull blocker, he combines speed and an explosive shoulder to give the Falcons the capability of moving on once the sweep has been instituted. Coaches say he is pretty adept at protecting quarterbacks, too. The Savannah-born Smith came to the Falcons in a July, 1974 trade with New Orleans. He was the Saints' No. 1 draft choice in 1972. 5th year. Games—10 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

COLLEGE His is a most honored name in University of Georgia football history. A two-time All-America there, Smith won the Southeastern Conference's prestigious Jacobs Trophy—emblematic of superiority as a blocker—in his senior year.

PERSONAL Contrary to popular belief, Smith insists "it wasn't really a 'pick-your-own-school' situation when my prep football days were over." He says Georgia was the only school to "seriously offer me a grant-in-aid." Full name: Royce Lionel Smith. Off-season residence: Hartwell, Ga. Single. Born: June 7, 1949, in Savannah, Ga.

**Haskel Stanback, RB, 6-1, 210** Praise did wonders for Haskel Stanback's sense of hearing—and accomplishment—in 1975. Complimented and encouraged for the first time in his young career, the fleet North Carolinian responded positively. He heard, came to believe, and became the running back coaches have long felt he could be. His season-ending statistics confirm that. He averaged 4.2 yards per carry, highest on the team. He rushed 105 times for 440 yards and scored five touchdowns. He also caught 14 passes for 114 more yards. Another aspect of his versatility came forward in the club's 13th game of the year. In a 31-9 winning performance against San Francisco (Dec. 14), he turned passer and tossed a 41-yard scoring strike to wide receiver Wallace Francis. 3rd year. Games—13 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

COLLEGE Graduation was about the only thing that stopped Stanback during his career at the University of Tennessee. Few defenses did. Proof is his 1730 career rushing yards yardage and 20 TDs for the Vols.

PERSONAL Stanback, obtained by the Falcons in a 1974 trade from Cincinnati, began pointing to the 1976 season in early January. That's when he began working out in earnest for this year. Full name: Haskel LaVon Stanback. Off-season residence: College Park, Ga. Married. Born: March 19, 1952, in Kannapolis, N. C.



Stanback



Thompson



Tilleman

**PASSING**

Year	Club	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long	Int.	Pct. Int.	Avg. Gain
1974	Atlanta	.....	1	1	1.000	41	none	0	0.0	41
1975	Atlanta	.....	1	1	1.000	41	1	41	0	0.0
<b>Totals</b>										

**RUSHING**

Year	Club	Alt.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	
1974	Atlanta	.....	57	235	4.1	23	1	8	39	4.9	18	0
1975	Atlanta	.....	105	440	4.2	26	5	14	115	8.2	14	0
<b>Totals</b>												

**Woody Thompson, RB, 6-1, 228**

Judgment came in a hurry in the Woody Thompson case. The evidence was overwhelming. The Falcons thought they knew the eventual verdict as early as January of 1975. Their confidence was completely vindicated 14 games later. His productivity helped immeasurably: 247 yards gained on 68 carries (a 3.6 per average); 14 pass receptions for 92 yards, and, four returned kickoffs for 48 yards—a 16.0 average. He also proved to be a solid blocker. His best game was against Cincinnati. In it he rushed for 88 yards. The club went into its 1976 training camp expecting an all-out fight between him, Haskel Stanback, and Monroe Eley for the second running back spot beside Dave Hampton. 2nd year. Games—14 games in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Despite being slowed by injuries as a senior, Thompson was still very busy during his career at the University of Miami. He rushed for 1339 yards—803 in an All-America junior year.

**PERSONAL** A slashing type runner, Thompson also showed in 1975 that he can go around the flanks. He has no preference of route: Just let him have the football. Full name: Alexander Woodrow Thompson. Off-season residence: Houston, Tex. Married. Born: Aug. 20, 1952, in Erie, Pa.

RUSHING							RECEIVING				
Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1975	Atlanta	68	247	3.6	18	0	14	92	6.6	14	0
Totals		68	247	3.6	18	0	14	92	6.6	14	0

KICKOFF RETURNS						
Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1975	Atlanta	4	62	15.5	23	0
Totals		4	62	15.5	23	0

## Mike Tilleman, DT, 6-7, 274

Javelin catching, it has been said, is more fun than playing across the scrimmage line from Mike Tilleman. That's no attempt at humor, either. It's a direct quote. "I'd rather catch javelins for an hour than to have to take anymore than two of his head slaps," an unidentified veteran NFL offensive lineman said in 1975. "It's bound to be more fun. He's absolutely lethal with those hands." His slaps, reputed to have the same numbing effect one feels when suffering a migraine, were really effective in 1975. He used them to chop his way past would-be blockers and make 72 individual tackles. He also had 23 assists, forced one fumble and was credited with four and one-half sacks of the quarterback. The big Montanan, whose 14 sacks led the NFL in 1972, came to the Falcons from Houston in a 1973 trade. 11th 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, 12 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Before settling on football as his "bag," Tilleman was a two-sport star at the University of Montana. A good jumper, he led the basketball team in rebounds as a freshman. All-America two seasons in football, he was drafted as a "future" by Minnesota in 1965.

**PERSONAL** Aside from his family and January-to-July job, there are two things that rest most dear with Tilleman during the off-season. One is any charitable endeavor that benefits exceptional children and the other is to help raise monies for the American Cancer Society. He twice beat cancer, undergoing surgery in 1969 and again in 1972. Full name: Michael John Tilleman. Off-season residence: Dunwoody, Ga. Married, two children. Born: March 20, 1944, in Chinook, Mont.

## Jeff Van Note, C, 6-2, 247

Egg-on-the-face is Southern jargon for cut-to-the-quick, which is Northern jargon for being totally—and absolutely—embarrassed. And regardless of the verbiage you choose, that's exactly how two ex-Pee Wee football coaches in Louisville, Ky., must feel at this moment. It isn't every day that you tell an eventual all-pro center, "Sorry, kid, but you'll never make it in football; try some other sport." It happened to Jeff Van Note, though. Twice. Fired by this rejection, he worked very hard and on his third try not only made the team, but became an all-star.



Van Note



Williams



Zook

It was to be his first touch with stardom. He received the same kind of recognition in prep school and later at the University of Kentucky. He "arrived" at the station reserved for the league's elite in 1974 by being named the starting National Football Conference center in the Pro Bowl. He was chosen for his second trip to that post-season classic in 1975. An excellent run and pass blocker, he is today recognized throughout professional football as one of the game's premier players. 8th year. Games—1 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Defense was Van Note's "cup of tea" during his collegiate career. Until being drafted 11th by the Falcons in 1969, he had never snapped a football under game conditions. He spent part of his rookie season in the minor leagues (Huntsville, Ala., of the old Continental Football Conference). He returned in 1970 to win the position and has been there ever since.

**PERSONAL** Van Note escaped the 'graveyard shift' during the past off-season. He became a traveling sales representative for his father's company, giving up the nightshift for a tie and an attache case. Full name: Jeffrey Aloysis Van Note. Off-season residence: Louisville, Ky. Married, two children. Born: Feb. 7, 1946, in South Orange, N. J.

**Sam Williams, DB, 6-2, 192** Prerequisite Nos. 1-5 for an NFL defensive back are all traits of Sam Williams' overall football personality. For example: "he likes to hit"; "will really stick you"; "is a solid ballhawk who will either intercept or deflect passes thrown in his coverage area"; "has good speed and knows what to do with an interception after he's made it," and, "is a solid, all-around athlete who excels in other sports as well." His two-year professional statistics clearly point out each of the aforementioned qualities. The Texas native, obtained in an April, 1976 trade from San Diego, led the Chargers secondary in tackles in each of the past two seasons. Despite missing four games due to a bruised knee, he

had 34 unassisted stops and 13 assist in 1975. 3rd year. Games—13 in 1974, 10 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** After two seasons at New Mexico Highlands University, Williams transferred to the University of California. Falcons quarterback Steve Bartkowski was a teammate for two years at Cal.

**PERSONAL** Williams, selected by San Diego in the 12th round of the 1974 draft, will be a great addition to the Falcons' off-season basketball team. From a flat-footed start and with his back to the goal, he is said to be able to dunk the ball. Full name: Samuel Charles Williams. Off-season residence: San Diego, Calif. Single. Born: July 22, 1952, in Cameron, Tex.

#### INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1974	San Diego	1	25	25.0	25	0
1975	San Diego	1	0	0.0	0	0
Totals		2	25	12.5	25	0

Recovered 1 opponent's fumble in 1974 for 0 yards.

### John Zook, DE, 6-5, 249

Tabulators haven't learned to count high enough to tell us the number of times John Zook was double—even triple—teamed in 1975. People could get away with that, since Claude Humphrey was watching from the sidelines. It didn't work quite as effectively as some figured, though. Even with the burdensome attention he got, the Kansas native still had 56 unassisted tackles and 20 assists. He also had a team-high nine sacks of the quarterback, recovered two fumbles, had seven "hurries" and batted down five passes. He was Los Angeles' fourth round draft choice in 1969, but was almost immediately traded to Philadelphia and then on to Atlanta. 8th year. Games—14 in 1969, 14 in 1970, 14 in 1971, 14 in 1972, 14 in 1973, 14 in 1974, 14 in 1975.

**COLLEGE** Durability has long been Zook's suit. He never missed a game during his All-America career at the University of Kansas. He has played in 98 straight games since turning pro.

**PERSONAL** The first breath of spring weather was welcomed by Zook like a big bonus. He immediately went fishing. He usually enters as many bass tournaments as possible during the off-season. Full name: John Eldon Zook. Off-season residence: Atlanta. Single. Born: Sept. 24, 1947, in Garden City, Kan.

#### INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Club	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	RECOV. OPP. FUMBLES			
							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	126	1
1973	Atlanta			none			1	0	0	0
1974	Atlanta	1	14	14.0	14	0			none	
1975	Atlanta			none			2	0	0	0
Totals		4	60	15.0	24	0	8	52	126	1

# 1976 Atlanta Falcon Veterans

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth- date	College
61	Adams, Brent	T	6-5	256	2	6/26/52	UT/C'nooga
10	Bartkowski, Steve	QB	6-4	213	2	11/12/52	California
50	Brezina, Greg	LB	6-1	221	9	1/7/46	Houston
34	Brown, Ray	S	6-2	202	6	1/12/49	W. Texas St.
82	Burrow, Ken	WR	6-0	191	6	3/29/48	San Diego St.
38	Byas, Rick	DB	5-9	180	3	10/19/50	Wayne St.
47	Davis, Brad	RB	5-10	200	2	2/9/53	LSU
32	Easterling, Ray	S	6-0	192	5	9/3/49	Richmond
46	Eley, Monroe	RB	6-2	210	2	4/17/49	Arizona St.
26	Esposito, Mike	RB	6-0	183	1	4/24/53	Boston Coll.
89	Francis, Wallace	WR	5-11	190	4	11/7/51	Arkansas AM&N
66	Fritsch, Ted	C	6-2	242	5	8/26/50	St. Norbert
42	Gilliam, John	WR	6-1	187	9	8/7/45	S. Carolina St.
65	Gotshalk, Len	G	6-4	259	6	10/21/49	Humboldt St.
43	Hampton, Dave	RB	6-0	202	8	5/7/47	Wyoming
56	Havig, Dennis	G	6-2	256	6	5/6/49	Colorado
78	Hilton, Roy	DE	6-6	250	12	3/21/43	Jackson State
87	Humphrey, Claude	DE	6-5	265	9	6/29/44	Tennessee St.
16	Hunter, Scott	QB	6-2	210	5	11/19/47	Alabama
68	Jackson, Larron	G	6-3	260	6	8/26/49	Missouri
6	James, John	P	6-3	200	5	1/21/49	Florida
84	Jenkins, Alfred	WR	5-10	172	2	1/25/52	Morris Brown
40	Jones, Bob	DB	6-2	193	4	2/10/51	Virginia Union
54	Kuykendall, Fulton	LB	6-5	225	2	6/10/53	UCLA
22	Lawrence, Rolland	CB	5-10	179	4	3/24/51	Tabor
69	Lewis, Mike	DT	6-4	261	6	7/14/49	Arkansas AM&N
29	Mabra, Ron	DB	5-10	164	2	6/4/51	Howard
88	McCravy, Greg	TE	6-3	230	2	3/24/52	Clark
11	McQuilken, Kim	QB	6-2	203	3	2/26/51	Lehigh
75	Merrow, Jeff	DE	6-4	230	2	7/11/53	West Virginia
12	Mike-Mayer, Nick	PK	5-9	187	4	3/1/50	Temple
86	Mitchell, Jim	TE	6-1	236	8	10/19/47	Prairie View
60	Nobis, Tommy	LB	6-2	243	11	9/20/43	Texas
55	Ortega, Ralph	LB	6-2	220	2	7/6/53	Florida
59	Russ, Carl	LB	6-2	227	2	2/16/53	Michigan
53	Ryczek, Paul	C	6-2	230	3	6/25/52	Virginia
64	Smith, Royce	G	6-3	250	5	6/7/49	Georgia
24	Stanback, Haskel	RB	6-0	210	3	3/19/52	Tennessee
48	Thompson, Woody	RB	6-1	228	2	8/20/52	Miami
74	Tilleman, Mike	DT	6-7	278	10	3/30/44	Montana
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	247	8	2/7/46	Kentucky
39	Williams, Sam	DB	6-2	192	3	7/22/52	California
71	Zook, John	DE	6-5	249	8	9/24/47	Kansas

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## 1976 Draft Choices

◀ **1 Bubba Bean, RB, 5-11, 195** Graduation was about the only sure hope some Southwest Conference teams ever had of stopping Bubba Bean. Their defenses, for the most part, certainly didn't. His 2846 career rushing yardages attest to that. He was especially tough on his opponents in his final three seasons with the Aggies. He rushed for 711 as a sophomore, 938 as a junior and 944 as a senior. Two of his more productive games came against Atlantic Coast Conference opponent Clemson. As a sophomore, he ripped the Tigers for 204 yards. He got 182 against them as a junior. Full name: Earnest Ray Bean. Married, one child. Born: Jan. 26, 1954, in Kirbyville, Tex.

**2 Sonny Collins, RB, 6-1, 196** Saturdays were the brightest days of the weeks throughout Sonny Collins' career at the University of Kentucky. They were pretty gloomy for his opponents, though. But when you hit them for 2086 career rushing yards, you don't really expect things to be too sunny for them. He got 1150 of those yards in an SEC record-smashing senior year. His 104.6 yards gained per game ranked him 20th in the country in 1975. Full name: Alfred Eugene Collins, Jr. Single. Born: Jan. 17, 1953, in Madisonville, Ky.

**3 Dave Scott, T, 6-4, 285** Foot races, although you might not suspect it—considering his size, have never been a source of embarrassment for Dave Scott. He's won far more 40-yard sprints involving offensive and defensive linemen than he has ever lost. The ex-Kansas Star's time (5.1) in the 40-yard dash is considered "excellent." Full name: Arthur David Scott. Single. Born: Dec. 26, 1953, in Hackensack, N. J.

