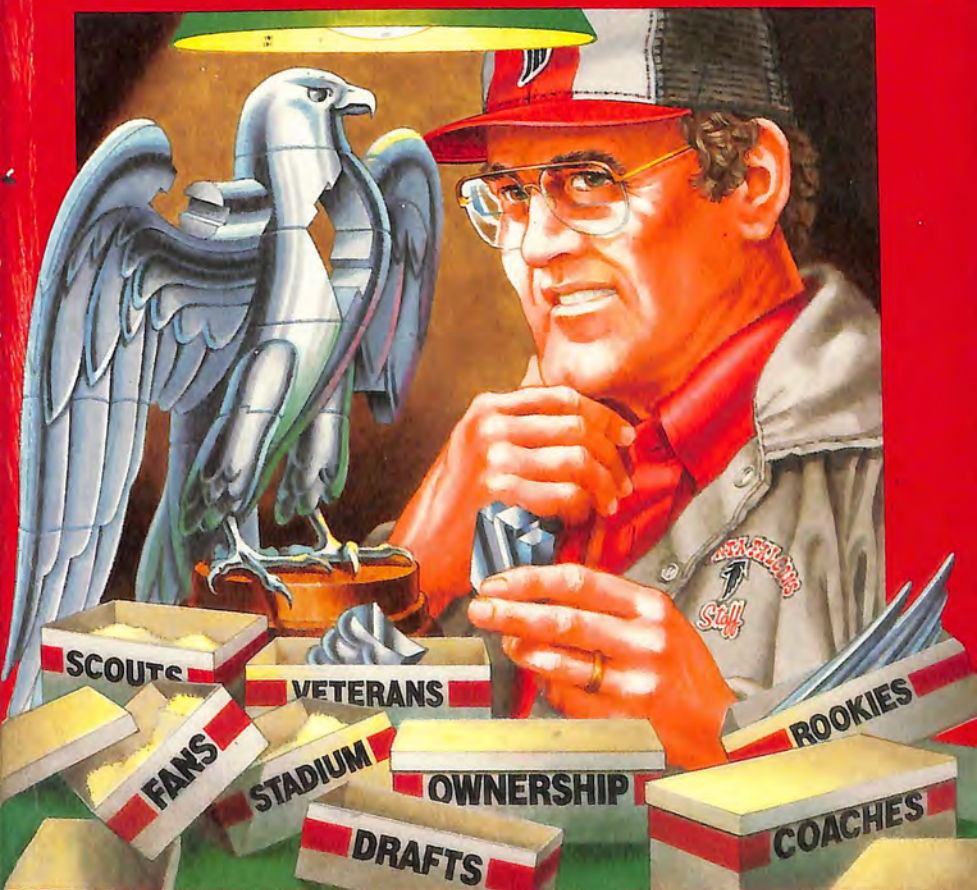


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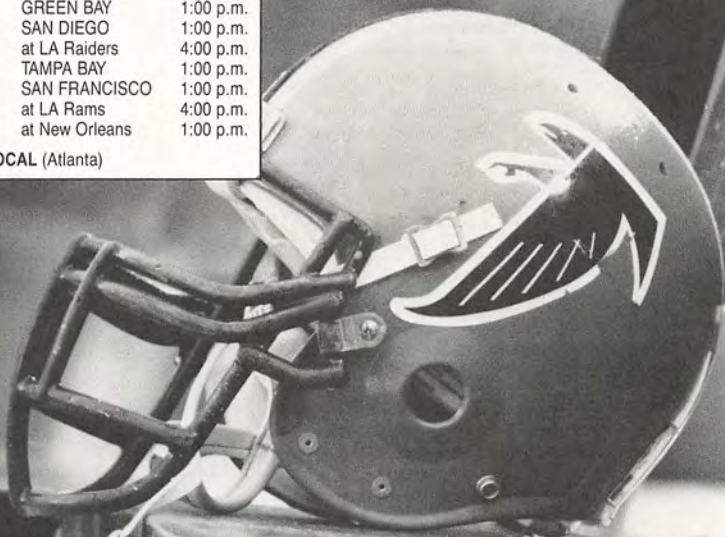


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TICKET OFFICE	950 East Paces Ferry Road Suite 2920 Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 261-5400
HOME FIELD	Atlanta Fulton County Stadium Capacity: 59,643 Surface: Grass (PAT)
NFL SEASON	23rd (Since '66 season)
TEAM COLORS	Red, Black, Silver & White

MEDIA INFORMATION

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PRACTICE: To visit the Falcons' training site, take Interstate 85 north of Atlanta to Exit 44, turn left over bridge, then left again, where Complex will be on your right. Training Camp practice times are 9-11 am and 4-6 pm; regular season practice is approximately 2 pm. Interviews can be arranged through the P.R. office with an open locker room during the season before the practice.

WEEKLY CONFERENCES: Head Coach Marion Campbell will meet with the media Monday afternoons (approximately 1 pm). On Wednesday, conference calls with the visiting team will be arranged and the visiting P.R. representative will be at the Falcon Complex to handle media requests.



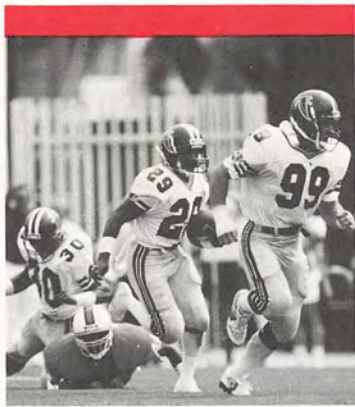
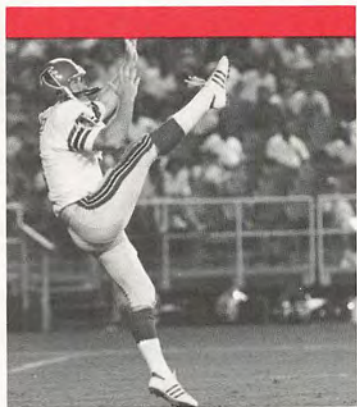
NFL Recognition

GERALD RIGGS (left) is the only NFL running back to have played in the last three consecutive Pro Bowls. Since he became a starter in 1984, only Eric Dickerson has gained more yards rushing. He now holds 17 Falcon records.

RICK DONNELLY (page 5) won the NFL punting title last year with a 44.0 average as he now holds the Falcon career record for punting average.

SYLVESTER STAMPS (upper right-5) was the NFL's leading kickoff returner last year with a 27.5 average. He set a club record with 193 return yards in one game as he and Donnelly were both voted as alternates to the Pro Bowl.

BILL FRALIC (lower right) was voted as a starter in the Pro Bowl for a second consecutive season. He was also named all-Pro by five different organizations.







NUMBER ONE

The Falcons currently have nine players on their roster who were taken in the first round of the NFL draft.

- '78 Mike Kenn (13th)
Five Pro Bowls
142 games
- '81 Bobby Butler (25th)
23 Interceptions
91 games
- '82 Gerald Riggs (9th)
Three Pro Bowls
17 club records
- '84 Rick Bryan (9th)
57 games - 20 sacks,
430 tackles
- '85 Bill Fralic (2nd)
Two Pro Bowls - 43 starts
- '86 Tony Casillas (2nd)
Pro Bowl alternate
25 games - 183 tackles

Tim Green (17th)
Starter - 53 tackles
- '87 Chris Miller (13th)
Incumbent starter
552 yards
- '88 Aundray Bruce (1st)
Projected starter





By The Numbers

BOBBY BUTLER's 23 interceptions rank 4th in club history, while he led the team with 4 last year

FLOYD DIXON led the team with 600 yards receiving last year after leading all NFC rookie receivers in '86 with 42 catches

JOHN RADE (far left, below) topped last year's team with 123 tackles in just 11 games

RICK BRYAN (above left) has made 100 tackles in three different seasons, plus six forced fumbles

TONY CASILLAS and MIKE GANN (below left) have combined for 436 tackles and five fumble recoveries

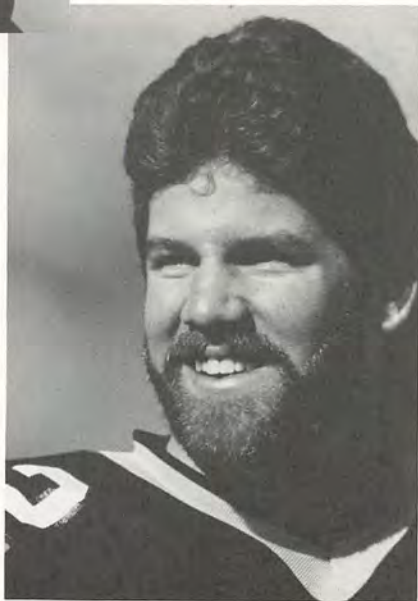




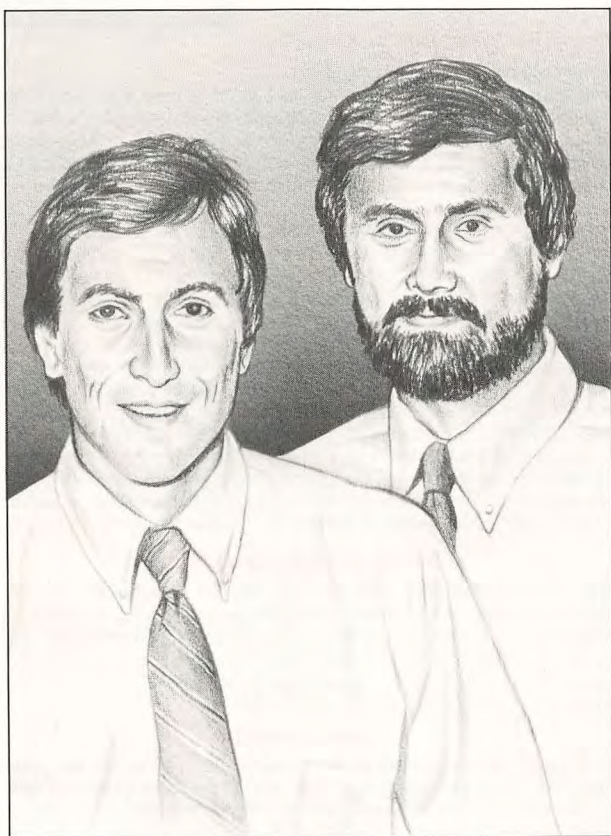
FALCON FACES

Marion Campbell has been through 35 seasons as an NFL player and coach. He's been to Pro Bowls as a player, he's been to Championships as both a player and coach, and he's had number-one ranked NFL defenses. A master of his trade, he's developed young defenses from the north (Minnesota's Purple People Eaters) to the West (L.A.'s Fearsome Foursomes) to the East (the #1 ranked Eagles), to the South (the Falcons #6 two years ago).

Chris Miller got his first taste of life as an NFL quarterback last year, playing in his first three games. He leads a young Falcon team with a promising future.



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FRONT OFFICE



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Twenty-three years as the number one man of the Atlanta Falcons places Rankin M. Smith among the ten most senior owners in the NFL. The retired Chairman of the Board of the Life of Georgia Insurance is still active in guiding the Falcons to higher levels and in being a civic-minded citizen of his hometown.



RANKIN M. SMITH

Bringing Pro Sports to Atlanta

Always anxious to bring professional sports to Atlanta, Smith first joined in the movement to start the Continental League in baseball back in the late 1950's. He was part of a group (Major Sports, Inc.), designed to bring team sports to Atlanta. That group included Arthur Montgomery, Eaton Chalkley, Jack Rice, and Carlton Dinkler. Major League Baseball quickly expanded to Atlanta and put an end to the proposed Continental League, but Major Sports, Inc., remained and actually became the basis for the first Stadium Authority, whose charge was to erect a facility here. The Stadium got built and the baseball Braves were recruited in 1965. That same year, an AFL franchise for Atlanta was awarded on June 8 to J. Leonard Reinsch of Cox Broadcasting. The NFL likewise decided to expand and Mr. Smith bid against Lindsey Hopkins and the R.J. Reynolds, Co., for a franchise. On June 30, 1965, Smith's bid of approximately \$8.5 million was accepted, signaling the beginning of the NFL in Atlanta and the end of the AFL attempt.

Their first year of existence, the Falcons tied an NFL record by winning three games (best ever for an expansion team). The supervisor, Smith has given men like Frank Wall, and then Eddie LeBaron, and now his own two sons, the chance to be in charge of day-to-day operations. The team had a winning season after five years (7-6-1 of 1971), upped it to 9-5 in 1973 and then earned Playoff berths in 1978, again in 1980, and again in 1982. Serious about their commitment, the Falcons built a Training Complex in 1978, still one of the NFL's most complete and still a prototype for others.

The NFL has used Smith's talents as well. He oversaw the Management Council operations with Lombardi, Modell and Finks for six years. Then, for seven other years, he was Co-Chairman of the NFL Pension Committee. He is the only owner member, and has been since inception, of the Coaches-Front Office Pension Committee. For a sixth straight year, Mr. Smith is on the NFL Finance Committee.

A Three-Decade Business Career

As an 18-year-old, the young Smith embarked on a career in the life insurance industry in 1943 by starting off as a summer clerk. In 1947, he became a full-time employee as a debit agent (route salesman) down in Hot Springs, Ark. In 1949, he came back to Atlanta in the Life of Georgia office as an assistant manager. Over the next two decades, he continued to rise until in 1970 he was elected President and Chief Executive Officer. In 1975, Smith became Chairman of the Board and retired in 1977. He's still on the board of directors for Aaron Rents, here in Atlanta.

Caring and Supporting

With their \$6 million-plus contributions to the Atlanta area, the Smith family has to rank with the all-time generous citizens here. In addition, Smith is currently on the Board of Fernbank Science Center, the Area Boy Scouts Council, and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Add board of trustee memberships of the University of Georgia, Reinhardt College and Lovett School to his list. At one time, he served

on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Commerce Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau and Central Atlanta Progress. Include Chairman of the Dept. of Natural Resources to his past slate. Plus his financial contributions, Smith shows his generosity in other ways. Just last year (July), when a bus crash left injured out-of-state children hospitalized, he donated his private plane to fly some children back to their home in Florida.

A Personal Look

Born in a hospital that sat near where Fulton County Stadium does now, Rankin McEachern Smith was given the middle name for his grandfather, John Newton McEachern, co-founder of the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. Born October 29, 1924, Smith was educated at North Fulton High and Marist Schools. He played on the football team during his one year at Bolles School in Jacksonville. At the University of Georgia, Smith roomed with Carl Sanders, a young man who would later become Governor of Georgia. During World War II, Smith was in the Army Air Corps for three years as a combat pilot in the western Pacific.

Outdoor sports (hunting, fishing, and boating in particular) rank high on his priorities, too. He remembers bringing in a 288-pound blue marlin off the Florida shores. He's enjoyed sports all his life, answering his reason for wanting an NFL franchise with: "Doesn't every adult male in America want to own his own football team?"

With five children, Smith proudly named the NFL franchise "The Five Smiths" to honor the family of Rankin, Jr., Mrs. Donald (Carrol Christine) Walraven, Mrs. John O. (Dorothy Ann) Knox, Taylor, and Nancy Karen. The next generation already includes 12 grandchildren. Smith is married to the former Charlotte Lillard Topping, who also has four children. They currently reside in one of the finest homes in northwest Atlanta, as well as having a favorite retreat in Thomasville, GA.

"Five Smiths, Inc.", is registered as the corporate name for the Atlanta NFL franchise. It is so named for Rankin M. Smith Sr.'s five children: Rankin M., Jr., Carroll Christine, Dorothy Ann, Taylor and Nancy Karen. The franchise was awarded to Smith on June 30, 1965.



"Falcons" was chosen as the official club nickname. Although many fans suggested that name out of the thousands received, Miss Julia Elliot, a schoolteacher from Griffin, Georgia, is singled out as the contest winner because of her reasons. Miss Elliot said: "the Falcon is proud and dignified, with great courage and fight. It never drops its prey. It is deadly and has a great sporting tradition."

PRESIDENT

An Atlanta native since the age of two, 40-year old Rankin has set goals to make the Falcons a team that the entire city and surrounding area can be proud of by returning it to a championship level. His job is to oversee the staff that has to look at football as a business, as part of the entertainment industry, and as a team sport. It's a demanding commitment that he's accepted to help lead the franchise to more accomplishments with higher goals.



RANKIN M. SMITH, JR.

Leadership

In 1977, the then 30-year old was promoted to President. That role has expanded, especially two years ago when he and his brother Taylor were given even more control. Over his tenure, the Falcons have tasted success, but he's also had to deal with adversity. One of his first roles was to become involved in the building of the Falcon Complex, opened in 1978 and still one of the NFL's finest. He knows the commitment that it took from all for the team to earn a playoff bid for the first time (1978), then a first Division Championship (1980), and yet a third Playoff berth in a five-year span (1982). Now, he's determined to bring the club back up to that level of achievement.

Learning the Football Business

As an 18-year old when the Falcons were granted an NFL franchise in 1965, Rankin has been involved, hands-on. He had played football in high school and knows the efforts players and coaches must put forth. Right away, he started understanding, listening and learning. His first efforts were in the Equipment Room with veteran Whitey Zimmerman. He followed that by getting involved in the administrative offices, including the ticket operation, the marketing and sales side of the business, and the financial obligations of a multi-million dollar business.

Involved in Atlanta

The city he's lived in for four decades, Atlanta is special to Rankin. Along with his family's millions of dollars of contributions, Rankin has given of his time as well. Currently, he's on the Board of Directors of the Boy Scouts of America, the American Humanities Foundation, and the Peach Bowl. He's played a major part in the creation of and running of the Falcon Youth Foundation, a fund set up to assist area children year-round. He participated in a "Running for the Children" program that raised funds and even earned the team national recognition as one of only four private sector organizations to be singled out for an award by the U.S. Office of Human Development Services. Rankin is also an active member of the downtown Rotary Club.

A Personal Look

Born on August 24, 1947, Rankin was the first of the five Smith children who would later have the franchise named for them. Reared in Atlanta, Rankin graduated from Lovett, where he got involved with football as a defensive and offensive end in a powerful high school program that produced two State Championship teams. He then enrolled at the University of Georgia, even trying out for the football team of Vince Dooley. He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with the Class of '71. His love of the outdoors entices him to slip away to hunt and fish, plus he's an active member of Ducks Unlimited. Rankin and his wife, Rebecca, have three children: Caroline (12-15-77), Kathryn (1-4-82), and Rankin M. III, (2-17-85), and reside in Atlanta.

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

Choosing a profession that motivates him and brings him enjoyment, thirty-five year old Taylor is getting more and more involved in Falcon operations each season. He's committed to getting the Falcon program headed in the proper direction, making the team winners on the field and the business a success. As an Atlanta native and a sports addict, he qualifies as one of the city's number one sports fans.



TAYLOR SMITH

A Hands On Approach

Two years ago, Taylor moved into his current management position to help with the daily operations of the Falcons. This year, he's getting even more involved in communicating with the coaches and scouts on the direction the organization is going and how to best achieve the goals. He's also directly involved in certain player contract negotiations and business expenditures of the franchise. His desk is certainly one "where the buck stops here."

Football Is A Business

From the first Falcon summer training camp in 1966 when he worked with the equipment department to this summer camp, Taylor has been involved. He joined the Falcon front office on a full-time basis in 1977 and has had the chance to first-hand sell advertising, work in the ticket office, organize the details for a training camp, plan the logistics for team travel, and understand the marketing plans. In 1982, the 29-year old was named Corporate Secretary where he began to get more involved in contract negotiations and oversee most of the administrative and financial tasks. Now, he and his brother have the chance to build the cornerstones for a brighter future for the Falcons, both on and off the playing field, as they make decisions for the short-term and long-term future of the franchise.

Community Time

With his family roots in Atlanta, Taylor and the entire Smith family have been among the most generous in the city when it comes to community projects and charitable causes. At present, Taylor is on the Board of the Gwinnett Foundation. In addition, he's a member of the downtown Rotary Club. He's also been involved with the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation, raising money to distribute to area children's funds.

A Personal Look

An Atlanta native, born and bred, Taylor W. Smith is the fourth of the five Smith children for whom the franchise is officially chartered. Born May 3, 1953, Taylor followed the family tradition at Lovett High, where he earned letters in three varsity sports (football, track, and soccer). He played some defensive back and running back for the 1970 state champions. Next, he continued the family parade to the University of Georgia, obtaining his Business Administration degree with the Class of '76. When time permits, he likes to play a round of golf, or jog, or even do a little hunting or fishing. Taylor and his wife, Louise, have three daughters: Ryan (12-25-78), Sarah Brooks (11-31-81), and Rebecca (1-17-85), and reside in Atlanta.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Rankin M. Smith
Chairman



Rankin M. Smith, Jr.



Taylor Smith



**Carrol
Smith Walraven**



Dorothy Smith Knox



Nancy Karen Smith



Marion H. Allen, III



Jim Hay



W. Barrett Howell



I. M. Sheffield, III



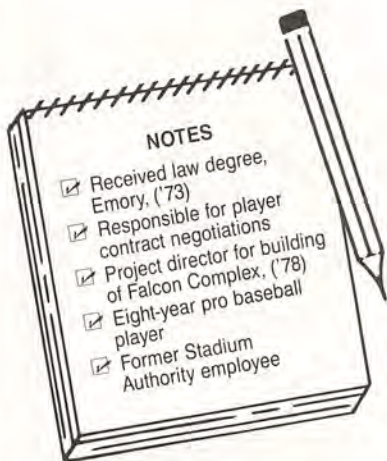
Frank Wall



Felker Ward



Jim Hay
Vice-President
Chief Financial Officer



- NOTES**
- ☒ Received law degree, Emory, ('73)
 - ☒ Responsible for player contract negotiations
 - ☒ Project director for building of Falcon Complex, ('78)
 - ☒ Eight-year pro baseball player
 - ☒ Former Stadium Authority employee

Jim Hay's role in the day-to-day operations of the Falcons has grown steadily over the years since he joined the organization as Director of Physical Properties in 1978.

Last year, Hay undertook a new task as the club's chief negotiator in player contracts. Jim handled the added responsibility like he tackles every job and that's with a relentless work ethic. Player agents came to describe him as "hard-nosed but fair." This spring, Jim had both the Falcons' first and second round choices signed before any other club signed.

The 52-year-old Hay grew up on a farm in a rural Tennessee town called Eagleville with his four sisters and one brother. After high school, Jim signed up for the Navy but continued playing his favorite sport of baseball. When his military commitment was over in 1958, he was invited to spring training with the Atlanta Crackers. Like always, he took advantage of the opportunity.

Hay enjoyed an eight-year career as a catcher with the Atlanta Braves organization. He garnered two MVP trophies for Boise (.370 AVG, 16 HR, 95 RBI) and Panama City (.270, 15, 80) farm clubs earning four trips to the all-star team. Jim's battery mate in Jacksonville and Austin was knuckleballer and eventual 300 game winner Phil Niekro. He also spent time on the diamond with Tommy Aaron, Rico Carty, Paul Snyder and Clay Carroll. Off the baseball field, he worked overtime to get his undergraduate degree from Utah State while he was at Boise.

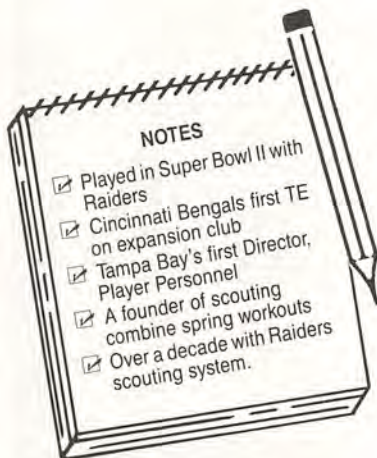
After he hung up his cleats, Hay was hired by the Stadium Authority at Fulton County Stadium. When Suwanee, Ga. was picked as the site for the new Falcon's training facility, he was called on to direct the project and he's had a influence on Falcon affairs ever since.

Jim received his law degree from Emory University in 1973 and spends what spare time he has at the little league baseball park with son Jimmy. He and his wife, Molly, have three children: Micki, Christie, and Jimmy. They reside in Stone Mountain, Ga.



Ken Herock

**Director of College
Player Personnel**



The 1988 draft was a series of firsts for the Falcons. Besides having the first selection overall in the annual draft, veteran personnel scout Ken Herock made his first impressions on the Falcons future by coordinating Atlanta's selection process. It also marked the first time in 20 years that a new person was directing the Falcons draft plans.

Herock brings a lengthy résumé and a solid reputation with him to Atlanta.

He was named the Buccaneers first Director of Player Personnel in 1976 and quickly built the expansion club into a contender in four drafts as they jumped from nowhere to one game away from the Super Bowl (1979). Ken drafted such players as Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams, LB Hugh Green, G Sean Farrell and RB's Ricky Bell and James Wilder during his days in Tampa.

Herock has been associated with Al Davis for 15 years as a player, coach, scout and administrator. The Munhall, Pa. native was a free agent TE out of West Virginia when he entered the Oakland Raiders camp in 1963. He went on to start for four seasons for Davis' club participating in Super Bowl II and playing with such teammates like George Blanda, Jim Otto, Daryle Lamonica, Mary Hubbard, Willie Brown, Fred Biletnikoff and Ben Davidson.

Ken spent ten years as a scout for the silver and black, including a time as Director of Player Personnel. During that span the Raiders enjoyed success in the form of picks such as Henry Lawrence, Phil Villapiano, Dave Casper, Jack Tatum, Ray Guy, Mark van Eeghen and Clarence Davis, among others.

The 47-year-old Herock is credited with establishing the format in Tampa so all NFL personnel could workout college seniors at one time, which evolved into today's annual Indianapolis Scouting Combine.

Herock's first Falcon draft this spring was noteworthy in that it marked the first time the team ever chose linebackers with their top two choices (Aundray Bruce and Marcus Cotton). His third pick was used on a tight end, the second highest spot the Falcons have ever drafted a player at that position.

Ken and his wife, Barry, have two sons, Kenny and Shaun.



Bill Jobko

Director of Pro Personnel

Jobko has been associated with the Atlanta franchise since its inaugural season in 1966...He was the teams defensive captain that year, playing in his ninth NFL season...Bill started his pro career with the Rams (1958-63) and also played with the Vikings (1964-65)...He has been both a coach and scout in other roles in the organization.



Bill Groman

Scout

Groman signed up with the Falcons last season and was reunited with Ken Herock who he worked with in Tampa Bay for five seasons...He's scouted for the Bengals ('69), Oilers ('77) and Chargers ('86) in between time with BLESTO (1970-76)...Bill was also Director of Player Personnel for the Houston Gamblers of the USFL in 1977...He earned two AFL titles with Houston ('61-'62) and a pair with Buffalo ('64-'65) as a player.



Elbert Dubenion

Scout

Dubenion lended his 19-year scouting background to the Falcons cause for the first time in 1987...He scouted 13 years for the Bills and six for the Dolphins in prior NFL assignments...Elbert served two years as Miami's Assistant Director of Player Personnel (1984-85)..."Golden Wheels" was a standout wide receiver for Buffalo being named to the Bills' Silver Anniversary team.



Joe Mack

Scout

Mack made the transition to Atlanta a year ago after spending four seasons in Winnipeg...He was Director of Player Personnel for the Blue Bombers of the CFL where he organized their draft and scouting departments...Joe represented the Vikings, Colts, Eagles, Bears, Dolphins, Steelers and Lions for BLESTO scouting combine ('80-'83)...He was a player and coach for the Wildcats of Villanova.



Charley Armey

Scout

Armey takes over the Falcons west coast scouting duties after holding similar responsibilities with the Packers for the past four years...Armey's first NFL assignment came as a regional scout for Buffalo in 1979...He left the Bills in 1982 to become Director of Player Personnel and defensive line coach for the Denver Gold of the USFL...The 48-year-old also has coached at North Dakota St., Montana Tech, Montana and Colorado State.



Danny Mock

Administrative Assistant

Danny began working at the Falcons Complex in May of 1980...He moved into the film department in 1983 and was elevated to assistant video director in 1985...The 27-year-old Mock was drafted into the player personnel office in May of 1987...He hails from Duluth H.S. where he played on the basketball team with Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers.



Jack Ragsdale

Director of Ticket Operations

Ragsdale joined the Falcons in 1985 after a distinguished 20-year military career...He won the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Distinguished Flying Cross while serving at Vietnam...A graduate of North Georgia College, he retired from the Army as Lieutenant Colonel...A lifetime Falcon fan, Jack resides in Marietta.



Luci Bailey

Asst. Director of Ticket Operations

Luci began her affiliation with the Falcons in 1967 working in ticket sales...She started her full-time career with the birds in 1972 after a seven year stint with the baseball Braves...Bailey's responsibilities have grown over the years from sales to accounting to her present position as assistant ticket manager.



Wallace Norman
Administrative Assistant

Norman became a member of the Falcons accounting staff in July of 1987 after completing requirements for his masters degree in Business Administration from Georgia...He also received his undergraduate degree in political science from the Athens, GA school...Wallace worked as an associate financial analyst for Federal Express for one summer.



Tom Atcheson
Video Director

Atcheson embarks on his tenth season in charge of Atlanta's video needs...A native of Dallas, Ga., Tom was responsible for making the conversion from film to video for the team...Prior to his move to the pro's Atcheson spent time at the collegiate level working with Georgia Tech (1963-66) and Auburn (1959-63).

Ticket Information

To purchase individual game tickets, simply go to any SEATS outlet in the metro Atlanta area, or Gate G at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. To order by phone, call SEATS at 577-9600. To write for ticket information, the Ticket Office address is:

950 East Paces Ferry Road
Suite 2920
Atlanta, Georgia 30326

Ticket prices are still the same \$17 and \$13.



Andy Commer
Assistant Video Director

Commer returns for his second NFL season as assistant video director...Born and raised in Pine Bluff, AR, Andy attended Arkansas State where he graduated with a communications degree in 1987...While with the Indians football staff his duties included filming and assisting in the training room...ASU garnered two Southland Conference titles and a trip to Diamond Bowl during his stay.



Jerry Rhea

Trainer

Rhea has logged 21 years in the NFL starting with the Rams under George Allen in 1967...He moved to the Falcons in 1969 under Norm Van Brocklin...Recognized as one of the best in the business, Jerry has been named Trainer of the Year two times by the National Athletic Trainers Association and served two terms as the organization's president.



Whitey Zimmerman

Equipment Manager

The NFL's Equipment Manager of the Year in 1987, according to his peers, Whitey has toiled 26 years in professional football... "Zeke" has been running the Falcon equipment room since its inception in 1966... The former St. Louis policeman was the Cardinals equipment man from 1962-66... As a youth, Zimmerman was the bat boy for the old St. Louis Browns.



Billy Brooks

Assistant Trainer

The 29-year-old product of Garland, Texas, is a member of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers and Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society...The five-year NFL veteran recently received his Masters Degree from Georgia State in exercise science...He and his wife, Donise, are expecting their first child in September.



Horace Daniel

Assistant Equipment Manager

Daniel has chalked up 21 years of NFL service in Atlanta serving as Zimmerman's right hand man...He has missed only two games in his entire tenure...A lifetime Georgia native, Horace actually played a part in the construction of the Falcons' current home at Fulton County Stadium as a member of the stadium authority.



Charlie Taylor

Director of Public Relations

Taylor's second Falcon season will be his 13th NFL season...He began in the NFL with the Redskins of George Allen and continued through the club's first two Super Bowls under Joe Gibbs...The NFL has selected him to work PR staff at Super Bowls and the Pro Bowl...His job career has included stints as a sports reporter, as a military newspaper editor, and as a college Sports Information Director (3 national publication awards at his alma mater, Fairmont St. (W.Va.) College).



Tommy Nobis

Director of Marketing

"Mr. Falcon" has been making his presence known in Atlanta ever since he was the club's first draft pick in 1966...A two-time consensus All-America and Maxwell and Outland Trophy winner at Texas, Nobis guided the Falcons defense for 11 seasons earning five Pro Bowl nods...A long-time supporter of various charities, including Special Olympics, Tommy has directed the team's marketing efforts since 1985.



Frank Kleha

Assistant Director of Public Relations

Kleha joined the Falcons in 1987 after a stint as Assistant Director of Sports Information for his alma mater, George Mason University in Fairfax, VA...He was in charge of the top priority sports of the Division I program...The product of Fayetteville, N.C. (same as Coach Jimmy Raye) also worked in the public relations department in various capacities for the Washington Redskins from 1984-86.



Carol Breeding

P.R. Assistant

Breeding broke into the Falcon fold in 1973...She has served many roles such as public relations secretary, community affairs and cheerleading director...A diehard Auburn grad, Carol sadly said goodbye to fellow War Eagle William Andrews last year but welcomed a new Tiger in the form of Aundray Bruce...Breeding is still heavily involved in the cheerleaders along with her P.R. duties.

FALCON STAFF



Patrick Bagwell
Maint. Aide



Janet Benton
Secretary
Rankin Smith, Jr.



Connie Bonner
Secretary
Ticket Office



Nancy Bruno
Secretary
Rankin Smith, Sr.



Carolyn Cathey
Accounting



Hamilton Childree
Tax Advisor



Joe Choate
Superintendent
Build. Maintenance



Karen Donofrio
Secretary/Computers
Taylor Smith



Roy Fulton
Office Aide/Chauffeur



John Garrett
Team Doctor



Charles Harrison
Team Doctor

FALCON STAFF



Jim Hewitt
Superintendent
Grounds Maint.



Brenda Johnston
Secretary
Coaches



James Jones
Maint. Aide



Kay Kuhn
Receptionist



Tom Meunier
Ticket Office
Vault Manager



Frank Spence
Ticket Office
Marketing



Shirley Tarpley
Accounting



Donna Wilson
Housekeeping



Scott Zimmerman
Equip. Aide



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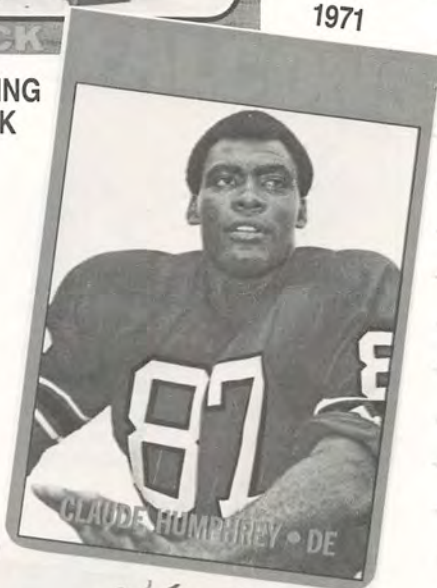
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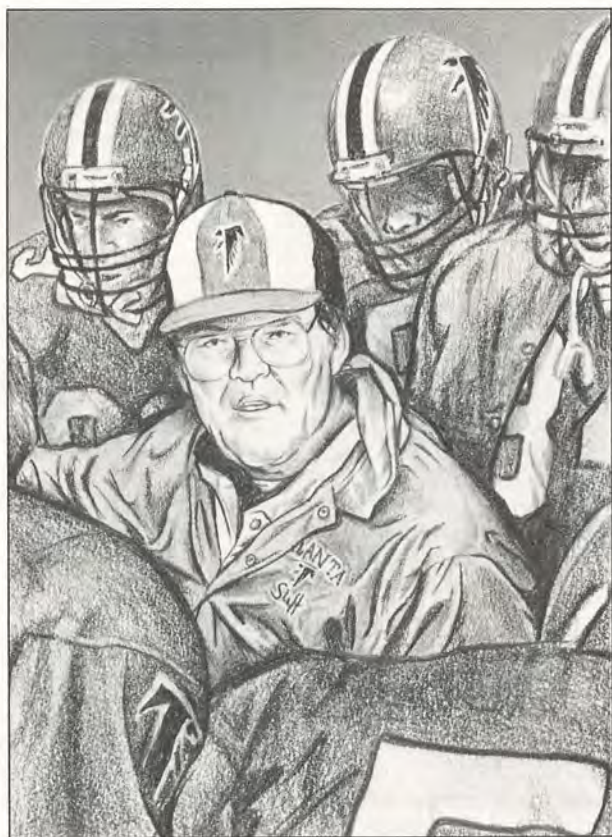
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COACHES



HEAD COACH

Marion Campbell heads into his 27th year in the professional coaching ranks with the same drive and determination as he had when he stepped onto the playing field as a 6-3, 245 pound defensive tackle at the University of Georgia.

Only the challenges have changed.

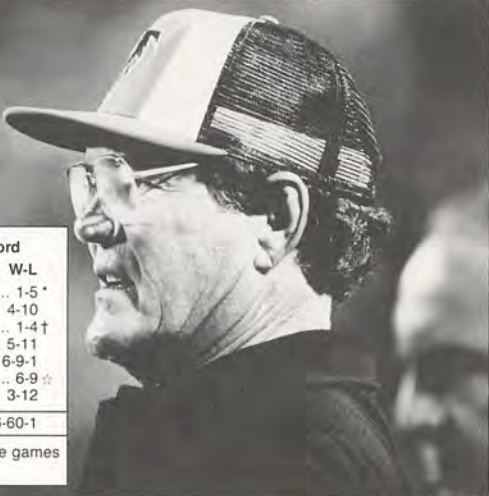
Campbell's challenge in 1988 is to turn Falcon fortunes around and he's eager to prove he is equal to the task.

The "Swamp Fox" has tasted success as both a player and coach. He was a two-time Pro Bowl selection during his eight-year playing career and was a member of the Eagles 1960 NFL Championship team. Two decades later as a coach, Marion's defense spearheaded Philadelphia's rise to Super Bowl XV in 1980.

Throughout his NFL coaching career, Campbell has maintained high grades as a defensive tactician. He's coached three teams with number one-ranked defenses in the League and worked with the "Fearsome Foursome" in LA and the "Purple People Eaters" in Minnesota. Last year's Falcon defense tailed off in production after being the NFL's Most Improved unit in 1986 and the 59-year-old coach is dedicated to lifting up his crew to the high Campbell standards once again in 1988.



MARION CAMPBELL



Head Coaching Record		
Year	Team	W-L
1974	Atlanta	1-5 *
1975	Atlanta	4-10
1976	Atlanta	1-4 †
1983	Philadelphia	5-11
1984	Philadelphia	6-9-1
1985	Philadelphia	6-9 ☆
1987	Atlanta	3-12
		26-60-1

*Last six games †First five games
 ☆First 15 games

MARION CAMPBELL

Personal

Family: Born May 25, 1929 in Chester, South Carolina, as Francis Marion Campbell, Jr. Marion got his nickname, "The Swamp Fox," from his college SID. Campbell and his wife, June, have two children, Scott, 26, and Alicia, 22, and reside in Alpharetta, GA.

Military: He was assigned to Officer Training School at Fort Benning, GA, and then served as a Company Commander (First Lieutenant) for an infantry Training unit at Fort Bliss, Texas.

College: A three-time All-SEC selection, the defensive lineman was twice selected for the school's William A. Jenkins Award (most valuable lineman) and was chosen for the Senior Bowl. One of the team captains, Marion helped the defense set a still existing school record by allowing just 65 points in the 11 games in 1950. The 15-13-4 record of Campbell's three seasons included 17 opponents held to seven or less points under Coach Wallace Butts.

The Player

NFL Career: A fourth round pick of the San Francisco 49ers as a 6-3, 245-pound defensive tackle (1952 draft), Campbell joined the 1954 team under Coach Buck Shaw. That 7-4-1 team included five future Hall of Famers (John Henry Johnson, Hugh McElhenny, Leo Nomellini, Joe Perry, and Y.A. Tittle). In 1956, Marion was traded to Philadelphia, where he played six more seasons, including

two Pro Bowl years (1960 and '61). He had undergone operations on both legs to have calcium deposits removed. That 1960 Eagles team that upset Green Bay, 17-13, for the Championship was also coached by Buck Shaw and featured players like Norm Van Brocklin, Chuck Bednarik, Tom Brookshier, Tommy McDonald, Sonny Jurgensen, Pete Retzlaff, and Bill Barnes.

Coaching Career

1962-63: Defensive Line Coach of Boston Patriots
Notes: Under Head Coach Mike Holovak, the '63 team played in the first real "playoff" game in AFL history to determine a tie with the Bills. Campbell played his part with a defense that held star RB Cookie Gilchrist to just seven yards in a 26-8 win.

1964-66: Defensive Line Coach of Minnesota
Notes: He helped lay the ground work for the famous "Purple People Eaters" front four, Carl Eller, Jim Marshall, and Gary Larsen were set for the '67 draft of Alan Page, encouraged by Campbell before he moved on.

1967-68: Defensive Line Coach of L.A. Rams
Notes: Here he worked with the "Fear-some Foursome" that led the NFL in points allowed (196 in '67) and finished third (200 in '68). That unit of linemen he worked with included Roger Brown, David "Deacon" Jones, Lamar Lundy, Merlin Olsen, Diron Talbert and Coy Bacon. He also worked with the "defense" of the special teams for George Allen as the Rams went 21-4-3 in these two seasons.

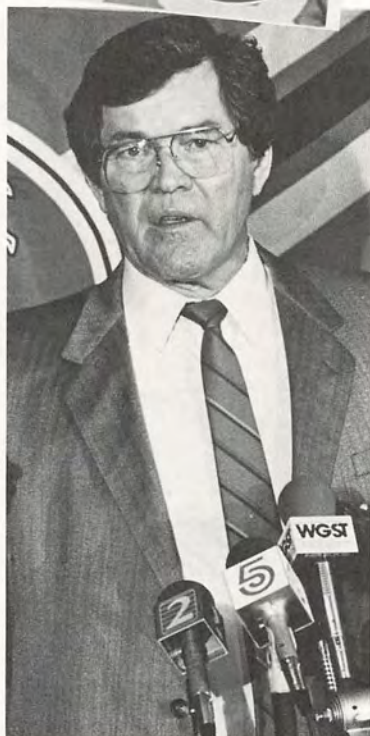
1969-74: Defensive Coordinator of Atlanta
Notes: In his first year, the defensive yield of points dropped from 389 to just 268, then on down to 224 for the 9-5 1973 team. Marion worked with players like Tommy Nobis, Claude Humphrey, Ken Reaves, Mike Tileman, and Greg Brezina.

1974-76: Head Coach of Atlanta Falcons
Notes: After a 2-6 start, the Falcons promoted Campbell to Head Coach, but the team struggled on at 1-5. His only full year ('75), the team went 4-10, as Campbell drafted a young QB, Steve Bartkowski, with his first pick. After a 1-4 start in '76, Pat Pepler released Campbell and took over himself.

1977-82: Defensive Coordinator of Philadelphia
Notes: The defense led the NFL in points allowed twice and finished third in the NFC the other two years as the Eagles made four straight trips to the Playoffs ('78-'81) under Vermeil. The '80 squad won the NFC title over Dallas (holding them to seven points) but lost Super Bowl XV to the Raiders.

1983-85: Head Coach of Philadelphia Eagles
Notes: In three seasons, Marion watched the point yield drop every year and the record improve from 5-11 to 6-9 to 6-9-1 before new owner Norman Braman released Marion after Week 15 to bring in Buddy Ryan.

1986: Defensive Coordinator of Atlanta
Notes: Campbell had the NFL's most improved defense that reduced points allowed from 452 to 280 (-172) to move from dead last to 6th. This defense also held 10 opponents to 16 points or less.



Assistant Head Coach/Defense

Fred Bruney



Notes: Fred Bruney's career in professional football has spanned 35 years...He has been coaching side-by-side with his close friend, Marion Campbell, for 22 of those years...Fred was a third round draft choice of Cleveland in 1953, but was traded to San Francisco prior to the season...After a stint in the military, he went on to play for Pittsburgh (1957), LA (1958) and Boston (1960-62)...He gave up football for a season in 1959 and coached a freshman team at his alma mater, Ohio State, but was lured out of retirement to become player/coach of the Boston Patriots and earned All-AFL honors...Bruney was the MVP for the Buckeyes in 1952 playing both ways as a safety and running back... His 17 career interceptions is still second on the all-time charts at OSU...The Martins Ferry, Ohio product is undefeated as an NFL head coach as he replaced Campbell for the season finale in 1985 and the Eagles edged the Vikings 37-35...Under his direction the Philadelphia secondary allowed the fewest passing yards in the League in 1981...Fred's daughter, Lori, is an alternate on the U.S. Olympic Field Hockey team and his other daughter, Becky, followed in her sister's footsteps and plays for UNC.

Assistant Head Coach/Offense

Jim Hanifan



Notes: Jim Hanifan's offensive line was the only Falcon unit which didn't miss a start due to injury last season...With the Cardinals, Jim developed four Pro Bowl linemen in Dan Dierdorf, Tom Banks, Conrad Dobler and Bob Young...Through Hanifan's influence, his lines allowed the fewest sacks in the NFL for five straight years from 1974-78...In 1975, Jim's crew allowed only eight sacks all season to set a League mark...He was voted the Assistant Coach of the Year in 1977 in recognition of his efforts...He traveled back to the West Coast for a year to be reunited with Don Coryell and the pair helped the Chargers to the AFC West title establishing an NFL record for most passing yards in a season... Hanifan is used to molding new talent as he took over a fifth place team in 1979 at St. Louis and turned them into the youngest club to qualify for the Super Bowl tourney in 1982...The 55-year-old California native played Canadian pro ball for the Toronto Argonauts, then met Coryell at Fort Ord, CA, where he was an All-Army service selection...Jim led the nation in receiving from his TE spot as a senior at the University of CA, winning All-American and All-Coast honors...

Offensive Coordinator

Rod Dowhower



Notes: Rod Dowhower is the designated signal-caller in the Falcons offensive system...He served his apprenticeship under the likes of Dick Vermeil, Dan Reeves, Don Coryell and Bill Walsh...He groomed players for the NFL from the college ranks like John Elway, Darrin Nelson, James Lofton, Brian Sipe, Steve Dils and Guy Benjamin...He also coached five wide receivers who turned into starters in 1972 such as Isaac Curtis, Haven Moses and Ken Burrow...

"Rocket" was a Small College All-American QB for Coryell at San Diego State where he led the Aztecs in passing for two seasons (1963-64) and is still recognized in the schools record book for career TD passes (33) and passing yardage (2864)... He ran the offense as UCLA defeated Ohio State in the 1974 Rose Bowl 23-10... Dowhower was on the same San Diego St. staff as Joe Gibbs, John Madden and Sid Hall, who went on to become NFL head bosses...He built the top-ranked passing attack in the NFC and third-best in the NFL as the Cards set nine team records averaging 397 yards per contest in 1984...Rod holds a bachelor degree in social sciences and a masters in history...He also earned his teaching credentials from the state of California...

Running Backs

Steve Crosby



Notes: Steve returned to coach Falcon running backs last season after holding similar duties with the birds from 1983-84...Crosby draws on his own experiences as an NFL RB to aide Atlanta's ground attack...He played three seasons with the New York Giants from 1974-76 after a heralded career at Ft. Hays State in Kansas...The 17th round draft pick's pro career was cut short due to various knee and ankle injuries...He showed his versatility by booting the ball

60 yards once off a quick-kick...Steve was a two-time NAIA All-America for the Tigers of Ft. Hays State, rushing for 1024 yards on 179 carries (5.7 avg.) in his senior campaign with an average of 128 yards per game...He began at Kansas State where he played with eventual NFLers Larry Brown, Mack Herron and Lynn Dickey before transferring...A four sport star at Pawnee Park H.S., he competed against current Kansas State coach Lonnie Kruger in basketball, lined up against Nolan Cromwell (Rams) and John Zook (ex-Falcon) in football and faced the likes of Mike Torrez (ex-Red Sox pitcher), Johnny Bench (former Red) and Bobby Murcer (ex-Yankee) on the baseball diamond...He even ran track against Super Bowl XVII MVP John Riggins (Redskins)...

Wide Receivers

Jimmy Raye

Notes: Jimmy is also in the midst of his second return trip to Atlanta after coaching receivers back in 1980-82...Raye's keen offensive instincts has enabled the 42-year-old to gain a reputation around the League as one of the outstanding minds in the business...He is responsible for turning out Pro Bowl talent such as Junior Miller and Alfred Jenkins while with the Falcons, Henry Ellard of the Rams and Jimmie Giles of the Bucs...At Michigan State, he tutored athletes like Billy Joe Dupree and Kirk Gibson...Before he left for his first NFL coaching assignment with the 49ers, Jimmy installed the offense for the University of Texas which featured future NFL performers Earl Campbell, Ray Clayborn, Johnny "Lam" Jones and Alfred Jackson and they went on to post an 11-0 mark in 1977...Raye was the quarterback for Michigan State which tied Notre Dame 10-10 in what some still call the "Game of the Century"...He also played with the Spartans in the 1965 Rose Bowl...The native of Fayetteville, N.C., still has his name in the school's record book for touchdown passes thrown (9th), passing yardage (11th) and passes completed (9th) in a career...The education degree holder spent four years in pro ball as a DB with the Rams and Eagles...



Special Teams/Tight Ends

Foge Fazio

Notes: The 1988 season marks Foge Fazio's first trip to the NFL ranks after a successful 22-year college career...Foge was Defensive Coordinator at Notre Dame the past two years...While serving as head coach at Pittsburgh (25-18-3), Fazio tutored such All-America's as Bill Fralic, Dan Marino, Jimbo Covert and Chris Doleman...He coached Pitt to a pair of bowl bids in his first two campaigns going 9-3 and 8-3-1, respectively, earning trips to the Cotton and Fiesta Bowls...The native of Dawmont, W. Va. ran the Panther defense in '80-'81 as his units were ranked number one in the nation in total defense and rushing defense sporting such stars as Rickey Jackson, Hugh Green, Carlton Williamson, Bill Maas and Greg Meisner...Those clubs posted back-to-back 11-1 seasons...A former linebacker and center for Pitt from 1957-60, Foge was a teammate of Bears' coach Mike Ditka...A fifth round pick of the Boston Patriots in 1960, Fazio and Falcons assistant Fred Bruney were teammates for one season...



Linebackers

Chuck Clausen

Notes: Chuck Clausen takes on a new challenge this season in the form of three draft choices (#1 pick, Aundray Bruce; #2 pick, Marcus Cotton; and #8 pick, Phillip Brown)...Clausen broke into the League with the Eagles after a tour of duty on the collegiate level...He labored ten years in Philly working mainly with the defensive line...The Eagles set a club record for sacks in a season in 1984 as his unit accounted for 58 of the team-high 60...He spent five years at Ohio State drilling the defensive line for Woody Hayes...Chuck coached with the Bills' Marv Levy for a time at William and Mary...After lettering in football and wrestling, he fulfilled his penchant for the teaching by getting involved in H.S. football in California while pursuing his masters degree from San Jose St...He once ran a youth football camp in Albuquerque, N.M. and preped a class on "Understanding Pro Football" at Burlington County (NJ) College.



Defensive Line

Tommy Brasher

Tommy worked with Marion Campbell at Philadelphia in 1985...The "Swamp Fox" convinced his defensive line coach to make the move to Atlanta prior to the 1986 season...Brasher tutored the defensive line for Indianapolis Colts head coach Ron Meyer at SMU for five seasons (1977-81) and then followed him to the Patriots for three more years (1982-84)...He coached Pro Bowler Andre Tippett as a pass rushing defensive end at New England and helped All-Pro Reggie White to being named NFC defensive Rookie of the Year for Philly...Tommy competed in two Sugar Bowls for Arkansas and was a two-time All-SWC linebacker during his college days...Some of his Razorback teammates included current college coaches Barry Switzer (Oklahoma), Jimmy Johnson (Miami) and Fred Akers (Purdue)...A product of El Dorado, AR, Brasher's first taste of professional football came with the Shreveport Steamers of the World Football League in 1975.



Defensive Assistant

Claude Humphrey

Notes: Claude Humphrey returned to familiar surroundings last year taking on a new task as defensive coach...Claude terrorized opponents from his left defensive end position for 11 of his 14 NFL years in Atlanta...The six-time Pro Bowler was a starter since the first day of training camp and racked up 18, 16 and 14 sack seasons for the birds...He was the NFL's defensive Rookie of the Year in 1968 after being the Falcons top pick (No. 3 overall)...An All-America for Tennessee State, he helped the Tigers post a 35-3-1 record during his stay in Nashville...The native of Memphis, TN was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame this past off-season...Humphrey spent 12 years of his pro career under the defensive tutelage of Marion Campbell...Campbell had been trying to persuade Claude into coaching for several years and finally won out last year pulling him away from his Tennessee farm.



Strength & Conditioning

Tim Jorgensen

Notes: The 1988 campaign marks the fifth NFL season for strength & conditioning coach, Tim Jorgensen...The 33-year-old who hails from St. Louis, MO is a former state director for the National Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association in Louisiana and Pennsylvania...Jorgensen was Coach Campbell's coordinator for three seasons in Philly...He was the Eagles first such coach in their history...A football and track star at Southwest Missouri State in Springfield, MO, he spent his apprenticeship at his alma mater and at Alabama before taking up a permanent spot as Strength Coach at LSU in 1980...Tim is a member of the new National Speed & Explosion Association and is active in clinics and lectures throughout the state of Georgia...He has also written articles for the Strength Coaches Journal...Jorgensen is in charge of the Falcons' season-long strength training regiment as well as the 22-week off-season strength and conditioning programs.



Administrative Assistant

Scott Campbell

Notes: Scott Campbell enters his second season as Administrative Assistant to both the coaching and scouting staffs...Scott helped with opposing team film breakdown, computers, and was in the coaches booth during games charting opposing team tendencies last year...He also did some self scouting of the Falcons and assists in coordinating training camp schedules...The 26-year-old product of Philadelphia, PA even got involved with scouting local colleges for Ken Herock...Scott was on Georgia's national championship team in 1980, along with fellow offensive lineman and current Falcon Wayne Radloff...He was also a part of three SEC championships and two trips to the Sugar Bowl...Scott welcomed a familiar face to Atlanta in the form of LB Aundray Bruce. Campbell was a graduate assistant at Auburn during Bruce's sophomore and junior seasons...During his days on the college gridiron he's been associated with NFL backs Hershel Walker, Bo Jackson and Brent Fullwood.



John Demos directed every Falcon pre-game and halftime show from the club's first game in 1966 through last season. The Atlanta native never missed any of those 200-plus games, earning praise and respect from all those who knew him. John died of lymphoma on May 11, but his memory will live on with those in the Falcon family

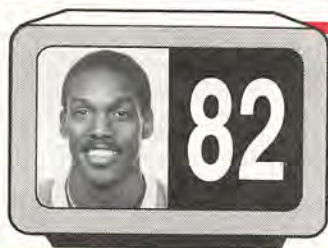


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PLAYERS



VETERAN PLAYERS



STACEY BAILEY
WIDE RECEIVER

SAN JOSE STATE
7th YEAR

HT: 6-1 WT: 165
BORN: 2/10/60

ACQUIRED: 1982 Draft; Round 3, 63rd

Last Season

With three catches for 56 yards and a TD in the season opener, Stacey had already surpassed his entire 1986 total. And, with a TD catch in each of the first three games, Stacey had re-emerged as the team leader. In Week 7 (New Orleans), the veteran caught a season best six passes for 89 yards. Then, in Week 9 against Cincinnati, Stacey got a step on the Bengals secondary for a 35-yard gain but landed hard on his shoulder and was then placed on the Inactive List for five consecutive games. He returned for the season finale.

Pro Career

After six seasons, Stacey ranks fifth in club history with 2,771 receiving yards and sixth in passes caught with 182 (six behind Alfred Jenkins). His place in Falcon lore is the distinction that he is the only receiver to gain 100 yards in his first start (106 vs. the Eagles in 1983). Stacey is one of only three Falcon receivers to have a 1,000-yard season (Wallace Francis and Alfred Jenkins are the others) and he's notched seven 100-yard games, including a pair of over 150 yards. The lanky receiver holds a club-record for having three consecutive 100-yard games (1983) and once had a 36-game streak with at least one reception over the 1983-85 seasons.

Year-By-Year

1986: He started the year on Injured Reserve as a result of a training camp hamstring injury. Healed by Week 11, he was activated and started in Week 12, but then hobbled by a strained ankle. In his six games he got into, he had just three catches for 39 yards.

1985: The 36-game streak of catching a pass stopped in Week 8 at Dallas. In addition to defensive backs, Stacey was battling bruised ribs which limited his production to 30 catches and ended his two-year reign of leading the team in yards receiving.

1984: With 1,138 yards on his 67 catches, Stacey ranked fourth in the NFC. The 1,138 was second most in club history, while he also set a personal mark for longest reception (61 vs. San Francisco). His 100-yard games came against the Rams (158), Eagles (140) and Vikings (102). This is the only time Stacey started all 16 games in a season for the Falcons.

1983: In Week 5, Stacey became the starter as a result of an injury to Alfred Jackson and he made an immediate impact. His 881 yards led the team (55 catches), while

his 106 yards in that first start (Eagles) set the tone. His first three starts included a combined 19 catches for 321 yards, but he topped that off with a career-high 159 yards (nine catch) game vs. Washington. In a wild Week 13 win over Green Bay (47-41 OT), Stacey had a 50-yard TD catch on the last play of the first half that created momentum and enthusiasm to take into the locker room.

1982: A "strike-year" rookie, Stacey played in six of nine games for the playoff-bound Falcons. As a back-up for Alfred Jenkins and Alfred Jackson, he made his first NFL catch (vs. New Orleans) a touchdown catch (nine yards) from a quarterback (Mike Moroski) who was throwing his very first NFL pass as well.

----- Notebook -----

Nicknamed "Spoon," Stacey has a build more like a basketball player and always ranks among team leaders in body fat composition (3.0 per cent) and vertical leap (42 inches). He's got sprinter's quickness (4.4 40-yard time) and often dunks the ball over the goal posts after his TD catches. At 28, Stacey is now the oldest of the Falcon wide receivers.

----- College -----

For the Spartans of San Jose, Stacey set both PCAA Conference records and school marks. He left with 123 catches for 2,123 yards and 13 touchdowns. The speedy receiver caught a pass in 21 straight games and had best games of 146 yards on 11 catches (Long Beach State) and 144 yards (Fresno State), plus a 137-yard game on just four catches (Fresno State). His senior season was tough on him as a shoulder injury in the California Bowl scared NFL scouts. The Falcons took a "gamble" by drafting him in the third round. At San Jose, Stacey was coached by Jack Elway, (John's dad, now at Stanford), and was a teammate of WR Mark Nichols (Lions 1st pick in '81) and WR Mervyn Fernandez (Raiders). His football idol was Steeler great Lynn Swann, out of Southern Cal.

----- Personal -----

Born in San Rafael, California, Stacey Dwayne Bailey prepped in Terre Linda High there in Marin County. He went on to major in psychology in college. One of Stacey's hobbies now is training dogs. He and his wife, Kellie, have two children, Sean 3, and Sedric, 1, and currently reside in Duluth.

----- Career Statistics -----

Year	GP/GS	Team	No.	Receiving			TD
				Yards	Avg.	LG	
1982	6/0	Atlanta	2	24	12.0	15	1
1983	14/10	Atlanta	55	881	16.0	53	6
1984	16/16	Atlanta	67	1138	17.0	61	6
1985	15/14	Atlanta	30	364	12.1	31	0
1986	6/1	Atlanta	3	39	13.0	21	0
1987	7/6	Atlanta	20	325	16.3	35	3
Totals	64/47		177	2771	15.7	61	16

Bailey's Personal Bests (Receiving)

No.	Yards	Long	TD
9 at Wash (12/4/83)	159 at Wash (12/4/83)	61 at SF (9/30/84)	2 Phil (10/2/86)
8 Phil (12/16/84)	158 at Rams (10/7/84)	57 at Minn (9/16/84)	



GREG BROWN
DEFENSIVE END

KANSAS STATE
8th YEAR
HT: 6-5 WT: 265
BORN: 1/5/57

ACQUIRED: 1987; Trade with Eagles, Sept. 7, for DE Mike Pitts

Last Season

On the final cutdown day (the Monday before the season opener), the Falcons got the veteran pass rusher from the Eagles in exchange for unsigned holdout Mike Pitts. With the Eagles camp behind him, Greg came in ready for action for former Coach Campbell and played all 12 games, starting five. He was credited with 49 tackles, 13 QB hurries, 1.5 QB sacks, and a pass deflection. Campbell had expected the veteran to give him some versatility on the line and Greg sure didn't disappoint as he started two games at left end, one game at right end, one game at RT in the 4-3, and one game at nose tackle in the 3-4. His stats included an 11-tackle game vs. St. Louis and a 10-tackle game vs. San Francisco, with a sack vs. Cincinnati and a half-sack in the win over Dallas.

Pro Career

Greg has developed an NFL reputation now as a "big-play maker" as his career totals include 59.5 QB sacks, 14 forced fumbles, 8 fumble recoveries, and two touchdowns scored. Since 1982, when the NFL made QB sacks an official statistic, Greg has made 52, ranking him 5th in the NFC, 3rd among linemen. The 31-year-old has always had the desire to play, as his streak of 101 consecutive games played will attest, meaning he's never missed a game in his NFL career. When he led the '84 Eagles with 16 QB sacks, they set a club record with 60 sacks on the season. In his first NFL game (9/6/81 vs. Giants), Greg started with not one, but two, QB sacks, and had five "hurries" as his teammates honored him with a game ball. He turned it over in the parking lot to his mother, Mae Sue Brown, who was watching him play football for the first time ever. As a left defensive end for the Falcons, he'll go against right tackle Leonard Mitchell every day in practice. They competed against one another in a different way back in 1981 when both were with the Eagles because they were both fighting for the same roster spot. Mitchell was the club's #1 pick as a defensive end, but when he hurt his ankle and foot and had to go on Injured Reserve, that opened the door for Brown's career. Brown followed Mitchell to Atlanta last summer as both came in trades within a month of one another.

Year-By-Year

1986: Alongside Reggie White, Greg had nine QB sacks and 24 QB hurries to give the Eagles one of the NFL's top rushing duos. He also scored a safety for the Lions (Joe Ferguson), while making 88 total tackles and forcing a fumble.

1985: Greg shared the team lead with White as each had 13 sacks (5th NFC) and was team's second leading tackler (tops among linemen) with 124 stops. He also had a pair of forced fumbles and fumble recoveries.

1984: Second in the NFC in sacks (16), Greg set a club individual record to help the Eagles to a club record of 60 QB sacks. He was second on the team with his 128 tackles, his 34 QB hurries, and his three forced fumbles. It was against the Falcons in 1984 that Greg had a career-best four-sack game.

1983: Greg finally took over a starting spot for the final five games, replacing veteran Carl Hairston. He was second on the club with his 8.5 QB sacks and forced three fumbles.

1982: He played all nine games of the strike season in a reserve role, making four QB sacks, recovering three fumbles, and forcing two fumbles. His big moment came at Texas Stadium when he scored a TD by recovering a Danny White fumble in the end zone in the 24-20 win.

1981: As a rookie, Greg finished second on the Eagles with 7.5 QB sacks. He made big plays like the three forced fumbles and the two fumble recoveries. In his fourth NFL game (vs. Redskins), Greg scored his first NFL touchdown by returning a Joe Theismann fumble seven yards in a 36-13 victory.

Notebook

"I tell Greg's story to every free agent who walks in," says Chuck Clausen, Brown's first line coach with the Eagles. "I've never seen a longer shot in all my time in football, but I've never seen a guy who wanted it more. That's what made the difference." Here's the saga of Greg's NFL journey:

As a construction worker in his hometown of Washington, D.C., Greg was walking home from work, lunch pail in hand, from the job he had been holding since leaving college to support his family. As Greg crossed the street that spring day of 1981, the car he walked in front of was his old line coach in college, John Teerlink, of Eastern Illinois. Over dinner, Teerlink asked Brown if he'd like a try at pro ball. Teerlink, a five-year veteran NFL player, called a friend, John Rehfield, with the Eagles to see if they'd be interested in this free agent. At 220 pounds when he showed up on the Eagles doorstep, reactions ranged from "this guy is gonna get killed," from Clausen, to "he's only going to last a week" by Campbell, to "I'll give him a \$1,000 signing bonus for the beating he's going to take" from personnel director Lynn Stiles. He added about 15 pounds to 235 from mini-camp to the start of training camp, then kept lifting and eating to get up to 248 by the end of camp. After a seven-tackle game on special teams in the preseason vs. New Orleans, he got their attention. That Eagle roster, however, included Pro Bowlers Charlie Johnson and Dennis Harrison, a 1987 Falcon teammate, Carl Hairston, Claude Humphrey, now one of his coaches, Ken Clarke, and #1 pick, Leonard Mitchell. As he remembers telling them, "Coach, you let me in the door, nobody's gonna get me out now." Greg, however, still continues to pay his dues to Local 76 in Washington, D.C.

Greg has taken karate classes for the mental and physical discipline. He's also enjoyed the hobby of putting together model cars since childhood.

College

Recruited by Kansas State, Greg played sparingly from 1976-78, but lost out when the school was put on probation by the NCAA. Greg transferred over to Eastern Illinois, but never was able to even play football because he did not have enough eligibility credits. However, it was there that Brown worked with Coach Teerlink. After

one year, Brown dropped out and returned home to D.C. to get a job to support his family.

Personal

One of nine children born to Greg and Mae Sue Brown, Greg grew up in Washington, D.C. "My parents taught me what it means to earn a living. My father drove a tractor trailer, then retired and drove a cab. My mother worked as a cook and at nights cleaning offices. I had a night job when I was in high school, working from two to six in the mornings on the newspaper truck. I'd go to class, then to football practice, then home for homework and often fall asleep at the dinner table," says Greg. He was a prep all-American at H.D. Woodson High and the Washington Post high school player of the year. In addition to his construction talents, Greg is a partner in Metropolitan Graphics, a printing company in the Philadelphia area. Add goodwill ambassador to his list as well as he went to London in 1986 for the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote tourism. Greg and his wife, Vallery, have three children, Maurice, 16, Greg, 10, and Kasha, 9, and reside in Sicklerville, N.J.

Career Statistics

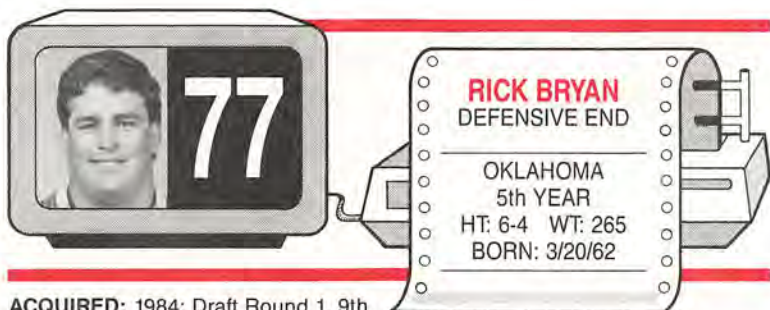
Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Hurries	FF	FR	S	TD
1981	Phil	16/0	23	11	12	7.5	17	3	2	0	1
1982	Phil	9/0	14	11	3	4.0	7	2	3	0	1
1983	Phil	16/5	74	52	22	8.5	23	3	0	0	0
1984	Phil	16/16	128	95	33	16.0	34	3	1	0	0
1985	Phil	16/16	124	69	55	13.0	33	2	2	0	0
1986	Phil	16/15	88	68	20	9.0	24	1	0	1	0
1987	Atl	12/5	49	29	20	1.5	13	0	0	0	0
Totals		101/57	500	335	155	59.5	151	14	8	1	2

Brown's Personal Bests

Tackles	Solo Tackles	QB Sacks	Touchdown
15 vs. Giants 9/29/85 14 twice	* 11 vs. Giants 11/20/83 10 vs. Giants 1-12/86 9 twice * 1st pro start	4 vs. Atl. 12/16/84 3 vs. StL 10/13/85 2.5 StL 12/18/83	1 vs. Dallas 12/16/82 1 vs. Wash 12/06/81

NFC QB Sack Leaders (Since Stat kept by NFL in 1982)

LB	Lawrence Taylor	73.5
DE	Dexter Manley	73.0
DE	Richard Dent	61.5
LB	Rickey Jackson	58.0
DE	Greg Brown	52.5



ACQUIRED: 1984; Draft Round 1, 9th

Last Season

Rick was among the nine of the 11 defensive starters who suffered injuries in 1987. For Rick, it meant the end of a 55-game streak of never missing an NFL game (officially 50 because of the players strike) when he missed Weeks 12-14 with a groin pull. However, the consistent defensive end still had a season that saw him equal or tie his previous personal best of 12 tackles in a game five times (of the nine he played in). A team leader, Rick helped the team in the Week 2 upset of the Redskins with a sack and forced fumble on Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams that led to a Falcon touchdown. He came back from his injury to close the year on a high note with a career-best 15 tackle, 1 sack, 1 hurry effort in the Detroit finale. His 85 tackles (in nine games) tied for third on the team with Mike Gann as he also fought an off-season shoulder injury and a preseason arch injury before his groin pull. In addition, Rick had his first NFL fumble recovery (at Cleveland) and also blocked a field goal attempt.

Pro Career

Since becoming a starter for the Falcons from his first practice, Rick has averaged 7.5 tackles per game, with 20.5 QB sacks and six forced fumbles in his 57-game NFL career. He began as an NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and is beginning to pay dividends as a Falcon number one draft pick in 1984. He's talented enough to have played at right tackle, left defensive end, and now his "home" at right defensive end the past two years under Coach Campbell. He's had three 100-plus tackle seasons with two seasons of seven or more sacks.

Year-By-Year

1986: A UPI all-NFC pick, Rick led the Falcons with 7 sacks, led the linemen in tackles (120), and led the defense with three forced fumbles. He had a pair of 12 tackle games as he started all 16 games to up his streak to 48 consecutive.

1985: The team co-leader in sacks (7.5), Rick battled a stomach pull but never missed a game. As the right defensive end, he had a memorable game versus Kansas City with 10-tackles, 2.5 sacks (-21 yards), and two forced fumbles. His 100 tackles were second most on the team.

1984: A consensus all-NFL pick, Rick had five double-digit tackle games to finish second on the club with 125 tackles. He chipped in with four QB sacks and scored a safety from his right tackle spot in the 4-3 defense.

Notebook

Rick came into the NFL with the 1984 "Defensive Draft" that saw 14 of the first 18 picks be defensive picks (six linemen, four linebackers, and four backs). As the 9th pick overall, Rick followed defensive picks LB Carl Banks, DT Bill Maas, DB Mossy Cade, LB Ricky Hunley, and DB Leonard Coleman. Rick's first NFL game (overshadowed by Gerald Riggs' first start 202-yard effort) at New Orleans saw him make his first NFL tackle, a two-pointer, as he got QB Richard Todd for a sack in the end zone. Rick got his first taste of NFL play going against Pro Bowl guard R.C. Thielemann every day in practice.

Honors

1986: UPI All-NFC

1984: NFL Defensive Rookie of Year (Football Digest)
NFC Defensive Rookie of Year (USA Today)
NFL All-Rookie (Pro Football Writers, UPI)

College

For the Sooners of Oklahoma, Rick became the school's all-time leader in tackles for defensive linemen (352), breaking the marks of the Selmons. He was the only lineman to have 100 tackles or more three years in a row. On a team that saw five players go among the first 36 picks of that '84 draft, Rick was a two-time Big Eight Conference Defensive Player of the Year and a two-time all-American tackle. Rick was picked 9th, followed by LB Jackie Shipp (14th), DT Bob Slater (31st), CB Scott Case (32nd) and LB Thomas Benson (36th). Rick was two years ahead of teammate Tony Casillas, his brother, Steve (Broncos), and a freshman red-shirt, Brian Bosworth. A student-athlete, Rick was a three-time all-Big Eight Academic honoree (Business Administration).

Personal

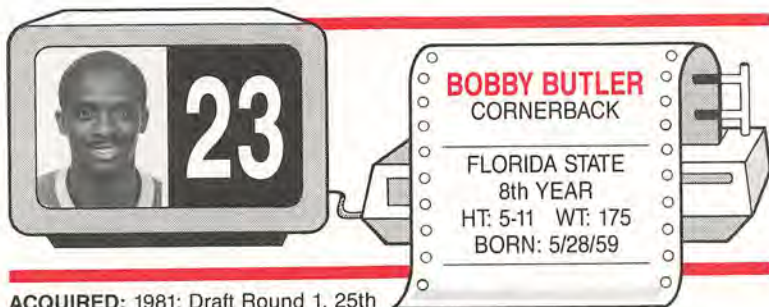
Born in Wagoner, Oklahoma, Rick Don Bryan grew up on a farm in Coweta, Oklahoma with his two brothers. With Oklahoma pride, all three football-playing Bryans went on to the University upon graduation from Coweta High. Mitch played tight end and special teams, then Rick became an all-American, and then Steve made it into the NFL last year as a 5th round pick of the Bears, later playing for the Denver Broncos. Rick and his wife, Shelby, return to the 80-acre ranch in the off-seasons with children, Kristin Nicole, 2, and Michael Don, born during last football season. Some of Rick's "likes" include country music, hunting and fishing, any John Wayne movie, Reggie White's pass rushing ability, comedian Eddie Murphy, Oklahoma football, and being around his wife and kids.

Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Team	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	FF	FR	Safety
1984	16/16	Atl.	125	78	47	4	24	0	0	1
1985	16/16	Atl.	100	64	36	7.5	32	2	0	0
1986	16/16	Atl.	120	70	50	7	31	3	0	0
1987	9/9	Atl.	85	43	42	2	12	1	1	0
Total	57/57		430	255	175	20.5	99	6	1	0

Bryan's Personal Bests

Tackles	QB Sacks	FF	Safety
15 Detroit 12/27/87	2.5 Minn. 12/15/85	2 Minn. 12/15/85	1 at N.O. 9/2/84
13 Cinc. 11/15/87	1.5 K.C. 12/08/85	2 Minn. 12/15/85	1 at N.O. 9/2/84
12 Eight times			



Last Season

Bobby deserves a Falcon medal of some variety simply for being the only defensive player to start at the same position for all 12 regular games. While injured players were dropping off all around the Falcon defense, Bobby stood his ground and led the team with four pass interceptions, while finishing second with 30 passes defended. It was satisfying for Bobby as it capped a year of rehabilitation from a fractured leg and ankle injury that sidelined him for the final nine games of 1986 and proved his return was complete. His four interceptions came against Washington, Houston, Cincinnati and Minnesota (three playoff teams).

Pro Career

In four of his eight NFL seasons with the Falcons, he's either led or tied for the team lead in interceptions. He increased his career total to 23 thefts, moving him past Tom Pridemore and into fourth place in club history. As a first round draft choice from a 1981 class that saw him picked 25th overall, the sixth defensive back chosen followed Kenny Easley, Ronnie Lott, Dennis Smith, Ted Watts, and Hanford Dixon. Bobby was made a starter as a rookie and has now been a starter for 91 of a possible 101 games, missing the nine in 1986 and one in 1984. His career highlights include a club-record tying two interception game in a win over New Orleans (1984) and a touchdown return in a win at Dallas (1986).

Year-By-Year

1986: What could have been a Pro Bowl year for Bobby ended up a frustrating and painful season. As the club jumped out to a 5-1-1 start and were playing Division rival San Francisco for the lead, things were going great for Bobby and the team. He had already made 27 tackles, forced a fumble, had 11 passes defended and even

scored a touchdown with a 33-yard interception return in an upset over the Cowboys in Texas. Then, in the first half of that 49er game, going in for a tackle, the pile fell on his right leg and he sustained a fractured (fibula) and a severe ankle sprain that required screws in the ankle joint.

1985: One of his best personal seasons, Bobby rang up a team high five interceptions, a team high 21 passes defended, and a career best 78 tackles.

1984: He started this season off with a two interception game at New Orleans, but then saw his string of 44 consecutive games played ended in Week 4 when he suffered a sprained ankle.

1983: His four interceptions this season came in crucial spots as three came in the end zone to prevent touchdowns (Chicago, SF, and the Jets). His 75 tackles were at that time a personal best.

1982: In this strike-shortened season, Bobby tied for the team lead with a pair of interceptions and led with 20 passes defended. He also started the club's playoff game.

1981: The rookie made his presence immediately felt as a starter with five interceptions and had a game-saving theft in the end zone in a win over Houston. His 41-yard return vs. New Orleans is still his career long and he also blocked a field goal vs. San Francisco.

----- Notebook -----

As a manager trainee at Domino's pizza, Bobby has proven he has quick hands by being able to make two pizzas in 45 seconds. It was on a airplane flight during his rehabilitation in 1986 that Bobby read about Domino's and decided to research it a little further, while he still is contemplating purchasing his own restaurant...A friend of boxer Evander Holyfield, Bobby was about ready to be a sparring partner one day until Holyfield knocked out the guy sparring with him as Bobby waited his turn. Bobby changed his mind in a hurry and took off the gloves...Bobby also plays some tennis, but finds it very frustrating that he can't beat his 52-year-old father yet on the courts...As a youngster growing up in Florida, his football heroes were Gale Sayers and Fran Tarkenton...Bobby is also a cousin of former NFL football running back, Jim "Cannonball" Butler, who led the Falcons in rushing for four seasons ('68-71).

----- College -----

An all-America performer at Florida State, he had nine interceptions over his final two seasons, stopping rival Florida's Cris Collinsworth without a catch in a 17-13 win. He also contributed seven blocked kicks, including two in Bowl games (the '80 Orange Bowl and the '77 Tangerine Bowl). As a 9.3 sprinter in track, he ran for FSU relay teams as they finished third in the NCAA Track Championship. Among his teammates at FSU were Alphonso Carreker, Zeke Mowatt, Dennis McKinnon and Ken Lanier.

----- Personal -----


Bobby and his wife, Cyrillyn, welcomed their first child, Brenton, who was born September 11, two days before the '87 season opener. Born in Boynton Beach, Florida, Robert Calvin Butler was an all-American in football and track at Atlantic High in Delray Beach. Bobby married his high school and college sweetheart, Cyrillyn Lawson, two days before he reported to his first NFL training camp with the Falcons in 1981 where he was sequestered in the training camp routines.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Ints.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1981	Atlanta	16/16	49	39	10	5	86	14.1	41	0
1982	Atlanta	9/9	25	19	6	2	0	0.0	0	0
1983	Atlanta	16/16	75	49	26	4	3	0.8	12	0
1984	Atlanta	15/15	48	38	10	2	25	12.5	25	0
1985	Atlanta	16/16	78	43	25	5	-4	-0.8	0	0
1986	Atlanta	7/7	27	12	15	1	33	33.0	33t	1
1987	Atlanta	12/12	31	22	9	4	48	12.0	31	0
Total		91/91	333	222	111	23	191	8.3	33t	1

Butler's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long	TD
8 at Sea. (10-13-85) 7 at S.F. (9-15-86)	*2 at N.O. (9-2-84) 1 22 times *ties club record	41 at N.O. (11-1-81) 33t at Dall. (9-21-86)	1 at Dall. (9-21-86)



SCOTT CAMPBELL

QUARTERBACK

PURDUE
5th YEAR
HT: 6-0 WT: 195
BORN: 4/15/62

ACQUIRED: Free Agent; Nov. 17, 1986

Last Season

Proof that perseverance pays off, Scott came to training camp considered number four on the depth chart, but by Week 2 he was the starter who engineered an upset of the World Champion Washington Redskins. While #1 draft pick, Chris Miller, held out contractually, Scott moved up to #3. Then, #2, Turk Schonert, was released and Scott moved up another spot. After #1, David Archer, proved unproductive, Scott was named the starter for the Week 2 game versus Washington. He ended up starting nine games before giving way so the rookie Miller could gain some playing time at season's end. Scott's highlights included the upset of Washington with his 17-34, 271-yards, 2 TD effort, an upset of Dallas with a 17-30, 253-yard, 1 TD game, a three touchdown game against Houston, and a 19-35, 212-yard game versus Minnesota with a touchdown passing and a touchdown rushing. The downside included a seven-sack game at Cleveland and a five interception day against the playoff bound Saints.

His 1,728 yards and 11 TD's led the '87 Falcons.

Pro Career

The 11th quarterback taken in the 1984 draft (round 7), Pennsylvania native Scott went cross-state to the Pittsburgh Steelers. As a back-up to Mark Malone and David Woodley, Scott saw action in 21 games and got a chance to start a pair in his three seasons. He got his first headlines in Pittsburgh his second year when he came on in Week 15 with his team down, 21-0, to Buffalo. He led a 30-point rally with a 275-yard effort for a 30-24 win. Three weeks before he had unexpectedly gotten his first NFL start against the Redskins when starter David Woodley got a stomach virus and Scott was told after the pregame warmup he would start (15-35, 224, 2 TD). The Steelers released Scott after three games in 1986 and after offers from Dallas, Green Bay and Tampa Bay, he signed with the Falcons as a "future" on Nov. 7. On his way to a vacation to Hilton Head, Scott took in a Falcon game (Bears) on Nov. 16. When David Archer separated his shoulder, Scott was paged from the stands to come to the press box. The next day he signed his Falcon contract and was activated.

Year-By-Year

1986: In three games with the Steelers, he had but four passing attempts, then in the five weeks with the Falcons, he had but three attempts. His first Falcon action came in his first week vs. San Francisco (1-3 for 7 yards, 1 rush for 7 yards).

1985: Scott was the surprise starter in Week 12 vs. Washington and then the pre-announced starter in the season finale (Giants). He was awarded a game ball in Week 15 for his heroics in the come-from-behind win over Buffalo. His 275-yard game vs. Buffalo and his 224-yard game vs. Washington upped his season total to 612 yards, with four touchdowns.

1984: The rookie made his NFL debut in Week 12 vs. New Orleans, directing an 8-play, 74-yard scoring drive with a 25-yard TD to Louis Lipps. He was 6-9 for 83 yards. Two weeks later he came in to engineer a 7-play, 69-yard second quarter scoring drive against the rival Cleveland Browns.

Notebook

Used to QB competitions now, he faced collegiate challenges from Mark Hermann (Chargers), Jim Everett (Rams) and Larry Gates. At Pittsburgh, it was Mark Malone, David Woodley and Bubby Brister. Last year, it was David Archer, Turk Schonert, and Chris Miller. Now, at just 26, he's the oldest of the Falcon quarterbacks and will battle 23-year-old Chris Miller and 23-year-old Erik Kramer...He gets a lot of his athletic ability from his father, Ken, who was a pro wide receiver (New York Titans-AFL) and is now an athletic director at Hershey (PA) High...In the '84 draft, he was the 11th QB picked (none in first round) behind Boomer Esiason, Jeff Hostettler, Rick McIvor, Jay Schroeder, Steve Pelleur, Dean May, Ben Bennett (Falcons), Randy Wright, Terry Nugent, and John Witkowski.

College

At Purdue, Scott became the second leading passer in Big Ten history behind only teammate Mark Hermann. His 7,636 yards were capped by a 516-yard game vs. Ohio State. The senior MVP at Purdue, Scott made his first start as a sophomore with a 14-17, 177-yard game in a win over John Elway's Stanford team. His career totals read 609-1,060 (57.5%), 7,636 yards, 45 TD's, 41 Int's, and six 300-yard games as he followed in the Purdue footsteps of Len Dawson, Mike Phipps, Bob Griese, and Mark Hermann, and teamed with Everett.

Personal

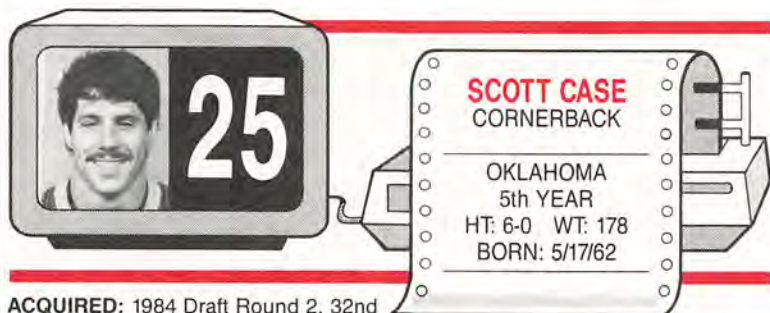
Hailing from chocolate country (Hershey, PA), Robert Scott Campbell was born on income tax deadline day (April 15). He led his high school teams to 10-1 records in both his junior and senior seasons in a career that totalled 3,892 yards and 28 TD's, while he also had a 35-yard punting average and even booted a 35-yard field goal. He played some baseball (catcher/outfielder), some basketball (guard) and participated in track (state finals in javelin throw). Scott obtained his college degree in restaurant, hotel and institutional management and is a musician who enjoys "playing the keyboards." Scott and his wife of two years, Kim, bought their first home this offseason and reside now in Alpharetta, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Att.	Comp.	Passing Yards	Pct.	LG	TD	Int.	Rtg.	No.	Rushing Yards	LG	TD
1984	Pitt	5/0	15	8	109	53.3	25t	1	1	71.3	3	-5	0	0
1985	Pitt	16/2	96	43	612	44.8	51	4	6	53.7	9	28	14	0
1986	Pitt (3)													
	Atl. (1)		7	1	7	33.3	7	0	0	—	1	7	7	0
1987	Atl.	12/10	260	136	1,728	52.3	44t	11	14	65.0	21	102	24	2
Total		33/12	378	188	2,456	49.7	51	16	21	61.6	34	132	24	2
Atl. Total			267	137	1,735	51.3	44t	11	14	63.9	22	109	24	2

Campbell's Personal Bests

Attempts	Completions	Percentage
39 St.L (11-29-87)	19 at Minn (11-22-87)	68.2 (15-22) at Cle. (11-8-87)
38 Buff (12-15-85)	18 Buff (12-15-85)	57.1 (12-21) Cinc (11-15-87)
35 Wash (11-24-85)	17 Wash (9-20-87)	56.5 (17-30) at Dal (12-6-87)
35 at Min (11-22-87)	17 at Dal (12-6-87)	54.3 (19-35) at Min (11-22-87)
Gross Yards	Net Yards	Longs
275 Buff (12-15-85)	269 Wash (9-20-87)	51 Buff (12-15-85)
271 Wash (9-20-87)	253 at Dal (12-6-87)	45 Buff (12-15-85)
253 at Dal (12-6-87)	237 Buff (12-15-85)	44t Cinc (11-15-87)
224 Wash (11-24-85)	216 Wash (11-24-85)	37 Wash (9-20-87)
Rushing Yardage	Longest Run	Times Sacked
47 (5) at Min (11-22-87)	24 at Min (11-22-87)	7/43 at Clev (11-8-87)
26 (7) Wash (11-24-85)	14 Wash (11-24-85)	4/32 Buff (12-15-85)
22 (4) at Clev (11-8-87)	11 at Cle (11-8-87)	4/28 N.O. (11-1-87)
	and St.L (11-29-87)	
TD Passes	Fewest Int	Most Int
3 at Hous (10-25-87)	0 (2 times)	5 N.O. (11-1-87)
2 Wash (9-20-87)		3 Wash (11-24-85)
Buff (11-24-85)		2 Buff (12-15-85)
St.L (11-29-87)		at Dal (12-6-87)



ACQUIRED: 1984 Draft Round 2, 32nd

Last Season

Like most Falcons, the 1987 season was one Scott would just as soon forget. He battled injuries all year, starting with a shoulder sprain in the preseason finale, then a sprained neck that took him out of the starting lineup, and then a sprained ankle that slowed him. A competitor, he still started 10 games and led the team with 36 passes defended. Among his highlights was the Washington upset win when he also made the tackle on the mishandled PAT that meant the difference in the one-point game and a pass interception in the opener at Tampa Bay.

Pro Career

The rookie from Oklahoma got into his first NFL game in Week 3 as he stepped in at strong safety for injured Kenny Johnson and later saw playing time at free safety. In his second year, he started at two different positions and led the secondary in tackles. When Marion Campbell came in 1986, Scott was moved to the starting right corner spot. That means he's started at three different secondary positions, ringing up nine interceptions (131 yards) and leading the team in passes defended the past two years. He's had six double-figure tackle games, a QB sack, and a safety.

Year-By-Year

1986: Among the team leaders of the NFL's sixth ranked defense, Scott had five interceptions (team second best), 69 tackles (team second best), and 41 passes defended (team leader). He had an interception of Dan Marino in the end zone to help in the upset of the Dolphins. He also got his only NFL ejection when he was admonished for fighting vs. Tampa Bay.

1985: Busy Scott led the secondary with 95 tackles, had four interceptions, and forced a fumble. Playing in two different positions over the season, he had four games of 10 or more tackles and a long interception of 47 yards (Dallas). A thigh injury sat him down vs. New Orleans and a knee injury sidelined him vs. Kansas City.

1984: The rookie played all 16 games, including a lot of special teams duty. In his fifth NFL game, he scored two points when he emphatically knocked San Francisco punter Max Runager out of the back of the end zone. He got the coaches attention with a 13-tackle game against Cincinnati.

----- Notebook -----

In the '84 college draft, Scott was the fifth defensive back selected behind Mossy Cade (Chargers), Leonard Coleman (Colts), the late Don Rogers (Browns), and Terry Taylor (Seahawks). That draft saw the Falcons take three consecutive players from the Oklahoma defense in Rick Bryan (9th), Case (32nd) and LB Thomas Benson (36th). Two other defensive Sooners went early in LB Jackie Shipp (15th) and DT Bob Slater (31st)...Scott also was chosen by the Oklahoma Outlaws in the USFL draft...With his aggressive style of play is it any wonder his favorites were Jack Tatum and the Oakland Raiders?...

----- College -----

For Oklahoma born and bred Scott, there was no other school but OU that he wanted to play for. When they didn't give him a scholarship out of high school, he chose to stay nearby and try again later instead of going on to any other college. He played at Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College, earning all-American honors, then was accepted at OU for the final two years. He played at cornerback as a junior, then switched to safety his senior year. He was a team captain and led the Big Eight Conference with 8 interceptions for 110 yards and a touchdown as he earned second team all-American honors. Those eight interceptions are still a school record, by the way. His TD return (67 yards) came against Iowa State and QB Dave Archer.

----- Personal -----

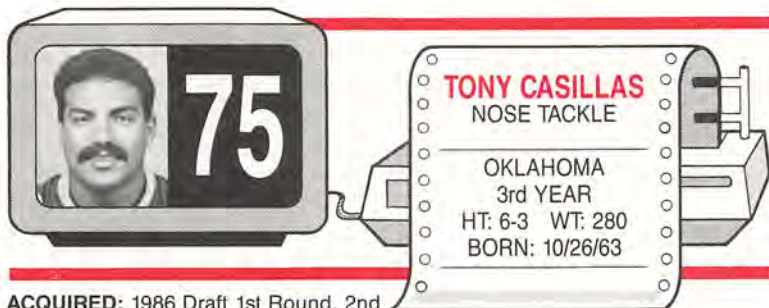
Born in Waynoka, Oklahoma, Jeffrey Scott Case played quarterback and running back for Alva High, then running back for Emond Memorial High. It was in junior college he made his marks on defense. He keeps a ranch near Jay, Oklahoma, where he can enjoy riding horses. He and his wife, Connie, have two children: Kelsey, 3, and Kyler, 1.

----- Career Statistics -----

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Int.	Yards	LG	TD	FF	FR
1984	Atl.	16/0	42	28	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
1985	Atl.	14/13	95	58	37	4	78	47	0	1	0
1986	Atl.	16/15	69	42	27	4	41	41	0	0	0
1987	Atl.	11/10	52	41	11	1	12	12	0	0	0
Total		57/38	258	169	89	9	131	47	0	1	0

Case's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long	Safety
13 Minn (12-15-85) 13 at Cin (11-25-84) 12 at S.F. (9-15-85) and Wash (9-3-85)	1 (9 times)	47 at Dal (10-27-85) 41 at Det (12-21-86) 31 Denver (9-22-86)	1 vs. S.F. (9-30-84)



ACQUIRED: 1986 Draft 1st Round, 2nd

----- Last Season -----

Playing nose tackle can be a painful task. Just consider in 1987 alone Tony strained his groin in August, sprained his thumb in September, suffered a deep laceration to his hand in October, suffered a sprained toe in October, sprained his right knee in November and had an arthrogram, then sustained a stress fracture of the left fibula on November 29 to bring an early end to his season. Despite all that, Tony was averaging nearly nine tackles a game, had a pair of QB sacks coming from the middle, had 15 QB hurries, forced one fumble, and recovered another fumble. He was voted by his NFC peers as an alternate for the Pro Bowl, true recognition that he is one of the best. The fumble recovery Tony had came at the Redskins 22-yard line and led to a TD in the eventual upset of the Super Bowl champions. His top tackle games were 12 vs. Cincinnati (with an additional four QB hurries) and 11 vs. Washington (with three QB hurries).

----- Pro Career -----

The second player selected in the 1986 college draft (Bo Jackson), Tony joined new defensive coach Marion Campbell and the 3-4 defense. With the help of Tony, that '86 team rose from 28th to 7th in yards, 28th to 6th in points. As the starter for all 16 games, Tony had 111 tackles and anchored the middle of the defense. He was an all-NFL rookie on ballots from the Pro Football Writers Association, UPI, and Pro Football Weekly.

----- Year-By-Year -----

1986: He led the Falcons in tackles in his first NFL game and continued to improve. His top game was 14 tackles vs. the Saints (Week 15) along with a pair of 12-tackle games (49ers and Lions). For the year, he totalled 111 tackles, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery, a QB sack, and 11 QB hurries.

----- Notebook -----

A concerned citizen-athlete, Tony has gotten involved. He's on the state of Georgia's Governors Commission on Drug Awareness and Prevention, as well as the Georgia "TEAM," techniques for effective alcohol management. He works with hospitals, helping with the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program and takes time to visit Emory and Grady hospitals' children's wards. He and his wife also helped Emory University "Beat Leukemia" by raising money for research.

College

The best lineman in the country, Tony was awarded the Lombardi Trophy and called the most dominating player at Oklahoma since Lee Roy Selmon by veteran Coach Barry Switzer. As a two-time all-American, he had a school record 21 tackles behind the line of scrimmage and helped the team lead the nation in total defense. Tony had four QB sacks in one game (Iowa State) and 10 sacks as a junior. A torn tendon in his ankle in 1981 caused him to be redshirted and then he moved in as a back-up to Rick Bryan in 1982 before moving into the NT position and eventual honors. Tony obtained his college degree in Communications.

Personal

Tony Steven Casillas, born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is the middle child from a family of five girls and two boys of Mexican-American descent. Tony was the only athletic star in Pete, a machinist, and Wanda's family, and he played both football and baseball at East Central High School. He remembers his dad being a big Oklahoma University fan and accepted their scholarship offer. It was as a sophomore at OU that he met Lisa Clayton, a senior teaching assistant, in a psychology class. In July of '85, they married and they have both kept up in their pursuit of career goals. Lisa is in her third year at medical school at Emory University. Right now, their only "child" is a black chow dog named Bobo, who shares their Decatur home with them.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	FF	FR
1986	Atl	16/16	111	55	56	1	11	2	1
1987	Atl	9/9	72	38	34	2	15	1	1
Total		25/25	183	93	90	3	26	3	2

Casillas' Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Forced Fumbles	Recoveries
14 N.O. (12-14-86) 12 Three times, Cin (11-15-87)	1 at Det (12-21-86) St.L (12-19-87) at Dal (12-6-87)	1 S.F. (10-19-86) at Dal (9-21-86) at Min (9-22-87)	1 Chic (11-16-86) Wash (9-20-87)

Falcons in Uniform

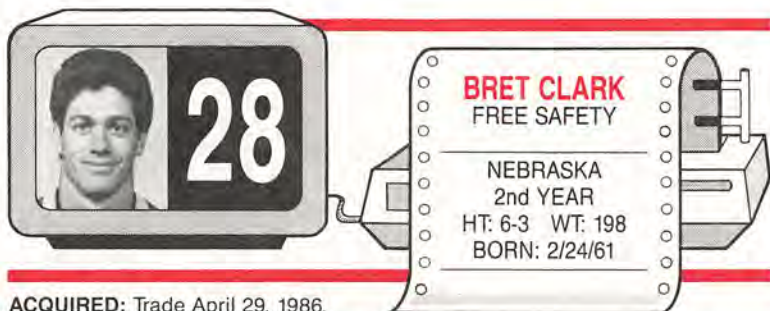
Jersey: Red with gray letters outlined in black. Sleeve stripe in black bordered with two thinner red stripes bordered by two wider gray stripes. Falcon logo on each sleeve.

Pants: Gray with shiny front. Black stripe down each leg bordered by two thinner white stripes bordered by two wider red stripes. Red belt.

Socks: Red over white.

Shoes: White (brand preferences by player)

Helmet: Red with black face mask. Black stripe down center bordered by two white stripes. Black Falcon logo outlined in white on both sides of helmet.



ACQUIRED: Trade April 29, 1986,
for 4th Pick (Raiders)

----- Last Season -----

Disaster struck for Bret on the opening series of the season opening game when he sustained a fractured right fibula and was lost for the entire season. Bret, the club leader in '86 in interceptions and the leader in tackles among the secondary, had just come off a preseason that indicated he was raring to go. He capped a four-interception preseason by stealing three passes from New England Patriot quarterbacks in the finale. Later in the season, he was able to return to practices and a complete recovery is expected. Bret's first year in the Falcon secondary saw the defense rank 6th and 7th in points and yards, last year the team dropped to 28th in both. His injury set the tone for the defense that saw only one player start all games at the same spot as injuries took their toll. Bret's return in '88 will, indeed, be welcomed by the defensive coaches.

----- Pro Career -----

After an unusual journey into the USFL, Bret was set to make his NFL debut with the NFL's Los Angeles Raiders, who had drafted him in the 7th round in 1984. Then, on draft day, the Falcons offered up a fourth to the Raiders (who took DE Mike Wise from Cal-Davis) for Bret. He arrived for Coach Campbell's first year with the Falcon defense and fit right in as he became a team leader and the "big play" maker with seven takeaways.

----- Year-By-Year -----

1985: Bret played in seven games with the Tampa Bay Bandits, where he intercepted a pass and had a QB sack before leaving in a law suit over breach of payment. He also returned two kickoffs for 19 yards.

1986: A star of the defense that rose from 28th to 6th in points allowed, Bret led the team with five interceptions, seven total takeaways, 94 interception return yards, and even led the special teams with 15 tackles. He also had two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, deflected a punt, and had 15 passes defended.

----- Notebook -----

Bret's unusual USFL career started with a personal services contract with Bandit owner John Bassett. However, the Denver Gold had drafted Bret, so the Bandits eventually had to offer up an '86 draft pick and some cash. Within a week of that transaction, his NFL fate was being sealed by the Raiders in the NFL's draft. Bret

went on to Tampa Bay, playing seven games, but finally leaving the team and filing a law suit for breach of payment. After a year in courts, Bret won his case and was awarded all the team's equipment, weights, and souvenirs as back payment. The story goes that a moving van actually loaded all the stuff, then Bret's lawyer sold them back to the Bandits for cash. While the moving van was filling up on August 5, 1986, Bret was up in Suwanee, Ga., trying to earn a roster spot with the Falcons, who had worked an April draft day deal with the Raiders. That's some four teams in one year's time that wanted his football abilities.

College

Bret isn't hesitant to tell his three Oklahoma teammates about the three Big Eight championships Nebraska claimed from 1982-84, but Falcon secondary mate Scott Case is quick to point out the '84 OU upset in the final regular season game for both. Nebraska was 34-4 from '82-84 and had a 22-game winning streak halted when they went for a two-point conversion in an Orange Bowl 31-30 loss to Miami in January of '84. Bret was an all-Conference pick along with teammates like Irving Fryar, Turner Gill, Jeff Smith, Mike Rozier, Dean Steinkuhler, Mark Traynowicz, Mark Behning, Dave Rimington, and Tom Rathman. Bret had a school record 101 unassisted tackles from the secondary and a school record 19 passes broken up. The busy safety also had 12 interceptions and five fumble recoveries (17 takeaways) and was a two-time all Big Eight pick.

Personal

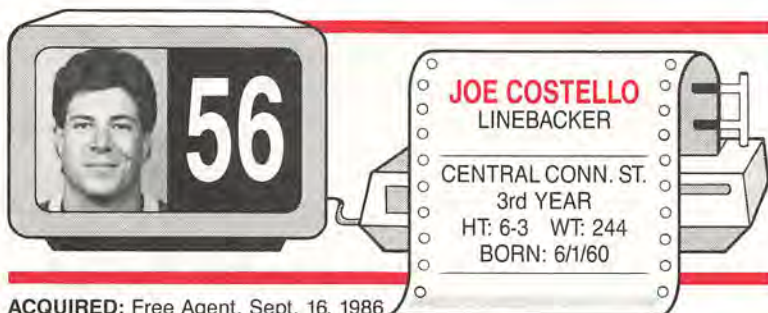
Bret got some of his football abilities from his dad, who played at Peru State College in Nebraska, winning 40 of 44 games. Alice and Kenneth's son went to Nebraska City High and was named most valuable player on both his football and basketball teams as an all-State pick. He and his wife, Tammy, have been a little busier this off-season in Lincoln, Nebraska, taking care of daughter, Danielle, who was born in January.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles			Ints		LG	TD	Fumbles	
			Total	Solo	Assist	No	Yds			FF	FR
1986	Atl.	16/16	88	61	27	5	94	34	0	2	2
1987	Atl.	1/1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		17/17	90	62	28	5	94	34	0	2	2

Clark's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long
12 St.L (9-14-86)	1 (Five Times)	34 Rams (10-12-86)
12 Rams (10-26-86)		26 Colts (12-7-86)
Forced Fumbles	Recoveries	Sacks
1 at Dal (9-21-86)	1 at Dal (9-21-86)	1 Rams (10-12-86)
S.F. (10-19-86)	S.F. (10-19-86)	



ACQUIRED: Free Agent, Sept. 16, 1986

----- Last Season -----

Perserverance paid off for Joe last year. After suffering a fractured left arm in the preseason (Week 2 at Kansas City), Joe went on Injured Reserve disappointed his bid for a starting spot had ended early. Some 10 weeks later, he was activated for the Week 8 New Orleans game and ended up making eight tackles as he went in for injured Buddy Curry. Joe started the next three games (Cleveland, Cincinnati and Minnesota) with a 14-tackle game versus the Bengals. He played sparingly the next few weeks as his fractured arm hampered him, then returned with a start in the final game (4-3 defense) vs. Detroit. A hard-worker in the weight room, Joe's ready to resume his bid for a starting spot in '88.

----- Pro Career -----

Now a veteran of three professional football leagues (Canadian, USFL, and NFL), the 28-year old has played defensive end, outside linebacker and inside linebacker in his career. His first pro shot came back in 1982 as a defensive end with Montreal, but he saw little action and was eventually released two years later. When the USFL got underway, he signed on with Jacksonville and led the squad in QB sacks (5-40) as an end in '84, then was switched to LB in '85 and again came on late in the season to lead the team in sacks. He was busy in 1986 as the Bulls cut him March 17, then the Cleveland Browns signed him on June 20. It was turning into a dream come true for Joe when he made the Browns final 45-man roster. But, two days later, the Browns signed Brad Van Pelt and cut Joe. He heard from Ottawa, then got a call from the L.A. Raiders for a tryout. When they didn't sign him after a Sept. 12 workout, he came to Atlanta on Sept. 16 and made the team. As a special team's leader, he did his best and is still fighting to make it as a full-time starter in the NFL.

----- Year-By-Year -----

1986: In 14 games, Joe was a terror on the special teams. When Joel Williams got hurt, Joe jumped in and made two QB sacks and forced a fumble in a Week 5 game against Philadelphia.

1987: With nine games and four starts, Joe rang up 60 tackles, including a forced fumble versus San Francisco. Ironically, perhaps, his first NFL start came against the team that had cut him, Cleveland, and he responded with eight tackles.

----- Notebook -----

Rooming with a valedictorian like Tim Green seems to have inspired Joe's quest

for learning. He attended Georgia State in the off-season, seeking a second college degree (Management), to go with his Accounting degree he already had. He's also into reading short stories now, but hasn't taken the interest in novels Tim has. The pair were the lone Falcons to come across the picket line last year, although Joe was unable to play with his broken arm. A true sports (and statistical buff), Joe's NFL hero was Johnny Unitas, while he tends to appreciate Don Mattingly of his Yankee team because "he's a modern-day Lou Gehrig." But, Joe's favorite sport to watch is hockey.

College

He shouldn't be forgotten by his alma mater because he's their lone graduate to ever play a regular season game in the National Football League. As a defensive tackle, Joe earned first team all-East and honorable mention all-American for the Blue Devils of Central Connecticut State in New Britain. Joe did earn his bachelor's degree in accounting before taking off on his football career.

Personal

Joseph Patrick Costello was born in New York, New York, but his family moved on to Stratford, Connecticut, where Joe was captain of the football team. Joe's brother, Mike, is a former boxer who sparred with champion "Marvelous Marvin" Hagler back in 1984, so you know the Costello lads must have learned how to defend themselves growing up. A bachelor, Joe resides in Alpharetta. Joe has one son, Kyle, 2.

Career Statistics

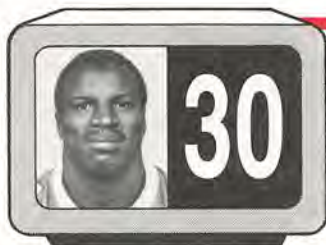
Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	FF	FR
1986	Atl.	14/0	4	2	2	2	2	0
1987	Atl.	9/4	60	32	28	0	1	0
Total		23/4	64	34	30	2	3	0

Costello's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Forced Fumbles
14 Cinc (11-15-87) 9 at S.F. (12-20-87) 8 N.O. (11-1-87) Cleve (11-8-87)	2 Phil (10-5-86)	1 Phil (10-5-86) at Det (12-2-86) at S.F. (12-20-87)

SUMMER CAMPING

The Falcons have held their summer training camps at four different locations over their 22-year history: Black Mountains, N.C. (1966—a YMCA camp near Asheville), East Tennessee State University (1967—Johnson City, Tenn), Furman University (1971-1978—Greenville, S.C.), and the Falcon Training Center (1979-Present—Suwanee, GA).



DAVID CROUDIP
CORNERBACK

SAN DIEGO STATE
5th YEAR
HT: 5-8 WT: 183
BORN: 1/25/59

ACQUIRED: Free Agent,
October 8, 1985

Last Season

David distinguished himself by being the Falcons special teams leader on the coverage units with 11 tackles of returners. The feisty vet also played in every game, starting three (New Orleans, Cleveland, and Dallas). His start vs. the Saints was to counter their three wide receiver formation and his starts against the Browns and Cowboys were for injured Scott Case. Hard-hitting David made 34 tackles, had 18 passes defended (third best on team), picked off two passes, and forced a fumble. Against St. Louis, he returned an interception 40 yards and was hit late out of bounds. While the referee threw his flag, David came up swinging and got himself ejected from the game. His forced fumble of Cowboy Mike Renfro came in the third quarter and led to a Falcon drive for the final touchdown of the game in the Falcons 21-10 victory. His season and career high of eight tackles came in that Cowboy game, that also included a hit on Herschel Walker that took the star RB temporarily out of the game.

Pro Career

David was a veteran of two USFL teams and two NFL teams before signing on with the Falcons as a free agent on October 8, 1985. As a 7th round pick of the L.A. Express (78th player overall), David started six games before suffering a knee injury and being sidelined. In the USFL expansion draft, he was selected by the Houston Gamblers in September of '83. They released him on Feb. 29 of '84 in camp and he signed as a free agent with the L.A. Rams that spring. He was cut at the end of camp, re-signed the next day, cut again Sept. 19 and re-signed again on Sept. 21. Despite all that, he played all 16 games for the Rams in '84. Then in '85, he went through it all again, being cut on Sept. 2, resigned on Sept. 3, and cut again on Sept. 5. This time the San Diego Chargers stepped in and he moved on to the AFC. He played in two games, but they cut him on Oct. 5 and the Falcons signed him a couple days later because of injuries to the secondary. Now, he's a vested NFL veteran of 60 games and a veteran of 19 USFL games.

Year-By-Year

1986: Playing in 15 games, David was called on to start seven when Bobby Butler broke his leg. Fate had it in store his first NFL start would come against his former team, the Rams. Fate also dealt him a hand that included a pass interception and forced fumble in that first start. He missed two starts as a result of a hamstring

injury that slowed him. He had two interceptions, 18 passes defended (second on team), and 12 special teams tackles (second on team).

1985: Playing on the nickel defense and the special teams, David saw action in 11 games. He was thrilled to have a fumble recovery against the Rams in a 30-14 win over his former teammates. He also had six-tackle special team games against the Bears and Bucs.

1984: David impressed Coach Robinson enough to earn a spot on the roster, and recovered a pair of fumbles for the Rams as he played in all 16 games in his first NFL season.

1983: Croudip played in 18 games for the LA Express of the USFL making 31 tackles with five passes defended and one fumble recovery.

----- Notebook -----

David must believe now that things come in pairs for his career path has included two colleges, two professional Leagues, two USFL teams, two NFL teams, both NFL Conferences, and starts at both cornerback positions. A real trivia expert might be interested that David is credited with recovering the first fumble in USFL history in the 1983 USFL opener with the L.A. Express.

----- College -----

David started a collegiate career at Ventura (CA) Junior College. He was a big hit last year when the Falcons had a practice inside that school's gym as they were practicing at the Raiders facility and bad weather forced them to find a nearby indoor facility. He had blocked five kicks for that school before he transferred on to San Diego State. There he joined in the long line of Aztec defensive backs to go on to the NFL like Willie Buchanon, Herm Edwards, Monty Jackson, Joe Lavender, Nate Wright, Vernon Dean, Terry Jackson and Tory Nixon. David put his name ahead of all those in 1982 by returning an interception 100 yards vs. Long Beach to set a school record, since tied, but never topped.

----- Personal -----

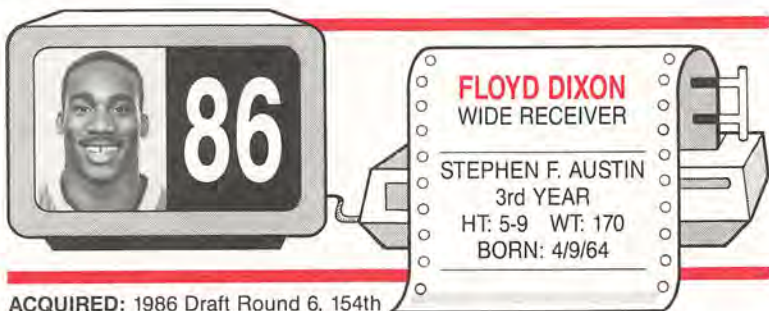
Born in Indianapolis, David Rodney Croudip moved west with his family to the Los Angeles area and graduated from Compton High. David and his wife, Holly, now live in the San Diego area during the offseason.

----- Career Statistics -----

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Int.	Yards	LG	FF	FR
1984	Rams-NFL	16/0	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	2
1985	SD-NFL	2/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1985	Atlanta	11/0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
1986	Atlanta	15/7	41	29	12	2	35	29	1	1
1987	Atlanta	12/3	34	21	13	2	40	40	1	0
Total		56/10	79	54	25	4	75	40	2	4

Croudip's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long	FF
8 at Dal (12-6-87)	1 (Four Times)	40 St.L (11-29-87)	1 (Two Times)
6 Jets (11-9-86)	Det, St.L - 1987	29 N.O. (12-14-86)	at Dal - 1987



ACQUIRED: 1986 Draft Round 6, 154th

Last Season

Improving Floyd was the Falcons team leader with his 36 catches for 600 yards, five touchdowns, and a 16.7 average over the 12 games he played. And, he did that with three different starting quarterbacks, so those totals should improve as he and the new quarterbacks last year work together more. Floyd now holds the distinction of catching the first touchdown pass Scott Campbell threw as a Falcon (Washington) and the first touchdown pass of Chris Miller's NFL career (Detroit). He had a 105-yard game in the upset of the Redskins, plus five catches over 35 yards (51t-Lions, 44t-Bengals, 37-Redskins, 36-Vikings, and 35-Oilers). A seven-catch game against the Cowboys topped the five-catch Redskins game for season best receptions.

Pro Career

As a sixth round pick, Floyd quietly slipped through camp behind the headlines of number one picks Tony Casillas and Tim Green. Then, he became a secret no longer after a big 65-yard catch in the upset of Dallas to make the Falcons 3-0 two years ago. In Week 4, he got his first NFL touchdown (Tampa Bay) in his first NFL start. Then, in Week 5, he had his first 100-yard game against the Eagles (8-146). By the time he was done, his 42 catches led all rookie NFC pass receivers. But, he also helped the Falcons by rushing (11-67) and returning punts (26-151-5.8) in that rookie year that netted a combined 835 yards.

Notebook

Turn Floyd loose in his home state of Texas and he really produces. In his first NFL game in Texas Stadium, he had 89 yards including the game-deciding 65-yard catch. This year, he returned to Houston to the Astrodome and had a touchdown catch (3-50), then followed with another trip to Texas Stadium and another touchdown catch (7-80). The other side for Floyd to consider is that it gets expensive, what with some 30 relatives and friends expecting tickets in Dallas and near 90 showing up for his return to Houston...Growing up in the Oilers TV market area, he was a big Billy "White Shoes" Johnson fan and was delighted to learn some NFL tips from his hero...A track star, he participated in "Open" meets this offseason while working on his college degree and clocked a 10.1 in the 100. His younger brother, Derrick, broke all of his city track records in the 100 and 200 meters, which makes Floyd proud of his family.

College

For the Lumberjacks of Stephen F. Austin, Floyd piled up big stats (like 146 catches,

2,661 yards, 28 TD's and an 18-yard per catch average), starting 44 games alongside WR James Noble (Redskins, Colts). His route to SFA was a little unusual for today's athlete, however. He had a chance to go to major colleges and even work in specialized academic programs, but opted to stay close home. He had offers to go to Rice for their Engineering College, or try chemical engineering and a track scholarship to Georgia Tech, or even the Engineering College at Texas Tech. He had a 3.7 average one semester at SFA but dropped down to 2.9 (of 4.0) as a senior with all his football commitments. He was also busy with the track team, setting records with the 100-meter relay team, running 10.3 100s and 21.8 200s.

Personal

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hunter of Beaumont, Texas, says he was really just "slow and fat" as a child because he spent most of his time just "eating and studying." He blossomed in high school, then college, and was an honor roll student at Hebert High. He was an all-District performer as he participated in both football and track, setting city records as a sprinter. A bachelor, Floyd worked on his college degree this off-season.

Career Statistics

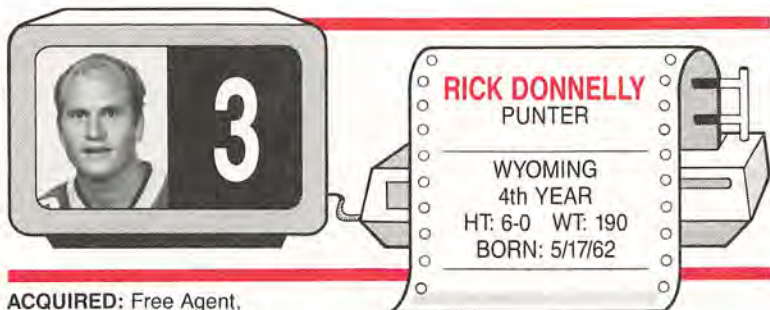
Year	Team	GP/GS	Receiving					Rushing				Punt Ret.			
			No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	No	Yds	LG		No	Yds	Avg	LG
1986	Atl.	16/12	42	617	14.7	65	2	11	67	23	26	151	5.8	16	
1987	Atl.	12/12	36	600	16.7	51t	5	3	-3	7	0	0	0.0	0	
Total		28/24	78	1217	15.6	65	7	14	64	23	26	151	5.8	16	

Dixon's Personal Bests

Receptions	Yards	Long	TD
8 Phil (10-5-86)	146 Phil (10-5-86)	65 at Dal (10-27-86)	1 (7 Times)
7 at Dal (12-6-87)	105 Wash (9-20-87)	61 Phil (10-5-86)	
6 Jets (11-9-86)	89 at Dal (10-27-86)	51t Det (12-27-86)	
5 Wash (9-20-87)	87 Det (12-27-87)	44t Cin (11-15-87)	
5 N.O. (12-14-86)	80 at Dal (12-6-87)	37 Wash (9-20-87)	
Total Yards, Game	PR Yards, Game	Longest PR	
180 Phil (10-5-86)	36 Cards (9-14-85)	16 at N.O. (9-7-86)	
146 rec, 34 ret			

Double Trouble

Three times in club history, the Falcons have had both a 1,000-yard runner and a 1,000-yard receiver. That happened in 1979 (William Andrews, 1,023—Wallace Francis, 1,013), in 1980 (Andrews, 1,308—Alfred Jenkins, 1,025) and again in 1984 (Gerald Riggs, 1,486—Stacey Bailey, 1,138).



ACQUIRED: Free Agent,
August 23, 1985

----- Last Season -----

It came down to the last game of the season as Rick dueled Lions punter Jim Arnold head-to-head for the NFL punting title. Rick won that day and the season, finishing first in the NFL with a 44.03 punting average. He was still voted the Pro Bowl alternate to Arnold and was a second team all-NFC pick by the UPI. That was just .3 behind the Falcons season record of John James as Rick had five games averaging over 45 yards. His 62-yarder against the Redskins was his season long, but he hurt his thigh on a touchdown-saving tackle and couldn't finish the game. Indoors last year he averaged 49.2 at Minnesota and 46.0 at Houston. Cleveland and Minnesota broke through the Falcon special teams to block punts last year, however.

----- Pro Career -----

In talking about a punter who has led the entire NFL and who had ranked first in the NFC another year and whose "worst" year was a second-place NFC ranking, you'd think he must have been a high draft pick. Not so. For Rick Donnelly came to the Falcons as a free agent, just cut by the New England Patriots, who had signed him as a free agent in 1985. Rick, however, had been a draft choice of the San Antonio USFL team, but opted for the NFL instead. Rick has improved his average every year since starting at 43.6 as a rookie.

----- Year-By-Year -----

1986: His 43.9 average ranked second in the NFC and was the second best in Falcon history at that point. He had the third longest punt in Falcon history (71 vs. Jets), as well as a 68-yarder against the Eagles and a 65-yarder versus the Bears. Against Dallas, his one punt (55 yards) marked the first time since 1971 a Falcon punter had only had to do so one time in a game.

1985: The rookie led the NFC with a 43.6 average and set a club record for a game with a 52.1 average on seven punts versus the Eagles. He had longs of 68 vs. Washington and 62 against the Eagles. The bad news for Rick came in Week 11 when he suffered a torn knee ligament and was out for the season.

----- Notebook -----

Rick owns the Falcons club record for career punting average at 43.9 over his 198-punt, three-year career. Steady Rick has averaged over 40 yards per boot in 35 of his 39 NFL games, over 45 yards on 16 of those games. Over his career, he's had 46 punts inside the opponents 20-yard lines and just 22 touchbacks. All three of his seasons rank among the top five in club history.

Honors

1987: UPI All-NFC (Second Team)
NFL Alumni (First Team)

College

With a yearning to explore the Western part of the country, Rick accepted a scholarship from Wyoming, bypassing offers from Eastern powers Penn State and Syracuse. Rick watched his teammate Jack Weil lead the country in 1983 with a 45.8 average, then Rick topped that with a 47.3 average to rank third in the nation in 1984. Weil, ironically, had a tryout with the Falcons last year as the club kept abreast of free agents in the event of injury to Rick. Rick also did some placekicking for Wyoming, booting 66 of 69 PATs and 10 of 19 field goals, with a long of 55 yards. In 1982, Rick had back surgery, but rehabilitated and bounced back strongly. One of his teammates for the Cowboys of Wyoming was St. Louis TE Jay Novacek.

Personal

Born in Long Island, New York, Rick graduated from Miller Place High School. The son of Christine and Joseph had began his football career by playing quarterback and taking up the punting and placekicking. In college, he pursued a degree in Administration of Justice. Rick has developed into a fine racquetball player, defeating many of his teammates during the offseason workouts. Rick and his wife, Jackie, who has learned how to hike the ball to him to help him practice, currently reside in Lawrenceville, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	No	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	Blk	Net
1985	Atl.	11	59	2574	43.6	68	18	5	0	37.5
1986	Atl.	16	78	3421	43.9	71	19	9	1	35.0
1987	Atl.	12	61	2686	44.0	62	9	8	2	32.1
Total		39	198	8681	43.8	71	46	22	3	34.8

Donnelly's Personal Bests

Number	Yards	Long
9 at S.F. (11-23-86)	399 at S.F. (11-23-86)	71 Jets (11-9-86)
7 at Phil (11-10-85)	365 at Phil (11-10-85)	68 Wash (11-3-85)
7 Chic (11-16-86)	337 Chic (11-16-86)	68 Phil (10-5-86)
7 at S.F. (12-20-87)	293 Phil (10-5-86)	65 Chic (11-16-86)
Average	Net	Blocked
52.1 at Phil (11-10-85)	47.8 Rams (10-12-86)	1 Colts (12-7-86)
49.8 Rams (10-12-86)	47.7 at Phil (11-10-85)	at Cle (11-1-87)
49.2 at Min (11-22-87)		at Min (11-22-87)

TOP 5 NFL ACTIVE PUNTERS

	Years	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG
1. Rohn Stark, Indianapolis	6	450	20,007	44.46	72
2. Rick Donnelly, Atlanta	3	198	8,681	43.84	71
3. Reggie Roby, Miami	5	272	11,892	43.72	77
4. Sean Landeta, N.Y. Giants	3	225	9,784	43.48	68
5. Rich Camarillo, New England	7	468	19,992	42.56	76



JAMIE DUKES
GUARD/CENTER

FLORIDA STATE
3rd YEAR
HT: 6-1 WT: 278
BORN: 6/14/64

ACQUIRED: Free Agent, May 2, 1986

Last Season

After making the team as a rookie reserve guard, Jamie spent last summer working at a new position, center. Now, he gives the Falcons valuable depth along the front line at two different places. The starting line stayed in tact through most of the season, meaning Jamie saw duty in but five regular season games last fall. Like any reserve, Jamie wants a starting spot and is working hard to attain that goal.

Pro Career

Jamie just sat and watched as round after round of the NFL draft went by without his telephone ringing. When opportunity knocked in the form of a free agent contract with the Falcons, Jamie answered the call. He proved his abilities and made the roster, then injuries to starters gave him the chance to start four NFL games. From weeks 13-15 of 1986, Jamie was the starter at right guard, then in the season finale he moved over to the left guard position. Having played now at both guard spots and at center gives Jamie an edge over some of his competition.

Notebook

While Jamie may be shorter than the average NFL lineman, he makes up for it with his 37-1/2 inch arms (85 span) and his leverage is about the same as many nose guards lined up across from him...He credits much of his improvement in college from his daily battles against teammate Alphonso Carreker (Green Bay Packers 1st round pick).

College

As a first-team all-American pick, Jamie started more games (48) than any other player in Florida State history. From the time he arrived at FSU as a 290-pound freshman, he became a starter and helped the Seminoles set school rushing marks. His college coach, Bobby Bowden, had said this about Jamie: "...A lot of names are thrown around for all-America honors, but I feel the same way about Jamie the way the folks last year at Pitt felt about (Bill) Fralic..." Now, they're both with the Falcons. With the Seminoles, he never lost a post-season Bowl Game, winning the Gator (West Virginia), the Peach (North Carolina), another Gator (Oklahoma State) and tying the Citrus (Georgia) as those four teams posted a 33-13-2 record. Tough Jamie left one game with a separated shoulder, but came back to start the next week.

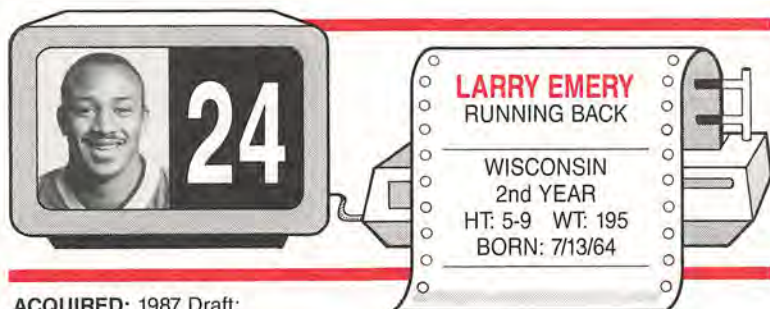
Personal

Born in Schenectady, New York, Jamie Donnell Dukes was the middle of three

children. His family moved on to Orlando, Florida, when Jamie was 12 and he went on to star at Orlando's Maynard Evans High. He was the Orange County Player of the Year as a high school senior. As a youngster, he also loved basketball, joining the legions who follow the Lakers and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. His favorite football player was Miami Dolphin guard Larry Little. "I tried to model him because he was about my size," Jamie noted. He and his wife, Lynne, currently live in Lilburn, GA.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 19/4, 1986 (14/4), 1987 (5/0)



ACQUIRED: 1987 Draft;
Round 12, 320th

Last Season

Larry made his rookie season memorable both on and off the field. As the Falcons last draft pick, Larry (from nearby Macon) really wanted to make it with the Falcons. In his first preseason game, he produced a 27-yard kickoff return, had a 13-yard catch and ran twice for 12 yards. A bout with influenza caused him to miss the third preseason game, right about the time of roster trimming. Larry finished the preseason with a combined 146 yards, including a team-best 29.7 kickoff return average (long 35 in the last preseason game). He'd made the roster when the final cuts were announced Sept. 7. Three days later, he had a blood clot in his left arm that forced him into the hospital. He underwent an embolectomy and resection of the cervical rib (he had an "extra" one pinching off the blood flow) and he was placed on Injured Reserve. Eight weeks later, Larry was back and was activated to the roster when Sylvester Stamps got hurt. He made the most of his opportunity by gaining 135 total yards in his first NFL game (at Cleveland-120 returning, 10 rec., 5 rush.). Four weeks later, he broke a 66-yard return (eighth longest in club history) versus St. Louis. In just five NFL games, he had netted a combined 479 yards (96 per game), but in a practice drill picking up blitzes, he strained his lower back. He was inactive for two games, then placed back on Injured Reserve. Larry's rookie average of 21 yards per kickoff return placed him 11th in the NFC final stats, while his 479 total combined yards was still fifth best on the Falcons.

Notebook

Larry was the second Falcon 12th round pick to make the club in the last three years, joining Ken Whisenhunt...He made his first practice memorable, too, as he lost seven or eight pounds, then suffered cramps for several hours. "I just fell out

across a table in the training room and the trainers helped pour liquids into me," Larry remembers of that first summer practice...Back in college, Larry took karate lessons to improve his flexibility and agility.

College

At Wisconsin, they kept The "Emery Board" for Larry's totals. As the two-time Most Valuable Player there, Larry finished with 2,979 rushing yards, third behind only Bill Marek and Alan Ameche. His totals included 15 100-yard games, 45 receptions, 19 touchdowns, and a 5.1 career rushing average. After a 1,113 yard junior season, Larry was slowed by a hamstring injury as a senior, but still led the team with 855 yards. Larry's top rushing games came against Big Ten foes Indiana (188), Michigan (185) and Northwestern (174). He was on his way to a 1,000-yard season as a sophomore before torn ligaments in his right knee put him out the final five games and he finished with 675 yards, at a rate of 6.2 per carry.

Personal

Born to Larry and Frances Emery in Macon, Larry G., Jr., starred at Northeast High. His dad, a Southern Railway employee, and mom saw to it he studied, too, as he was a member of the National Honor Society. Larry was a member of the 1980 City Championship team and once had a 331-yard rushing game against crosstown rival, Southwest. He galloped for 2,519 yards and set a school record with his 24 touchdowns. Larry and his June bride, Angela, reside now in Lawrenceville, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Kickoff Returns				Rushing				Receiving			
			No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
1987	Atl.	5/0	21	440	21.0	66	1	5	5.0	0	5	31	13	0

Emery's Personal Bests

Most Combined Yards	Most KOR Yards	Most Returns	Longest
135 at Cle (11-8-87)	120 at Cle (11-8-87)	6 at Cle (11-8-87)	66 StL (11-29)
122 StL (11-29-87)	116 StL (11-29-87)	5 Cin (11-15-87)	30 at Mi (11-22)
80 Cin (11-15-87)	80 Cin (11-15-87)	4 StL (11-29-87)	29 at Cle (11-8)

Future Super Bowl Sites

Super Bowl XXIII—Miami—Joe Robbie Stadium
January 22, 1989

Super Bowl XXIV—New Orleans—Superdome
January 1990

Super Bowl XXV—Tampa Bay—Tampa Stadium
January 1991



ACQUIRED: Free Agent,
November 10, 1987

----- Last Season -----

When Major was cut by the Cleveland Browns in training camp, he wasn't sure what was next. No other teams claimed him at the start of the season, so when the Browns called him back for the replacement games, he jumped at the chance. It turns out he led them in rushing for those three games (2-1 record) and ended up receiving a share of their playoff bonus money as a result. When the vets came back on Oct. 19, Major was out of a job again. He stayed near a phone in hopes a team would call and it turns out a friendly voice did on Nov. 10. It was Falcon head coach Marion Campbell, who knew of Major's special teams leadership qualities when he was with the Philadelphia Eagles. He played in those final seven games for the Falcons, on all of the specialty units, even forcing a fumble that led to a TD in the win over the Dallas Cowboys.

----- Pro Career -----

Major took his first shot at pro ball with the Birmingham Stallions of the USFL in January of 1983, but was cut in February. He then signed as a free agent with the Eagles in May of 1983, where he quickly built a reputation as a special teams player extraordinaire. After three years, he was out of a job again, but the Cleveland Browns signed him on October 21, 1986 when RB Earnest Byner went on IR. Now, he's a veteran of 66 NFL games.

----- Year-By-Year -----

1986: After being cut by the Eagles, he joined the Browns in Week 8. He finished with 18 special teams tackles (four each vs. Miami and Cincinnati). He had a career high 38 yards on 10 carries in the finale vs. San Diego to finish with 12-43 for the season. He was also credited with a fumble recovery for the special teams.

1985: An alternate on the Pro Bowl ballot, Major had 32 special teams tackles for the Eagles. When he suffered a hamstring injury and missed the Minnesota game (12-1-85), it ended a streak of 44 consecutive games played.

1984: He was Philadelphia's special teams leader with 42 tackles, three KOR's for 40 yards, while playing in all 16 contests.

1983: The rookie led the Eagles with 42 special teams tackles, while also adding 275 yards on 14 kickoff returns. In addition, he added 25 yards from scrimmage.

----- Notebook -----

With the Browns, Major participated in the two exciting OT games in 1986. He was

part of the double overtime win over the Jets (23-20) that was the third longest in NFL history. Then, he suffered through that 98-yard Elway-led drive that led to a 20-20 tie in the Championship and an eventual Bronco win. Major had three special team tackles in that Championship game...In Philadelphia for Marion Campbell, Everett served as the special teams captain.

College

For the Choctaws of Mississippi College in Clinton, MS, Major was a Kodak small college All-America pick, a three year all-Gulf South Conference pick, and a two-time MVP selectee. Boosted by a career best 307-yard game (23 carries, 13.3 per carry) versus Delta State, Major went on to set a school mark with 3,459 yards rushing, a school mark for TD's with 35, and also caught 43 passes for 458 more yards. Major also proudly displays a bachelors degree in mathematics from Mississippi College.

Personal

One of eight Everett children (five brothers and two sisters), Major Donel was born and reared in New Hebron, MS. Dad, Charlie, owns a barber shop in town (yes, Major knows how to cut hair) and they had a "Major Everett Day" back in April of '83 to honor their hero. Major was part of the largest graduating class (54) in the history of Mt. Hebron High. A businessman now, Major founded his own real estate firm in Jackson, MS, to purchase and restore old homes back in 1985. Since the N.Y. Mets had a baseball farm team in Jackson, he's a baseball fan, too, but his childhood hero was Muhammad Ali. Major married Valerie Barrett this past May.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Kickoff Returns			Rushing			Receiving			Special Teams Tackles
			No.	Yds.	Avg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	
1983	Phil	16/0	14	275	19.6	5	7	1.4	2	18	9.0	42
1984	Phil	16/0	3	40	13.3	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	42
1985	Phil	15/0	0	0	0.0	4	13	3.3	4	25	6.3	32
1986	Cle	9/0	0	0	0.0	12	43	3.6	0	0	0.0	18
1987	Cle	3/0	0	0	0.0	34	95	2.8	8	41	0.0	0
1987	Atl	7/0	2	33	16.5	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	4
Total		66/0	19	348	18.3	55	158	2.9	14	84	6.0	138

"IT'S NEVER OVER UNTIL IT'S OVER"

On Sept. 13, 1981, the Falcons trailed the Green Bay Packers, 17-0, at the end of three quarters. Then, in a span of 4 minutes, 24 seconds, the Falcons scored 24 points to take the lead and finished with 31 points in the 4th quarter. The rally included a Luckhurst FG, a 53-yard Smith punt return to the two (Andrews TD), a 30-yard TD pass to Jenkins, a Kuykendall 20-yard TD interception return, and then a 56-yard Williams' TD fumble return. The defense checked the Packers that quarter with two sacks, two interceptions, a fumble recovery, and minus two net yards rushing.



KENNY FLOWERS
RUNNING BACK

CLEMSON
2nd YEAR
HT: 6-0 WT: 210
BORN: 3/14/64

ACQUIRED: 1987 Draft Round 2, 31st

Last Season

Adjusting to the NFL was made even tougher on the rookie as a hamstring injury slowed him in August during training camp and hampered his progress. He made the roster with a 104-yard preseason, but saw limited playing time. He injured the hamstring again in early November and was placed on Injured Reserve. He rested and came back stronger, playing the final three games, even starting the season finale. For the year, he netted 179 total yards in the eight weeks he was on the active roster. Kenny grabbed a 24-yard pass from fellow rookie Chris Miller vs. the Rams in his first game off IR, then finished against the Lions with five carries for 35 yards (long 14) and three receptions for 17 more yards starting alongside Gerald Riggs.

Notebook

To move up 10 places in round two of the draft to get Kenny, the Falcons gave Green Bay a third round pick...When Kenny enrolled at Clemson, he joined the defending national champions that had seven backs destined for the NFL. That preseason depth chart included Cliff Austin (Falcons, Bucs), Kevin Mack (Browns), Jeff McCall (Raiders), Chuck McSwain (Cowboys, Raiders), Terrence Flagler (49ers), and Steve Griffin (Falcons).

College

Flowers bloomed at Clemson to produce a school record 2,914 yards rushing, scoring 26 touchdowns and averaging 4.9 yards per carry. Having started at both tailback and fullback in his career, he set another Clemson mark with a 1,200-yard season (junior year) as he led the ACC with 13 touchdowns. Seven of Kenny's 11 100-yard games came in that junior year. His senior year was marked with frustrations that started with a knee injury in preseason, followed by an ankle injury, followed by yet another knee injury. However, he finally set the school rushing record, only to have it nullified by a penalty, but got it back later in the game. His 557 yards was the most ever by a Clemson freshman, while his breakaway speed enabled him to tear off seven runs of 45 or more yards, plus a 64-yard TD reception...As a track star, he won the Bud-Light Invitational by running a 6.28 60-yards as a sophomore. The second place finisher turned out to be Olympian Steve Riddick. On the indoor track team, he set Clemson records in both the 55 and 60 yard races, doing a best 6.24 in the 60. He ran consistent 4.4 forties for the football team.

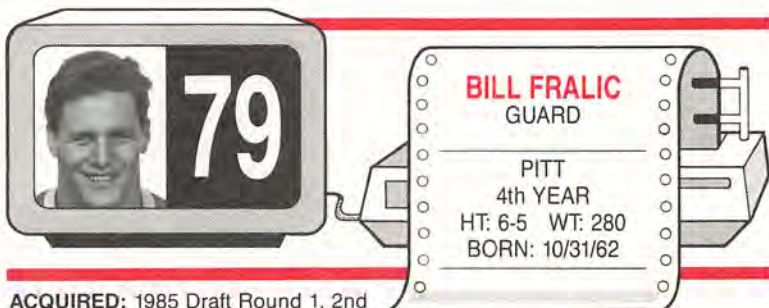
Personal

One of six children of Mrs. Rosa Flowers, Kenneth C. was born in Daytona Beach, Florida. At Spruce Creek High, Kenny was all-state in both football and track. For

the football squad as a senior, Kenny ran 116 times for 777 yards (6.7 average) and 13 touchdowns, plus had six interceptions and 63 tackles for the defense as a safety. In track, he ran a 9.46 100 meters in the Golden South Invitational Meet, quite impressive for a 180-pounder. Kenny and his spring bride, Onethia, now reside in Duluth, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rushing				Receiving				Kickoff Returns			
			No	Yds	Avg	LG	No	Yds	Avg	LG	No	Yds	Avg	LG
1987	Atl.	8/1	14	61	4.4	14	7	50	7.1	24	4	72	18.0	20



ACQUIRED: 1985 Draft Round 1, 2nd

Last Season

Once again voted as a starting guard for the NFC Pro Bowl team, Bill proved how tough and how determined he is to be the best. He injured his knee in the season opener and then missed three days of practice for the Washington game. A real competitor, he played the entire game, helping the Falcons upset the eventual Super Bowl champs. Then the next day, he underwent arthroscopic surgery for a partial tear of cartilage in his left knee. When the players went on strike and hit the picket lines on Wednesday, Bill walked along, sore knee and all. When the strike ended, Bill was back in the starting lineup as he went on to start all 12 games. His play once again earned him unanimous recognition as the best at his spot from AP, the Pro Football Writers Assn., Sporting News, Pro Football Weekly, UPI, and most defensive tackles in the NFC.

Pro Career

Atlanta wanted Bill so much that they traded away a third round pick to Minnesota to move up from 4th to 2nd in the 1985 draft. An all-American tackle in college, he was moved to the right guard position in his first camp when R.C. Thielemann was a contract holdout. That first year he played nearly 150 more plays than any other Falcon offensive lineman, earning recognition as the NFL Rookie of the Year by Sports Illustrated and on all-NFL rookie teams by anyone who selected one. He missed his only NFL game to date as a rookie (Week 3-Denver-pinched nerve) and has since played 42 straight, although his streak officially ended at 32 when he went out on strike. Except for Weeks 12 and 13 of his rookie year and Weeks 13-15 of 1986 when he played right tackle, he's been at the familiar guard slot. Bill has helped the Falcons set a new club record for rushing yards in both 1985 and again in 1986, as they led the NFL in time of possession in '86.

Honors

- 1987:** NFL Pro Bowl starter (2nd time)
All-NFL- AP, Pro Football Writers, Pro Football Weekly, Sporting News
All-NFC- UPI, Football News
All-NFL-(Second team) - NEA
- 1986:** NFL Pro Bowl starter
All-NFL- Sporting News, NEA, Pro Football Weekly
All-NFL- (second team) - AP
All-NFC-(second team) - UPI
NFL Alumni Offensive Lineman of the Year
- 1985:** NFL Rookie of the Year (Sports Illustrated)
All-NFL Rookie - Pro Football Writers, UPI, Football Digest
All-Madden Team (CBS-TV's John Madden)

Notebook

One of three brothers who played offensive tackle, Bill was the youngest (by three and six years). The oldest, Joe, played at Marshall University, then Mike played at South Carolina, then Bill went to Pitt...Bill was one of the 20 participants of Wrestlemania II on April 7, 1986, in Chicago. He was the 12th man tossed out of the ring when 365-pound "Big John Studd" and "The Iron Sheikh" teamed up to throw Bill over...Willing to voice his opinion, Bill has found "reporters like me most because of my mouth."

College

Only the second freshman to start his first game as a freshman at Pitt, Bill joined Tony Dorsett to make that claim. By the time Bill had finished, Pitt retired his jersey (along with Dorsett, Hugh Green and Dan Marino) and his locker (also Dorsett and Green's). The three-time All-American finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting as a junior and then sixth as a senior, a high ranking for a lineman. A roommate of Bears lineman, Jimbo Covert, Bill's coaches at Pitt developed the "Pancake" grading system based on his "flattening 3-4 opponents per game." His college coach, Foge Fazio, is now the Falcons special teams/tight ends coach.

Personal

Born in Pittsburgh, William P. Fralic, Jr., was the third son of Bill, a Marine and then a steelworker. At 6-3, 250, he was a tough father who once put a sign in the front yard to "forget the dog, beware the owner." By age 11, Bill (A.K.A. Bull), was a 5-10, 180-pounder with the Morningside Bulldogs, playing with older boys. In the summers, the biggest kid on the Penn Hills Padres baseball team was striking out most of the batters as a pitcher for a 25-0 team. At 13, Bill was 6-3, 235 and as an eighth grader was invited to practice with the high school team. Penn Hills High won four straight championships as Bill and Tom Flynn (the QB who went on to Pitt as a DB) led the way. As a heavyweight wrestler, Bill suffered a separated shoulder and had to settle for third place in the State, one of his few "setbacks" along the way. Bill spends a lot of his offseason hitting the weights and the golf ball (shooting in the 70s from time to time.). He is also heavily involved in his auto care business, European Motor Cars. A bachelor, Bill currently lives in Woodstock, GA.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 43/42, 1985 (15/14), 1986 (16/16), 1987 (12/12)



MIKE GANN
DEFENSIVE END

NOTRE DAME
4th YEAR
HT: 6-5 WT: 275
BORN: 10/19/63

ACQUIRED:

1985 Draft Round 2, 45th

Last Season

Mike earned a special status with the Falcon defense last year as he was one of only two defensive players to start all 12 games. However, Mike did it by starting at three different positions as he tied for the lead among Falcon lineman (85 with Bryan) in tackles, led the team in QB Hurries (22), and had 1.5 QB sacks. After starting at left end for the first seven games, Mike moved to right tackle against St. Louis and Dallas when injuries forced the Falcons into the 4-3 alignment. He moved over to left tackle vs. the Rams and 49ers and finally back home at left end in the finale vs. Detroit. Mike had a career best 12-tackle game against Cincinnati, with 3 QB hurries in the wins over the Redskins and the Cowboys.

Pro Career

The Falcons decided they wanted Mike in the 1985 draft and traded away a 5th round pick to St. Louis to move up in the round to take him. He was the 8th defensive lineman selected (45th overall pick) behind Bruce Smith, Ray Childress, Ron Holmes, Kevin Brooks, Darryl Sims, William Perry and Richard Byrd. He quietly came into the '85 camp in the wake of Bill Fralic's media attention, earned a starting spot as a rookie, and has gone on to start all 44 games of his NFL career to date. He underwent shoulder surgery after his rookie season, but has never missed a game because of an injury. In three years, Mike has had 12 QB sacks, scored an NFL touchdown, scored on a safety QB sack, and recovered four fumbles. His 253 career tackles average out to almost six per game played.

Year-By-Year

1986: Mike switched from right end to left end when Marion Campbell moved the team into its 3-4 defense. Mike led the team with three fumble recoveries, led the team with 43 QB hurries, was tied for second in sacks (5.5), and was fifth in tackles (99). Among his highlights were a QB safety vs. St. Louis, a two-sack game (49ers), an 11-tackle game (Eagles), a game when his man was called three times for holding (Saints), and a 12-yard fumble return (Lions).

1985: The rookie scored an NFL TD in his seventh game by running 42 yards with a lateral from Rick Bryan in a 31-24 win over New Orleans and saved a 14-13 win over Minnesota with a fumble recovery with 1:09 remaining. He had 60 tackles and five sacks.

Notebook

Mike Gann is indirectly responsible for Falcon wide receiver Floyd Dixon being

here. For in Mike's first 1985 camp, he did so well the coaches decided to go ahead and trade Don Smith to Buffalo for a 6th round draft pick. With that sixth pick the Falcons then chose Floyd the next year...Two of the Falcon front three attended Oklahoma (Casillas and Bryan), but this third was born in Stillwater, OK, and originally signed a letter of intent with OU before switching to Notre Dame. Mike says it was the business school that brought about the change. Mike got his college degree and is pursuing a masters degree.

College

As a three-year starter, Mike had 21 QB sacks and 34 tackles for losses on his way to post-season Hula and Japan Bowls. His '84 teammates voted him the outstanding defensive player as he had 10 sacks for 105 yards in losses, recovered five fumbles and caused three more. He had grown up rooting for both Colorado and Oklahoma of the Big Eight, but changed his mind to Notre Dame at the end of the recruiting.

Personal

Michael Alan Gann was born in Oklahoma, but moved on to Lakewood, Colo., with his family. In high school, he was a member of the '79 state champs who played on both the offensive and defensive lines. In the spring, he was a catcher for the baseball team. Mike's brother, Mark, played at Oklahoma. Mike and his wife, Judith, along with their newborn baby, Michael Joseph, now reside in Alpharetta, GA.