**4 Walt Brett, DE, 6-5, 241** Unwanted by any college after prep school, Walt Brett decided to play his way into the spotlight. He did too, earning a full grant-in-aid at the University of Montana in his sophomore season. He became a starter after moving from tight end to defensive end as a soph. Full name: Walter Jeffrey Brett. Single. Born: Dec. 1, 1953, in San Francisco, Calif.

**5 Traded to Minnesota.**

**6 Stan Varner, DT, 6-4, 245**

Up in the air was no mere sensation for Stan Varner when informed he had been drafted by the Atlanta Falcons. It was reality. A licensed pilot, he was flying a single engine plane at the time. One highlight of his Brigham Young University career was his 19 sacks of the quarterback as a junior. Full name: Stanley Everett Varner. Single. Born: Dec. 22, 1952, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**7 Karl Farmer, WR, 5-11, 165**

Sprinter's speed and good hands. Those are the first two items listed under the plus column in Karl Farmer's football portfolio. He displayed both, in all-star fashion, while healthy, during his Pitt career. An internationally-recognized speedster, he was considering the 1976 Olympics prior to his signing with the Falcons. Full name: Karl Anthony Farmer. Married, one child. Born: Aug. 28, 1954, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

**8 Frank Reed, DB, 5-11, 193**

Folks came to really enjoy plays run and passes thrown out of Frank Reed's coverage area. His propensity for hard-hitting and either deflecting or intercepting passes earned him that respect. He had 11 pass interceptions in three seasons at Washington. Full name: Frank Rodney Reed. Single. Born: May 13, 1954, in Seattle, Wash.

**9 Phil McKinnely, T, 6-4, 248**

Dribbling a ball or knocking people down who carry one under their arm was the decision facing Phil McKinnely upon graduation from prep school. A widely-recruited basketball star, he chose football instead and became a three-year letterman at UCLA. Full name: Phillip Byron McKinnely. Single. Born: July 8, 1954, in Oakland, Calif.

**10 No selection.****11 Chuck Brislin, T, 6-3, 238**

Keeping running backs and quarterbacks on their feet in 1976 will be something new for Chuck Brislin. He spent the past four years knocking them down as a defensive tackle at Mississippi State. Coaches and scouts have projected—"with his size and speed"—he could become a most capable NFL offensive lineman. Full name: Charles William Brislin. Single. Born: April 23, 1954, in Columbus, Miss.

**12 Pat Bolton, K, 5-9, 190** American-styled placekicking lives, afterall. Pat Bolton's four-year statistical sheet from Montana State will confirm it. Among his 44 career field goals, he had kicks of 54, 51 and 49 yards—all came against Idaho State in 1975. Full name: Patrick Richard Bolton. Single. Born: March 20, 1953, in Butte, Mont.

**13 Mike Williams, T, 6-3, 249** Four-year starters in college aren't too common. But Mike Williams is an exception. A hard-nosed, dedicated football player, he graded out at almost 90 per cent as a 1975 University of Florida senior. Full name: Roderic Michael Williams. Single. Born: Nov. 23, 1954, in Orlando, Fla.

**14 Mark Husfloen, DE, 6-4, 231** Sacking quarterbacks and making unassisted tackles are two of Mark Husfloen's favorite football forms of relaxation. And he did both with comparative ease at Washington State, averaging nine sacks per season and 13 solo stops per game. Full name: Mark Ogden Husfloen. Single. Born: Feb. 4, 1954, in Dellingham, Wash.

**15 Ron Olson, DB, 6-0, 196** Foresight rewarded the University of Washington coaching staff in 1975. Long before Ron Olson became a starter, coaches felt the time would come when he would move into the starting defensive eleven. It arrived in 1975 and he became one of the Huskies' busiest tacklers and pass defenders. Full name: Ronald Jon Olson. Born: May 17, 1954, in Seattle, Wash.

**16 Pat Curto, LB, 6-2, 229** Comparatively speaking, Pat Curto says his collegiate position wasn't too different than the one he will have in the NFL. Ohio State uses its defensive ends, he points out, in a style that's comparable to playing outside linebacker. Full name: Patrick Curto. Single. Born: March 14, 1954, in Chicago, Ill.

**17 Tony Green, DB, 6-2, 186** Aggressively is the only way Tony Green has ever played football. That is evidenced by the number of career tackles, pass deflections (32) and interceptions (nine) at Texas Tech. Full name: Tony Tillman Green. Single. Born: Sept. 25, 1952, in Seguin, Tex.

# 1976 Atlanta Falcons Rookies

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birth-date	College	How Acq.
91	Barschig, Carl	TE	6-4	215	10/5/53	Washington St.	FA
44	Bean, Bubba	RB	5-11	195	1/26/54	Texas A&M	D1
8	Bolton, Pat	K	5-9	190	3/20/53	Montana St.	D12
27	Bonds, Jay	RB	6-0	207	12/18/52	Cincinnati	FA
67	Brett, Walt	G	6-5	241	12/1/53	Montana	FA
62	Brislin, Chuck	T	6-3	238	4/23/54	Mississippi St.	D11
33	Brockington, George	RB	5-11	195	9/21/52	Alabama A&M	FA
35	Burke, Mark	DB	6-1	175	6/10/54	West Virginia	FA
42	Chamberlain, Vern	RB	6-1	220	7/24/53	Washington St.	FA
93	Chisolm, John	WR	6-0	180	10/14/53	Delaware St.	FA
52	Clark, Wayne	LB	6-0	220	7/31/54	Winona	FA
41	Collins, Sonny	RB	6-1	196	1/17/53	Kentucky	D2
92	Cunningham, Larry	TE	6-3	230	1/14/53	Langston	FA
51	Curto, Pat	LB	6-2	229	3/14/54	Ohio State	D16
80	Farmer, Karl	WR	5-11	165	8/28/54	Pittsburgh	D7
96	Favorite, Larry	DT	6-7	285	2/7/53	Grambling	FA
25	Green, Tony	DB	6-2	186	9/25/52	Texas Tech	D17
83	Gustafson, Ron	WR	6-1	185	10/8/52	N. Dakota	FA
99	Hill, John	DE	6-5	260	8/13/52	Duke	FA
98	Hill, Steve	T	6-5	260	10/11/54	St. Olaf	FA
23	Holmes, Bobby	RB	6-1	235	7/30/53	Iowa	FA
94	Husfloen, Mark	DE	6-4	231	2/4/54	Washington St.	D14
16	Husmann, David	QB	6-2	205	8/17/53	Houston	FA
97	Jackson, Arthur	DE	6-5	239	10/5/51	Jackson St.	FA
37	Jones, Billy Ray	DB	6-0	190	4/18/54	Bethel Coll.	FA
90	Latimer, Mike	WR	6-1	167	11/20/53	Miami	FA
81	McCarthy, Darius	WR	6-1	175	4/17/52	S. Carolina St.	FA
83	McClain, Dewey	TE	6-3	235	4/25/54	E. Central Univ.	FA
73	McKinnely, Phil	T	6-4	248	7/8/54	UCLA	D9
37	Newson, Winfred	TE	6-4	225	8/3/53	E. Central Univ.	FA
70	Nunnally, Larry	DE	6-1	255	9/13/50	Southern Cal.	FA
30	Olson, Ron	DB	6-0	196	5/17/54	Washington	D15
56	Poole, Frank	LB	6-3	210	8/6/52	Florida A&M	FA
28	Reed, Frank	DB	5-11	193	5/13/54	Washington	D8
45	Roddie, Isaiah	DB	5-11	180	11/12/53	Clark	FA
53	Sandusky, Jim	LB	6-1	220	6/21/53	Towson St.	FA
70	Scott, Dave	T	6-4	285	12/26/53	Kansas	D3
21	Smith, Rollen	DB	6-1	190	10/12/51	Arkansas	FA
75	Stripling, Steve	G	6-3	250	11/25/53	Colorado	FA
53	Tennessee, Henry	LB	6-3	210	2/7/53	Va. St. College	FA
95	Van Halanger, Dave	T	6-6	265	10/15/53	W. Virginia	FA
72	Varner, Stan	DT	6-4	245	12/22/52	Brigham Young	D6
14	Violante, Jose	K	5-8	165	2/12/52	Brown	FA
36	Washington, Wyatt	DB	5-10	175	9/3/54	Tulane	FA
79	Wells, Angelo	DE	6-3	235	1/19/54	Morgan St.	FA
31	White, Maurice	RB	5-11	194	4/24/54	Miles	FA
77	Williams, Mike	T	6-3	249	11/23/54	Florida	D13
73	Williford, Larry	DT	6-4	250	6/10/52	Virginia Union	FA

## Free Agent

Mail call is about the only time you even notice some of the free agents who join NFL teams each year at training camp. Some make it past the third shipment, but often as not most are gone before their first letters are even sent from home.

There are exceptions, though, who make it all the way through camp. And some even become viable contributors to the success of their team. To this list, add the names of **Alfred Jenkins**, **Mike Lewis**, **Bob Jones**, **Ron Mabra**, **Rick Byas** and **John James**. Be sure the first name is there. And the last one, too.

A 1975 free agent, all Jenkins did was become the leading average-per-catch pass receiver in the National Football Conference. His 38 receptions for 767 yards averaged out to a 20.2 figure.

James, beginning his fifth year with the Falcons, was the National Football Conference's punter in the last NFC-AFC Pro Bowl game.

These people made it. And there will be others. Possibly some of the names listed below. The evaluation offered in early June, is from Tom Braatz, Atlanta's director of player personnel.

**Carl Barschig** has the size and hands to be a prospect . . . . **Mark Burke**, a youngster with lots of ability and speed, will get a shot at making the club as a free safety and punt return specialist . . . . A big, tough kid. **Vern Chamberlain** likes to run inside. And he has proved he can . . . . **John Chisholm** has both good hands and good speed . . . . **Ron Gustafson**, claimed by us on waivers from New Orleans, is an excellent wide receiver and punt return man. He was the Saints' No. 5 draft choice in 1975. He was among the last cut at training camp a year ago . . . . **John Hill** has pro size. Buffalo drafted him in 1975 . . . . **Steve Hill** is a kid who needs some work on technique, but showed ability at our rookie camp last April . . . . **Arthur Jackson** has pass rush ability . . . . **Darius McCarthy**, drafted by Los Angeles last year, has speed and a good pair of hands.

**Larry Nunnally** had an outstanding rookie camp. He has action to rush the passer and good speed . . . . **George Brockington** was the second fastest man (behind No. 1 draft choice Bubba Bean) at the rookie camp. He has excellent hands for catching the ball . . . . **Jim Sandusky** is a hard-nosed kid who loves to hit . . . . **Rollen Smith** is a competitor and has good athletic ability . . . . **Henry Tennessee** showed speed, good hands and fine athletic ability during our camp. He has a chance . . . . **Dave Van Halanger**, at 6-5, 271, was the biggest rookie in camp. He can play . . . . **Wyatt Washington** showed speed and quickness during the camp. He has a chance as a defensive cornerback . . . . **Angelo Wells** showed ability to get to passer and he is competitive . . . . **Maurice White**, who gained over 3500 yards rushing his college career, has some moves and likes to run with the ball.

## HISTORY

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### Falcon History Book, 1964-76

**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&M 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 jerseys 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.

**1974** After three straight losses, Falcons beat New York Giants 14-7, for their first victory of the regular championship season, Oct. 6. Kicking specialist Nick Mike-Mayer kicks a 31-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to help Atlanta to 13-10 win over Chicago in the fifth game

of 1974, Oct. 13. Van Brocklin is fired as head coach-general manager, Nov. 5. Marion Campbell, since 1969 Atlanta's defensive coordinator, is named head coach, Nov. 6. A record low of 40,202 "no shows" is recorded at Atlanta Stadium as Los Angeles defeats the Falcons, 30-7, in sub-freezing weather, Dec. 1. Rookie quarterback Kim McQuilken, making his second start of the year, leads the Falcons to a season-closing, 10-3 victory over Green Bay. Atlanta fans break their own "no show" record (48,830), Dec. 15.

**1975** Marion Campbell is signed to a new contract as head coach of the Falcons in ceremonies at Atlanta Stadium, Jan. 9. Falcons trade veteran offensive tackle George Kunz and a draft choice to Baltimore for the No. 1 pick in the 1975 NFL players draft. Atlanta also got the Colts' sixth round choice, Jan. 27. Quarterback Steve Bartkowski of California, a consensus All-America, is selected by Atlanta as the No. 1 draft choice in the country, Jan. 28. A. Pat Peppler, instrumental in the construction of two Super Bowl championships at Green Bay (1967 and 1968) and Miami (1973 and 1974), is named Falcons general manager, Feb. 26. Running back Dave Hampton finally cracked the elusive 1000-Yard Club, hitting Green Bay for 61 yards in the final game of the year. This pushed to 1002 his total for the season, making him the first back in Falcon history to gain 1000 or-more yards rushing, Dec. 21.

**1976** Wide receiver John Gilliam, who played out his option in 1975 at Minnesota, is signed by the Falcons, May 5. First-round draft choice Bubba Bean, a running back from Texas A&M, signs several one-year contracts with the Falcons, May 12.



Head Coach Marion Campbell (L-R), Pres. Frank Wall, GM Pat Peppler Welcome Gilliam During Press Conference.

# TEN-YEAR ROSTER

A				
Absher, Dick (LB), Maryland	1967-68	Heck, Ralph (LB), Colorado	1966-68	
Acks, Ron (LB), Illinois	1968-71	Henton, Mack (RB), Kansas St.	1975	
Adams, Brent (T), UT at Chattanooga	1975	Hettema, Dave (T), New Mexico	1970	
Allen, Grady (LB), Texas A&M	1969-73	Holton, Roy (DE), Jackson St.	1975	
Anderson, Taz (TE), Georgia Tech	1966-67	Holmes, Rudy (DB), Drake	1974	
Auer, Jon (RB), Georgia Tech	1968	Hudson, Floyd (CB-S), Arizona	1967-68	
B		Hughes, Bob (DE), Jackson St.	1967-69	
Bailey, Larry (DT), Pacific	1974	Humphrey, Claude (DE), Tenn St.	1968-74	
Barnes, Gary (WR), Clemson	1966-67	Hutchinson, Tom (WR), Kentucky	1966	
Barkowski, Steve (OB), California	1975	J		
Beabout, Nick (T), Wyoming	1973-75	Jackson, Larion (G), Missouri	1975	
Belt, Bill (PK), Kansas	1971-72	James, John (P), Florida	1972-75	
Belton, Willie (RB), Maryland St.	1971-72	Jenke, Noel (LB), Minnesota	1972	
Benson, Duane (LB), Hamline	1972-73	Jenkins, Al (WR), Morris Brown	1975	
Berry, Bob (QB), Oregon	1968-72	Jarvis, Ray (WR), Norfolk St.	1971-72	
Bleick, Tom (S), Georgia Tech	1967	Johko, Bill (LB), Ohio St.	1966	
Blesty, Bruce (G), W. Virginia	1968	Johnson, Randy (OB), Texas A&I	1966-70	
Bowling, Andy (LB), Virginia Tech	1967	Johnson, Rudy (RB), Nebraska	1966	
Bramlett, John (LB), Memphis St.	1971	Jones, Bob (WR), San Diego St.	1969	
Breitenstein, Bob (G-T), Tulsa	1969-70	Jones, Bob (DB), Virginia Union	1975	
Brezina, Greg (LB), Houston	1968-69, 71-75	Jones, Jerry (DT), Bowling Green	1966	
Brown, Ray (S), W. Texas State	1971-75	K		
Brunson, Mike (WR-RB), Arizona St.	1970	Kendrick, Vince (RB), Florida	1974	
Bryant, Charles (RB), Allen	1969	Kincaid, Lou (G-K), Boston College	1966-67	
Burke, Vern (WR), Oregon St.	1966	Krebs, Rich (T), Oregon State	1966	
Burrow, Ken (WR), San Diego St.	1971-75	Kuechenberg, Ray (LB), Indiana	1971	
Burson, Jimmy (CB-S), Auburn	1968	Kunz, George (T), Notre Dame	1969-74	
Butler, Jim (RB), Edward Waters	1968-71	Kupp, Jake (G), Washington	1967	
Byas, Rick (DB), Wayne St.	1974-75	Kuykendall, Fulton (LB), UCLA	1975	
L		Lamb, Ron (RB), S. Carolina	1973	
Cahill, Dave (DT), Northern Arizona	1969	Lavan, Al (S), Colorado St. U.	1969-70	
Calland, Lee (CB), Louisville	1968-69	Lawrence, Ken (WR), Georgia	1970	
Campbell, Sonny (RB), North Arizona	1970-71	Lawrence, Roland (DB), Tabor	1973-75	
Cash, Rich (DE), N. E. Missouri	1968	Lebeditter, Monte (WR), N. W. Louisiana	1969	
Cavness, Grady (CB), Texas-EI Paso	1970	Lee, Bob (WR), Minnesota	1969	
Cerne, Joe (C), Northwestern	1968	Lee, Bob (QB), Pacific	1973-74	
Childs, Henry (TE), Kansas St.	1974	Lee, Dwight (RB), Michigan St.	1968	
Chesson, Wes (WR), Duke	1971-73	Lemmerman, Bruce (OB), San Fernando Valley	1968-69	
Claridge, Dennis (OB), Nebraska	1966	Lens, Greg (DT), Trinity, Texas	1970-71	
Coffey, Junior (RB), Washington	1966-67, 69	Lewis, Mike (DE), Arkansas A&M	1971-75	
Cogdill, Gail (WR), Washington St.	1969-70	Linden, Errol (T), Houston	1966-68	
Coia, Angelo (WR), USC	1966	Leng, Bob (WR), Wichita St.	1968	
Condren, Glen (DT), Oklahoma	1969-72	Lofthouse, Billy (P-S), Georgia Tech	1966-71	
Cook, Ed (G), Notre Dame	1966-67	M		
Cordill, Ollie (RB), Memphis St.	1968	Mabray, Ron (DB), Howard	1975	
Cottrell, Ted (LB), Delaware Valley	1969-70	Mack, Red (WR), Notre Dame	1966	
Crowe, Larry (DB), Tex. Southern	1975	Mallory, John (S), W. Virginia	1967	
D		Malone, Art (RB), Arizona St.	1970-74	
Dabney, Carlton (DT), Morgan St.	1968	Mankins, Jim (RB), Florida St.	1967	
Davis, Brad (RB), LSU	1975	Manning, Rosie (T), N. E. Oklahoma	1972-75	
Dambore, Mike (TE), San Francisco	1968, 70-71	Marchlowski, Frank (C), Minnesota	1966-68	
Dodd, Al (WR), N. W. Louisiana St.	1972-74	Marshall, Randy (DE), Linfield	1970-71	
Dutch, Steve (G), San Diego St.	1968	Marshall, Rich (DT), Stephen F. Austin	1966	
Cook, Ed (G), Notre Dame	1966-67	Martin, Billy (TE), Georgia Tech	1966-67	
Cordill, Ollie (RB), Memphis St.	1968	Martinez, Greg (DT), Notre Dame	1973	
Cottrell, Ted (LB), Delaware Valley	1969-70	McBride, John (C), Oregon	1970-71	
Dunn, Petty Lee (RB), Mississippi	1966-68	McCarthy, Brendan (RB), Boston College	1968	
E		McCauley, Tom (S-WR), Wisconsin	1969-71	
Easterling, Ray (S), Richmond	1972-75	McDermott, Gary (RB), Tulsa	1969	
Eber, Rick (WR), Tulsa	1968	McDonald, Tommy (WR), Oklahoma	1967	
Eley, Monroe (RB), Arizona St.	1975	McCravy, Greg (TE), Clark	1975	
Ellis, Clarence (CB), Notre Dame	1972-74	McGee, Molly (RB), Rhode Island	1974	
Enderle, Dick (G), Minnesota	1969-71	McInnis, Hugh (TE), So. Mississippi	1966	
Etter, Bob (K), Georgia	1968-69	McQuillen, Kim (OB), Lehigh	1974	
F		Merrow, Jeff (DE), W. Virginia	1975	
Ferguson, Jim (C), USC	1968	Milak, Larry (TE), Wisconsin	1972-74	
Fitzgerald, Mike (CB-S), Iowa State	1967	Mike-Mayer, Nick (K), Temple	1973-75	
Flatley, Paul (WR), Northwestern	1968-69	Miller, Jim (G), Iowa	1971-72, 74	
Francis, Wallace (WR), Arkansas A&M	1975	Mitchell, Ken (LB), Nevada-Las Vegas	1973-74	
Freeman, Mike (CB-S), Fresno St.	1968-70	Mitchell, Jim (TE), Prairie View	1969-75	
Fritsch, Ted (C), St. Norbert	1972-74	Moore, Tom (RB), Vanderbilt	1967	
G		Morris, Larry (LB), Georgia Tech	1966	
Gallagher, Frank (G), N. Carolina	1973	N		
Garcia, Jim (DE), Puerto Rico	1968	Neal, Louis (WR), Prairie View	1973-74	
Geredine, Thomas (WR), N. E. Missouri St.	1973-74	Nobis, Tommy (LB), Texas	1966-75	
German, Willie (S), Morgan St.	1972	Notsinger, Terry (OB), Utah	1967	
Gipson, Paul (RB), Houston	1969-70	Norton, Jim (DT-DE), Washington	1967-68	
Glass, Glenn (WR), Tennessee	1966	O		
Gotshalk, Len (T), Humboldt St.	1972-75	Ogden, Ray (TE), Alabama	1967-68	
Goodwin, Doug (RB), Maryland St.	1968	Ortega, Ralph (LB), Florida	1975	
Grimm, Dan (G-C), Colorado	1966-68	P		
H		Palmer, Dick (LB), Kentucky	1974	
Halverson, Dean (LB), Washington	1970	Plummer, Tony (S), Pacific	1971-73	
Hampton, Dave (RB), Wyoming	1972-75	Poage, Ray (TE), Texas	1971	
Hansen, Don (LB), Illinois	1969-75	Proft, Joe (RB), N.E. Louisiana	1971-73	
Harmon, Tom (G), Gus Adolphus	1967			
Harris, Bill (OB), Colorado	1968			
Hart, Leo (QB), Duke	1971			
Hawkins, Alex (WR), South Carolina	1966-67			
Havig, Dennis (G), Colorado	1972-75			
Hayes, Tom (CB), San Diego St.	1971-75			

R				
Bassas, Nick (S), Notre Dame	1966-68	Sobociński, Phil (Q), Wisconsin	1968	
Ray, Eddie (RB), LSU	1972-74	Spiller, Phil (S), Cal State-L.A.	1966	
Reaves, Ken (CB), Norfolk St.	1966-73	Standish, Haskell (RB), Tennessee	1974-75	
Rector, Ron (RB), Northwestern	1966-67	Stranier, Jeff (RB), Miss. Valley	1969	
Redmond, Rudy (CB), Pacific	1968-71	Strahan, Art (DT), Tex. Southern	1966	
Reed, Oscar (RB), Colorado State U	1975	Suey, Larry (CB), Mississippi Coll	1968	
Reese, Guy (DT), SMU	1966	Sullivan, Jim (DE), Lincoln, Mo.	1970	
Richards, Bobby (DE), LSU	1966-67	Sullivan, Pat (OB), Auburn	1972-75	
Richardson, Jerry (CB-S), W. Texas St	1966-67	Szczecka, Joe (DT), Auburn	1966-68	
Ridlehuber, Preston (RB), Georgia	1966	T		
Riley, Bob (QB), Penn State	1966-67	Talbert, Don (T), Texas	1966-68	
Roberts, Gary (G), Purdue	1970	Tompson, Woody (RB), Miami	1972	
Rubke, Karl (DT), USC	1966-67	Tilmon, Mike (DT), Montana	1973-75	
Rushing, Marion (LB), So. Illinois	1966-68	Tinker, Gerald (WR), Kent State	1974-75	
Russ, Carl (LB), Michigan	1975	Tolleson, Tammy (WR), Alabama	1966	
Ryczek, Paul (C), Virginia	1974-75	Traynham, Wade (K), Frederick	1966-67	
S		V		
Sabatino, Bill (DT), Colorado	1969	Van Note, Jeff (G), Kentucky	1968-75	
Sandeman, Bill (T), Pacific	1967-73	Vinyard, Kenny (DT), Texas Tech	1970	
Sanders, Bob (LB), N. Texas St	1967	W		
Scales, Charlie (RB), Indiana	1966	Wages, Harmon (RB), Florida	1966-71, 73	
Schmidt, Ray (G-T), Long Beach St.	1969	Walker, Chuck (DT), Duke	1973-75	
Shay, Jerry (DT), Purdue	1966-69	Walker, Dan (LB), Louisville	1971	
Shears, Larry (CB), Lincoln, Mo.	1971	Wareh, Lorraine (LB), Tenn. Tech	1973-74	
Sherling, Bob (WR), Memphis St	1966	Washington, Joe (RB), Illinois St.	1973	
Shiner, Dick (OB), Maryland	1971-73	Weskiewicz, Jim (G), Wichita St.	1969	
Sidle, Jimmie (TE-RB), Auburn	1966	Weat, Eldred, Jim (S), Tennessee	1969	
Silenski, Chet (DT), Penn State	1966-67	Wheelwright, Ernie (RB), So. Illinois	1966-67	
Silvers, Carl (CB-S), Wisconsin	1966	Whitton, Bob (C), Arizona	1966	
Simmons, Jerry (WR), Bethune-Cookman	1967-69	Williams, Sam (DE), Michigan St.	1966-67	
Simon, Jim (G-T), Miami	1966-68	Wilson, Jim (G), Georgia	1967	
Sloan, Steve (QB), Alabama	1966-67	Winkler, Randy (G), Tarleton St.	1968	
Small, John (DT), Citadel	1970-72	Wolak, Bill (RB), Notre Dame	1966	
Smith, Ralph (TE), Mississippi	1969	Wood, Bo (DE), N. Carolina	1967	
Smith, Ron (CB-WR), Wisconsin	1966-67	Wright, John (WR), Illinois	1968	
Smith, Royce (G), Georgia	1974-75	Wright, Nate (S), San Diego St.	1969	
Snider, Malcolm (G), Stanford	1969-71	Z		
Snyder, Todd (WR), Ohio U.	1970-72	Zook, John (DE), Kansas	1969-75	

## Roll Call of Players by Colleges

Alabama 3, Allen 1, Arizona 2, Arizona State 3, Arkansas AM&N 2, Auburn 3, Bethune-Cookman 1, Boston College 2, Bowling Green 1, California 1, California State at Los Angeles 1, Citadel 1, Clark 1, Clemson 1, Colorado 5, Colorado State 2, Delaware Valley 1, Drake 1, Duke 4, Edward Waters 1, Florida 4, Florida State 1, Frederick 1, Fresno State 1, Georgia 5, Georgia Tech 6, Gustavus Adolphus 1, Hamline 1, Houston 3, Howard 1, Humboldt State 1, Illinois 3, Illinois State 1, Indiana 2, Iowa 1, Iowa State 1, Jackson State 2, Kansas 2, Kansas State 2, Kent State 1, Kentucky 3, Lehigh 1, Lincoln 2, Linfield 1, Long Beach State 1, Louisville 2, LSU 3.

Maryland 2, Maryland State 2, Memphis State 3, Miami 3, Michigan 1, Michigan State 3, Minnesota 4, Mississippi 2, Mississippi College 1, Mississippi Valley 1, Missouri 1, Montana 1, Morgan State 2, Morris Brown 1, Nebraska 2, Nevada at Las Vegas 1, New Mexico 1, Norfolk State 2, North Arizona 2, North Carolina 2, N. E. Missouri 1, N. E. Oklahoma 1, Northwestern 4, Notre Dame 7, N. E. Louisiana State 1, N. W. Louisiana 1, N. W. Louisiana State 1, N. E. Missouri State 1, North Texas State 1, Ohio State 1, Ohio University 1, Oklahoma 2, Oregon 2, Oregon State 2, Pacific 5, Penn State 2, Prairie View 2, Purdue 3, Rhode Island 1, Richmond 1.

San Diego State 5, San Fernando Valley 1, San Francisco 1, Southern California 3, Southern Illinois 2, SMU 1, Southern Mississippi 1, South Carolina 2, Stanford 1, Stephen F. Austin 1, St. Norbert 1, Tabor 1, Tarleton State 1, Temple 1, Tennessee 3, Tennessee at Chattanooga 1, Tennessee State 1, Tennessee Tech 1, Texas 3, Texas A&I 1, Texas A&M 1, Texas at El Paso 1, Texas Southern 2, Texas Tech 1, Trinity Tex. 1, Tulsa 3, UCLA 1, Utah 1, Vanderbilt 1, Virginia 1, Virginia Tech 1, Virginia Union 1, Washington 4, Washington State 1, Wayne State 1, West Texas State 2, West Virginia 3, Wichita State 2, Wisconsin 5, Wyoming 2.