Career Statistics

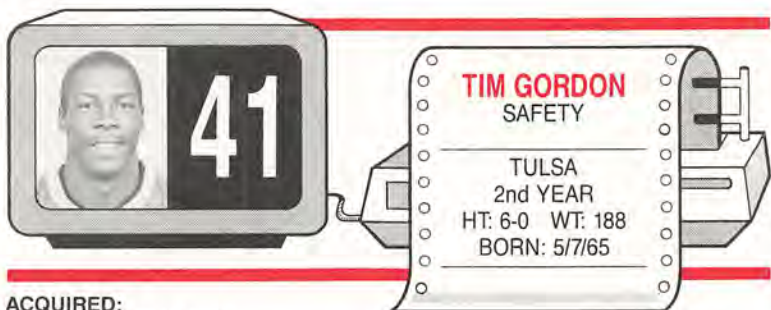
Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	FF	FR	TD	Safety
1985	Atl.	16/16	69	40	29	5	40	0	1	1	1
1986	Atl.	16/16	99	53	46	5.5	43	0	3	0	0
1987	Atl.	12/12	85	48	37	1.5	22	0	0	0	0
Total		44/44	253	141	112	12.0	105	0	4	1	1

Gann's Personal Bests

Tackles	QB Sacks	Fumble Recoveries
12 Cin (11-15-87) 11 Phil (10-5-86) 10 Jets (11-9-86)	2 at SF (11-23-86) 1.5 St. L. (9-14-86)	1 at Det (12-21-86) at Rams (10-26-86) Rams (10-12-85) Minn (12-15-86)

Opening Day

In 22 season openers, the Atlanta Falcons have a 13-9 won lost record. At home, they are 5-4. On the road, they are 8-5. They've scored a club-record 62 points and they've been shut out. They've allowed as many as 48 and posted a shut out. In the 1980's, they are 5-3 in openers.



ACQUIRED:

Free Agent May 6, 1987

Last Season

While there is no official balloting, Tim probably would have received plenty of votes as the Falcons Rookie of the Year and definitely as the biggest surprise of the year. The free agent ended up starting eight games at free safety after being released at the end of training camp. He was re-signed on September 16 after Bret Clark fractured his fibula and four days later intercepted the final Doug Williams pass to seal the upset victory of the Washington Redskins. Tim started the final eight games of the season, beginning with the Cleveland game, and finished with 67 tackles, 12 passes defended, two pass interceptions, a fumble recovery, and a pair of tackles on the special teams. Tim had a pair of 11-tackle games (at Minnesota and at the Rams), and a 10-tackle, 1-interception finale against the Lions.

Notebook

Tim's sprint speed helped him set a school record with a 6.1 clocking in the 60. He was also voted as Tulsa's Most Outstanding Runner with the track team and narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA Indoor Nationals. That speed also enabled Tim to be a terrific punt returner at Tulsa. The first time he fielded a punt as a freshman, he returned it all the way (59 yards) for a TD against New Mexico State. His 15.5 average as a freshman was second in the nation and he finished his Tulsa career with 43 returns for 461 yards, an impressive 10.7 career average.

College

As a four-year letterman and a three year-starter, Tim rang up 146 tackles, 12 pass deflections, and an interception. As a senior he led the secondary with 62 tackles. The "G-Man" also helped the team with his punt returning skills. His senior Tulsa team (7-4) had four players drafted into the pros (David Alexander, Steve Gage, Chris Pike, and Charles Wright).

Personal

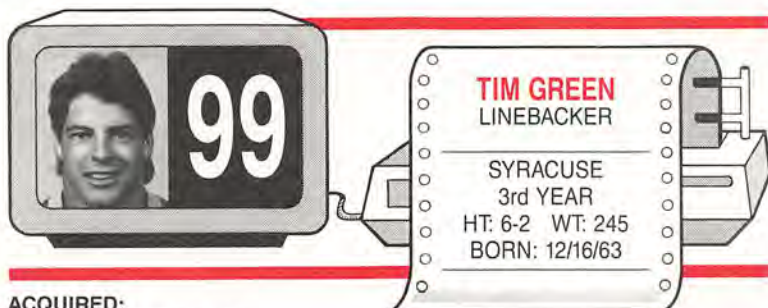
One of 10 children born to Isiah and Helen Gordon of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Tim C. Gordon was an all-State pick for both the football and track teams at Ardmore High. Dad, a petroleum engineer, got Tim some summer jobs in the oil business, but Tim majored in Public Relations in college. As a young athlete he looked up to stars like Walter Payton, Ronnie Lott and Carl Lewis. Tim is single and returns to Ardmore to live in the offseason.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst	Int	Yds	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR
1986	Atl.	11/8	67	42	25	2	28	28	0	12	0	1

Gordon's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long	Fumble Rec.
11 at Min (11-15-87) 11 at Rams (12-13-87)	1 Wash (9-20-87) Det (12-27-87)	28 Det (12-27-87)	1 St.L (11-29-87)



ACQUIRED:

1986 Draft, Round 1b, 17th

Last Season

In the spring mini-camp, the coaches moved Tim from the inside to an outside linebacking spot. He was challenging veteran Reggie Wilkes for the starting spot and came up with a "big play" versus Washington when he blocked a field goal at the end of the first half in the upset victory. During the players strike, Tim chose to cross the picket line and resume work (the only vet to start as injured roommate Joe Costello crossed with him). In those three games, Tim was credited with 26 tackles, a QB sack, three passes defended, and even a fumble recovery and return of 35 yards (Pittsburgh). He officially became the starting left outside linebacker in Week 8 at Cleveland, making eight tackles and having a pass defended. But, the very next week in the first quarter versus Cincinnati, Tim suffered knee ligament damage and was out for the remainder of the year.

Pro Career

The club's second number one pick from the '86 draft (Casillas), Tim underwent a prolonged contract negotiation that cost him the first five weeks of his first NFL training camp. Then, two weeks later, a ruptured calf muscle put him on crutches and onto the Injured Reserve roster. He came back on Oct. 10 and played the final 11 games. His first NFL start came in Week 16 at Detroit where he made a team-high 12 tackles. His first NFL season included 14 tackles, four QB hurries and six tackles on the special teams. Tim's career totals are now up to 53 tackles, but coaches are hoping he's now ready to make those big plays that had characterized his collegiate career.

Notebook

Since mom and dad "used to go to the library once a week and bring home a grocery bag full of books", Tim has enjoyed reading. He's collected and enjoys reading "classics" and has shown some partiality to Hemingway because "he's contemporary and a sportsman." The English literature major is normally carrying a novel he's reading with him, as well as his football playbook. This past off-season, Tim did TV work in Syracuse. He had a half-hour call-in show on Cable TV and did a sports package with the NBC affiliate.

College

As an athlete, Tim was a phenomenal pass rusher who had 43 career sacks, including 28.5 over his final two years. He was credited with 341 career tackles with 13 games of 10 or more tackles. Originally a nose tackle, he was moved to the outside where he could use his 4.6 speed to get to the quarterback quicker. He was one of only three juniors who were nominated for the Lombardi Trophy. When Syracuse upset number one Nebraska, Tim was Sports Illustrated's Player of the Week. Tim also had a thrill of scoring a touchdown when he returned a blocked punt against Navy.

As a student, Tim was equally outstanding. He tied with Kiren Dosanjh for class valedictorian of his 3,000 strong graduating class with 3.83 cumulative grade average. His classroom abilities made him a Rhodes Scholar nominee in 1985 and 1986, a Rossman Scholarship winner in 1985 and a Garfinkle Scholarship winner in 1984. Tim began in pre-med, then switched over to English Literature.

Personal

Born in Syracuse, N.Y., Timothy John was the middle child of Richard, a computer systems analyst, and Judy, an elementary school teacher. Dad, himself a three sports letter winner in high school, has always been an NFL fan. At Liverpool High, Tim was the New York Player of the Year and an all-America pick as he played on both the offense and the defensive units of the Section III champs. Tim was also a dedicated wrestler and was the New York State Heavyweight champ his senior year. The student in him kept him active as Student Council President and a member of the National Honor Society. An outdoorsman, Tim also enjoys hunting, windsurfing and skiing. Still a bachelor, Tim resides in Alpharetta, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	FF	FR	Blocked	Kick
1986	Atlanta	11/1	14	7	7	0	0	0		0
1987	Atlanta	9/5	39	26	13	1	0	1		1
Total		20/6	53	33	20	1	0	1		1

Green's Personal Bests			
Tackles	Sacks	Fumble Rec.	Blocks
15 SF (10-11-87) 12 at Det (12-21-86)	1 S.F. (10-11-87)	1 Pitt (10-4-87)	1 Wash (9-20-87)



ACQUIRED: 1978 Draft, Round 1 (13th)

Last Season

As the club's oldest starter, Mike played in all 12 games at his familiar left tackle position. In eight of his 10 previous seasons, Mike has not missed a game as a result of injury. Mike moved on up in the club record books as he is now second for most games started (142) and fourth in games played (142) as he became only the seventh Falcon player to spend a full decade playing here in Atlanta.

Pro Career

In the 1978 draft, Mike was the 13th player selected overall, but the third offensive tackle (Chris Ward and Gordon King). He's lived up to that first round billing by being selected for five Pro Bowls and starting 142 of his possible 149 games. The rookie earned honors on most all-NFL rookie teams and gained even more national notice in the Playoff game battling Cowboy pass rusher Harvey Martin (no sacks). It wasn't until Mike's 7th NFL season that an injury put him on the sidelines (torn calf muscle-Weeks 2-3 in '84), ending a 90-game streak (94 including playoffs). In 1985, Mike tore knee ligaments in Week 11 and had to undergo reconstructive surgery, missing the final five games, and putting an end to his bid for a sixth straight Pro Bowl.

Notebook

Mike's five consecutive Pro Bowls tied Falcon Claude Humphrey's streak and the total is one shy of the club mark of six (Van Note and Humphrey)...In Mike's 10-year stint he has been involved in the top three rushing seasons in club history and the top three passing seasons in club history. Individually, he's blocked for some 47 100-yard rushing games for five-time Pro Bowler William Andrews and three-time Pro Bowler Gerald Riggs, he's blocked for the top three passing marks of Steve Bartkowski and the top reception mark of Alfred Jenkins. Seven times a runner has gained a 1,000 yards with Mike up front, three times a passer has gained over 3,000 yards. Mike's also been alert to scoop up 10 fumbles to retain possession for the Falcon offense.

Last spring, Mike spearheaded a fund raiser for the Atlanta Disabled Officers Fund, Inc., on the heels of two separate shootings of police officers. A picnic at Piedmont Park in downtown Atlanta, highlighted by the appearance of officers J. J. Biello and Richard Williams in their wheelchairs, raised \$400,000. Mike and two Atlanta businessmen organized the fund.

Honors

1984:	NFL Pro Bowl (5) All-NFC (2nd Team)-UPI
1983:	NFL Pro Bowl (4) All-NFL Pro Football Weekly All-NFL (2nd Team)-AP, College-Pro Weekly All-NFC (2nd Team)-UPI
1982:	NFL Pro Bowl (3) All NFL-College-Pro Football Weekly All NFL (2nd Team)-AP, NEA All NFC-UPI
1981:	NFL Pro Bowl (2) All-NFL (2nd Team)-AP, NEA All-NFC-UPI
1980:	NFL Pro Bowl (1) All-NFL-AP, UPI, NEA, PFWA
1978:	All-NFL Rookie-Pro Football Writers Association

College

Midwestern Mike was recruited by Coach Bo Schembechler at the University of Michigan. The 207-pound freshman spent most of that year recuperating from a dislocated elbow. Then, he added weight to 235 pounds by his sophomore year and became the starter two games into the season. The powerful Wolverines went on to play in two Rose Bowls and Mike earned All-America recognition. He received his B.A. degree in General Studies.

Personal

Born in Evanston, Illinois, Michael Lee grew up watching the Chicago Bears because his dad was a season ticket holder. At Evanston High, Mike was both an offensive tackle and a defensive end. Big Mike was also a center defenseman in lacrosse and was pursued by several colleges, while also finding time to play some hockey. Tall Mike had always been on a "Seefood" diet as a youngster, trying to keep on the weight for his 6-7 frame. Back in high school, Mom used to make five meals a day to help bulk him up. Fortunately Mike really enjoys cooking and naturally, eating, and uses gourmet cooking to take his mind off business. He and his wife, Joanie, have a daughter, Lisa, and currently reside in Alpharetta, GA.

Games Played/Started: 142/142 [4-4] 1978 (16/16) [2/2], 1979 (16/16) 1980 (16/16) [1/1], 1981 (16/16) 1982 (9/9) [1/1], 1983 (16/16), 1984 (14/14), 1985 (11/11), 1986 (16/16), 1987 (12/12)

PAIRING UP

The first two Falcon running backs to both rush for 100 yards in the same game were Dave Hampton (161) and Art Malone (103) on Oct. 1, 1972, at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium in the club's first-ever win over the L.A. Rams.

The first two Falcon receivers to both gain 100 yards receiving in the same game were William Andrews (15-124) and Alfred Jackson (5-109) on Nov. 15, 1981, at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium vs. the Pittsburgh Steelers.



ERIK KRAMER
QUARTERBACK

N. CAROLINA STATE
2nd YEAR
HT: 6-1 WT: 192
BORN: 11/6/64

ACQUIRED:

Free Agent, Sept. 23, 1987

Last Season

Signed as a free agent after the college draft by the New Orleans Saints, Erik was released at the end of training camp. Two weeks later, the vets walked out on strike and Erik was in a bidding war as a QB for replacement teams. He chose Atlanta, had an impressive stint, and was kept on after the strike. In the first replacement game (Pittsburgh), Erik started and drove the team to a field goal on their first possession. On the second, he drove the team back down the field, but an end zone interception thwarted that drive. He was the second half reliever in the next game (SF), getting his baptism from veterans like Jeff Fuller (4th quarter safety) and suffering five sacks, but still passing for 179 second half yards, leading to 10 points. Then in the replacement finale, he put on quite a show. Down 17-0 at half, Erik hit 19-30 second half passes for 232 yards and three touchdowns to lead the team to a 24-20 upset over the veteran laden Rams team. For the game, he hit 27-46 for 335 yards, the seventh highest yardage in club history, with his 27 completions sixth most. He got some practice time last fall and now will take part in his first Falcon summer training camp.

College

The 1986 ACC Player of the Year, Erik broke eight N.C. State records as he passed for 4,757 yards and 31 touchdowns in just two seasons. As a senior, he led the Wolfpack to an 8-2-1 regular season mark and a trip to the Peach Bowl (one point loss to Virginia Tech). He had five of the top nine passing games in N.C. State history, starting with a record 342 vs. Duke and 324 vs. Maryland. The student Erik also won the award as the player with the highest academic average. His first two collegiate seasons were spent at Pierce Junior College in California. There, he led his team to an undefeated 10-0 season and a berth in the Potato Bowl (one point loss to Taft) with a 2,574-yard season that included a 389-yard, four-TD game. He continued playing with a soft cast on his fractured left wrist at Pierce.

Notebook

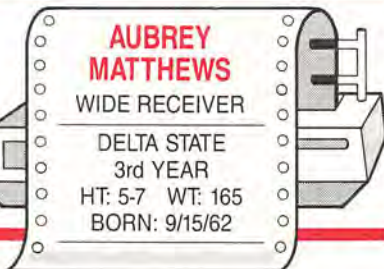
As a youngster, Erik attended Coach Jack Elway's football camp at Cal State-Northridge. The coach's son, named John, would come by with his Granada Hills high school teammates and impress the camp kids. As a quarterback, Erik's hero was Roger Staubach. While he's a Laker basketball fan ("Chick Hearn's the best announcer anywhere"), he always roots in baseball for "whoever is the underdog in the World Series."

Personal

Born in Encino, California, William Erik displayed his passing skills at Burroughs High in Burbank. One of Erik's favorite hobbies is the game of golf. Erik and his wife, Marshawn, currently reside in Duluth, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Comp	Att	Yards	Pct	TD	Int	LG	Rating	Rush	Yards	Avg	LG	TD
1987	All	3/2	45	92	559	48.9	4	5	33	60.0	2	10	5.0	11	0



ACQUIRED: Free Agent,
August 18, 1986

Last Season

Using his 4.3 speed and determination, Aubrey raced his way into the starting lineup for the final six games, finishing second on the club with his 32 catches for 537 yards. A preseason TD catch against the Patriots in his hometown Jacksonville helped Aubrey make a spot on the roster, then injuries (Bailey and Johnson) opened the door for a starting spot by midseason. His biggest game came against St. Louis (his second start-Week 11) when he grabbed seven passes for 115 yards and scored two touchdowns. He had scored his first NFL touchdown in his first NFL start one week earlier vs. Minnesota. Aubrey also had a 57-yard catch vs. the Rams (in rookie Chris Miller's first game) and a 37-yarder on the game's third play in the upset of Washington to set the tempo.

Pro Career

A two-year USFL veteran in his hometown of Jacksonville, Aubrey played the '84 and '85 seasons, catching 52 passes and returning 48 kickoffs for 989 yards. He had signed on Jan. 10, '84, with the Bulls as a free agent. When the USFL suspended operations on Aug. 7 of '86, Aubrey chose to sign on as a free agent with the Falcons the next week. After only one week, Aubrey injured his hamstring and had to go on Injured Reserve. He was activated for the final month of the season with the Falcons. His first NFL action came in an upset of Miami with Aubrey contributing a 25-yard catch. He had a 12-yard run for a first down on a fake punt in Week 15 against the Saints.

Notebook

Aubrey's got track sprinter's speed and has used it to his advantage. At Delta State, he once sprinted 100 yards for a TD with a kickoff return versus Livingston University.

He began his football days at Moss Point High down in Mississippi, the same school that turned out all the Wonsley brothers in the NFL.

College

At Gulf Coast Junior College, Aubrey lettered two years by playing both offense (flanker and running back) and defense (cornerback). Then he spent his final two years at Delta State in Cleveland, Mississippi. As a junior, he had 12 kickoff returns for 267 yards (22.3), but blossomed as a senior. He set a school record with his 53 catches for 888 yards, scoring six touchdowns.

Personal

Born in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Aubrey Derron Matthews has played all his football in the South, starting at Moss Point High, then junior college, then Delta State, then Jacksonville, and now Atlanta. Aubrey and his wife, Sonja, currently reside in Jacksonville.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	Rush.	Yds.	Avg.
1984	Jack.	16	27	406	15.0	1	29	623	21.5	3	5	1.7
1985	Jack.	16	25	271	10.8	5	19	366	19.3	0	0	0.0
1986	Atl.	4	1	25	25.0	0	3	42	14.0	1	12	12.0
1987	Atl.	12/6	32	537	16.8	3	0	0	0.0	1	-4	-4.0
Total	USFL	32	52	677	13.0	6	48	989	20.6	3	5	1.7
	NFL	16	33	562	17.0	3	3	42	14.0	2	8	4.0

Matthew's Personal Bests

Catches	Yards	Long	TD
7 St.L (11/29/87)	115 St.L (11/29/87)	57 at Rams (12/13/87)	2 St.L (11/29/87)
5 at Cle (11-8-87)	86 at Rams	37 Wash (9/20/87)	1 at Min (11/22/87)
4 at SF (12/20/87)	(12/13/87)	32 St.L. (11/29/87)	
	70 at Cle (11/8/87)		

Highest Percentage Field Goal Kickers (NFL Career)

Player	Team	Field Goals Made/Att	Percentage
1. Morten Andersen	New Orleans	125/157	79.6
2. Gary Anderson	Pittsburgh	137/176	77.8
3. Nick Lowery	N.E./Kansas City	173/224	77.2
4. Ed Murray	Detroit	172/236	72.8
5. Rich Karlis	Denver	114/157	72.6
6. Rafael Septien	Dallas	180/256	70.3
7. Rolf Bernirschke	San Diego	146/208	70.2
8. MICK LUCKHURST	ATLANTA	115/164	70.1
9. Matt Bahr	Cleveland	141/203	69.45
10. Pat Leahy	N.Y. Jets	218/314	69.42
11. Jim Breech	Cincinnati	160/232	68.9
12. Tony Franklin	New England	174/254	68.5



EDDIE MEYERS
RUNNING BACK

NAVAL ACADEMY
1st YEAR
HT: 5-9 WT: 210
BORN: 1/7/59

ACQUIRED: Free Agent, June 25, 1982

Last Season

After finishing his military commitment, Eddie was ready to give the NFL his best shot. Late in the fourth quarter of the second preseason game at Kansas City, Eddie was getting his chance to show the coaches. The score was tied, 10-10, with about two minutes to go. Eddie, with five carries for 37 yards, got the call on 2nd and goal from the 10. He burst around the right side for a touchdown. But, a Falcon illegal motion penalty nullified it. On the next play, Eddie was tackled on a sweep for a four-yard loss, but in the process badly sprained his big toe and was later placed on Injured Reserve on August 31.

Pro Career

Eddie's "professional" football career actually consists of six training camps in Suwanee and a season on Injured Reserve. For the first five years, he used 30 days of his annual vacation (leave) to come to Suwanee to participate with the team, while fulfilling his required military obligation.

Military Career

Ensign Eddie Myers graduated from the Annapolis Naval Academy in 1982, then worked his way up to Captain Myers. After schools at Quantico, VA, and Camp Lejeune, N.C., he was stationed as a Supply Officer at Camp Pendleton, CA. He had served a tour of duty overseas in 1985 in Okinawa, inventorying ships in port. He has a background in engineering and business, working towards his Masters Degree in Finance (obtained in May, '87) from National University in Vista, CA.

College Career

His senior season featured 1,318 rushing yards, spurred by a 298-yard, four TD game versus Syracuse and a 278-yard day against Army. He finished with 2,935 yards and quite a few lines in the Naval Academy record books. He seemed to enjoy his trips to Atlanta, gaining 183, 146 and 196 yards in consecutive games versus Georgia Tech. He also played in two Bowl games for the highly ranked Midshipmen.

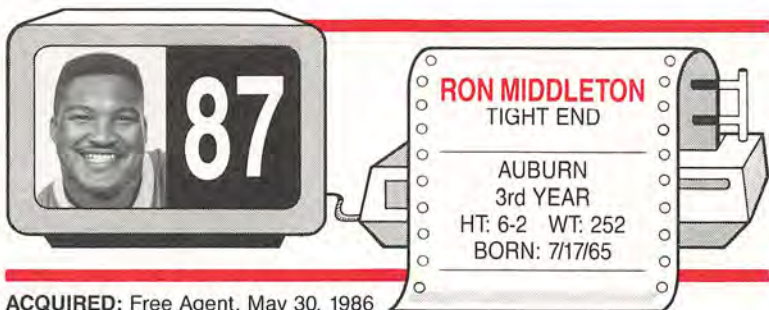
Personal

Born in Frankfort, Germany, Edward Alexander's dad was stationed there during his Army career. Eddie grew up in Pemberton, N.J., graduating from Pemberton Township and receiving a lone scholarship offer (the Naval Academy). Eddie's two older brothers also chose the military. Al went into the Army and Charlie played defense for Navy before serving his six-year stint. A younger sister is a school teacher,

and the youngest is currently attending the Naval Academy. An avid weight lifter, well into the 400-pounds bench, Eddie used to enter, and often times win, body-building contests. This past off-season he dabbled in the stock broking business, working for Merrill Lynch in downtown Atlanta. Eddie married his high school sweetheart, Janet, and they have three daughters, Erica, 5, Elena, 4, and Elise, 1.

Career Preseason Statistics

Year	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	Catches	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1982	1	2	2.0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1983	1	15	15.0	15	0	2	15	7.5	8	0
1984	5	30	6.0	13	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
1985	7	18	2.6	8	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1986	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1987	9	43	4.8	12	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	23	108	4.7	15	1	2	15	7.5	8	0



Last Season

Ron earned a spot on the final roster and ended up playing in 12 games, starting four for injured Arthur Cox (Tampa Bay) and H-back Ken Whisenhunt (St. Louis, Dallas, Rams). Middleton, who played in the wedge on the kickoff return team, had his lone pass reception of the year against Cincinnati.

Pro Career

In his first preseason camp, Ron caught the coaches eyes with his blocking and then caught a 17-yard TD pass against the Giants. He played in all 16 games as a rookie, starting three. He started in Week 3 at Dallas, Week 4 in Tampa Bay, and Week 14 against the Colts. His blocking helped the club set a new season rushing record, while catching six passes.

College

At Auburn, Ron was mainly a blocker for star runners Bo Jackson and Brent Fullwood as they set records. He caught 10 passes for 133 yards as the Tigers ran off a 37-12 record and played in four Bowl Games (Tangerine, Sugar, Liberty, and

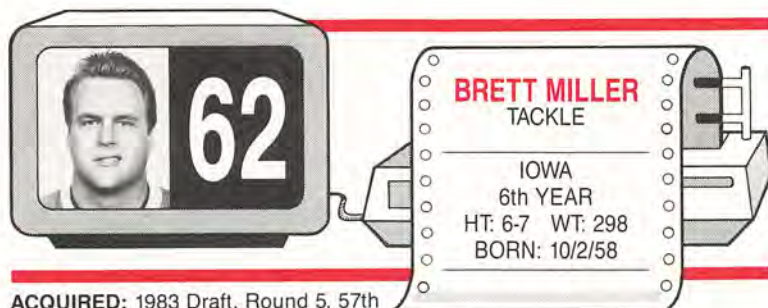
Cotton). As a senior, he often had the assignment in practice of blocking sophomore LB/DE Aundray Bruce.

Personal

Born in Atmore, Alabama, Ronald Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Allen. He earned all-District honors at Escambia County High, where he scored his last touchdown until that preseason NFL one against the Giants. A pre-law major at Auburn, he'd like to go on to Law School. Ron and his wife, Kim, currently reside in Duluth, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1986	Atlanta	16/3	6	31	5.2	8	0
1987	Atlanta	12/4	1	1	1.0	1	0
Total		28/7	7	32	4.6	8	0



Last Season

After spending most of the off-season rehabilitating his injured knee, Brett was anxious to make his comeback complete. But, just one week into training camp, August 2, Brett tore the plantar fascia tendon of his foot. The Falcons waited to declare him on the 45-man roster before they put him on IR so they could bring him back later. On Oct. 31, he was activated. However, he played in only two games as he really wasn't back to the level he wanted to be.

Pro Career

The rookie draft choice spent that '83 campaign learning the tricks of the trade from Pro Bowlers Van Note, Kenn and Thielemann. In his second camp, he won the starting right tackle job from Warren Bryant, playing 15 despite a broken wrist. In '85, he maintained his spot as rookie Fralic moved in beside him at guard. He missed the final four games with an ankle injury. At the start of '86, the Falcons were 5-1 and rolling when Brett suffered a knee strain. Five of those six games produced 100-yard games by a back. After trying to come back from his injury, he played two

more, but was eventually placed on Injured Reserve. Brett had also been a 5th round pick of the Washington Federals of the USFL.

Notebook

A devoted weight lifter, Brett probably ranks as the strongest Falcon with his consistent lifts over 500 pounds. In a *Sports* magazine survey of the NFL's strongest men, Miller was tied with Dave Rimington of the Bengals with a reported bench press of 550 pounds. When his weight went up to 300 pounds, the line coach challenged him to see if he could even bench press his own weight. After 30 some presses of 300 pounds, the case was closed. Brett is usually a regular at the NFL Arm Wrestling Championships in Las Vegas in the off-season.

College

As a defensive lineman, Brett began his college days at Glendale Community College, CA. In '80, he transferred to Iowa. He made the move to the offensive line and finally became a starter as a senior. Brett and his teammates made the journey to Atlanta and Fulton County Stadium in 1982 to defeat Tennessee in the Peach Bowl.

Personal

Brett is a native Californian, born in Lynwood and a graduate of Glendale High. An adventuresome teenager, Brett and a buddy decided after high school to set out on their own. They took off for Hawaii, taking a job at a pineapple factory. If the 5:30 a.m. starting time didn't get him, it was the acid from the pineapples that finished him. That \$2 an hour job was just a bad memory when they took up being bicycle cabbies. They rented a bike for \$30 a week, keeping all the remainder for profits. As one might figure, that didn't turn out to be as glamorous as the young entrepreneurs thought, and they returned to the mainland to try college. Brett and his wife, Gailyn, moved down to Clearwater, FL, this past off-season.

Games Played/Started: 53/32 1983 (16/0), 1984 (15/13), 1985 (12/12)
1986 (8/7), 1987 (2/0)

Here a Rookie, There a Rookie

* The last time a pair of rookies started at linebacker for the Falcons was the 1980 NFL Western Division Championship season. Rookie 2nd round pick Buddy Curry and 8th round pick Al Richardson started for the 12-4 team along with second-year man Joel Williams and 7-year vet Fulton Kuykendall. When Kuykendall missed six games, another rookie, 4th round pick Jim Laughlin, became the starter.

* When QB Chris Miller and RB John Settle started at San Francisco last year, it marked only the third time a pair of rookies started in the Falcon backfield. The next week in the season finale, rookie RB Kenny Flowers joined Miller to duplicate the honor. The previous two times were 1975 (QB Bartkowski and RB Woody Thompson) and 1974 (Week-16-QB Kim McQuilken and RB Vince Kendrick).



ACQUIRED:

1987 Draft, Round 1, 13th

Last Season

The first year for Chris may have been more of a "sneak preview" than an actual season. This will actually be the first NFL training camp for him as he was unable to come to a contract agreement until October 30, missing all the preseason and the first two months of the regular season. He was given a lot of on-the-job training and was thrust into game action for the final three games. And, the conditions were far from ideal. Down 26-0 at halftime to the Rams in Week 13, the 3-9 Falcons officially baptised the signal-caller into the NFL. That second half included a 10-20 effort for 170 yards, including a 57-yarder to Aubrey Matthews. A crushing sack that knocked his helmet off finished his day. In Week 14, Chris was given his first NFL start against the 11-2 San Francisco 49ers. While his completions (13) and yards (186) were most ever by a Falcon rookie in his first start, it was rough sailing overall. Chris was 13-36 for 186 (long of 48, 29) with three sacks and four interceptions. In his home debut and the season finale (vs. Detroit), Chris' stats read 16-36, 196, 1 TD, 4 Int., 2 sacks. In the first half, he lofted a deep 51-yard TD pass to Floyd Dixon to tie the game at 10-10, then led a drive that ended with a 28-yard FG to give the team a 13-10 halftime lead. That first half he was 9-19 for 135 with a TD and interception. Now, with three games behind him, Chris is ready to come into his first training camp to try to earn the starting position.

Notebook

Always interested and a participant in almost all sports as a child, Chris first ventured in national competition with the Punt, Pass and Kick Program. As an eight-year-old, he advanced to the semifinals and came to Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium to compete. Then, in four of the next five years, Chris advanced all the way to the National finals...Basketball was his number one sport as a youth as he even quit the football team as a sophomore to play more basketball. And, his baseball days and eventual pro contract are detailed below. But, he also loves a good game of tennis or a competitive round of golf (7-handicap)...When Chris made his first NFL start last year at SF, one of his Oregon neighbors was lined up across the ball. Mike Walter, 49ers linebacker, grew up down the street from Chris and younger brother, Tom. They all went to Eugene's Sheldon High, also the alma mater of Raiders' tight end Todd Christensen...Quarterbacks from Oregon have played previous roles with the Falcons. The Ducks' Norm Van Brocklin coached here seven years and Bob Berry played here five seasons.

Pro Baseball Career

Originally drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays on June 6, 1983, Chris waited at that time and was drafted again two years later by the Seattle Mariners (round 5) on January 9, 1985. The shortstop fractured his hand (wrestling with a buddy) and missed '85, but gave it a shot in '86. Assigned to Bellingham of the Northwest League, he played in three games and batted .556. So, he was moved up to Salinas of the California League. His first at-bat came against rehabilitating John Candelaria and he went down swinging. Good fielding Chris (.933) was a little rusty since being out of the sport since his American Legion high school days and he batted but .101 (8 for 79). He had been a star for the Pepsi Challengers of the American Legion team, hitting 10 home runs in 47 games. Chris willingly admits he has no desire to be a two-sport professional a la Bo Jackson.

BASEBALL STATISTICS

Year	Team	Batting										Fielding		
		G	AB	R	H	Avg.	RBI	SB	SO	BB	2B	3B	PO	Ass
1986	Bellingham	3	9	5	5	.556	1	0	1	2	0	1	5	5
1986	Salinas	27	79	8	8	.101	3	3	30	8	2	1	38	74
Career		30	88	13	13	.148	4	3	31	10	2	2	43	79

College Career

It was, indeed, "Miller Time" for Chris at Oregon and he broke the records there (13 in all) of NFLers Dan Fouts, Bob Berry, and Norm Van Brocklin. His SID had sent out clocks promoting it's "Miller Time" and he didn't disappoint with a 36-game (34 starts) career that netted 6,681 yards. That made him the first Pac-10 QB to earn back-to-back Conference honors since Stanford's Jim Plunkett got the recognition in 1969-70. Miller had some eighteen 200-plus yardage games, topped by 376 (33-48) vs. Southern Cal and 368 (4 TDs) vs. San Diego State. He finished his career with 49 touchdowns (42 by passing, 7 by running). With his 1,015 career attempts, he had but 39 interceptions, a 3.8 rate or only one per 26 attempts. As a junior, Chris found NFL-to-be receivers Lew Barnes (Bears) and Tony Cherry (49ers) regularly. Without them as a senior, Chris set school marks for yards (2,503), completions (216), completion percentage (.607) and total offense (2,549). In post-season, Chris earned Most Valuable Players honors from the Hula Bowl (55, 48, 47 yard passes) and Outstanding North player in the Senior Bowl (3 TD passes). He also had a TD pass in his team's 31-7 win in the Blue-Gray Classic. Choosing the University of Oregon was a easy decision for Chris because the campus is but three miles from the family home.

COLLEGE STATISTICS

Year	Comp	Att	Yards	Passing					No.	Rushing		
				Pct.	TD	Int	LG	Avg.		Net	Long	TD
1986	216	356	2503	60.7	12	13	54	227.5	74	46	21	2
1985	182	329	2237	55.3	18	13	86	203.4	45	81	19	4
1984	145	289	1712	50.2	10	10	54	155.6	48	0	29	1
1983	17	41	227	41.5	2	3	42	5.7	13	33	24	0
Totals	560	1015	6681	55.1	42	39	86	185.6	180	160	29	7

(Chris also caught 2 passes for 24 yards and a touchdown.)

PERSONAL

Born in Pomona, California, Chris' family moved to Eugene, Oregon, when he was seven and he never left there until last year. His high school career at Sheldon High featured all sports, football not being a high priority. As a sophomore, he quit the team. As a junior, he took but 10 snaps before a leg injury put him out for the year. He made up for lost time as a senior by leading his team to a 8-1 mark and a trip to the AAA playoffs with 1,617 yards and 12 TD passes. Christopher James is the only son of Jess and Jane (one older sister) Miller. A bachelor, Chris has a yearning for cars (a black Porsche 944) and just bought his first home (Roswell, GA) near a golf course.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Comp	Att	Yds	Pct.	LG	TD	Int	Rat.	Rush	Yds	LG	TD
1986	All.	3/2	39	92	552	42.2	57	1	9	26.4	4	21	11	0

Miller's Personal Bests

Attempts	Completions	Percentage
36 at SF (12-20-87) 36 Det (12-27-87)	16 Det (12-27-87) 13 at SF (12-20-87)	.500 (10-20) at Rams (12-13-87)
Gross Yds	Net Yds	Long
196 Det (12-27-87) 186 at SF (12-20-87) 170 at Rams (12-13-87)	180 Det (12-27-87) 170 at Rams (12-13-87) 165 at SF (12-20-87)	57 at Rams (12-13-87) 51 at Det (12-27-87) 48 at SF (12-20-87)



ACQUIRED:

1987 Trade with Eagles, Aug. 7

Last Season

Leonard's former coach, Marion Campbell, brought his pupil down to Atlanta during last summer's training camp (August 7) and the veteran started all 12 regular season games. Mitchell had originally been traded to the Houston Oilers a few days before, but had failed their physical, nullifying the trade. As Leonard had not been participating in the Eagles workouts, his weight had gone up to the 310-pound area, so he immediately began working with his former strength coach, Tim Jorgensen. In less than two weeks, he had worked 10 pounds off and was in the starting line-up at right tackle for the second preseason game (KC). He never left the starting

unit, playing in the final three preseason and the 12 games with the veterans. Now he's worked through the off-season with Jorgensen, lifting and conditioning regularly.

Pro Career

A former number one draft choice (27th overall) by the then NFC Champion Eagles, Leonard was then a defensive lineman. He made the switch over to offense in 1983 and has gone on to play in a total of 90 NFL games with 55 starts. He spent those first two years as a reserve on defense (25 games), then became a starter later in that '83 campaign.

In '83, Leonard started three games of his 11 played at offensive tackle and his new career was underway. By '84, he had started 14 games. Then in '85, Leonard blossomed as he started all 16 and did not allow a QB sack until the 11th game, surrendering but three sacks all season. In '86, big Leonard started the first 10 games before injuring his left knee. On December 8, he underwent arthroscopic surgery by the Eagles team doctor for a small medial cartilage tear.

Notebook

Nicknamed "Too Tall" in college, athletic Leonard lettered in both football for Coach Bill Yeoman and in basketball for Coach Guy Lewis. He's quick and agile for a big man, and if you'll watch Gerald Riggs 44-yard run vs. the Redskins last year, you'll see Leonard 40 yards downfield looking for another man to block. If Leonard really had his way, though, he'd be a fisherman. "I'd go fishing for 24 hours a day if there was a way," Leonard once said. He finished 3rd in a 1985 NFL Players Association fishing tournament.

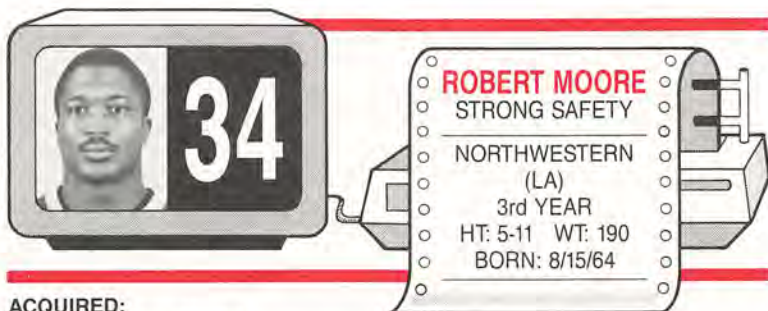
College

For the Cougars, Leonard justified his number one draft status with some 232 tackles and 22 QB sacks. The consensus all-America pick was a member of three Bowl bound Cougar teams. His first Bowl was quite memorable as it was a Cotton Bowl played in minus 6 wind chill degree temperature. Notre Dame QB Joe Montana engineered a 23-point fourth quarter to bring the Irish to a 35-34 win, scoring the TD with two seconds remaining. His second Bowl was the Cotton, only this time the 11-1 Cougars defeated Nebraska, 17-14, thanks to the "Mad Dog Defense" that stopped the Cornhuskers and the offense that scored with 12 seconds remaining. Technically, Leonard played in his second Bowl of 1980, this one being the Garden State Bowl on Dec. 4 of his senior year (the Cotton, of course, on Jan. 1). Leonard's Cougars destroyed Navy, 35-0, with him contributing a forced fumble on a QB sack and then the recovery. Falcon teammate Eddie Meyers had to play that game from the other perspective. Quick Leonard, believe it or not, had scored two touchdowns, intercepting passes and returning them 30 and 34-yards for the scores...Leonard played in 22 basketball games as a sophomore for Coach Guy Lewis and scored 78 points, averaging three rebounds per game, for the 25-8 Cougars. "Too Tall" was 6-7, 275 then, quite a force under the basket.

Personal

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Leonard graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, earning all-America honors as both a football lineman and a basketball center. He loved to play those pick-up games at Fonde Recreation Center. Leonard got married this past off-season and now resides in Lawrenceville, GA.

Games Played/Started: 90/55 1981: 16/0 (1/0) 1982: 9/0 1983: 11/3
1984: 16/14 1985: 16/16 1986: 10/10
1987: 12/12



ACQUIRED:

Free Agent, June 13, 1966

Last Season

Unheralded Robert capped off his second NFL season by finishing second on the team in total tackles (93) and second in interceptions (2-23). Robert also added 15 passes defended and four special teams tackles to his totals. His biggest thrill of '87 would undoubtedly be scoring a touchdown in the upset win over Dallas. On the special teams kickoff cover unit, Robert scooped up the loose football and returned it 20 yards for the touchdown. Starting 11 of the 12 games, he gave way in the New Orleans game to counter their three wide receiver lineup. Top tackle games for Robert were at Cleveland (16 total, 12 solo) and at San Francisco (12). He began last year as the youngest defensive starter, having just turned 23 at the start of the football season.

Pro Career

In the right place at the right time, Robert signed a free agent contract with the Falcons and then earned a spot on the roster in 1986. In Week 8, an injury to Kenny Johnson moved him into the starting lineup and he responded. The rookie came up with 66 tackles, an interception, a pair of forced fumbles, and even a QB sack (vs. San Francisco). His first NFL start came against the Division rival Rams (10 tackles), but he had forced a fumble two weeks prior against them to secure the Falcon win at home. He's played all 28 games he's been on the roster, missing only the three strike games last fall.

Notebook

Quiet Robert was an honor graduate in Accounting, preparing himself for another profession when his football career ends. At Northwestern State, Louisiana, Robert was a two-time all-Conference pick on the field and a two-time all-Conference choice in academics as well.

College

In a 42-game college career, Robert lettered all four years as he registered 180 total tackles, made six interceptions and recovered three fumbles. His senior season featured 73 tackles and three interceptions. Robert joins a growing list of Demons from Northwestern State in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to play in the NFL. That group includes WR Mark 'Super' Duper, QB Bobby Hebert, LB Gary Reasons, G Petey Perot, the late former Falcon Al Dodd, former rookie of the year RB Joe Delaney,

and former RB's Charlie Tolar and Sidney Thornton.

Personal

Born in Shreveport, LA, Robert Anthony is the second son of his biggest fan club booster (mother Alma). Playing on football teams that were 20-3 for Captain Shreve High, Robert was an all-state performer. He also lettered in basketball and track. Bachelor Robert currently resides in Duluth, GA, but still makes frequent visits to his hometown and makes sure he has a big Falcon following every year for the trip to Division rival New Orleans.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Int.	Yards	LG	Pass Def	FF	FR	TD
1986	Atl.	16/9	66	44	22	1	0	0	9	2	0	0
1987	Atl.	12/11	93	58	35	2	23	18	15	0	1	1
Total		28/20	159	102	57	3	23	18	24	2	1	1

Moore's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	FF	FR
16 at Cle (11-8-87) 12 at SF (12-20-87) 10 Three times	1 S.F. (10-19-86) at Hou (10-25-87) Cin (11-15-87)	1 Rams (10-12-86) at Det (12-21-86)	1 at Dal (12-6-87) (20-TD return)



MARK MRAZ
DEFENSIVE END

UTAH STATE
2nd YEAR
HT: 6-4 WT: 255
BORN: 2/9/65

ACQUIRED:

1987 Draft, Round 5, 125th

Last Season

The 5th round draft choice earned a spot on the final roster and played in 11 of the possible 12 veteran games. While his role was primarily on special teams, Mark was credited with a pair of tackles (vs. Tampa Bay and Minnesota) and a QB hurry (Houston). In the preseason, Mark came through with a QB sack in preseason games both against Kansas City and Cleveland to catch the coaches attention.

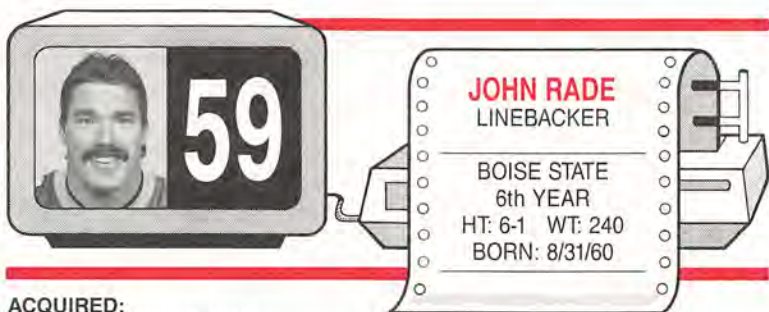
College

Mark had 16 and 13-sack seasons as a junior and senior at Utah State to finish

with 33 career QB sacks and 10 more tackles for losses. The first-team all conference pick made 180 tackles, batted down 12 passes, forced two fumbles and recovered a fumble for the Aggies. His 16 sacks had led the PCAA Conference. Mark started his college career as a back-up to now Buffalo Bill tackle Mike Hamby, then moved into his own later. He made his final game memorable (versus Fresno State) with three QB sacks, seven tackles, and two pass deflections. He follows a list of Utah State lineman into the pros that includes the Olsen brothers.

Personal

Born in Glendale, California, Mark David is the middle child of Robert and Ginny. Younger brother, Mike, plays now at Glendale High. At that same school, Mark was all-CIF on an 8-3 football team, while also participating in track and wrestling. Mark spent the past off-season back home in California.



ACQUIRED:

1983 Draft, Round 8, 215th

Last Season

John finished as the team leader in tackles (123), but ended on an unpleasant note in Week 15 when he suffered a separation of his right shoulder and went on IR for the final week of the season. John's third 100-plus tackle season averaged out to over 11 per game and featured seven double-digit games, topped by 15 tackles in the opener at Tampa Bay. He had a QB sack against St. Louis coming up the middle and had a trio of 14-tackle games (the three division rivals-Saints, Rams, 49ers).

Pro Career

Whether it's from the outside or the inside spot, "Radar" has found his NFL targets some 517 times over his 65-game NFL career. An unsung late round draft pick (215th overall), John quickly got recognition with a 117-tackle rookie season as an all-Rookie selection. He ended college early for a shot with the Boston Breakers of the USFL, but was cut in their February camp. (Meanwhile he had a fire at his Idaho home while he was gone). He figured he might try the Canadian League (contract talks with Winnipeg) when the NFL draft came round in April and he was picked by the Falcons. He had an 11-tackle preseason game vs. Washington, made the roster, and then was thrust into the starting lineup by Week 5 when Al Richardson was injured. Three years at an outside spot followed his move to the inside in '86 with Coach Campbell and an additional 15 pounds to his frame. He's already scored a pair of NFL touchdowns.

Year-By-Year

1986: His 140 tackles were a personal best (second on team) as he moved into his new inside spot. An ankle injury sidelined him for the season finale and a chance to lead the team in tackles went by the boards. He had a personal high 15 tackle game against the Saints in Week 15, along with an interception against the Colts.

1985: Mobile John started 11 games at left outside linebacker and three at right outside linebacker, registering 95 tackles, two interceptions and 4-1/2 sacks. He had a personal best two sacks against the Rams (11-17).

1984: Injuries to his hamstring and neck (pinched nerve) caused him to go on IR after seven games and 42 tackles.

1983: His first start in Week 6 (Saints) showed his promise (14 tackles) as he went on to make 117 tackles and earn all-Rookie recognition. He had a 15-tackle game the next week vs. the Rams. His impressive rookie numbers also included three forced fumbles, two recovered fumbles, and two QB sacks.

Notebook

John's been a big play maker for the Falcons in the past, getting his name in the scoring columns twice. As a rookie, he returned a fumble recovery for six points against New England. Two years later, he took an interception back 38 yards for the TD against Denver. Also in '85, John had an interception vs. the Eagles that set up a tying field goal to send the game into overtime...John has gotten used to winning and hopes to bring some luck to the Falcons. As a senior in high school, John was on an undefeated team. Then, in junior college, he was on a national championship team. At Boise State, his team went to the NCAA Playoffs. He's ready for a shot at the NFL Playoffs.

College

Originally enrolled at Northern Arizona, John went back to his hometown of Modesto to Junior College. His successful two years there took him to Division II power, Boise State. As a senior, John was the Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Year. John had some 31 tackles behind the line for 173 yards in losses for the Broncos. With the track team, John also tossed the discus 164 feet to set a school record.

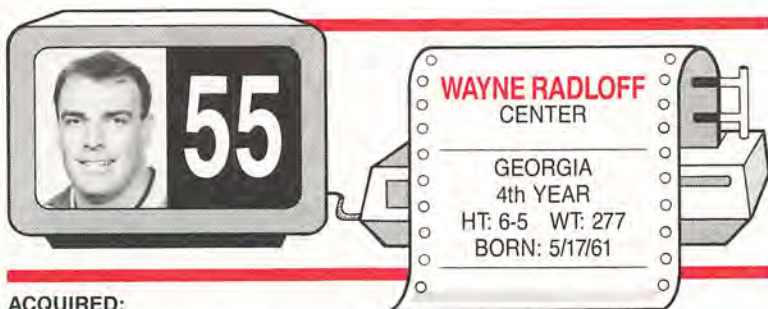
Personal

John was born in Ceres, California and his folks now live in Modesto, meaning the family gets to see John play in all those west coast games every year (division rivals San Francisco and Los Angeles). John graduated from Buena High in Sierra Vista, Arizona, where he received recognition in both football and track. John and his wife, Lori, have a daughter, Jenna, and currently live in Cumming, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Int.	Yds.	LG	FF	FR	TD
1983	Atl	16/11	117	66	51	2	0	0	0	3	2	1
1984	Atl	7/7	42	23	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1985	Atl	16/14	95	43	52	4.5	2	42	38t	1	0	1
1986	Atl	15/15	140	73	67	1	1	6	6	0	0	0
1987	Atl	11/11	123	55	68	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		65/58	517	260	157	8.5	3	42	38t	4	3	2

Rade's Personal Bests		
Tackles	Sacks	Interceptions
15 at T.B. (9-13-87) N.O. (12-14-86) at Rams (10-16-83) 14 Four Times	2 Rams (11-17-85)	1 S.F. (1985) Den. (1985) Colts (1986)



ACQUIRED:
Free Agent, March 1, 1985

Last Season

Faced with a challenge for his starting spot, Wayne battled through a calf injury in training camp. By the time the first snap was made for the regular season, however, it was Wayne who was doing it. And he never relinquished the position. He's now started 28 games over the past two years, missing only the three games during the players strike. Wayne has worked well with the changing quarterbacks making sure every play starts right despite a new set of hands receiving the football from him. Last fall, he snapped to three different starters in Archer, Campbell and Miller.

Pro Career

Wayne played in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1 with the Georgia Bulldogs, then signed a contract Jan. 22 with the Michigan Panthers of the USFL (second round draft choice-15th player selected overall). He played 17 games as a rookie for the Panthers that spring and helped that '83 squad, featuring QB Bobby Hebert and WR Anthony Carter, to a USFL Championship. He played in 35 USFL games over two seasons, earning all-USFL recognition. After his team merged, he was not selected in the USFL dispersal draft on Dec. 6, so he became a free agent. Wayne chose to sign with the Falcons and joined them on March 1. He spent his first Falcon season behind one of the club's all-time great linemen, Jeff Van Note. Since, he's become the starter and has never missed a game with an injury.

Notebook

Wayne's ring collection, like the Steelers old slogan, needs "one for the thumb." Wayne accumulated three rings at Georgia for the three Sugar Bowls, including the undefeated 1980 team that were national champions, then the USFL Championship ring in '83 with the Panthers...At 6-5, Wayne is one of the tallest centers in the NFL. He's quick (4.78 in the 40) and versatile, able to play either at guard (he did in college) or at tackle (he did as a rookie sub for the Falcons).

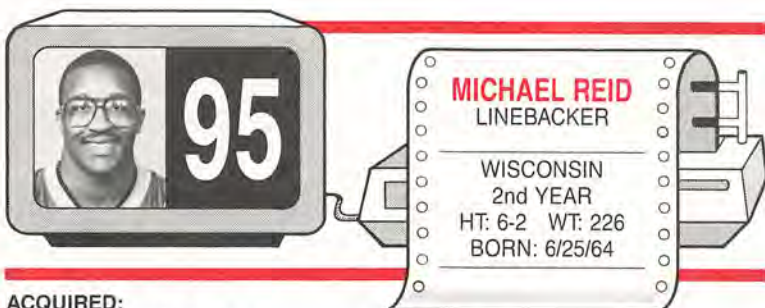
College

Wayne started his career as a guard for the Georgia Bulldogs but switched over to center as a senior. His three Sugar Bowls included a win over Notre Dame, 17-10, in 1981 to cap the undefeated season (Falcon linemate John Scully was a senior on that Irish squad). Then, in the '83 Sugar Bowl, the Pitt Panthers scored with 35 seconds left to win, 24-20, and end hopes for a second straight national championship. (QB Dan Marino led that team, but Pitt defensive coach Foge Fazio is now a Falcons assistant coach). In the '83 Sugar Bowl, the undefeated Bulldogs (captained by Radloff) dropped a 27-23 decision to Penn State (paced by RB Curt Warner & QB Todd Blackledge). Georgia, of course, during those years had a running back named Herschel Walker. Wayne was chosen to the SEC team and was selected to play in the East-West Shrine Game.

Personal

Born in London, England, Wayne's dad was stationed overseas with the Air Force. After 10 years there, Wayne and family moved to Winter Park, Fla., where the youngster went on to compete in football and track in high school. Wayne's specialty was the discus, an event that led Florida State to offer him a track scholarship. Wayne and his wife, Garland, have a son, Ryan (Jan., '87), and reside in Lawrenceville, GA.

Games Played/Started: 44/28 1985: 16/0; 1986: 16/16; 1987: 12/12



ACQUIRED:

1987 Draft, Round 7, 181st

Last Season

Rookie draft pick Michael quietly worked his way onto the final 45-man roster and ended up playing in 11 games, even starting the season finale against Detroit at the right inside linebacker spot. After making the roster for his special teams play, Michael finally got a chance to play some defense as the year progressed. He had four tackles as a reserve in the season opener at Tampa Bay, then had eight tackles in Week 14 at the Rams. In his start versus the Lions, Michael was credited with four tackles. For the year, he rang up 18 total tackles, plus four more tackles on the special teams coverage units. While being an NFL fan growing up, Michael had never been to a professional game, so when he played his first preseason game, it also marked the first NFL game he had ever seen live.

Notebook

Michael took up rug making as a hobby while in junior high at Radium Springs (Albany). He creates animal characters on the rugs and has found they are great birthday gifts "for the person who has everything." Michael is one of two Reid family members making Atlanta their home, as his sister is a student at Emory University.

College

A 317-tackle career at Wisconsin featured a team-high 156 as a senior first-team all Big-10 pick. The defensive signal caller was also honored with the Jimmy Demetral most valuable player trophy and the Ivan Williamson scholarship/sportsmanship award. Redshirted as a freshman, Michael had a 34-yard pass interception to highlight his rookie year at Wisconsin in '83. Injuries (broken hand and knee) caused him to miss playing time his sophomore and junior seasons. In a big game at Ohio State as a junior, Michael had three fumble recoveries. His top tackle game came against conference rival Michigan (22). Michael's career also included four fumble recoveries, two fumbles caused, three interceptions, nine pass deflections, and a pair of quarterback sacks. Michael also carried a 2.75 grade average, majoring in Computer Science.

Personal

Born in Montgomery, Alabama, Michael grew up in Albany, Georgia. He earned letters at Dougherty for his football skills (tight end), his track (sprinter) and his basketball talents (guard on state runner-up team as sophomore). Michael's father, Herman, had been an athlete himself, having tried out with the Boston Patriots. A bachelor, Michael now resides in Duluth, GA, and enjoys taking in basketball games to see his favorite athlete, Dominique Wilkins, perform.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Spec. Teams	FF	FR
1987	Atl.	11/1	18	10	8	4	0	0

FALCONS' BIRTHDAYS DURING THE SEASON

John Scully	30 on August 2	Mike Gann	25 on October 19
Chris Miller	23 on August 9	Tony Casillas	25 on October 19
Marcus Cotton	22 on August 11	Rankin M. Smith, Sr.	64 on October 29
Robert Moore	24 on August 15	Bill Fralic	26 on October 31
Rankin M. Smith, Jr.	41 on August 24		
		Erik Kramer	24 on November 6
Robert Lavette	25 on September 8	Gerald Riggs	28 on November 6
Alex Higdon	22 on September 9		
Jerry Rhea	53 on September 12	Joel Williams	32 on December 13
Aubrey Matthews	26 on September 15	Tim Green	25 on December 16
Jim Hanifan	55 on September 21	Michael Haynes	23 on December 24
		Elbert Shelley	24 on December 24
Brett Miller	30 on October 2	Tommy Brasher	48 on December 30
Leonard Mitchell	30 on October 12	Fred Bruney	57 on December 30



GERALD RIGGS
RUNNING BACK

ARIZONA STATE
7th YEAR
HT: 6-1 WT: 232
BORN: 11/6/60

ACQUIRED:

1982 Draft, Round 1, 9th

Last Season

When Gerald Riggs took his first handoff in the Pro Bowl, he made himself the only NFL back to have played in the last three consecutive Pro Bowls. That Pro Bowl capped another record-breaking season for the powerful runner who went over 1,000 combined yards for his fourth consecutive season as the Falcons starting running back. He rolled up four more 100-yard games, including 120 in the upset of Washington and 119 in the upset of Dallas. He even scored the game-winning touchdown in the fourth quarter of that Redskin victory. And, it was in the Dallas victory that he surpassed William Andrews to become the Falcons all-time leading rusher. Gerald averaged 4.3 yards per carry, a solid stat considering it included only two long runs (44 and 26). Sure-handed Gerald also caught 25 passes with longs of 48 and 31 yards as he's already 8th on the Falcons all-time receiving chart as well. Gerald, who often is at his best the more he carries and the later the game goes, gained over 60% of his yards last year in the first half as the Falcons were behind and passing in second halves. When the Falcons started rookies John Settle and Kenny Flowers as the second back in the final two games, it probably seemed strange to Gerald as the Falcons have been a predominately one-back team in Gerald's era.

Pro Career

As a number one draft choice, Gerald could only contribute as a reserve behind Pro Bowler William Andrews. In the five-year period from 1979-83, Andrews was the NFL's leading ground-gainer (5,772 rush-8,382 total). In the summer of '84, Andrews suffered a knee injury and Riggs was more than ready. Since then, Riggs is the NFL's second-leading ground gainer (5,402 rush-6,615 total) over the four-year span (Dickerson). Durable Gerald has started 56 of the possible 60 in those four years. The 9th player picked in 1982, Gerald came in with a group of running backs that included first rounders Darrin Nelson (7th), Marcus Allen (10th), Walter Abercrombie (12th), Barry Redden (14th), Butch Woolfolk (18th), plus Robert Weathers (40th), Joe Morris (45th) and Earl Ferrell (125th). Only Allen, a starter all six years, has outgained Riggs (by eight yards). Gerald has used his power (230-plus pounds), his speed (9.5 100, 4.6 40), and his hands (164 career catches) to become the only back to play in those last three Pro Bowls.

Notebook

Would you believe Gerald rushed for 200 yards in a game before he ever rushed for 100 yards in a game? In his first NFL start, busy Gerald carried 35 times for the

club-record 202 yards, then followed up three weeks later with a 120-yard game vs. Houston. His best game his first two years as a back-up was 72 yards...Gerald, who holds the club record for touchdowns scored (47), has not yet scored an NFL touchdown receiving, despite catching 164 passes...Gerald has handled the ball 1,638 times in his career, fumbling the ball just 29 times, a great ratio of one per every 56.5 times...Gerald has already moved up to 26th on the NFL's all-time rushing list (6,143) and is but 420 yards away from the top 20 (Lawrence McCutcheon).

NFL TOP RUNNERS
Last 4 Years (1984 thru 1987)
(Since Riggs Became the Starter)

NAME	CARRIES	YARDS	AVG.
Eric Dickerson, Colts	1,358	6,448	4.74
GERALD RIGGS, FALCONS	1,296	5,407	4.17
Walter Payton, Bears	1,172	5,101	4.35
Marcus Allen, Raiders	1,063	4,440	4.17
James Wilder, Bucs	1,068	4,036	3.77
Joe Morris, Giants	961	4,020	4.18
Earnest Jackson, Steelers	974	3,813	3.91
George Rogers, Redskins	924	3,805	4.11
Freeman McNeil, Jets	858	3,787	4.41
Tony Dorsett, Dallas	909	3,648	4.01
Curt Warner, Seahawks	854	3,600	4.21
Sammy Winder, Broncos	931	3,397	3.64
Roger Craig, 49ers	788	3,344	4.24

----- **Year-By-Year** -----

1986: His third straight 1,000-yard rushing season culminated in a second straight Pro Bowl. His 1,327 yards rushing (6th NFL) featured six 100-yard games and nine touchdowns. His top three games were all Falcon wins: 172 vs. Miami, 141 vs. Rams, and 129 vs. Tampa Bay. The Falcons running game ranked 3rd in the NFL thanks to Gerald.

1985: The NFC rushing leader (1,719) added 267 receiving to net 1,986 yards. His club record 397 carries were second most in NFL history. Add that with his 33 catches and you have 430 times he carried without fumbling. He reeled off a club record tying five straight 100-yard games en route to a club-record nine 100 yard games. His 197 yards at Kansas City were his second most career, while his 41 carries against the Rams were a record and the three TD's versus the Rams a record-tying effort.

1984: Finally the starter, Gerald finished 4th in the NFL with 1,436 yards, despite missing Week 6 (ankle). He scored 13 TDs (second NFL), producing five 100-yard games along the way. That season started with a 202-yard game and also featured his career long run (57 at New Orleans).

1983: Reserve Gerald led the team with eight touchdowns. He got 100 carries for 437 yards in spite of missing two full weeks with fractured ribs. He had a 40-yard TD gallop against the 49ers.

1982: The rookie joined William Andrews and Lynn Cain in one of the NFL's top backfields. He was given the ball just 78 times (299 yards), scoring five touchdowns and catching 23 passes for 185 more yards.

Records and Honors

Gerald has already put his name into the Falcon record book 17 times since becoming the starter four seasons ago. Here's the list of his achievements:

Riggs Falcons Club Records

Most Yards Rushing, Career	6,143
Most Rushing Attempts, Career	1,474
Most 100-yard Games, Career	24
Most Rushing Touchdowns, Career	47
Most Total Touchdowns, Career	47
Most Yards Rushing, Season	1,719 (1985)
Most Rushing Attempts, Season	397 (1985)
Most 100-Yard Games, Season	9 (1985)
Most Rushing Touchdowns, Season	13 (1984)
Most Total Touchdowns, Season (Ties)	13 (1984)
Most Yards Rushing, Game	202 (9-2-84)
Most Rushing Attempts, Game	41 (11-17-85)
Most Points, Game (Ties)	18 (11-17-85)
Most TD's, Game (Ties)	3 (11-17-85)
Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games	5 (1985)
Most Consecutive Games, Touchdown	5 (1985-86)
Most Consecutive Games, Rushing Touchdowns	5 (1985-86)

RIGGS 100-YARD GAMES

Date	Opponent	Attempt	Yards	Ave.	LG	TD	Score
9-2-84	at N.O.	35	202	5.8	57	2	40-34 (W)
12-8-85	at K.C.	26	197	7.6	50	1	10-38 (L)
11-30-86	at Miami	33	172	5.2	31	1	20-14 (W)
12-22-85	at N.O.	39	158	4.1	33	1	16-10 (W)
10-12-86	L.A. Rams	35	141	4.0	19	1	26-14 (W)
10-13-85	at Seattle	23	139	6.0	30	0	26-30 (L)
12-7-86	Ind. Colts	30	136	4.5	19	0	23-28 (L)
9-30-84	at S.F.	28	136	4.9	18	0	5-14 (L)
11-5-84	at Wash.	27	134	5.0	32	2	14-27 (L)
12-2-84	S.F.	30	133	4.4	19	1	17-35 (L)
9-8-85	Detroit	31	131	4.2	15	1	27-28 (L)
9-28-86	at T.B.	27	129	4.8	22	1	23-20 (W)
11-10-85	at Phil.	27	129	4.8	14	1	17-23 (L)
11-3-85	Wash.	22	127	5.8	21	0	10-44 (L)
10-27-85	at Dallas	24	127	5.3	16	0	10-24 (L)
11-17-85	L.A. Rams	41	123	3.0	12	3	30-14 (W)
9-20-87	Wash.	23	120	5.2	44	1	21-20 (W)
9-23-84	Houston	25	120	4.8	14	2	42-10 (W)
12-6-87	at Dallas	30	119	3.9	12	0	21-10 (W)
10-25-87	at Houston	21	113	5.4	26	0	33-37 (L)
11-15-87	Cincinnati	23	112	4.9	12	0	10-16 (L)
11-24-85	at Chicago	30	110	3.7	14	0	0-36 (L)
9-21-86	at Dallas	25	109	4.4	15	1	37-35 (W)
9-14-86	St. Louis	29	108	3.7	10	1	33-13 (W)

College

He didn't carry often, but he made the most of it for Arizona State. His 5.3 career average per carry was boosted by a senior conference-leading 6.0 average (148-891) that included runs of 70 and 68 yards. Recruited by tough Frank Kush, Gerald finished with a 31-15 record with backfield mates Robert Weathers and Willie Gittens. At the end of his senior year, he was chosen for the East-West Shrine Game and the Olympia Gold Bowl. His career totals read 392 carries for 2,086 yards, never getting the headlines as a 1,000-yard rusher. He played under Head Coaches Kush, Bob Owens and Darryl Rogers (Lions).

Personal

The oldest of the five children of Bertha Riggs, Gerald has two brothers (Adrian and Kevin) and two sisters (Lynn and Tamara). Born in Tilluha, LA, near the Mississippi line, Gerald Antonio moved to Las Vegas when his mom took a job as an insurance adjustor. Gerald was disappointed he couldn't attend high school at state champion power Western because of re-districting, but went on to become the State AAA offensive player of the year anyway at new Bonanza High, graduating in that school's first class ever. On Sept. 16, 1977, Gerald carried the ball just eight times against Henderson, scoring four touchdowns along with his eye-popping 236 yards (29.5 per carry average). Big Gerald also lettered in both basketball and track. He is an annual participant in the NFL Arm Wrestling contests in Las Vegas in the off-season and as an avid tennis player, he was invited to the White House tournament in 1987. Gerald also filmed the NFL's United Way public service announcement for the Falcons. Gerald has a son, Gerald, Jr., 5.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	No.	Rushing				No.	Receiving			
			Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1982	Atl.	78	299	3.8	37	5	23	185	8.0	15	0
1983	Atl.	100	437	4.4	40t	8	17	149	8.8	25	0
1984	Atl.	353	1486	4.2	57	13	42	277	6.6	21	0
1985	Atl.	397	1719	4.3	50	10	33	267	8.1	44	0
1986	Atl.	343	1327	3.9	31	9	24	136	5.7	11	0
1987	Atl.	203	875	4.3	44	2	25	199	8.0	48	0
Total		1474	6143	4.2	57	47	164	1213	7.4	48	0

Riggs' Personal Bests

RUSHING

No.	Yds.	LG	TD
* 41 Rams (11/17/85) 39 at N.O. (12/22/85) 35 at N.O. (9/2/84) Rams (9/12/86)	* 202 at N.O. (9/2/84) 197 at K.C. (12/8/85) 172 Colts (12/7/86) 158 at N.O. (12/22/85) *Club Record	57 at N.O. (9/2/84) 50 at K.C. (12/8/85) 44 Wash. (9/20/87) 33 at N.O. (12/22/85)	3 Rams (11/17/85) 2 (8 times)

RECEIVING

No.	Yds.	LG	TD
6 S.F. (10/19/86) Rams (10/22/84) at Pitt. (10/28/84) Clev. (11/18/84)	68 Wash. (11/3/85) 56 at SF (12/20/87) 56 G. Bay (12/26/82) 55 S.F. (12/2/84)	48 at SF (12/20/87) 40t SF (11-20-83) 44 Wash. (11/3/85) 31 at Hous. (10/25/87)	None

RIGGS' GAME BY GAME IN '84

Opponent	Att.	Rushing			LG	TD	No.	Receiving			TD
		Yds.	Avg.					Yds.	LG		
@ New Orleans	35	202	5.8	57	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	19	78	4.1	17	1	1	1	11	11	0	0
@ Minnesota	17	83	4.9	10	0	3	24	12	0	0	0
Houston	25	120	4.8	14	2	1	11	11	0	0	0
@ San Francisco	28	136	4.9	18	0	3	15	7	0	0	0
@ Los Angeles	DNP										
N.Y. Giants	10	63	6.3	13	1	3	18	8	0	0	0
L.A. Rams	20	66	3.3	15	0	6	24	10	0	0	0
@ Pittsburgh	25	80	3.2	11	0	6	42	12	0	0	0
@ Washington	27	134	5.0	32	2	1	8	8	0	0	0
New Orleans	29	90	3.1	16	1	2	3	5	0	0	0
Cleveland	21	71	3.4	10	0	6	41	9	0	0	0
@ Cincinnati	21	89	4.2	16	2	1	3	3	0	0	0
San Francisco	30	153	4.4	19	1	3	35	14	0	0	0
@ Tampa Bay	15	53	3.5	11	0	5	21	9	0	0	0
Philadelphia	31	81	2.8	9	1	1	21	21	0	0	0
Totals	353	1486	4.2	57	13	42	277	21	0	0	0

Total Combined Carries: 395

Per Game Avg: 26.3

Total Combined Yards: 1,763

Per Game Avg: 117.5

RIGGS' GAME BY GAME IN '85

Opponent	No.	Rushing			LG	TD	No.	Receiving			TD
		Yds.	Avg.					Yds.	LG		
Detroit	31	131	4.2	15	1	3	27	12	0	0	0
@ San Francisco	21	92	4.4	33	0	3	15	6	0	0	0
Denver	22	69	3.1	10	1	1	7	7	0	0	0
@ L.A. Rams	18	61	3.4	11	0	1	13	13	0	0	0
San Francisco	13	43	3.3	9	0	5	45	16	0	0	0
@ Seattle	23	139	6.0	30	0	1	7	7	0	0	0
New Orleans	26	97	3.7	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
@ Dallas	24	127	5.3	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	22	127	5.8	21	0	3	68	44	0	0	0
@ Philadelphia	27	129	4.8	14	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Los Angeles Rams	41	123	3.0	12	3	5	16	9	0	0	0
@ Chicago	30	110	3.7	14	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Los Angeles Raiders	25	95	3.8	13	1	1	9	9	0	0	0
@ Kansas City	26	197	7.6	50	1	3	22	9	0	0	0
Minnesota	10	13	1.3	4	0	1	11	11	0	0	0
@ New Orleans	39	158	4.1	33	1	4	25	11	0	0	0
Totals	397	1719	4.3	50	10	33	267	44	0	0	0

Total Combined Carries: 430

Per Game Average: 26.9

Total Combined Yards: 1,986

Per Game Average: 124.1

RIGGS' GAME BY GAME IN '86

Opponent	No.	Rushing				No.	Receiving		
		Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		Yds.	LG	TD
@ New Orleans	15	69	4.6	9	1	0	0	—	0
St. Louis	29	108	3.8	10	1	1	9	9	0
@ Dallas	25	109	4.3	15	1	0	0	0	0
@ Tampa Bay (ot)	27	129	4.8	22	1	1	10	10	0
Philadelphia	11	22	2.0	7	0	0	0	0	0
L.A. Rams	35	141	4.0	19	1	0	0	0	0
San Francisco (ot)	29	74	2.6	14	0	6	31	11	0
@ L.A. Rams	15	43	2.9	11	0	3	16	7	0
@ New England	26	97	3.7	16	2	1	8	8	0
N.Y. Jets	12	35	2.9	10	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	22	92	4.2	10	0	2	4	0	0
@ San Francisco	10	25	2.5	9	0	2	11	7	0
@ Miami	33	172	5.2	31	1	1	6	6	0
Indianapolis	30	136	4.5	19	0	3	13	5	0
New Orleans	13	50	3.8	14	0	2	12	9	0
@ Detroit	11	25	2.3	6	1	2	16	8	0
Totals	343	1327	3.9	31	9	24	136	11	0

Total Combined Carries: 367

Per Game Average: 22.9

Total Combined Yards: 1,463

Per Game Average: 91.4

RIGGS' GAME BY GAME IN '87

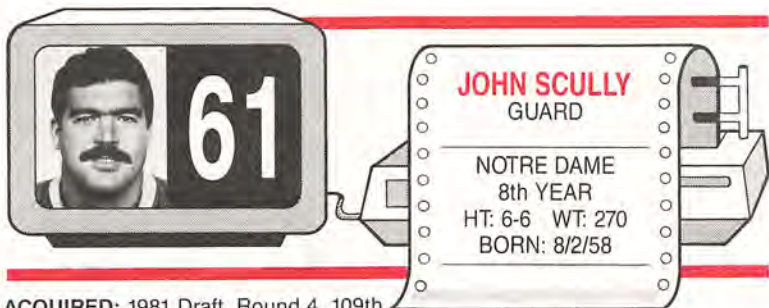
Opponent	No.	Rushing				No.	Receiving		
		Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		Yds.	LG	TD
@ Tampa Bay	12	52	4.3	11	0	4	27	10	0
Washington	23	120	5.2	44	1	1	6	6	0
@ New Orleans	Cancelled								
Pittsburgh	Did Not Play								
San Francisco	Did Not Play								
LA Rams	Did Not Play								
@ Houston	21	113	5.4	26	0	1	31	31	0
New Orleans	14	46	3.3	12	0	2	8	5	0
@ Cleveland	16	93	5.8	17	0	2	14	11	0
Cincinnati	23	112	4.9	12	0	3	22	10	0
@ Minnesota	15	41	2.7	8	0	5	24	11	0
St. Louis	15	60	4.0	8	0	1	4	4	0
@ Dallas	30	119	3.9	12	0	1	5	5	0
@ LA Rams	9	31	3.4	11	0	2	-4	2	0
@ SF 49ers	10	24	2.4	10	0	2	56	48	0
Detroit	15	64	4.3	10	0	1	6	6	0
Totals	203	875	4.3	44	2	25	199	48	0

Total Combined Carries: 228

Per Game Average: 19.0

Total Combined Yards: 1,074

Per Game Average: 89.5



ACQUIRED: 1981 Draft, Round 4, 109th

Last Season

After missing parts of the two previous years with a leg fracture and a re-injury to the same leg, John must have wondered if he was jinxed when he fractured his left hand in training camp. However, he continued right on through training camp, starting all four preseason games, then all 12 of the veteran regular season games. A veteran now of seven NFL seasons, John could play in his 100th NFL game this season (needs nine more), not counting the preseason or the postseason game he's played in over the years.