# Year-By-Year Leaders

## SCORING

Year	Player	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	TP
1966	Lou Kiouac	19	24	9	18	46
1967	Wade Traynham	22	22	7	18	43
1968	Bob Etter	17	19	11	21	50
1969	Bob Etter	33	33	15	30	76
1970	Kenny Vinyard	23	26	9	25	50
1971	Bill Bell	29	33	13	21	68
1972	Bill Bell	31	31	16	30	79
1973	Nick Mike-Mayer	34	34	26	38	112
1974	Nick Mike-Fayer	12	12	9	16	39
1975	Nick Mike-Mayer	30	33	4	10	12

## INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Player	No.	Yards
1966	Jerry Richardson	5	68
1967	Ken Reaves	7	153
1968	Jim Burson	4	100
1969	Rudy Redmond	5	50
1970	Ken Reaves	6	44
1971	Ken Reaves	6	43
1972	Tom Hayes	5	10
1973	Ray Brown	6	99
1974	Ray Brown	8	164
1975	Roland Lawrence	9	163

## PASSING

Year	Player	Att.	Comp.	Pct.
1966	Randy Johnson	295	129	43.7
1967	Randy Johnson	288	142	49.3
1968	Bob Berry	153	81	52.9
1969	Bob Berry	124	71	57.3
1970	Bob Berry	269	156	58.0
1971	Bob Berry	226	136	60.2
1972	Bob Berry	277	154	55.6
1973	Bob Lee	230	120	52.2
1974	Bob Lee	172	78	45.3
1975	Steve Bartkowski	255	115	45.1

## PUNTING

Year	Player	No.	Yards
1966	Billy Lothridge	73	2968
1967	Billy Lothridge	87	3801
1968	Billy Lothridge	75	3324
1969	Billy Lothridge	69	2846
1970	Billy Lothridge	76	2944
1971	Billy Lothridge	44	1639
1972	John James	61	2609
1973	John James	63	2682
1974	John James	96	3891
1975	John James	89	3696

## RUSHING

Year	Player	Att.	Yards
1966	Junior Coffey	199	722
1967	Junior Coffey	180	722
1968	Jim Butler	94	365
1969	Jim Butler	163	655
1970	Jim Butler	166	636
1971	Jim Butler	185	594
1972	Dave Hampton	230	995
1973	Dave Hampton	263	997
1974	Dave Hampton	127	464
1975	Dave Hampton	250	1002

## PUNT RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.
1966	Ron Smith	11	80	7.3
1967	Ron Smith	20	92	4.6
1968	Jim Burson	11	56	5.1
1969	John Mallory	13	42	3.2
1970	John Mallory	17	203	11.9
1971	Willie Belton	30	163	5.4
1972	Willie Belton	17	110	6.5
1973	Ray Brown	40	360	9.0
1974	Al Dodd	27	344	12.7
1975	Mack Herron	10	94	9.4

## RECEIVING

Year	Player	No.	Yards
1966	Alex Hawkins	44	661
1967	Tommy McDonald	33	436
1968	Jerry Simmons	28	479
1969	Paul Flatley	45	834
1970	Jim Mitchell	44	650
1971	Art Malone	34	380
1972	Art Malone	50	585
1973	Jim Mitchell	32	420
1974	Ken Burrow	34	545
1975	Alfred Jenkins	38	767

## KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.
1966	Ron Smith	43	1013	23.6
1967	Ron Smith	39	976	25.0
1968	Jim Butler	37	799	21.6
1969	Charlie Bryant	21	407	19.4
1970	Jim Butler	14	284	20.3
1971	Willie Belton	28	706	25.2
1972	Dave Hampton	25	535	21.0
1973	Joe Washington	20	432	21.6
1974	Gerald Tinker	29	704	24.3
1975	Gerald Tinker	13	307	23.6

# Falcon Draft Choices

1966

Bonus choice each  
of first five rounds

1. TOMMY NOBIS, lb ..... Texas
2. RANDY JOHNSON, qb ..... Texas A&I
3. Nick Rassas, s ..... Notre Dame
4. Jerry Jones, t ..... Bowling Green
5. Mike Dennis, rb ..... Mississippi
6. Phil Sheridan, te ..... Notre Dame
7. Ken Reaves, cb ..... Norfolk State
8. Bill Asbury, rb ..... Kent State
9. Bill Wolski, rb ..... Notre Dame
10. Martin Kahn, t ..... No. Texas State
11. Charlie Casey, wr ..... Florida
12. Bill Johnson, rb ..... Suwanee
13. Bill Goss, lb ..... Tulane
14. Bob Sanders, c ..... No. Texas State
15. Mike Bender, g ..... Arkansas
16. Steve Sloan, qb ..... Alabama
17. Ken Hollister, t ..... Indiana
18. Bob Collins, t ..... South Carolina
19. Steve Ecker, p ..... Shippensburg State
20. Tommy Tolleson, wr ..... Alabama
21. Jim Vining, g ..... Rice
22. Lurley Archambeau, c ..... Toledo
23. Doug Korver, c ..... State Col. of Iowa
24. Walt Mainer, cb-s ..... Xavier
25. 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
6. Randy Matson, de ..... Texas A&M  
(from San Francisco)
7. Choice traded to Baltimore
8. Gene Snipes, wr ..... Elizabeth City  
(from Los Angeles)
9. Martine Bercher, cb-s ..... Arkansas  
(from Baltimore)
10. Corey Colehour, qb ..... North Dakota
11. Choice traded to Washington
12. Bob Moten, wr ..... Bishop, Tex.
13. Dick Schafroth, t ..... Iowa
14. John Walker, lb ..... Jackson State
15. Bill Gentry, lb ..... North Carolina State
16. Sandor Szabo, k ..... Ithaca
17. Tom Bryan, rb ..... Auburn
18. Al Nicholas, rb ..... Sacramento State
19. Larry Chester, cb-s ..... Allen
20. Bill Buckner, qb ..... Delta State

1968

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

1969

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

1975

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

1. Steve Bartkowski, qb ..... California
2. Ralph Ortega, lb ..... Florida
3. Woody Thompson, rb ..... Miami
4. John Nessel, g ..... Penn. State
5. Greg McGrary, te ..... Clark
6. Fulton Kuykendall, lb ..... UCLA
- Doug Payton, g ..... Colorado
7. Mike Esposito, rb ..... Boston College
8. Brent Adams, t ..... Univ. Tenn./C'nooga
9. Brad Davis, rb ..... LSU
10. Marshall Mills, wr ..... West Virginia
11. Jeff Merrow, dt ..... West Virginia
12. Alonza Pickett, t ..... Texas Southern
13. Carl Russ, lb ..... Michigan
14. Steve Robinson, dt ..... Tuskegee
15. Jimmy Robinson, wr ..... Georgia Tech
16. Steve Knutson, g ..... Southern Cal.
17. Mitch Anderson, qb ..... Northwestern

1976

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1. Bubba Bean, rb ..... Texas A&M
2. Sonny Collins, rb ..... Kentucky
3. Dave Scott, t ..... Kansas
4. Walt Brett, de ..... Montana
5. Traded to Minnesota
6. Stan Varner, dt ..... Brigham Young
7. Karl Farmer, wr ..... Pittsburgh
8. Frank Reed, db ..... Washington
9. Paul McKinnely, t ..... UCLA
10. No Selection
11. Chuck Brislin, t ..... Mississippi State
12. Pat Bolton, k ..... Montana State
13. Mike Williams, t ..... Florida
14. Mark Husfloen, de ..... Washington State
15. Ron Olson, db ..... Washington
16. Pat Curto, lb ..... Ohio State
17. Tony Green, db ..... Texas Tech



## Recent Falcon Trades

### 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 two draft choices.

Running back PAUL GIPSON to Detroit for a draft choice.

### 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 wide receiver AL DODD and linebacker TOM ROUSSEL.

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

Cornerback KEN REAVES and guard ANDY MAURER to New Orleans for guard ROYCE SMITH and linebacker DICK PALMER.

A draft choice to Cincinnati for running back HASKEL STANBACK.

### 1975

Tackle GEORGE KUNZ and a draft choice to Baltimore for its No. 1 and No. 6 picks in the 1975 NFL players draft.

Defensive end-tackle GREG MARX to Denver for guard LARRON JACKSON.

Running back ART MALONE to Philadelphia for tackle STEVE SMITH.

Defensive tackle GLENN HYDE to Washington for two draft choices.

Two draft choices to Buffalo for wide receiver WALLACE FRANCIS.

Safety CLARENCE ELLIS to Denver for safety CHARLES GREER. wide receiver JERRY SIMMONS and a draft choice.

### 1976

Defensive back TOM HAYES to San Diego for defensive back SAM WILLIAMS.

# 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. 1974—Ray Brown, S. 1975—Hampton.

## 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; Kunz, Mitchell, Nobis. Jan. 20, 1974—John Zook, defensive end; Nick Mike-Mayer, kicker; Kunz, Humphrey. Jan. 20, 1975—Jeff Van Note, center; Humphrey. Jan. 26, 1976—Van Note, John James, punter.

## 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. 1975—Steve Bartkowski, quarterback; Ralph Ortega, linebacker; Steve Knutson, guard.

# 1975 IN REVIEW

## Game-by-Game Review of 1975

### Game No. 1

#### St. Louis 23, Atlanta 20

Busch Memorial Stadium, 42,172

A last-second St. Louis field goal eclipsed one of the brightest days of Dave Hampton's career and handed Atlanta a 23-20 loss in the opening game of the season. Until the game-winning kick—which came with three seconds remaining—the name of the Falcons running back was No. 1 on the afternoon's marquee. He earned that status by rushing for 135 yards and scoring two touchdowns.

Atlanta 7 6 7 0 — 20

St. Louis 7 6 0 10 — 23

St. L.—Metcalf 39 run (Bakken Kick)  
 Atl.—Bartkowski 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 St. L.—FG Bakken 22  
 Atl.—Hampton 6 run (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 St. L.—FG Bakken 39  
 Atl.—Hampton 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 St. L.—Thomas 8 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)  
 St. L.—FG Bakken 25

	Falcons	Cardinals
First downs	19	18
Net yards gained	294	317
Rushing yardage	236	167
Passing yardage	58	150
Passes—Comp.—had int.	16-8-1	23-12-2
Punts	6-38.8	4-41.0
Fumbles—lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties	6-40	1-8

### Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 23 for 135, 2 TDs; Thompson 13 for 42; Stanback 9 for 50; Bartkowski 5 for 5, 1 TD; Reed 1 for 4.  
 Cardinals—Otis 16 for 68; Metcalf 20 for 99, 1 TD.

### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 8 of 16 for 81.  
 Cardinals—Hart 12 of 23 for 150, 1 TD

### Receiving

Falcons—Jenkins 1 for 25; Thompson 3 for 29; Mitchell 1 for 13; Reed 2 for 1; Burrow 1 for 13.

Cardinals—Metcalf 4 for 37; Gray 3 for 65; Otis 2 for 16; Thomas 2 for 24; Smith 1 for 8.

### Game No. 2

#### Detroit 17, Atlanta 14

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 45,218

Detroit stretched its winning streak over the Falcons to eight games, 17-14, thanks to a fourth-quarter touchdown. Running back Haskel Stanback got Atlanta's first score on a 17-yard run. Quarterback Steve Bartkowski threw a 26-yard scoring pass for the other.

Detroit	0	7	3	7 — 17
Atlanta	0	7	7	0 — 14

Atl.—Stanback 17 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Det.—King 5 run (Mann kick)

Atl.—Tinker 26 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Det.—FG Mann 29

Det.—Taylor 1 run (Mann kick)

	Falcons	Lions
First downs	13	20
Net yards gained	250	357
Rushing yardage	156	184
Passing yardage	94	173
Passes—Comp.—had int.	22-7-1	27-14-0
Punts	8-45.4	6-40.5
Fumbles—lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties	5-48	5-45

### Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 21 for 86; Thompson 10 for 45; Stanback 3 for 25, 1 TD; Reed 3 for 0.

Lions—Taylor 16 for 63, 1 TD; Landry 8 for 50; Bussey 12 for 41; King 5 for 28, 1 TD; Thompson 3 for 2.

### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 7 of 22 for 104, 1 TD.

Lions—Landry 12 of 21 for 146; Munson 2 of 6 for 47.

### Receiving

Falcons—Burrow 3 for 43; Mitchell 2 for 35; Tinker 1 for 26, 1 TD; Hampton 1 for 0.

Lions—Jarvis 5 for 64; Sanders 3 for 34; Franklin 2 for 55; Staggers 2 for 29; Bussey 2 for 11.

## Game No. 3

## Atlanta 14, New Orleans 7

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 29,444

Tight end Jim Mitchell scooped up a fumble and ran it 50 scoring yards as the Falcons stunned fired-up New Orleans, 14-7. Quarterback Steve Bartkowski threw a nine-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Ken Burrow for the other Atlanta points. Running back Dave Hampton rushed for 101 yards, the second time of the year he went past the century mark.

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

Atl.—Burrow 9 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 Atl.—Mitchell 50 fumble advance (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 N.O.—Maxson 1 run (McClard kick)

	Falcons	Saints
First downs	13	14
Net yards gained	231	245
Rushing yardage	137	120
Passing yardage	94	125
Passes—Comp.—had int.	23-11-1	31-15-2
Punts	9-39.8	7-42.6
Fumbles—lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties	7-62	8-65

## Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 25 for 101; Thompson 7 for 19; Francis 2 for 12; Bartkowski 2 for 3; Reed 1 for 1; Stanback 2 for 1.

Saints—Strachan 14 for 71; Manning 4 for 27; Maxson 12 for 19; 1 TD; Burton 1 for 3.

## Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 11 of 23 for 119, 1 TD.

Saints—Manning 15 of 31 for 146.

## Receiving

Falcons—Thompson 4 for 7; Mitchell 3 for 65; Burrow 3 for 40, 1 TD; Jenkins 1 for 7.

Saints—Maxson 11 for 71; Strachan 3 for 31; Burton 1 for 44.

## Game No. 4

## Atlanta 17, San Francisco 3

Candlestick Park, 44,043

Quarterback Steve Bartkowski, who grew up in the Bay Area, returned the conquering hero as he led the Falcons to a 17-3 victory over San Francisco. He threw one touchdown pass, a nine-yarder to tight end Jim Mitchell. Running back Haskel Stanback ran 26 yards for another. Kicking specialist Nick Mike-Mayer ended Atlanta's scoring with a 27-yard field goal.

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

Atl.—Mitchell 9 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 Atl.—Stanback 26 run (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 S.F.—FG Mike-Mayer 26  
 Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 27

	Falcons	49ers
First downs	14	19
Net yards gained	235	338
Rushing yardage	140	107
Passing yardage	95	231
Passes—Comp.—had int.	22-10-0	41-22-4
Punts	8-38.4	4-40.5
Fumbles—lost	2-0	5-1
Penalties	1-5	5-53

## Rushing

Falcons—Stanback 6 for 40, 1 TD; Hampton 17 for 39; Reed 9 for 35; Thompson 6 for 26.

49ers—Schreiber 13 for 54; Jackson 8 for 25; Williams 8 for 24; Spurrier 1 for 3; S. Johnson 1 for 1.

## Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 9 of 20 for 96, 1 TD; Sullivan 1 of 2 for 9.

49ers—Snead 16 of 28 for 196; Spurrier 6 of 13 for 66.

## Receiving

Falcons—Hampton 4 for 36; Burrow 2 for 35; Tinker 1 for 9; Mitchell 1 for 9, 1 TD; Stanback 1 for 8; Jenkins 1 for 8.

49ers—G. Washington 5 for 66; Schreiber 5 for 50; Jackson 4 for 38; Hayes 3 for 34; Holmes 2 for 37; S. Johnson 1 for 20; Williams 1 for 16; Mitchell 1 for 1.

**Game No. 5****Los Angeles 22, Atlanta 7**  
Memorial Coliseum, 64,843

Powerful Los Angeles, en route to the playoffs once again, limited Atlanta to just 63 yards rushing in recording a 22-7 victory. Tight end Jim Mitchell and wide receiver Al Jenkins starred nonetheless for the Falcons, catching four passes each for 65 and 37 yards, respectively. Mitchell had the TD, a five-yard reception from reserve quarterback Pat Sullivan.

Atlanta 0 0 0 7 — 7  
Los Angeles 10 6 6 0 — 22

L.A.—Klein 44 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)  
L.A.—FG Dempsey 35  
L.A.—FG Dempsey 25  
L.A.—FG Dempsey 20  
L.A.—Jackson 29 pass from Harris (kick failed)  
Atl.—Mitchell 5 pass from Sullivan (Mike-Mayer kick)

	Falcons	Rams
First downs	18	25
Net yards gained	226	384
Rushing yardage	63	218
Passing yardage	163	166
Passes—Comp.—had int.	36-15-3	25-14-1
Punts	3-48.3	3-28.7
Fumbles—lost	5-3	1-0
Penalties	5-36	9-107

**Rushing**

Falcons—Hampton 9 for 37; Stanback 4 for 14; Thompson 3 for 12.

Rams—Bertelsen 19 for 87; McCutcheon 19 for 68; Bryant 6 for 33; Cappelletti 7 for 24; Scribner 2 for 6.

**Passing**

Falcons—Bartkowski 9 of 25 for 84; Sullivan 6 of 11 for 91, 1 TD.

Rams—Harris 14 of 25 for 200, 2 TDs.

**Receiving**

Falcons—Mitchell 4 for 65, 1 TD; Jenkins 4 for 37; Francis 2 for 34; Thompson 2 for 18; Hampton 2 for 16; Burrow 1 for 5.

Rams—McCutcheon 5 for 37; Klein 2 for 64, 1 TD; Jackson 2 for 41, 1 TD; Bryant 2 for 28; Jessie 1 for 13; Bertelsen 1 for 13; Snow 1 for 6.

**Game No. 6****Cincinnati 21, Atlanta 14**  
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 45,811

Close didn't count for the Falcons this time either. Cincinnati came from behind in the closing minutes to claim a 21-14 victory. Quarterback Steve Bartkowski sustained an elbow injury in the game, just after launching a 17-yard scoring pass to tight end Jim Mitchell. The youngster was to be sidelined for the next three weeks.

Cincinnati 0 14 0 7 — 21  
Atlanta 7 0 0 7 — 14

Atl.—Mitchell 17 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)  
Cin.—Riley 30 interception return (Green kick)  
Cin.—Joiner 30 pass from Anderson (Green kick)  
Atl.—Mitchell 2 pass from McQuilken (Mike-Mayer kick)  
Cin.—Anderson 3 run (Green kick)

	Falcons	Bengals
First downs	17	17
Net yards gained	306	300
Rushing yardage	176	130
Passing yardage	130	170
Passes—Comp.—had int.	25-10-5	26-18-0
Punts	5-37.2	8-39.9
Fumbles—lost	3-2	2-2
Penalties	9-88	8-74

**Rushing**

Falcons—Thompson 18 for 88; Hampton 16 for 63; McQuilken 3 for 21; Stanback 3 for 4.

Bengals—Clark 11 for 41; Fritts 9 for 38; Anderson 5 for 36, 1 TD; Williams 4 for 8; E. Johnson 2 for 6; Curtis 1 for 1.

**Passing**

Falcons—Bartkowski 1 of 1 for 17, 1 TD; Sullivan 0 for 5; McQuilken 9 of 19 for 113, 1 TD.

Bengals—Anderson 18 of 26, 193, 1 TD.

**Receiving**

Falcons—Mitchell 4 for 65, 2 TDs; Jenkins 3 for 30; Thompson 2 for 14; Burrow 1 for 21.

Bengals—Curtis 4 for 64; Joiner 3 for 56, 1 TD; Williams 3 for 32; Clark 3 for 5; E. Johnson 2 for 23; Meyers 1 for 12; Trumphy 1 for 3; Elliott 1 for 2.

**Game No. 7****New Orleans 23, Atlanta 7**

The Superdome, 49,342

New Orleans intercepted three Atlanta passes and recovered three fumbles in a 23-7 victory over the sluggish Falcons. Statistically speaking, only reserve quarterback Pat Sullivan, wide receiver Al Jenkins and tight end Jim Mitchell had "good days." Sullivan completed eight passes for 144 yards and one TD; Jenkins caught four passes for 102 yards, and Mitchell had three receptions for 47.

Atlanta	0	0	0	7	— 7
New Orleans	0	10	10	3	— 23

N.O.—FG Szaro 36

N.O.—Strachan 3 run (Szaro kick)

N.O.—Burton 71 pass from Manning (Szaro kick)

N.O.—FG Szaro 47

Atl.—Francis 24 pass from Sullivan (Mike Mayer kick)

N.O.—FG Szaro 25

	Falcons	Saints
First downs	19	19
Net yards gained	305	352
Rushing yardage	95	175
Passing yardage	210	177
Passes—Comp.—had int.	37-14-3	19-8-3
Punts	6-46.0	4-50.3
Fumbles—lost	4-3	1-0
Penalties	10-84	8-60

**Rushing**

Falcons—Stanback 11 for 49; Hampton 10 for 43; McQuilken 1 for 5; Thompson 1 for 2; Sullivan 2 for 4.

Saints—Strachan 27 for 109, 1 TD; Maxson 12 for 29; Jones 4 for 13; Manning 2 for 8; Rogers 1 for 7; Burton 1 for 5; McNeill 3 for 4.

**Passing**

Falcons—McQuilken 6 of 16 for 97; Sullivan 8 of 21 for 144, 1 TD.

Saints—Manning 8 of 19 for 199, 1 TD.

**Receiving**

Falcons—Jenkins 4 for 102; Stanback 4 for 45; Mitchell 3 for 47; Burrow 2 for 23; Francis 1 for 24, 1 TD.

Saints—Burton 4 for 159, 1 TD; Jones 2 for 11; Seal 1 for 22; Chapman 1 for 7.

**Game No. 8****Minnesota 38, Atlanta 0**

Metropolitan Stadium, 43,751

It was a matter of basic football mathematics. Five pass interceptions and three lost fumbles equals defeat. Most especially when it happens against Minnesota. And that's what the Falcons did. Thus: Minnesota 38, Atlanta 0.

Atlanta	0	0	0	0	— 0
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Minnesota	7	17	7	7	— 38
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Minn.—Foreman 3 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn.—FG Cox 45

Minn.—Foreman 1 run (Cox kick)

Minn.—Foreman 1 run (Cox kick)

Minn.—Lash 12 pass from Lee (Cox kick)

Minn.—Osborn 2 run (Cox kick)

	Falcons	Vikings
First downs	6	23
Net yards gained	60	270
Rushing yardage	43	211
Passing yardage	17	59
Passes—Comp.—had int.	26-5-5	23-12-0
Punts	5-38.4	5-45.0
Fumbles—lost	3-3	2-0
Penalties	2-9	6-50

**Rushing**

Falcons—Hampton 9 for 39; Stanback 4 for 9; Thompson 2 for -5.

Vikings—Foreman 26 for 102, 2 TDs; Marinaro 7 for 22; McClanahan 18 for 57; Clabo 1 for -9; Osborn 5 for 14, 1 TD; Miller 7 for 25.

**Passing**

Falcons—McQuilken 5 of 26 for 43.

Vikings—Tarkenton 11 of 22 for 47, 1 TD; Lee 1 of 1 for 12, 1 TD.

**Receiving**

Falcons—Jenkins 1 for 13; Hampton 1 for 15; Burrow 1 for 6; Thompson 1 for 7; Tinker 1 for 2.

Vikings—Gilliam 2 for 11; Foreman 4 for 19, 1 TD; McClanahan 3 for 1; Voigt 1 for 13; Lash 2 for 15, 1 TD.

## Game No. 9

## Los Angeles 16, Atlanta 7

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 44,595

Atlanta held Los Angeles' vaunted ground game to just 96 yards, but three field goals and a fourth-quarter TD pass still kayoed the Falcons, 16-7. A nine-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Pat Sullivan to tight end Jim Mitchell netted the home eleven its points.

Los Angeles	0	6	3	7	16
Atlanta	0	0	0	7	7

L.A.—FG Dempsey 33  
 L.A.—FG Dempsey 42  
 L.A.—FG Dempsey 17  
 L.A.—Jessie 13 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)  
 Atl.—Mitchell 9 pass from Sullivan (Mike-Mayer kick)

	Falcons	Rams
First downs	15	18
Net yards gained	205	331
Rushing yardage	99	96
Passing yardage	106	235
Passes—Comp.—had int.	28-13-1	37-19-2
Punts	8-41.5	5-45.6
Fumbles—lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties	8-60	6-64

## Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 16 for 65; Stanback 8 for 24; Sullivan 3 for 10; Thompson 1 for 0.

Rams—Bertelsen 10 for 33; Bryant 10 for 28; McCutcheon 15 for 23; Cappelletti 3 for 12.

## Passing

Falcons—Sullivan 13 of 28 for 136, 1 TD.

Rams—Harris 19 of 37 for 242, 1 TD.

## Receiving

Falcons—Mitchell 4 for 46, 1 TD; Stanback 3 for 28; Hampton 2 for 24; Thompson 1 for 14; Francis 1 for 12; Burrow 1 for 6; Jenkins 1 for 6.

Rams—Jessie 10 for 151, 1 TD; Jackson 3 for 33; Bertelsen 2 for 31; Klein 2 for 17; McCutcheon 2 for 10.

## Game No. 10

## Atlanta 35, Denver 21

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 28,686

Quarterback Steve Bartkowski returned to the Atlanta lineup in a blaze of glory, passing for 158 yards and two touchdowns in a 35-21 victory over Denver. Al Jenkins, emerging as one of the NFL's prime receivers, also had a big day. He caught six passes—among them touchdowns of four and 35 yards—for 106 yards.

Denver	7	0	7	7	21
Atlanta	0	14	7	14	35

Den.—Smith 38 fumble return (Turner kick)  
 Atl.—Jenkins 4 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 Atl.—Jenkins 35 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 Atl.—Stanback 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 Den.—Moses 12 pass from Johnson (Turner kick)  
 Atl.—Stanback 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 Den.—Keyworth 1 run (Turner kick)  
 Atl.—Brown 41 interception return (Mike-Mayer kick)

	Falcons	Broncos
First downs	20	17
Net yards gained	277	233
Rushing yardage	148	102
Passing yardage	129	131
Passes—Comp.—had int.	25-12-3	32-13-5
Punts	5-44.6	3-35.7
Fumbles—lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties	6-41	5-52

## Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 26 for 106; Stanback 7 for 29, 2 TDs; Thompson 6 for 13; Bartkowski 3 for 0.

Broncos—Little 14 for 74; Keyworth 9 for 22, 1 TD; Johnson 2 for 4; Lynch 1 for 2; Upchurch 1 for 0.

## Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 12 of 25 for 158, 2 TDs.

Broncos—Ramsey 3 of 12 for 39; Johnson 10 of 20 for 130, 1 TD.

## Receiving

Falcons—Jenkins 6 for 106, 2 TDs; Mitchell 3 for 30; Burrow 1 for 14; Hampton 1 for 5; Thompson 1 for 3.

Broncos—Little 5 for 45; Odoms 4 for 54; Moses 3 for 41; Dolbin 1 for 29.

## Game No. 11

## Oakland 37, Atlanta 34

Oakland-Alameda Co. Coliseum, 50,860

In one of the most dramatic games in the 10-year history of the Falcons, Oakland's George Blanda kicked a 36-yard field goal with two seconds remaining in overtime to beat Atlanta, 37-34. Wide receiver Al Jenkins, for his second time in as many weeks, had a 100-yard-plus afternoon (106) in receptions (4).

Atlanta	13	7	0	14	0	—34
Oakland	21	0	3	10	3	—37

Oak.—Branch 40 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Atl.—Stanback 2 run (kick failed)

Atl.—Hampton 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Oak.—Branch 27 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Oak.—Branch 11 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Atl.—Lawrence 87 interception return (Mike-Mayer kick)

Oak.—FG Blanda 37

Oak.—van Eeghen 18 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Atl.—Bartkowski 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Atl.—Francis 7 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Oak.—FG Blanda 19

Oak.—FG Blanda 36

	Falcons	Raiders
First downs	20	33
Net yards gained	320	534
Rushing yardage	150	286
Passing yardage	170	248
Passes—Comp.—had int.	26-12-1	33-18-2
Punts	8-43.3	5-42.8
Fumbles—lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties	2-20	7-67

## Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 24 for 84, 1 TD; Stanback 16 for 59, 1 TD; Bartkowski 3 for 7, 1 TD.

Raiders—Banaszak 27 for 116; van Eeghen 14 for 82; C. Davis 19 for 79; Hart 2 for 9.

## Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 12 of 26 for 198, 1 TD.

Raiders—Stabler 18 of 33 for 264, 4.

## Receiving

Falcons—Jenkins 4 for 106; Mitchell 3 for 46; Stanback 3 for 26; Francis 2 for 20, 1 TD.

Raiders—Branch 7 for 155, 3 TDs; Biletnikoff 3 for 29; van Eeghen 3 for 27, 1 TD; Hart 2 for 12; Siani 1 for 25; Banaszak 1 for 11; Moore 1 for 5.

## Game No. 12

## Washington 30, Atlanta 27

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 52,809

Fate, once again, slammed its door on the Falcons in the closing moments. This time, it resulted in a 30-27 Washington victory before the biggest crowd of the season (52,809) at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. Quarterback Steve Bartkowski had a brilliant afternoon, hitting 14 of 26 passes for 281 yards and three touchdowns.

Washington	3	7	7	13	—30
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Atlanta	0	14	3	10	—27
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Wash.—FG Moseley 42

Wash.—Brown 3 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Atl.—Burrow 9 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Atl.—Francis 67 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 23

Wash.—Grant 69 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Wash.—Smith 12 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Atl.—Hampton 3 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Atl.—FG Mike-Mayer 44

Wash.—FG Moseley 39

	Falcons	Redskins
First downs	16	22
Net yards gained	388	405
Rushing yardage	127	91
Passing yardage	261	314
Passes—Comp.—had int.	26-14-3	38-25-1
Punts	4-32.0	4-36.3
Fumbles—lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties	5-47	3-27

## Rushing

Falcons—Stanback 15 for 65; Hampton 14 for 62; Herron 1 for 0.

Redskins—Thomas 16 for 54; Brown 9 for 32; Kilmer 4 for 9; Denson 1 for —4.

## Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 14 of 26 for 281, 3 TDs.

Redskins—Kilmer 25 of 38 for 320, 3 TDs.

## Receiving

Falcons—Hampton 6 for 52, 1 TD; Burrow 4 for 63, 1 TD; Jenkins 3 for 99; Francis 1 for 67, 1 TD.

Redskins—Brown 8 for 58, 1 TD; Grant 5 for 135, 1 TD; Taylor 5 for 65; Thomas 5 for 33; Smith 2 for 29, 1 TD.

## Game No. 13

## Atlanta 31, San Francisco 9

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 38,501

Wide receiver Al Jenkins boosted his stock with fans throughout the Southeast, catching seven passes for 147 yards and two touchdowns in Atlanta's 31-9 win over San Francisco. Quarterback Steve Bartkowski completed 19 passes in all for 305 yards and, of course, the two TDs.

San Francisco	0	9	0	0	— 9
Atlanta	0	10	14	7	— 31

Atlanta—FG Mike-Mayer 22  
 S.F.—Williams 4 run (kick failed)  
 Atlanta—Jenkins 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 S.F.—FG Mike-Mayer 26  
 Atlanta—Hampton 6 run (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 Atlanta—Jenkins 63 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 Atlanta—Francis 41 pass from Stanback (Mike-Mayer kick)

	Falcons	49ers
First downs	21	23
Net yards gained	462	406
Rushing yardage	100	212
Passing yardage	362	194
Passes—Comp.—had int.	39-21-0	49-21-2
Punts	8-48.1	7-47.7
Fumbles—lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties	9-70	5-39

## Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 26 for 81, 1 TD; Stanback 9 for 19.