Pro Career

Drafted by the defending NFC Western Division Champions, John was to be the heir apparent to Pro Bowl center Jeff Van Note. He played all 16 games as a rookie, even earning all-rookie honors by UPI. And, he continued to be the understudy through the Falcons '82 playoff season. Finally, in 1983, he found an opportunity and made the most of the chance. When R.C. Thielemann held out in a contract dispute, John was moved in as the starting right guard. When R.C. came back, it was R.C. who found another spot (left guard). John got his name called for a holding penalty in that '83 season opener and was never whistled for holding the rest of the season. In '84, John quietly went about his business, starting all 16 and drawing but one holding call. In John's fifth year, R.C. was traded and Bill Fralic was put into the right guard spot, with John moving over to the left guard position. After 65 consecutive games played, John was injured in the Week 8 game against the Cowboys. On the second play of the game, Gerald Riggs rolled over on John's right leg, fracturing the tibia and fibula. In '86, John returned to his starting left guard slot, playing the first 14 games before he reinjured that same leg in the Week 14 game (Colts) and missed the final two games. John's been steady enough in his play to warrant recognition, but many of his linemates have stolen the spotlight with Pro Bowl selection (Kenn-5 time, Van Note-6 times, Thielemann-3 times, and Fralic-2 times).

Notebook

John's got another professional career: one as a pianist and entertainer. He's been playing the piano since third grade, making that career longer than his football one (sixth grade). From a performance with the Midwest Pops in South Bend, Indiana, to nightclubs in the Atlanta area, "the keyboard artistry of John Scully" has been

heard. He's composed tunes, recorded songs, and invested lots of time and money into his musical career.

College

An outstanding senior season at Notre Dame established John's stock as a talented offensive lineman. He finished as the runner-up in the Outland Trophy balloting (Mark May-Pitt-Redskins), but was unanimous first-team all-American by AP, UPI, Football Coaches, Sporting News, and Football News. His Notre Dame career began at tackle, but ended with him a center and team leader (tri-captain). John received a Liberal Arts degree from Notre Dame.

Personal

Born in Massapequa, New York, John played football and baseball at Holy Family in Huntington, New York. John's dad has been a patent lawyer and a chemistry professor. One of John's summer jobs (junior year in college) was as an intern in the United States Senate in Washington. Family reunions must center around football talk as one brother-in-law is Tom Thayer, a guard with the Chicago Bears, and the other is Jim Boyter, head coach of Joliet Catholic High team that won the 5A football championship last year. John and his wife, Annette, have a one-year-old son, Britt, and reside in Roswell, GA.

Games Played/Started: 91/66 (1/0) 1981: 16/0; 1982: 9/0 (1/0); 1983: 16/16
1984: 16/16; 1985: 8/8; 1986: 14/14
1987: 12/12

JOHN SETTLE
RUNNING BACK

APPALACHIAN STATE
2nd YEAR
HT: 5-9 WT: 207
BORN: 6/2/65

ACQUIRED: Free Agent, April 30, 1987

Last Season

A pleasant surprise for the Falcons was finding ways to use the talents of this undrafted free agent. The rookie ended up playing in nine games and starting one as he netted 383 total yards, showing the coaches he'd run, catch, block, return, or anything to play in the NFL. Right away, he grabbed attention in practice, then in the second week of preseason at Kansas City, John had a 16-yard catch and a 12-yard run. He played a lot of special teams early in the season, then over the final six weeks got some playing time. Against St. Louis, he filled in for Gerald Riggs in

the second half, running nine times for 44 yards, then exploded against Dallas the next week, catching two short passes and turning them into 36 and 26 yard gains. He caught three passes the next week against the Rams (long 17) and started the Week 15 game in a two-back set with the 49ers. He netted 76 yards (20 rush, 34 rec., 22 ret.). In the finale against the Lions, John returned six kicks for 101 yards as they kicked away from NFL leader, Sylvester Stamps.

----- Notebook -----

Growing up in North Carolina, just about 10 miles over the border from Danville, VA (home of former Falcon LB Buddy Curry), John says he rooted for the Falcons in high school and even went out and bought a Falcon tee-shirt...Off the field, you can recognize John for his steel-rimmed glasses or the tatoo on his right bicep of his fraternity (Alpha Phi Alpha).

----- College -----

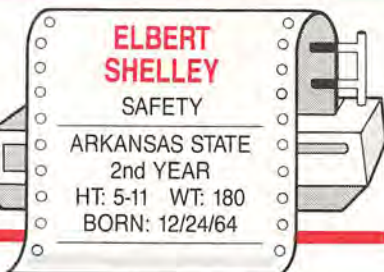
It takes a lot of adjectives to describe John's college career. Let's try productive (4,409 yards rushing to rank third ever in NCAA I-AA history and 5,113 total combined yards). Let's use explosive (long runs of 88, 86, 61 - long catch of 49). Or, how about consistent (4.9 career rush average, up to 5.3 and 5.2 as a junior and senior). There's always the term impressive to describe his 44 total touchdowns scored in a 44-game career. And, there's remarkable to label his 22, 100-yard plus games in that 44-game span. Or, sensational might be appropriate for the four games when he netted over 200 yards. His coaches used the word superb to describe his blocking. One could throw in clutch for some of his game-winning heroics, record-setting for his five-TD game or his 273-total yardage game or dependable for his low percentage of fumbling. For the Mountaineers of Applachian State (enrollment over 10,000 students) in the Southern Conference, John set 31 school records and 19 conference records. Big number 23 was well-known on the Boone, N.C. campus for four years, but it's doubtful he'll soon be forgotten.

----- Personal -----

Born in Reidsville, N.C., John grew up in Ruffin of Rockingham County. Jerry, a pastor at Locust Hill Holiness Church, and Elizabeth made sure all six children knew right from wrong and did their share of the chores. John had sunset curfews, went to church twice a week, and learned the values his college coaches later commended him on (...he's never late, never misses a meeting or practice, always goes to classes, wouldn't think of cheating...'). He doesn't drink alcohol or smoke, choosing to stay away from parties with too much revelry. His athletic career began to blossom at Rockingham County High, where he was Conference Player of the Year and all-State in football, plus all-Conference in track, plus a wrestler. His first football hero was Jim Brown, but he respects Herschel Walker for his discipline. John also enjoys cooking and playing the drums in his spare time. A bachelor, John returns to his family home in North Carolina in the off-season.

----- Career Statistics -----

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rush.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	LG
1987	Atl	9/1	19	72	3.8	12	11	153	13.9	36	10	158	15.8	22



ACQUIRED:

1987 Draft, Round 11, 292nd

Last Season

After impressing the coaches with his hitting and quickness, Elbert suffered a neck injury in the preseason and was placed on Injured Reserve on September 2. He was activated for the Week 12 St. Louis game and saw action in the final four regular season games (three tackles, one pass defended). In the Week 13 win at Dallas, Elbert led the special teams with three tackles, being one of the players who forced the fumble on a kickoff return that the Falcons scored a TD on in the first quarter. He was used in the Falcons nickel defense for passing situations.

College

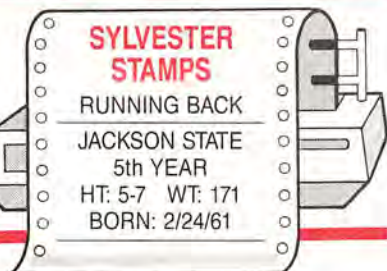
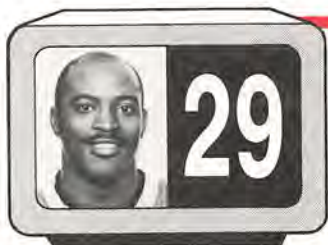
With his 4.5 speed and his strong tackling, Elbert was a leader of the secondary for the Division I-AA Indians of Arkansas State. The strong safety came in with six pass interceptions for 75 yards, making 103 tackles over his final two seasons as a starter. Originally, his college coaches tried to use his athletic ability as a running back, where he carried only eight times for 62 yards with long runs of 30 and 24 yards, plus a touchdown. Elbert had been credited with forcing four fumbles and recovering three, plus batting away nine passes and making two QB sacks, for Arkansas State.

Personal

A Christmas Eve present for Herbert and Clytee Shelley, Elbert Vernell was the 10th of their 11 children. Born in Tyronza, Arkansas, Elbert was the football star of Trumann High. He was selected the Arkansas outstanding 2AAA running back as a senior, running for over 100 yards in all 10 games as he average 7.1 yards per carry en route to 1,687 yards for a 9-3 playoff team. Over the final 20 games in his high school career, Elbert ran for over 100 in 16 of them, scoring 21 touchdowns. An athlete with a 38-inch vertical jump, he also was all-Conference in basketball and track. Elbert and his wife, De'Lisa, now live in Duluth, Georgia, having moved here from Jonesboro, Arkansas.

FIRST GAME "JITTERS"

Starting your first NFL game makes most players extra nervous and jittery. But for two Falcon running backs, that first start was one for the record books. One Sept. 2, 1979, rookie William Andrews started the season opener at New Orleans and responded with a 20-carry, club record 167-yard performance. Five years later, Gerald Riggs got his first NFL start, also at New Orleans, and burst into the spotlight with a 35-carry, club-record 202-yard performance. Neither has ever equalled that game-best in their illustrious careers.



ACQUIRED:

Free Agent, May 2, '84/Dec. 10 '85

Last Season

1987 won't be one Sylvester will soon forget. It was filled with highs (NFL kickoff return title, club records, a 97-yard TD, and maybe best, the birth of a baby daughter). It was filled with lows (a 17-day contract holdout dispute, landing on his neck in a game and being carried off the field, and a five-week absence with a foot injury). Sylvester's season really got into high gear in the first game after the strike. Against Houston, "Mighty Mouse" set a club record by returning five kickoffs for 193 yards with longs of 74 and 43 yards. When he was tackled on the 74-yard return, he landed on his neck and was carried off the field for x-rays. They were negative, so he returned for the second half and the record. Next week, against New Orleans, he suffered a sprain of his left foot. It was swollen so bad he went on Injured Reserve. Nov. 9, recovered, and he was re-activated Dec. 12 for the final three weeks. In Week 15 at San Francisco, Sylvester burned the 49ers for a 97-yard touchdown return (third longest club history), only to stand and watch Joe Cribbs return the ensuing kickoff 92 yards for a 49er TD (only the third time in NFL history for back-to-back). Then, in the season finale, Detroit kicked away from the dangerous returner and he ended up with the NFL title and a season club record 27.5 average. Sylvester accomplished these numbers in seven games, but had no returns against Detroit and only one vs. Washington. In the six games that he returned a kickoff, he had a return of at least 30 yards in five of them. His NFL mates respected his return ability enough to vote him as an alternate for the Pro Bowl team. He was named by the Sporting News as the top kickoff returner in the NFL.

Pro Career

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again, an old saying goes. Well, Mr. Stamps has kept trying since being cut by the Birmingham Stallions of the USFL in 1984 after only one week. The Falcons signed him and then the next year in training camp they released him and no other NFL team would sign him. He resigned with the Falcons in December of '85 and has been with the team since. After four years with the Falcons, he's got the two club records (highest average return, season, and most kickoff yards, game) and is but 12 kickoff returns and 275 yards from becoming the club's all-time career leader (Ron Smith (82 for 1,989 yards). Sylvester's 963 total combined yards in 1986 and his 706 of last year were both second on the club to Gerald Riggs. He's now scored two NFL touchdowns (one receiving, one returning) with both coming against the 49ers.

Year-By-Year

1986: With a 21.4 KOR average, Sylvester was 6th in the NFC. He had big plays that included a 48-yard run vs. the Patriots, a 39-yard game-tying TD with 1:33 against the 49ers, and a 35-yard KOR against the Bears. For combined yards, he had 136 in the Week 7 San Francisco game, 132 at Tampa Bay and 126 in the San Francisco rematch. He injured a hamstring in Week 13 and was placed on Injured Reserve for the final two weeks.

1985: After being released in camp, he was re-signed on Dec. 6, but Dec. 7, and signed again Dec. 10. In the final games he had a 22.3 KOR average.

1984: Rookie Sylvester was one return shy of qualifying for the NFC kickoff title (23.2 average). His top game was against the Steelers when he returned five kickoffs for 149 yards (long 50). He also had a 31-yard catch against Pittsburgh.

College

Busy Sylvester stamped his final year at Jackson State with a 1,082-yard senior season. He had career averages of 11.0 for 66 punt returns and 23.8 for 41 kickoff returns. He led the SWAC twice in kickoff returns, while his 120 all-purpose yards per game as a senior also led the conference. His three-year totals added up to 2,756 total yards (918.7 per year, almost 100 per game). His final totals read 41 KOR-976-23.8, 66 PR-723-11.0, 171 Rush-895-5.2, and 9 Rec.-162-18.0. His top KOR season (25.5) was as a senior, with his top PR average (11.9) as a freshman.

Personal

In his hometown of Vicksburg, Mississippi, Sylvester began his athletic career by totaling over 3,000 yards at Vicksburg High. At one point, he had spent some time as a volunteer fireman there. Small in size, big in ability, he has gone through nicknames from "Special Delivery" to "Zip Code" to "Sly" and "Mighty Mouse." He's always been one of the fastest, if not the fastest, member of the teams he played for as a result of his consistent 4.4 speed. He and his wife, Gale, still call Vicksburg home, where they're bringing up daughter, Shenecia, who was born last August 27.

Career Statistics

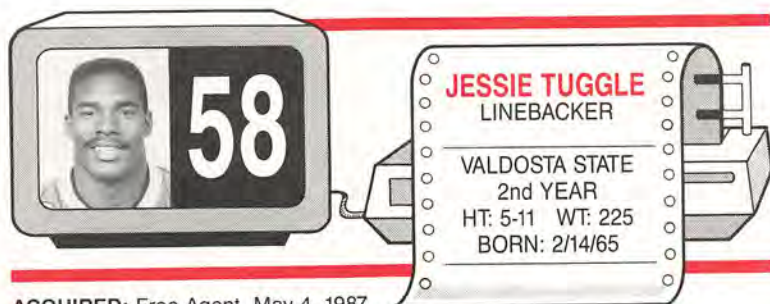
Year	Team	GP/GS	Kickoff Returns				Rushing				Receiving			
			No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
1984	Atl.	10/0	19	452	23.8	50	3	15	5.0	0	4	48	8	0
1985	All.	2/0	4	89	22.3	32	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
1986	All.	14/0	24	514	21.4	35	30	220	7.3	0	20	221	39t	1
1987	Atl.	7/0	24	660	27.5	97t	1	6	6.0	0	4	40	19	0
Totals		33/0	71	1715	24.2	97t	34	241	7.1	0	28	309	39t	1



Stamp's Personal Bests - Kickoff Returns			
No.	Yds.	LG	TD
6 at TB (9/13/87) 5 at SF (12/20/87) 5 at Hou (10/25/87) 5 at Pitt (10/28/84) 4 at TB (9/28/86)	193 at Hou (10/25/87) 177 at SF (12/20/87) 149 at Pitt (10/28/84) 117 at TB (9/13/87) 103 at TB (9/28/86)	197 at SF (12/20/87) 74 at Hou (10/25/87) 50 at Pitt (10/28/84) 43 at Hou (10/25/87) 41 at Minn (9/16/84)	1 at SF (12/20/87)
Receiving			
No.	Yds.	LG	TD
3 (4 times)	63 SF (10/19/86) 44 at Pitt (10/28/84) 41 at NE (11/2/86)	39t SF (10/19/86) 31 at Pitt (10/18/84)	1 SF (10/19/86)
Rushing			
No.	Yds.	LG	TD
6 SF (10/19/86) 3 (4 times)	55 at NE (11/2/86) 43 SF (10/19/86) 36 at SF (11/23/86)	48 at NE (11/2/86) 20 SF (10/19/86) 20 at SF (11/23/86)	None

Total Yards:

199 at Houston - 193 ko ret + 6 rush (10/25/87)
 194 Pitt - 149 ko ret + 44 rec + 1 rush (10/18/84)
 177 at SF - 177 ko ret (12/20/87)
 136 SF - 63 rec + 43 rush + 30 ko ret (10/19/86)
 132 at TB - 103 ko ret + 15 rec + 14 rush (9/28/86)
 126 at SF - 59 ko ret + 36 rush + 31 rec (11/23/86)



Last Season

A long-shot free agent from a small school, Jessie kept beating the odds and then ended up playing all 12 games, starting four, as a rookie NFL linebacker. He made his first impression in the weight room (pound-for-pound one of the team's strongest players, even benching twice his own body weight), then he made his impressions

on the football field. Jessie really earned his spot by his special teams play (he went on to finish second in tackles during the regular season with seven solos covering kicks). He also had a kickoff tackle inside the 20 in the upset of Washington. He saw his first duty at linebacker in Week 8 against the Saints, making three tackles, a QB sack, and two QB hurries replacing an injured Joel Williams. Jessie started the next four games for Joel at the right outside position, registering nine tackles in his first assignment against Cleveland. His final rookie season totals included 35 tackles, a sack, six hurries, and two passes defended. Now a "veteran," he'll be facing the challenges of a new crop of rookie linebackers trying to take his job.

Notebook

During an off-season banquet, Jessie's college coach, Mike Cavan, found his way to Coach Marion Campbell to tell him about a terrific linebacker. A Falcon scout headed downstate to Valdosta and came back reporting the prospect was making just about every tackle on the field. The Falcons gambled Jessie wouldn't get drafted and immediately offered him a free agent contract and a chance to come to Atlanta.

College

An all-American for Division II Valdosta State, Jessie was a three-time all Gulf South Conference pick and a four-year starter for the Braves. He was the team leader for the 9-2 nationally ranked Braves, making 129 tackles (nearly twice as many as the next player). Jessie improved his tackle totals each year from 40 to 64 to 107 to the 129 to leave with a school-record 340 tackles from his inside linebacker position.

Personal

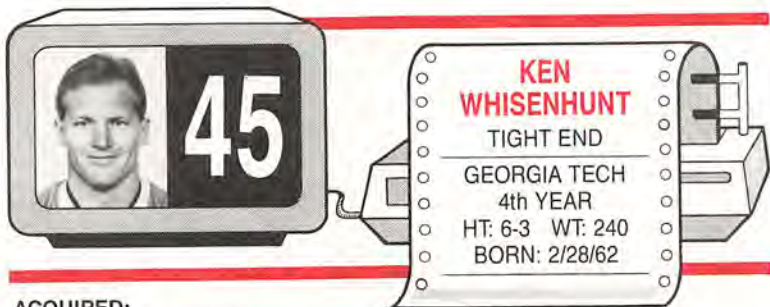
Jessie Floyd Tuggle is a Georgia native, born in Spalding and raised in Griffin. He played his high school ball at Griffin High, the same as former NFL star, now Falcon scout, Elbert Dubenion. Jessie played both football (team MVP) and baseball. Jessie is the fourth of the six children of Jessie, Sr. and Ada Tuggle. A bachelor, Jessie now lives in Duluth, Georgia.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sack	Hurry	Pass Def.	Spec. Teams
1987	Atl.	12/4	35	18	17	1	6	2	7

PLAYOFF SEASONS OF LAST DECADE

7 times.....	Dallas Cowboys, L.A. Rams, Miami Dolphins
6 times.....	Denver Broncos, San Francisco 49ers
5 times.....	Chicago Bears, Cleveland Browns L.A. Raiders, Pittsburgh Steelers Washington Redskins
4 times.....	Houston Oilers, Minnesota Vikings New England Patriots, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets Philadelphia Eagles, San Diego Chargers
3 times.....	ATLANTA FALCONS Seattle Seahawks, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
2 times.....	Buffalo Bills, Cincinnati Bengals, Detroit Lions
1 time.....	Green Bay Packers, Indianapolis Colts Kansas City Chiefs, New Orleans Saints St. Louis (Phoenix) Cardinals



ACQUIRED:

1985 Draft, Round 12, 313th

Last Season

Ken's 1987 year, health-wise, went from bad to worse. He missed all of the summer training camp as a result of a stress fracture of his right tibia. But, he got himself ready for the season opener. Through seven games, he had caught 17 passes and was playing a key role as the H-back when he suffered a separated shoulder against the Vikings and was lost for the remainder of the season. The new offensive coaches were finding ways to utilize Ken's talents. In the Week 2 upset of Washington, Ken played a vital role, catching a personal best six passes for 68 yards (long 26). Then came the strike. In his first game back, Ken caught three passes and scored a touchdown against the Oilers. He had already grabbed four passes when he injured his shoulder in that Minnesota game.

Pro Career

Defying the odds as a 12th round draft pick, Ken fought his way onto the roster by upping his weight (225 to 240) and by being willing to play on the special teams (seven tackles). He's already a veteran of 37 NFL games and 40 catches, showing his versatility as a receiver and a tough blocker. He earned his starting role as an H-back in 1986, going on to catch 20 passes and score three touchdowns, while leading the blocking for seven 100-yard rushing games for a club-record setting rushing game. His three TD's came against Dallas, the Jets, and the Saints. His '86 training camp was hampered by arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, but he missed only two preseason games and came back to play in all 16 games.

Notebook

He hasn't driven the team bus yet, but Ken has played receiver, running back, kickoff returner, lead blocker, motion back, special teams coverage, and even third-string quarterback. That's about what he had done down I-85 at Georgia Tech, plus hold for placekicks and play some fullback...Ken can tell a little white lie and say he's hit a hole-in-one golf shot. He did actually hit the ball from the tee into the hole, the only problem was it was his second tee shot because the first shot had gone in the water.

College

Befitting his jack-of-all-positions label, Ken became the first modern-era five-year letterman at Georgia Tech. The 185-pound walk-on earned a spot on the roster and then actually ended up playing QB his freshman year against the number one team in the nation (Notre Dame), battling to a tie, as a result of injuries. He kept bulking

up to 225 as a senior and left as the school's third all-time leading pass receiver with 82 catches for 1,264 yards as an all-ACC pick. Ken had majored in Civil Engineering, a career he plans to pursue following football.

Personal

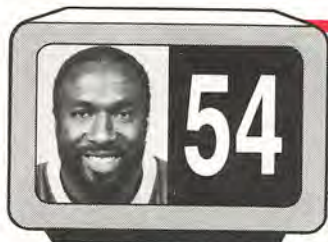
Born in Atlanta, but raised in Augusta, Kenneth Moore Whisenhunt played quarterback/defensive back at Richmond Academy in Augusta. A knee injury as a senior limited his stats and frightened away college scouts. Ken has two younger sisters and an older brother. Ken is very active in this area for local charity causes, speaking out against alcohol and drugs. An avid golfer and a bachelor, Ken attended classes to work on his engineering degree. He currently resides in Roswell.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1985	Atl.	16/0	3	48	16.0	29	0	1	3	3.0	3	0
1986	Atl.	16/14	20	184	9.2	23t	3	1	20	20.0	20	0
1987	Atl.	7/7	17	145	8.5	26	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total		29/21	40	377	9.4	29	4	2	23	11.5	20	0

Whisenhunt's Personal Bests Receiving

No.	Yds.	LG	TD
6 Wash. (9/20/87)	68 Wash. (9/20/87)	29 at Sea. (10/13/85)	1 at Hou (10/25/87)
4 at Minn (11/22/87)	39 at Dal. (9/21/86)	26 Wash. (9/20/87)	1 at Dal. (9/21/86)
4 at Det. (12/21/86)	39 at Det. (12/21/86)	23t Jets (11/9/86)	1 Jets (11/9/86)
3 at Hou (10/25/87)	29 at Sea (10/13/85)	21 at Dal. (9/21/86)	1 Colts (12/7/86)
3 Phil (10/5/86)	27 at Minn (11/22/87)		
3 at NE (11/2/86)	25 Jets (11/9/86)		



JOEL WILLIAMS

LINEBACKER

WISCONSIN-

LaCROSSE

10th YEAR

HT: 6-1 WT: 225

BORN: 12/13/56

ACQUIRED:

1986 Trade with Eagles, 5th pick

Last Season

As the defensive signal caller, Joel was the field general. A rotator cuff strain caused him to miss a month of action (Weeks 9-12), but he did finish fifth on the team in total tackles with 72 (an average of nine per game). His 9th NFL season featured

a personal-best tackle game of 15 (Week 14 vs. 49ers), plus 11 tackles in the Washington upset and 11 tackles at Houston (Week 7). He also had 10-tackle games in Week 13 vs. the Rams and the season finale vs. Detroit, giving him 35 tackles over those final three games. Joel's eight starts also included seven QB hurries and five passes defended.

Pro Career

Heading into his second decade in the NFL, Joel has played in 113 NFL games, starting 87, sacking QB's some 28 times, recovering nine fumbles, and intercepting five passes. All this from a guy who had to practically beg for an NFL tryout and was cut by the first team he tried out with. Ignored in the NFL draft, Joel got his college coaches to persuade Dolphin Coach Don Shula to sign him as a free agent. He lasted most of that training camp as a rookie (cut Aug. 27) as he competed with Rusty Chambers and Bob Matheson at an inside LB spot on a team whose linebackers also included Kim Bokamper, Steve Towle, Earnest Rhone, Larry Gordon, plus a young DE named A.J. Duhe and a third round draftee, Mel Land. The Falcons immediately claimed Joel off the waiver wire and by his second year he was starting and setting club records (16 sacks) for the Western Division champions. In '83, Coach Campbell in Philadelphia traded for Joel, giving the Falcons a second round pick (used for Scott Case). In '86, Coach Campbell traded a 5th pick (Eagles used for DE Dan McMillen) to get Joel back to Atlanta.

Notebook

Three touchdowns and a safety have netted 20 points for the defense, thanks to Joel. As part of the "Gritz Blitz," Joel returned fumbles 57 and 42 yards for touchdowns, returned an interception 14 yards for a touchdown, and sacked a QB for the two-point safety. He scored a TD and added a sack in a game back in 1981. Going up to Green Bay, where many of his former college teammates and coaches were on hand, Joel sparked his team from a 17-0 third quarter deficit to a remarkable 31-point fourth quarter with a 57-yard fumble return. As a second-year pro, starting with rookies Buddy Curry and Al Richardson, Joel led the NFC with his 16 sacks, had three fumble recoveries, and two interceptions, plus 78 tackles for the Division Champion Falcons.

Year-By-Year

1986: For the NFL's sixth-ranked defense, signal caller Joel made his return to Atlanta positive with 87 tackles, two interceptions (one TD), a forced fumble, 14 QB hurries and 12 passes defended. Against the Bears, he intercepted a pass for a TD, forced a Walter Payton fumble, and had seven tackles.

1985: A contract dispute made Joel decide to sit out until Eagle management finally signed him for the final seven weeks of the season (no starts).

1984: Working with Marion Campbell, Joel was a leader with 97 tackles, two fumble recoveries, 1.5 QB sacks, a forced fumble and a field goal block. He was given a game ball by his teammates in the Buffalo win in a game that he broke through three blockers on a TE screen and made a TD-saving tackle.

1983: Traded to the Eagles at the end of camp, Joel started all 16 games, making 105 tackles, 2.5 QB sacks, seven QB hurries, and four passes defended. Against the Falcons, he had a 19-tackle game, against Dallas a fumble recovery, and against San Francisco, a forced fumble that led to a FG and a Falcon win.

1982: Joel came back from a knee injury to make 36 tackles, three sacks, four passes defended, and a fumble recovery in the nine-game strike season.

1981: A knee injury in Week 3 sidelined him for six games and eight starts, but he still had three fumble recoveries (one TD), two QB sacks, an interception, and three passes defended.

1980: Joel's big year included the NFC-leading 16 QB sacks, three fumble recoveries (one a 42-yard TD vs. Detroit), a sack for a safety (also Detroit), two interceptions and even a three-sack game versus the Rams.

1979: The NFL rookie spent all summer at the Dolphins camp, was cut, then signed by the Falcons. He played a lot of special teams, but still came through with 67 tackles and a pair of QB sacks for the Falcons.

College

He enrolled at Peru State (Nebraska), stayed one week, and went on up to NAIA school Wisconsin-LaCrosse. He worked his way through school on a work-study grant and earned his B.A. degree in Business Administration. An NAIA all-America pick as a senior, he earned a reputation for big plays by scoring four touchdowns for the Indians (two interceptions, two blocked punt returns). Joel had fractured his leg and was redshirted in 1977 (his junior season).

Personal

One of six children of Retha Williams, Joel was born in Miami and grew up just a few blocks from the Dolphins' Biscayne training facility. Like his two brothers and three sisters, Joel went to North Miami High. In 1983, Joel legally adopted his nephew from Miami, Tyrone, and has him playing football (wide receiver at Meadow Creek High). Joel also has a son of his own, Elam, 3. In the off-season, Joel works as a real estate broker with his own company. He has built quite a collection of reggae music albums over the years as one of his favorite diversions. A bachelor now, Joel (pronounced jo-EL) currently lives in Suwanee, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles		Interceptions			TD	Fumbles		
			No.	Sacks	No.	Yds.	LG		FF	FR	TD
1979	All.	16/0	67	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1980	Atl.	16/16	78	16	2	55	32	0	0	3	1
1981	Atl.	10/8	21	3	1	25	25	0	0	2	1
1982	Atl.	9/9	36	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1983	Phil.	16/16	105	2.5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
1984	Phil.	16/16	97	1.5	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
1985	Phil.	7/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986	Atl.	15/14	87	0	2	18	14t	1	1	0	0
1987	Atl.	8/8	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		113/87	563	28*	5	98	32	1	3	9	2

*includes one safety

Williams' Personal Bests

Tackles	QB Sacks	Int.
15 at SF (12/20/87) 12 St.L. (12/14/86)	3 L.A. (10/26/80)	2 at N.O. (10/19/80)

HOW THE FALCONS WERE BUILT

(43 veteran players)

Year	No. Acq.	Drafted (21)	Free Agents (18)	Trades (4)
1978	1	T Mike Kenn (1st-13th)		
1981	3	CB Bobby Butler (1st-25th) G John Scully (4th-109th)		
1982	3	RB Gerald Riggs (1st-9th) WR Stacey Bailey (3rd-63rd)	RB Eddie Meyers*	
1983	2	T Brett Miller (4th-129th) LB John Rade (8th-215th)		
1984	2	DE Rick Bryan (1st-9th) S Scott Case (2nd-32nd)		
1985	7	G Bill Fralic (1st-2nd) DE Mike Gann (2nd-45th) TE Ken Whisenhunt (12th-313th)*	DB David Croudip P Rick Donnelly C Wayne Radloff RB Sylvester Stamps	
1986	12	DT Tony Casillas (1st-2nd) LB Tim Green (1st-17th)* WR Floyd Dixon (6th-154th)	QB Scott Campbell LB Joe Costello G Jamie Dukes G Billy Hinson* WR Aubrey Matthews TE Ron Middleton S Robert Moore	S Bret Clark* (from Raiders for 4th round pick) LB Joel Williams (from Eagles for 5th round pick)
1987	14	QB Chris Miller (1st-13th) RB Kenny Flowers (2nd-31st) DE Mark Mraz (5th-125th) LB Michael Reid (7th-181st) DB Elbert Shelley (11th-292nd) RB Larry Emery (12th-320th)*	S Tim Gordon RB Major Everett QB Erik Kramer RB John Settle LB Jessie Tuggle LB Rich Kraynak	DE Greg Brown (from Eagles for Mike Pitts) T Leonard Mitchell (from Eagles for 4th round pick)
1988	12	LB Aundray Bruce (1st-1st) LB Marcus Cotton (2nd-28th) TE Alex Higdon (3rd-56th) DB Charles Dimry (5th-110th) WR George Thomas (6a-138th) G Houston Hoover (6b-140th) WR Michael Haynes (7th-166th) LB Phillip Brown (8th-194th) RB James Primus (9th-222nd) T Stan Clayton (10th-250th) WR James Milling (11th-278th) S Carter Wiley (12th-306th)		

* Injured Reserve at End of '87 Season

ATLANTA FALCONS 1988 VETERAN ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP	COLLEGE	HOW ACQUIRED	1987 GP/GS
36	Anderson, Anthony	S	6-2	208	10/24/64	1	Grambling	FA '88	
26	Armstrong, John	DB	5-10	195	7/7/63	1	Richmond	FA '88	
47	Badanjek, Rick	RB	5-8	217	4/25/62	2	Maryland	FA '88	2/2
82	Bailey, Stacey	WR	6-1	157	2/10/60	7	San Jose State	D3 '82	7/6
94w	Bayless, Gerald	TE	6-3	240	7/5/64	2	Bowling Green	FA '88	
96w	Blount, Alvin	WR	6-4	201	2/13/64	1	Eastern Kentucky	FA '88	
91	Bohm, Ron	DE	6-3	253	9/3/64	2	Illinois	FA '88	3/3*
98	Brown, Greg	DE	6-5	265	1/5/57	8	Kansas State	TR '87	12/5
85	Brown, Ken	WR	5-8	175	3/10/65	1	So. Arkansas	FA '88	
77	Bryan, Rick	DE	6-4	265	3/20/62	5	Oklahoma	D1 '84	9/9
23	Butler, Bobby	CB	5-11	175	5/28/59	8	Florida State	D1 '81	12/12
80	Byrd, Sylvester	TE	6-2	225	5/1/63	1	Kansas	FA '88	2/2
10	Campbell, Scott	QB	6-0	195	4/15/62	5	Purdue	FA '86	12/9
25	Case, Scott	CB	6-0	178	5/17/62	5	Oklahoma	D2a '84	11/10
75	Casillas, Tony	NT	6-3	280	10/26/63	3	Oklahoma	D1a '86	9/9
28	Clark, Bret	S	6-3	198	2/24/61	2	Nebraska	T '86	1/1
70w	Colton, George	G	6-4	279	7/28/63	1	Maryland	FA '88	
56	Costello, Joe	LB	6-3	244	6/1/60	3	Central CT State	FA '86	9/4
30	Croudip, David	CB	5-8	183	1/5/59	5	San Diego State	FA '85	12/3
5	Davis, Greg	K	5-11	197	11/29/65	1	Citadel	FA '88	3/0
86	Dixon, Floyd	WR	5-9	170	4/9/64	3	Stephen F. Austin	D6a '86	12/12
65r	Dixon, Joe	NT	6-3	275	1/8/64	1	Tulsa	FA '88	
3	Donnelly, Rick	P	6-0	190	5/17/62	4	Wyoming	FA '85	12/0
64	Dukes, Jamie	G	6-1	278	6/14/64	3	Florida State	FA '86	5/0
24	Emery, Larry	RB	5-9	195	7/13/64	2	Wisconsin	D12 '87	5/0
39	Everett, Major	RB	5-10	218	1/4/60	5	Mississippi College	FA '87	10/3
48	Flowers, Kenny	RB	6-0	210	3/14/64	2	Clemson	D2 '87	8/1
79	Fralic, Bill	G	6-5	280	10/31/62	4	Pittsburgh	D1 '85	12/12
76	Gann, Mike	DE	6-5	275	10/19/63	4	Notre Dame	D2 '85	12/12
41	Gordon, Tim	S	6-0	188	5/7/65	2	Tulsa	FA '87	11/8
99	Green, Tim	LB	6-2	245	12/16/63	3	Syracuse	D1b '86	9/5
32	Griffin, Steve	RB	5-10	185	12/24/64	1	Clemson	FA '88	
96	Hall, James	LB	6-1	252	1/27/63	2	N.W. Louisiana	FA '88	3/0
66w	Hinson, Billy	G	6-1	278	1/8/63	2	Florida	FA '86	
21	Huff, Charles	CB	5-11	195	2/24/63	2	Presbyterian	FA '88	3/2
68w	Jackson, Lawrence	G	6-1	275	8/10/64	2	Presbyterian	FA '88	3/3
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-7	277	2/9/56	11	Michigan	D1 '78	12/12
33r	Knight, Leander	DB	6-1	193	2/16/63	1	Montclair State	FA '88	1/0
14	Kramer, Erik	QB	6-0	192	11/6/64	2	North Carolina St.	FA '87	3/2
46	Land, Dan	RB	6-0	195	7/3/65	1	Albany State	FA '88	
20	Lavette, Robert	RB	5-11	190	9/8/63	3	Georgia Tech	FA '88	5/0*
74r	Liter, Greg	DT	6-6	270	12/31/63	2	Iowa State	FA '88	

VETERAN ROSTER (Alphabetical continued)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP	COLLEGE	HOW ACQUIRED	1987 GP/GS
83	Matthews, Aubrey	WR	5-7	165	9/15/62	3	Delta State	FA '86	12/6
40	Meyers, Eddie	RB	5-9	210	1/7/59	1	Navy	FA '87	
87	Middleton, Ron	TE	6-2	252	7/17/65	3	Auburn	FA '86	12/4
62w	Miller, Brett	T	6-7	300	10/2/58	5	Iowa	D5 '83	2/0
12	Miller, Chris	QB	6-2	195	8/9/65	2	Oregon	D1 '87	3/2
73	Mitchell, Leonard	T	6-7	295	10/12/58	8	Houston	TR '87	12/12
34	Moore, Robert	S	5-11	190	8/15/64	3	Northwestern St.	FA '86	12/11
67r	Mraz, Mark	DE	6-4	255	2/9/65	2	Utah State	D5 '87	11/0
59	Rade, John	LB	6-1	240	8/31/60	6	Boise State	D8 '83	11/11
55	Radloff, Wayne	C	6-5	277	5/17/61	4	Georgia	FA '85	12/12
95r	Reid, Michael	LB	6-2	226	6/25/64	2	Wisconsin	D7 '87	11/1
42	Riggs, Gerald	RB	6-1	232	11/6/60	7	Arizona State	D1 '82	12/12
72	Saindon, Pat	G	6-3	273	3/3/61	3	Vanderbilt	FA '88	3/3
70r	Schamel, Duke	NT	6-2	220	11/3/63	1	South Dakota	FA '88	
61	Scully, John	G	6-6	270	8/2/58	8	Notre Dame	D4 '81	12/12
44	Settle, John	RB	5-9	207	6/2/65	2	Appalachian	FA '87	9/1
37r	Shelley, Elbert	S	5-11	180	12/24/64	2	Arkansas State	D11 '87	4/0
90	Small, Fred	LB	6-0	231	7/15/63	1	Washington	FA '88	
94r	Smith, Matt	LB	6-2	233	9/1/65	1	W. Virginia	FA '88	
29	Stamps, Sylvester	RB	5-7	171	2/24/61	5	Jackson State	FA '85	7/0
72	Strauthers, Tom	DT/DE	6-4	265	4/6/61	5	Jackson State	FA '88	
58	Tuggle, Jessie	LB	5-11	225	2/14/65	2	Valdosta State	FA '87	12/4
4	Ward, Jeffrey	P	5-10	171	12/4/64	1	Texas	FA '88	
45	Whisenhunt, Ken	TE	6-3	240	2/28/62	4	Georgia Tech	D12 '85	7/7
97w	Wilkins, Gary	TE	6-0	235	11/23/63	1	Georgia Tech	FA '88	
54	Williams, Joel	LB	6-1	227	12/13/56	10	Wiscon.-La Crosse	T '86	8/8
89	Williams, Joel	TE	6-4	240	3/16/65	2	Notre Dame	FA '88	
92	Witt, Billy	DE	6-5	260	4/15/64	1	No. Alabama	FA '88	
92w	Yarno, George	C/G	6-2	265	8/12/57	9	Washington St.	FA '88	11/8*
66r	Young, Mitchell	DE	6-4	260	7/18/62	1	Arkansas State	FA '88	

* Another team r - red (defense) w - white (offense)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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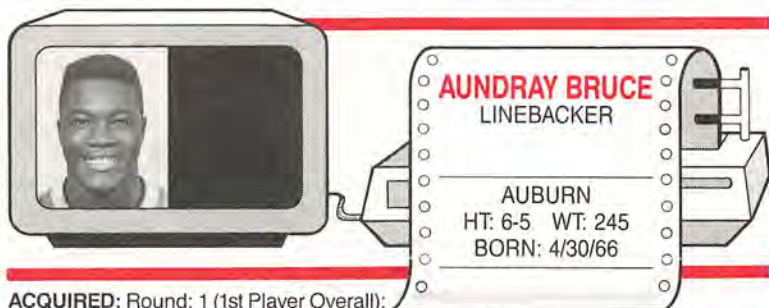
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ATLANTA FALCONS 1988 ROOKIE ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BIRTH DATE	COLLEGE	HOW ACQUIRED
68r	Bates, Ted	DE	6-3	255	9/4/65	Norfolk State	FA '88
8	Broussard, Pat	K	5-7	173	9/27/66	S.W.Louisiana	FA '88
53	Brown, Phillip	LB	6-2	230	5/30/64	Alabama	D8 '88
93	Bruce, Aundray	LB	6-5	245	4/30/66	Auburn	D1 '88
2	Clauss, Chris	P	6-2	220	10/6/65	Penn St.	FA '88
74w	Clayton, Stan	T	6-3	265	1/31/65	Penn State	D10 '88
11	Comalander, Mark	QB	6-4	205	1/24/66	Rice	FA '88
51	Cotton, Marcus	LB	6-3	225	8/11/66	Southern California	D2 '88
22	Dimry, Charles	DB	6-0	175	1/31/66	Nevada-Las Vegas	D5 '88
67w	Fiala, Doug	T	6-6	280	3/24/65	Colorado State	FA '88
62r	Fleming, Flint	DE	6-4	270	3/17/65	North Dakota State	FA '88
13	Foley, Tim	K	5-10	215	2/22/65	Ga. Southern	TR '88
63w	Foster, Rob	G	6-0	245	1/22/66	Kansas	FA '88
81	Haynes, Michael	WR	6-0	180	12/24/65	Northern Arizona	D7 '88
88	Higdon, Alex	TE	6-5	247	9/9/66	Ohio State	D3 '88
69w	Hoover, Houston	G	6-2	262	6/2/65	Jackson State	D6b '88
6	Houghtlin, Robert	K	6-0	175	1/4/65	Iowa	FA '88
37w	James, Danny	WR	5-10	175	11/22/65	Morehouse	FA '88
9	Mazza, Vince	P	6-3	225	11/5/63	Ashland College	FA '88
63	McGuire, Gary	LB	6-3	240	5/25/65	Houston	FA '88
7	Miller, Ken	K	6-1	195	5/2/64	North Carolina	FA '88
84	Milling, James	WR	5-9	156	2/14/65	Maryland	D11 '88
38	Mobley, Stacey	WR/KR	5-8	157	9/15/65	Jackson State	FA '88
65w	Parham, Daryl	T	6-6	253	7/1/65	North Carolina	FA '88
49	Primus, James	RB	5-11	196	5/18/64	UCLA	D9 '88
27w	Simon, Kevin	WR	6-0	190	11/11/66	Lamar	FA '88
69r	Smith, Vinson	LB	6-0	219	7/3/65	East Carolina	FA '88
71	Spry, David	C	6-0	240	1/6/65	Clemson	FA '88
35	Thomas, George	WR	5-9	169	7/11/64	Nevada-Las Vegas	D6a '88
97r	Thompson, Scott	DT	6-5	270	11/14/65	Citadel	FA '88
27r	Wiley, Carter	S	6-2	213	4/26/64	Virginia Tech	D12 '88

1988 DRAFT CHOICES



ACQUIRED: Round: 1 (1st Player Overall);
Signed April 6, 1987; Drafted April 24

College Career

When Aundray Bruce earned Defensive Most Valuable Player of the Senior Bowl with a 16-tackle game that emphasized his status as one of the elite of the college senior class. An "impact" player and consensus all-America pick, he demonstrated he had the size, the speed, and the strength to be a complete, dominating-type player. The two-time all-SEC choice came up with the big plays for the defense like 15 sacks, seven fumbles caused, four fumbles recovered, three interceptions, 12 passes broken up, 10 runners stopped behind the line, a blocked field goal, and even a touchdown scored. His four-year Auburn career included a 36-11-2 record and Bowl stops for the Liberty, Cotton, Citrus, and Sugar, followed by trips to the Hula and Senior Bowls.

Year-By-Year

1987: The Auburn leader with eight sacks (-48), Aundray accumulated 10 plays totalling losses of 73 yards. He finished with 81 tackles, three pass interceptions, and four passes broken up...In his visit to Atlanta last year (Grant Field), Aundray had three pass interceptions for 77 yards in returns, including a 45-yard TD. When he wasn't dropping back in pass coverage that day, he was rushing the QB (three sacks)...Over the year, he forced a fumble that his teammates recovered for a TD and recovered a loose ball himself...Top tackle games came against #2 ranked Florida State (12), North Carolina (10), nationally ranked Tennessee (9), Georgia Tech (9), and nationally ranked Georgia (8). He finished his Auburn career with four solo tackles in the Sugar Bowl against pass-happy Syracuse, then the Senior Bowl with Most Valuable Player honors.

1986: The all-SEC pick registered 86 tackles and six QB sacks. His total of 12 tackles for 42 yards in losses led the squad, as did his four fumbles caused and three fumbles recovered. He started his season with an 11-tackle game (UT-Chattanooga) and finished with most valuable player honors in the Citrus Bowl win over Southern California (three sacks, forced fumble). Aundray also had a 10-tackle game against Florida, plus four more games of 9 tackles.

1985: Beginning as a defensive end, he also played linebacker before the year was through. The sophomore finished with 46 tackles, including three for losses, while forcing a pair of fumbles and breaking up three passes...In a showdown "between the hedges" at Georgia for Bowl bids, Aundray came away with 10 tackles, plus a

22-yard return of a blocked field goal, in a 24-10 Tiger win. He also had an eight-tackle game against Tennessee.

1984: The freshman was a reserve defensive end, who played some linebacker as an experiment midway through the year, then returned to defensive end. He had 15 tackles, but was a real leader on the special teams cover units. Rumor has it that he wagered any willing teammates a bet of a Snickers bar if they could beat him downfield on coverage, but he never had to pay off 'cause no one could best him. Like a kamikaze pilot, he went head first into ball carriers, splitting his helmet against Southern Mississippi.

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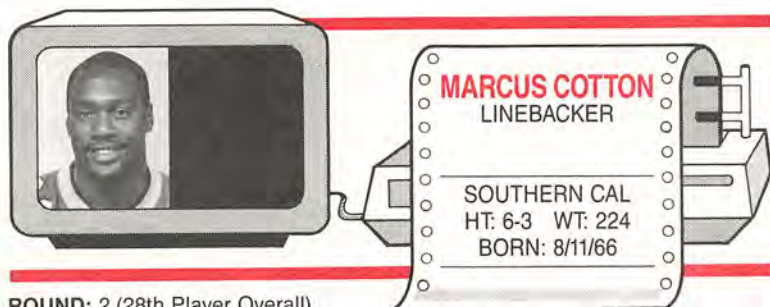
Aundray picked up the nickname "Drago" at Auburn. Some of his teammates thought Aundray's physique was similar to the Russian boxer in Rocky IV. It seems Drago had killed boxer Apollo Creed to anger Rocky and set up a vicious match. Drago's physique was impressive to say the least. Well, Aundray continued with the theme and had some jewelry engraved with the name on it that he wore around his neck, plus a special license plate imprinted DRAGO...Since Aundray liked to wear a Donald Duck cap around campus, it was only fitting that he was invited to the Walt Disney Goofy Games this spring. His teammate for the event was Buffalo Bill Linebacker Cornelius Bennett, but all that athletic talent only got them fourth place as representatives of Mobile's Channel 10...One of his childhood football heroes was Claude Humphrey, now a Falcon assistant coach who will work with Aundray on getting to the quarterback...Born and raised in Alabama, Aundray was extra happy to be chosen by the Falcons because it means his family will be able to come watch him play...

Personal

Aundray was the 13th of 14 children of Mrs. Willie (Lucille) Bruce, the sixth of her seven sons. When Aundray was one, his father died, so dedicated mom took care of the 10 kids still at home by working as a maid or babysitter to pay the bills in the four-bedroom house in the Gibbs Village section of Montgomery, Alabama. Quite a shy child, Aundray kept to himself and his mother helped him along with speech therapy. It bothered Aundray that people would assume that he was not very bright just because he wasn't a fast talker. His brothers and sisters got him out of the house where he liked to sketch cartoon characters and into school athletics. By 7th grade, he was playing on school basketball teams, getting little encouragement rewards from his family. His McIntyre Hornets won the State Junior Championship. By high school, he was bigger than most (6-3, 185 as sophomore), playing football at numerous positions because of his many skills, including kick returner. He was really into basketball now and led his George Washington Carver team to the state championship, winning most valuable player honors himself. He averaged 24 points and 16 rebounds a game for teams that went 6-8. He even had won a dunk contest, having thrilled at the sights of Julius Erving's skills earlier. The athlete had also high-jumped 6-7 and long-jumped 23-4. On the Feb. 1 NCAA signing date, he put his only Division I football scholarship to Auburn off just to wait to see what basketball scholarships he might get. Five responded (Austin Peay, Alabama State, Auburn at Montgomery, Tennessee-Chattanooga, and Jacksonville). He thought he'd try the University of Alabama personally to see if they might offer him a scholarship in either sport, but they said no on both counts. So, he went ahead and accepted Auburn's offer, then becoming that school's second number one overall pick in the NFL draft in the past three years. The Bruce children range from Corrine, now 40, to Kirby, now 18 and a recent high school graduate. A bachelor, Aundray now lives in Duluth, GA.

College Statistics

Year	Tackles	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Losses	Int	Pass Def.	FF	FR	TD
1984	15	9	6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
1985	46	30	16	1	3-11	0-0	3	2	0	0
1986	86	52	34	6	12-42	0-0	5	4	3	0
1987	81	44	37	8	10-73	3-77	4	1	1	1
Total	228	135	93	15	25-126	3-77	12	7	4	1



ROUND: 2 (28th Player Overall)

College Career

If you play defense and you want to get noticed, the best way is to become aggressive and make "big plays." Marcus certainly got noticed by Trojan fans and opponents by coming up with QB sacks (38 in career), breaking up passes (26), making plays for losses (52 for minus 365 yards), forcing fumbles (7), recovering fumbles (5), intercepting passes (2-35), scoring a touchdown, and making his share of tackles (365). Falcon scouts and coaches obviously liked his speed (4.6), his size, and his mean streak on the football field. His four years at Southern Cal saw him participate with the team in four Bowls (Rose, Aloha, Citrus, and Rose again as a senior), plus the Japan and East-West games. In the Citrus Bowl as a junior, he made 16 tackles and scored his team's only touchdown in a 16-7 loss to Auburn. He was his team's MVP, while new teammate Aundray Bruce was his team's MVP of that same game.

Year-By-Year

1987: He led the Trojan defense with 12 sacks, 16 total tackles for losses (minus 114), five fumbles caused, and a pair recovered. In addition, he netted 114 tackles and broke up seven passes. He finished his college career with a two-sack, six tackle effort in the Rose Bowl loss to Michigan State. On Feb. 25, he had surgery on his left shoulder to repair a recurring dislocation.

1986: Averaging 12 tackles a game (133 season), Marcus was first-team all-Conference with a year that included 10 sacks, 15 tackles for losses, and 12 passes broken up. He finished that season with an interception for a TD in the 16-7 Citrus Bowl loss to Auburn.

1985: The sophomore ranked second in the PAC-10 with his 10-sack season and was named PAC-10 Player of the Week with a 12-tackle, fumble interception effort in the big win over crosstown rival, UCLA. He was MVP of the Mirage Bowl by making 15 tackles and scoring a TD on a fumble recovery of a punt vs. Oregon.

1984: As a freshman, Marcus backed up Jack Del Rio and Duane Bickett, but still got in enough to make six QB sacks and seven total tackles for minus 50 yards. He played some in every game, also recovering a fumble and deflecting two passes. Marcus was a member of the winning Rose Bowl team, 20-17, over Ohio State.

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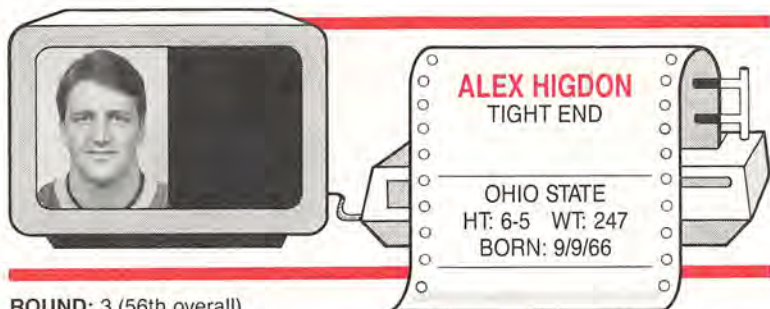
Far from being shy, Marcus wears a gold piece of jewelry "100 Percent Cotton" around his neck and had his trademark of "Cotton Clubs" for his tackles for losses (52 final total). He enjoys the bright lights and publicity that goes with success. Marcus challenges the semantics of calling the way he plays football as defense because he says he takes the offensive and follows the style of the team he grew up watching that featured Jack Tatum, Lyle Alzado, and now Howie Long. Marcus scored an impressive 38 (of the 50-question, 12-minute time limit NFL Wonderlic Test)...Marcus signed his NFL contract on May 27.

Personal

Born in Los Angeles, California but raised in Oakland, Marcus is the son of Owen and Murlyne Palmer and has five older brothers and two sisters. The younger Marcus first earned sports prominence as a basketball player at Castlemont High in Oakland (two-time All-Bay Area) and scored 18.4 per game with 19 rebounds a game as a senior and once totaled 48 points and 23 rebounds in a single game. Cotton weighed scholarship offers from a host of schools including every team in the PAC-10 and Big 10 because of his basketball exploits. Known as a sports powerhouse, Castlemont has turned out such athletes as Cliff Robertson (76ers) and Gary Pettis (Tigers). Growing up in Oakland, Marcus competed against New York Yankee outfielder Ricky Henderson. Cotton played only two years of high school football, but made it seem easy with his 15 QB sacks and 75 tackles as a senior All-America pick. He suited up as a reserve forward on the USC basketball teams in the winter of his freshman and sophomore years. His hobbies include motorcycle riding and collecting guns and coins. He fulfilled his penchant for "things that go fast" by cruising around in his Honda Hurricane 1000 motobike. Cotton relishes his modern Colt 45 gun collection and silver dime and quarter sets and boasts of owning one of the first \$2 bills ever made.

College Statistics

Year	Tackles	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Losses	Int	Pass Def.	FF	FR	TD
1984	20	14	6	6	7-50	0-0	2	0	1	0
1985	98	57	41	10	14-104	1-11	5	1	2	1
1986	133	74	59	10	15-97	1-24	12	1	0	0
1987	114	68	46	12	16-114	0-0	7	5	2	0
Total	365	213	152	38	52-365	2-35	26	7	5	1



ROUND: 3 (56th overall)

College Career

It took a while, but Alex finally found a home at tight end for the Buckeyes after coaches tried to utilize his many talents as an outside linebacker and defensive tackle. The scouting reports from his college career pointed out his speed (4.7), strength (250-pounder who blocks well), his size (a big target at 6-5), and his good hands. For the run-oriented Buckeyes, he ended up with 26 catches last fall, while rushing once for 31 yards.

Year-By-Year

1987: He finally won a permanent starting job with an impressive preseason effort. His 26 catches for 252 yards tied for second on the team and included a six-catch (54) game vs. Rose Bowl-bound Michigan State and a five-catch effort against Wisconsin. He also had a rush for 31 yards and was very effective as a blocker.

1986: For the first eight games, Alex was a reserve outside linebacker, then he was moved to tight end. On defense, he had six tackles and a fumble recovery. On offense, he was a lead blocker and had a key block on a TD play in the team's Cotton Bowl win over Texas A&M.

1985: Alex earned his varsity letter as a defensive tackle and a standout special teams performer. He was credited with five tackles for the Buckeyes who went on to a Citrus Bowl win over Brigham Young.

1984: The red-shirt freshman got a chance to catch the first pass of his Ohio State career, but was also used as a reserve linebacker and special teamer.

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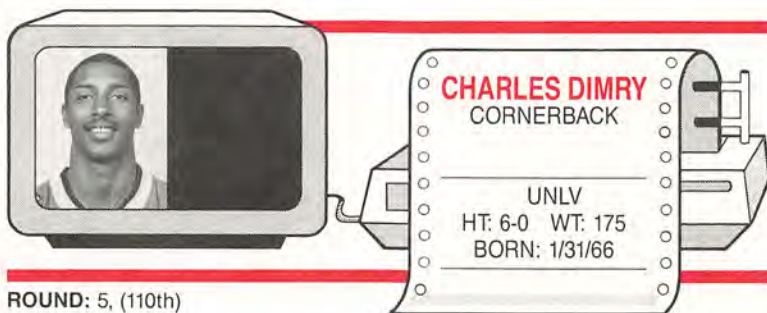
When Alex was picked at the start of the third round, it marked the second highest spot the Falcons had ever chosen a tight end (Junior Miller - 1980 - Round 1)...A pre-med student at Ohio State, Alex once earned academic honors with a 3.82 grade average. Down the road, he still hopes to become a doctor, but right now football is first. "There are a million doctors, but few professional football players," he observed...

Personal

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Alex is the youngest of the three children of Larry (a financial consultant) and Maxine (a mutual clerk) Higdon. He starred at Princeton High there with 52 catches for 875 yards his final two years, gaining prep all-America recognition. He didn't take up football until his junior year, then his team became state champions his senior year. His athletic prowess also included letters with the basketball and track teams...He followed 49er TE John Frank at Ohio State.

College Statistics

Year	No	Receiving				TD	Tackles			
		Yards	Avg	Long			Total	Solo	Assist	FR
1984	1	12	12.0	12		0	2	2	0	0
1985	0	0	0.0	0		0	5	3	2	0
1986	0	0	0.0	0		0	6	4	2	1
1987	26	252	9.7	21		0	1	1	0	0
Total	27	264	9.8	21		0	14	10	4	1



ROUND: 5, (110th)

College Career

His coach called him "a leader by example, not word of mouth." Charles flashed his abilities with a 46-yard interception touchdown return against San Jose State as a sophomore and grew into a team leader. In his 31 college games, Charles used his 4.4 speed to break up 21 passes and intercept three, while making 71 tackles and having a pair of quarterback sacks. As a freshman, Charles played in eight games and actually got a rare QB sack from his corner spot before he made his first career interception. As a sophomore, he earned his starting spot, coming away with a team-high seven passes broken up, 28 tackles, and the TD interception return. His junior year was abruptly halted after seven games with a broken fibula (Utah State). Up to that point, he already had two interceptions, four passes broken up, a QB sack, and 21 tackles. Charles' senior year ended after six games when he fractured his right thumb. He had recovered a fumble and made a career-best 31 tackles through six weeks.

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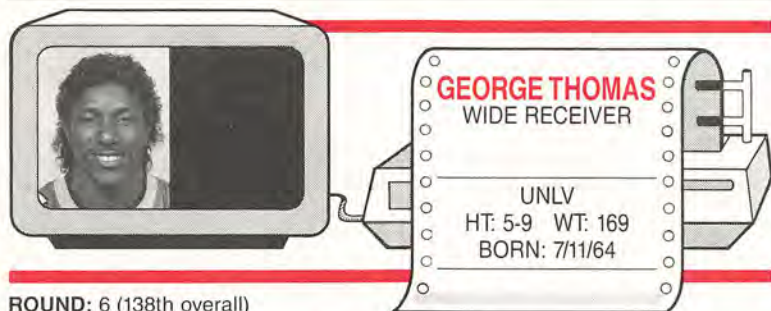
Charles inherited his sprinter's speed from his dad, a former high school track runner at San Diego High, who ran on a 440-yard relay team that set a city record...Charles remembers a game at UNLV where the head coach (Wayne Nunnely) suited up for one of the games to fire the team up. "It must have worked," Charles notes, "because we won the game." ...When his pro football career is finished, Charles would like to give coaching and teaching on the high school level a try.

Personal

Born in San Diego, California, Charles Louis Dimry, III (Dim by nickname) is the only son of Charles, Jr. and Pat (with sister Michelle rounding out the Dimry family). He began an athletic career that included two letters apiece in football and basketball and another in track at Oceanside High. As a high jumper, he cleared the bar at 6-5. In addition, Charles won all-Academic all-America recognition.

College Statistics

Year	Games	Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Inter.	TD	Pass Def.	Sacks	FR
1984	8	21	5	16	0	0	1	1	0
1985	10	28	22	6	1	1	7	0	0
1986	7	21	10	11	2	0	4	1	0
1987	6	31	20	11	0	0	9	0	0
Total	31	101	57	44	3	1	19	2	0



ROUND: 6 (138th overall)

College Career

His impressive 103 catches included 17 touchdowns and an average of nearly 18 yards per catch, plus his 23.8 career kickoff return average. He acquired the nickname "Heat" because of his speed (4.34 and 10.4 100 meters) and proved it with long catches of 80, 77, 71, 67, 62 and 58 yards and long kickoff returns of 71, 56, 53 and 52 yards. His potential career-best 96-yard kickoff TD return was nullified by a penalty. All told in his Running Rebel career, he touched the ball 158 times and netted 2,935 yards.

Year-By-Year

1987: The team leader with his 45 catches for 586 yards, he was also Mr. Clutch for his team. Consider this game: Down 27-20, George returns the kickoff 52 yards. Then with but three seconds remaining, he catches a five-yard TD pass. Utah State still leads, 27-26. No problem, George grabs a two-point conversion in the corner of the end zone. UNLV wins, 28-27. George had 124 yards against San Jose, with a season long 67-yard TD over Nevada-Reno and a season-best two touchdowns against North Texas State. He also returned 19 kickoffs for 465 yards (24.5 average) with a 100-yard game vs. San Jose, giving him 224 combined yards in that game.

1986: George led his PCAA conference with a 24.6 kickoff return average and his team with 34 catches for 808 yards and eight touchdowns. He set a school record

with 197 yards receiving against Cal-Fullerton (six catches-two TDs) with an 80-yard catch. In a wild 58-42 win over New Mexico State, George grabbed three TD passes (77, 32 and 32).

1985: The sophomore had his first 100-yard game (5-106 with two TDs) against Cal-Long Beach. In an upset of Wisconsin, George added a 30-yard TD catch. He burst a 53-yard kickoff return and a 71-yard TD catch to show his career was going to be special.

1984: As a freshman, he played in just five games, but caught three passes for 135 yards, an average of 45 yards per catch with a long of 62 yards.

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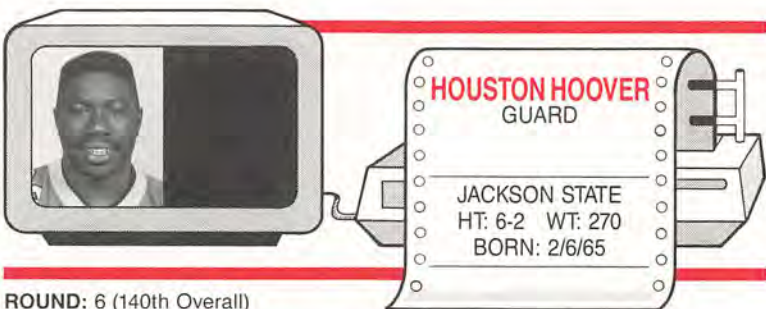
George underwent surgery to repair a stress fracture on the side of his right foot on May 12 after the mini-camp. He thinks he injured it sometime between the combine workouts in February and the draft in April, but with so many individual workouts for teams, he's not sure when...His first quarterback in college was now NFL rising star, Randall Cunningham...

Personal

The oldest of the three sons of George Ray Thomas (a GTE foreman) and Bertha Hinchin (a nurse), George, Jr. was born July 11, 1964, in Riverside, California. At Indio High, George was all-CIF in football, basketball and track. He set a California state record in the 100-meter race. George has a daughter, Shavanta Larae.

College Statistics

Year	Receiving					Returning					Rushing		
	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yards	Avg.
1984	3	135	45.0	0	62	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
1985	21	297	14.1	3	71	12	263	21.9	0	53	2	7	3.5
1986	34	808	23.8	8	80	14	344	24.6	0	71	6	28	4.7
1987	45	586	13.0	6	67	19	465	24.5	0	56	2	2	1.0
Total	103	1826	17.7	10	80	45	1072	23.8	0	71	10	37	3.7



ROUND: 6 (140th Overall)

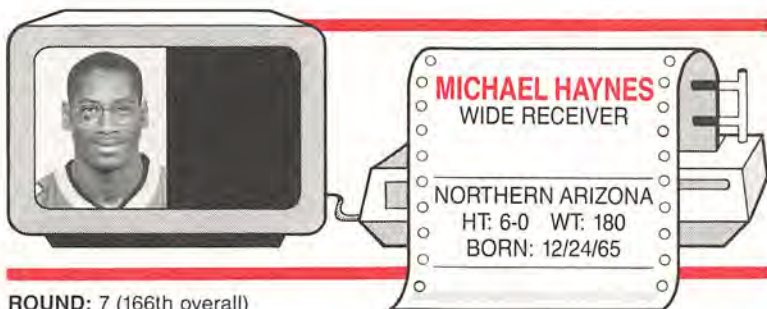
College Career

A team captain and true leader, Houston earned first team Sheridan Black College all-America status and first team SWAC honors. He started every game for his final

three seasons, missing but a few practices along the whole way. As a senior, many in his Conference rated him the best offensive lineman. He was recruited by Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Alcorn, and Mississippi Valley but chose Jackson State because he had an uncle play there before him. Houston was selected to play in the Freedom Bowl. He has the strength (over 400 bench, 600 squat) to challenge most defensive linemen. In the classroom, Houston was also committed, finishing with a 2.5 average and receiving his college degree this spring in Business Management from Jackson State.

Personal

Houston R. Hoover was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi. His father is deceased, but his mom, two sisters, and brother will become Falcon fans for sure as Houston tries to make it in the NFL. In high school in Yazoo City, Houston was an offensive tackle on the football team and a letterman for the basketball team, too. Houston's younger brother, James, 20, is a 5-11, 210 pound outside linebacker for the Bulldogs of Holmes Junior College in Goodman, Mississippi. James looks up, (in more ways than one) to his older brother, Houston, and has patterned his aggressive play after him. Keeping it in the family, Houston credits his mother, Dora, as his biggest inspiration. "Without her constantly pushing me to realize my true potential in football, I know I wouldn't be here today," said Hoover.



ROUND: 7 (166th overall)

College Career

His career has continued to blossom since he enrolled at Eastern Arizona Junior College and tried out for the team with no high school football experience. By the time he finished his four years (the final two at Northern Arizona), Michael had played almost all parts of the game of football (defensive back, receiver, halfback, tailback, kickoff and punt returner, and even five passes thrown). Most of his athletic prowess stems from his speed and quickness and his track (4.35 - 40, 10.28 - 100-meters).

Year-By-Year

1987: One of the nation's top 10 kickoff returners, Michael averaged 26.9 per return (22-592) with a 64-yarder. Against Idaho State, he returned four kickoffs for 170 yards (42.5 average). Michael also caught 17 passes for 219 yards with a pair of touchdowns

and a long catch of 51 yards. In the Idaho State game with 170 return yards, he added three catches for 25 yards (195 total) and a touchdown. His best return game was 243 yards (5 returns-48.6 average) in his final college game (Nevado-Reno).

1986: He was 20th in the nation with his 23.9 kickoff return average, while catching 20 passes for 349 yards (17.5 average) and six touchdowns. He produced a 110-yard game (3 catches) against Montana, scoring his touchdowns in pairs (against Montana, Montana State and Weber State).

1985: At Eastern Arizona JC, it appears he did just about everything. He ran the ball (31-441-14.2 average-long 80-3 TD), he caught the ball (12-267-22.3 average-41 long-1 TD), he returned kickoffs (12-316-26.3), he returned punts (10-196-19.6-1 TD), and he threw the ball (2-5 for 122, long 83, 1 TD).

1984: His first try at football was as a defensive back and it appeared successful with 65 tackles, five interceptions, and seven passes batted down. He also returned kickoffs (10-206) and punts (4-61-15.3) for Eastern Arizona.

----- Notebook -----

For the Lumberjacks of Northern Arizona, Michael won the Big Sky Indoor finals in the 55 meters (6.20) and was second by .01 in the 200. That meet was his first ever on boards. His 10.28 100-meters is the best ever by a football player at NAU and qualified him for the Olympic trials. As a member of the 400-meter relay team, they qualified for the NCAA Nationals (39.79)...Michael is distinguishable off the field with his glasses that sport a star on the lower corner of his right lens ("no reason he says")...He played on the football field at all the Joseph Clark High School games, except he played at halftime with the marching band (trumpet) instead of for the football team. He's been playing the trumpet ever since his mother bought him and his brother, Theran (Clarinet), some musical instruments in elementary school.

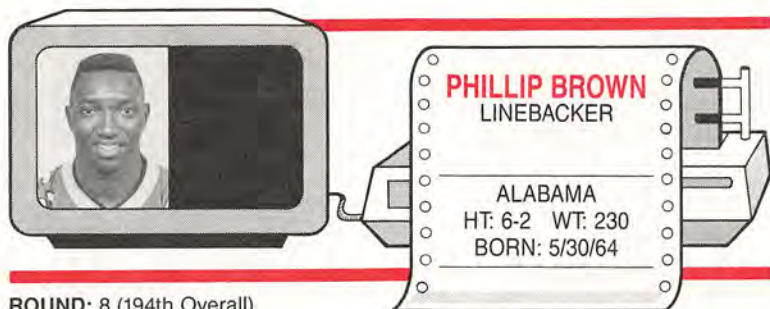
----- Personal -----

Born on Christmas Eve in 1965, Michael David is the son of Georgia and Jack of New Orleans, LA. Besides brother Theran, Michael has a 26-year old sister named Lynn.

----- College Statistics -----

Year	Receiving					Kickoff Returns					Punt Returns				
	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1984	0	0	0.0	0	0	10	206	20.6	—	0	4	61	15.3	—	0
1985	12	267	22.3	41	1	12	316	26.3	—	0	10	196	19.6	82	1
1986	20	349	17.5	81	6	14	333	23.8	47	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1987	17	219	12.9	51	2	22	592	26.9	64	0	8	71	8.9	13	0
Total	49	835	17.0	81	9	58	1447	24.9	64	0	22	328	14.9	82	0

Additional: Rushed 31 times for 441 yards, 14.2 in 1985
 Completed 2-5 passes for 122 yards, long 83, 1 TD in 1985
 Made 73 career tackles, five interceptions



ROUND: 8 (194th Overall)

College Career

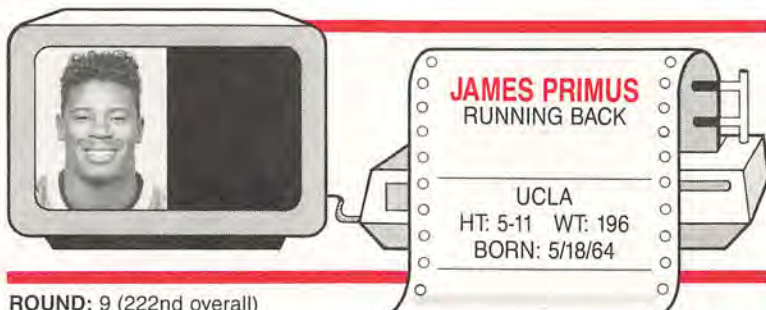
Phillip finally worked himself out of the shadow of all-America Cornelius Bennett and became a starter for the Crimson Tide as a senior. He responded with 55 tackles, including four QB sacks, and six tackles for minus 18 yards last fall. For his career that included trips to the Hall of Fame Bowl, the Sun Bowl (twice) and the Aloha Bowl, Phillip played under two Head Coaches (Ray Perkins and Bill Curry). His Alabama career included 90 total tackles, with 9 QB sacks, plus 15 total tackles for 72 yards in losses. The senior had big games as a senior against SEC rivals Auburn (9 tackles), Florida (7 tackles), and Tennessee (6 tackles and a QB sack). In an '86 win over Tennessee, Phillip had a pair of QB sacks. His Alabama career included playing at both inside and outside linebacking spots for four winning teams ('84 redshirt when 'Bama was 5-6). He has the quickness (4.6) to drop pack on passes or blitz the quarterback.