49ers—Williams 10 for 104, 1 TD; Jackson 8 for 80, Moore 3 for 10, Spurrier 1 for 8, Schreiber 4 for 6, S. Johnson 2 for 4.

## Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 19 of 37, for 305, 2 TDs; Stanback 1 of 1 for 41, 1 TD; James 1 of 1 for 25.

49ers—Spurrier 16 of 39 for 158; Owen 5 of 10 for 74.

## Receiving

Falcons—Jenkins 7 for 147, 2 TDs; Francis 4 of 90, 1 TD; Mitchell 4 for 67; Burrow 2 for 21; Hampton 2 for 19; Jones 1 for 25; Stanback 1 for 2.

49ers—Holmes 5 for 64; Jackson 4 for 19; G. Washington 2 for 38; Witum 2 for 29; Larson 2 for 28; Schreiber 2 for 22; S. Johnson 2 for 14; Moore 1 for 11; Williams 1 for 7.

## Game No. 14

## Green Bay 22, Atlanta 13

Lambeau Field, 56,267

"It" finally happened for running back Dave Hampton. At last, he was able to gain membership in the elusive 1000-Yard Club. His 61 in a 22-13 losing effort to Green Bay pushed him to 1002 yards gained for the season. He also scored one touchdown in the game, going off tackle from one yard out in the first quarter.

Atlanta	6	0	0	7	— 13
Green Bay	3	9	10	0	— 22

Green Bay—FG Danelo 34  
 Atlanta—Hampton 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)  
 G.B.—Torkelson 15 run (Danelo kick)  
 G.B.—FG Danelo 30  
 G.B.—FG Danelo 19  
 G.B.—B. Smith 1 run (Danelo kick)  
 Atlanta—Jenkins 52 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

	Falcons	Packers
First downs	14	20
Net yards gained	302	331
Rushing yardage	124	169
Passing yardage	178	162
Passes—Comp.—had int.	37-13-2	33-16-1
Punts	6-37.0	6-32.3
Fumbles—lost	4-3	3-3
Penalties	2-20	2-10

## Rushing

Falcons—Hampton 14 for 61, 1 TD; Stanback 8 for 52; Eley 1 for 3; Thompson 1 for 5; Bartkowski 1 for 0; Sullivan 1 for 3.

Packers—Brockington 8 for 12; Harrell 1 for 4; Torkelson 22 for 86, 1 TD; Hadl 1 for 7; B. Smith 14 for 60, 1 TD.

## Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 13 of 34 for 219, 1 TD; Sullivan 0 of 3.

Packers—Hadl 16 of 32 for 181; Harrell 0 of 1.

## Receiving

Falcons—Stanback 2 for 6; Burrow 3 for 33; Francis 2 for 23; Mitchell 2 for 48; Jenkins 2 for 81, 1 TD; Hampton 2 for 48.

Packers—Payne 3 for 25; Brockington 5 for 31; Tinker 1 for 17; Odom 1 for 17; McGeorge 3 for 46; Torkelson 2 for 12; B. Smith 1 for 33.

# 1975 Team Statistics

	Falcons	Opp.			
Total First Downs	225	268			
By Rushing	87	121			
By Passing	118	142			
By Fumble	20	15			
First Down Efficiency	58.3	41.5			
Third Down Eff. Good All	80.29%	102.24%			
Total Net Yards	3861	4812			
Avg. Gain Per Game	275.8	343.7			
Total Passing Plays	885	1048			
Avg. Gain Per Play	4.4	3.8			
Net Yards Rushing	1294	2777			
Avg. Gain Per Game	128.1	162.6			
Total Rushing Plays	465	571			
Avg. Gain Per Rush	3.9	4.0			
Net Yards Passing	2697	2926			
Avg. Net Passing Per Game	147.6	161.1			
Last Att. To Pass	32/294	35/275			
Opponent Yards Passing	2,361	2,810			
Attempts/Completions	3,685/3,151	4,379/3,771			
Percent Complete	42.5	51.9			
Had Intercepted	29	29			
Player Interceptions	89.41%	71.41%			
Player Return Average	2.7	2.1			
Kickoff Returns/Avg	66.18.4	48.23.4			
Misc. Returns Yards	0.0	3.16			
Interceptions Avg. Ret	25.13.7	29.20.8			
Possible Touchdowns	78.16.0	78.72.1			
Kicked Ball Lost	17.19	25.4			
Touchdowns	31	31			
By Rushing	12	13			
By Passing	18	15			
By Returns	2	2			
Conversions	70.33	28.51			
Field Goals	4-10	25-33			
Score	0	0			
Total Points	248	288			
Avg. Per Game	17.1	20.6			
Score by Quarters					
Atlanta	47	72	41	80	0 - 248
Opponents	58	91	66	71	3 - 288

# Individual Statistics

RUSHING		Att.	Yds	Avg.	Long	TD	KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD							
Hampton		256	1005	4.0	22	5	Jenkins	1	24	34.0	24	0							
Shanahan		123	445	3.6	22	5	Tucker	13	307	23.6	33	0							
Thompson		68	247	3.6	18	0	Lawrence	4	80	20.0	24	0							
Reed		14	46	3.3	7	0	Francis	14	265	18.9	32	0							
McGuillen		4	26	6.5	14	0	Brooks	5	54	18.8	22	0							
Bartholomai		14	11	0.8	5	0	Henton	11	169	17.2	30	0							
Franks		2	12	6.0	9	0	Eley	8	131	16.4	26	0							
Sullivan		6	9	1.5	4	0	McCravy	1	48	16.0	19	0							
Eley		1	3	3.0	3	0	McCrory	4	62	15.5	23	0							
Herron		1	0	0.0	0	0	Reed	2	17	8.5	12	0							
Atlanta Total		865	1794	2.0	26	12	Gillis	1	0	6.0	0	0							
Opp. Total		571	2277	4.0	48	13	Atlanta Total	66	1217	18.4	32	0							
							Opp. Total	43	1038	23.1	51	0							
PASSING		Avg.	Att.	Comp	Yds	Gnd	Pct.	TD	Pct.	Lng.	Int.	Lost	PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Bartolomai		256.115	1662	6.52	45	13	5.1	18	15	19.19	0	0	Atlanta Total	10	1	94	9.4	24	0
Sullivan		70	28	105	4.85	13	2.5	1	0	19.0	0	0	Opp.	7	0	61	8.7	15	0
McGuillen		87	20	133	4.75	22	1.7	31	31.8	12.5	0	0	Opp.	6	0	58	9.7	15	0
Stanback		5	21	47.00	100.00	1	100.0	0.41	0.0	0.0	0	0	Opp.	2	1	42	21.0	9	0
James		1	1	25	26.00	100.00	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	Atlanta Total	6	1	23	3.8	10	0
An. Tot.		398	1535	2.62	47	13	18	6.0	6.8	29	5	32	294	36	5	248	7.1	42	0
Opp. Tot.		437	2272	0.81	57	17	0.75	29.75	30.75	37.75	0	0	Opp. Total	32	4	189	5.9	42	0
RECEIVING		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	FGS	No.	FGS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+					
Jenkins		29	767	26.2	22	5	Mike-Mayes	(85)	(48)	(27)	(45)	(44*)	(23*)	(22*)	(41)	(37)	(35)		
McCravy		28	524	18.7	29	22	Opp.	0	0	2-3	10-3	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Burrage		29	523	17.9	29	2	Jenkins	0	0	6	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Hampton		21	395	9.3	24	1	Opp.	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Stanback		14	315	8.2	14	0	Mike-Mayes	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Tucker		14	290	20.8	24	1	Opp.	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Francis		12	270	20.8	67	8	Hampton	5	1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Tucker		3	37	12.3	26	1	Jenkins	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Reed		2	21	11.5	1	0	Stanback	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
James		1	25	25	25	25	Opp.	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Atlanta Total		165	2861	14.3	68	18	Francis	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Opp. Total		227	2810	13.4	71	16	Stanback	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
INTERCEPTIONS		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	SCORING	TDF	TDF	TDRT	FG	PAT	TP						
Lawrence		6	163	18.1	87	0	Mike-Mayes	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0						
Brown		2	118	59.0	41	1	Opp.	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0						
Mayes		4	16	4.0	7	0	Jenkins	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0						
Brooks		3	21	7.0	28	0	Stanback	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0						
Eley		1	1	1.0	1	0	Opp.	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0						
Hampton		2	102	13.2	87	0	Francis	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0						
Atlanta Total		25	342	13.2	87	2	Stanback	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0						
Opp. Total		29	609	20.8	61	7	Burrow	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0						
PUNTING		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.	Bk.	PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.	Bk.	Qb	Down					
James		89	766	21.5	79	1	An. Total	12	18	15	7	1	5	7					
Opp. Total		13	156	11.2	55	1	Opp. Total	12	18	15	7	1	5	7					
							Opp. Total	77	796	21.1	57	17	0	0					

# RECORDS

(AS)—established in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium

(\*)—current

## ATTENDANCE

### Most Consecutive Regular Season Sell Outs

28 First game of 1971 through 1974

### Largest In-Stadium Attendance, Season, Regular Season Games Only

382,125 1971

### Smallest In-Stadium Attendance, Season, Regular Season Games Only

265,006 1974

### Fewest No-Shows, Season, Regular Season Games Only

25,602 1966

### Most No-Shows, Season, Regular Season Games Only

143,488 1974

### Fewest No-Shows, Single Regular Season Game

960 Vs. Det., Oct. 8, 1972

### Most No-Shows, Single Regular Season Game

48,830 Vs. G.B., Dec. 15, 1974

### Largest Preseason Single Game In-Stadium Attendance

54,553 Vs. K. C., Aug. 29, 1970

### Smallest Preseason Single Game In-Stadium Attendance

28,675 Vs. Phil., Sept. 13, 1975

## SERVICE

### Most Seasons, Falcon Player

10 Tommy Nobis, 1966-75\*

### Most Consecutive Falcon Games Played

112 Ken Reaves, 1966-73\*

## SCORING

### Most Points, Falcon Career

193 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-75 (76 pat, 39 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

18 Cliff Branch, Oak., Nov. 30, 1975 (3 td) 1st Q

## TOUCHDOWNS

### Most Touchdowns, Falcon Career

25 Jim Mitchell, 1969-75 (1-r, 24-p)\*

### Most Touchdowns, Season

11 Eddie Ray, 1973 (9-r, 2-p)

### Most Touchdowns, Rookie Season

5 Ken Burrow, 1971 (6-p)

### Most Touchdowns, Game

2 35 times. Last time, Alfred Jenkins, vs. S.F., Dec. 14, 1975 (AS)

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

4 Jim Mitchell, 1975  
Dave Hampton, 1975

#### POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN

**Most Points After Touchdown Attempted, Falcon Career**  
79 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-75\*

**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**  
76 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-75\*

**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**  
47 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-75

**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**  
64 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-75\*

**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**  
39 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-75\*

**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 Mick-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**  
870 Dave Hampton, 1972-75\*

**Most Attempts, Season**

263 Dave Hampton, 1973

**Most Attempts, Game**

30 Dave Hampton, vs. G.B., Oct. 22, 1972 (93 yards)

Vs. **Falcons**

33 Lydell Mitchell, Balt., Nov. 17, 1974 (151 yards)

**RUSHING YARDAGE****Most Yards Gained, Falcon Career**

3458 Dave Hampton, 1972-75\*

**Most Yards Gained, Season**

1002 Dave Hampton, 1975

**Most Yards Gained, Game**

161 Dave Hampton, 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**

7 Dave Hampton, 1972-75\*

**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)**

3.98 Art Malone, 1970-74 (532-2118)\*

**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**

10.4 Delvin Williams, S.F., Dec. 14, 1975 (10-104) (AS)

**TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING****Most Touchdowns Rushing, Falcon Career**

18 Art Malone, 1970-74\*

**Most Touchdowns Rushing, Season**

9 Eddie Ray, 1973

**Most Touchdowns Rushing, Game**

2 14 times. Last time, Haskel Stanback vs. Den., Nov. 23, 1975 (AS)

Vs. **Falcons**

3 Don Nottingham, Mia., Nov. 3, 1974

Chuck Foreman, Minn., Nov. 9, 1975

**Most Consecutive Games Rushing Touchdowns**

2 11 times. Last time, Dave Hampton, 1975

**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) Jurgensen,

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)

Ken Stabler, Oak., Nov. 30, 1975

**Most Consecutive Games, Touchdown Passes**

8 Bob Berry, 1970

**PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED****Fewest Passes Had Intercepted, Falcon Career (140 att per season)**

15 Steve Bartkowski, 1975 (255 att)

22 Bob Lee, 1973-74 (402 att)

59 Bob Berry, 1968-72 (1049 att)

<b>Most Passes Had Intercepted, Falcon Career</b>	
65	Randy Johnson, 1966-70
<b>Fewest Passes Had Intercepted, Season (140 att)</b>	
8	Bob Lee, 1973 (230 att)
<b>Most Passes Had Intercepted, Season</b>	
21	Randy Johnson, 1966
	Randy Johnson, 1967
<b>Most Passes Had Intercepted, Game</b>	
5	Kim McQuilken vs. Minn., Nov. 9, 1975
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
5	Bob Berry, Minn., Dec. 4, 1966
	Archie Manning, N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
<b>Most Consecutive Passes Attempted, None Intercepted</b>	
113	Bob Berry, 1969

## RECEIVING

<b>Most Pass Receptions, Falcon Career</b>	
223	Jim Mitchell, 1969-75*
<b>Most Pass Receptions, Season</b>	
50	Art Malone, 1972 (585 yards)
<b>Most Pass Receptions, Game</b>	
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)
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
11	Dick Witcher, S.F., Dec. 10, 1967 (186 yds) (AS)
	Roy Jefferson, Pitt., Nov. 3, 1968 (199 yds) (AS)
	Alvin Maxson, N.O., Oct. 5, 1975 (71 yards) (AS)
<b>Most Consecutive Games, Pass Receptions</b>	
20	Jim Mitchell, 1973-74

## MISCELLANEOUS RECEIVING

<b>Most Yards Gained, Falcon Career</b>	
3477	Jim Mitchell, 1969-75*
<b>Most Yards Gained, Season</b>	
834	Paul Flatley, 1969 (45 receptions)
<b>Most Yards Gained, Game</b>	
190	Ken Burrow, vs. Det., Oct. 3, 1971 (6)
	Ken Burrow, vs. N.O., Dec. 19, 1971 (8)
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
199	Roy Jefferson, Pitt., Nov. 3, 1968 (11) (AS)
<b>Longest Pass Reception</b>	
188	Harmon Wages (Bob Berry), vs. N.O., Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
84	Ken Burrow (Bob Berry), vs. N.O., Dec. 19, 1971
182	Ray Ogden (Randy Johnson), vs. S.F., Dec. 10, 1967 (AS)
175	Tommy McDonald (Tom Moore), vs. Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
189	Carroll Dale (Don Horn), G.B., Sept. 27, 1970
188	Tom Matte (John Unitas), Balt., Sept. 17, 1967