Personal

Born May 30, 1964, Phillip Anthony was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama and is looking forward to a Falcon preseason finale in his hometown. He is the oldest son of Mrs. Gussie Brown and has a younger brother, Andrew, in elementary school. He was a noseguard for Parker High early and then switched to middle linebacker as a senior, making 55 tackles. He'd like to get into coaching when his football playing career ends.

College Statistics

Year	Tackles	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Losses	Pass Def	FF	FR
1983	11	9	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
1984	Redshirted							
1985	9	9	0	1	3-19	0	0	0
1986	15	9	6	4	6-35	1	1	0
1987	55	31	24	4	6-18	1	0	0
Total	90	58	32	9	15-72	2	1	0



ROUND: 9 (222nd overall)

College Career

James' career at UCLA was shadowed by the presence of other star quality running backs like Mel Farr, Gaston Green, and Eric Ball, but he himself was an excellent athlete and producer for the Bruins. When given his chances, he produced 1,344 career rushing yards (including a pair of 100-yard games), 19 catches for 168 more yards and five kick returns for 116 more yards for a combined total of 1,628 yards. He played both the fullback and the tailback positions and was a solid receiver and blocker as well as quick (4.45) runner. Number 23 averaged 4.3 yards per carry in his career with 13 touchdowns for Bruin teams that went to Aloha, Rose, and Freedom Bowl games.

Year-By-Year

1987: His senior season turned out to be his least productive statistically as he got little playing time. He finished with 98 yards rushing and 70 receiving (7 catches), plus 100 yards on four kickoff returns (long 33). He was invited to the North-South Shrine Game.

1986: When Green was injured, James got hot. He ran for his career high (160 vs. Cal-Long Beach) and added 78 yards and a TD against Washington State, plus 63 against California. His 459 season yards (4.7 average) were second on the squad.

1985: Starting five games, he rang up a 129-yard game (Stanford), plus 84, 83, 75 and 69-yard games. That game vs. Stanford, that also included a 40-yard TD, earned him PAC-10 Player of the Week honors.

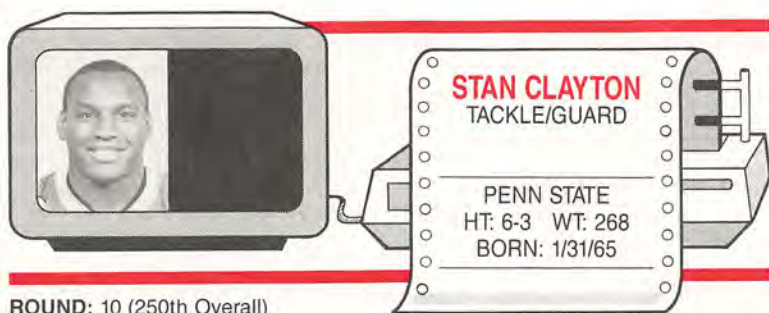
1984: The red-shirt freshman got to start three games, finishing with 316 yards on the year. He ran for 88 yards in his first collegiate start (Colorado). His other starts were against rivals Stanford (58) and California (56).

Personal

Born in Yuma, Arizona, James grew up in the San Diego area (National City). James Dewitt is the son of Charles Primus and a relative of former LA Ram, Ron Jessie. His high school career was sensational and he was recruited nationwide. The San Diego Player of the Year at Sweetwater High, he set school career records for yards (2,274), TDs (35), with a senior season mark of 27, plus game records for yards (304 rushing), TDs (6), and long kickoff return (95). He was also busy with the school track team, running the 100 meters (10.8) and 220 yards (22.7).

College Statistics

Year	Rushing					Receiving				Kickoff Returns				
	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG
1984	78	316	4.1	26	1	2	18	9.0	9	0	0	0	0.0	0
1985	106	471	4.4	40	3	3	44	14.7	24	0	0	0	0.0	0
1986	98	459	4.7	36	8	8	47	5.9	11	0	1	16	16.0	16
1987	35	98	2.8	14	1	7	70	10.0	24	0	4	100	25.0	33
Total	317	1344	4.2	40	13	20	179	8.9	24	0	5	116	23.2	33



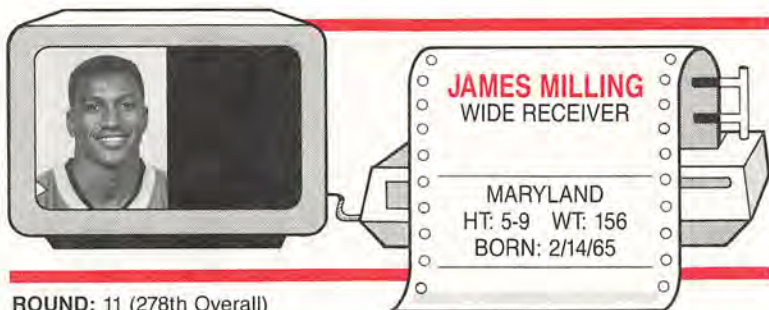
ROUND: 10 (250th Overall)

College Career

In the 10th game of his sophomore season, Stan became a starter for Penn State (36-6 rout of Notre Dame). He went on to start the rest of his career, playing in three Bowls (Orange, Fiesta, and Citrus). Stan was a starter for the 1986 undefeated national champions with solid performances in the Bowl win over powerful Miami and one-on-one duels with Cornelius Bennett in the win over Alabama (23-3). Last fall, Stan was a leader of a team that averaged 375 yards per game. He came back from a midseason knee injury to start seven regular season games and the Citrus Bowl.

Personal

One of four sons of Clarence and Willie Mae Clayton, Stan grew up in the Philadelphia area, graduating from East High in Cherry Hill (NJ). In addition to football (a two-way all-star tackle), Stan lettered in wrestling and track. He's one class shy of obtaining his college degree (Administration of Justice-business law minor) and hopes to pursue a career with the FBI or CIA later in life. When one of his brothers was attacked by a mugger, his interest in law enforcement rose.



ROUND: 11 (278th Overall)

College Career

A former high school quarterback/defensive back, James made the switch to wide receiver at Maryland, becoming a starter as a sophomore. His 4.4 speed and athletic ability guided him to a career 82 catches for 1,472 yards (18.0 average per catch) and several single game school records. He had three games over 100 yards receiving, including a school record 220 yards and three TD's versus North Carolina (see notebook below). The entire trio of Maryland pass receivers were all drafted this year with TE Ferrell Edmunds going to Miami (3rd) and WR Aziz Abdul Ra'of going to Kansas City (9th).

Year-By-Year

1987: A five-catch, 107-yard effort against Penn State capped his senior campaign as he finished with 21 for 381 (18.1) and a long of 47 yards.

1986: The team leader, James grabbed 33 passes for 650 yards. That was a sensational 19.6 yards per catch with six touchdowns. In addition to the 220-yard game, he enjoyed a seven-catch 103-yard game against N.C. State.

1985: Moving into the starting lineup, little James caught 28 passes for 431 yards with a four-catch, 80-yard game at Duke leading the way.

1984: The redshirted freshman spent most of his time on special teams and working the scout teams in practices.

Notebook

The day before the North Carolina game in his junior season, James overslept and missed the final Friday practice. Coach Bobby Ross had a long talk with James, wrestling with whether to bench the tardy athlete or just let him go with a reprimand. James knew he was lucky with a reprimand and made sure the coach wouldn't regret his decision. James was more than ready to play vs. North Carolina as school records fell during his 220-yard, three-TD (88, 77, and 18) performance...James' college quarterbacks were now-Cincinnati Bengal Boomer Esiason and former Falcon head coach Dan Henning's son, Dan, Jr....He'll be trying to earn a Falcon roster spot with another former teammate, RB Rick Badanjek, and might try to sneak in a visit to his former college coach down the interstate at Georgia Tech.

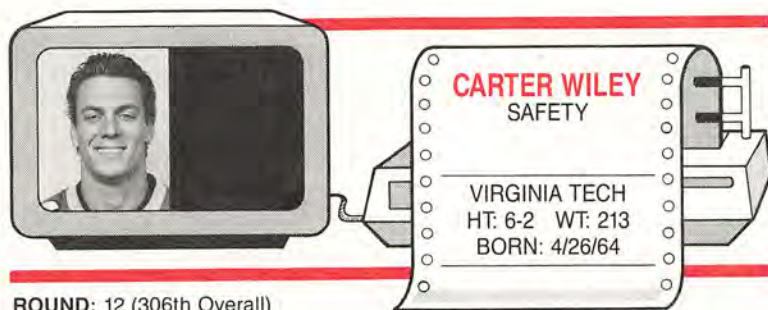
Personal

The oldest of the three Milling sons of James (a fireman) and Henrietta (a receptionist), James, Jr. was born in Winnsboro, South Carolina. The family (Kent's

now a Marine, Tony a student at Bowie State) moved up to the Washington, D.C. area where James began his athletic career at Potomac High in Oxon Hill, Maryland. He started his senior year with a memorable four-TD game as the QB and DB and went on to earn all-State honors. Notre Dame was among the school's interested in James, but he chose to stay close home to play his college ball. He had also been the captain of his school basketball and track teams. And, Mom and Dad made sure he tackled the books, too, as he finished with a 3.0 average as a honor roll student. He's interested in a career in the radio and TV field when his football days are over.

College Statistics

Year	Number	Yards	Average	Long	TD
1984	0	0	0.0	0	0
1985	28	441	15.8	41	0
1986	33	650	19.7	88	6
1987	21	381	18.1	47	1
Total	82	1472	18.0	88	7



ROUND: 12 (306th Overall)

College Career

A three-year starter in the Tech secondary, Wiley produced some 282 tackles, including 188 solo, while intercepting nine passes for 143 yards. His first Tech team ('84) featured the NFL's number one pick, DL Bruce Smith. Tech played in two Bowl games while Carter was in the lineup (Independence and Peach) and were nationally-ranked in '86 (9-2-1).

Year-By-Year

1987: Carter's 85 solo tackles led Tech, while his 126 total tackles was third on the club. He was also credited with 10 passes broken up, forced a fumble, and had a tackle for a loss coming up from his safety spot. The tough Tech season included losses to top-ranked Miami and Syracuse. Against Miami, the score was deadlocked at 13 late in the game. Driving for the go-ahead TD, Miami's runner was hit and fumbled the ball with a jubilant Tech team recovering. However, Tech was penalized, Miami scored, and Tech suffered another tough loss.

1986: With three interceptions and five passes broken up, Carter tied for the team lead, while his 57 solo tackles were second and his 74 total tackles were fifth. He had 11 tackles and an interception against West Virginia, 10 tackles and an interception against South Carolina, nine tackles and a fumble recovery against Syracuse, and eight tackles and a sack versus Kentucky. That 9-2-1 team went on to win the Peach Bowl.

1985: The sophomore starter led the team with five interceptions and seven passes broken up. His 57 tackles were fifth, while he also blocked a punt that led to a Tech TD. Over a four-game stretch, Carter intercepted at least one pass in each (five total).

1984: Freshman Carter earned his letter as one of the team's top special teams players. Lining up as a DE most of the time, he intercepted a VMI fumble and returned it 75 yards for a touchdown. On the ensuing kickoff, Carter again raced downfield first, making the tackle on the VMI return man. He had spent a year away from football at Flagler College (VA).

----- Notebook -----

Carter tried hypnotherapy during the off-season with Steven Duncan's Institute in Virginia. The purpose was to build his confidence level, motivation, and his ability to concentrate...His description of horrid two-a-days in football is "wet grass, blood, and bruises"...An economics major, Carter got involved in the stock market (yes, he suffered in the October fall) and hopes to pursue a career in investment or sales...Carter has played on the Falcons home field already, as a member of the Tech team that kicked a field goal in the closing seconds to beat N.C. State in the '86 Bowl. His new teammate, QB Erik Kramer, was the leader of the N.C. State team. Carter had seven tackles and a fumble recovery that day...

----- Personal -----

The oldest of the three children of James (a real estate broker) and Jane (sales-Holiday Inn), James Carter Wiley was born in Richmond, Virginia, but grew up in Roanoke. Carter attended Epsicopal High, seeing football action as a wide receiver, quarterback, and defensive back, after starting at a boarding school (Christ School in N.C.). He also lettered in tennis and starred on the track team. He was the state champ in the triple jump, while he ran on a relay team that won the private school section in the Penn Relays (clocked at 4.55 in the 40)...Carter concentrated even more on his athletic abilities because his father had overcome polio at age 9 and encouraged him to use his physical talents.

----- College Statistics -----

Year	Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Int.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	Sacks
1984	5	2	3	1	75	75.0	75	1	0-0
1985	57	44	13	5	53	10.6	32	0	0-0
1986	74	57	17	3	15	5.0	15	0	1-16
1987	126	85	41	0	0	0.0	0	0	0-0
Total	262	188	84	9	143	15.9	75	1	1-16

1988 FREE AGENTS

RUNNING BACKS & QUARTERBACK

Rick Badanjek	RB	Maryland	5-8	217
Mark Comalander	QB	Rice	6-4	205
Steve Griffin	RB	Clemson	5-10	185
Dan Land	RB	Albany State	6-0	195
Robert Lavette	RB	Georgia Tech	5-11	190

Rick Badanjek was the Falcons' leading rusher during the three-game replacement season, gaining 87 yards on 29 carries. That total ranked him third on the entire team for the year behind Gerald Riggs and Scott Campbell. Against the 49ers he rushed for 45 yards on 15 carries and scored on a three-yard run in the third quarter. Badanjek ran for 42 yards in a win over the Rams, including a 31-yard scamper, and caught five passes for 38 more yards and also returned two kickoffs for 27 yards. Rick was originally drafted in the seventh round by the Redskins in 1986. He performed in six games that year before injuring a hamstring and was a contributor on special teams with 44 recorded hits. The sturdy 5-8, 217 pounder is the Maryland record holder for touchdowns in a season with 16 and career with 49. He led the ACC in scoring his junior year (109 points) and was the MVP of the 1984 Sun Bowl.

Mark Comalander finished his career at Rice among the top three passers in school history. He completed 391/753 (.519) passes for 4780 yards and 27 TD's to place in the company of Vikings QB Tommy Kramer. Those totals rank him in the top ten in Southwest Conference history.

Steve Griffin was in the Falcons' camp a year ago and made it to the final cut. When Larry Emery went on IR, Steve was re-claimed. He played mainly on special teams and carried the ball only one time. Griffin and fellow Falcon Kenny Flowers were teammates at Clemson. His best collegiate game came against ACC rival Duke when he rambled 85 yards on just five carries with a 60-yard TD run to his credit.

Dan Land was a free agent signee by the Buccaneers last season but was waived on the final cutdown. He competed with Tampa Bay's replacement squad starting two games and rushing nine times for 20 yards. A four-year letterwinner at Albany State, he gained 1,235 yards on 234 carries and 11 TD's in 1985. Land is a graduate of Seminole County High School in Donaldsonville, GA.

Robert Lavette is a home grown product of Georgia who grew up in Cartersville and starred at Georgia Tech. A fourth round pick of the Cowboys in 1985, Lavette played in the shadows of Herschel Walker and Tony Dorsett during his stay in Dallas. He made the most of his opportunities, though, registering totals such as: 70 KO for 1,381 and a 19.7 average, 18 punt returns for 92 yards, 23 rushes for 40 yards, and 6 receptions for 39 yards. Robert left Tech as the school's all-time leading rusher, receiver and scorer. He set 19 school records on the way to gaining 4,066 yards on the ground, 862 yards on 114 catches and 46 TD's. Lavette had 18 100-yard rushing games for the Yellow Jackets and outdistanced Walker in a head-to-head battle in 1983 by 40 yards (Lavette - 203 yards, Walker - 163). At Cartersville High, he rushed for 5,870 yards and was honored as the Georgia Class AA back of the year as a junior and senior. He became the first Lavette to graduate from college when he got his Management Degree this June.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Alvin Blount	WR	Eastern Kentucky ..6-4	201
Ken Brown	WR	So. Arkansas ..5-8	175
Danny James	WR	Morehouse ..5-10	175
Stacey Mobley	WR	Jackson State ..5-8	157
Kevin Simon	WR	Lamar ..6-0	190

Alvin Blount, who had his first NFL tryout last summer with the Miami Dolphins, was released this spring by San Francisco. He had led Eastern Kentucky with 45 catches for 689 yards and 5 touchdowns in 1986.

Ken Brown signed a free agent contract with the Patriots last season but did not make New England's final roster. He caught on with the Bengals replacement squad where he returned three kickoffs for 45 yards and five punts for 16 yards. Brown set six school records at Southern Arkansas in Magnolia, AR, including most passes caught in a career with 142, single game with 14, and most TD's in a season, with eight, and career, with 20.

Danny James paced nearby Morehouse College in Atlanta with 52 catches for 788 yards and nine TD's last year. He also rushed one time for 19 yards in being tabbed to the All-City team. James hauled in 22 passes for 252 yards and a pair of TD's in 1986.

Stacey Mobley snared 65 receptions for 1,402 yards for a 21.6 average and 12 TD's during his career at Jackson State. Called "Smurf" by his teammates for his small size and blazing speed, Mobley was in the Rams' camp in 1987 and started three games for the replacement unit. He played against the Falcons in the final replacement contest catching two passes for 19 yards. Mobley totaled eight receptions for 107 yards and one TD during the three strike weeks. He was on LA's roster but did not play for two games following the strike before he was waived.

Kevin Simon caught 43 passes for 420 yards and five TD's last year for Lamar. His 22 grabs for 289 yards totals up to 65 catches over the past two years for the 6-0, 190 pounder from Eunice, LA. Simon also ran back four kickoffs for 111 yards with a long of 52.

TIGHT ENDS

Gerald Bayless	TE	Bowling Green ..6-3	240
Sylvester Byrd	TE	Kansas ..6-2	225
Gary Wilkins	TE	Georgia Tech ..6-0	235
Joel Williams	TE	Notre Dame ..6-4	240

Gerald Bayless had a look in the Browns camp a year ago before being let go on the final cutdown date. Bayless caught a total of 41 passes in his first three years for the Falcons of Bowling Green but came into his own his senior season by hauling in 34 aeriels for 300 yards and two scores. His brother, Martin, is a DB for the Bills.

Sylvester Byrd started out in the Packers camp in 1987 and found his way to the Falcons replacement squad. He received the starting nod versus the 49ers and responded with four catches for 68 yards with a long of 33. The next week against the Rams he recorded three receptions for 57 yards to finish with 7-125 and end up 12th on the entire team for the season. His first NFL effort (Pittsburgh) resulted in a concussion leaping to make a catch.

Gary Wilkins, a local product from Georgia Tech, made the Bills as a free agent in 1986. Wilkins played in short yardage situations, because of his blocking ability, appearing in all 16 games with two starts against Patriots and Browns. He grabbed eight passes for 74 yards and rushed three times for 18 yards. He was released by Buffalo during the 1987 training camp but re-signed in time to play in one replacement game. Gary had a tryout as a fullback with the Cowboys in 1985 after earning four letters for the Rambling Wreck of Tech.

Joel Williams was an eighth round draft choice of the Dolphins last season out of Notre Dame. Williams made two special teams tackles before being waived in November. He is reunited with ex-Fighting Irish coach and new Falcon TE instructor Foge Fazio. Joel finished out his career at Notre Dame with 21 catches for 224 yards and four TD's in 1986. He spent his first two years at South Bend as a backup to Mark Bavaro, now of the Giants.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

George Colton	G	Maryland	6-4	279
Doug Fiala	T	Colorado St.	6-6	280
Rob Foster	C	Kansas	6-0	245
Lawrence Jackson	G	Presbyterian	6-1	275
Daryl Parham	T	N. Carolina	6-6	253
Billy Hinson	G	Florida	6-1	278
Pat Saindon	G	Vanderbilt	6-3	273
David Spry	C	Clemson	6-0	240
George Yarno	C/G	Washington St.	6-2	265

George Colton was drafted by the Patriots on the ninth round in 1986. He was waived and re-signed for the '87 camp then joined their replacements. Colton started all three games during the strike at tackle and was on New England's roster the rest of the year before being released and signed by Atlanta.

Doug Fiala was a big contributor to the offensive efforts of the Rams of Colorado State for three seasons. The huge 6-6, 280 pounder paved the way for record setting QB Kelly Stouffer, now of the Seattle Seahawks, while competing in the Big Eight. This is his first NFL camp.

Rob Foster, a three-year letter winner with the Jayhawks, is a long snapper for punts and kicks. He's the son of Kansas' band director and is an accomplished trumpet player.

Lawrence Jackson anchored the line for the Falcons' replacements starting three games at left guard. He battled an ankle injury against the 49ers but refused to come out of the game. Jackson had summer training camp experience with the Patriots as a free agent in 1986. Lawrence was on the defensive side of scrimmage while at Presbyterian (S.C.) College. He led the team in tackles as a junior and senior with 115 and 120, respectively. The NAIA first-team All-America selection registered 15 QB sacks in his final campaign in college but now will concentrate on protecting Falcon signal-callers.

Daryl Parham was a blocking specialist for the Tarheels of North Carolina a year ago from his tight end position and is making the transition to tackle. Parham snagged seven passes for 75 yards in 1987 but will use his strength and quickness on the Falcons' offensive line in training camp.

Billy Hinson was drafted by the Broncos on the fifth round in 1985, but was placed on Injured Reserve in training camp. He was waived by Denver in 1986 and signed by Atlanta. He ruptured his calf muscle in the Falcons' 1987 camp and spent the rest of the year on IR.

Pat Saindon, a veteran of 50 USFL games with Birmingham, started all three replacement games for the Falcons last fall (right guard). He signed with the New Orleans Saints in '86 when the USFL folded, but spent the year on IR (ankle). He was released September 1 in '87 by the Saints.

David Spry, from Lee Co. High in Sanford, N.C., was the Tigers long snapper the last two seasons. He was the only Clemson "walk-on" to letter as a freshman in 1983.

George Yarno is an eight-year NFL vet (Tampa Bay) and a two-year USFL vet (Denver). In his career, George has been a long-snapper and played every line position. A former DT at Washington State, George switched to offense for the '79 NFC Central Champion Bucs. He's played 109 NFL games (65 starts) and 36 USFL games (1984-85) since signing as a free agent. He holds the distinction of being the lone NFL player to play high school ball in Alaska (East Anchorage, sophomore year) before graduating from Ferris in Spokane, Washington.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Ron Bohm	.....DE	.....Illinois	.....6-3	.....253
Joe Dixon	.....NT	.....Tulsa	.....6-3	.....275
Flint Fleming	.....DE	.....N. Dakota St.	.....6-4	.....270
Greg Liter	.....DE	.....Iowa State	.....6-6	.....270
Duke Schamel	.....NT	.....S. Dakota	.....6-2	.....220
Tom Strauthers	.....DE	.....Jackson St.	.....6-4	.....265
Scott Thompson	.....DE	.....Citadel	.....6-5	.....270
Billy Witt	.....DE	.....No. Alabama	.....6-5	.....260
Mitch Young	.....DE	.....Arkansas St.	.....6-4	.....260

Ron Bohm had tryouts with the Seahawks and Raiders in '87 but competed for Cardinals replacement squad, starting three games on the line. He notched nine tackles for Illinois against Army in a 31-29 loss in the 1985 Peach Bowl at Fulton County Stadium.

Joe Dixon got a look from the Raiders and Browns in 1986 before catching on with the Oilers in 1987. He was placed on the deactivated list for the first game after the strike and then waived. Dixon was a teammate of Falcons' S Tim Gordon at Tulsa.

Flint Fleming was a four-year starter for the Bisons of North Dakota St. The 6-4, 270 pounder made 63 tackles including a team high 11 QB sacks. Fleming had 24 career sacks and 209 total stops at the Fargo, ND, school.

Greg Liter signed a free agent contract with the 49ers a year ago. He was released at the end of training camp but added to their replacement roster. Liter was on the decativation list for one game and then released. He had a tryout with the Eagles prior to coming to Atlanta.

Duke Schamel had been in the Rams camp from 1985-87. He went on Injured Reserve for the entire '86 season and was waived just before the final cutdown date in '87. The South Dakota product saw action with the Dolphins replacements making eight tackles and one special teams stop. Schamel was with Miami's regulars for one game but did not play before being let go.

Tom Strauthers is a four-year pro who played 47 games for the Eagles from 1983-86 with four starts. He has 46 tackles and 7.5 QB sacks to his credit during that span. Strauthers' best season came in 1985 when he played in 16 games with

three starts and a career-high 5.5 sacks. He rejoins former Eagle teammates Joel Williams and Leonard Mitchell who have made their way to Atlanta.

Scott Thompson hails from Riverdale Senior High in Atlanta and was a first team All-American in Division I-AA for Citadel last year. The former All-Clayton county selection made 104 tackles including 16 stops for 90 yards in losses and five sacks in his senior season. His college career totals read: 415 tackles, 44 stops behind the line of scrimmage and 13 sacks. He was a three-year letterman in football and wrestling at Riverdale splitting time as an offensive and defensive tackle and was a region champ on the mats.

Billy Witt was taken in the 11th round of the 1986 draft by the Bills. Injured in training camp, Witt spent the '86 season on IR. He was released during final cuts in '87 but brought back for the replacement games where he made five tackles. Billy helped lead North Alabama to the NCAA Division II title game in 1985 by making 56 tackles, four fumble recoveries, and seven sacks for 79 yards in losses.

Mitch Young played for Toronto of the CFL in 1985 after his career at Arkansas State. He participated in the Dolphins training camp in 1986, but was cut. Young signed with the Broncos in 1987 and became part of the replacement team in time to go up against Houston. When Denver released him, Atlanta claimed Young but he was on the inactive list for a game.

LINEBACKERS

James Hall	LB	N.W. Louisiana	6-1	252
Gary McGuire	LB	Houston	6-3	240
Fred Small	LB	Washington	6-0	231
Matt Smith	LB	West Virginia	6-2	233
Vinson Smith	LB	East Carolina	6-0	219

James Hall signed a free agent contract with the Chargers last year but was released near the end of training camp. The Falcons picked him up during the strike and he played in all three games recording six tackles. Hall is a converted DE who earned All-Gulf Star Conference honors two straight years while at Northwestern Louisiana.

Gary McGuire posted some impressive numbers for the Cougars of Houston under former NFL head coach Jack Pardee. McGuire racked up 151 tackles and three sacks in his senior campaign with three fumble recoveries. As a junior, he made 118 solo hits en route to 163 total stops and as a sophomore recorded 155 tackles for a college total of 469. The two-time AP honorable mention All-American and All-SWC performer led Houston in tackles for three straight seasons and last year had his best games against TCU with 24 stops, Baylor with 18 and a pair of sacks, and Wyoming with 16 and a 22 yard interception return.

Fred Small was a ninth round selection of the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1985 where he played in 16 games as a rookie, making 14 tackles. Small was placed on Injured Reserve in the '86 training camp, then waived before the season opener. He had tryouts with Seattle and San Diego but signed with the 49ers. The LA product was injured in the Niners camp in '87 and went on IR until he was released on October 27. Small was a member of the All-PAC 10 team as a senior at Washington registering 200 career tackles and 23 sacks, 14 tackles for losses and three interceptions.

Matt Smith had trials with the Cowboys and Giants before playing for the Broncos replacement team. He made two tackles in a reserve role in Denver and was let go after the strike.

Vinson Smith topped the East Carolina defensive charts with 118 tackles from his inside linebacker position. He totaled 294 tackles for his Pirate career with four interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Anthony Anderson	S	Grambling	6-2	208
John Armstrong	CB	Richmond	5-10	195
Charles Huff	CB	Presbyterian	5-11	195
Leander Knight	CB	Montclair State	6-1	193

Anthony Anderson was a 10th round pick of the San Diego Chargers last season but was waived before the final cuts. He was resigned during the strike and was a substitute for three games, making two tackles, including a 1/2 sack for a loss of four yards and two pass deflections. Anderson was the leading interceptor in Division I-AA for Grambling in 1986 with 10 thefts from his safety position. The 6-2, 208 pounder was coach Eddie Robinson's starting quarterback for his first two years with the Tigers.

John Armstrong started two games for the Bills during the replacement games after being released in Buffalo's training camp in 1987. He started one game at CB and one at S making 13 tackles and coming up with two sacks. During the preseason for the Bills, Armstrong had one interception against the Raiders which thwarted a TD late in the contest and set-up Buffalo's winning score in a 7-3 victory. He is a former 11th round choice of the Vikings in 1986. John can also return kicks as evidenced by his 20.6 yard punt return average (19-391) and two TD performance at Richmond in 1985.

Charles Huff played for the Falcons replacement team last year after participating in the birds training camp. Huff started two games at LCB recording eight tackles and picking off two passes, including one in the 24-20 win over the Rams. He was in the 49ers camp twice in 1985-86 before coming to Atlanta. A NAIA All-America at Presbyterian (S.C.), Charles had 20 career pass interceptions and returned two punts for TD's.

Leander Knight was on Atlanta's replacement roster as a reserve defensive back. The 6-1, 193 pound product of Newark, N.J. was in the Chargers camp a year ago before signing with the Falcons. He inked his name on a New Jersey Generals' contract in May of 1986 after graduating from Montclair State but the USFL suspended operations. Knight went on to play with the Connecticut Giants of the Continental International Football League where he grabbed seven interceptions in 10 games.

PUNTERS & KICKERS

Pat Broussard	K	S.W. Louisiana	5-7	173
Chris Clauss	P	Penn St.	6-2	220
Greg Davis	K	Citadel	5-11	197

Tim Foley	K	GA. Southern	5-10	215
Robert Houghtlin	K	Iowa	6-0	175
Vince Mazza	P	Ashland College	6-2	222
Ken Miller	K	N. Carolina	6-1	195
Jeff Ward	K	Texas	5-10	171

Pat Broussard leaves S.W. Louisiana as the school's second all-time leading scorer with 208 points and edged out former Dallas Cowboy Rafael Septien as their top kicker. He hit 11-19 FG's and 18-18 PAT's, including a 5-8 mark from 40-49 yards out, in his senior season. He connected on 44 FG's throughout his career for the Ragin' Cajuns.

Chris Clauss punted 62 times for 2511 yards and a 40.5 average for the Nittany Lions last year. A reserve inside linebacker, the 6-2, 220 pounder carried a 36.8 net average with a long punt of 76 yards.

Greg Davis was the Falcons' replacement team kicker, booting 3-4 FG's and 6-6 PAT's for 15 points, as he finished as the team's fifth leading scorer. A product of Lakeside High School in Atlanta, Davis was a 9th round pick of the Buccaneers in 1987 but was released on the final 45-man cutdown date. He led the entire NCAA Division I-AA in punting as a senior at Citadel with a 44.6 average and holds six school records finishing second behind only Stump Mitchell in the scoring department.

Tim Foley was acquired by the Falcons from the 49ers for a conditional 10th round pick in 1989. Foley, the Niners 10th round pick in the '88 draft, set NCAA Division I-AA records for consecutive field goals with 19 and PAT's with 90 at Georgia Southern. He had a record-tying 63-yard kick and booted a game-winning 42-yard OT kick in a playoff win to cap an All-American senior season. For his career for the Eagles he connected on 71-88 field goals and 186-194 PAT's scoring 399 points. The native of Ocala, FL, had 10 field goals over 50 yards, while his 91% FG accuracy (10-11) led the nation his junior year. Known for his clutch performances, Foley hit 9 FG's and 24 PAT's during the '86 playoffs to help Georgia Southern capture an unprecedented second straight Division I-AA National Championship.

Robert Houghtlin kicked 21 FG's and 41 PAT's last season to lead the Big Ten in scoring with 104 points while finishing 13th in the nation. For his career, he connected on 55/79 FG's (.696) and 126/132 PAT's (.955) to etch his name in the record book as the Hawkeyes all-time scoring leader.

Vince Mazza had tryouts with the Bengals and Jets a year ago after competing for the Eagles of Ashland (OH) College. He punted 225 times in his college career for 9386 yards and a 41.7 average.

Ken Miller was a kicking specialist for UNC doubling as the Tarheels punter and kicker. He booted 13 FG's last season and punted 31 times for 1278 yards and a 41.2 average with a long of 57. Miller established an ACC record by making good on his first 15 FG's of his career in 1984.

Jeff Ward was selected on the 11th round of the 1987 draft by the Cowboys but was released during the end of training camp. Nicknamed "Emergency" in college for his late game heroics, Ward split the uprights 58-78 times from FG range for a .744 percentage and hit 108-109 PAT. He set a school scoring record by accumulating 282 lifetime points for Texas and surpassed New England's Tony Franklin with his Southwest Conference best 58 FG's. His clutch kicking accounted for over 30% of Texas' wins from 1984-86.

Falcons Honor Roll (1966-1987)

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Absher, Dick (LB), Maryland	1967-68
Acks, Ron (LB), Illinois	1968-71
Adams, Bob (TE), Pacific	1976
Adams, Brent (T), UT at C'nooga	1975-78
Allen, Anthony (WR), Washington	1985-86
Allen, Grady (LB), Texas A&M	1969-72
Anderson, Anthony (RB), Temple	1980
Anderson, Taz (TE), Georgia Tech	1966-67
Andrews, William (RB), Auburn	1979-83, 86
Archer, Dave (QB), Iowa St.	1984-87
Auer, Joe (RB), Georgia Tech	1968
Austin, Cliff (RB), Clemson	1984-86

-B-

Bailey, Jim (DT), Kansas	1976-78
Bailey, Larry (DT), Pacific	1974
Bailey, Stacey (WR), Stanford	1982-87
Baker, Tony (RB), East Carolina	1986
Barnes, Gary (WR), Clemson	1966-67
Barnett, Doug (C) Azusa Pacific	1987
Bartkowski, Steve (QB), California	1975-85
Bean, Bubba (RB), Texas A&M	1976-80
Bebout, Nick (T), Wyoming	1973-75
Bell, Bill (PK), Kansas	1971-72
Belton, Willie (RB), Maryland St.	1971-72
Benish, Dan (DT), Clemson	1983-86
Benson, Cliff (TE), Purdue	1984-85
Benson, Duane (LB), Hamline	1972-73
Benson, Thomas (LB), Oklahoma	1984-85
Berry, Bob (QB), Oregon	1968-72
Bleick, Tom (S), Georgia Tech	1967
Bosley, Bruce (G), W. Virginia	1969
Bowling, Andy (LB), Virginia Tech	1967
Bramlett, John (LB), Memphis St.	1971
Breitenstein, Bob (G-T), Tulsa	1969-70
Brett, Walt (G), Montana	1976
Brezina, Greg (LB), Houston	1968-69, 71-79
Britt, James (DB), LSU	1983-87
Brooks, Jonathan (LB), Clemson	1980
Brown, Aaron (LB), Ohio State	1986-87
Brown, Charlie (WR), S.C. State	1985-87
Brown, Clay (TE), Brigham Young	1982
Brown, Greg (DE), Kansas State	1987
Brown, Ray (S), W. Texas State	1971-78
Brown, Reggie (RB), Oregon	1982
Brunson, Mike (WR-RB), Arizona St.	1970
Bryan, Rick (DT), Oklahoma	1984-87
Bryant, Charles (RB), Allen	1969
Bryant, Warren (T), Kentucky	1978-83
Burke, Vern (WR), Oregon St.	1966
Burley, Gary (DT), Pittsburgh	1984
Burrow, Ken (WR), San Diego St.	1971-75
Burson, Jimmy (CB-S), Auburn	1968
Butler, Bobby (CB), FSU	1981-87

Butler, Jim (RB), Edward Waters	1968-71
Byas, Rick (DB), Wayne St.	1974-80

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Cabral, Brian (LB), Colorado	1979
Cahill, Dave (DT), Northern Arizona	1969
Cain, Lynn (RB), USC	1979-84
Calland, Lee (CB), Louisville	1966-68
Campbell, Scott (QB), Purdue	1986-87
Campbell, Sonny (RB), North Arizona	1970-71
Case, Scott (DB), Oklahoma	1984-87
Cash, Rick (DE), N.E. Missouri	1968
Casillas, Tony (DT), Oklahoma	1986-87
Cason, Wendell (DB), Oregon	1986-87
Cavness, Grady (CB), Texas-El Paso	1970
Cerne, Joe (C), Northwestern	1968
Chapman, Mike (G), Texas	1984
Childs, Henry (TE), Kansas St.	1974
Chesson, Wes (WR), Duke	1971-73
Claridge, Dennis (QB), Nebraska	1966
Clark, Bret (S), Nebraska	1986
Coffey, Junior (RB), Washington	1966-67, 69
Cogdill, Gail (WR), Washington St.	1969-70
Coia, Angelo (WR), USC	1966
Collins, Sonny (RB), Kentucky	1976
Condren, Glen (DT), Oklahoma	1969-72
Cook, Ed (G), Notre Dame	1966-67
Cope, Jim (LB), Ohio	1976
Cordill, Olie (WR), Memphis St.	1968
Correal, Chuck (C), Penn St.	1979-80
Costello, Joe (LB), Central Connecticut ...	1986-87
Cotrell, Ted (LB), Delaware Valley	1969-70
Cox, Arthur (TE), Tex. Southern	1983-87
Croudip, David (DB), San Diego State	1985-87
Crowe, Larry (DB), Tex. Southern	1975
Curran, Willie (WR), UCLA	1982-84
Curry, Buddy (LB), North Carolina	1980-87

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Dabney, Carlton (DT), Morgan St.	1968
Davis, Brad (RB), LSU	1975
Davis, Paul (LB), North Carolina	1981-82
Daykin, Tony (LB), Georgia Tech	1979-81
Dixon, Floyd (WR), Stephen F. Austin	1986-87
Dixon, Rich (LB), California	1983
Dodd, Al (WR), N.W. Louisiana St.	1973-74
Donnelly, Rick (P), Wyoming	1985-87
Donohoe, Mike (TE), San Francisco	1968, 1970-71
Dufour, Dan (C/G), UCLA	1983-84
Duich, Steve (G), San Diego St.	1968
Dukes, Jamie (G), Florida State	1986-87
Dunaway, Dave (WR), Duke	1968
Dunn, Perry Lee (RB), Mississippi	1966-68

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East, Ron (DT), Montana St.	1976
Eastering, Ray (S), Richmond	1972-79
Eber, Rick (WR), Tulsa	1968
Eley, Monroe (RB), Arizona St.	1975-78
Ellis, Clarence (CB), Notre Dame	1972-74
Emery, Larry (RB), Wisconsin	1987
Enderle, Dick (G), Minnesota	1969-71
Esposito, Mike (RB), Boston College	1976-79
Etter, Bob (K), Georgia	1968-69
Everett, Major (RB), Mississippi College	1987

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Farmer, Karl (WR), Pittsburgh	1976-77
Faumuina, Wilson (DT), San Jose St.	1977-81
Ferguson, Jim (C), USC	1969
Fields, Edgar (DT), Texas A&M	1977-80
Fitzgerald, Mike (CB-S), Iowa State	1967
Flatley, Paul (WR), Northwestern	1968-69
Flowers, Kenny (RB), Clemson	1987
Fortner, Larry (WB), Miami-OH	1980
Fralic, Bill (G/T), Pittsburgh	1985-87
Francis, Wallace (WR), Arkansas AM&N	1975-81
Franklin, George (RB), Texas A&I	1978
Freeman, Mike (CB-S), Fresno St.	1968-70
Fritsch, Ted (C), St. Norbert	1972-75
Frye, David (LB), Purdue	1983-85

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Gaison, Blane (S), Hawaii	1981-84
Gallagher, Frank (G), N. Carolina	1973
Gann, Mike (DE), Notre Dame	1985-87
Gia Garcia, Jim (DE), Purdue	1968
George, Steve (DT), Houston	1976
Geredine, Thomas (WR), NE Missouri St.	1973-74
Germany, Willie (S), Morgan St.	1972
Giacomarro, Ralph (P), Penn State	1983-85
Gilbert, Lewis (TE), Florida	1978-79
Gilliam, John (WR), South Carolina St.	1976
Gipson, Paul (RB), Houston	1969-70
Glass, Glenn (WR), Tennessee	1966
Glazebrook, Bob (DB), Fresno St.	1978-83
Goff, Willard (DT), W. Texas St.	1985
Gotshalk, Len (T), Humboldt St.	1972-76
Goodwin, Doug (RB), Maryland St.	1968
Gordon, Tim (S), Tulsa	1987
Green, Tim (LB), Syracuse	1986-87
Greene, Tiger (DB), Western Carolina	1985
Grimm, Dan (G-C), Colorado	1966-68

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Haji-Sheikh, Ali (K), Michigan	1986
Halverson, Dena (LB), Washington	1970
Hampton, Dave (RB), Wyoming	1972-75

Hansen, Don (LB), Illinois	1969-75
Harmon, Tom (G), Gus, Adolphus	1967
Harper, John (LB), So. Illinois	1983
Harris, Bill (RB), Colorado	1968
Harris, Roy (DT), Florida	1984-85
Harrison, Dennis (DE), Vanderbilt	1986-87
Hart, Leo (QB), Duke	1971
Hawkins, Alex (WR), South Carolina	1966-67
Haworth, Steve (DB), Oklahoma	1983-84
Havig, Dennis (G), Colorado	1972-75
Hayes, Tom (CB), San Diego St.	1971-75
Heck, Ralph (LB), Colorado	1966-68
Herman, Chuck (G), Arkansas	1980
Herron, Mack (RB), Kansas St.	1975
Hettema, Dave (T), New Mexico	1970
Hilton, Roy (DE), Jackson St.	1975
Hinson, Billy (G), Florida	1986
Hodge, Floyd (WR), Utah	1982-84
Holly, Bob (QB), Princeton	1984-85
Holmes, Rudy (DE), Drake	1974
Howe, Glen (T), So. Mississippi	1985-86
Howell, Pat (G), USC	1979-83
Hudlow, Floyd (CB-S), Arizona	1967-68
Hughes, Bob (DE), Jackson St.	1967-69
Humphrey, Claude (DE), Tennessee St.	1968-74, 76-78
Hunter, Scott (QB), Alabama	1976-78
Hutchinson, Tom (WR), Kentucky	1966

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Jackson, Alfred (WR), Texas	1978-84
Jackson, Ernie (CB), Duke	1978
Jackson, Jeff (LB), Auburn	1984-85
Jackson, Laron (G), Missouri	1975-76
Jackson, Robert (LB), Texas A&M	1982
James, John (P), Florida	1972-81
Jenke, Noel (LB), Minnesota	1972
Jenkins, Alfred (WR), Morris Brown	1975-83
Jarvis, Ray (WR), Norfolk St.	1971-72
Jobko, Bill (LB), Ohio St.	1966
Johnson, Billy (WR), Widener	1982-87
Johnson, Kenny (DB), Mississippi St.	1980-86
Johnson, Randy (QB), Texas A&I	1966-70
Johnson, Rudy (RB), Nebraska	1966
Jones, Bob (WR), San Diego St.	1969
Jones, Bob (DB), Virginia Union	1975-76
Jones, Earl (DB), Norfolk St.	1980-83
Jones, Jerry (DT), Bowling Green	1966
Jones, Joey (WR), Alabama	1986
Jones, June (QB), Portland St.	1977-79

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Kay, Rick (LB), Colorado	1977
Kendrick, Vince (RB), Florida	1974-75
Kenn, Mike (T), Michigan	1978-87
Kiewel, Jeff (G), Arizona	1985-87
Kindle, Gregg (G), Tennessee St.	1976
Kirouac, Lou (G-K), Boston College	1966-67

Koeper, Rich (T), Oregon State	1966
Komlo, Jeff (QB), Delaware	1982
Kramer, Erik (QB), N. Carolina St.	1987
Kraynak, Rich (LB), Pittsburgh	1987
Krepfle, Keith (TE), Iowa St.	1982
Kuechenberg, Rudy (LB), Indiana	1971
Kunz, George (T), Notre Dame	1969-74
Kupp, Jake (G), Washington	1967
Kuykendall, Fulton (LB), UCLA	1975-84

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Lamb, Ron (RB), South Carolina	1972
Landrum, Mike (TE), So. Miss.	1984
Laughlin, Jim (LB), Ohio St.	1980-82, 87
Lavan, Al (S), Colorado St. U.	1969-70
Lawrence, Kent (WR), Georgia	1970
Lawrence, Rolland (DB), Tabor	1973-80
Ledbetter, Monte (WR), N.W. Louisiana	1969
Lee, Bob (WR), Minnesota	1969
Lee, Bob (QB), Pacific	1973-74
Lee, Dwight (RB), Michigan St.	1968
Lee, Ron (OL), Baylor	1983
Lemmerman, Bruce (QB), San Fernando Valley	1968-69
Lens, Greg (DT), Trinity Texas	1970-71
Levenick, Dave (LB), Wisconsin	1983-84
Lewis, Mike (DT), Arkansas AM&N	1971-79
Linden, Errol (T), Houston	1966-68
Long, Bob (WR), Wichita St.	1968
Lothridge, Billy (P-S), Georgia Tech	1966-71
Luckhurst, Mick (K), California	1981-87

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Mabra, Ron (DB), Howard	1975-76
Mack, Red (WR), Notre Dame	1966
Malancon, Rydell (LB), LSU	1984
Mallory, John (S), W. Virginia	1967
Malone, Art (RB), Arizona St.	1970-74
Mankins, Jim (RB), Florida St.	1967
Manning, Rosie (T), N.E. Oklahoma	1972-75
Marchewski, Frank (C), Minnesota	1966-68
Marshall, Randy (DE), Linfield	1970-71
Marshall, Rich (DT), Stephen F. Austin	1966
Martin, Billy (TE), Georgia Tech	1966-67
Marx, Greg (DT), Notre Dame	1973
Matlock, John (C), Miami	1970-71
Matthews, Al (TE), Vanderbilt	1983-85
Matthews, Aubrey (WR), Delta State	1986-87
Matthews, Henry (RB), Michigan St.	1973
Mauer, Andy (G), Oregon	1970-73
Mayberry, James (RB), Colorado	1979-81
Mazzetti, Tim (K), Pennsylvania	1978-80
McCarthy, Brendan (RB), Boston College	1968
McCartney, Ron (LB), Tennessee	1977-79
McCauley, Tom (S-WR), Wisconsin	1969-71
McClain, Dewey (LB), E. Central Univ.	1976-80
McCrary, Greg (TE), Clark	1975-77

McDermott, Gary (RB), Tulsa	1969
McDonald, Tommy (WR), Oklahoma	1967
McGee, Molly (RB), Rhode Island	1974
McInnis, Hugh (TE), So. Mississippi	1966
McIntyre, Secedrick (RB), Auburn	1977
McKinnely, Phil (T), UCLA	1976-80
McQuilken, Kim (QB), Lehigh	1974-77
Merrow, Jeff (DE), W. Virginia	1975-83
Meyers, Eddie (RB), Navy	1982
Mialik, Larry (TE), Wisconsin	1972-74
Middleton, Ron (TE), Auburn	1986-87
Mike-Mayer, Nick (K), Temple	1973-77
Mikeska, Russ (TE), Texas A&M	1979-83
Miller, Brett (T), Iowa	1983-87
Miller, Chris (QB), Oregon	1987
Miller, Jim (G) Iowa	1971-72, 74
Miller, Junior (TE), Nebraska	1980-83
Mitchell, Ken (LB), Nevada-Las Vegas	1973-74
Mitchell, Jim (TE), Prairie View	1969-79
Mitchell, Leonard (T), Houston	1987
Montgomery, Marv (T), USC	1978
Moore, Robert (S), Northwestern St.	1986-87
Moore, Tom (RB), Vanderbilt	1967
Moriarty, Tom (S), Bowling Green	1977-79, 81
Moroski, Mike (QB), Cal-Davis	1979-84
Morris, Larry (LB), Georgia Tech	1966
Mraz, Mark (DE), Utah State	1987
Musser, Neal (LB), N.C. State	1981-83

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Neal, Louis (WR), Prairie View	1973-74
Nobis, Tommy (LB), Texas	1966-76
Nofsinger, Terry (QB), Utah	1967
Norton, Jim (DT/DE), Washington	1967-68

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Ogden, Ray (TE), Alabama	1967-68
Ortega, Ralph (LB), Florida	1975-78

-P-

Palmer, Dick (LB), Kentucky	1974
Patton, Ricky (RB), Jackson St.	1978
Pearson, Dennis (WR), San Diego St.	1978-79
Pellegrini, Joe (C), Harvard	1984-86
Pennywell, Robert (LB), Grambling	1977-80
Perko, Mike (DT), Utah St.	1982
Phillips, Ray (LB), North Carolina St.	1986
Pillers, Lawrence (DT), Alcorn State	1985
Pitts, Mike (DE), Alabama	1983-86
Pleasant, Reggie (DB), Clemson	1985
Plummer, Tony (S), Pacific	1971-73
Poage, Ray (TE), Texas	1971
Pridemore, Tom (S), West Virginia	1978-85
Pritchett, Billy Ray (RB), W. Texas St.	1976-77
Proffit, Joe (RB), N.E. Louisiana	1971-73
Provence, Andrew (DT), S. Carolina	1983-87

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Rade, John (LB), Boise St.	1983-87
Radloff, Wayne (C), Georgia	1986-87
Rassas, Nick (S), Notre Dame	1966-68
Ray, Eddie (RB), LSU	1972-74
Reaves, Ken (CB), Norfolk St.	1966-73
Rector, Ron (RB), Northwestern	1966-67
Redmond, Rudy (CB), Pacific	1969-71
Reed, Frank (DB), Washington	1976-80
Reed, Oscar (RB), Colorado State U.	1975
Reid, Michael (LB), Wisconsin	1987
Reese, Guy (DT), SMU	1966
Richards, Bobby (DE), LSU	1966-67
Richardson, Al (LB), Georgia Tech	1980-85
Richardson, Jerry (CB-S), W. Texas St.	1966-67
Riddlehuber, Preston (RB), Georgia	1966
Riggle, Bob (S), Penn State	1966-67
Riggs, Gerald (RB), Arizona St.	1982-87
Roberts, Gary (G), Purdue	1970
Roberts, George (P), Virginia Tech	1982
Roberts, Guy (LB), Maryland	1976
Robinson, Bo (RB), W. Texas St.	1981-83
Rogers, Doug (DE), Stanford	1982
Rubke, Karl (DT), USC	1966-67
Rushing, Marion (LB), So. Illinois	1966-68
Russ, Carl (LB), Michigan	1975
Ryckman, Billy (WR), Louisiana Tech	1977-79
Ryzek, Paul (C), Virginia	1974-79

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Sabatino, Bill (DT), Colorado	1969
Sandeman, Bill (T), Pacific	1967-73
Sanders, Bob (LB), N. Texas St.	1967
Sanders, Eric (T), Nevada-Reno	1981-86
Scales, Charlie (RB), Indiana	1966
Schmidt, Roy (G-T), Long Beach St.	1969
Schonert, Turk (QB), Stanford	1986
Scott, Dave (T), Kansas	1976-82
Scully, John (C), Notre Dame	1981-87
Seay, Virgil (WR), Troy St.	1984
Settle, John (RB), Appalachian	1987
Sharp, Dan (TE), Texas Christian	1987
Shay, Jerry (DT), Purdue	1968-69
Shears, Larry (CB), Lincoln, Mo.	1971
Shelley, Elbert (S), Arkansas State	1987
Sherlag, Bob (WR), Memphis St.	1966
Shiner, Dick (QB), Maryland	1971-73
Sidle, Jimmy (TE-RB), Auburn	1966
Sieminski, Chuck (DT), Penn State	1966-67
Silvestri, Carl (CB-S), Wisconsin	1966
Simeta, Mike (DT), Kansas St.	1983
Simmons, Jerry (WR), Bethune-Cookman	1967-69
Simon, Jim (G-T), Miami	1966-68
Sloan, Steve (QB), Alabama	1966-67
Small, Gerald (CB), San Jose St.	1984
Small, John (DT), Citadel	1970-72

Smigelsky, Dave (P), Virginia Tech	1982
Smith, Don (DE), Miami	1979-84
Smith, Mike (WR), Grambling	1980
Smith, Ralph (TE), Mississippi	1969
Smith, Reggie (WR), N.C. Central	1980-81
Smith, Ron (CB-WR), Wisconsin	1966-67
Smith, Royce (G), Georgia	1974-76
Snider, Malcolm (G), Stanford	1969-71
Snyder, Todd (WR), Ohio U.	1970-72
Sobocinski, Phil (C), Wisconsin	1968
Spiller, Phil (S), Cal. State-LA	1968
Spiva, Andy (LB), Tennessee	1977
Spivey, Mike (CB), Colorado	1982
Stamps, Sylvester (WR), Jackson St.	1984-87
Stanback, Haskel (RB), Tennessee	1974-79
Stanciel, Jeff (RB), Miss. Valley	1969
Steinfert, Fred (PK), Boston College	1977-78
Stewart, Steve (LB), Minnesota	1978
Strahan, Art (DT), Texas Southern	1968
Strong, Ray (RB), Nevada/Las Vegas	1978-82
Suchy, Larry (CB), Mississippi College	1968
Sullivan, Jim (DE), Lincoln, Mo.	1970
Sullivan, Pat (QB), Auburn	1972-75
Szczeczko, Joe (DT), Auburn	1966-68

-T-

Talbert, Don (T), Texas	1966-68
Tate, Rodney (RB), Texas	1984
Taylor, Johnnie (LB), Hawaii	1984-86
Teague, Matthew (DE), Prairie View	1981
Ten Napel, Garth (LB), Texas A&M	1978
Thielemann, R.C. (G), Arkansas	1977-84
Thomas, Chuck (G), Oklahoma	1985
Thomas, Sean (DB), TCU	1985
Thompson, Woody (RB), Miami	1975-77
Tilleman, Mike (DT), Montana	1973-76
Tinker, Gerald (WR), Kent State	1974-75
Tolleson, Tommy (WR), Alabama	1966
Toloumu, David (RB), Hawaii	1982
Trayman, Wade (K), Frederick	1966-67
Tuggle, Jessie (LB), Valdosta State	1987
Turner, Jimmy (CB), UCLA	1986-87
Tutson, Tom (DB), S.C. State	1983
Tuttle, Perry (WR), Clemson	1984
Tyrrell, Tim (RB), N. Illinois	1984-86

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Van Note, Jeff (C), Kentucky	1969-86
Vinyard, Kenny (K), Texas Tech	1970

-W-

Wages, Harmon (RB), Florida	1968-71, 73
Wagoner, Danny (DB), Kansas	1985
Walker, Chuck (DT), Duke	1972-75
Walker, Cleo (LB), Louisville	1971
Warwick, Lonnie (LB), Tenn. Tech	1973-74
Washington, Joe (RB), Oklahoma	1985

Washington, Joe (RB), Illinois St.	1973	Woerner, Scott (S), Georgia	1981
Washington, Ronnie (LB), NE Louisiana St. ..	1985	Wolski, Bill (RB), Notre Dame	1966
Waskiewicz, Jim (C), Wichita St.	1969	Wood, Bo (DE), North Carolina	1967
Weatherford, Jim (S), Tennessee	1969	Woodberry, Dennis (CB), Southern Arkansas	1986
Weatherley, Jim (C), None	1976	Wright, James (TE), Texas Christian	1978-79
Wheelwright, Ernie (RB), So. Illinois	1966-67	Wright, John (WR), Illinois	1968
Whisenhunt, Ken (TE), Georgia Tech	1985-87	Wright, Nate (S), San Diego St.	1969
White, Lyman (LB), LSU	1981-82		
Whitlow, Bob (C), Arizona	1966		
Wilkes, Reggie (LB), Georgia Tech	1986-87		
Williams, Joel (LB), Wis./LaCrosse 1979-82, 86-87			
Williams, Keith (RB), SW Missouri	1986		
Williams, Richard (RB), Memphis St.	1983		
Williams, Sam (DE), Michigan State	1966-67		
Wilson, Brenard (S), Vanderbilt	1987		
Wilson, Jim (C), Georgia	1967		
Windauer, Bill (DT), Iowa	1976		
Winkler, Randy (G), Tarleton St.	1968		

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Yeates, Jeff (DT), Boston College	1976-84
Young, Ben (TE), UT-Arlington	1983

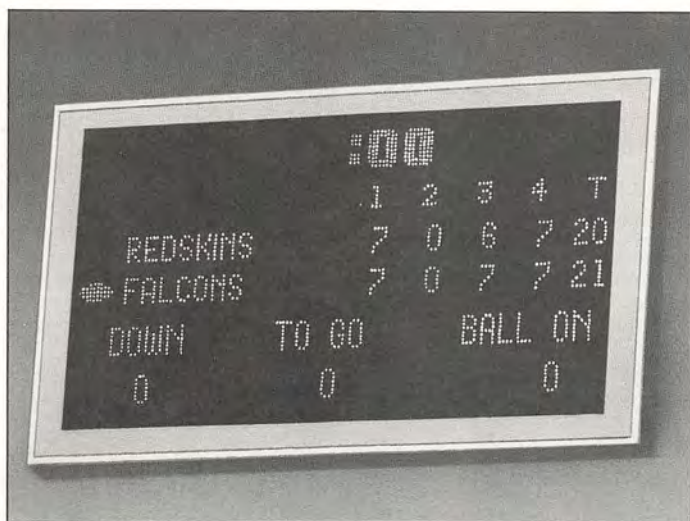
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Zeke, Mike (DT), Kent St.	1979-83
Zook, John (DE), Kansas	1969-75

For the History Books...

Here is the listing of the members of the Atlanta Falcons replacement team which posted a 1-2 record in 1987. If a player was Active, he suited up and was eligible to play, but if he was Inactive, he did not dress. DNP means did not play.

PLAYER	GP/GS	PLAYER	GP/GS
Rick Badanjek, RB	2/2	Buddy Moor, DE	3/3
Milton Barney, WR	3/3	Dwaine Morris, DT	3/2
Louis Berry, P	2/0	Gary Moss, CB	3/3
Dwight Bingham, DE	3/0	Jerome Norris, S	3/0
Ken Bowen, LB	1/0	Darryl Oliver, RB/KR	1/0
(Inactive - 1)		(Active-DNP - 2)	
Aaron Brown, LB	1/1	Kirk Phillips, WR	(Inactive - 2; Active-DNP - 1)
Jerry Butler, RB	1/0	Shelley Poole, RB	1/0
Sylvester Byrd, TE	3/2	(Inactive - 2)	
Randy Clark, G	3/3	Art Price, LB	3/0
Greg Davis, K	3/0	Greg Quick, T	1/0
John Evans, TE	1/1	(Active-DNP - 2)	
(Inactive - 1)		Don Robinson, T	2/0
Leon Gonzalez, WR	2/0	(Inactive - 1)	
Norm Granger, RB	3/1	Pat Saindon, G	3/3
Paul Gray, LB	2/0	James Shibest, WR	1/1
Tim Green, LB	3/3	(Inactive - 1)	
Steve Griffin, WR	3/0	Struggie Smith, DB	2/0
James Hall, LB	3/0	(Inactive - 1)	
Kwante Hampton, WR	1/0	Herb Spencer, LB	3/1
(Inactive - 1)		John Starnes, P	1/0
James Hendley, C	3/3	Mark Studaway, DE	2/2
Howard Hood, T	(Inactive - 2; Active-DNP - 1)	Eric Swanson, WR	(Inactive - 1)
Charles Huff, CB	3/2	(Inactive - 1)	
Van Hughes, DE	(Inactive - 1)	Lenny Taylor, WR	3/2
(Inactive - 1)		Leon Thomasson, CB	3/2
Lawrence Jackson, G	3/3	Jeff Van Raaphorst, QB	2/1
Lyndell Jones, CB	3/2	Emanuel Weaver, NT	2/2
John Kamana, TE	3/1	(Inactive - 1)	
Leander Knight, CB	1/0	Mike Wells, TE	(Inactive - 1)
(Inactive - 2)		(Inactive - 1)	
Erik Kramer, QB	3/2	Eric Wiegand, C	2/0
Rich Kraynak, LB	3/3	(Active-DNP - 1)	
Jim Laughlin, LB	2/2	Mike Williams, RB	3/1
Jeff Lee, G/C	(Inactive - 3)	Leonard Wingate, DT	1/0
(Inactive - 3)		(Active-DNP - 2)	
Mike Lush, FS	3/3	Mitchell Young, DE	1/1
Doug Mackie, T	3/3	Geno Zimmerlink, TE/HB	3/1
Joe McIntosh, RB/KR	2/0		



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REDSKINS	7	0	6	7	20
FALCONS	7	0	7	7	21
DOWN	TO GO		BALL ON		
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Atlanta Falcons 1987 Statistics

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE (Actual) 3-12

Atlanta	10	Tampa Bay	48	A	(51,250)	L
Atlanta	21	Washington	20	H	(50,882)	W
Sept. 27 at New Orleans - Game Cancelled						
Atlanta	12	Pittsburgh	28	H	(16,667)	L
Atlanta	17	San Fran	25	H	(8,684)	L
Atlanta	24	LA Rams	20	H	(15,813)	W
Atlanta	33	Houston	37	A	(29,062)	L
Atlanta	0	New Orleans	38	H	(42,196)	L
Atlanta	3	Cleveland	38	A	(71,135)	L
Atlanta	10	Cincinnati	16	H	(25,758)	L
Atlanta	13	Minnesota	24	A	(53,866)	L
Atlanta	21	St. Louis	34	H	(15,909)	L
Atlanta	21	Dallas	10	A	(40,103)	W
Atlanta	0	LA Rams	33	A	(43,310)	L
Atlanta	7	San Fran	35	A	(54,698)	L
Atlanta	13	Detroit	30	H	(13,906)	L

TEAM STATISTICS FALCONS OPPONENT

TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	230	354
Rushing	73	162
Passing	139	164
Penalty	18	28
3rd Dwn: Md/Att	57/187 30.5	114/224 50.9
4th Dwn: Md/Att	5/15 33.3	9/16 56.2
TOTAL NET YARDS	4066	5907
Avg. per game	271.1	393.8
Total plays	880	1071
Avg. per play	4.6	5.5
NET YARDS RUSHING	1298	2734
Avg. per game	86.5	182.3
Total rushes	333	600
NET YARDS PASSING	2768	3173
Avg. per game	184.5	211.5
Tck/yds lost	46/340	17/118
Gross yards	3108	3291
Att/Comp	501/247	454/243
Pct. Comp	49.3	53.5
Had intercepted	32	15
PUNTS/AVERAGE	83/40.7	60/39.7
NET PUNTING AVG.	31.5	33.4
PENALTIES/YARDS	98/807	92/729
FUMBLES/LOST	27/17	18/12
TOUCHDOWNS	24	54
Rushing	5	24
Passing	17	26
Returns	2	4
Time of Possession	390:15	509:45

SCORE/PERIODS 1 2 3 4 OT TOT

FALCONS TOT	34	43	67	61	X	205
Opp. Total	87	136	95	118	X	436

RUSHING No Yds Avg. LG TD

Riggs	203	875	4.3	44	2
Campbell	21	102	4.9	24	2
Badanjek	29	87	3.0	31	1
Settle	19	72	3.8	12	0
Flowers	14	61	4.4	14	0
M. Williams	14	49	3.5	9	0
C. Miller	4	21	5.3	11	0
Granger	6	12	2.0	6	0
McIntosh	5	11	2.2	5	0
Kramer	2	10	5.0	11	0
Archer	2	8	4.0	7	0
Stamps	1	6	6.0	6	0
V Raaphorst	1	6	6.0	6	0
Emery	1	5	5.0	5	0
J. Butler	1	1	1.0	1	0
Oliver	1	0	0.0	0	0
Griffin	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
Dixon	3	-3	-1.0	7	0
Matthews	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0
Donnelly	3	-6	-2.0	0	0
Taylor	1	-13	-13.0	-13	0
Everett (Cle)	34	95	2.8	16	0
FALCONS	333	1298	3.9	44	5
Opponents	600	2734	4.6	35	24

RECEIVING No. Yds. Avg. LG TD

Dixon	36	600	16.7	51	5
Matthews	32	537	16.8	57	3
Riggs	25	199	8.0	48	0
Bailey	20	325	16.3	35	3
Whisenhunt	17	145	8.5	26	1
Taylor	12	171	14.3	28	1
Settle	11	153	13.9	36	0
Cox	11	101	9.2	19	0
Barney	10	175	17.5	32	2
M. Williams	9	70	7.8	15	0
Johnson	8	84	10.5	19	0
Byrd	7	125	17.9	33	0
Kamana	7	51	7.3	15	1
Flowers	7	50	7.1	24	0
Badanjek	6	35	5.8	16	0
C. Brown	5	103	20.6	23	0
Emery	5	31	6.2	13	0
Stamps	4	40	10.0	19	0
Gonzalez	3	40	13.3	22	0
McIntosh	3	15	5.0	9	1
Granger	2	34	17.0	26	0
J. Butler	2	7	3.5	4	0
Sharp	2	6	3.0	5	0
Evans	1	8	8.0	8	0
Oliver	1	2	2.0	2	0
Middleton	1	1	1.0	1	0
Everett (Cle)	8	41	5.1	10	0

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDR	PAT	FG	S	TP
Luckhurst	0	0	0	17/17	9/13	0	44
Dixon	0	5	0	0/0	0/0	0	30
Bailey	0	3	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
Matthews	0	3	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
Davis	0	0	0	6/6	3/4	0	15
Barney	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Campbell	2	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Riggs	2	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Badanjek	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Kamana	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
McIntosh	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Moore	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Stamps	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Taylor	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Whisenhunt	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Moor	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	1	2
FALCONS	5	17	2	23/24	12/17	1	205
Opponents	24	26	4	51/54	19/30	2	436



FLD GLS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
Lckhrst	1/1	1/1	2/2	3/5	2/4	9/13
Davis	0/0	1/1	1/1	1/2	0/0	3/4
FALCONS	1/1	2/2	3/3	4/7	2/4	12/17
Oppnts	1/1	6/7	4/10	7/11	1/1	19/30
Davis: (0); (0); (27); (45, 42); (35)						
Luckhurst: (50); (0); (39, 37, 45, 18); (51); (42); (44); (53); (0); (0); (0); (40); (41, 50, 28).						
FALCONS			247	3108	12.6	57 17
Opponents			243	3291	13.5	57 26

INTERCEPTS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		
B. Butler	4	48	12.0	31	0		
Croudpip	2	40	20.0	40	0		
Gordon	2	28	14.0	27	0		
Moore	2	23	11.5	18	0		
Huff	2	14	7.0	14	0		
Moss	1	18	18.0	18	0		
Case	1	12	12.0	12	0		
Britt	1	-1	-1.0	4	0		
FALCONS	15	182	12.1	40	0		
Opponents	32	342	10.7	47	2		
PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In20	LG	Blk
Donnelly	61	2686	44.0	8	9	62	0
Luckhurst	1	37	37.0	1	0	37	0
Berry	7	258	36.9	1	0	51	0
Starnes	6	203	33.8	0	2	49	0
Davis	6	191	31.8	1	0	55	0
Team	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	2
FALCONS	83	3375	40.7	11	11	62	2
Opponents	60	2383	39.7	8	16	60	0
PUNT RET	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
Johnson	21	6	168	8.0	45	0	
Barney	5	0	28	5.6	11	0	
Moss	3	1	15	5.0	11	0	
J. Butler	2	0	10	5.0	9	0	
FALCONS	31	7	221	7.1	45	0	
Opponents	48	7	541	11.3	78	1	
KO RET	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		
Stamps	24	660	27.5	97	1		
Emery	21	440	21.0	66	0		
Settle	10	158	15.8	22	0		
Oliver	5	90	18.0	28	0		
Flowers	4	72	18.0	20	0		
McIntosh	3	108	36.0	71	0		
Everett	2	33	16.5	18	0		
Badanjek	2	27	13.5	16	0		
M. Williams	2	15	7.5	15	0		
Moss	1	23	23.0	23	0		
Griffin	1	21	21.0	21	0		
Croudpip	1	18	18.0	18	0		
J. Butler	1	13	13.0	13	0		
Cox	1	11	11.0	11	0		
Sharp	1	11	11.0	11	0		
FALCONS	79	1700	21.5	97	1		
Opponents	44	915	20.8	92	1		

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	Av/Att	TD	Pct.TD	Int	Pct.Int	LG	Lst/At	Rtng
Campbell	260	136	1728	52.3	6.65	11	4.2	14	5.4	44	25/178	65.0
Kramer	92	45	559	48.9	6.08	4	4.3	5	5.4	33	10/82	60.0
V Raaphorst	34	18	174	52.9	5.12	1	2.9	2	5.9	24	3/19	52.8
C. Miller	92	39	552	42.4	6.00	1	1.1	9	9.8	57	5/37	26.4
Archer	23	9	95	39.1	4.13	0	0.0	2	8.7	33	3/24	15.7
FALCONS	501	247	3108	49.3	6.20	17	3.4	32	6.4	57	46/340	53.7
Opp. Tot.	454	243	3291	53.5	7.25	26	5.7	15	3.3	57	17/118	82.2

Defensive Stats Final Season

(Official)

PLAYER	TOT TKL	TKL	AST	SCK/YDS	INT	PASSES DEF	FUMBLES REC FORCED	BLOCKED KICKS
Rade	123	55	68	1/6	0/0	5	0	0
Moore	93	58	35	0/0	2/23	15	1	0
Gann	85	48	37	1.5/6.5	0/0	2	0	0
Bryan	85	43	42	2/15	0/0	1	1	1 (FG)
Williams J.	72	48	24	0/0	0/0	5	0	0
Casillas	72	38	34	2/11	0/0	0	1	1
Gordon	67	42	25	0/0	2/28	12	1	0
Costello	60	32	28	0/0	0/0	1	0	1
Kraynak	55	31	24	0/0	0/0	3	0	0
Harrison	53	29	24	2/20	0/0	4	0	2
Case	52	41	11	0/0	1/12	36	0	0
Brown G.	49	29	20	1.5/15.5	0/0	1	0	0
Green	39	26	13	1/9	0/0	4	1	0
Curry	36	14	22	0/0	0/0	3	0	0
Tuggle	35	18	17	1/5	0/0	2	0	0
Croudip	34	21	13	0/0	2/40	18	0	1
B. Butler	31	22	9	0/0	4/48	30	0	1
Laughlin	27	17	10	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Wilkes	24	15	9	0/0	0/0	4	0	0
Moor	23	13	10	4/26	0/0	1	0	0
Morris	22	20	2	0/0	0/0	1	0	0
Moss	20	15	5	0/0	1/18	3	0	0
Wilson	19	12	7	0/0	0/0	3	1	1
Studaway	19	8	11	1/0	0/0	0	0	0
Reid	18	10	8	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Lush	16	9	7	0/0	0/0	2	0	0
Brown A.	15	13	2	0/0	0/0	0	1	0
Britt	15	8	7	0/0	1/- 1	1	0	0
Cason	15	8	7	0/0	0/0	1	0	0
Spencer	12	6	6	0/0	0/0	0	1	0
Provence	12	6	6	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Thomasson	9	9	0	0/0	0/0	2	0	1
Huff	8	8	0	0/0	2/14	6	0	0
Turner	8	4	4	0/0	0/0	1	0	0
Price	4	3	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Weaver	4	3	1	0/0	0/0	0	1	0
Jones	4	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Shelley	3	3	0	0/0	0/0	1	0	0
Hall	3	2	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Mraz	2	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Norris	2	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Bingham	1	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Clark	1	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Knight	1	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Wingate	1	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Young	1	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Team Totals	1348	797	551	17/118	15/182	167	9	9

Special Team Tackles: Croudip - 11, Tuggle - 7, Costello - 6, Green - 5, Britt - 4, A. Brown - 4, Everett - 4, Moore - 4, Reid - 4, Case - 3, Curry - 3, Luckhurst - 3, Sharp - 3, Shelley - 3, Spencer - 3, Barnett - 2, Gordon - 2, Hall - 2, Laughlin - 2, Moss - 2, Norris - 2, Thomasson - 2, Badanjek - 1, Donnelly - 1, Flowers - 1, Granger - 1, Gray - 1, Huff - 1, Jones - 1, Price - 1, Rade - 1, Smith - 1, Stamps - 1, Whisenhunt - 1, Wilkes - 1.

Forced Fumbles: Barnett - 1, Everett - 1. **Fumble Recoveries:** Moore - 1 (TD).