## AVERAGE GAIN RECEIVING

<b>Highest Average Gain, Season (33 receptions)</b>	
22.5	Ken Burrow, 1971

## TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING

<b>Most Touchdown Passes, Falcon Career</b>	
24	Jim Mitchell, 1969-75*
<b>Most Touchdown Passes, Season</b>	
7	Ken Burrow, 1973
<b>Most Touchdown Passes, Game</b>	
2	17 times. Last time, Alfred Jenkins, vs. S.F., Dec. 14, 1975 (AS)



#### Vs. Falcons

4 Roy Jefferson, Pitt., Nov. 3, 1968 (AS)  
**Most Consecutive Games, Touchdown Passes**  
3 Jim Mitchell, 1970  
Jim Mitchell, 1975  
Alfred Jenkins, 1975

## INTERCEPTIONS BY

**Most Interceptions by, Falcon Career**  
29 Ken Reaves, 1966-73\*  
**Most Interceptions by, Season**  
9 Rolland Lawrence, 1975  
**Most Interceptions by, Game**  
2 24 times. Last time, Rolland Lawrence vs. Oak., Nov. 30, 1975  
**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**  
460 Ray Brown, 1971-75\*  
**Most Yards Gained, Season**  
164 Ray Brown, 1974  
163 Rolland Lawrence, 1975  
**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  
t87 Rolland Lawrence vs. Oak., Nov. 30, 1975  
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, 1971-75  
Ray Brown, 1971-75\*  
**Most Touchdowns, Season**  
2 Tom Hayes, 1973  
**Most Touchdowns, Game**  
1 12 times. Last time, Rolland Lawrence vs. Oak., Nov. 30, 1975  
**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**  
96 John James, 1974  
**Most Punts, Game**  
11 John James vs. Dall., Sept. 15, 1974 (AS)  
**Vs. Falcons**  
10 John Blanchard, N.O., Oct. 20, 1974 (AS)  
**Longest Punt**  
75 John James, vs. Oak., Nov. 30, 1975  
**Vs. Falcons**  
71 Steve O'Neal, N.O., Sept. 16, 1973

## AVERAGE YARDAGE PUNTING

<b>Highest Punting Average, Falcon Career</b>	
41.68	John James, 1972-75 (309)*
41.33	Billy Lothridge 1966-71 (424)
<b>Highest Punting Average, Season (35 punts)</b>	
44.32	Billy Lothridge, 1968 (75)
<b>Highest Punting Average, Game (4 punts)</b>	
50.00	Billy Lothridge, vs. Balt., Sept. 17, 1967 (4)
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
50.8	Dave Chapple, L.A., Nov. 4, 1973 (5)

## PUNT RETURNS

<b>Most Punt Returns, Falcon Career</b>	
61	Ray Brown, 1971-75*
<b>Most Punt Returns, Season</b>	
40	Ray Brown, 1973
<b>Most Punt Returns, Game</b>	
6	Al Dodd vs. Chi., Oct. 13, 1974 (AS)
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
9	Ralph McGill, S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)

## Fair Catches

<b>Most Fair Catches, Season</b>	
16	Jimmy Burson, 1968
<b>Most Fair Catches, Game</b>	
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

<b>Most Yards Gained, Falcon Career</b>	
542	Ray Brown, 1971-75*
<b>Most Yards Gained, Season</b>	
360	Ray Brown, 1973
<b>Most Yards Gained, Game</b>	
108	Al Dodd vs. Chi., Oct. 13, 1974 (6 returns)
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
109	Ralph McGill, S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (9 returns) (AS)
<b>Longest Punt Return</b>	
t77	Tom McCauley, vs. N.O., Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
t77	Donny Anderson, G.B., Oct. 23, 1966

## AVERAGE YARDAGE RETURNING PUNTS

<b>Highest Average, Falcon Career (14 per season)</b>	
11.80	Al Dodd, 1973-74 (35)
<b>Highest Average, Season (14 returns)</b>	
13.92	Gerald Tinker, 1974 (14)
<b>Highest Average, Game (3 returns)</b>	
26.0	Ray Brown, vs. Phil., Nov. 11, 1973 (4)
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
24.33	Chuck Latourette, St.L., Nov. 24, 1968

## TOUCHDOWNS RETURNING PUNTS

<b>Most Touchdowns, Falcon Career</b>	
1	Tom McCauley, 1969-70
	John Mallory, 1969-70
	Gerald Tinker, 1974
<b>Most Touchdowns, Season</b>	
1	Tom McCauley, 1970
	John Mallory, 1970
	Gerald Tinker, 1974

**Most Touchdowns, Game**

1	Tom McCauley, vs. N.O., Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
	John Mallory, vs. Minn., Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
	Gerald Tinker vs. N.O., Sept. 29, 1974
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
1	Donny Anderson, G.B., Oct. 23, 1966
	Manfred Moore, S.F., Nov. 24, 1974

**KICKOFF RETURNS****Most Kickoff Returns, Falcon Career**

82	Ron Smith, 1966-67
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**Most Kickoff Returns, Season**

43	Ron Smith, 1966
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**Most Kickoff Returns, Game**

7	Ron Smith, vs. G.B., Oct. 23, 1966
	Ron Smith, vs. Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)
	Gerald Tinker, vs. Mia., Nov. 3, 1974

**Vs. Falcons**

6	Margene Adkins, N.O., Nov. 12, 1972 (AS)
	Kermitt Alexander, Phil., Nov. 11, 1973

**YARDAGE RETURNING KICKOFFS****Most Yards Gained, Falcon Career**

1889	Ron Smith, 1966-67 (82 returns)
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**Most Yards Gained, Season**

1013	Ron Smith, 1966 (43 returns)
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**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)
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**Longest Kickoff Return**

t99	Ron Smith, vs. Balt., Sept. 17, 1967
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	Vs. Falcons
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t98	Vic Washington, S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)
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**AVERAGE YARDAGE RETURNING KICKOFFS****Highest Average, Falcon Career (14 per season)**

24.28	Gerald Tinker, 1974 (29 returns)
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**Highest Average, Season (14 returns)**

25.21	Willie Belton, 1971 (28 returns)
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**Highest Average, Game (3 returns)**

46.33	Ron Smith, vs. Balt., Sept. 17, 1967 (3)
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	Vs. Falcons
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41.66	Ron Jessie, Det., Oct. 3, 1971 (3)
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**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)
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	Bobby Williams, Det., Nov. 9, 1969
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	Cecil Turner, Chi., Nov. 1, 1970 (AS)
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	Ron Jessie, Det., Oct. 3, 1971
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	Vic Washington, S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)
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## FUMBLES

<b>Most Fumbles, Falcon Career</b>	29	Dave Hampton, 1972-75*
<b>Most Fumbles, Season</b>	13	Randy Johnson, 1966
<b>Most Fumbles, Game</b>	4	Jim Butler, vs. S.F., Oct. 4, 1970 (AS)
		Vs. Falcons
	2	By many players

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

## Team Records: Offense

(AS)—established in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium

## GAMES

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

## SCORING

<b>Most Points, Season</b>	318	1973
<b>Most Points, Game</b>	62	Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
		Vs. Falcons
	57	Pitt., Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
<b>Fewest Points, Game</b>	0	9 times. Last time vs. Minn., Nov. 9, 1975 (38-0)
		Vs. Falcons
	0	S.D., Oct. 21, 1973 (41-0)
<b>Most Points, Both Teams, Game</b>	90	Atlanta (33) vs. Pitt. (57), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
<b>Number of Ties, All-Time</b>	4	Last tie, vs. L.A., Sept. 26, 1971 (20-20)
<b>Largest Point Margin in Victory</b>	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)

**Points in Overtime**

- 0 Falcons 0, Oakland 3 (34-37), Nov. 30, 1975

**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)
- Mia., Nov. 3, 1974
- 4th: 24 L.A., Nov. 19, 1967 (AS)

**Most Points, Both Teams, Each Quarter**

- 1st: 34 Atlanta (13) vs. Oak. (21), Nov. 30, 1975
- 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)

<b>Most Field Goals, Season</b>	
26	1973
<b>Most Field Goals, Game</b>	
5	Vs. L.A., Nov. 4, 1973 (AS)
	<b>Vs. Falcons</b>
6	St.L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)
<b>Most Field Goals, Both Teams, Game</b>	
7	Atlanta (5) vs. L.A. (2), Nov. 4, 1973 (AS)
<b>Most Consecutive Games Scoring Field Goals</b>	
8	1973

## FIRST DOWNS

<b>Most First Downs, Season</b>	
240	1973
<b>Fewest First Downs, Season</b>	
174	1968, 1974
<b>Most First Downs, Games</b>	
32	Vs. N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
	<b>Vs. Falcons</b>
33	Oak., Nov. 30, 1975
<b>Fewest First Downs, Game</b>	
2	Vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973
	<b>Vs. Falcons</b>
7	G.B., Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)
<b>Most First Downs, Both Teams, Game</b>	
53	Atlanta (20) vs. Oak. (33), Nov. 30, 1975
<b>Fewest First Downs, Both Teams, Game</b>	
14	Atlanta (5) vs. Minn. (9), Dec. 21, 1969 (AS)
<b>Most First Downs, Rushing, Season</b>	
123	1973
<b>Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season</b>	
68	1967
<b>Most First Downs, Rushing, Game</b>	
19	Vs. N.O., Oct. 24, 1971 (AS)
	<b>Vs. Falcons</b>
19	Oak., Nov. 30, 1975
<b>Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game</b>	
0	Vs. L.A., Dec. 1, 1974 (AS)
	<b>Vs. Falcons</b>
2	Chi., Oct. 13, 1974 (AS)
<b>Most First Downs, Passing, Season</b>	
118	1975
<b>Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season</b>	
86	1974
<b>Most First Downs, Passing, Game</b>	
16	Vs. S.F., Dec. 14, 1975 (AS)
	<b>Vs. Falcons</b>
18	Wash., Dec. 7, 1975 (AS)
<b>Fewest First Downs, Passing, Game</b>	
0	Vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973
	<b>Vs. Falcons</b>
1	N.O., Oct. 15, 1972
	St.L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)
<b>Most First Downs, Penalty, Season</b>	
23	1969
<b>Fewest First Downs, Penalty Season</b>	
9	1968
<b>Most First Downs, Penalty, Game</b>	
4	Six times. Last time, vs. S.D., Oct. 21, 1973
	<b>Vs. Falcons</b>
6	S.F., Dec. 6, 1970

## THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY

<b>Most Third Down Conversions, Season</b>	
101	1968
95	1972

**Most Third Down Conversions, Game**

12 Vs. Clev., Oct. 31, 1971  
Vs. Falcons  
13 Minn., Nov. 9, 1975

**Fewest Third Down Conversions, Season**

55 1967  
Vs. Falcons  
74 1973

**Fewest Third Down Conversions, Game**

1 Eight times. Last time vs. L.A., Dec. 1, 1974  
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**

6.7 Vs. Dall., Sept. 15, 1974 (AS)  
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**

2800 1974

**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**

868 Atlanta (462) vs. S.F. (406), Dec. 14, 1975 (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  
64 Minn., Nov. 9, 1975

**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**

105 Atlanta (43) vs. Oak. (62), Nov. 30, 1975

**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**  
 19 Vs. L.A., Dec. 1, 1974 (AS)  
 Vs. Falcons  
 58 N.O., Oct. 24, 1971 (AS)  
**Most Yards Gained Rushing, Both Teams, Game**  
 436 Atlanta (150) vs. Oak. (286), Nov. 30, 1975  
**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  
 Mia., Nov. 3, 1974  
**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  
 Atlanta (1) vs. Mia. (4), Nov. 3, 1974

## PASSING

**Most Passes Attempted, Season**  
 388 1975 (165 comp)  
**Fewest Passes Attempted, Season**  
 282 1969 (149-comp)  
**Most Passes Attempted, Game**  
 44 Vs. G.B., Sept. 27, 1970 (28-comp)  
 Vs. Falcons  
 49 S.F., Dec. 14, 1975 (21 comp) (AS)  
**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**  
 88 Atlanta (39) vs. S.F. (49), Dec. 14, 1975 (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)

<b>Most Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game</b>	47	Atlanta (18) vs. Wash. (29), Oct. 15, 1967 (AS)
<b>Fewest Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game</b>	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)
<b>Most Yards Gained Passing, Season (Net)</b>	2256	1971
<b>Fewest Yards Gained Passing, Season (Net)</b>	1307	1974
<b>Most Yards Gained Passing, Game (Net)</b>	362	Vs. S.F., Dec. 14, 1975 (AS)
		Vs. Falcons
		426 Balt., Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)
<b>Fewest Yards Gained Passing, Game (Net)</b>	4	Vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973
		Vs. Falcons
		9 St.L., Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)
<b>Most Yards Gained Passing, Both Teams, Game (Net)</b>	623	Atlanta (291) vs. Pitt. (332), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
<b>Fewest Yards Gained Passing, Both Teams, Game (Net)</b>	76	Atlanta (17) vs. Minn. (59), Nov. 9, 1975
<b>Most Times Tackled Attempting Passes, Season</b>	70	1968
<b>Fewest Times Tackled Attempting Passes, Season</b>	31	1971
		32 1975
<b>Most Times Tackled Attempting Passes, Game</b>	11	Vs. St.L., Nov. 24, 1968
		Vs. Falcons
		7 N.Y., Nov. 20, 1966
		Dall., Sept. 15, 1974 (AS)
<b>Most Times Tackled Attempting Passes, Both Teams, Game</b>	13	Atlanta (11) vs. St.L. (2) Nov. 24, 1968
		Atlanta (10) vs. Det. (3), Dec. 8, 1968 (AS)
<b>Most Touchdowns Passing, Season</b>	20	1969
<b>Fewest Touchdowns Passing, Season</b>	4	1974
<b>Most Touchdowns, Passing Game</b>	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)
<b>Most Touchdowns Passing, Both Teams, Game</b>	7	Atlanta (1) vs. Clev. (6), Oct. 30, 1966 (AS)
		Atlanta (3) vs. Pitt. (4), Nov. 3, 1968 (AS)
<b>Most Passes Had Intercepted, Season</b>	31	1974 (355-att)
<b>Fewest Passes Had Intercepted, Season</b>	12	1969 (282 att)
		1973 (320 att)
<b>Most Passes Had Intercepted, Game</b>	6	Vs. L.A., Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
		Vs. Falcons
		6 N.O., Sept. 16, 1973
<b>Most Passes Had Intercepted, Both Teams, Game</b>	8	Atlanta (3) vs. Den. (5), Nov. 23, 1975 (AS)

## PUNTING

<b>Most Punts, Season</b>	96	1974
<b>Fewest Punts, Season</b>	60	1971

<b>Most Punts, Game</b>	
11	Vs. Dall., Sept. 15, 1974 (AS)
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
10	N.O., Oct. 20, 1974 (AS)
<b>Fewest Punts, Game</b>	
1	Vs. Det., Oct. 3, 1971
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
1	By many teams
<b>Highest Punting Average, Season</b>	
44.32	1968