1987 Game-By-Game Offensive Statistics

Game	Score	1st Downs	(R/PS/PN)	3rd Down	4th Down	Total Net Yds.	Net Rush	Net Pass	Att/Comp/ Inter	S-Yds	Rush TD	Pass TD	Ret	Punts	Fum	Pen
@ Tampa Bay WASHINGTON	L 10-48 W 21-20	13 18	4/8/1 7/9/2	3-10 6-15	0-0 0-1	197 394	63 125	134 269	33/14/2 34/17/1	4/37 1/2	0 1	1 2	0 0	6-45.5 6-46.5	2-1 2-0	8-50 8-60
@ New Orleans						GAME CANCELLED										
PITTSBURGH	L 12-28	13	4/9/0	5-13	0-0	215	67	148	34/18/3	2/13	0	1	0	7-31.7	2-1	7-54
SAN FRANCISCO	L 17-25	20	6/11/3	3-16	4-5	238	50	188	46/18/2	6/49	1	1	0	5-34.4	0-0	7-50
L.A. RAMS	W 24-20	22	5/16/1	3-13	0-1	342	46	296	46/27/2	5/39	0	3	0	7-36.9	3-3	10-99
@ Houston	L 33-37	14	4/8/2	1-9	0-0	304	121	183	26/14/1	1/4	0	3	0	3-46.0	6-4	5-42
NEW ORLEANS	L 0-38	12	4/7/1	4-11	0-0	183	55	128	29/14/5	4/28	0	0	0	5-43.2	0-0	6-51
@ Cleveland	L 3-38	13	5/7/1	3-12	0-1	243	117	126	22/15/1	7/43	0	0	0	7-38.1	1-1	16-90
CINCINNATI	L 10-16	13	7/6/0	4-11	0-1	266	119	147	22/13/1	3/21	0	1	0	4-42.5	1-1	6-50
@ Minnesota	L 13-24	16	7/8/1	6-14	0-1	290	96	194	35/19/1	3/18	1	1	0	6-41.0	1-0	3-20
ST LOUIS	L 21-34	18	8/8/2	6-15	1-3	267	120	147	39/15/1	3/34	1	2	0	5-47.2	3-3	1-15
@ Dallas	W 21-10	18	4/13/1	8-14	0-0	364	111	253	30/17/2	0/0	1	1	1	5-42.6	2-2	5-68
@ L.A. Rams	L 0-33	13	2/11/0	1-9	0-2	269	59	210	33/17/2	2/15	0	0	0	6-40.0	2-0	3-25
@ San Francisco	L 7-35	13	1/9/3	1-11	0-0	216	51	165	36/13/4	3/21	0	0	1	7-38.1	0-0	7-63
DETROIT	L 13-30	14	5/9/0	3-13	0-1	278	98	180	36/16/4	2/16	0	1	0	4-44.5	2-1	6-70
TOTALS		230	73/139/18	57-186	5-16	4066	1298	2768	501/247/32	46/340	5	17	2	83-40.7	27-17	98-807

1987 Game-By-Game Defensive Statistics

Game	Score	1st Downs	(R/P/S/P/N)	3rd Down	4th Down	Total Net Yds.	Net Rush	Net Pass	Att/Comp/ Inter	S-Yds	TD Rush	TD Pass	TD Ret	Punts	Fum	Pen
@ Tampa Bay WASHINGTON	L 10-48 W 21-20	30 21	6/20/4 8/11/2	14-16 8-13	0-0 0-0	460 335	127 145	333 190	34/24/1 30/18/2	0-0 1-8	2 0	5 3	0 0	1-40.0 5-51.6	2-1 2-1	6-35 5-54
@ New Orleans PITTSBURGH	L 12-28	19	7/11/1	9-15	0-1	356	142	219	25/14/1	1-5	2	2	0	4-36.5	3-2	4-25
SAN FRANCISCO	L 17-25	20	13/7/0	5-14	0-0	361	239	122	18/9/1	3-20	1	2	0	5-32.4	0-0	10-79
L.A. RAMS	W 24-20	21	11/9/1	5-13	0-0	350	186	164	29/14/1	2-10	0	2	0	7-38.7	3-3	7-63
@ Houston	L 33-37	24	12/10/2	8-18	2-2	447	205	234	35/15/2	1-8	1	3	0	5-42.4	0-0	6-46
NEW ORLEANS	L 0-38	29	15/10/4	7-12	0-0	410	244	166	26/16/0	1-5	4	1	0	3-42.0	0-0	8-73
@ Cleveland	L 3-38	24	12/8/4	8-13	1-1	365	173	192	24/13/0	0-0	3	2	0	2-37.0	2-1	6-47
CINCINNATI	L 10-16	27	18/6/3	9-17	1-1	416	270	146	30/13/2	1-13	1	0	0	2-42.5	0-0	4-27
@ Minnesota	L 13-24	18	11/7/0	9-17	1-1	306	134	172	33/14/1	0-0	1	1	1	5-36.6	1-0	7-45
ST. LOUIS	L 21-34	24	6/17/1	7-16	1-1	476	113	363	42/25/1	1-6	2	2	0	3-34.3	2-1	9-68
@ Dallas	W 21-10	24	6/17/1	8-16	0-2	354	91	263	43/26/1	3-23	1	0	0	5-40.0	2-2	3-42
@ L.A. Rams	L 0-33	28	13/13/2	7-14	1-2	494	238	256	29/18/0	0-0	2	1	1	3-40.0	0-0	6-40
@ San Francisco	L 7-35	26	14/11/1	5-13	1-2	461	255	206	30/13/0	1-10	2	2	1	6-40.2	1-1	7-55
DETROIT	L 13-30	18	10/6/2	5-16	1-3	323	173	150	25/11/2	1-7	2	0	1	3-36.3	0-0	4-30
TOTALS		353	162/163/28	114-224	9-16	5907	2735	3176	454/243/15	17-118	24	26	4	60-39.7	18-12	92-729

1987 Rushing Game-By-Game

Game	Score	Riggs	Flowers	Settle	Emery	Griffin	Archer	Stamps	Campbell	C. Miller	Other
@ Tampa Bay	L 10-48	12-52	2-3	0-0	I.R.	0-0	2-8	0-0	0-0		1 - (-1)
WASHINGTON	W 21-20	23-120-11	0-0	0-0	I.R.	1 - (-2)	0-0	0-0	4-8		
@ New Orleans	L 12-28	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		21-67
PITTSBURGH	L 17-25	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		20-50
SAN FRANCISCO	W 24-20	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		19-46
L.A. RAMS	L 33-37	21-113	1-1	DNP	I.R.	0-0	0-0	1-6	3-1		0-0
@ Houston	L 0-38	14-46	1-2	DNP	I.R.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0		1-7
NEW ORLEANS	L 3-38	16-93	1-1	DNP	1-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-22		1 - (-4)
@ Cleveland	L 10-16	23-112	I.R.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-7		0-0
CINCINNATI	L 13-24	15-41	I.R.	5-8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-47-11		0-0
@ Minnesota	L 21-34	15-60-11	I.R.	9-44	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-16		1-0
ST. LOUIS	W 21-10	30-119	I.R.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1-11		1 - (-9)
@ Dallas	L 0-33	9-31	3-15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1-11	2-13	1-0
@ L.A. Rams	L 7-35	10-24	1-4	5-20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	1-3	0-0
@ San Francisco	L 13-30	15-64	5-35	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	1-5	1 - (-6)
DETROIT											
TOTALS		203-875-21	14-61	19-72	1-5	1 - (-2)	2-8	1-6	21-102-21	4-21	67-150

1987 Receiving Game-By-Game

Game	Score	Bailey	Cox	Dixon	Emery	Flowers	Johnson	Mthews	Mdletn	Riggs	Settle	Stamps	Whisenhunt	Brown	Others
@ Tampa Bay	L 10-48	3-56-11	0-0	1-33	I.R.	1-4	3-33	1-4	0-0	4-27	0-0	0-0	1-14	DNP	0-0
WASHINGTON	W 21-20	3-45-11	0-0	5-105-11	I.R.	0-0	0-0	1-37	0-0	1-6	0-0	1-10	6-68	DNP	0-0
@ New Orleans															
PITTSBURGH	L 12-28	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	18-161
SAN FRANCISCO	L 17-25	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	18-237
L.A. RAMS	W 24-20	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	27-335
@ Houston	L 33-37	4-56-11	1-19	3-50-11	I.R.	0-0	0-0	2-17	0-0	1-31	DNP	0-0	3-14-11	DNP	0-0
NEW ORLEANS	L 0-38	6-89	1-3	2-24	I.R.	0-0	0-0	3-32	0-0	2-8	DNP	0-0	0-0	DNP	0-0
@ Cleveland	L 3-38	2-36	2-18	2-14	1-10	0-0	0-0	5-70	0-0	2-14	0-0	0-0	1-7	DNP	0-0
CINCINNATI	L 10-16	1-35	1-13	3-64-11	0-0	I.R.	2-18	0-0	1-1	3-22	0-0	DNP	2-15	DNP	0-0
@ Minnesota	L 13-24	DNP	1-8	3-69	1-(-3)	I.R.	0-0	2-51-11	0-0	5-24	1-12	DNP	4-27	1-19	1-5
ST LOUIS	L 21-34	DNP	0-0	3-25	1-6	I.R.	2-27	7-115-21	0-0	1-4	1-4	DNP	DNP	0-0	0-0
@ Dallas	W 21-10	DNP	0-0	7-80-11	2-18	I.R.	0-0	3-45	0-0	1-5	2-82	DNP	DNP	2-43	0-0
@ L.A. Rams	L 0-33	DNP	0-0	1-25	0-0	3-29	0-0	3-86	0-0	2-(-4)	3-36	2-11	DNP	2-41	1-1
@ San Francisco	L 7-35	DNP	2-13	2-24	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-59	0-0	2-56	3-34	0-0	DNP	0-0	0-0
DETROIT	L 13-30	1-8	3-27	4-87	0-0	3-17	1-6	1-21	0-0	1-6	1-5	1-19	DNP	0-0	0-0
TOTALS		20-325-31	11-101	36-600-41	3-13	7-50	8-84	32-537-31	1-1	25-199	11-153	4-40	17-145-11	5-103	65-739

1987 Passing Game-By-Game

Game	Score	Archer	Campbell	Kramer
@ Tampa Bay	L 10-48	22-8-94-3/24-0/0-33LG-2int	11-6-77-1/13-11d-34LG-0int	DNP
WASHINGTON	W 21-20	DNP	34-17-271-1/2-21d-37LG-1int	DNP
@ New Orleans				
PITTSBURGH	L 12-28	DNP	DNP	13-5-48-0/0-0d-15LG-2int
SAN FRANCISCO	L 17-25	DNP	DNP	33-13-176-5/43-11d-33LG-1int
L.A. RAMS	W 24-20	DNP	DNP	46-27-335-5/39-31d-32LG-2int
@ Houston	L 33-37	DNP	DNP	DNP
NEW ORLEANS	L 0-38	DNP	26-14-187-1/4-3d-35LG-1int	DNP
@ Cleveland	L 9-38	DNP	29-14-156-4/28-0/0-22LG-5int	DNP
CINCINNATI	L 10-16	DNP	22-15-169-7/43-0/0-21LG-1int	DNP
@ Minnesota	L 13-24	1-1-1/0/0-0/0-1LG-0int	21-12-167-3/21-11d-44LG-1int	DNP
ST. LOUIS	L 21-34	DNP	35-19-212-3/18-11d-36LG-1int	DNP
@ Dallas	W 21-10	DNP	39-15-181-3/34-21d-34LG-1int	DNP
			30-17-253-0/0-11d-36LG-2int	DNP
@ L.A. Rams	L 0-33	DNP	13-7-55-2/15-0/0-23LG-1int	C. Miller
@ San Francisco	L 7-35	DNP	DNP	20-10-170-0/0-0/0-57LG-1int
DETROIT	L 13-30	DNP	DNP	36-13-186-3/21-0/0-48LG-4int
				36-16-196-2/16-11d-51LG-4int
TOTALS		23-9-95-3/24-0/0-33LG-2int	260-136-1728-25/178-111d-44LG-14int	Kramer 92-45-559-10/82-41d-33LG-5int C. Miller 92-39-552-5/37-11d-57LG-9int

NFL Rankings

Offense

	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Points Scored	205	14	28
Total Offense	4066	14	28
First Downs	230	14	28
Yards Rushing	1298	14	28
Yards Passing	2768	12	22
QB Sacks Allowed	46	8	19
Rushing Attempts	333	14	28
Pass Completion Pct.	49.3	14	27
Pass Attempts	501	5 (tie)	19 (tie)
Pass Completions	247	9 (tie)	17 (tie)
Fewest Interceptions	32	14	28
Fewest Fumbles	27	5	6
Fewest Fumbles Lost	17	9	14 (tie)
Fewest Penalties	98	6	12 (tie)
TD's Scored	24	14	28
TD's Rushing	5	13	27
TD's Passing	17	12	25
TD's Returns	2	12 (tie)	25 (tie)
Field Goals	12	14	28 (tie)
Avg. Time of Possession	26:01	14	28

Defense

	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Points Allowed	436	14	28
Total Defense	5907	14	28
Yards Rushing	2734	14	28
Yards Passing	3173	8	18
Fewest First Downs	354	14	28
Most QB Sacks	17	14	28
Fewest Rushing Atts.	600	14	28
Pass Completion Pct.	53.5	10	18
Fewest Pass Atts.	454	1	4
Fewest Pass Comp.	243	2	4
Most Interceptions	15	12	22
Fewest TD's Allowed	54	14	28
Fewest TD's Rushing	24	14	28
Fewest TD's Passing	26	12	25
Fewest TD's Returns	4	12 (tie)	26 (tie)
Most Takeaways	27	13 (tie)	27 (tie)
Punt Returns	7.1	11	22
Punt Coverage	11.3	12	24
Kickoff Returns	21.5	1	1
Kickoff Coverage	20.8	10	23

Game 1
Tampa Bay 48, Atlanta 10
 Tampa Stadium (51,250)

The Buccaneers scored on their first four possessions en route to a 27-3 halftime lead and cruised to a 48-10 victory. QB Steve DeBerg threw for five TD's to tie an opponents best versus the Falcons completing 24-34 passes for 333 yards. Tampa Bay amassed 460 total yards compared to 197 for Atlanta and the Bucs managed 30 first downs. The Falcons lost starting safety Bret Clark for the season on the fifth play of the game with a broken fibula. Dave Archer completed only 8-22 passes for 94 yards and had two interceptions before giving way to Scott Campbell. Campbell tossed a 34-yard score to Stacey Bailey in relief and Mick Luckhurst hit his sixth career 50-yard FG.

ATLANTA	0	3	0	7	—	10
Tampa Bay	14	13	7	14	—	48

Scoring

TB — Freeman 11 pass from DeBerg (lqwebuikie kick)
 TB — Carter 6 pass from DeBerg (lqwebuikie kick)
 Atl — FG Luckhurst 50
 TB — Magee 11 pass from DeBerg (lqwebuikie kick)
 TB — Carter 3 pass from DeBerg (Kick failed)
 TB — Austin 1 run (lqwebuikie kick)
 TB — Carrier 24 pass from DeBerg (lqwebuikie kick)
 Atl — Bailey 34 pass from Campbell (Luckhurst kick)
 TB — Bartalo 3 run, (lqwebuikie kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Buccaneers
First Downs	13	30
Net Yards Gained	197	460
Rushing Yardage	63	127
Passing Yardage	134	333
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	33/14/2	34/24/1
Punts	6/45.5	1/40.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/1
Penalties	8/50	6/35
Sacks Allowed	4/37	0/0
Return Yds.	12	104
Time of Poss.	21:48	38:12

Rushing

Falcons — Riggs 12-52, Archer 2-8, Flowers 2-3
 Buccaneers — Howard 12-47, Bartalo 7-23-1td, Smith 5-23, Austin 9-20-1td, Wilder 7-13, Freeman 1-1

Passing

Falcons — Archer 22-8-24-2int-3sk, Campbell 11-6-77-1td-1sk
 Buccaneers — DeBerg 34-24-333-5td

Receiving

Falcons — Bailey 3-56-1td, Dixon 1-33, Johnson 3-33, Riggs 4-27, Whisenhunt 1-14, Matthews 1-4, Flowers 1-4
 Buccaneers — Wilder 4-62, Carter 6-60-2td, Carrier 6-50-1td, Magee 3-46-1td, Howard 1-45, Hall 2-44, Austin 1-15, Freeman 1-11-1td

Game 2
Atlanta 21, Washington 20
 Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (50,882)

Behind the passing of Scott Campbell the Falcons hung on to upset the World Champion Redskins in the home opener in front of 50,882. Campbell, making his first start in a Falcon uniform, added a much-needed spark to the club's offense as he completed 17-34 passes for 271 yards and 2 TD's. His deep passes opened up the middle and Gerald Riggs made the most of the opportunity. Atlanta's first score was setup by a Tony Casillas' fumble recovery at the Washington 22. Campbell wasted no time as he found Floyd Dixon on a 19-yard strike to tie the game at 7-7. Pro Bowl WR Gary Clark and Super Bowl MVP QB Doug Williams teamed up on an 18-yard scoring play but the crucial extra point was muffed and the Skins trailed 14-13. Washington increased the margin to 20-14 on a short six-yard TD grab from Art Monk early in the fourth quarter. The Falcons fought back as Campbell orchestrated a game-winning 80-yard, 11 play drive, which culminated in a 4-yard TD run by Gerald Riggs on third and goal with under seven minutes remaining. The Falcons defense shut down the Redskins the rest of the way and rookie Tim Gordon's interception with :25 left sealed the victory. Riggs gained 120 yards on 20 carries including a 44-yard gallop in the second quarter and Dixon grabbed five catches for 105 yards.

ATLANTA	7	0	7	7	—	21
Washington	7	0	6	7	—	20

Scoring

WA — Bryant 17 pass from Williams (Haji-Sheikh kick)
 Atl — Dixon 19 pass from Campbell (Luckhurst kick)
 WA — Clark 18 pass from Williams (Kick failed)
 Atl — Bailey 23 pass from Campbell (Luckhurst kick)
 WA — Monk 6 pass from Williams (Haji-Sheikh kick)
 Atl — Riggs 4 run (Luckhurst kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Redskins
First Downs	18	21
Net Yards Gained	394	335
Rushing Yardage	125	145
Passing Yardage	269	190
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	34/17/1	30/18/2
Punts	6/46	5/51
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/1
Penalties	8/60	5/54
Sacks Allowed	1/2	1/8
Time of Poss.	26:58	33:02

Rushing

Falcons — Riggs 23-120-1td, Campbell 4-8
 Redskins — Griffin 14-73, Bryant 15-70, Williams 1-3

Passing

Falcons — Campbell 34-17-271-2td-1int-1sk
 Redskins — Williams 30-18-198-3td-2int-1sk

Receiving

Falcons — Dixon 5-105-1td, Whisenhunt 6-68, Bailey 3-45-1td, Matthews 1-37, Stamps 1-10, Riggs 1-6
 Redskins — Bryant 6-76-1td, Clark 3-52-1td, Sanders 4-45, Monk 2-12-1td, Dennison 2-8, Yarber 1-5

Game 3
Pittsburgh 28, Atlanta 12
 Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (16,667)

After a week's layoff, the replacement games went on as scheduled despite protests from over a 1,000 on the picket lines outside the stadium which included many NFL veterans. In their first replacement contest the Falcons had to contend with Pro Bowlers Mike Webster and Ernest Jackson. Webster opened enough holes for Jackson to gain 104 yards and score one TD. Pittsburgh's Joey Clinkscales burned Atlanta's secondary for 150 yards on six catches including a 57-yard TD. Both teams committed seven turnovers. Mike Williams led the Falcon offense as he combined for 119 total yards and made nine catches (which was the most receptions by a Falcon back in over five years). Jeff Van Raaphorst relieved starter Erik Kramer and connected on 13-21 passes for 113 yards and tallied Atlanta's only TD on a 19-yard toss to Milton Barney. Buddy Moor had two sacks on the day for the Falcons and was credited with forcing Steve Bono into taking a safety in the third quarter.

ATLANTA.....	3	0	2	7	—	12
Pittsburgh.....	0	14	0	14	—	28

Scoring

Atl — FG Davis 27
 Pbh — Jackson 1 run (Trout kick)
 Pbh — Hairston 5 pass from Bono (Trout kick)
 Atl — Safety, Moor tackled Bono in end zone
 Pbh — Bono 1 run (Trout kick)
 Pbh — Clinkscales 11 pass from Collier (Trout kick)
 Atl — Barney 19 pass from Van Raaphorst (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Steelers
First Downs	13	19
Net Yards Gained	215	356
Rushing Yardage	67	142
Passing Yardage	148	219
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	34/18/3	25/14/1
Punts	7/31	4/36
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	3/2
Penalties	7/54	4/25
Sacks Allowed	2/13	1/5
Return Yds.	35	21
Time of Poss.	26:36	33:24

Rushing

Falcons — Williams 13-49, Granger 5-11, Van Raaphorst 1-6, Butler 1-1, Oliver 1-0
 Steelers — Jackson 29-104, Bono 3-13, Sanders 3-12, Reeder 2-8, Carter 3-7, Collier 1(-2)

Passing

Falcons — Kramer 13-5-48-2int., Van Raaphorst 21-13-11d-1int-2sk
 Steelers — Bono 22-12-164-1td-1int-1sk, Collier 3-2-60-1td

Receiving

Falcons — M. Williams 9-70, Barney 4-66-1td, Granger 1-8, Evans 1-8, Butler 2-7, Oliver 1-2
 Steelers — Clinkscales 6-150-1td, Lee 2-29, Carter 2-18, Hairston 2-16-1td, Sanders 1-11, Boyle 1-0

Game 4
San Francisco 25, Atlanta 17
 Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (8,684)

Because of the baseball playoffs at Candlestick Park, San Francisco traveled to Atlanta in an exchange of home dates. The Falcons' replacement players refused to buckle under against the likes of 12 Niner veterans including Joe Montana, Dwight Clark, Roger Craig, and Dwaine Board as they battled back from a 20-0 halftime deficit. A three-yard run by Rick Badanjek and a 42-yard FG by Greg Davis in the third quarter cut the lead in half and forced 49ers head coach Bill Walsh to bring back Montana and Co. (a morale victory for the replacements). Erik Kramer's 4-yard scoring toss to John Kamana made it a 25-17 game in the fourth quarter but that's as close as the Falcons got in dropping their second straight game to a "veteran" replacement opponent. Kramer completed 13-33 passes in a relief role and WR Lenny Taylor caught 6 passes for 94 yards for Atlanta.

ATLANTA.....	0	0	10	7	—	17
San Francisco.....	6	14	0	5	—	25

Scoring

SF — Craig 1 run (Kick failed)
 SF — Clark 6 pass from Montana (Brockhaus kick)
 SF — Greer 5 pass from Gagliano (Brockhaus kick)
 Atl — Badanjek 3 run (Davis kick)
 Atl — FG Davis 42
 SF — FG Brockhaus 20
 SF — Safety, Kramer sacked by Fuller
 Atl — Kamana 4 pass from Kramer (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	49ers
First Downs	20	20
Net Yards Gained	238	361
Rushing Yardage	50	239
Passing Yardage	188	122
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	46/18/2	18/9/1
Punts	5/34	5/32
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties	7/50	10/79
Sacks Allowed	6/49	3/20
Return Yds.	22	46
Time of Poss.	27:43	32:17

Rushing

Falcons — Badanjek 15-45-1td, Kramer 1-11, McIntosh 2-7, Williams 1-0, Taylor 1(-13)
 49ers — Craig 17-91-1td, Cribbs 9-67, Rodgers 7-37, Monroe 1-17, Sydney 4-11, Stevens 3-9, Varajon 2-7

Passing

Falcons — Van Raaphorst 13-5-61-0td-1int-1sk, Kramer 33-13-176-11d-1int-5sk
 49ers — Montana 8-5-63-1td-1sk, Gagliano 8-4-79-1td-1int-2sk, Stevens 2-0-0

Receiving

Falcons — Taylor 6-94, Byrd 4-68, Gonzalez 2-28, Granger 1-26, Kamana 3-19-1td, McIntosh 1-5, Badanjek 1(-3)
 49ers — Greer 2-55-1td, Clark 2-27-1td, Rodgers 1-21, Francis 1-17, Craig 1-12, Heller 1-7, Sydney 1-3

Game 5

Atlanta 24, Los Angeles 20

Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (15,813)

For the third straight week, the Falcons replacement team faced insurmountable odds as they took on a Rams squad with a dozen "veterans" from their regular roster. They beat the odds despite trailing 17-0 at halftime and clipped the Rams 24-20 to close out the replacement games with a 1-2 record. Erik Kramer was the second half hero completing 19-30 passes after intermission for 232 yards and three scores. Kramer engineered three fourth-quarter drives to wrap up the victory with the game winner coming on a 19-yard strike to Lenny Taylor with 5:10 remaining. The Rams drove to the Falcon four-yard line on the game's final play but were stopped as Lyndell Jones broke up a Steve Dils pass as time expired. Kramer ended the day by completing 27-46 passes for 335 yards (seventh highest total in club history) and was awarded with a spot on the regular roster. Joe McIntosh put his name in Falcon record book by returning the second half KO 71 yards. NFL rushing leader Charles White ran for 155 yards for the Rams.

ATLANTA	0	0	7	17	—	24
Los Angeles.....	7	10	3	0	—	20

Scoring

- LA — Francis 2 pass from Dils (Lansford kick)
 LA — McDonald 12 pass from Dils (Lansford kick)
 LA — FG Lansford 40
 Atl — Barney 5 pass from Kramer (Davis kick)
 LA — FG Lansford 40
 Atl — McIntosh 1 pass from Kramer (Davis kick)
 Atl — FG Davis 35
 Atl — Taylor 19 pass from Kramer (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Rams
First Downs	22	21
Net Yards Gained	342	350
Rushing Yardage	46	186
Passing Yardage	296	164
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	46/27/2	29/14/2
Punts	7/36	7/37
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	3/3
Penalties	10/99	7/63
Sacks Allowed	5/39	2/10
Return Yds.	28	51
Time of Poss.	31:35	28:25

Rushing

- Falcons — Badanjek 14-42, McIntosh 3-4, Granger 1-1, Kramer 1-(-1)
 Rams — White 31-155, Francis 3-28, Bryant 1-2, Dils 1-1

Passing

- Falcons — Kramer 46-27-335-3td-2int-5sk
 Rams — Dils 29-14-174-2td-2int-2sk

Receiving

- Falcons — Barney 6-109-1td, Taylor 6-77-1td, Byrd 3-57, Badanjek 5-38, Kamana 4-32, Gonzalez 1-12, McIntosh 2-10-1td
 Rams — Moore 3-52, Smith 2-44, White 3-35, Mobley 2-19, McDonald 1-12-1td, Francis 3-12-1td

Game 6

Houston 37, Atlanta 33

Astrodome (29,062)

The Falcons and Oilers engaged in an old-fashioned shootout in the Astrodome combining for 70 points. There were 13 lead changes and six ties. The game went down to the wire as Houston raced 80 yards on 7 plays in the last 1:57 of the contest for the victory. QB Scott Campbell threw for 3 TD's for the first time in his career to pace the Falcons. Atlanta led 27-20 after three quarters as Campbell connected on a pair of TD's to Stacey Bailey (29 yards) and Ken Whisenhant (3 yards). A 45-yard punt return by former Oiler Billy Johnson put the ball on the Houston 14 with 6:45 left. Atlanta had first and goal at the Houston two but was forced to settle for an 18-yard FG which turned out to be the difference. Houston drove the length of the field for the win as QB Warren Moon capped a 17-point fourth quarter Oiler comeback by passing 14 yards to Clyde Duncan with :27 left. Sylvester Stamps totaled 193 yards on 5 KORs including a 74-yarder.

ATLANTA	3	10	14	6	—	33
Houston	3	10	7	17	—	37

Scoring

- Atl — FG Luckhurst 39
 Hou — FG Zendejas 31
 Atl — FG Luckhurst 37
 Hou — FG Zendejas 43
 Atl — Dixon 10 pass from Campbell (Luckhurst kick)
 Hou — Duncan 41 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)
 Hou — Givins 8 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)
 Atl — Bailey 29 pass from Campbell (Luckhurst kick)
 Atl — Whisenhant 3 pass from Campbell (Luckhurst kick)
 Hou — Rozier 14 run (Zendejas kick)
 Hou — FG Zendejas 24
 Atl — FG Luckhurst 45
 Atl — FG Luckhurst 18
 Hou — Duncan 14 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Oilers
First Downs	14	24
Net Yards Gained	304	447
Rushing Yardage	121	205
Passing Yardage	183	234
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	26/14/1	35/15/2
Punts	3/46	5/42
Fumbles/Lost	6/4	0/0
Penalties	5/42	6/46
Sacks Allowed	1/4	1/8
Time of Poss.	24:19	35:41

Rushing

- Falcons — Riggs 21-113, Stamps 1-6, Campbell 3-1
 Oilers — Rozier 29-144-1td, Moon 6-26, Tillman 4-22

Passing

- Falcons — Campbell 26-14-187-3td-1int-1sk
 Oilers — Moon 34-15-242-3td-2int-1sk

Receiving

- Falcons — Bailey 4-56-1td, Dixon 3-50-1td, Riggs 1-31, Cox 1-19, Matthews 2-17, Whisenhant 3-14-1td
 Oilers — Givins 5-99-1td, Duncan 2-55-2td, D. Hill 2-51, Drewrey 1-16, Rozier 3-14, Wallace 2-7

Game 7
New Orleans 38, Atlanta 0
 Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (42,196)

New Orleans used a potent offense to hand the Falcons their worst home shutout in club history with a 38-0 blanking as the Saints started a nine-game winning streak that would carry them into the playoffs for the first time. On their first drive of the afternoon, New Orleans went 80 yards in 10 plays which ended in a Bobby Hebert 7-yard scoring pass to Mike Jones. On their next possession, Saints TE Hoby Brenner fumbled after being hit by the Falcons' Bobby Butler and Atlanta recovered on their own seven. The play, though, was ruled dead as a result of an "inadvertent whistle" while the ball was rolling around. New Orleans went on to take a 14-0 lead and change the complexion of the game. The Saints outgained the Falcons in total yards, 410-183, with RB Rueben Mayes rushing for 112 yards on 19 carries. Scott Campbell was forced to the passing game early and threw five interceptions. Billy Johnson moved past Roland Lawrence to become the club's all-time punt return leader.

ATLANTA.....	0	0	0	0	—	0
New Orleans.....	14	7	3	14	—	38

Scoring

N.O. — Jones 7 pass from Hebert (Andersen kick)
 N.O. — Word 1 run (Andersen kick)
 N.O. — Hilliard 5 run (Andersen kick)
 N.O. — FG Andersen 49
 N.O. — Hilliard 30 run (Andersen kick)
 N.O. — Gray 3 run (Andersen kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Saints
First Downs	12	29
Net Yards Gained	183	410
Rushing Yardage	55	244
Passing Yardage	128	166
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	29/14/5	26/16/0
Punts	5/43	3/42
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties	6/51	8/73
Sacks Allowed	4/28	1/5
Return Yds.	22	65
Time of Poss.	22:23	37:37

Rushing

Falcons — Riggs 14-46, Dixon 1-7, Flowers 1-2
 Saints — Mayes 19-112, Hilliard 10-63-2td, Gray 5-27-1td, Hebert 3-24, Word 5-18-1td

Passing

Falcons — Campbell 29-14-156-0td-5int-4sk
 Saints — Hebert 26-16-171-1td-0int-1sk

Receiving

Falcons — Bailey 6-89, Matthews 3-32, Dixon 2-24, Riggs 2-8, Cox 1-3
 Saints — Jones 4-54-1td, Brenner 2-40, Hilliard 2-25, Martin 2-24, Mayes 4-20, Word 2-8

Game 8
Cleveland 38, Atlanta 3
 Cleveland Stadium (71,135)

Atlanta took the opening kickoff and put together a drive that nearly consumed the entire first quarter, taking 10:02 off the clock, but failed to score as the Falcons were whistled for five penalties. Cleveland took a 14-3 lead into the locker room at halftime thanks to a 54-yard bomb from Bernie Kosar to Webster Slaughter and a 1-yard run by Kevin Mack. The playoff bound Browns broke the game open by scoring on their first two possessions of the second half and cruised to a 38-3 victory. Gerald Riggs gained 64 yards in the first half but his running exploits were limited after intermission as the Falcons were forced to play catch-up through the air. Riggs still ended the day with 93 yards on just 16 carries (5.8 average). WR Aubrey Matthews caught 5 passes for 76 yards and rookie Larry Emery totaled 120 yards on 6 KOR. Atlanta was one shy of tying a team record for penalties in a game accumulating 16 for 90 yards.

ATLANTA.....	0	3	0	0	—	3
Cleveland.....	0	14	21	3	—	38

Scoring

Clev — Slaughter 54 pass from Kosar (Jaeger kick)
 Clev — Mack 1 run (Jaeger kick)
 Atl — FG Luckhurst 42
 Clev — Byner 3 run (Jaeger kick)
 Clev — Byner 5 run (Jaeger kick)
 Clev — Byner 4 pass from Kosar (Jaeger kick)
 Clev — FG Jaeger 38

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Browns
First Downs	13	24
Net Yards Gained	243	365
Rushing Yardage	117	173
Passing Yardage	126	192
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	22/15/1	24/13/0
Punts	6-44.5	2/37.0
Fumbles/Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties	16-90	6-47
Sacks Allowed	7-43	0-0
Return Yds.	6	92
Time of Poss.	31:36	28:24

Rushing

Falcons — Riggs 16-93, Campbell 4-22, Emery 1-5, Flowers 1-1, Matthews 1 (-4)
 Browns — Manoa 7-61, Mack 18-52, Byner 10-29, Fontenot 4-24

Passing

Falcons — Campbell 22-15-169-7sk, 1int
 Browns — Kosar 23-13-192-2td-0int-0sk, Danielson 1-0-0

Receiving

Falcons — Matthews 5-70, Bailey 2-36, Cox 2-18, Riggs 2-14, Dixon 2-14, Emery 1-10, Whisenant 1-7
 Browns — Slaughter 2-70, Weathers 3-42, Byner 4-40, Newsome 3-33, Mack 1-7

Game 9

Cincinnati 16, Atlanta 10

Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (25,758)

The Falcons were clinging to a slim 10-9 lead in the fourth quarter but couldn't hold on as Larry Kinnebrew scored from 2-yards out with :23 left to claim the come-from-behind victory for the Bengals. Scott Campbell and Floyd Dixon connected on a 44-yard scoring play in the third quarter giving Atlanta a 7-3 advantage. The birds upped it to 10-6 on a 44-yard FG by Mick Luckhurst. But the Bengals charged back behind the play of Boomer Esiason who stymied the Falcons all day with his clutch running. Esiason scrambled for 77 yards in the game and picked up three crucial first downs on third down attempts to keep drives alive in the final period. Gerald Riggs registered his 24th career 100-yard game to break the club record held by William Andrews as he rambled for 122 yards on 23 carries.

Cincinnati.....	3	0	0	13	—	16
ATLANTA.....	0	0	7	3	—	10

Scoring

Cin — FG Breech 31
 Atl — Dixon 44 pass from Campbell (Luckhurst kick)
 Cin — FG Breech 22
 Atl — FG Luckhurst 44
 Cin — FG Breech 30
 Cin — Kinnebrew 2 run (Breech kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Bengals
First Downs	13	27
Net Yards Gained	266	416
Rushing Yardage	119	270
Passing Yardage	147	146
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	22/13/1	30/13/2
Punts	4/42	2/42
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties	6/50	4/27
Sacks Allowed	3/21	1/13
Return Yds.	21	23
Time of Poss.	24:52	35:08

Rushing

Falcons — Riggs 23-112, Campbell 2-7
 Bengals — Kinnebrew 27-100-11d, Jennings 12-91,
 Esiason 10-77, Johnson 1-2

Passing

Falcons — Campbell 21-12-167-11d-1int-3sk, Archer
 1-1-1
 Bengals — Esiason 30-13-159-2int

Receiving

Falcons — Dixon 3-64-11d, Riggs 3-22, Johnson 2-18,
 Whisenhunt 2-15, Bailey 1-35, Cox 1-13, Middleton 1-1
 Bengals — McGee 4-54, Jennings 4-22, Brown 3-52,
 Holman 1-22, Kattus 1-9

Game 10

Minnesota 24, Atlanta 13

Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome (53,866)

Minnesota relied on special teams play for 17 of its 24 points to post the victory. The Falcons tied the game at 7-7 on a 7-yard QB draw by Scott Campbell (his first NFL rushing TD) late in the second quarter. After surrendering a 51-yard FG by Chuck Nelson at the end of the half, Leo Nelson slipped by the Falcons for a 78-yard punt return in the third quarter for a score. Atlanta cut into the lead on a 23-yard TD catch by Aubrey Matthews but a botched PAT made it a 17-13 contest with a quarter to go. With 8:36 remaining, Rick Donnelly's punt was blocked by Carl Hilton and two plays later the playoff minded Vikes scored to put the game out of reach. Campbell completed 19-35 attempts for 212 yards and Floyd Dixon grabbed 3 catches for 69 yards for the Falcons cause.

ATLANTA.....	0	7	6	0	—	13
Minnesota.....	0	10	7	7	—	24

Scoring

Minn — Hilton 8 pass from Wilson (Nelson kick)
 Atl — Campbell 7 run (Luckhurst kick)
 Minn — FG Nelson 51
 Minn — Lewis 78 punt return (Nelson kick)
 Atl — Matthews 23 pass from Campbell (kick failed)
 Minn — Rice 2 run (Nelson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Vikings
First Downs	16	18
Net Yards Gained	290	302
Rushing Yardage	96	133
Passing Yardage	194	133
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	35/19/1	33/14/1
Punts	6/41	6-34-8
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/0
Penalties	3/20	7/45
Sacks Allowed	3/18	1/3
Return Yds.	36	103
Time of Poss.	29:42	30:18

Rushing

Falcons — Riggs 15-41, Campbell 5-47, Settle 5-8
 Vikings — Nelson 16-43, Fenney 9-44, Anderson 5-28,
 Rice 3-3, Wilson 2-15

Passing

Falcons — Campbell 35-19-212-11d-1int-3sk
 Vikings — Wilson 18-7-111-11d, Kramer 9-5-43-1sk,
 Gannon 6-2-18-1int

Receiving

Falcons — Riggs 5-24, Whisenhunt 4-27, Dixon 3-69,
 Matthews 2-51, Brown 1-19, Settle 1-12, Cox 1-8, Sharp
 1-5
 Vikings — Carter 3-80, Jordan 3-40, Nelson 3-6, Lewis
 2-25, Fenney 2-13, Hilton 1-8-11d

Game 11
St. Louis 34, Atlanta 21
 Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (15,909)

The Cardinals struck first on a 49-yard bomb from Neil Lomax to Troy Johnson but the Falcons countered with an 11-play, 71-yard drive which culminated in a 1-yard run by Gerald Riggs and a 7-7 tie. St. Louis crossed the goal line two more times on another Lomax pass of 25 yards to TE Robert Awalt and a 1-yard TD dart by Earl Ferrell. Aubrey Matthews matched Awalt's effort by hauling in a 25-yard toss from Scott Campbell to make it 21-14. The Cards scored 13 unanswered points after the half to claim the victory. Matthews scored his second TD of the afternoon and third in two games on a short 4-yard grab to close out the scoring for Atlanta. Lomax shredded the Falcons secondary by completing 16-25 passes for 279 yards in the first half and finished his days work by hitting 25-42 for 369 yards and two TD's. J.T. Smith added 10 catches for 109 yards. Larry Emery finished with 116 yards on 4 KOR including a 66-yarder to open the second half (seventh longest in club history). Matthews recorded his first 100-yard receiving day of his career by tallying 115 yards on seven catches.

St. Louis.....	14	10	10	0	—	34
ATLANTA.....	7	7	0	7	—	21

Scoring

St.L — Johnson 49 pass from Lomax (Gallery kick)
 Atl — Riggs 1 run (Luckhurst kick)
 St.L — Awalt 25 pass from Lomax (Gallery kick)
 St.L — Ferrell 1 run (Gallery kick)
 Atl — Matthews 25 pass from Campbell (Luckhurst kick)
 St.L — FG Gallery 29
 St.L — FG Gallery 29
 St.L — Ferrell 1 run (Gallery kick)
 Atl — Matthews 4 pass from Campbell (Luckhurst kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Cardinals
First Downs	18	24
Net Yards Gained	267	476
Rushing Yardage	120	113
Passing Yardage	147	363
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	39/15/1	42/25/1
Punts	5/47.2	3/34.3
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	2/1
Penalties	1/15	9/68
Sacks Allowed	3/34	1/6
Time of Poss.	25:16	34:44

Rushing

Falcons — Riggs 15-60, Settle 9-44, Campbell 2-16
 Cardinals — Ferrell 13-58, Wolfley 7-16, Mitchell 7-15,
 Lomax 3-15, McAdoo 3-9

Passing

Falcons — Campbell 39-15-181-2td-1int-3ks
 Cardinals — Lomax 42-25-369-2td-1int-1sk

Receiving

Falcons — Matthews 7-115-2td, Dixon 3-25, Johnson 2-27, Emery 1-6, Riggs 1-4, Settle 1-4
 Cardinals — Smith 10-109, Awalt 5-81, Ferrell 4-52,
 Green 3-62, Johnson 1-49, Wolfley 1-10, Mitchell 1-6

Game 12
Atlanta 21, Dallas 10
 Texas Stadium (40,103)

The Falcons snapped a six-game losing streak and made it two straight victories in Texas Stadium by jumping on the Cowboys early, scoring twice in a 14 span of the opening quarter. The first came on a 28-yard pass from Scott Campbell to Floyd Dixon which completed an 81-yard, 10 play drive. On the ensuing kickoff, two Falcon players simultaneously hit Kelvin Martin causing him to fumble. Robert Moore scooped up the loose ball and ran it in from 20 yards out to give the visitors a 14-0 lead. Dallas cut into the deficit by scoring 10 straight points but the Falcons put it away behind the running of Gerald Riggs and a QB sneak for a TD from Scott Campbell. Riggs became the club's all-time leading rusher, surpassing William Andrews, with a five-yard run in the third quarter giving him 5,967 career yards. He finished the day with 119 yards. Dixon grabbed seven passes for 80 yards. Moore recovered two fumbles which led to 14 of the team's 21 points. The Falcon defense totaled three sacks and one interception and held Herschel Walker to a 2.3 rushing average.

ATLANTA.....	14	0	7	0	—	21
Dallas.....	3	7	0	0	—	10

Scoring

Atl — Dixon 28 pass from Campbell (Luckhurst kick)
 Atl — Moore 20 fumble return (Luckhurst kick)
 Dall — FG Ruzek 44
 Dall — Walker 1 run (Ruzek kick)
 Atl — Campbell 1 run (Luckhurst kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	18	24
Net Yards Gained	364	354
Passing Yardage	253	263
Rushing Yardage	111	91
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	30/17/2	43/26/1
Punts	5/42.6	5/40.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	2/2
Penalties	5/68	3/42
Sacks Allowed	0/0	3/23
Time of Poss.	29:30	30:30

Rushing

Falcons — Riggs 30-119, Campbell 1-1-1td
 Cowboys — Walker 15-35-1td, Dorsett 7-33, Newsome 3-13, Pelluer 1-11, Edwards 1 (-1)

Passing

Falcons — Campbell 30-17-253-1td-2int
 Cowboys — Pelluer 31-18-203-3ks, White 12-8-83-1int

Receiving

Falcons — Dixon 7-80-1td, Matthews 3-45, Settle 2-62,
 Brown 2-43, Emery 2-18, Riggs 1-5
 Cowboys — Edwards 7-88, Walker 7-62, Renfro 6-68,
 Newsome 4-35, Martin 1-17, Barksdale 1-16

Game 13
Los Angeles 33, Atlanta 0
 Anaheim Stadium (43,310)

The Rams took the opening kickoff and established the early tempo as they marched 85 yards in 11 plays as Charles White scored from 21 yards out. White and QB Jim Everett combined to help LA control the ball for much of the day as the Rams held a 2-1 margin in time of possession (40:21 to 19:39). The NFL's leading rusher finished with 159 yards on 29 carries and a pair of TD's and Everett went 13-24 for 193 yards with a 50-yard TD toss to his credit. Atlanta managed only 13 first downs compared to 28 for LA and were outgained 494 to 269 in total yards. The bright spot for the Falcons was the play of rookie QB Chris Miller. Miller started the second half and completed 10-20 passes for 170 yards. The Oregon product hooked up with WR Aubrey Matthews to produce the team's longest pass play of the season on a 57-yarder in the fourth quarter.

ATLANTA.....	0	0	0	0	—	0
Los Angeles.....	9	17	7	0	—	33

Scoring

LA — White 21 run (Lansford kick)
 LA — Safety, Donnelly tackled by Stewart in end zone
 LA — FG Lansford 18
 LA — Irvin 47 interception return (Lansford kick)
 LA — Ellard 50 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)
 LA — White 4 run (Lansford kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Rams
First Downs	13	28
Net Yards Gained	269	494
Rushing Yardage	59	238
Passing Yardage	210	256
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	33-17-2	29-18-0
Punts	6-40	3-49
Fumbles/Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties	3-25	6-40
Sacks Allowed	2-15	0-0
Return Yds.	94	78
Time of Poss.	19:39	40:21

Rushing

Falcons — Riggs 9-31, Flowers 3-15, Miller 2-13, Donnelly 1-0
 Rams — White 29-159, Francis 8-32, Tyrell 6-19, Everett 2-26, Guman 1-2

Passing

Falcons — Campbell 13-7-55-1int-2sks, Miller 20-10-170-1int
 Rams — Everett 24-13-193-1td, Dils 5-5-63

Receiving

Falcons — Matthews 3-86, Settle 3-36, Flowers 3-29, Brown 2-41, Stamps 2-11, Riggs 2 (-4), Dixon 1-25, Sharp 1-1
 Rams — Ellard 6-97, Guman 4-41, Baly 3-37, Brown 2-45, Tyrell 2-26, Hill 1-10

Game 14
San Francisco 35, Atlanta 7
 Candlestick Park (54,698)

The Falcons trailed only 14-0 in the third quarter when Sylvester Stamps returned a kickoff 97 yards (third longest in club history) for a TD to pull the visitors close. But Joe Cribbs of the 49ers returned the favor by going 92 yards with the ensuing kickoff for a score to swing the momentum back to S.F. The back-to-back kickoff returns marked only the third time in NFL history that feat had been accomplished. Niners WR Jerry Rice broke the League record for most consecutive TD catches by grabbing his 19th of the year. But it was S.F.'s running game which paid the most dividends. Steve Young scrambled six times for 83 yards including a 29-yard TD jaunt and the Niners totaled 255 yards on the ground. Falcon QB Chris Miller made his NFL starting debut and completed the most passes (13) for the most yards (186) of any previous Falcon rookie QB in their initial start. Stamps maintained his League leading KOR average by running back five kicks for 177 yards.

ATLANTA.....	0	0	7	0	—	7
San Francisco.....	0	7	14	14	—	35

Scoring

SF — Rice 5 run (Wersching kick)
 SF — Rice 20 pass from Young (Wersching kick)
 Atl — Stamps 97 kickoff return (Luckhurst kick)
 SF — Cribbs 92 kickoff return (Wersching kick)
 SF — Young 29 run (Wersching kick)
 SF — Rice 1 pass from Young (Wersching kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	49ers
First Downs	13	26
Net Yards Gained	216	461
Rushing Yardage	51	255
Passing Yardage	165	206
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	36/13/4	30/13/0
Punts	7-38.1	6-40.2
Fumbles/Lost	0-0	1/1
Penalties	7/63	7/55
Sacks Allowed	3/21	1/10
Return Yds.	3	52
Time of Poss.	24:26	35:34

Rushing

Falcons — Riggs 10-24, Settle 5-20, Flowers 1-4, Miller 1-3
 49ers — Craig 19-69, Cribbs 14-61, Young 6-83-1td, Rathman 7-26, Sydney 1-11, Rice 1-5-1td

Passing

Falcons — Miller 36-13-186-4int-3sks
 49ers — Young 30-13-216-2td-1sk

Receiving

Falcons — Matthews 4-59, Settle 3-34, Riggs 2-56, Dixon 2-24, Cox 2-13
 49ers — Rice 4-58-2td, Taylor 3-51, Frank 2-41, Craig 2-29, Jones 1-22, Rathman 1-15

Game 15
Detroit 30, Atlanta 13
Fulton County Stadium (13,906)

The Lions broke open a close contest by scoring 20 unanswered points in the second half to hand the Falcons a 30-13 loss and the No. 1 selection in the 1988 draft. In his second straight start, Chris Miller threw his first NFL TD on a perfect 51-yard dart to Floyd Dixon to tie the game at 10-10. A 28-yard FG by Mick Luckhurst gave the Falcons a 13-10 lead at halftime. It was all Detroit after intermission as the Lions scored 10 points each in the final two periods thanks to four Falcon turnovers. Rick Donnelly outkicked Detroit's Pro Bowl bound Jim Arnold to win the NFL punting title and Sylvester Stamps finished up as the league's top KOR leader. Rookie Kenny Flowers made his first start teaming with Gerald Riggs in the backfield and rushed five times for 35 yards with a long of 14.

ATLANTA.....	0	13	0	0	—	13
Detroit.....	7	3	10	10	—	30

Scoring

Det — Ellerson 8 run (Murray kick)
 Atl — FG Luckhurst 50
 Det — FG Murray 45
 Atl — Dixon 51 pass from Miller (Luckhurst kick)
 Atl — FG Luckhurst 28
 Det — Ellerson 2 run (Murray kick)
 Det — FG Murray 23
 Det — FG Murray 46
 Det — Smith 34 interception return (Murray kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Lions
First Downs	14	18
Net Yards Gained	278	323
Rushing Yardage	98	173
Passing Yardage	180	150
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	36-16-4	25-11-2
Punts	4/44	3/36
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	0/0
Penalties	6/70	4/30
Sacks Allowed	2/16	1/7
Return Yds.	33	62
Time of Poss.	23:52	36:08

Rushing

Falcons — Riggs 15-64, Flowers 5-35, Miller 1-5, Donnelly 1 (-6)
 Lions — Ellerson 17-73, Jones 11-49, Woolfolk 5-19, James 6-15, Long 2-8, Paige 1-6, Mandley 1-3

Passing

Falcons — Miller 36-16-196-1td-4int-2sks
 Lions — Long 25-11-157-2int-1sk

Receiving

Falcons — Dixon 4-87, Cox 3-27, Flowers 3-17, Matthews 1-21, Stamps 1-19, Bailey 1-8, Johnson 1-6, Riggs 1-6, Settle 1-5
 Lions — Lee 3-72, Jones 3-16, Ellerson 1-23, James 1-20, Woolfolk 1-13, Mandley 1-10, Paige 1-3

FALCON 1987
100-YARD GAMES

Gerald Riggs (4 Rushing)

120 vs. Washington
 119 vs. Dallas
 113 vs. Houston
 112 vs. Cincinnati

Floyd Dixon (1 Receiving)

105 vs. Washington

Aubrey Matthews (1 Receiving)

115 vs. St. Louis

Milton Barney (1 Receiving)

109 vs. Los Angeles



1987 YARDAGE LEADERS
(12 "Regular" Games)

	Total
1. Gerald Riggs	1,074
2. Sylvester Stamps	706
3. Floyd Dixon	595
4. Aubrey Matthews	533
5. Larry Emery	479
6. John Settle	383
7. Stacey Bailey	325
8. Billy Johnson	252
9. Kenny Flowers	183
10. Ken Whisenhunt	145

Final 1987 NFL Standings

National Football Conference

EASTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*Washington.....	11	4	0	.733	379	285
Dallas.....	7	8	0	.467	340	348
St. Louis.....	7	8	0	.467	362	368
Philadelphia.....	7	8	0	.467	337	380
N.Y. Giants.....	6	9	0	.400	280	312

CENTRAL DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*Chicago.....	11	4	0	.733	356	282
*Minnesota.....	8	7	0	.533	336	335
Green Bay.....	5	9	1	.367	255	300
Tampa Bay.....	4	11	0	.267	286	360
Detroit.....	4	11	0	.267	269	384

WESTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*San Francisco.....	13	2	0	.867	459	253
*New Orleans.....	12	3	0	.800	422	283
L.A. Rams.....	6	9	0	.400	317	361
Atlanta.....	3	12	0	.200	205	436

American Football Conference

EASTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*Indianapolis.....	9	6	0	.600	300	238
New England.....	8	7	0	.533	320	293
Miami.....	8	7	0	.533	362	335
Buffalo.....	7	8	0	.467	270	305
N.Y. Jets.....	6	9	0	.400	334	360

CENTRAL DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*Cleveland.....	10	5	0	.667	390	239
*Houston.....	9	6	0	.600	345	349
Pittsburgh.....	8	7	0	.533	285	299
Cincinnati.....	4	11	0	.267	285	370

WESTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*Denver.....	10	4	1	.700	379	288
*Seattle.....	9	6	0	.600	371	314
San Diego.....	8	7	0	.533	253	317
L.A. Raiders.....	5	10	0	.333	301	289
Kansas City.....	4	11	0	.267	273	388

*Division Champion

**Wild Card for Playoffs

PLAYOFFS

AFC First Round:	@Houston 23, Seattle 20
NFC First Round:	Minnesota 44, @New Orleans 10
AFC Divisional Playoff:	@Cleveland 38, Indianapolis 21
NFC Divisional Playoff:	Minnesota 36, @San Francisco 24
AFC Divisional Playoff:	@Denver 34, Houston 10
NFC Divisional Playoff:	Washington 21, @Chicago 17
AFC Championship Game:	@Denver 38, Cleveland 33
NFC Championship Game:	@Washington 17, Minnesota 10
Super Bowl XXII:	Washington 42, Denver 10
(@ San Diego)	
Pro Bowl:	AFC 15, NFC 6

Adding It All Up

Four Falcons, who had played five or more seasons here, left their names high in the club record books.

BILLY JOHNSON

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Year	Team	Receiving					Punt Returns					Kickoff Returns			
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1974	Houston	29	388	13.4	44	2	30	409	13.6	49	0	29	785	27.1	0
1975	Houston	37	393	10.6	30	1	40	612	15.3	83t	3	33	798	24.2	1
1976	Houston	47	495	10.5	40	4	38	403	10.6	46	0	26	579	22.3	0
1977	Houston	20	412	20.6	71t	3	35	539	15.4	87t	2	25	630	25.2	1
1978	Houston	1	10	10.0	10	0	8	60	7.5	20	0	4	73	18.3	0
1979	Houston	6	108	18.0	25	1	4	17	4.3	16	0	4	37	9.3	0
1980	Houston	31	343	11.1	53t	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
1981	Montreal	65	1040	16.0	—	—	59	597	10.1	—	0	0	0	0.0	0
1982	Atlanta	2	11	5.5	6	0	24	273	11.4	71	1	0	0	0.0	0
1983	Atlanta	64	709	11.1	47t	4	46	489	10.6	71t	1	0	0	0.0	0
1984	Atlanta	24	371	15.5	45	3	15	152	10.0	37	0	2	39	19.5	0
1985	Atlanta	62	830	13.4	62t	5	10	82	8.2	18	0	0	0	0.0	0
1986	Atlanta	6	57	9.5	27	0	8	87	10.9	30	0	0	0	0.0	0
1987	Atlanta	8	84	10.5	19	0	21	168	8.0	45	0	0	0	0.0	0
NFL TOTALS		337	4211	12.5	71t	25	*279	*329t	11.8	87t	7	123	294t	23.9	2
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MICK LUCKHURST

Year	Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	Long	PAT	Pct.	Points
1981	Atl.	16	21	33	.636	45	51-51	1.000	114
1982	Atl.	9	10	14	.714	51	21-22	.955	51
1983	Atl.	16	17	22	.772	49	43-45	.956	94
1984	Atl.	16	20	27	.740	52	31-31	1.000	91
1985	Atl.	16	24	31	.774	52	29-29	1.000	101
1986	Atl.	10	14	24	.583	49	21-21	1.000	63
1987	Atl.	12	9	13	.692	50	17-17	1.000	44
Totals		95	115	164	.701	52	213-216	.986	558

BUDDY CURRY

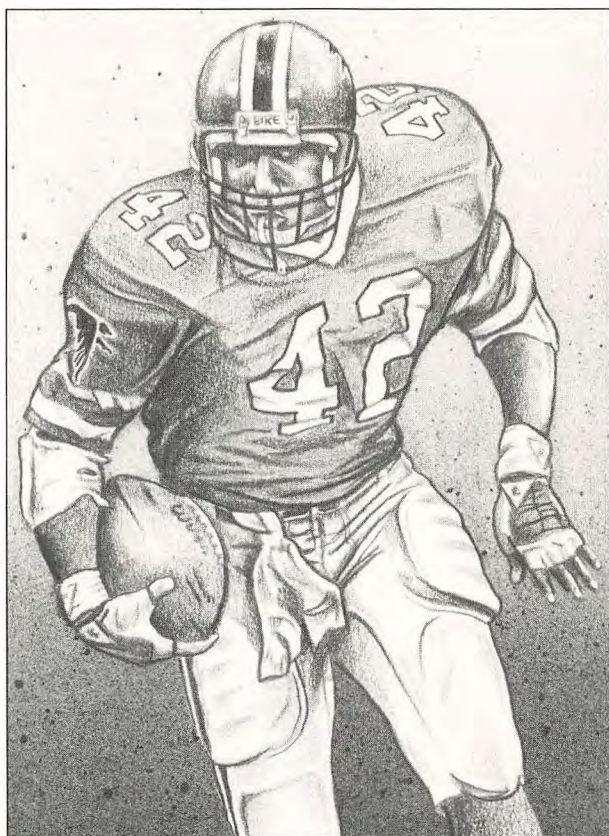
Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks	Int.	Yds.	LG	TD	FR	TD
1980	Atl.	16/16	131	74	57	1.5	3	13	9	0	1	1
1981	Atl.	16/16	135	107	28	0	1	35	35t	1	0	0
1982	Atl.	9/9	61	38	23	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1983	Atl.	16/16	229	127	102	4.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1984	Atl.	16/16	140	58	82	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1985	Atl.	16/14	137	82	55	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1986	Atl.	16/16	157	84	73	0	1	32	32	0	1	0
1987	Atl.	4/4	36	14	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		109/107	1026	584	442	6.5	7	80	35t	1	4	1

ARTHUR COX

Year	Team	GP/GS	Number	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1983	Atl.	16/9	9	83	9.2	19	1
1984	Atl.	16/16	34	329	9.7	23t	3
1985	Atl.	16/16	33	454	13.6	62t	2
1986	Atl.	16/15	24	301	12.5	49	1
1987	Atl.	12/10	11	101	9.2	19	0
Totals		76/66	111	1268	11.4	62t	7

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CLUB RECORDS



Team Records

Total Games Played: 320

Regular Season Record: 121-194-5 (22 seasons)

Playoff Games Played: 4

Playoff Record: 1-3

Most Games Won, Season: 12 in 1980 (all regular)
10 in 1978 (9 reg. - 1 play.)

Best Winning Percentage, Overall Season: .706 in 1980 (12-5)
.643 in 1973 (9-5)

Best Winning Percentage, Regular Season: .750 in 1980 (12-4)

Fewest Games Won, Season: 1 in 1967 (.077-1-12-1)

Playoff Berths: 3 1978, 1980, 1982

Division Titles: 1 1980

CONSECUTIVES

Most Consecutive Wins

9 (1980)

7 (1973)

6 (Last 2 '85—1st 4 '86)

Most Consecutive Losses

11 (Last 7 '67—1st 4 '86)

9 (1st 9 played; 1984)

ATTENDANCE

Largest Home Attendance

60,022 (1-5-81 vs Dallas—Playoffs)

59,257 (10-30-77 vs Minn.)

83,437 (11-26-67 at New Orleans
Tulane Stadium)

SCORING

Most Points, Season

426 in 1981

405 in 1980

370 in 1983

Most Points, Game

62 vs Saints (7)

Sept. 16, 1973 (A)

48 vs Bears (31)

Nov. 16, 1969 (H)

47 vs Packers (41), OT

Nov. 27, 1983 (H)

Most Points, First Half

34 vs Detroit

Oct. 5, 1980 (H)

Most Points, Second Half

38 vs Saints,

Sept. 16, 1973 (A)

Most Points, One Quarter

31 vs Green Bay, (A)

Sept. 13, 1981 (4th Qt)

Most Points, Each Quarter

1st: 21 vs Houston

Sept. 23, 1984 (H)

2nd: 24 vs New Orleans,

Sept. 16, 1973 (A)

3rd: 24 vs New Orleans,

Oct. 19, 1980 (A)

4th: 31 vs Green Bay,

Sept. 13, 1981 (A)

Most Points, Both Teams, Game

90 Falcons (33) vs Steelers (59),

Dec. 18, 1966 (H)

88 Falcons (47) vs Packers (41),

Nov. 27, 1983 (H)

79 Falcons (48) vs Bears (31),

Nov. 16, 1969 (H)

79 Falcons (38) vs Lions (41),

Oct. 3, 1971 (A)

Most Points, Both Teams, By Quarter

1st: 34 Falcons (13) — Raiders (21)

Nov. 30, 1975 (A)

2nd: 41 Falcons (20) — Saints (21)

Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

3rd: 35 Falcons (14) — Steelers (21)

Dec. 18, 1966 (H)

4th: 31 Falcons (24) — Eagles (7)

Nov. 11, 1973 (A)

Most Touchdowns, Season

52 in 1981

50 in 1980

46 in 1983

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 8 vs New Orleans
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
- 6 vs Chicago,
Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
- 6 vs New Orleans,
Dec. 7, 1969 (H)
- 6 vs Houston,
Sept. 23, 1984 (H)

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game

- 12 Atlanta (5) vs Pittsburgh (7)
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)

Most PAT's, Season

- 51 in 1981
- 46 in 1980
- 43 in 1983

Most PAT's, Game

- 8 vs New Orleans,
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
- 6 Three times

Most PAT's, Both Teams

- 10 Atlanta (6) vs Bears (4)
Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
- 10 Atlanta (5) vs Packers (5)
Nov. 27, 1983 (A)
- 10 Atlanta (5) vs Lions (5)
Oct. 3, 1971 (A)

Most FG's, Season

- 26 in 1973 (38 att.)
- 24 in 1985 (31 att.)
- 23 in 1986 (36 att.)

Most FG's Made, Game

- 5 vs Los Angeles,
Nov. 4, 1973 (H)
- 5 vs Los Angeles,
Oct. 30, 1978 (H)

Most FG's Made, Both Teams

- 7 Atlanta (5) vs LA Rams (2)
Nov. 4, 1973 (H)
- 7 Atlanta (1) vs St. Louis (6)
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Most FG's Attempted, Game

- 6 vs San Francisco, (3 made)
Oct. 7, 1973 (H)

Most FG's Attempted, Both Teams

- 10 Atlanta (3) vs St. Louis (7)
Dec. 11, 1966 (H)

FIRST DOWNS**Most First Downs, Season**

- 336 in 1980
- 325 in 1983
- 318 in 1981

Most First Downs, Game

- 35 vs New Orleans,
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most First Downs, Both Teams

- 59 Atlanta (35) vs New Orleans (24)
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most First Downs, Rushing, Season

- 149 in 1985
- 149 in 1986
- 145 in 1980

Most First Downs, Rushing, Game

- 19 vs New Orleans
Oct. 24, 1971 (H)

Most First Downs, Passing, Season

- 190 in 1983
- 176 in 1981
- 166 in 1980

Most First Downs, Passing, Game

- 21 vs St. Louis,
Nov. 9, 1980 (A)

Most First Downs, Penalty, Season

- 31 in 1978
- 27 in 1979
- 26 in 1981

Most First Downs, Penalty, Game

- 7 vs Cleveland,
Sept. 27, 1981 (A)

TOTAL YARDS**Most Net Yards Gained, Season**

- 5,661 in 1981
- 5,650 in 1980
- 5,628 in 1983

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 563 vs St. Louis, (209-R, 354-P)
Nov. 9, 1980 (A)

Most Yards Gained, Game, Both Teams

- 1,061 Atlanta (552) vs New Orleans (509)
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most Total Plays, Season

- 1,144 in 1981
- 1,090 in 1985
- 1,086 in 1986

RUSHING**Most Yards Gained, Season**

- 2,524 in 1986
- 2,466 in 1985
- 2,406 in 1980

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 297 vs L.A. Rams,
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

- 476 Atlanta (169) vs Washington (307),
Nov. 3, 1985 (H)

Most Rushing Attempts, Season

582 in 1977
578 in 1986
559 in 1980
559 in 1985

Most Rushing Attempts, Game

58 vs Tampa Bay,
Nov. 27, 1977 (A)

Most Rushing Attempts, Both Teams, Game

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

Best Rushing Average, Season

4.523 in 1969
4.520 in 1983
4.411 in 1985

Most TD's Rushing, Season

18 in 1973
17 in 1983
16 in 1984
16 in 1972

Most TD's Rushing, Game

5 vs San Diego,
Oct. 21, 1973 (A)

PASSING**Most New Yards Passing, Season**

3,700 in 1981
3,404 in 1983
3,244 in 1980

Most Net Yards Passing, Game

416 vs Pittsburgh
Nov. 15, 1981 (H)

Most Net Yards Passing, Both Teams, Game

722 Atlanta (378) vs St. Louis (344)
Nov. 9, 1980 (A)

Most Passing Attempts, Season

563 in 1981
507 in 1983
501 in 1987
478 in 1979
478 in 1984

Most Passing Attempts, Game

56 vs L.A. Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982
(34 comp) (H)

Most Passing Attempts, Both Teams, Game

102 Atlanta (45) vs San Francisco (57)
Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

Most Passes Completed, Season

321 in 1983 (507 att.)
311 in 1981 (563 att.)
294 in 1984 (478 att.)

Most Passes Completed, Game

34 vs L.A. Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982
(56 att.) (H)

Most Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game

68 Atlanta (31) vs San Francisco (37)
Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

Best Completion Percentage, Season

64.0 in 1982
63.3 in 1983
61.5 in 1984

Most TD Passes, Season

31 in 1980
30 in 1981
24 in 1983

Most TD Passes, Game

4 Six times — Most recent
vs St. Louis, Oct. 18, 1981

Most TD Passes, Both Teams, Game

7 Atlanta (1) vs Cleveland (6)
Oct. 30, 1966 (H)
7 Atlanta (3) vs Pittsburgh (4)
Nov. 3, 1968 (A)
7 Atlanta (2) vs Pittsburgh (5)
Nov. 15, 1981 (H)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Season

32 in 1987 (501 att.)
31 in 1974 (355 att.)
29 in 1975 (388 att.)
27 in 1966 (381 att.)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Game

6 vs L.A. Rams
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Both Teams, Game

8 Atlanta (3) vs Denver (5)
Nov. 23, 1975 (H)

Fewest Passes, Intercepted, Season

10 in 1983 (507 att.)
11 in 1982 (275 att.)
12 in 1973 (320 att.)
12 in 1969 (282 att.)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Season

70 in 1968 (527 yds.)
69 in 1985 (531 yds.)
67 in 1984 (496 yds.)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Game

- 11 vs Cleveland
Nov. 18, 1984 (A)
- 11 vs St. Louis
Nov. 23, 1968 (A)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Game, Both Teams

- 17 Atlanta (8) vs Philadelphia (9)
Dec. 14, 1984 (H)

Fewest Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Season

- 25 in 1982 (219 att.)
- 31 in 1971 (239 att.)
- 32 in 1975 (294 att.)

PUNTING**Highest Punting Average, Season**

- 44.32 in 1968
- 43.69 in 1967
- 43.30 in 1966

Most Punts, Season

- 110 in 1978
- 106 in 1977
- 101 in 1976

Most Punts, Game

- 12 vs Washington
Dec. 10, 1978 (H)

PUNT RETURNS**Highest Punt Return Average, Season**

- 12.5 in 1974
- 11.4 in 1982
- 10.6 in 1983

Most Punt Returns, Season

- 60 in 1976
- 53 in 1980
- 51 in 1974
- 51 in 1977

Most Punt Returns, Game

- 8 vs Chicago
Oct. 13, 1974 (H)
- 8 vs San Francisco
Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Most Yards Gained, Season

- 635 in 1974
- 536 in 1980
- 489 in 1983

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 137 vs New Orleans
Oct. 25, 1970 (H)

Most TD Returns, Season

- 2 in 1970

Most TD Returns, Game

- 1 Four Times, Most Recent
Oct. 23, 1983, vs NY Jets (A)

KICKOFF RETURNS**Highest Kickoff Return Average, Season**

- 25.03 in 1971
- 22.89 in 1981
- 21.89 in 1978

Most Kickoff Returns, Season

- 82 in 1966
- 73 in 1979
- 72 in 1985

Most Kickoff Returns, Game

- 10 vs Pittsburgh
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)

Most Yards Gained, Season

- 1,737 in 1966
- 1,700 in 1987
- 1,477 in 1971
- 1,471 in 1967

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 214 vs Houston
Oct. 25, 1987 (A)
- 209 vs Pittsburgh
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)

Most TD Returns, Season

- 1 (1967, 1969, 1978, 1985, 1987)
(Last time - Stamps at S.F.
Dec. 20, 1987)

TURNOVERS/TAKEAWAYS**Most Fumbles Had, Season**

- 42 in 1972
- 42 in 1978
- 39 three times

Most Fumbles Lost, Season

- 24 in 1974
- 21 in 1973, 1976, 1984

Most Fumbles Had, Game

- 7 vs L.A. Rams
Sept. 28, 1969 (A)

Most Fumbles Lost, Game

- 5 vs New Orleans
Oct. 15, 1972 (A)
- 5 vs New Orleans
Oct. 10, 1976 (A)

Most Turnovers, Season

- 55 in 1974 (24 Fum., 31 Int.)
- 49 in 1987 (17 Fum., 32 Int.)
- 48 in 1975 (19 Fum., 29 Int.)
- 45 in 1976 (21 Fum., 24 Int.)

Most Fumbles by Opponents, Season

- 45 in 1978
- 43 in 1981
- 37 in 1969

Most Fumbles By Opponents Recovered, Season

- 27 in 1969
- 25 in 1978
- 22 in 1976 and 1977

Most Fumbles By Opponents, Game
5 Six Times

Most Takeaways, Season
48 in 1977
46 in 1969
46 in 1981

Biggest Turnover Differential, Season
+ 23 in 1977 (48 Take, 25 Turn)
+ 16 in 1980 (42 Take, 26 Turn)
+ 15 in 1969 (46 Take, 31 Turn)

Biggest Turnover Deficit, Season
- 26 in 1974 (29 Take, 55 Turn)
- 22 in 1987 (27 Take, 49 Turn)
- 12 in 1966 (32 Take, 44 Turn)
- 12 in 1967 (27 Take, 39 Turn)

QUARTERBACK SACKS

Most Sacks, Season
47 in 1978
46 in 1980
42 in 1977 and 1985

Most Sack Yardage, Season
425 in 1978
396 in 1980
391 in 1977

Most Sacks, Game
9 vs N.Y. Giants
Oct. 2, 1977

PENALTIES

Most Penalties, Season
130 in 1978 (1,083 yds.)
125 in 1985 (1,149 yds.)
125 in 1984 (1,011 yds.)

Most Penalties, Game
17 vs San Francisco
Nov. 5, 1978 (A)
16 vs Cleveland
Nov. 8, 1987 (A)

Fewest Penalties, Season
63 in 1969 (601 yds.)
63 in 1968 (659 yds.)
65 in 1973 (593 yds.)

Fewest Penalties, Game
1 Seven Times — Most Recent
vs Philadelphia, Dec. 7, 1980

Most Yards, Penalties, Game
153 vs Green Bay, Dec. 26, 1972
(16 penalties) (H)

Football's Toughest Division

In 1987, the NFC West topped the NFL's six Divisions in victories against the others with a 23-15 (.605) overall mark. The 23 wins (in 15 weeks) equalled their NFL co-leadership 23 wins of 1986 (16 weeks) with the NFC Eastern Division. For the past five seasons, two of the four-member Division teams have earned playoff berths in those years, a record un-matched by any other Division.

Division Records of Last 5 Years

	W	L	T	Pct.
NFC East	110	84	1	.566
NFC West	110	88	0	.555
AFC West	98	78	1	.554
AFC East	93	102	0	.477
AFC Central	84	112	0	.429
NFC Central	73	124	2	.372

Defensive Bests

POINTS

Fewest Points Allowed, Season
129 in 1977

Fewest Points Allowed, Game
0 Seven Times—Most Recent
vs. New Orleans, 1982

Fewest TD's Allowed, Season
15 in 1977

FIRST DOWNS

Fewest First Downs, Season
170 in 1982
192 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Game
7 vs. Green Bay,
Nov. 22, 1974 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Game
7 vs. Green Bay,
Nov. 22, 1971 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season
66 in 1982

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game
1 vs. L.A. Rams,
Sept. 18, 1977 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season
76 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Game
0 vs. L.A. Rams,
Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

YARDS

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Season
2,848 in 1982
3,242 in 1977

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Game
78 vs. Tampa Bay (62-R, 16-P)
Nov. 27, 1977

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Season
1,044 in 1982
1,630 in 1980

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Game
34 vs. Buffalo,
Dec. 18, 1983 (H) (11 Att.)

Fewest Rushing, Attempts, Game
11 vs. Detroit,
Sept. 18, 1983 (34 yards)
11 vs. Buffalo,
Dec. 18, 1983 (45 yards)

Fewest TDs Allowed, Rushing, Season
5 in 1977

PASSING

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Season
1,384 in 1977

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Game
9 vs. St. Louis,
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Fewest Passing Attempts, Game
8 vs. Green Bay, (3 Comp.),
Nov. 22, 1971 (H)

Fewest Passes Completed, Game
2 vs. St. Louis, (10 Att.),
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Fewest TDs Allowed, Passing, Season
9 in 1971
9 in 1977

Game Records—The Fewest

POINTS

Fewest Points Scored, Season

- 111 in 1974
- 170 in 1968
- 172 in 1976

Fewest Points Scored, Game

- 0 17 Times—Most Recent
- Dec. 13, 1987 vs L.A. Rams (A)

Fewest Points Scored, Game, Both Teams

- 3 Atlanta (0) vs Buffalo (3)
- Oct. 16, 1977 (A)
- 7 Atlanta (7) vs San Francisco (0)
- Oct. 9, 1977 (A)

Fewest Touchdowns, Season

- 12 in 1974
- 20 in 1968
- 20 in 1976
- 20 in 1977

Fewest PAT's, Season

- 12 in 1974
- 17 in 1968
- 19 in 1976

Fewest FG's, Season

- 4 in 1974
- 7 in 1967
- 9 in 1966, 1970, 1974

Fewest First Downs, Season

- 178 in 1968
- 178 in 1974

Fewest First Downs, Game

- 2 vs L.A. Rams
- Sept. 23, 1973

Fewest First Downs, Game, Both Teams

- 14 Atlanta (5) vs Minnesota (9)
- Dec. 21, 1969 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season

- 68 in 1967

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game

- 0 vs L.A. Rams
- Dec. 1, 1974 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season

- 80 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Game

- 0 vs Chicago
- Nov. 24, 1985

Fewest First Downs, Penalty, Season

- 9 in 1968

TOTAL YARDS

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Season

- 2,800 in 1974

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Game

- 44 vs San Francisco
- Oct. 23, 1976 (83-R, — 39-P)

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Both Teams

- 252 Atlanta (155) vs San Francisco (97)
- Nov. 6, 1977 (A)

RUSHING

Fewest Yards Gained, Season

- 1,179 in 1982
- 1,303 in 1967

Fewest Yards Gained, Game

- 19 vs L.A. Rams
- Dec. 1, 1974 (H)

Fewest Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

- 109 Atlanta (49) vs Miami (60)
- Sept. 21, 1980 (H)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Season

- 309 in 1982
- 333 in 1987
- 344 in 1967

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Game

- 14 vs Dallas
- Nov. 5, 1967 (A)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Both Teams, Game

- 37 Atlanta (18) vs San Francisco (19)
- Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

PASSING

Fewest Net Yards, Season

- 1,307 in 1974

Fewest Net Yards, Game

- (-39) vs San Francisco
- Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Fewest Net Yards, Both Teams, Game

- 37 Atlanta (-39) vs San Francisco (76)
- Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Season

- 275 in 1982 (176 Comp.)
- 282 in 1969 (149 Comp.)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Game

- 9 vs Chicago
- Sept. 17, 1972 (A)
- 9 vs L.A. Rams
- Oct. 1, 1972 (H)
- 9 vs L.A. Rams
- Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Both Teams, Game

- 21 Atlanta (9) vs Chicago (12)
- Sept. 17, 1972 (A)

Fewest Passes Completed, Season

140 in 1977 (297 att.)

Fewest Passes Completed, Game

2 vs L.A. Rams

Oct. 1, 1972 (H)

2 vs L.A. Rams

Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

Fewest Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game

10 Atlanta (6) vs Minnesota (4)

Dec. 21, 1969 (H)

10 Atlanta (6) vs Chicago (4)

Sept. 17, 1972

10 Atlanta (8) vs St. Louis (2)

Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Fewest Sacks Allowed, Season

25 in 1982

31 in 1971

Fewest Touchdown Passes, Season

4 in 1974

PUNTING**Fewest Punts, Season**

43 in 1982

60 in 1971

Fewest Punts, Game

1 vs Detroit

Oct. 3, 1971 (A)

PENALTIES**Fewest Penalties, Season**

63 in 1968 (659 yards)

63 in 1969 (601 yards)

Fewest Penalties, Game

1 Seven Times — Most Recent

Dec. 7, 1980 vs Philadelphia (A)

Fewest Yards Penalties, Season

593 in 1973 (65 penalties)

FUMBLES**Fewest Fumbles, Season**

14 in 1982

20 in 1967

Fewest Fumbles Lost, Season

9 in 1977

9 in 1980

Falcon Firsts

First Regular Season Opponent	Los Angeles Rams, 1966
First Regular Season Win	New York Giants, 1966
First Monday Night Opponent	Miami Dolphins, 1970
First Monday Night Win	Green Bay Packers, 1971
First Opponent Shut Out	San Diego Chargers, 1973
First Preseason Opponent	Philadelphia Eagles, 1966
First Preseason Win	San Francisco 49ers, 1966
First Overtime Opponent	Oakland Raiders, 1975
First Overtime Win	New Orleans Saints, 1979
First Playoff Game & Win	Philadelphia Eagles, 1978
First Players Signed	HB Bob Paremore and WR Gary Barnes, 1965
First Players Drafted	LB Tommy Nobis and QB Randy Johnson, 1965
First Head Coach	Norb Hecker, 1966
First Training Camp	Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, N.C., 1966
First TD Scored (Preseason)	Tom Wilson Pass from Dennis Claridge
First TD Scored (Regular)	Gary Barnes Pass from Randy Johnson

Opponents Game Bests

TEAM

Most Points Scored:	59 by L.A. Rams, Dec. 4, 1976 (A)
Points By Quarters:	1st: 24 Philadelphia, Oct. 8, 1967 (H) 2nd: 28 Minnesota, Sept. 14, 1968 (A) 28 St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978 (A) 28 Washington, Nov. 3, 1985 (H) 21 Cleveland, Nov. 10, 1987 (A) 3rd: 21 Minnesota, Sept. 16, 1984 (A) 21 Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1966 (H) 21 Green Bay, Oct. 6, 1968 (H) 21 Miami, Nov. 3, 1974 (A) 4th: 24 Los Angeles, Nov. 19, 1967 (H)
Most Yards Gained:	595 by Baltimore Colts, Nov. 12, 1967 (169-R, 426-P) (H)
Most Yards Rushing:	307 by Washington, (37 att.), Nov. 3, 1985 (H)
Most Rushing Attempts:	65 by Minnesota, (211 yds.), Nov. 9, 1975 (A)
Most TD's Rushing:	7 by L.A. Rams, Dec. 4, 1976 (A)
Most Net Yards Passing:	426 by Baltimore Colts, Nov. 12, 1967 (H)
Most Pass Attempts:	57 by S.F. 49ers, (37 Comp.), Oct. 6, 1985 (A)
Most Pass Completions:	37 by S.F. 49ers, (57 att.), Oct. 6, 1985 (A)
Most TD Passes:	6 by Cleveland Browns, Oct. 30, 1966 (H)
Most Had Intercepted:	6 by New Orleans Saints, Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
Most Punts:	11 by N.Y. Giants, Oct. 25, 1981 (A)
Most Punt Returns:	9 by S.F. 49ers, Oct. 29, 1972 (H)
Most Fair Catches:	6 by Minnesota, Nov. 28, 1971 (A)
Most Yards, Punt Returns:	219 by L.A. Rams, Oct. 11, 1981 (A)
Most TD's, Punt Returns:	2 by L.A. Rams, Oct. 11, 1981 (A)
Most Kickoff Returns:	9 by Detroit, Oct. 5, 1980 (H)
Most Kickoff Return Yards:	242 by San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973 (A)
Most Fumbles:	5 by Six Teams
Most Fumbles Lost:	5 by New Orleans, Oct. 15, 1972 and Oct. 10, 1976 (A)
Most Penalties:	15 by Buffalo Bills, Dec. 18, 1983 (H)
Most Penalty Yards:	135 by L.A. Raiders, (11 pen.), Nov. 19, 1970 (H)

Individual Records

SCORING

Most Points, Career

- 558 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-
- 282 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
- 270 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
- 246 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 240 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-
- 229 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80
- 186 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
- 168 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
- 156 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
- 150 Lynn Cain, 1979-84

Most Points, Season

- 114 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
- 112 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
- 102 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
- 101 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
- 94 Mick Luckhurst, 1983
- 91 Mick Luckhurst, 1984
- 79 Bill Bell, 1972
- 78 Gerald Riggs, 1984
- 78 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 78 Bob Etter, 1969

Most Points, Game

- 18 Gerald Riggs vs L.A. Rams
11-17-85 (Home)
- 18 Lynn Cain vs L.A. Rams
10-7-84 (Away)
- 18 William Andrews vs Buffalo
12-18-83 (Away)
- 18 William Andrews vs Green Bay
11-27-83 (Away)
- 18 William Andrews vs Denver
12-5-82 (Away)
- 18 Alfred Jenkins vs New Orleans
11-1-81 (Away)
- 18 Lynn Cain vs Oakland
10-14-79 (Away)
- 15 Tim Mazzetti vs L.A. Rams
10-30-78 (Home)
- 15 Nick Mike-Mayer vs L.A. Rams
11-4-73 (Home)

Most Consecutive Games Scoring

- 68 Mick Luckhurst
(1981-WK12, 1985)

Most Touchdowns, Career

- 47 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
- 41 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 40 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
- 31 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
- 28 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
- 26 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
- 25 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
- 24 Art Malone, 1970-74
- 22 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
- 21 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most Touchdowns, Season

- 13 Gerald Riggs, 1984
- 13 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 12 William Andrews, 1981
- 11 William Andrews, 1983
- 10 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 9 Eddie Ray, 1973
- 9 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 8 Wallace Francis, 1979
- 8 Gerald Riggs, 1983
- 7 Ken Burrow, 1973
- 7 Dave Hampton, 1972
- 7 William Andrews, 1982

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 3 Seven times
(see Most Points, Game)

Most Consecutive Games, TD Scored

- 4 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 4 Jim Mitchell, 1975
- 4 Dave Hampton, 1975

KICKING

Most PAT's Made

- 213 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-
- 105 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
- 94 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most PAT's Attempted, Career

- 216 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
- 108 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
- 104 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most PAT's Made, Season

- 51 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
- 45 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
- 43 Mick Luckhurst, 1983

Most PAT's Attempted, Season

- 51 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
- 49 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
- 45 Mick Luckhurst, 1983

Most PAT's Made, Game

- 8 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Saints
9-16-73 (Away)

Most PAT's Attempted, Game

- 8 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Saints
9-16-73 (Away)

Most Consecutive PAT's Made

- 134 Mick Luckhurst, 1983-present

Most FG's Made, Career

- 115 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-
- 56 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
- 45 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most FG's Attempted, Career

- 164 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-
- 104 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
- 68 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most FG's Made, Season

- 26 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
- 24 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
- 21 Mick Luckhurst, 1981

Most FG's Attempted, Season

- 38 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
- 33 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
- 31 Mick Luckhurst, 1985

Most FG's Made, Game

- 5 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Rams
11-4-73 (Home)
- 5 Tim Mazzetti vs Rams
10-30-78 (Away)

Most FG's Attempted, Game

- 5 Mick Luckhurst vs Saints
12-22-85 (Away)
- 5 Mick Luckhurst vs Eagles
12-16-84 (Home)
- 5 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Rams
11-4-73 (Home), vs Bears 9-26-76
(Away), vs Bears 10-23-77 (Away)
- 5 Tim Mazzetti vs Rams, 10-30-78
(Away) and vs Cardinals, 11-9-80
(Away)

Most Consecutive FG's Made

- 17 Mick Luckhurst, 1984 (3),
1985 (1st 14)

Best FG Percentage, Career (Min. 50)

- .701 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-
- .662 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80
- .538 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77



Best FG Percentage, Season (Min. 20)

- .774 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
- .772 Mick Luckhurst, 1983
- .740 Mick Luckhurst, 1984
- .714 Mick Luckhurst, 1982
- .703 Tim Mazzetti, 1980

RUSHING**Most Yards Gained, Career**

- 6,143 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
- 5,986 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 3,490 Dave Hampton, 1972-76
- 2,662 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
- 2,313 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
- 2,250 Jim Butler, 1968-71
- 2,118 Art Malone, 1970-74
- 1,612 Junior Coffey, 1966-67, 1969
- 1,528 Bubba Bean, 1976-80
- 1,321 Harmon Wages, 1968-73

Most Yards Gained, Season

- 1,719 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 1,567 William Andrews, 1983
- 1,486 Gerald Riggs, 1984
- 1,327 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 1,308 William Andrews, 1980
- 1,301 William Andrews, 1981
- 1,023 William Andrews, 1979
- 1,002 Dave Hampton, 1975
- 997 Dave Hampton, 1973
- 995 Dave Hampton, 1972

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 202 Gerald Riggs vs Saints
9-2-84 (Away) 35 Att.
- 197 Gerald Riggs vs Chiefs
12-8-85 (Away) 26 Att.
- 172 Gerald Riggs vs Miami
11-30-86 (Away) 33 Att.
- 167 William Andrews vs Saints
9-2-79 (Away) 30 Att.
- 161 William Andrews vs Miami
12-10-83 (Away) 21 Att.

(All 100 yard games listed under
"Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most Rushing Attempts, Career

- 1,474 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
- 1,315 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 885 Dave Hampton, 1972-76
- 728 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
- 609 Jim Butler, 1968-71
- 603 Lynn Cain, 1979-84

- 532 Art Malone, 1970-74
- 428 Junior Coffey, 1966-67, 1969
- 405 Bubba Bean, 1976-80
- 332 Harmon Wages, 1968-73

Most Rushing Attempts, Season

- 397 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 353 Gerald Riggs, 1984
- 343 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 331 William Andrews, 1983
- 289 William Andrews, 1981
- 265 William Andrews, 1980
- 263 Dave Hampton, 1973
- 250 Dave Hampton, 1975
- 247 Haskel Stanback, 1977
- 239 William Andrews, 1979

Most Rushing Attempts, Game

- 41 Gerald Riggs vs Rams
11-17-85 (Home) 123 yds.
- 39 Gerald Riggs vs Saints
12-22-85 (Away) 158 yds.
- 35 Gerald Riggs vs Saints
9-2-84 (Away) 202 yds.
- 35 Gerald Riggs vs Rams
10-12-86 (Home) 141 yds.
- 35 Lynn Cain vs Rams
10-7-84 (Away) 145 yds.

Most 100-Yard Games, Career

- 24 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
- 22 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 4 Dave Hampton, 1972-76

Most 100-Yard Games, Season

- 9 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 7 William Andrews, 1983
- 7 William Andrews, 1980
- 6 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 5 Gerald Riggs, 1984

Most TD's Rushing, Career

- 47 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
- 30 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 25 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79

Most TD's Rushing, Season

- 13 Gerald Riggs, 1984
- 10 William Andrews, 1981
- 10 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 9 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 7 William Andrews, 1983

Most TD's Rushing, Game

- 3 Gerald Riggs vs Rams
11-17-85 (Home)
- 3 Lynn Cain vs Rams
10-7-84 (Away)

**Most Consecutive Games,
Rushing TD**

- 4 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 4 Dave Hampton, 1975

**Highest Average Gain, Career
(300 carries)**

- 4.55 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 4.17 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
- 3.98 Art Malone, 1970-74
- 3.97 Harmon Wages, 1968-73
- 3.94 Dave Hampton, 1972-76

**Highest Average Gain, Season
(150 carries)**

- 4.94 William Andrews, 1980
- 4.73 William Andrews, 1983
- 4.50 William Andrews, 1981
- 4.330 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 4.326 Dave Hampton, 1972
- 4.310 Gerald Riggs, 1987

**Highest Average Gain, Game
(10 carries)**

- 9.10 Art Malone vs S.F.
12-10-72 (10-91)
- 7.67 William Andrews vs Miami
12-10-83 (21-161)
- 7.58 Gerald Riggs vs Chiefs
12-8-85 (26-197)
- 7.47 Jim Butler vs 49ers
10-4-70 (17-127)

PASSING**Most Yards Gained Passing, Career**

- 23,468 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 8,489 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 5,538 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 4,275 Dave Archer, 1984-87

**Most Yards Gained Passing,
Season**

- 3,830 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 3,544 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 3,167 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 2,502 Steve Bartkowski, 1979

- 2,489 Steve Bartkowski, 1978
- 2,158 Bob Berry, 1972
- 2,158 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
- 2,007 Dave Archer, 1986
- 2,005 Bob Berry, 1971

Most Yards Gained Passing, Game

- 416 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt.
11-15-81 (33-50)
- 378 Steve Bartkowski vs St. Louis
11-9-80 (31-47)
- 375 Steve Bartkowski vs Raiders
9-19-82 (36-54)

(All 300 yard games listed under
"Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most Passes Attempted, Career

- 3,329 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 1,049 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 904 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 647 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Passes Attempted, Season

- 533 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 463 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 432 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 379 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
- 369 Steve Bartkowski, 1978



Most Passes Attempted, Game

- 56 Steve Bartkowski vs Raiders
9-19-82 (34 comp.)
- 50 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt.
11-15-81 (33 comp.)
- 48 Steve Bartkowski vs Giants
10-25-81 (24 comp.)
- 47 Steve Bartkowski vs Cards
11-9-80 (31 comp.)
- 46 Erik Kramer vs Rams
10-18-87 (27 comp.)
- 44 Bob Berry vs Packers
9-27-70 (28 comp.)

Most Passes Completed, Career

- 1,870 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 598 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 435 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 331 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Passes Completed, Season

- 297 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 274 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 257 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 203 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
- 187 Steve Bartkowski, 1978

Most Passes Completed, Game

- 36 Steve Bartkowski vs Raiders
9-19-82 (56 Att.)
- 33 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt.
11-15-81 (50 Att.)
- 31 Steve Bartkowski vs Cards.
11-9-80 (47 Att.)
- 28 Bob Berry vs Packers
9-27-70 (44 Att.)
- 28 Steve Bartkowski vs 49ers
11-20-83 (39 Att.)
- 27 Erik Kramer vs Rams
10-18-87 (46 Att.)

Most Consecutive Passes, Completed

- 10 Steve Bartkowski vs Rams
10-7-84
- 10 Steve Bartkowski vs Houston
11-29-81
- 10 Randy Johnson vs Detroit (6)
and Chicago (4) 11/9-16/69

Highest Completion Percentage, Career

- 57.0 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 56.2 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85

51.2 Dave Archer, 1984-87

49.3 Bob Lee, 1973-74

Highest Completion Percentage, Season

- .673 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
- .6343 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- .6336 Steve Bartkowski, 1982
- .617 Turk Schonert, 1986
- .602 Bob Berry, 1971

Highest Completion Percentage, Game (20 Att.)

- .857 Steve Bartkowski vs Detroit
9-9-84 (24-28)
- .826 Steve Bartkowski vs 49ers
9-25-83 (19-23)
- .826 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt.
10-28-84 (19-23)
- .792 Steve Bartkowski vs LA
9-19-82 (19-24)
- .762 Bob Berry vs SF/GB
9-19-71 (16-21)
11-27-71 (16-21)

Best QB Rating, Career

- 78.8 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 74.5 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 67.7 Bob Lee, 1973-74
- 64.6 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 62.9 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Best QB Rating, Season (Min. 100 Att.)

- 106.7 Bob Berry, 1969
- 97.6 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 92.8 Steve Bartkowski, 1985
- 89.7 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
- 88.0 Steve Bartkowski, 1980

Most TD Passes, Career

- 154 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 57 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 34 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 18 Dave Archer, 1984-

Most TD Passes, Season

- 31 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 30 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 22 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 17 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
- 16 Bob Berry, 1970

Most TD Passes, Game

- 4 Randy Johnson vs Bears
11-16-69

- 4 Steve Bartkowski vs Saints
10-19-80
- 4 Steve Bartkowski vs Cards.
10-18-81

Most Consecutive Games, TD Pass

- 14 Steve Bartkowski, 1980-81
- 9 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 8 Steve Bartkowski, 1981

Most Consecutive Passes Without Interception

- 197 Steve Bartkowski, 1982-83

Most Consecutive Games Without Interception

- 5 Steve Bartkowski, 1983

Lowest Interception Pct., Career

- 4.33 Dave Archer, 1984-
- 4.35 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 5.34 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 5.47 Bob Lee, 1973-74

Lowest Interception Pct., Season (150 Att.)

- 1.16 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
(5-432)
- 1.98 Scott Hunter, 1977
(3-151)
- 3.06 David Archer, 1986 (9-294)

Most Interceptions, Career

- 141 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 65 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 56 Bob Berry, 1968-72

Most Interceptions, Season

- 23 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 21 Randy Johnson, 1966
- 21 Randy Johnson, 1967
- 20 Steve Bartkowski, 1979

Most Interceptions, Game

- 5 Kim McQuilken vs Vikings
11-9-75

RECEIVING

Most Passes Caught, Career

- 359 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
- 305 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
- 276 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 244 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
- 188 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
- 177 Stacey Bailey, 1982-
- 166 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 164 Gerald Riggs, 1982-

- 152 Ken Burrow, 1971-75
- 140 Art Malone, 1970-74

Most Passes Caught, Season

- 81 William Andrews, 1981
- 74 Wallace Francis, 1979
- 70 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 67 Stacey Bailey, 1984
- 64 Billy Johnson, 1983
- 63 Charlie Brown, 1986
- 62 Billy Johnson, 1985
- 59 William Andrews, 1983
- 57 Alfred Jenkins, 1980
- 55 Stacey Bailey, 1983

Most Passes Caught, Game

- 15 William Andrews vs Pitt.
11-15-81 (124 yds.)
- 13 William Andrews vs T. Bay
12-6-81 (98 yds.)
- 11 William Andrews vs G. Bay
12-26-82 (77 yds.)
- 11 Billy Johnson vs Saints
10-20-85 (153 yds.)
- 10 Wallace Francis vs Rams
12-9-79 (108 yds.)

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Career

- 6,257 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
- 4,348 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
- 3,695 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
- 3,010 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
- 2,771 Stacey Bailey, 1982-
- 2,668 Ken Burrow, 1971-75
- 2,645 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 2,062 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 1,433 Charlie Brown, 1985-87
- 1,348 Art Malone, 1970-74

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Season

- 1,358 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 1,138 Stacey Bailey, 1984
- 1,025 Alfred Jenkins, 1980
- 1,013 Wallace Francis, 1979
- 918 Charlie Brown, 1986
- 881 Stacey Bailey, 1983
- 862 Wallace Francis, 1980
- 858 Alfred Jenkins, 1979
- 834 Paul Flatley, 1969
- 830 Billy Johnson, 1985

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Game

- 193 Alfred Jackson vs S.F.
12-2-84 (11 catches)

190 Ken Burrow vs Det.

10-3-71 (6 catches)

190 Ken Burrow vs Saints

12-19-71 (8 catches)

179 Alfred Jenkins vs Saints

11-1-81 (5 catches)

(All 100-yard games listed under
"Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most TD Passes Received, Career

40 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83

28 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79

27 Wallace Francis, 1975-81

22 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84

21 Ken Burrow, 1971-75



Most TD Passes Received, Season

13 Alfred Jenkins, 1981

8 Wallace Francis, 1979

7 Ken Burrow, 1973

Most TD Passes Received, Game

3 Alfred Jenkins vs Saints

11-1-81

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Yards On Returns, Career

1,989 Ron Smith, 1966-67

1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71

1,715 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-

1,655 Reggie Smith, 1980-81

1,239 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80

1,147 Willie Belton, 1971-73

1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-86

1,011 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75

793 Dave Hampton, 1972-75

685 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80

Most Yards On Returns, Season

1,143 Reggie Smith, 1981

1,013 Ron Smith, 1966

976 Ron Smith, 1967

838 Cliff Austin, 1985

799 Jim Butler, 1968

Highest Average Return, Career

(Min. 25)

24.26 Ron Smith, 1966-67

24.16 Jim Butler, 1968-71

24.15 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-

24.07 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75

23.62 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80

23.41 Willie Belton, 1971-73

Highest Average Return, Season

(Min. 25)

27.50 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-

26.48 Dennis Pearson, 1978

25.21 Willie Belton, 1971

25.03 Ron Smith, 1967

24.32 Reggie Smith, 1981

24.28 Gerald Tinker, 1974

Most Returns, Career

82 Ron Smith, 1966-67

77 Jim Butler, 1968-71

72 Reggie Smith, 1980-81

71 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-

55 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80

50 Cliff Austin, 1984-86

Most Returns, Season

47 Reggie Smith, 1981

43 Ron Smith, 1966

39 Ron Smith, 1967

39 Cliff Austin, 1985

37 Jim Butler, 1968

Longest Kickoff Returns

100t Dennis Pearson vs St. Louis
12-17-78

99t Ron Smith vs Baltimore
9-17-67

97t Sylvester Stamps vs S.Fran.
12-20-87

94t Cliff Austin vs New Orleans
10-20-85

PUNT RETURNS

Most Yards On Returns, Career

- 1,251 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 738 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
- 540 Ray Brown, 1971-77
- 413 Al Dodd, 1973-74
- 366 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

Most Yards On Returns, Season

- 489 Billy Johnson, 1983
- 376 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
- 360 Ray Brown, 1973
- 352 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
- 344 Al Dodd, 1974

Most Yards On Returns, Game

- 116 Billy Johnson vs Jets
10-23-83
- 108 Al Dodd vs Chicago
10-13-74

Highest Average Return, Career (Min. 30)

- 11.80 Al Dodd, 1973-74
- 10.09 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 9.89 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
- 9.03 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
- 8.85 Ray Brown, 1971-77

Highest Average Return, Season (Min. 20)

- 12.74 Al Dodd, 1974
- 12.22 Kenny Johnson, 1980
- 11.38 Billy Johnson, 1982
- 10.63 Billy Johnson, 1983
- 9.00 Ray Brown, 1973

Highest Average Return, Game (Min. 3)

- 31.0 Billy Johnson vs Raiders
11-21-82
- 26.0 Ray Brown vs Eagles
11-11-73

Most Returns, Career

- 124 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 110 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
- 61 Ray Brown, 1971-77
- 47 Billy Ryckman, 1977-80
- 46 Willie Belton, 1971-73

Most Returns, Season

- 54 Rolland Lawrence, 1976

- 51 Rolland Lawrence, 1977
- 46 Billy Johnson, 1983
- 40 Ray Brown, 1973
- 33 Scott Woerner, 1981

Most Returns, Game

- 8 Rolland Lawrence vs S.F.
10-9-77

Most Touchdowns, Punt Returns

- 1 Tom McCauley, 1970
- John Mallory, 1970
- Gerald Tinker, 1974
- Billy Johnson, 1983

Longest Punt Returns

- 77t Tom McCauley vs N.O.
10-25-70 (Home)
- 75t John Mallory vs Minn.
12-20-70 (Home)
- 72t Gerald Tinker vs N.O.
9-29-74
- 71t Billy Johnson vs Jets
10-23-83

Combined Return Yards, Career

- 2,161 Ron Smith, 1966-67
- 2,016 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
- 1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71
- 1,723 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-
- 1,423 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
- 1,419 Willie Belton, 1971-73
- 1,354 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
- 1,289 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 1,229 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
- 1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-86

Most Combined Return Yards, Season

- 1,242 Reggie Smith, 1981
- 1,093 Ron Smith, 1966
- 1,068 Ron Smith, 1967
- 897 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
- 869 Willie Belton, 1971

Most Combined Returns, Career

- 139 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
- 129 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 113 Ron Smith, 1966-67
- 112 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
- 95 Willie Belton, 1971-73



Most Combined Returns, Season

- 75 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
- 59 Ron Smith, 1967
- 59 Reggie Smith, 1981
- 58 Willie Belton, 1971
- 54 Ron Smith, 1966

COMBINED NET YARDS

(Rushing, Receiving, Returns)

Most Combined Yards, Career

- 8,702 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 7,704 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
- 6,327 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
- 5,789 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
- 5,106 Dave Hampton, 1972-75
- 4,828 Jim Butler, 1968-71
- 4,549 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
- 3,702 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
- 3,572 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
- 3,569 Art Malone, 1970-74

Most Combined Yards, Season

- 2,176 William Andrews, 1983
- 2,037 William Andrews, 1981
- 1,986 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 1,774 Dave Hampton, 1972
- 1,764 William Andrews, 1980

- 1,763 Gerald Riggs, 1984
- 1,528 Dave Hampton, 1973
- 1,463 Gerald Riggs, 1986
- 1,420 Art Malone, 1972
- 1,358 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 1,357 Jim Butler, 1969

PUNTING

Highest Punting Average, Career

- 43.9 Rick Donnelly, 1985-
- 41.3 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
- 40.9 Ralph Giacomarro, 1983-84
- 40.8 John James, 1972-81

Highest Punting Average, Season (Min. 35)

- 44.32 Billy Lothridge, 1968
- 44.03 Rick Donnelly, 1987
- 43.86 Rick Donnelly, 1986
- 43.69 Billy Lothridge, 1967
- 43.63 Rick Donnelly, 1985
- 42.77 John James, 1972

Highest Punting Average, Game (Min. 4)

- 52.1 Rick Donnelly vs Phila.
11-10-85

Most Punts, Career

- 873 John James, 1972-81
- 424 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
- 198 Rick Donnelly, 1985-
- 167 Ralph Giacomarro, 1983-84

Most Punts, Season

- 109 John James, 1978
- 105 John James, 1977
- 101 John James, 1976
- 96 John James, 1974
- 89 John James, 1975

Most Punts, Game

- 11 John James vs Wash.
12-10-78

Longest Punt

- 75 John James vs Oak.
11-30-75
- 72 John James vs N.O.
9-16-73
- 71 Rick Donnelly vs N.Y. Jets
11-9-86

Most Punts Inside 20, Season

- 28 John James, 1976
- 26 John James, 1980
- 25 John James, 1978

INTERCEPTIONS**Most Passes Intercepted, Career**

- 39 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-81

- 31 Ray Brown, 1971-77
- 29 Ken Reaves, 1966-74
- 23 Bobby Butler, 1981-
- 20 Tom Pridemore, 1978-85
- 17 Tom Hayes, 1971-75
- 16 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
- 13 Ray Easterling, 1972-80
- 12 Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
- 12 Greg Brezina, 1968-79

Most Passes Intercepted, Season

- 9 Rolland Lawrence, 1975
- 8 Ray Brown, 1974
- 7 Ken Reaves, 1967
- Rolland Lawrence, 1977
- Al Richardson, 1980
- Tom Pridemore, 1981

Most Passes Intercepted, Game

- 2 32 times — Last time, Dennis
Woodberry vs Miami, 11-30-86

Most Consecutive Games**Pass Intercepted**

- 4 Ken Reaves (3 games-70, 1-71)

Most Yards Interception Returns, Career

- 658 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
- 574 Ray Brown, 1971-77



- 439 Ken Reaves, 1966-73
- 372 Tom Pridemore, 1978-85
- 246 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
- 205 Bobby Butler, 1981-
- 203 Rick Byas, 1974-80
- 197 Tom Hayes, 1971-75
- 186 Al Richardson, 1980-85
- 182 Tommy Nobis, 1966-76

**Most Yards Interception Returns,
Season**

- 221 Tom Pridemore, 1981
- 164 Ray Brown, 1974
- 163 Rolland Lawrence, 1975
- 153 Ken Reaves, 1967
- 139 Al Richardson, 1980

**Most Yards Interception Returns,
Game**

- 101 Tom Pridemore vs S.F.
9-20-81 (1 int.)

**Most Interceptions For TD's,
Career**

- 2 Ray Brown, 1971-77
- Tom Hayes, 1971-75
- Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
- Robert Pennywell, 1977-80
- Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

**Most Interceptions For TD's,
Season**

- 2 Tom Hayes, 1973
- Kenny Johnson, 1983

Most Interceptions For TD's, Game

- 2 Kenny Johnson vs GB
11-27-83 (26 and 31)



Butler and Butler

From 1968 to 1971, Jim "Cannonball" Butler led the Falcons in rushing in all four seasons and set a record at the time by running for 127 yards in a game. In 1981, the Falcons drafted his cousin, CB Bobby Butler, in the first round. Bobby has led, or co-led, the team in interceptions in four different seasons.



SERVICE

Most Seasons Played

- 18 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
- 11 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
- 11 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
- 10 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, 76-78)
- 10 John James (1972-81)
- 10 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)
- 10 Mike Kenn (1978-present)

Most Games Played

- 246 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
- 155 Jim Mitchell (1969-1979)
- 148 John James (1972-81)
- 142 Mike Kenn (1978-present)
- 133 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
- 127 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, 76-78)
- 123 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
- 123 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)

Most Games Started

- 225 Jeff Van Note
- 142 Mike Kenn
- 133 Tommy Nobis
- 127 Claude Humphrey

Most Consecutive Games Played

- 155 Jeff Van Note (1976-86)
- 112 Ken Reaves (1966-73)
- 107 Buddy Curry (1980-87)

- 100 Steve Bartkowski (Week 8, 1977-Week 10, 1984)

Most Consecutive Games Started

- 112 Jeff Van Note (1970-84)
- 100 Steve Bartkowski (Week 8, 1977-Week 10, 1984)
- 90 Mike Kenn (1978-Week 2, 1984)
- 86 Jim Mitchell (Week 5, 1971-Week 6, 1977)
- 79 Buddy Curry (1980-Week 6, 1985)
- 78 Tom Pridemore (Week 12, 1979-1984)

Most Pro Bowl Appearances

- 6 Claude Humphrey (1970, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77)
- 6 Jeff Van Note (1974, 75, 79, 80, 81, 82)
- 5 Tommy Nobis (1966, 67, 68, 70, 72)
- 5 Mike Kenn (1980, 81, 82, 83, 84)

Most Consecutive Pro Bowl Appearances

- 5 Claude Humphrey (1970-74)
- 5 Mike Kenn (1980-84)
- 4 William Andrews (1980-83)
- 4 Jeff Van Note (1979-82)



CONSECUTIVE STREAKS

SCORING

Most Consecutive Games, Scoring

- 68 Mick Luckhurst
(Week 1 - 1981 - through
Week 11 - 1985)

Most Consecutive Games

Scoring TD

- 4 Jim Mitchell, 1975 (3 receiving,
1 fumble ret.)
4 Dave Hampton, 1975 (3 rushing,
1 receiving)
4 Gerald Riggs, 1986 (all rushing)

Most Consecutive Games With TD Pass

- 10 Steve Bartkowski (1980)
(Week 7 - 16)

Most Consecutive Games With TD Catch

- 3 Four Times. Last by
Alfred Jenkins, 1976

Most Consecutive PAT's

- 134 Mick Luckhurst
(1983-current)

Most Consecutive Games FG Made

- 8 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

Most Consecutive Field Goals

- 17 Mick Luckhurst, 1984-85

Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games

- 4 Gerald Riggs, 1985
3 William Andrews, 1983
3 Gerald Riggs, 1986

Most Consecutive Games With Reception

- 103 Alfred Jenkins
(1975-1983)

Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games

- 3 Stacey Bailey, 1983
(Oct. 2, 7-106, Oct. 9, 7-109,
Oct. 16, 6-106)

PASSING

Most Consecutive Passes Completed

- 10 Steve Bartkowski vs L.A. Rams
10-7-84
Steve Bartkowski vs Houston
11-29-81
Randy Johnson vs Detroit (6)
11-9-69 and Chicago (4)
11-16-69

Most Consecutive Passes Without Interception

- 197 Steve Bartkowski
(1982-83)

Most Consecutive Games Pass Intercepted

- 4 Ken Reaves
(Last 3-1970-Opener-1971)

Back-to-Back TD's

When Sylvester Stamps of the Falcons and Joe Cribbs of the 49ers returned kickoffs for touchdowns back-to-back in 1987, it marked only the third time in NFL history that feat was accomplished. The first was in 1951 (Buddy Young - N.Y. Yankees and Emlen Tunnell - N.Y. Giants), the last was in 1973 (Don Shy - St. Louis and Herb Mulkey - Washington). Falcon assistants Jim Hanifan and Rod Dowhower were both St. Louis assistants at that time, meaning they've seen two of the three historical achievements. Stamps return was 97 yards, third longest in Falcon history. Cribbs followed with a 92-yard return.

THE LAST TIME...

Punt Returned for Touchdown

By Falcons: Oct. 12, 1983, Billy Johnson vs. Jets, 71 yds., Pat Leahy punted
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 22, 1987, Leo Lewis, Vikings, 78 yds., Rick Donnelly punted

Kickoff Returned for Touchdown

By Falcons: Dec. 20, 1987, Sylvester Stamps vs. 49ers, 97 yds., Ray Werschling KO
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 20, 1987, Joe Cribbs, 49ers, 92 yds., Mick Luckhurst KO

Pass Interception for Touchdown

By Falcons: Nov. 16, 1986, Joel Williams vs. Bears, 14 yds., Mike Tomczak passed
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 27, 1987, Ricky Smith, Lions, 34 yds., Chris Miller passed

Punt Was Blocked

By Falcons: Sept. 30, 1984, Kenny Johnson vs. 49ers, Max Runager punted
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 22, 1987, Carl Hilton, Vikings, returned 6 yds. by Walker Lee Ashley, Rick Donnelly punted

Field Goal was Blocked

By Falcons: Nov. 29, 1987, Dennis Harrison vs. Cardinals, Jim Gallery attempted 39-yd. FG
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 20, 1987, Steve Wallace, 49ers, Mick Luckhurst attempted 40-yd. FG

Fumble Returned for Touchdown

By Falcons: Dec. 6, 1987, Robert Moore vs. Cowboys, 20 yds., Kelvin Martin fumbled
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 20, 1985, Frank Warren, Saints, 50 yds., Dave Archer fumbled

Extra Point Missed

By Falcons: Dec. 14, 1986, Ali Haji-Sheikh vs. Saints
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 11, 1987, Jeff Brockhaus, 49ers (wide left)

Safety Scored

By Falcons: Oct. 4, 1987, Buddy Moor tackled Steve Bono (Steelers) in end zone
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 13, 1987, Michael Stewart, Rams, tackled Rick Donnelly in end zone

Shutout was Scored

By Falcons: Dec. 12, 1982, Falcons 35, Saints 0 (Atlanta, Week 6 strike year)
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 13, 1987, Rams 33, Falcons 0 (LA, Week 14 strike year)

Three Touchdown Passes

By Falcons: Oct. 25, 1987, Scott Campbell vs. Oilers, (14-26-187 yds.)
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 25, 1987, Warren Moon, Oilers, (15-34-242 yds.)

Four Touchdown Passes

By Falcons: Oct. 18, 1981, Steve Bartkowski vs. Cardinals (18-32-288 yds.)
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 13, 1985, Dave Krieg, Seahawks, (33-51-405 yds.)

300 Yards Passing

By Falcons: Oct. 18, 1987, Erik Kramer vs. Rams, 335 yds. (27-46)
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 29, 1987, Neil Lomax, Cardinals, 369 yds. (25-42)

400 Yards Passing

By Falcons: Nov. 15, 1981, Steve Bartkowski vs. Steelers, 416 yds. (33-50)
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 13, 1985, Dave Krieg, Seahawks, 405 yds. (33-51)

Three Touchdowns Rushing

By Falcons: Nov. 17, 1985, Gerald Riggs vs. Rams
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 14, 1979, Mark van Eeghen, Raiders

Three Touchdown Receptions

By Falcons: Nov. 1, 1981, Alfred Jenkins vs. Saints
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 30, 1975, Cliff Branch, Raiders

Four Field Goals

By Falcons: Oct. 25, 1987, Mick Luckhurst vs. Oilers
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 2, 1986, Tony Franklin, Patriots

Five or More Field Goals

By Falcons: Oct. 30, 1978, Tim Mazzetti vs. Rams (21, 37, 30, 26, 37)
Vs. Falcons: 6, Dec. 9, 1973, Jim Bakken, Cardinals (35, 46, 35, 31, 37, 28)

Five Touchdown Passes

By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 13, 1987, Steve DeBerg, Buccaneers, (24-34-333)

Four Touchdown Receptions

By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 3, 1968, Roy Jefferson, Steelers

200 Yards Rushing

By Falcons: Sept. 2, 1984, Gerald Riggs vs. Saints, 202 yds.
Vs. Falcons: NEVER

200 Yards Receiving

By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 2, 1979, Wes Chandler, Saints, 205 yds.

Greatest Falcon Performances

RUSHING YARDAGE

- 202 — GERALD RIGGS vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1984, 35 attempts
- 197 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Kansas City, Dec. 8, 1985, 26 attempts
- 172 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Miami, Nov. 30, 1986, 33 attempts
- 167 — William Andrews vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 30 attempts
- 161 — William Andrews vs. Miami, Dec. 10, 1983, 21 attempts
- 161 — Dave Hampton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972, 29 attempts (AS)
- 158 — GERALD RIGGS vs. New Orleans, Dec. 22, 1985, 39 attempts
- 158 — William Andrews vs. Buffalo, Dec. 17, 1983, 28 attempts (AS)
- 150 — William Andrews vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1983, 25 attempts (AS)
- 150 — William Andrews vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 32 attempts
- 145 — Lynn Cain vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984, 35 attempts
- 141 — GERALD RIGGS vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 12, 1986, 35 attempts (AS)
- 139 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Seattle, Oct. 13, 1985, 23 attempts
- 136 — GERALD RIGGS vs. San Francisco, Sept. 30, 1984, 28 attempts
- 136 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Indianapolis, Dec. 7, 1986, 30 attempts (AS)
- 135 — Dave Hampton vs. St. Louis, Sept. 21, 1975, 23 attempts
- 134 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Washington, Nov. 5, 1984, 27 attempts
- 133 — GERALD RIGGS vs. San Francisco, Dec. 2, 1984, 30 attempts (AS)
- 131 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Detroit, Sept. 8, 1985, 31 attempts (AS)
- 131 — William Andrews vs. San Diego, Dec. 2, 1979, 21 attempts
- 129 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 10, 1985, 27 attempts
- 129 — William Andrews vs. Green Bay, Nov. 27, 1983, 20 attempts (AS)
- 129 — Haskel Stanback vs. New Orleans, Dec. 18, 1977, 22 attempts (AS)
- 129 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 28, 1986, 27 attempts
- 127 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Washington, Nov. 3, 1985, 22 attempts (AS)
- 127 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Dallas, Oct. 27, 1985, 24 attempts
- 127 — Jim Butler vs. San Francisco, Oct. 4, 1970, 17 attempts (AS)
- 126 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1983, 28 attempts
- 125 — William Andrews vs. New England, Oct. 30, 1983, 25 attempts (AS)
- 124 — William Andrews vs. New England, Sept. 14, 1980, 19 attempts
- 123 — GERALD RIGGS vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 17, 1985, 41 attempts (AS)
- 123 — Lynn Cain vs. Minnesota, Sept. 7, 1980, 24 attempts
- 123 — Woody Thompson vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977, 24 attempts
- 121 — William Andrews vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1979, 24 attempts
- 120 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Washington, Sept. 20, 1987, 23 attempts (AS)
- 120 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Houston, Sept. 23, 1984, 25 attempts (AS)
- 119 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 21, 1982, 21 attempts (AS)
- 119 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 11, 1981, 21 attempts
- 119 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Dallas, Dec. 6, 1987, 30 attempts
- 117 — Junior Coffey vs. Cleveland, Oct. 30, 1966, 17 attempts (AS)
- 115 — William Andrews vs. St. Louis, Nov. 9, 1980, 20 attempts (AS)
- 115 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 14, 1981, 23 attempts
- 114 — Jim Butler vs. New Orleans, Oct. 24, 1971, 20 attempts (AS)
- 113 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Houston, Oct. 25, 1987, 21 attempts
- 112 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Cincinnati, Nov. 15, 1987, 23 attempts (AS)
- 112 — Haskel Stanback vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 24, 1978, 23 attempts
- 111 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 26, 1980, 20 attempts (AS)
- 111 — William Andrews vs. Washington, Nov. 30, 1980, 24 attempts (AS)
- 110 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Chicago, Nov. 24, 1985, 30 attempts
- 109 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Dallas, Sept. 21, 1986, 25 attempts
- 108 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Dec. 19, 1982, 24 attempts
- 108 — GERALD RIGGS vs. St. Louis, Sept. 14, 1986, 29 attempts (AS)
- 107 — Sonny Collins vs. San Francisco, Nov. 14, 1976, 31 attempts
- 106 — Dave Hampton vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 26 attempts (AS)
- 105 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980, 18 attempts (AS)
- 104 — Bubba Bean vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 19, 1979, 17 attempts

- 104 — Cliff Austin vs. New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1986, 27 attempts
- 103 — Art Malone vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 1, 1972, 18 attempts (AS)
- 102 — Lynn Cain vs. Detroit, Oct. 5, 1980, 21 attempts (AS)
- 101 — William Andrews vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 7, 1980, 18 attempts
- 101 — William Andrews vs. Houston, Nov. 19, 1981, 25 attempts
- 101 — Dave Hampton vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975, 25 attempts (AS)
- 100 — Sonny Collins vs. Seattle, Nov. 7, 1976, 17 attempts
- 100 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Sept. 28, 1980, 21 attempts

RECEIVING YARDAGE

- 193 — Alfred Jackson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 2, 1984, 11 receptions (AS)
- 190 — Ken Burrow vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 6 receptions
- 190 — Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971, 8 receptions
- 179 — Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Nov. 1, 1981, 5 receptions
- 159 — STACEY BAILEY vs. Washington, Dec. 4, 1983, 9 receptions
- 158 — STACEY BAILEY vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984, 7 receptions
- 153 — Billy Johnson vs. New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1985, 11 receptions (AS)
- 153 — Wallace Francis vs. New York Giants, Oct. 1, 1978, 7 receptions
- 152 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Washington, Sept. 25, 1977, 7 receptions
- 148 — Wallace Francis vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980, 4 receptions (AS)
- 147 — Alfred Jenkins vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 7 receptions (AS)
- 146 — FLOYD DIXON vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 1986, 8 receptions (AS)
- 144 — Alex Hawkins vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1966, 9 receptions
- 143 — Jim Mitchell vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 26, 1971, 4 receptions
- 140 — STACEY BAILEY vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 16, 1984, 8 receptions (AS)
- 138 — Wallace Francis vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 8 receptions (AS)
- 136 — Billy Johnson vs. L.A. Raiders, Dec. 1, 1985, 6 receptions (AS)
- 136 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Cleveland, Sept. 27, 1981, 6 receptions
- 136 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Miami, Sept. 21, 1980, 4 receptions (AS)
- 134 — Alfred Jenkins vs. San Francisco, Nov. 8, 1981, 7 receptions
- 129 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 5 receptions (AS)
- 124 — Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 6 receptions
- 123 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 5 receptions
- 122 — Alfred Jenkins vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 5, 1972, 7 receptions
- 120 — Wes Chesson vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 5, 1972, 7 receptions
- 120 — Paul Flatley vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 14, 1969, 4 receptions
- 119 — Charlie Brown vs. New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1986, 7 receptions
- 117 — Junior Miller vs. New England, Sept. 14, 1980, 8 receptions
- 115 — AUBREY MATTHEWS vs. St. Louis, Nov. 29, 1987, 7 receptions (AS)
- 113 — Alfred Jackson vs. San Francisco, Oct. 22, 1978, 4 receptions
- 113 — Paul Flatley vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 28, 1969, 6 receptions
- 112 — Charlie Brown vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 6 receptions (AS)
- 110 — Billy Johnson vs. Denver, Sept. 22, 1985, 7 receptions (AS)
- 110 — Paul Gibson vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 22, 1970, 5 receptions (AS)
- 110 — Lynn Cain vs. Oakland, Oct. 24, 1979, 6 receptions
- 110 — Charlie Brown vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 28, 1986, 7 receptions
- 109 — STACEY BAILEY vs. New Orleans, Oct. 9, 1983, 7 receptions (AS)
- 109 — Milton Barney vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 18, 1987, 6 receptions (AS)
- 109 — Jim Mitchell vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 1, 1974, 7 receptions (AS)
- 108 — Wallace Francis vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 9, 1979, 10 receptions (AS)
- 108 — Billy Ryckman vs. Chicago, Nov. 19, 1978, 8 receptions
- 108 — ARTHUR COX vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 4 receptions (AS)
- 106 — STACEY BAILEY vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1983, 7 receptions (AS)
- 106 — STACEY BAILEY vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 16, 1983, 6 receptions
- 106 — William Andrews vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982, 3 receptions
- 106 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975, 4 receptions
- 106 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 6 receptions (AS)
- 105 — FLOYD DIXON vs. Washington, Sept. 20, 1987, 5 receptions (AS)
- 105 — Alfred Jenkins vs. N.Y. Giants, Nov. 11, 1979, 6 receptions
- 105 — Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969, 3 receptions (AS)

- 102 — STACEY BAILEY vs. Minnesota, Sept. 16, 1984, 4 receptions
- 102 — Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Nov. 2, 1975, 4 receptions
- 102 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Houston, Nov. 28, 1976, 5 receptions
- 102 — Alfred Jenkins vs. St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978, 5 receptions
- 101 — Paul Flatley vs. Baltimore, Oct. 5, 1969, 3 receptions
- 101 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Green Bay, Dec. 12, 1976, 6 receptions (AS)
- 101 — Alfred Jenkins vs. St. Louis, Oct. 18, 1981, 4 receptions

PASSING YARDAGE

- 416 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 15, 1981, 33 of 50 (AS)
- 378 — Steve Bartkowski vs. St. Louis, Nov. 9, 1980, 31 of 47
- 375 — Steve Bartkowski vs. L.A. Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982, 36 of 54 (AS)
- 372 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Houston, Nov. 29, 1981, 18 of 25
- 366 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 24 of 34
- 350 — Dave Archer vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 21 of 36 (AS)
- 335 — ERIK KRAMER vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 18, 1987, 27 of 46 (AS)
- 332 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Miami, Sept. 21, 1980, 18 of 36 (AS)
- 326 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 20 of 29 (AS)
- 313 — Steve Bartkowski vs. New York Jets, Oct. 23, 1983, 25 of 36
- 312 — Steve Bartkowski vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 22 of 38
- 311 — Steve Bartkowski vs. New York Giants, Oct. 25, 1981, 24 of 48 (AS)
- 309 — Bob Berry vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 13 of 23
- 305 — Steve Bartkowski vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 19 of 37 (AS)
- 303 — Mike Moroski vs. Green Bay, Nov. 27, 1983, 22 of 35 (AS)
- 302 — Bob Berry vs. Green Bay, Sept. 27, 1970, 28 of 44
- 301 — Bob Berry vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 26, 1971, 15 of 22
- 301 — Steve Bartkowski vs. San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1983, 28 of 39 (AS)

Longest Falcon Plays

Long Runs from Scrimmage (50 yards or more)

- 166 — Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
- 65 — Ernie Wheelwright vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 11, 1966 (AS)
- 160 — Jim Butler vs. Detroit, Dec. 8, 1968 (AS)
- 160 — Bubba Bean vs. Tampa Bay, Nov. 4, 1979 (AS)
- 57 — GERALD RIGGS vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1984
- 56 — Dave Hampton vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
- 155 — Haskel Stanback vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
- 50 — GERALD RIGGS vs. Kansas City, Dec. 8, 1985

Long Pass Completions (75 yards or more)

- 188 — Bob Berry to Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
- 186 — Steve Bartkowski to William Andrews vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982
- 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)
- 181 — Steve Bartkowski to Wallace Francis vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980 (AS)
- 176 — Steve Bartkowski to Floyd Hodge vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1983
- 175 — Tom Moore to Tommy McDonald vs. Baltimore, Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)

Long Punts (65 yards or more)

- 75 — John James vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
- 72 — John James vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
- 71 — RICK DONNELLY vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986
- 70 — Billy Lothridge vs. Cleveland, Oct. 27, 1968
- 68 — RICK DONNELLY vs. Washington, Nov. 3, 1985 (AS)
- 68 — RICK DONNELLY vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 1986 (AS)
- 67 — John James vs. New Orleans, Oct. 31, 1976 (AS)
- 65 — RICK DONNELLY vs. Chicago, Nov. 16, 1986 (AS)

Long Field Goals (50 yards or more)

- 52 — MICK LUCKHURST vs. Seattle, Oct. 13, 1985
- 52 — MICK LUCKHURST vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984
- 52 — Nick Mike-Mayer vs. San Francisco, Oct. 28, 1973
- 51 — MICK LUCKHURST vs. Detroit, Sept. 9, 1984 (AS)
- 51 — MICK LUCKHURST vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982 (Twice)
- 50 — MICK LUCKHURST vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 13, 1987
- 50 — MICK LUCKHURST vs. Detroit, Dec. 27, 1987 (AS)
- 50 — MICK LUCKHURST vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984
- 50 — Tim Mazzetti vs. Buffalo, Nov. 2, 1980

Long Interception Returns (60 yards or more)

- 1101 — Tom Pridemore vs. San Francisco, Sept. 20, 1981
- 190 — Ken Reaves vs. L.A. Rams, 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)
- 172 — Rick Byas vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977
- 165 — Tom Hayes vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
- 162 — Bob Riggie vs. Minnesota, Dec. 4, 1966

Long Punt Returns (50 yards or more)

- 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
- 171 — Billy Johnson vs. New York Jets, Oct. 23, 1983
- 71 — Billy Johnson vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 21, 1982 (AS)
- 60 — Dennis Pearson vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
- 57 — Ray Brown vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1973
- 57 — Al Dodd vs. Chicago, Oct. 13, 1974 (AS)
- 56 — Kenny Johnson vs. Chicago, Sept. 23, 1980 (AS)

Long Kickoff Returns (50 yards or more)

- 1100 — Dennis Pearson vs. St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978
- 199 — Ron Smith vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
- 197 — SYLVESTER STAMPS vs. San Francisco, Dec. 20, 1987
- 194 — Cliff Austin vs. New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1985 (AS)
- 82 — Jim Butler vs. Green Bay, Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)
- 80 — Ron Smith vs. Chicago, Nov. 27, 1966
- 74 — SYLVESTER STAMPS vs. Houston, Oct. 25, 1987
- 71 — Joe McIntosh vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 18, 1987 (AS)
- 66 — LARRY EMERY vs. St. Louis, Nov. 29, 1987 (AS)
- 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
- 50 — SYLVESTER STAMPS vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 28, 1984

Long Fumble Returns (50 yards or more)

- 191 — Bob Glazebrook vs. New York Giants, Sept. 12, 1982
- 174 — Jim Weatherford vs. San Francisco, Oct. 19, 1969
- 165 — JAMES BRITT vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 26, 1986
- 164 — Blane Gaison vs. San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1983 (AS)
- 160 — Tom Hayes vs. Oakland, Dec. 5, 1971 (AS)
- 157 — Joel Williams vs. Green Bay, Sept. 13, 1981
- 150 — Jim Mitchell vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975 (AS)

Year-by-Year Leaders

SCORING

Year	Player	TD	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	TP
1966	Lou Kirouac	0	19	24	9	18	46
1967	Wade Traynham	0	22	22	7	18	43
1968	Bob Etter	0	17	19	11	21	50
1969	Bob Etter	0	33	33	15	30	78
1970	Kenny Vinyard	0	23	26	9	25	50
1971	Bill Bell	0	29	33	13	21	68
1972	Bill Bell	0	31	31	16	30	79
1973	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	34	34	26	38	112
1974	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	12	12	9	16	39
1975	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	30	33	4	10	42
1976	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	19	19	10	21	49
1977	Haskel Stanback	6	00	00	00	00	36
1978	Tim Mazzetti	0	18	18	13	16	57
1979	Tim Mazzetti	0	31	37	13	25	70
1980	Tim Mazzetti	0	45	49	19	27	102
1981	Mick Luckhurst	0	51	51	21	33	114
1982	Mick Luckhurst	0	21	22	10	14	51
1983	Mick Luckhurst	0	43	45	17	22	94
1984	Mick Luckhurst	0	31	31	20	27	91
1985	Mick Luckhurst	0	29	29	24	31	101
1986	Mick Luckhurst	0	21	21	14	24	63
1987	Mick Luckhurst	0	17	17	9	13	44

PASSING

Year	Player	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
1966	Randy Johnson	295	129	43.7	1,795	12	21
1967	Randy Johnson	288	142	49.3	1,620	10	21
1968	Bob Berry	153	81	52.9	1,433	7	13
1969	Bob Berry	169	71	57.3	1,087	10	2
1970	Bob Berry	269	156	58.0	1,806	16	13
1971	Bob Berry	226	136	60.2	2,005	11	16
1972	Bob Berry	277	154	55.6	2,158	13	12
1973	Bob Lee	230	120	52.2	1,786	10	8
1974	Bob Lee	172	78	45.3	852	3	14
1975	Steve Bartkowski	255	115	45.1	1,662	13	15
1976	Steve Bartkowski	120	57	47.5	677	2	9
1977	Scott Hunter	151	70	46.4	898	2	3
1978	Steve Bartkowski	369	187	50.7	2,489	10	18
1979	Steve Bartkowski	379	203	53.6	2,502	17	20
1980	Steve Bartkowski	463	257	55.5	3,544	31	16
1981	Steve Bartkowski	533	297	55.7	3,830	30	23
1982	Steve Bartkowski	262	166	63.4	1,905	8	11
1983	Steve Bartkowski	432	274	63.4	3,167	22	5
1984	Steve Bartkowski	269	181	67.3	2,158	11	10
1985	Dave Archer	312	161	51.6	1,992	7	17
1986	Dave Archer	294	150	51.0	2,007	10	9
1987	Scott Campbell	260	136	52.3	1,728	11	14

RUSHING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Junior Coffey	199	722	3.6	37	4
1967	Junior Coffey	180	722	4.0	20t	4

1968	Jim Butler	94	365	3.9	60t	2
1969	Jim Butler	163	655	4.0	39	3
1970	Jim Butler	166	636	3.8	33	0
1971	Jim Butler	186	594	3.2	19	2
1972	Dave Hampton	230	995	4.3	56t	6
1973	Dave Hampton	263	997	3.8	25	3
1974	Dave Hampton	127	464	3.7	34	2
1975	Dave Hampton	250	1,002	4.0	22	5
1976	Bubba Bean	124	428	3.5	30	2
1977	Haskel Stanback	247	873	3.4	35	6
1978	Bubba Bean	193	707	3.7	25	3
1979	William Andrews	239	1,023	4.3	23	2
1980	William Andrews	265	1,308	4.9	33	4
1981	William Andrews	289	1,301	4.5	29	10
1982	William Andrews	139	573	4.1	19t	5
1983	William Andrews	331	1,567	4.7	27	7
1984	Gerald Riggs	353	1,486	4.2	57	13
1985	Gerald Riggs	297	1,719	4.3	50	10
1986	Gerald Riggs	343	1,327	3.9	31	9
1987	Gerald Riggs	203	875	4.3	44	2

RECEIVING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Alex Hawkins	44	661	15.0	42	2
1967	Tommy McDonald	33	436	13.2	75	4
1968	Jerry Simmons	28	479	17.1	61	0
1969	Paul Flatley	45	834	18.5	71	6
1970	Jim Mitchell	44	650	14.8	51	6
1971	Art Malone	34	380	11.2	46	2
1972	Art Malone	50	585	11.7	57	2
1973	Jim Mitchell	32	420	13.1	50	0
1974	Ken Burrow	34	545	16.0	48	1
1975	Alfred Jenkins	38	767	20.2	68	6
1976	Alfred Jenkins	41	710	17.3	34	6
1977	Alfred Jenkins	39	677	17.4	73	4
1978	Wallace Francis	45	695	15.4	54	3
1978	Billy Ryckman	45	679	15.1	59	2
1979	Wallace Francis	74	1,013	13.7	42	8
1980	Alfred Jenkins	57	1,025	18.0	57	6
1981	William Andrews	81	736	9.1	70	2
1982	William Andrews	42	503	12.0	86t	2
1983	Billy Johnson	64	709	11.1	47t	4
1984	Stacey Bailey	67	1,138	17.0	61	6
1985	Billy Johnson	62	830	13.4	62t	5
1986	Charlie Brown	63	918	14.6	42	4
1987	Floyd Dixon	36	600	16.7	51t	5

INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Jerry Richardson	5	68	13.6	20	0
1967	Ken Reaves	7	153	21.9	42	0
1968	Jim Burson	4	100	25.0	73t	1
1969	Rudy Redmond	5	50	10.0	32	0
1970	Ken Reaves	6	44	7.3	28	0
1971	Ken Reaves	6	43	7.2	31	0
1972	Tom Hayes	5	10	2.0	8	0
1973	Ray Brown	6	99	16.5	24	0
1974	Ray Brown	8	164	20.5	59t	1

1975	Rolland Lawrence	9	163	18.1	87t	1
1976	Rolland Lawrence	6	43	7.2	22	0
1977	Rolland Lawrence	7	138	19.7	36	0
1978	Rolland Lawrence	6	76	12.7	44	0
1979	Rolland Lawrence	6	120	20.0	38	0
1980	Al Richardson	7	139	19.9	52	0
1981	Tom Pridemore	7	221	31.6	101t	1
1982	Kenny Johnson	2	30	15.0	30	0
	Fulton Kuykendall	2	22	11.0	22	0
	Bobby Butler	2	0	0.0	0	0
1983	Tom Pridemore	4	56	14.0	25	0
	Bobby Butler	4	12	3.0	12	0
1984	Kenny Johnson	5	75	15.0	28	0
1985	Bobby Butler	5	-4	-0.8	0	0
1986	Bret Clark	5	94	18.8	34	0
1987	Bobby Butler	4	48	12.0	31	0

PUNTING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	Blkd.
1966	Billy Lothridge	73	2,968	40.7	60	0
1967	Billy Lothridge	87	3,801	43.7	62	0
1968	Billy Lothridge	75	3,324	44.3	70	0
1969	Billy Lothridge	69	2,846	41.2	57	0
1970	Billy Lothridge	76	2,944	38.7	59	0
1971	Billy Lothridge	44	1,639	37.3	58	1
1972	John James	61	2,609	42.8	59	0
1973	John James	63	2,682	42.6	72	0
1974	John James	96	3,891	40.5	61	1
1975	John James	89	3,696	41.5	75	0
1976	John James	101	4,253	42.1	67	0
1977	John James	105	4,349	41.4	61	0
1978	John James	109	4,227	38.8	57	1
1979	John James	83	3,269	39.7	62	1
1980	John James	79	3,088	39.1	59	0
1981	John James	87	3,543	40.7	62	0
1982	George Roberts	17	690	40.6	54	0
1983	Ralph Giacomarro	70	2,823	40.3	57	1
1984	Ralph Giacomarro	68	2,855	42.0	58	2
1985	Rick Donnelly	59	2,574	43.6	68	0
1986	Rick Donnelly	78	3,421	43.9	71	1
1987	Rick Donnelly	61	2,686	44.0	62	0

PUNT RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Ron Smith	11	80	7.3	23	0
1967	Ron Smith	20	92	4.6	26	0
1968	Jim Burson	11	56	5.1	17	0
1969	John Mallory	13	42	3.2	15	0
1970	John Mallory	17	203	11.9	75t	1
1971	Willie Belton	30	163	5.4	32	0
1972	Willie Belton	17	110	6.5	34	0
1973	Ray Brown	40	360	9.0	57	0
1974	Al Dodd	27	344	12.7	57	0
1975	Mack Herron	10	94	9.4	24	0
1976	Rolland Lawrence	54	376	7.0	24	0
1977	Rolland Lawrence	51	352	6.9	37	0
1978	Billy Ryckman	28	227	8.1	38	0
1979	Dennis Pearson	12	115	9.6	60	0
1980	Kenny Johnson	23	281	12.2	56	0

1981	Scott Woerner	33	278	8.4	38	0
1982	Billy Johnson	24	273	11.4	71	0
1983	Billy Johnson	46	489	10.6	71t	1
1984	Billy Johnson	15	152	10.1	37	0
1985	Anthony Allen	21	141	6.7	19	0
1986	Floyd Dixon	26	151	5.8	16	0
1987	Billy Johnson	21	168	8.0	45	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Ron Smith	43	1,013	23.6	80	0
1967	Ron Smith	39	976	25.0	99t	1
1968	Jim Butler	37	799	21.6	42	0
1969	Charlie Bryant	21	407	19.4	39	0
1970	Jim Butler	14	284	20.3	29	0
1971	Willie Belton	28	706	25.2	58	0
1972	Dave Hampton	25	535	21.0	52	0
1973	Joe Washington	20	432	21.6	30	0
1974	Gerald Tinker	29	704	24.3	59	0
1975	Gerald Tinker	13	307	23.6	33	0
1976	Rolland Lawrence	21	521	24.8	36	0
1977	Karl Farmer	23	466	20.3	30	0
1978	Dennis Pearson	25	662	26.7	100t	1
1979	Dennis Pearson	30	577	19.2	29	0
1980	Reggie Smith	25	512	20.5	35	0
1981	Reggie Smith	47	1,143	24.3	52	0
1982	Reggie Brown	24	466	19.4	33	0
1983	Kenny Johnson	11	224	20.4	28	0
1984	Sylvester Stamps	19	452	23.8	50	0
1985	Cliff Austin	39	838	21.5	94t	1
1986	Sylvester Stamps	24	514	21.4	35	0
1987	Sylvester Stamps	24	660	27.5	97t	1

RECORDS OF TEAMS ON OPENING DAY, 1933-87

NFC	Longest Current						AFC	Longest Current					
	W	L	T	Pct.	W Strk.	Streak		W	L	T	Pct.	W Strk.	Streak
Cowboys	22	5	1	.815	17	L-1	Chargers	18	10	0	.643	6	L-1
Vikings	16	10	1	.615	4	W-1	Broncos	17	10	1	.630	3	W-2
FALCONS	13	9	0	.591	5	L-1	Colts	20	15	0	.571	8	L-4
Giants	29	22	4	.569	3	L-2	Raiders	16	12	0	.571	5	W-1
Bears	30	24	1	.556	7	W-4	Browns	21	17	0	.553	5	L-5
Lions	29	24	2	.547	7	L-1	Oilers	15	13	0	.536	4	W-3
Rams	27	23	0	.540	5	L-1	Chiefs	15	13	0	.536	5	W-5
Packers	28	24	3	.538	5	L-3	Steelers	26	23	4	.531	4	W-1
Redskins	26	25	4	.510	6	W-2	Bengals	10	10	0	.500	4	W-1
Cardinals	24	29	1	.453	6	W-1	Dolphins	10	11	1	.476	4	L-3
49ers	16	21	1	.432	4	L-1	Jets	13	15	0	.464	3	W-2
Eagles	20	33	1	.377	5	L-4	Patriots	13	15	0	.464	4	W-4
Buccaneers	4	8	0	.333	3	W-1	Bills	9	19	0	.321	3	L-5
Saints	4	17	0	.190	1	W-1	Seahawks	3	9	0	.250	3	L-1

Falcons in Overtime

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- 1986: **Atlanta 23, Tampa Bay 20** - Mick Luckhurst's 34-yard FG as time expires set up his game-winning 34-yard kick with 6:29 elapsed.
- Atlanta 10, San Francisco 10** - Sylvester Stamps races 39 yards with an Archer pass to tie the game with 1:27 remaining. Neither team is able to score, creating the first OT tie in Falcon history.
- 1985: **Philadelphia 23, Atlanta 17** - Mick Quick catches 99-yard TD from Ron Jaworski.
- 1984: **Detroit 27, Atlanta 24** - Eddie Murray kicks 48-yard field goal after Lions win toss.
- 1983: **Atlanta 47, Green Bay 41** - Kenny Johnson intercepts Lynn Dickey and returns pass 31 yards for winning score.
- New York Giants 16, Atlanta 13** - Ali Haji-Sheikh kicks 30-yard field goal.
- 1981: **New York Giants 27, Atlanta 24** - Joe Danelo kicks 40-yard field goal after Falcons fumble on first play of second possession.
- 1980: **Atlanta 33, St. Louis 27** - Ray Strong rambles 21 yards for TD 4:42 into overtime.
- Los Angeles Rams 20, Atlanta 17** - Frank Carrol kicks 23-yard field goal after Bartkowski fumbles on sack.
- 1979: **Atlanta 40, New Orleans 34** - James Mayberry catches desperation pass by Saints' punter Russell Erxleben who had chased errant snap into end zone.
- Denver 20, Atlanta 17** - Jim Turner kicks 24-yard field goal after Tim Mazzetti misses 31-yarder with :22 in regulation.
- 1975: **Oakland 37, Atlanta 34** - George Blanda kicks 36-yard field goal with just :02 left in overtime.

OVERTIME GAMES

In 1974, overtime was voted in by the NFL owners. The rules call for a coin toss, called by the visiting team, and a three-minute intermission. One 15-minute period is the maximum for regular season time with two time outs allotted each team.