## PUNT RETURNS

<b>Most Punt Returns, Season</b>	
51	1974
<b>Most Punt Returns, Game</b>	
8	Vs. Chi., Oct. 13, 1974 (AS)
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
9	S.F., Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)
<b>Most Fair Catches, Season</b>	
16	1968, 1972
<b>Fewest Fair Catches, Season</b>	
3	1974
<b>Most Fair Catches, Game</b>	
3	Five times. Last time, vs. N.O., Dec. 16, 1973 (AS)
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
6	Minn., Nov. 28, 1971
<b>Most Yards Gained Punt Returns, Season</b>	
635	1974
<b>Most Yards Gained Punt Returns, Game</b>	
137	Vs. N.O., Sept. 29, 1974
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
118	S.F., Nov. 24, 1974
<b>Highest Average, Punt Returns, Season</b>	
12.45	1974
<b>Most Touchdowns Punt Returns, Season</b>	
2	1970
<b>Most Touchdowns, Punt Returns, Game</b>	
1	Vs., N.O., Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
	Vs. Minn., Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
	Vs. N.O., Sept. 29, 1974
<b>Vs. Falcons</b>	
1	G.B., Oct. 23, 1966
	S.F., Nov. 24, 1974

## KICKOFF RETURNS

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



## FUMBLES

<b>Most Fumbles, Season</b>
42 1972
<b>Fewest Fumbles, Season</b>
20 1967
<b>Most Fumbles, Game</b>
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)
S.F., Oct. 12, 1975
<b>Most Fumbles Lost, Season</b>
24 1974
<b>Fewest Fumbles Lost, Season</b>
14 1967
<b>Most Fumbles Lost, Game</b>
5 Vs. N.O., Oct. 15, 1972

## PENALTIES

<b>Most Penalties, Season</b>
88 1967 (866 yds)
<b>Fewest Penalties, Season</b>
63 1968 (659 yds)
1969 (601 yds)
<b>Most Penalties, Game</b>
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)
<b>Fewest Penalties, Game</b>
1 Vs. Chi., Nov. 16, 1969 (AS)
Vs. S.F., Dec. 10, 1972
Vs. L.A., Sept. 23, 1973
Vs. S.F., Oct. 12, 1975
Vs. Falcons
0 Minn., Nov. 28, 1971
<b>Most Yards Penalized, Season</b>
866 1967 (88 pen)
<b>Fewest Yards Penalized, Season</b>
593 1973 (65 pen)
<b>Most Yards Penalized, Game</b>
143 Vs. Phil., Nov. 15, 1970 (9 pen)
Vs. Falcons
135 L.A., Nov. 19, 1970 (11 pen) (AS)

## Team Records: Defense

### SCORING

<b>Fewest Points Allowed, Season</b>
224 1973
<b>Most Points Allowed, Season</b>
437 1966
<b>Fewest Touchdowns Allowed, Season</b>
24 1973
<b>Most Touchdowns Allowed, Season</b>
53 1967

## FIRST DOWNS

<b>Fewest First Downs Allowed, Season</b>
211 1970, 1973
<b>Most First Downs Allowed, Season</b>
302 1968
<b>Fewest First Downs Allowed, Rushing, Season</b>
93 1970
<b>Most First Downs Allowed, Rushing, Season</b>
140 1974
<b>Fewest First Downs Allowed, Passing, Season</b>
83 1972
<b>Most First Downs Allowed, Passing, Season</b>
157 1968

## NET YARDS ALLOWED

<b>Fewest Yards Allowed, Season</b>
3559 1973
<b>Most Yards Allowed, Season</b>
5531 1967

## RUSHING

<b>Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Season</b>
1722 1970
<b>Most Yards Allowed, Rushing, Season</b>
2537 1974
<b>Fewest Touchdowns Allowed, Rushing, Season</b>
12 1973
<b>Most Touchdowns Allowed, Rushing, Season</b>
20 1966

## PASSING

<b>Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Passing, Season</b>
1430 1973
<b>Most Net Yards Allowed, Passing, Season</b>
3392 1967
<b>Most Opponents Tackled Attempting Passes, Season</b>
35 1975
<b>Fewest Touchdowns Allowed, Passing, Season</b>
9 1971
<b>Most Touchdowns Allowed, Passing, Season</b>
31 1967

## INTERCEPTIONS BY

<b>Most Passes Intercepted by, Season</b>
25 1975 (opp att 437)
<b>Fewest Passes Intercepted by, Season</b>
14 1968 (opp att 389)
<b>Most Consecutive Games, 1 or More Interceptions by</b>
10 1974
<b>Most Yards Gained, Interceptions, Season</b>
528 1973 (22)
<b>Most Yards Gained, Interceptions, Game</b>
182 Vs. S.D., Oct. 21, 1973 (4)
<b>Most Touchdowns, Interception Returns, Season</b>
2 1967, 1968, 1973
<b>Most Touchdowns, Interception Returns, Game</b>
1 11 times. Last time, vs. Oak., Nov. 30, 1975

## ALL-TIME LEADERS

Rushing—Dave Hampton, 1972-75, 3458 yds. 870 att., 4.0 avg., 17 TDs.  
Passing—Bob Berry, 1968-72, 1049 att., 598 comp., 8489 yds., 57 TDs.  
Receiving—Jim Mitchell, 1969-75, 223, 3477 yds., 15.6 avg., 24 TDs.  
Punting—John James, 1972-75, 41.7 avg., 309 punts.  
Scoring—Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-75, 193 pts., 76x79 XPs, 39x64 FGs.  
Interceptions—Ken Reaves, 1966-73, 29 int., 439 yds., 15.1 avg., 1 TD.  
Punt Returns—Ray Brown, 1971-75, 8.9 avg., 61 ret., 540 yds., 0 TDs.  
Kickoff Returns—Ron Smith, 1966-67, 24.3 avg., 82 ret., 1989 yds., 1 TD.



*Dave Hampton High-Steps Way to 1000-Yard Club Membership  
Stylish-Running Falcon Back Amassed 1002 Yards Rushing in 1975*

# Year-by-Year Scores

1966 (3-11)

## Seventh Place, Eastern Conference

Coach: Norb Hecker	At.	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	At.	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)	At.	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	At.	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	At.	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	At.	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.	Opp.	
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

## 1974 (3-11)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division			
Norm Van Brocklin (2-6)	Atl.	Opp.	
Dallas	(H)	0	24
San Francisco	(H)	10	16
New Orleans	(A)	13	14
New York Giants	(A)	14	7
Chicago	(H)	13	10
New Orleans	(H)	3	13
Pittsburgh	(A)	17	24
Miami	(A)	7	42
Los Angeles	(A)	0	21
Baltimore	(H)	7	17
San Francisco	(A)	0	27
Los Angeles	(H)	7	30
Minnesota	(A)	10	23
Green Bay	(H)	10	3

## 1975 (4-10)

Third Place, NFC Western Division			
Marion Campbell	Atl.	Opp.	
St. Louis	(A)	20	23
Detroit	(H)	14	17
New Orleans	(H)	14	7
San Francisco	(A)	17	3
Los Angeles	(A)	7	22
Cincinnati	(H)	14	21
New Orleans	(A)	7	23
Minnesota	(A)	0	38
Los Angeles	(H)	7	16
Denver	(H)	35	21
Oakland	(A)	34	37
Washington	(H)	27	30
San Francisco	(H)	31	9
Green Bay	(A)	13	22

## Falcons vs. The NFL

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Falcons vs. Baltimore	0	8	0	.000	92	229
Falcons vs. Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	16	27
Falcons vs. Chicago	5	3	0	.533	194	151
Falcons vs. Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	30	20
Falcons vs. Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	55	93
Falcons vs. Dallas	0	5	0	.000	38	145
Falcons vs. Denver	2	1	0	.667	68	65
Falcons vs. Detroit	0	8	0	.000	122	218
Falcons vs. Green Bay	3	6	0	.333	105	227
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	15	2	.105	184	396
Falcons vs. Miami	0	2	0	.333	14	62
Falcons vs. Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	102	219
Falcons vs. New England	0	1	0	.000	20	21
Falcons vs. New York Giants	3	1	0	.750	82	65
Falcons vs. New York Jets	1	0	0	1.000	28	20
Falcons vs. New Orleans	10	4	0	.714	337	195
Falcons vs. Oakland	1	1	0	.500	58	50
Falcons vs. Philadelphia	2	2	1	.400	101	104
Falcons vs. Pittsburgh	1	3	0	.250	98	138
Falcons vs. San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	41	0
Falcons vs. San Francisco	7	12	0	.368	274	402
Falcons vs. St. Louis	1	4	0	.200	67	108
Falcons vs. Washington	0	4	1	.000	100	134
TOTALS	46	90	4	.329	2260	3116

## Preseason Records

1966 (1-4)	1971 (3-2)
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
<b>1967 (2-2-1)</b>	
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
<b>1968 (1-4)</b>	
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
<b>1969 (2-4)</b>	
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 (57,273)	10-14
Green Bay at Canton (17,411)	24-38
<b>1970 (4-1)</b>	
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
<b>1971 (3-2)</b>	
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
<b>1972 (1-4)</b>	
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
<b>1973 (2-3)</b>	
Baltimore at Atlanta (57,122)	34-10
New England at Atlanta (56,238)	27-10
Cleveland at Knoxville, Tenn. (40,831)	17-20
Cincinnati at Atlanta (55,863)	20-31
Atlanta at Pittsburgh (50,350)	0-19
<b>1974 (4-2)</b>	
Philadelphia at Philadelphia (15,379)	23-7
Oakland at Berkeley (34,319)	16-28
Cincinnati at Grant Field (44,127)	7-13
Houston at Houston (27,116)	10-6
Baltimore at Atlanta (50,085)	23-7
Denver at Denver (43,253)	20-14
<b>1975 (3-3)</b>	
Washington Redskins at Washington (18,444)	16-14
Baltimore at Lincoln, Neb. (43,097)	10-3
Oakland at Atlanta (39,878)	7-22
N.Y. Jets at Atlanta (34,387)	13-16
Buffalo at Tampa, Fla. (41,212)	14-16
Philadelphia at Atlanta (28,675)	17-14

## Greatest Falcon Performances

### RUSHING YARDAGE

161—Dave Hampton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972, 29 attempts (AS)  
 135—Dave Hampton vs. St. Louis, Sept. 21, 1975, 23 attempts  
 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)  
 106—Dave Hampton vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 26 attempts (AS)  
 101—Dave Hampton vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975, 25 attempts (AS)

### PASSING YARDAGE

309—Bob Berry vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 13 of 23  
 305—Steve Bartkowski vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 19 of 37 (AS)  
 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)  
 281—Steve Bartkowski vs. Washington, Dec. 7, 1975, 14 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  
 147—Alfred Jenkins vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 7 receptions (AS)  
 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)  
 109—Jim Mitchell vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 1, 1974, 7 receptions (AS)  
 106—Alfred Jenkins vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975, 4 receptions  
 106—Alfred Jenkins vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 6 receptions (AS)  
 105—Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969, 3 receptions (AS)  
 102—Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Nov. 2, 1975, 4 receptions  
 101—Paul Flatley vs. Baltimore, Oct. 5, 1969, 3 receptions

## Longest Falcon Plays

### LONG RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE

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

### LONG PASS COMPLETIONS

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

### LONG PUNTS

- 75—John James vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
- 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 FIELD GOALS

- 52—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. San Francisco, Oct. 28, 1973
- 49—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Minnesota, Nov. 19, 1973 (AS)
- 49—Kenny Vinyard vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1971 (AS)
- 48—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Detroit, Oct. 1, 1973
- 48—Wade Traynham vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
- 47—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1974 (AS)
- 47—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Green Bay, Dec. 15, 1974 (AS)
- 47—Lou Kirouac vs. Washington, Oct. 9, 1966
- 47—Lou Kirouac vs. St. Louis, Dec. 11, 1966 (AS)
- 46—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. San Francisco, Oct. 7, 1973 (AS)
- 45—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1973
- 45—Wade Traynham vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 3, 1967

### LONG INTERCEPTION RETURNS

- 130—Ken Reaves vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 20, 1968
- 187—Rolland Lawrence vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
- 81—Rolland Lawrence vs. San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973
- 177—Lee Calland vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
- 173—Jimmy Burson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 15, 1968 (AS)
- 165—Tom Hayes vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
- 162—Bob Riggle vs. Minnesota, Dec. 4, 1966

### LONG PUNT RETURNS

- 177—Tom McCauley vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
- 175—John Mallory vs. Minnesota, Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
- 172—Gerald Tinker vs. New Orleans, Sept. 29, 1974
- 57—Ray Brown vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1973
- 57—Al Dodd vs. Chicago, Oct. 13, 1974 (AS)

### LONG KICKOFF RETURNS

- 199—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
- 59—Gerald Tinker vs. San Francisco, Sept. 22, 1974 (AS)
- 58—Willie Belton vs. Cleveland, Oct. 31, 1971

### LONG FUMBLE RETURNS

- 174—Jim Weatherford vs. San Francisco, Oct. 19, 1969
- 160—Tom Hayes vs. Oakland, Dec. 5, 1971 (AS)
- 150—Jim Mitchell vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975 (AS)
- 145—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.



## 1976 Falcon Radio Network

The Atlanta Falcons have a new radio home for 1976.

It's WGST in Atlanta, 920 on your dial.

There also will be a new broadcasting crew in the press boxes this season.

Bob Neal will be the play-by-play man and Harmon Wages, a former Falcons running back, will be the color analyst. Jim Huber, sports director at WGST, will be the producer.

Below is a partial list of stations on the Falcons-WGST Radio Network for 1976. For information regarding Falcon broadcasts in your area consult your newspaper's listings or contact Arnold Katinsky, network coordinator, at (404) 231-0920.

As of May 25, 1976

Athens	WGAU	1340 Kh
Atlanta	WGST	920 Kh
Bainbridge	WAZA	1360 Kh
Carrollton	WBTR-FM	92.1 MC
Fitzgerald	WBHB	1240 Kh
Gainesville	WDUN	1240 Kh
Greenville, S.C.	WMRB	1490 Kh
Griffin	WKEU	1450 Kh
Macon	WMAZ	940 Kh
Milledgeville	WMVG	1490 Kh
Opelika, Ala.	WJHO	1400 Kh
Rome	WRGA	1470 Kh
Savannah	WQQT	1450 Kh
Toccoa	WNEG	630 Kh

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## **Camp Report Dates**

July 7—Rookies  
July 9—Veterans  
July 11—Fan Day

## **Postseason Playing Dates**

Sat., Dec. 18, 1976—NFC and AFC Divisional Playoff Games  
Sun., Dec. 19, 1976—NFC and AFC Divisional Playoff Games  
Sun., Dec. 26, 1976—NFC-AFC Championship Games  
Sun., Jan. 9, 1977—Super Bowl, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.  
Mon., Jan. 17, 1977—NFC-AFC Pro Bowl Game, Kingdome, Seattle, Wash.

## **Pronunciation Guide**

Gotshalk—Got-chalk  
Havig—Have-ig  
Larron Jackson—Lair-ron  
Ryczek—Rye-zeek  
Fritsch—Fre-itch  
Bartkowski—Bart-cow-ski  
Merrow—Mare-á  
Zook—Zee-ook  
Tilleman—Till-a-man  
Brezina—Bre-zee-na  
Byas—Bye-as  
Brislin—Brez-lin  
Husfloen—Husk-flown

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