Falcons Honors

Falcon Player of the Year

- 1966 Tommy Nobis, LB
- 1967 Junior Coffey, RB
- 1968 Tommy Nobis, LB
- 1969 Jim Butler, RB
- 1970 Jim Mitchell, TE
- 1971 Don Hansen, LB
- 1972 Dave Hampton, RB
- 1973 Bob Lee, QB
- 1974 Ray Brown, S
- 1975 Dave Hampton, RB
- 1976 Claude Humphrey, DE
- 1977 Rolland Lawrence, DB
- 1978 Greg Brezina, LB
- 1979 Wallace Francis, WR
- 1980 Steve Bartkowski, QB
- 1981 William Andrews, RB
- 1982 Fulton Kuykendall, LB
- 1983 William Andrews, RB
- 1984 Gerald Riggs, RB
- 1985 Gerald Riggs, RB
- 1986 Bill Fralic, OG
- 1987 Bill Fralic, OG

All-Pro

- 1967 Tommy Nobis, LB (AP, 1st team)
- 1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (NEA, 1st team)
- 1972 Claude Humphrey, DE (AP, Pro Football Weekly, Football News, NEA, Football Digest, PFWA, 1st teams)
- 1973 Claude Humphrey, DE (AP, Pro Football Weekly, PFWA, Football News, Computer Kickoff, 1st teams)
- Nick Mick-Mayer, K (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team)
- Mike Tilleman, DT (National Star News Service, 1st team)
- 1974 Claude Humphrey, DE (NEA, 1st team)
- Rolland Lawrence, DB (AP, PFWA, 1st teams)
- 1980 Mike Kenn, OT (AP, PFWA, NEA, 1st teams)
- 1981 Alfred Jenkins, WR (AP, PFWA, 1st teams)
- 1982 R.C. Thielemann, OG (AP, CPFNW, 1st team)
- Mike Kenn, OT (CPFNW, 1st team; AP, NEA, 2nd team)
- William Andrews, RB (AP, 2nd team)
- Jeff Van Note, C (AP, 2nd team)
- Joel Williams, LB (AP, 2nd team)

- 1983 William Andrews, RB (NEA, TSN, Football Digest 1st teams; CPFNW, 2nd team)
- Billy Johnson, PR (Pro Football Weekly, TSN, CPFNW, PFWA, Football Digest 1st teams; AP 2nd team)
- Mike Kenn, T (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team; AP, CPFNW, 2nd teams)
- 1986 Bill Fralic G (AP, NEA, Pro Football Weekly, Sporting News, 1st Team)
- 1987 Bill Fralic (AP, NEA, PFWA, Sporting News, 1st team)
- Sylvester Stamps, KR (Sporting News)

All-NFC

- 1970 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, 1st team)
- 1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, 1st team)
- 1972 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, AP, TSN, Football Digest, Football News, 1st teams)
- John James, P (Pro Football Weekly, Football Digest, 1st teams)
- Dennis Havig, OG (UPI, Football Digest, 1st team)
- 1973 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, AP, TSN, Pro Football Weekly, 1st teams)
- George Kunz, OT (UPI, Pro Football Weekly, 1st teams)
- Nick Mike-Mayer, K (TSN, Pro Football Weekly, AP, 1st teams)
- 1977 John James, P (TSN, 1st team)
- Rolland Lawrence, DB (UPI, 1st team)
- 1980 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team)
- Jeff Van Note, C (UPI, 1st team)
- 1981 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team)
- 1982 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team)
- R.C. Thielemann, OG (UPI, 1st team)
- William Andrews, RB (UPI, 1st team)
- 1983 Mike Kenn, T (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team; UPI 2nd team)
- Billy Johnson, PR (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team)
- R.C. Thielemann, G (UPI, 2nd team)
- 1984 Mike Kenn, T (UPI, 2nd team)
- Gerald Riggs, RB (UPI, 2nd team)
- 1986 Bill Fralic, G (UPI, Pro Football Weekly, 1st team)
- Rick Bryan, DE (UPI, 2nd team)

1987 Bill Fralic, G (UPI, PFWA, 1st team)
Rick Donnelly, P (UPI, 2nd team)

Pro Bowl

(following listed season)

1966 Tommy Nobis, LB
1967 Tommy Nobis, LB (2)
1968 Tommy Nobis, LB (3)
1969 Jim Butler, RB
Bob Berry, QB
Greg Brezina, LB
Bob Etter, K
George Kunz, OT
Jim Mitchell, TE
Ken Reaves, DB
1970 Claude Humphrey, DE
George Kunz, OT (2)
Tommy Nobis, LB (4)
1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (2)
1972 Tommy Nobis, LB (5)
Jim Mitchell, TE (2)
Claude Humphrey, DE (3)
1973 John Zook, DE
Nick Mick-Mayer, K
George Kunz, OT (3)
Claude Humphrey, DE (4)
1974 Jeff Van Note, C
Claude Humphrey, DE (5)
1975 Jeff Van Note, C (2)
John James, P

1976 John James, P (2)
1977 John James, P (3)
Claude Humphrey, DE (6)
Rolland Lawrence, DB
1979 Jeff Van Note, C (3)
1980 Mike Kenn, OT
Steve Bartkowski, QB
Jeff Van Note, C (4)
Alfred Jenkins, WR
William Andrews, RB
Junior Miller, TE
1981 Mike Kenn, OT (2)
Steve Bartkowski, QB (2)
Jeff Van Note, C (5)
Alfred Jenkins, WR (2)
William Andrews, RB (2)
Junior Miller, TE (2)
R.C. Thielemann, OG
1982 Mike Kenn, OT (3)
R.C. Thielemann, OG (2)
Jeff Van Note, C (6)
William Andrews, RB (3)
1983 William Andrews, RB (4)
Billy Johnson, PR
Mike Kenn, T (4)
R.C. Thielemann, G (3)
1984 Mike Kenn, T (5)
1985 Gerald Riggs, RB
1986 Bill Fralic, G
Gerald Riggs, RB (2)
1987 Bill Fralic, G (2)
Gerald Riggs, RB (3)

THE 5,000 CLUB

Active NFL Backs Over 5,000 Yards

	Yrs.	Att.	Yards
1. Tony Dorsett, Denver	11	2755	12,036
2. Eric Dickerson, Indianapolis	5	1748	8,256
3. Ottis Anderson, NY Giants	9	1886	8,092
4. Marcus Allen, LA Raiders	6	1489	6,151
5. Gerald Riggs, Atlanta	6	1474	6,143
6. Freeman McNeil, NY Jets	7	1306	5,850
7. James Wilder, Tampa Bay	7	1419	5,370
8. Joe Cribbs, San Francisco	7	1304	5,335
9. Curt Warner, Seattle	5	1189	5,059

Regular Season Attendance

Year	Home Avg.	Road Avg.	Total Avg.
1966	52,017	49,292	50,654
1967	46,977	53,082	50,030
1968	42,501	48,985	45,743
1969	47,832	51,723	49,777
1970	51,854	57,381	54,617
1971	54,589	59,866	57,228
1972	51,974	60,033	56,004
1973	49,656	57,038	53,347
1974	37,858	55,397	46,627
1975	40,723	50,183	45,453
1976	37,874	47,831	42,853
1977	50,060	44,157	47,108
1978	54,366	46,072	50,219
1979	50,957	54,391	52,674
1980	55,182	56,444	55,813
1981	52,410	61,799	57,104
1982	43,530	62,409	51,920
1983	41,670	55,718	48,694
1984	39,044	51,523	43,283
1985	34,017	51,571	42,794
1986	48,740	54,392	51,566
1987	23,727	42,928	35,549
Totals	45,798	53,283	49,541

Top Home Crowds

Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
60,022	Dallas	1-4-81	27-30
59,257	Minnesota	10-30-77	7-14
58,850	28 times		

Top Road Crowds

Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
83,437	New Orleans	11-26-67	24-27
78,283	Cleveland	9-27-81	17-28
77,042	New Orleans	9-20-70	14-3
76,825	Cleveland	10-31-71	31-14
75,954	New Orleans	12-19-71	24-20

Year-by-Year Home and Away

Year	Home	Away	Overall	Year	Home	Away	Overall
1966	1-6	2-5	3-11	1977	4-3	3-4	7-7
1967	1-5-1	0-7	1-12-1	1978	7-1	2-6	9-7
1968	1-6	1-6	2-12	1979	3-5	3-5	6-10
1969	4-3	2-5	6-8	1980	6-2	6-2	12-4
1970	3-4	1-4-2	4-8-2	1981	4-4	3-5	7-9
1971	4-3	3-3-1	7-6-1	1982	2-3	3-1	5-4
1972	4-3	3-4	7-7	1983	4-4	3-5	7-9
1973	4-3	5-2	9-5	1984	2-6	2-6	4-12
1974	2-5	1-6	3-11	1985	3-5	1-7	4-12
1975	3-4	1-6	4-10	1986	2-5-1	5-3	7-8-1
1976	3-4	1-6	4-10	1987	2-6	1-6	3-12
Totals				69-90-2	52-104-3	121-194-5	

(Falcons are 1-3 in playoffs, 1-1 at home and 0-2 on the road)

Falcon Draft Choices

1966

- Tommy Nobis, lb (1) Texas
- Randy Johnson, qb (15) Texas A&I
- Nick Rassas, s Notre Dame
- Jerry Jones, t Bowling Green
- Mike Dennis, rb Mississippi
- Phil Sheridan, te Notre Dame
- Ken Reaves, cb Norfolk State
- Bill Asbury, rb Kent State
- Bill Wolski, rb Notre Dame
- Martin Kahn, t N. Texas State
- Charlie Casey, wr Florida
- Bill Johnson, rb Suwanee
- Bill Goss, lb Tulane
- Bob Sanders, c N. Texas State
- Mike Bender, g Arkansas
- Steve Sloan, qb Alabama
- Ken Hollister, t Indiana
- Bob Collins, t South Carolina
- Steve Ecker, p Shippensburg State
- Tommy Tolleson, wr Alabama
- Jim Vining, g Rice
- Lurley Archambeau, c Toledo
- Doug Korver, c State Col. of Iowa
- Walt Mainer, cb-s Xavier
- Bob Riggie, s Penn. State

1967

- Choice traded to San Francisco
- Leo Carroll, de (31) San Diego State
- Jimmy Jordan, rb Florida
- Choice traded to Cleveland
- Bill Delaney, te Amer. Internat'l.
- Randy Matson, de Texas A&M
(from San Francisco)
- Choice traded to Baltimore
- Gene Snipes, wr Elizabeth City
(from Los Angeles)
- Martine Bercher, cb-s Arkansas
(from Baltimore)
- Corey Colehour, qb North Dakota
- Choice traded to Washington
- Bob Moten, wr Bishop, Tex.
- Dick Schafer, t Iowa
- John Walker, lb Jackson State
- Bill Gentry, lb North Carolina State
- Sador Szabo, k Ithaca
- Tom Bryan, rb Auburn
- Al Nicholas, rb Sacramento State
- Larry Chester, cb-s Allen
- Bill Buckner, qb Delta State

1968

- Claude Humphrey, de (3) Tenn. St.
- Carlton Dabney, dt Morgan State
- John Wright, wr Illinois
(from Green Bay through Los Angeles)
- Choice traded to Chicago
- Choice traded to St. Louis
- Choice traded to Washington
- Jim Hagle, rb So. Methodist
- Joe Wynns, cb-s S. Carolina State
(from Pittsburgh)
- Rick Eber, wr Tulsa
(from Baltimore)
- Choice traded to Minnesota
- Ray Jeffords, te Georgia
- Henry Holland, c No. Texas State
- Mike Tomasini, dt Colorado State
- Greg Brezina, lb Houston
- A.J. Vaughan, rb Wayne State
- Bill Harris, rb Colorado
- Joe Polk, rb Livingstone, N.C.
- Don Bean, wr Houston
- Roy Hall, t San Jose State
- Jim Schmidt, cb-s San Francisco

1969

- George Kunz, t (2) Notre Dame
- Paul Gipson, rb Houston
- Malcolm Snider, g Stanford
- Jon Sandstrom, g Oregon State
(from N.Y. Giants through Los Angeles)
- Jim Mitchell, te Prairie View
- Dicky Lyons, rb Kentucky
(from Baltimore)
- Choice traded to Minnesota
- Tony Pleviak, dt Illinois
(from Dallas through Baltimore)
- Choice traded to Los Angeles
- Wally Oyler, cb-s Louisville
(from Detroit)
- Dick Enderle, g Minnesota
- Ted Cottrell, lb Delaware Valley
(from Detroit)
- Jim Callahan, wr Temple
- Choice traded to Baltimore
- Jeff Stanciel, rb Miss. Valley
- Jeff Van Note, c Kentucky
- Denver Samples, de Texas-El Paso
- Harry Carpenter, g Tennessee State
- Billy Hunt, cb-s Kansas
- Jim Weatherford, s Tennessee

16. Ed Hughes, rb Texas Southern
17. Paul Williams, wr California

1970

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

1972

1. Clarence Ellis, s (15) Notre Dame
2. Pat Sullivan, qb Auburn
(from Philadelphia through Detroit)
Steve Okoniewski, t Montana
(from Detroit)
Roosevelt Manning, dt N.E. Okla.
3. Les Goodman, rb Yankton, S.D.
4. Andy Howard, dt Grambling
5. Bill Taylor, rb Michigan
(from Buffalo)
Ralph Cindrich, lb Pittsburgh
6. Mike Perfetti, p-s Minnesota
(from New England through 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 (39) Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to San Diego through Oakland
4. Thomas Geredine, wr N.E. Mo. State
5. Choice traded to Washington
6. Nick Bebout, t Wyoming
7. George Campbell, cb Iowa St.
8. Tom Reed, g Arkansas
9. Russ Ingram, c Tex. Tech
10. Nick Mike-Mayer, k Temple
11. Byron Buelow, db LaCrosse, Wis.
12. Mike Samples, dt Drake
13. Chris Stecher, t Claremont-Mudd
14. John Madeya, qb Louisville
15. Tom Gage, db Lamar Tech
16. Rufus Ferguson, rb Wisconsin
17. Jim Hodge, wr Arkansas

1974

1. Traded choice and quarterback Bob Berry to Minnesota for veterans Bob Lee, a quarterback, and linebacker Lonnie Warwick.
2. Gerald Tinker, wr (44) Kent State
3. Kim McQuilken, qb Lehigh
Maurice Spencer, db N. Carolina
Central
4. Vince Kendrick, rb Florida

- Henry Childs, te Kansas State
- Monroe Eley, rb Ariz. State
- Doyle Orange, rb Southern Miss.
- James Coode, t Michigan
- Choice to Green Bay through New Orleans
- Larry Bailey, dt Pacific
- Paul Ryczek, c Virginia
- Eddie Wilson, wr Albany State
- Vic Koegel, lb Ohio State
- Ralph Powell, rb Nebraska
- John Givens, g Villanova
- Willie Jones, wr Iowa State
- Sylvester McGee, rb Rhode Island
- Al Davis, g-t Boise State

1975

- Steve Bartkowski, qb (1) California
- Ralph Ortega, lb Florida
- Woody Thompson, rb Miami
- John Nessel, g Penn. State
- Greg McCrary, te Clark
- Fulton Kuykendall, lb UCLA
- Doug Payton, g Colorado
- Mike Esposito, rb Boston College
- Brent Adams, t Univ. Tenn./C'nooga
- Brad Davis, rb LSU
- Marshall Mills, wr West Virginia
- Jeff Merrow, dt West Virginia
- Alonza Pickett, t Texas Southern
- Carl Russ, lb Michigan
- Steve Robinson, dt Tuskegee
- Jimmy Robinson, wr Georgia Tech
- Steve Knutson, g Southern Cal.
- Mitch Anderson, qb Northwestern

1976

- Bubba Bean, rb (9) Texas A&M
- Sonny Collins, rb Kentucky
- Dave Scott, t Kansas
- Walt Brett, de Montana
- Traded to Minnesota
- Stan Varner, dt Brigham Young
- Karl Farmer, wr Pittsburgh
- Frank Reed, db Washington
- Phil McKinney, t UCLA
- No Selection
- Chuck Brislin, t Mississippi State
- Pat Bolton, k Montana State
- Mike Williams, t Florida
- Mark Husfloen, de Washington State
- Ron Olson, db Washington
- Pat Curto, lb Ohio State
- Tony Green, db Texas Tech

1977

- Warren Byrant, ot (6) Kentucky
- Wilson Faumuina, dt (20) San Jose State
- R.C. Thielemann, og-c Arkansas
- Edgar Fields, dt-de Texas A&M

- Allan Leavitt, ks Georgia
- Shelton Diggs, wr So. California
- Keith Jenkins, db Cincinnati
- No selection
- Walter Packer, wr Mississippi State
- John Maxwell, ot Boston College
- Robert Speer, de Arkansas State
- Billy Ryckman, wr Louisiana Tech
- Dave Farmer, rb Southern California
- Don Parrish, de Pittsburgh

1978

- Mike Kenn, ot (13) Michigan
- Steve Stewart, lb Minnesota
- Stan Waldemore, og Nebraska
- Brian Cabral, lb Colorado
- Dennis Pearson, wr San Diego St.
- Rodney Parker, wr Tennessee St.
- Alfred Jackson, wr Texas
- James Wright, te Texas Christian
- David Adkins, lb Ohio St.
- David Williams, db Tennessee-Martin
- Tom Pridemore, db West Virginia
- Ricky Patton, rb Jackson St.
- Ray Strong, rb Nevada-Las Vegas
- Milton "Scooter" Reed, db Baylor
- Daria Butler, lb Oklahoma St.

1979

- Don Smith, de (17) Miami
- Pat Howell, og Southern California
- James Mayberry, rb Colorado
- William Andrews, rb Auburn
- Lynn Cain, rb Southern California
- Charles Johnson, db Grambling
- Mike Zele, dt Kent State
- Mike Moroski, qb Cal-Davis
- Roger Westlund, ot Washington
- Keith Miller, lb NE Oklahoma
- Dave Parkin, db Utah State
- Bruce Beekley, lb Oregon
- Bill Leer, c Colorado St.
- Stuart Walker, lb Colorado

1980

- Junior Miller, te (7) Nebraska
- Buddy Curry, lb North Carolina
- Earl Jones, cb Norfolk State
- Jim Laughlin, lb Ohio State
- I.M. Hipp, rb Nebraska
- Brad Vassar, lb Pacific
- Kenny Johnson, db Mississippi State
- Mike Davis, db Colorado
- Mike Smith, wr Grambling
- Al Richardson, lb Georgia Tech
- Glen Keller, c West Texas State
- Walt Bellamy, db V.M.I.
- Mike Babb, db Oklahoma
- Quinn Jones, rb Tulsa

1981

1. Bobby Butler, cb (25) Florida State
2. Lyman White, lb Louisiana State
3. Scott Woerner, db Georgia
4. John Scully, c Notre Dame
5. Eric Sanders, ot Nevada-Reno
6. Harry Stanback, dt North Carolina
7. Matthew Teague, de Prairie View
8. Cliff Toney, dc Auburn
9. Calvin Fance, rb Rice
10. Robert Murphy, ds Ohio State
11. Keith Chappelle, wr Iowa
12. Mark McCants, ds Temple

1982

1. Gerald Riggs, rb (9) Arizona State
2. Doug Rogers, de Stanford
3. Stacey Bailey, wr San Jose State
4. Reggie Brown, rb Oregon
5. Von Mansfield, db Wisconsin
6. Mike Kelley, qb Georgia Tech
7. David Toloumu, rb Hawaii
8. Ricky Eberhart, db Morris Brown
9. Mike Horan, p Cal State-Long Beach
10. Curtis Stowers, lb Mississippi State
11. Jeff Keller, wr Washington State
12. Dave Levenick, lb Wisconsin

1983

1. Mike Pitts, de (16) Alabama
2. James Britt, db LSU
3. Andrew Provence, dt South Carolina
4. John Harper, lb Sou. Illinois
5. Brett Miller, ot Iowa
6. Anthony Allen, wr Washington
7. Jeff Turk, db Boise State
8. John Rade, lb Boise State
9. Traded to Baltimore
10. Ralph Giacommaro, p Penn State
11. John Salley db Wyoming
12. Allama Matthews, te Vanderbilt

1984

1. Rick Bryan, dt (9) Oklahoma
2. Scott Case, s Oklahoma
3. Thomas Benson, lb Oklahoma
4. Rodney McSwain, db Clemson
5. Rydell Malancon, lb LSU
6. Cliff Benson, te Purdue
7. Ben Bennett, qb Duke
8. Dan Ralph, dt Oregon
9. Kirk Dodge, lb Nevada-Las Vegas
10. Jeff Jackson, lb Auburn
11. Glenn Howe, t Southern Mississippi
12. Derrick Franklin, db Fresno State
13. Tommy Norman, wr Jackson State
14. Don Holmes, wr Colorado

*Supplemental Draft - June 5, 1984

1. Joey Jones, wr (9) Alabama (Birmingham)
2. Mike McInnis, dt Ark-Pine Bluff (Philadelphia)
3. Dennis Woodberry, db Southern Arkansas (Birmingham)

1985

1. Bill Fralic, t (2) Pittsburgh
2. Mike Gann, de Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to Minnesota
4. Emile Harry, wr Stanford
5. Choice traded to St. Louis
6. Reggie Pleasant, cb Clemson
7. Choice traded to Cincinnati
8. Ashley Lee, s Virginia Tech
9. Ronnie Washington, lb N.E. Louisiana
10. Micah Moon, lb North Carolina
11. Brent Martin, c Stanford
12. John Ayres, cb Illinois
13. Ken Whisenhunt, te Georgia Tech

1986

- 1a. Tony Casillas, nt (2) Oklahoma
- 1b. Tim Green, lb (17) Syracuse
2. Traded to Washington in '85 for lb in '86
3. Traded earlier for qb Turk Schonert
4. Traded to L.A. Raiders for Bret Clark, s Nebraska
5. Traded to Philadelphia for lb Joel Williams
- 6a. Floyd Dixon, wr Stephen F. Austin
- 6b. Keith Williams, rb Missouri
7. Traded earlier to Philadelphia for lb Reggie Wilkes
8. Kevin Hudgens, dt Idaho State
9. Kevin Starks, te Minnesota
10. Tony Baker, rb East Carolina
11. Chris Hegg, qb Missouri
12. Steve Griffin, wr Purdue

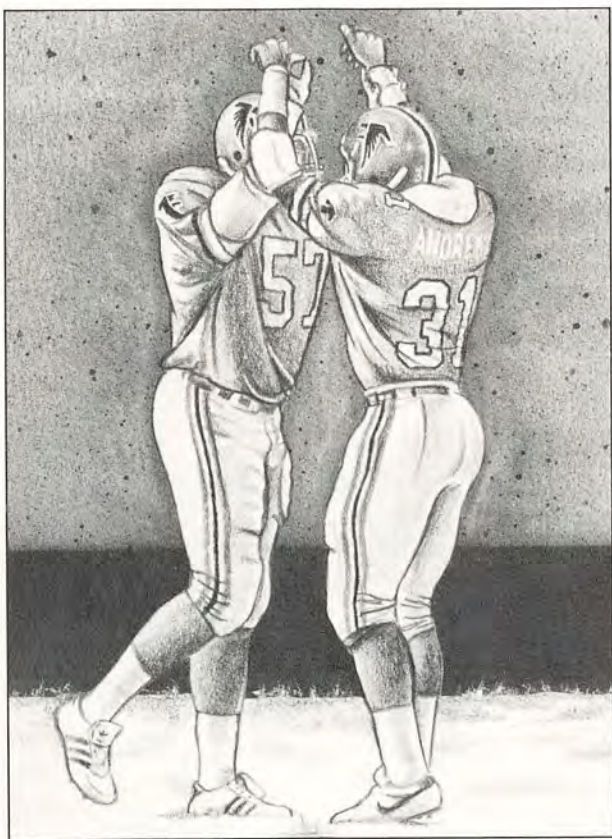
1987

1. Chris Miller, qb (12) Oregon
2. Kenny Flowers, rb Clemson
3. Choice traded to Green Bay
4. Ralph Van Dyke, ot Southern Illinois
5. Mark Mraz, de Utah State
6. Paul Kiser, og Wake Forest
7. Michael Reid, lb Wisconsin
8. Curtis Taliadro, lb Virginia Tech
9. Terrence Anthony, cb Iowa State
10. Jerry Reese, te Illinois
11. Elbert Shelley, s Arkansas State
12. Larry Emery, rb Wisconsin

1988

1. Aundray Bruce, lb (1) Auburn
2. Marcus Cotton, lb Southern California
3. Alex Higdon, te Ohio State
4. Choice traded to Philadelphia
5. Charles Dimry, db Nevada-Las Vegas
- 6a. George Thomas, wr Nevada-Las Vegas
- 6b. Houston Hoover, g Jackson State
7. Michael Haynes, wr Northern Arizona
8. Phillip Brown, lb Alabama
9. James Primus, rb UCLA
10. Stan Clayton, ot Penn State
11. James Milling, wr Maryland
12. Carter Wiley, s Virginia Tech

6 CLUB HISTORY



Falcons vs. The NFL

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Falcons vs. Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	67	48
Falcons vs. Chicago	9	6	0	.600	285	256
Falcons vs. Cincinnati	1	5	0	.167	82	145
Falcons vs. Cleveland	1	7	0	.125	115	226
Falcons vs. Dallas	3	8	0	.273	170	281
Falcons vs. Denver	3	3	0	.500	147	156
Falcons vs. Detroit	5	13	0	.278	343	405
Falcons vs. Green Bay	6	8	0	.429	235	354
Falcons vs. Houston	4	2	0	.667	160	118
Falcons vs. Indianapolis	0	9	0	.000	115	257
Falcons vs. Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	24	55
Falcons vs. L.A. Raiders	1	4	0	.200	115	172
Falcons vs. L.A. Rams	10	30	2	.238	546	917
Falcons vs. Miami	1	4	0	.200	75	127
Falcons vs. Minnesota	6	10	0	.375	234	381
Falcons vs. New England	2	3	0	.400	108	96
Falcons vs. New Orleans	24	13	0	.649	845	637
Falcons vs. New York Giants	6	5	0	.545	185	188
Falcons vs. New York Jets	2	2	0	.500	76	83
Falcons vs. Philadelphia	6	7	1	.462	242	251
Falcons vs. Pittsburgh	1	7	0	.125	147	266
Falcons vs. St. Louis	4	7	0	.364	236	267
Falcons vs. San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	69	26
Falcons vs. San Francisco	17	24	1	.405	649	839
Falcons vs. Seattle	0	3	0	.000	67	91
Falcons vs. Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	105	143
Falcons vs. Washington	3	9	1	.231	209	311
Totals	122	197	5	.377	5651	7096

Falcons Coaching History



Norb Hecker*	4-26-1 (1966-68)
Norm Van Brocklin#	37-49-3 (1968-74)
Marion Campbell®	12-44-0 (1974-76, 1987-)
Pat Pepler	3-6-0 (1976)
Leeman Bennett	47-44-0 (1977-82)
Dan Henning	22-41-1 (1983-86)
	122-198-5



* Released after three games in 1968
Released after eight games in 1974

® Released after five games in 1976
(Includes post-season play of 1-3)

Series Vs. Opponents

ATLANTA vs. BUFFALO

Series tied, 2-2

1973-Bills, 17-6 (A)

1977-Bills, 3-0 (B)

1980-Falcons, 30-14 (B)

1983-Falcons, 31-14 (A)

(Points-Falcons 67, Bills 48)

ATLANTA vs. CHICAGO

Falcons lead series, 9-6

1966-Bears, 23-6 (C)

1967-Bears, 23-14 (A)

1968-Falcons, 16-13 (C)

1969-Falcons, 48-31 (A)

1970-Bears, 23-14 (A)

1972-Falcons, 37-21 (C)

1973-Falcons, 46-6 (A)

1974-Falcons, 13-10 (A)

1976-Falcons, 10-0 (C)

1977-Falcons, 16-10 (C)

1978-Bears, 13-7 (C)

1980-Falcons, 28-17 (A)

1983-Falcons, 20-17 (C)

1985-Bears, 36-0 (C)

1986-Bears, 13-10 (A)

(Points-Falcons 285, Bears 256)

ATLANTA vs. CINCINNATI

Bengals lead series, 5-1

1971-Falcons, 9-6 (C)

1975-Bengals, 21-14 (A)

1978-Bengals, 37-7 (C)

1981-Bengals, 30-28 (A)

1984-Bengals, 35-14 (C)

1987-Bengals, 16-10 (A)

(Points-Bengals 145, Falcons 82)

ATLANTA vs. CLEVELAND

Browns lead series, 7-1

1966-Browns, 49-17 (A)

1968-Browns, 30-7 (C)

1971-Falcons, 31-14 (C)

1976-Browns, 20-17 (A)

1978-Browns, 24-16 (A)

1981-Browns, 28-17 (C)

1984-Browns, 23-7 (A)

1987-Browns, 38-3 (C)

(Points-Browns 226, Falcons 75)

ATLANTA vs. DALLAS

Cowboys lead series, 8-3

1966-Cowboys, 47-14 (A)

1967-Cowboys, 37-7 (D)

1969-Cowboys, 24-17 (A)

1970-Cowboys, 13-0 (D)

1974-Cowboys, 24-0 (A)

1976-Falcons, 17-10 (A)

1978-*Cowboys, 27-20 (D)

1980-*Cowboys, 30-27 (A)

1985-Cowboys, 24-10 (D)

1986-Falcons, 37-35 (D)

1987-Falcons, 21-10 (D)

(Points-Cowboys 281, Falcons 170)

ATLANTA vs. DENVER

Series tied, 3-3

1970-Broncos, 24-10 (D)

1972-Falcons, 23-20 (A)

1975-Falcons, 35-21 (A)

1979-Broncos, 20-17 (A) OT

1982-Falcons, 34-27 (D)

1985-Broncos, 44-28 (A)

(Points-Falcons 147, Broncos 156)

ATLANTA vs. DETROIT

Lions lead series, 13-5

1966-Lions, 28-10 (D)

1967-Lions, 24-3 (D)

1968-Lions, 24-7 (A)

1969-Lions, 27-21 (D)

1971-Lions, 41-38 (D)

1972-Lions, 26-23 (A)

1973-Lions, 31-6 (D)

1975-Lions, 17-14 (A)

1976-Lions, 24-10 (D)

1977-Falcons, 17-6 (A)

1978-Falcons, 14-0 (A)

1979-Lions, 24-23 (D)

1980-Falcons, 43-28 (A)

1983-Falcons, 30-14 (D)

1984-Lions, 27-24 (A) OT

1985-Lions 28, Atlanta 27 (A)

1986-Falcons, 20-6 (D)

1987-Lions, 30-13 (A)

(Points-Lions 405, Falcons 343)

ATLANTA vs. GREEN BAY

Packers lead series, 8-6

1966-Packers, 56-3 (Mil)

1967-Packers, 23-0 (Mil)

1968-Packers, 38-7 (A)

1969-Packers, 28-10 (GB)

1970-Packers, 27-24 (GB)

1971-Falcons, 28-21 (A)

1972-Falcons, 10-9 (Mil)

1974-Falcons, 10-3 (A)

1975-Packers, 22-13 (GB)

1976-Packers, 24-20 (A)

1979-Falcons, 25-7 (A)

1981-Falcons, 31-17 (GB)

1982-Packers, 38-7 (A)

1983-Falcons, 47-41 (A) OT

(Points-Packers 354, Falcons 235)

ATLANTA vs. HOUSTON

Falcons lead series, 4-2
1972-Falcons, 20-10 (A)
1976-Oilers, 20-14 (H)
1978-Falcons, 20-14 (A)
1981-Falcons, 31-27 (H)
1984-Falcons 42, Oilers 10 (A)
1987-Oilers, 37-33 (H)
(Points-Falcons 160, Oilers 118)

ATLANTA vs. INDIANAPOLIS

Colts lead series, 9-0
1966-Colts, 19-7 (A)
1967-Colts, 38-31 (B)
Colts, 49-7 (A)
1968-Colts, 28-20 (A)
Colts, 44-0 (B)
1969-Colts, 21-14 (A)
Colts, 13-6 (B)
1974-Colts, 17-7 (A)
1986-Colts, 28-23 (A)
(Points-Colts 257, Falcons 115)

ATLANTA vs. KANSAS CITY

Chiefs lead series, 2-0
1972-Chiefs, 17-14 (A)
1985-Chiefs, 38-10 (KC)
(Points-Chiefs 55, Falcons 24)

ATLANTA vs. L.A. RAIDERS

Raiders lead series, 4-1
1971-Falcons, 24-13 (A)
1975-Raiders, 37-34 (O) OT
1979-Raiders, 50-19 (O)
1982-Raiders, 38-14 (A)
1985-Raiders, 34-24 (A)
(Points-Raiders 172, Falcons 115)

ATLANTA vs. L.A. RAMS

Rams lead series, 30-10-2
1966-Rams, 19-14 (A)
1967-Rams, 31-3 (A)
Rams, 20-3 (LA)
1968-Rams, 27-14 (LA)
Rams, 17-10 (A)
1969-Rams, 17-7 (LA)
Rams, 38-6 (A)
1970-Tie, 10-10 (LA)
Rams, 17-7 (A)
1971-Tie, 20-20 (LA)
Rams, 24-16 (A)
1972-Falcons, 31-3 (A)
Rams, 20-7 (LA)
1973-Rams, 31-0 (LA)
Falcons, 15-13 (A)
1974-Rams, 21-0 (LA)
Rams, 30-7 (A)
1975-Rams, 22-7 (LA)
Rams, 16-7 (A)

1976-Rams, 30-14 (A)
Rams, 59-0 (LA)
1977-Falcons, 17-6 (A)
Rams, 23-7 (LA)
1978-Rams, 10-0 (LA)
Falcons, 15-7 (A)
1979-Rams, 20-14 (LA)
Rams, 34-13 (A)
1980-Falcons, 13-10 (A)
Rams, 20-17 (LA) OT
1981-Rams, 37-35 (A)
Rams, 21-16 (LA)
1982-Falcons, 34-17 (A)
1983-Rams, 27-21 (LA)
Rams, 36-13 (A)
1984-Falcons, 30-28 (LA)
Rams, 24-10 (A)
1985-Rams, 17-6 (LA)
Falcons, 30-14 (A)
1986-Falcons, 26-14 (A)
Rams, 14-7 (LA)
1987-Falcons, 24-20 (A)
Rams, 33-0 (LA)
(Points-Rams 917, Falcons 546)

ATLANTA vs. MIAMI

Dolphins lead series, 4-1
1970-Dolphins, 20-7 (A)
1974-Dolphins, 42-7 (M)
1980-Dolphins, 20-17 (A)
1983-Dolphins, 31-24 (M)
1986-Falcons, 20-14 (M)
(Points-Dolphins 127, Falcons 75)

ATLANTA vs. MINNESOTA

Vikings lead series, 10-6
1966-Falcons, 20-13 (M)
1967-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
1968-Vikings, 47-7 (M)
1969-Falcons, 10-3 (A)
1970-Vikings, 37-7 (A)
1971-Vikings, 24-7 (M)
1973-Falcons, 20-14 (A)
1974-Vikings, 23-10 (M)
1975-Vikings, 38-0 (M)
1977-Vikings, 14-7 (A)
1980-Vikings, 24-23 (M)
1981-Falcons, 31-30 (A)
1982-Vikings, 30-24 (M)
1984-Vikings, 27-20 (M)
1985-Falcons, 14-13 (A)
1987-Vikings, 24-13 (M)
(Points-Vikings 381, Falcons 234)

ATLANTA vs. NEW ENGLAND

Patriots lead series, 3-2
1972-Patriots, 21-20 (NE)
1977-Patriots, 16-10 (A)
1980-Falcons, 37-21 (NE)
1983-Falcons, 24-13 (A)

1986-Patriots, 25-17 (NE)
(Points-Patriots 96, Falcons 108)

ATLANTA vs. NEW ORLEANS

Falcons lead series, 24-13
1967-Saints, 27-24 (NO)
1969-Falcons, 45-17 (A)
1970-Falcons, 14-3 (NO)
Falcons, 32-14 (A)
1971-Falcons, 28-6 (A)
Falcons, 24-20 (NO)
1972-Falcons, 21-14 (NO)
Falcons, 36-20 (A)
1973-Falcons, 62-7 (NO)
Falcons, 14-10 (A)
1974-Saints, 14-13 (NO)
Saints, 13-3 (A)
1975-Falcons, 14-7 (A)
Saints, 23-7 (NO)
1976-Saints, 30-0 (NO)
Falcons, 23-20 (A)
1977-Saints, 21-20 (NO)
Falcons, 35-7 (A)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (NO)
Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1979-Falcons, 40-34 (NO) OT
Saints, 37-6 (A)
1980-Falcons, 41-14 (NO)
Falcons, 31-13 (A)
1981-Falcons, 27-0 (A)
Falcons, 41-10 (NO)
1982-Falcons, 35-0 (A)
Saints, 35-6 (NO)
1983-Saints, 19-17 (A)
Saints, 27-10 (NO)
1984-Falcons, 36-28 (NO)
Saints, 17-13 (A)
1985-Falcons, 31-24 (A)
Falcons, 16-10 (NO)
1986-Falcons, 31-10 (NO)
Saints, 14-9 (A)
1987-Saints, 38-0 (A)
(Points-Falcons 845, Saints 637)

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. GIANTS

Falcons lead series, 6-5
1966-Falcons, 27-16 (NY)
1968-Falcons, 24-21 (A)
1971-Giants, 21-17 (A)
1974-Falcons, 14-7 (New Haven)
1977-Falcons, 17-3 (A)
1978-Falcons, 23-20 (A)
1979-Giants, 24-3 (NY)
1981-Giants, 27-24 (A) OT
1982-Falcons, 16-14 (NY)
1983-Giants, 16-13 (A) OT
1984-Giants, 19-7 (A)
(Points-Falcons 185, Giants 188)

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. JETS

Series tied, 2-2
1973-Falcons, 28-20 (NY)
1980-Jets, 14-7 (A)
1983-Falcons, 27-21 (NY)
1986-Jets, 28-14 (A)
(Points-Jets 83, Falcons 76)

ATLANTA vs. PHILADELPHIA

Eagles lead series 7-6-1
1966-Eagles, 23-10 (P)
1967-Eagles, 38-7 (A)
1969-Falcons, 27-3 (P)
1970-Tie, 13-13 (P)
1973-Falcons, 44-27 (P)
1976-Eagles, 14-13 (A)
1978*-Falcons, 14-13 (A)
1979-Falcons, 14-10 (P)
1980-Falcons, 20-17 (P)
1981-Eagles, 16-13 (P)
1983-Eagles, 28-24 (A)
1984-Falcons, 26-10 (A)
1985-Eagles, 23-17 (P)
1986-Eagles, 16-0 (A)
(Points-Eagles 251, Falcons 242)
*NFC First Round Playoff

ATLANTA vs. PITTSBURGH

Steelers lead series, 7-1
1966-Steelers, 57-33 (A)
1968-Steelers, 41-21 (A)
1970-Falcons, 27-16 (A)
1974-Steelers, 24-17 (P)
1978-Steelers, 31-7 (P)
1981-Steelers, 34-20 (A)
1984-Steelers, 35-10 (P)
1987-Steelers, 28-12 (A)
(Points-Steelers 266, Falcons 147)

ATLANTA vs. ARIZONA

Cardinals lead series, 7-4
1966-Falcons, 16-10 (A)
1968-Cardinals, 17-12 (StL)
1971-Cardinals, 26-9 (A)
1973-Cardinals, 32-10 (A)
1975-Cardinals, 23-20 (StL)
1978-Cardinals, 42-21 (StL)
1980-Falcons, 33-27 (StL) OT
1981-Falcons, 41-20 (A)
1982-Cardinals, 23-20 (A)
1986-Falcons, 33-13 (A)
1987-Cardinals, 34-21 (A)
(Points-Cardinals 267, Falcons 236)

ATLANTA vs. SAN DIEGO

Falcons lead series, 2-0
1973-Falcons, 41-0 (SD)
1979-Falcons, 28-26 (SD)
(Points-Falcons 69, Chargers 26)

ATLANTA vs. SAN FRANCISCO

49ers lead series, 24-17-1
1966-49ers, 44-7 (A)
1967-49ers, 38-7 (SF)
49ers, 34-28 (A)
1968-49ers, 28-13 (SF)
49ers, 14-12 (A)
1969-Falcons, 24-12 (A)
Falcons, 21-7 (SF)
1970-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
49ers, 24-20 (SF)
1971-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
49ers, 24-3 (SF)
1972-49ers, 49-14 (A)
49ers, 20-0 (SF)
1973-49ers, 13-9 (A)
Falcons, 17-3 (SF)
1974-49ers, 16-10 (A)
49ers, 27-0 (SF)
1975-Falcons, 17-3 (SF)
Falcons, 31-9 (A)
1976-49ers, 15-0 (SF)
Falcons, 21-16 (A)
1977-Falcons, 7-0 (SF)
49ers, 10-3 (A)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (SF)
Falcons, 21-10 (A)
1979-49ers, 20-15 (SF)
Falcons, 31-21 (A)
1980-Falcons, 20-17 (SF)
Falcons, 35-10 (A)
1981-Falcons, 34-17 (A)
49ers, 17-14 (SF)
1982-Falcons, 17-7 (SF)
1983-49ers, 24-20 (SF)
Falcons, 28-24 (A)
1984-49ers, 14-5 (SF)
49ers, 35-17 (A)
1985-49ers, 35-16 (SF)
49ers, 38-17 (A)

1986-Tie, 10-10 (A)
49ers, 20-0 (SF)
1987-49ers, 25-17 (A)
49ers, 35-7 (SF)
(Points-49ers 839, Falcons 649)

ATLANTA vs. SEATTLE

Seahawks lead series, 3-0
1976-Seahawks, 30-13 (S)
1979-Seahawks, 31-28 (A)
1985-Seahawks, 30-26 (S)
(Points-Seahawks 91, Falcons 67)

ATLANTA vs. TAMPA BAY

Buccaneers lead series, 4-3
1977-Falcons, 17-0 (TB)
1978-Buccaneers, 14-9 (TB)
1979-Falcons, 17-14 (A)
1981-Buccaneers, 24-23 (TB)
1984-Buccaneers, 23-6 (TB)
1986-Falcons, 23-20 (TB)
1987-Buccaneers, 48-10 (TB)
(Points-Buccaneers, 143, Falcons 105)

ATLANTA vs. WASHINGTON

Redskins lead series, 9-3-1
1966-Redskins, 33-20 (W)
1967-Tie, 20-20 (A)
1969-Redskins, 27-20 (W)
1972-Redskins, 24-13 (W)
1975-Redskins, 30-27 (A)
1977-Redskins, 10-6 (W)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1979-Redskins, 16-7 (A)
1980-Falcons, 10-6 (A)
1983-Redskins, 37-21 (W)
1984-Redskins, 27-14 (W)
1985-Redskins, 44-10 (A)
1987-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
(Points-Redskins 311, Falcons 209)

Rule changes for 1988 include:

- An instant replay official will now be assigned to work with the same seven-man, on-the-field crew throughout the regular season. This change varies from the members of the NFL office who have been used in the first two years of instant replay.
- The penalty for running into a kicker will be five yards, but no longer will award an automatic first down. Roughing the kicker continues to result in a 15-yard penalty and an automatic first down.

Falcons on Prime Time TV (6-11)

Nov. 30, 1970 (Monday)	Miami 20 Atlanta 7 at Atlanta (54,036) Larry Csonka gains 109 yards to pace Dolphin victory	Next Week (6-11) San Francisco 24 Atlanta 20
Nov. 22, 1971 (Monday)	Atlanta 28 Green Bay 21 at Atlanta (58,850) Bob Berry completes club record 16 of 21 passes	Minnesota 24 Atlanta 7
Nov. 20, 1972 (Monday)	Washington 24 Atlanta 13 at Washington (53,039) Skins overcome 10-0 halftime deficit	Atlanta 23 Denver 20
Oct. 1, 1973 (Monday)	Detroit 31 Atlanta 6 at Detroit (45, 519) Lions coast after taking 21-3 halftime lead	San Francisco 13 Atlanta 9
Nov. 19, 1973 (Monday)	Atlanta 20 Minnesota 14 at Atlanta (58,850) QB Bob Lee is hero as Falcons trip unbeaten Vikings	Atlanta 28 N.Y. Jets 20
Oct. 28, 1974 (Monday)	Pittsburgh 24 Atlanta 17 at Pittsburgh (48,094) Steelers break 14-14 halftime tie for victory	Miami 42 Atlanta 7
Oct. 30, 1978 (Monday)	Atlanta 15 Los Angeles 7 at Atlanta (57,250) Mazzetti's five field goals provide all Atlanta points	Atlanta 21 San Francisco 10
Sept. 10, 1979 (Monday)	Atlanta 14 Philadelphia 10 at Philadelphia (66,935) Andrews gains 121 rushing to key win	Denver 20 Atlanta 17
Oct. 29, 1979 (Monday)	Seattle 31 Atlanta 28 at Atlanta (52,566) Late interceptions kill Falcons comeback bid	Atlanta 17 Tampa Bay 14
Nov. 19, 1979 (Monday)	Los Angeles 20 Atlanta 14 at Los Angeles (54,097) Penalties costly in narrow defeat for Falcons	New Orleans 37 Atlanta 6
Oct. 5, 1981 (Monday)	Philadelphia 16 Atlanta 13 at Philadelphia (71,488) Mistakes were costly in Atlanta's defeat	Los Angeles 37 Atlanta 35
Nov. 23, 1981 (Monday)	Atlanta 31 Minnesota 30 at Atlanta (54,086) Four interceptions, one returned for TD by Buddy Curry clinched victory	Atlanta 31 Houston 27
Dec. 14, 1981 (Monday)	Los Angeles 21 Atlanta 16 at Los Angeles (57,054) Andrews rushed for 115 yards in losing effort	Cincinnati 30 Atlanta 28
Dec. 19, 1982 (Sunday)	Atlanta 17 San Francisco 7 at San Francisco (53,234) Andrews rushes for 108 yards as Falcons claim NFC playoff berth	Green Bay 38 Atlanta 7
Nov. 18, 1983 (Monday)	Los Angeles Rams 36 Atlanta 13 at Atlanta (31,203) Dickerson rushes for 146 and Falcons turn it over four times	Atlanta 28 San Francisco 24
Oct. 22, 1984 (Monday)	Los Angeles Rams 24 Atlanta 10 at Atlanta (52,861) Eric Dickerson rushes for 145 yards and one TD	Pittsburgh 35 Atlanta 10
Nov. 5 1984 (Monday)	Washington 27 Atlanta 14 at Washington (51,301) Riggins scores twice. Bartkowski hurt	New Orleans 17 Atlanta 13

NOT PLAYING, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Thus far in the Falcons 22 seasons, only four jersey numbers are not being issued by the Equipment Manager. Those belong to five-time Pro Bowl LB Tommy Nobis (#60), six-time Pro Bowl C Jeff Van Note (#57), four-time Pro Bowl RB William Andrews (#31), and seven-time tackle leader Buddy Curry (#50).

NFC Playoffs
Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 13
 December 24, 1978
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 49,447

After a less than scintillating first half, Steve Bartkowski turned it on for the final 30 minutes. He completed 13 of 20 for 193 yards and two touchdowns, both scoring aeriels coming with less than five minutes remaining. His primary target was Wallace Francis, who scored the winning touchdown with 1:39 remaining on a 37-yard strike. He set up Bartkowski's first TD to Jim Mitchell at the 4:56 mark with a 49-yard reception down to the Eagles' 26-yard line. Francis finished the day with six catches for 135 yards. The first half was mostly a defensive struggle with teams exchanging punts eight times. The Falcons fumbled the ball away twice. One resulted in the Eagles' lone score, while the other came just 15 yards from paydirt. After leading 6-0 at halftime, Philadelphia took advantage of a shanked 17-yard punt by John James, driving 60 yards on eight plays early in the third period to take a 13-0 lead.

Philadelphia.....	6	0	7	0	13
Atlanta.....	0	0	0	14	14

Phil. — Carmichael, 13 pass from Jaworski (Kick failed)
 Phil. — Montgomery, 1 run (Michel kick)
 Atl. — Mitchell, 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
 Atl. — Francis, 37 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

	Falcons	Eagles
First Downs	14	15
Net Yards Gained	298	217
Rushing Yardage	75	53
Passing Yardage	223	164
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	32/18/2	35/19/0
Punts	7-33.1	9-33.7
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	3/2
Penalties	6/63	5/60

Rushing

Falcons — Stanback 16-58, Bean 9-14, Bartkowski 2-3
 Eagles — Hogan 14-31, Montgomery 16-19 — 1td,
 Jaworski 1-3, Campfield 1-0

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 32-18-2-243-2td-2sk
 Eagles — Jaworski 35-19-0-190-1td-3sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-135-1td, Bean 4-44, Mitchell 3-35-1td, Stanback 2-7, Pearson 1-13, Ryckman 1-5, Jackson 1-4
 Eagles — Smith 7-108, Carmichael 5-45-1td, Osborne 3-15, Middlebrook 1-11, Pane 1-10, Hogan 1-6, Montgomery 1-(-5)

NFC Playoffs
Dallas 27, Atlanta 20
 December 30, 1978
 Texas Stadium, 60,338

A week earlier, it was a supreme second half effort which moved Atlanta one notch further in the playoffs. This week, the Falcons were shut out after intermission at which time they held a 20-13 lead. Bubba Bean had gained 60 yards in the first half, including a 14-yard scoring run, while Steve Bartkowski threw a touchdown to Wallace Francis. Tim Mazzetti rounded out the Falcons' efforts with a pair of field goals. Dallas' fortunes appeared to take a turn for the worse late in the first half when Roger Staubach left the game with an injury. Danny White came on, however, to bring Dallas from behind. He threw a tying TD pass in the third period to tight end Jackie Smith. Early in the fourth period, John James shanked a punt from the 20-yard line, allowing the Cowboys to drive in from 30 yards out in six plays.

Atlanta.....	7	13	0	0	20
Dallas.....	10	3	7	7	27

Dal. — Septien, 34 FG
 Atl. — Bean, 14 run (Mazzetti kick)
 Dal. — Laidlaw, 13 run (Septien kick)
 Atl. — Mazzetti, 42 FG
 Dal. — Septien, 48 FG
 Atl. — Francis, 17 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
 Atl. — Mazzetti, 22 FG
 Dal. — Smith, 2 pass from White (Septien kick)
 Dal. — Laidlaw, 1 run (Septien kick)

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	16	26
Net Yards Gained	216	369
Rushing Yardage	164	148
Passing Yardage	52	221
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	23/8/3	37/17/1
Punts	6-37.5	3-36.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	6/3
Penalties	7/69	7/65

Rushing

Falcons — Bean 17-72-1td, Stanback 9-62, Franklin 8-24, Esposito 2-6
 Cowboys — Laidlaw 17-66-2td, Dorsett 14-65, White 3-(-4), Dupree 1-20, Staubach 1-3, D. Pearson 1-(-2)

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 23-8-3-95-1td-5sk
 Cowboys — White 20-10-1-127-1td-1stk, Staubach 17-7-0-105-0td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-66-1td, Ryckman 1-22, Esposito 1-7
 Cowboys — Dupree 5-59, D. Pearson 4-75, Smith 3-38-1td, Hill 3-36, Laidlaw 1-15, Dorsett 1-9

NFC Playoffs Dallas 30, Atlanta 27

January 4, 1981
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 60,022

For the first three periods, it appeared as if Atlanta would move onward in the playoffs. It led Dallas 24-10 entering the final stanza and even held a 27-17 lead with five minutes left to play. But Danny White teamed up three times with Drew Pearson on a five-play, 62-yard scoring drive, the last play being a 14-yard TD strike. The Cowboys stopped Atlanta on four straight plays after the ensuing kickoff, and White drove his team 70 yards in six plays, securing the win with a 23-yard strike to Pearson with just 52 seconds to play.

Dallas.....	3	7	0	20	30
Atlanta.....	10	7	7	3	27

Atl. — Mazzetti, 38 FG
Atl. — Jenkins, 60 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal. — Septien, 38 FG
Dal. — Dupree, 5 pass from White (Septien kick)
Atl. — Cain, 1 run (Mazzetti kick)
Atl. — Andrews, 5 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal. — Newhouse, 1 run (Septien kick)
Atl. — Mazzetti, 34 kick
Dal. — Pearson, 14 pass from White (Septien kick)
Dal. — Pearson, 23 pass from White (Kick failed)

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	18	22
Net Yards Gained	349	422
Rushing Yardage	86	112
Passing Yardage	285	310
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	33/18/1	40/25/1
Punts	4-36.0	4-38.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/1
Penalties	4/48	6/72

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 14-43, Cain 13-43-1td
Cowboys — Dorsett 10-51, Newhouse 6-31-1td, White 4-1, P. Pearson 1-11, D. Pearson 1-9, Dupree 1-5, Newsome 1-4

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 33-18-1-320-2td-4sk
Cowboys — White 39-25-1-322-3td-1sk, Springs 1-0-0-0-0td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-66, Jenkins 4-155-1td, Miller 3-48, Cain 2-20, Andrews 2-19-1td, Jackson 1-12
Cowboys — D. Pearson 5-90-2td, Dorsett 5-40, Hill 4-53, P. Pearson 4-51, Springs 3-39, Dupree 3-29-1td, Johnson 1-20

NFC Playoffs Minnesota 30, Atlanta 24

January 9, 1983
Hubert Humphrey Metrodome, 60,560

The Falcons' special teams were outstanding. On first possession Paul Davis blocked a punt which Doug Rogers recovered in the end zone for a TD. Minnesota added two field goals and a touchdown to lead 13-7 at half, before the special unit struck again, this time kicker Mick Luckhurst scoring on a 17-yard run with a pitch from holder Mike Moroski to take a 14-13 lead. A few moments later safety Bob Glazebrook intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards for a score, giving the Falcons a 21-13 lead. The roof caved in, however, at that point with the Vikings rallying for 17 points while all Atlanta could muster the rest of the way would be three.

Atlanta.....	7	0	14	3	24
Minnesota.....	3	10	3	14	30

Atl. — Rogers, fumble recovery (Luckhurst kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 33 FG
Min. — White, 36 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 30 FG
Atl. — Luckhurst, 17 run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl. — Glazebrook, 35 interception (Luckhurst kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 39 FG
Min. — McCullum, 11 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Atl. — Luckhurst 41, FG
Min. — Brown, 5 run (Danmeier kick)

	Falcons	Vikings
First Downs	14	24
Net Yards Gained	235	378
Rushing Yardage	120	125
Passing Yardage	115	253
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	23/9/2	34/20/1
Punts	5-42.6	5-32.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	4/0
Penalties	7/98	10/84

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 11-48, Riggs 9-38, Cain 3-17, Luckhurst 1-17-1t
Vikings — Brown 23-81-1td, Nelson 4-24, Kramer 8-13, Galbreath 6-10, S. White 1-(-3)

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 23-9-2-134-0td-3sk
Vikings — Kramer 34-20-1-253-2td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Jenkins 2-52, Hodge 2-29, Riggs 2-16, Kreple 1-18, Cain 1-14, Jackson 1-5
Vikings — Senser 6-81, McCullum 4-51-1td, Galbreath 3-14, White 2-61-1td, LeCount 2-24, Young 2-13, Brown 1-9

Falcons' Historical Calendar

The Start

June 30, 1965

The NFL awards a franchise to 41-year-old Rankin M. Smith, Executive Vice President of Life Insurance Company of Georgia, for \$8.5 million. At the time there were 14 NFL franchises in existence, 8 AFL clubs. Officially, Atlanta became the 23rd professional football club in existence, the 15th in the NFL prior to the merger of the Leagues.

Officially Titled

August 20, 1965

"Five Smiths, Inc.," is registered as the corporate name for the Atlanta franchise. It is so named for Rankin Smith's five children: Rankin, Jr., Carol Christine, Dorothy Ann, Taylor, and Nancy Karen.

Stockholders

August 24, 1965

The listed stockholders of the franchise included: Lindsey Hopkins, Jr., Howard Dobbs, Jr., Cody Laird, Jr., I. M. Sheffield III, Dorothy Laird Williams, W. Barrett Howell, and M. E. Kilpatrick.

The Nickname

August 29, 1965

"Falcons" was suggested by many with a school-teacher from Griffin, Georgia, being singled out because of her reasons. Miss Julia Elliott said: "the Falcon is proud and dignified, with great courage and fight. It never drops its prey. It is deadly and has a great sporting tradition." A logo was designed by Wayland Moore Studios.



You Need Players
Sept. 9, 1965

Halfback Bob Paremore and split end Gary Barnes, who had been in the NFL with the Cardinals and Bears, were the first two players to sign with the Falcons.

The First Draft
November 27, 1965

With the first pick in the entire draft, the Falcons chose Outland Trophy winning Linebacker Tommy Nobis from the University of Texas. After being drafted also by Houston of the AFL, he chose the Falcons on Dec. 14 and signed a contract. As the Falcons got two choices in each of the first five rounds, QB Randy Johnson of Texas A&I was the other first round pick by Atlanta. All told the Falcons gained 25 players in the 20 round draft, the last one being defensive back Bob Riggie from Penn State. Nobis is the club's Director of Marketing; while Riggie served 21 years as a team scout.

**A 54-day
Ticket Blitz**
Nov. 1-Dec. 24, 1965

In seven weeks, the Falcons sold 45,000 season tickets surpassing the previous NFL best of 26,000 by Minnesota. Those tickets sold for \$6, with club level seats costing \$10 a game.

The Head Coach
January 26, 1966

Norb Hecker, 39, left the Green Bay staff of Vince Lombardi to accept the job as the Falcons first head coach. He was with Lombardi seven years as they won three world titles and four conference titles. Gene Cronin, the Director of Player Personnel, deserves the distinction of being the first member of the Falcon organization named by Mr. Smith.

**Supplemental
Draft**
Feb. 16, 1966

Allotted three picks from each of the 14 other NFL teams, the Falcons added 42 more players. Each team, who had a 40-man roster, placed 11 available for the Falcons to select from. Among those picks was their first leading rusher (Junior Coffey from Green Bay), their first leading receiver (Alex Hawkins from Baltimore), and a defensive captain (Bill Jobko from Minnesota) who is still with the club as Director of Pro Personnel.

**Head for the
Mountains**
March 26, 1966

A YMCA Camp, Blue Ridge Assembly on Black Mountain, N.C. (near Asheville) is selected as the first summer training camp home.

The Merger Occurs
June 8, 1966

The AFL and NFL agree to merge with a Championship Game to be played. The teams would not actually begin playing regular season games until 1970. Atlanta was assigned to the NFL's Western Conference, Coastal Division, with the Los Angeles Rams, Baltimore Colts, and San Francisco 49ers.

The First Practice
July 2, 1966

Training Camp opened with some 130 players checking in for physicals and their chance to be an NFL player. One of the camp's visitors was Rev. Billy Graham, who lived just a few miles from the Blue Ridge Assembly. All told, 66 rookies reported with the vets checking in on July 9.

The First Game
August 1, 1966
(Preseason)

Before 26,072 at Atlanta Stadium, Philadelphia claims a 9-7 win over the Falcons. Trivia fans might want to note that QB Dennis Claridge passed one yard to Tom Wilson for the Falcons first ever touchdown (second quarter) to provide a 7-6 halftime lead.

Champions of the South
August 19, 1966

Falcons defeat their AFL rivals, the Miami Dolphins, 27-17, to lay claim to the championship of the South.

The First Victory
August 27, 1966
(Preseason)

In the fifth and final preseason game, the Falcons defeated San Francisco, 24-17, before 21,780 fans in Columbia, S.C. Rookie QB Randy Johnson made his first start and passed to Alex Hawkins for the clinching TD.

This Game Is For Real
Sept. 11, 1966

The Los Angeles Rams handed the Falcons a 19-14 loss before 54,418 at Atlanta Stadium. The Rams of George Allen were led by QB Roman Gabriel (294 yards). After a 16-0 lead, Atlanta rallied to make it 16-14 before a third quarter Ram FG ended the scoring. Pre-game ceremonies included Commissioner Pete Rozelle, Governor Carl Sanders, and Mayor Ivan Allen. Falcon RB Ernie Wheelwright ran for 91 yards and caught a pass for 25 more to lead the offense.

The First Points
Sept. 11, 1966

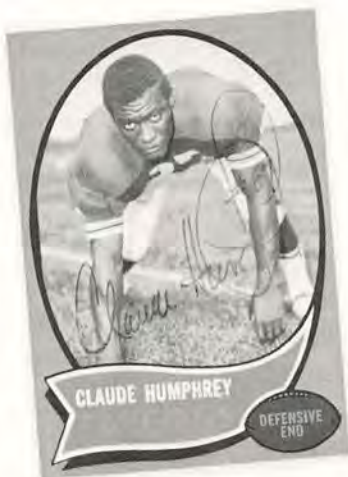
It was the second quarter when QB Randy Johnson hit Gary Barnes for a 53-yard touchdown to officially score the first points for the Atlanta Falcons.

The First Broadcasters
1966

Atlanta's WAGA-TV televised the Falcons game in that inaugural year with Ed Thilenius (U. of Georgia Announcer) and WQXI Radio broadcasting with Jack Hurst (Ga. Tech Announcer). The analyst was former player and coach Johnny Sauer.

The First Official Win
Nov. 30, 1966

After nine straight losses, the Falcons claimed one for the W column at Yankee Stadium (62,746), 27-16. Former Giant Ernie Wheelwright scored two TD's receiving and ran for 51 more yards as QB Randy Johnson hit for a trio of TD's.



Tying an NFL Record

With a First
HOME Win
December 11, 1966

The Falcons tied an NFL record for an expansion team (Minnesota) by winning a third game. This victim was the St. Louis Cardinals, 16-10, before 57,169. The second win had been at Minnesota with Bobby Riggles returning an interception 62 yards for a touchdown.

A General Manager

Jan. 31, 1967

Frank E. Wall was promoted to GM after serving as Vice-President and Treasurer.

The First Trade

March 14, 1967

Falcons deal away first round draft choice to San Francisco for wide receiver Bernie Casey, tackle Jim Wilson and defensive end Jim Norton.

A New Summer Home

July 18, 1967

Falcons shift training camp to East Tennessee State University, Johnson City at the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains.

A Wild Opening

Sept. 17, 1967

About the time the National Anthem was finished, the Colts and Falcons started scoring. First, the Colts went the length of the field (88 yards Unitas to Mackey) and the Falcons countered with a club record 99-yard kickoff return to tie the game. The 38-31 Colt win also featured two more scoring plays over 50 yards (77 int TD by the Falcons Lee Calland and 55 TD catch by Colts Jimmy Orr).

Atlanta's First All-Pro

Dec. 15, 1967

Linebacker Tommy Nobis was named to the AP all-pro team, a Falcon first. This honor followed his Rookie of the Year performance in 1966 (Bert Bell Award and Pro Football Writers Association).

A Defensive Gem

Jan. 30, 1968

The Falcons (choosing 3rd in the Draft) select a defensive end from Tennessee State. After six selections to the Pro Bowl, Claude Humphrey proved to be one of the great Falcons of all-time. He is now a member of Coach Campbell's coaching staff.

Jersey Change

May 13, 1968

Stripes are added to the sleeves of the jerseys, replacing the team emblem.

A New Regime

Oct. 1, 1968

Norm Van Brocklin, formerly head coach of Vikings, is named to replace Norb Hecker after three games of season. Two weeks later, his Falcons beat New York, 24-21, in first meeting between Van Brocklin and his former QB, Fran Tarkenton.

Starting On the Right Foot

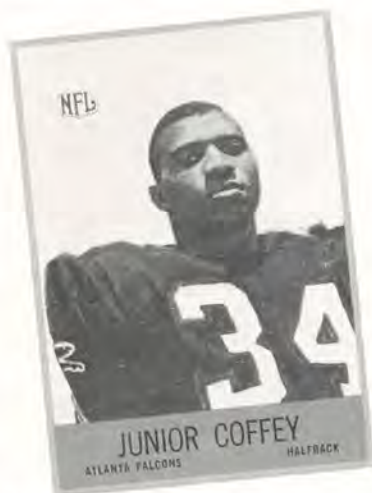
Sept. 21, 1969

Falcons win first season opener ever, beating 49ers, 24-12, before home fans. Rookie Tight End Jim Mitchell scored two TD's and club set team record with 229 yards rushing.

Farewell to an Original

Oct. 29, 1969

Running Back Junior Coffey, the last of the 42 original expansion draftees, is traded to the New York Giants.



Point Parade
Nov. 21, 1969

Falcons roll up 48 points to win by 17 over Bears. The 518 yards of offense saw Randy Johnson throw for four TD's and Harmon Wages score on a 48-yard run.

The Triple Play
Dec. 7, 1969

Harmon Wages had a game to remember in this 45-17 rout of the Saints. The second year back threw for a TD in the first quarter (16 yards to Flatley), then caught a pass for a TD in the second quarter (88 yards), and then ran for a TD in the fourth quarter (66 yards).

Three Straight Wins and Six for the Year
1969

Falcons close season by ending Viking 12 game win streak in 10-3 game as Claude Humphrey scores only TD of game (24 fumble return). The team finished 6-8-1, their best record ever.

Management Shifts
Jan. 6, 1970

Rankin M. Smith becomes Chairman of the Board, with Frank Wall taking over the duties and title of President. Coach Van Brocklin adds title of General Manager to his list of duties.

Champs of the South Look Ready to Go
Sept. 12, 1970

With a 20-17 conquest of southern rival Miami, the Falcons close with the finest preseason (4-1) in the club's five-year history.

A Passing Feat
Sept. 27, 1970

In Week Two at Green Bay, QB Bob Berry sets club records with the Franchise's first 300-yard passing game (28-44 for 302), but Packers rally for 27-24 win.

Cannonball Explodes
Oct. 4, 1970

Jim "Cannonball" Butler, just one week after Berry's passing record, sets a new club rushing record in the home opener against the 49ers. The seven-year veteran set two club records that day. One was for most yards (127 on 17 carries), the other was for most fumbles (4).

Fit to Be Tied
Nov. 8-15, 1970

On the road at Los Angeles and Philadelphia, Falcons chalk up back to back ties, 10-10 and 13-13, for record that still stands.

The Early Birds Get the Tickets
Nov. 22, 1970

All seats were sold out 25 days in advance, a Falcon record, as the rival L.A. Rams come to town. Both Ram touchdowns were scored by the defense in a 17-7 Falcon loss.

National TV!
Nov. 30, 1970

Over 30 million Monday Night TV viewers saw their first game from Atlanta as the Miami Dolphins came to town with ABC-TV. Larry Csonka (108) and Mercury Morris (76) ran away with a 20-7 Miami victory.

Inflation Hits
Jan. 3, 1971

For the first time in team history, ticket prices go from \$6 to \$7.50, ending a five-year status quo.

A Third Summer Home

Feb. 4, 1971

Falcons elect to move summer training camp to Furman University in Greenville, S.C. and announce it will open on July 19.

A Hall of Famer

Feb. 23, 1971

Coach Norm Van Brocklin is elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

You Can't Win Them All Unless

You Win the Opener

Sept. 19, 1971

For a third straight year, Falcons open up with a victory. This home opener saw the Falcons defeat the division rival 49ers, 20-17.

Catch This Act

Oct. 3 and

Dec. 19, '71

Rookie sensation Ken Burrow made more yardage receiving in one game than any NFC receiver, and he wrote his name in the club record book TWICE. He had 190 yards at Detroit and duplicated that feat at New Orleans. All of this was done playing the final 11 games with a broken wrist.

A Winning Season!

Dec. 19, 1971

In dramatic fashion with 40 seconds left, the Falcons score to beat New Orleans, 24-20, to finish the season at 7-6-1, thus giving them the first winning season in club history.

A Coast to Coast Win

Nov. 22, 1971

Falcons win their first Nationally televised game with a 28-21 triumph over Green Bay in Atlanta. Atlanta had 77 plays to the Packers 33, outgaining them 386-143, as Monday Night TV televised the action.



**A Busy Day At
The Office**

Feb. 1, 1972

Van Brocklin makes four trades dealing away six veterans then uses top picks for Clarence Ellis (Notre Dame DB) and acquired pick for Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan (Auburn QB).

Ups and Downs

July 15, 1972

Ellis and Sullivan go to participate in College All-star game in Chicago. Ellis injures knee and requires surgery, Sullivan earns Most Valuable Player honors.

**Bring in the
Cavalry**

Aug. 31, 1972

Falcons trade with Green Bay for running back Dave Hampton, a 1,000-yard runner in 1971. Falcons gave up lineman Malcolm Snider.

**A Jinx Is Ended
With a 1-2 Punch**

Oct. 1, 1972

After 10 unsuccessful tries, Falcons finally defeat the L.A. Rams, in humiliating fashion, 31-3 at Atlanta Stadium. Hampton and Art Malone set a club record by each running for over 100 yards (161 Hampton and 103 Malone).

**An "Unofficial"
1,000**

Dec. 17, 1972

Dave Hampton technically was the club's first 1,000-yard rusher. At Kansas City, the veteran running back scampered around end for his 1,000th yard. However, his next carry was a six-yard loss and his final carry a one-yard gain. Thus, he ended at 995, never officially getting his name in the Falcon record book.

The First 50

Dec. 17, 1972

RB Art Malone became the first Falcon to ever catch 50 passes in a season, leading the club for a second consecutive season.

Trade Time

Jan. 22, 1973

May 14, 1973

Falcons swap #1 pick in draft for DT Mike Tilleman, who led the NFL in 1972 with 14 sacks at Houston. QB Bob Lee and LB Lonnie Warwick come from Minnesota for QB Bob Berry and a #1 pick.

**Lighting Up
the Scoreboard**

Sept. 16, 1973

Opening against New Orleans, Falcons smash 35 team records en route to 62-7 victory.

**General Lee
Takes Charge**

Oct. 14, 1973

QB Bob Lee gets first start and responds with leadership en route to 46-6 rout of Chicago Bears.

**Getting A Kick
Out of It**

Nov. 4, 1973

Falcons come from 10-0 deficit to upset rival Rams behind club record five field goals from Nick Mike-Mayer.

Big Finish

Nov. 11, 1973

With 24 fourth quarter points, Falcons break 20-20 tie to wallop Eagles, 44-27.

**Monday Night
Madness**

Nov. 19, 1973

Unbeaten Vikings (9-0) come to town to face surging Falcons (five in a row) before national audience. No Falcon fan is disappointed as club responds to challenge with 20-14 win for 6th straight.

7 + 1 = 8

Nov. 25, 1973

With seventh straight win (over Jets, 28-20) Falcons win eighth game for most ever in a season.

**"Hard-Luck"
Hampton
and the "So
Close" Falcons
1973**

After missing by five yards for a 1,000-yard season last year, Dave Hampton comes even closer this year. Needing 87 yards in the finale, he gets just 84 and finishes three yards shy of the magic number. The Falcons are equally close, finishing 9-5 for their most wins and best record ever, but losing out for the playoffs by one game.

**An Original
Streaker**

Spring, 1974

Ken Reaves, an original member of the Atlanta Falcons since 1966, is part of a trade with the Saints. Reaves had played in all 112 games consecutively, setting a club record with 29 pass interceptions.

**A Coaching
Change**

Nov. 5/6, 1974

After a 2-6 start, Norm Van Brocklin is fired as Head Coach/General Manager and defensive coordinator Marion Campbell is elevated to the Head coaching post.

**Trading for the
Future**

Jan. 27, 1975

In order to obtain the rights to the number one pick in the college draft, the Falcons send offensive tackle George Kunz and a draft choice to Baltimore. Falcons also got a 6th round pick (and took LB Fulton Kuykendall).

**The Future Is
Here**

Jan. 28, 1975

With that top choice, the Falcons select all-America QB Steve Bartkowski from California.

**A Managerial
Move**

Feb. 26, 1975

Pat Peppler is named Falcons General Manager.

**Hooray for
Hampton**

Dec. 21, 1975

Running Back Dave Hampton becomes first Falcon to gain 1,000 yards rushing (1,002) with 61 in final game vs. Green Bay.

A Big Catch

May 5, 1976

Wide Receiver John Gilliam, who played out his option after nine years (350 catches) is signed.

**A Coaching
Change**

Oct. 11, 1976

After 1-4 start, Pat Peppler takes over as interim Head Coach for Marion Campbell.

A Come-From-Behind Sweet Upset Nov. 21, 1976	By scoring all 17 points in the 4th quarter, the Falcons rally for 17-10 upset of playoff-bound Cowboys.
"O" My Dec. 5, 1976	Rams pour it on in 59-0 whitewashing of Falcons.
Front Office Moves Feb. 1-3, 1977	Former NFL quarterback Eddie LeBaron is named General Manager, with Rankin M. Smith, Jr. assuming the title of Club President. Two days later, Leeman Bennett, a Rams assistant becomes fifth Head Coach in club history.
A Positive Start Sept. 18, 1977	Bennett's debut is a sweet 17-6 win over the rival Rams before 55,956 in Atlanta. Scott Hunter fills in for injured Bartkowski and defeats a Joe Namath-led Ram squad.
Zero Hour Nov. 27, 1977	In shutout of Bucs, Falcons set club record by allowing just 78 total yards. It is also the second 0 performance by the defense on the season, also a club first.
NFL Record! 1977 Defense	With 35-7 final win over Saints, Falcons establish new NFL modern day record for 14-game season by allowing just 129 points all year as club finishes 7-7.
Ground Breaking April 3, 1978	Construction of a new year-round training facility begins in Suwanee to give Falcons NFL's finest complex.
A New Look August 19, 1978	Falcons unveil new uniforms.
First Home Shutout Oct. 15, 1978	By holding the Lions to just 22 yards rushing, the Falcons post their first shutout at home, 14-0.
June Jones and the Gritz Blitz Go National Oct. 30, 1978	In their first national TV game in four years, the Falcons lose Bartkowski in 2nd quarter. Enter June Jones, kicker Tim Mazzetti's five field goals, and the hard-hitting Gritz Blitz defense and you have a 15-7 Rams upset.
"Big Ben Right" Nov. 12, 1978	With 2:23 remaining the Falcons were trailing 17-6 at their own 20-yard line. An 80-yard march made it 17-13 with 59 seconds left. With 19 seconds left, Bartkowski threw 57 yards into a cluster where Alfred Jackson caught a pass deflected by Wallace Francis and the Falcons clock struck victory.

A Second Chance

Dec. 9, 1978

With no time remaining Tim Mazzetti missed a 37-yard FG against the Redskins. A penalty gave him a second chance and he nailed a 32-yard FG that was to end up later being a playoff clinching kick.

**Clinching a
Playoff Berth
the Easy Way**

Sat., Dec. 15, 1978

When Redskins lose to Bears, Falcons are ensured their first Playoff berth. The next day, LA beat Green Bay to give the Falcons a home field game.

**Dealing the
Wild Card**

Dec. 24, 1978

With two TD's in the final eight minutes, the Falcons overcame the rainy weather to win their Playoff game over the Eagles, 14-13. The Christmas Eve present to the fans was not complete until the Eagles missed a 34-yard FG in the final seconds. Merry Christmas!

Valiant Underdogs

Dec. 30, 1978

As 14-point underdogs in Texas Stadium, the Falcons came ready to win. They jumped out to a 20-13 halftime lead and knocked QB Roger Staubach unconscious just before the half. The home-team Cowboys regained the lead 27-20 as the Falcons marched for a tying score. With 4th-and-1 at the Cowboy 32, the Falcons came up inches short and never got the ball back.

William Who?

Sept. 2, 1979

Third-round draft choice William Andrews made his NFL debut memorable with a club-record 167 yard effort in a 40-34 overtime win at the Superdome. Each team gained over 500 yards offense before Falcons won with special teams interception TD.

**Bart's Barrage &
The Lost Coin
Toss**

Sept. 16, 1979

Steve Bartkowski set a new club record by passing for 326 yards (20 of 29) vs. Denver in Atlanta. A missed Falcon field goal meant another overtime game. Unfortunately, the visiting Broncos won the coin toss, received, and drove for the winning FG without Bartkowski ever getting a chance to rally the Falcons.

Easy As 1,2,3

Oct. 14, 1979

Rookie RB Lynn Cain set a club record by scoring three touchdowns in a game in loss to Raiders.

**Adding Up
the Totals**

Dec. 16, 1979

Records were broken for the season by William Andrews with 1,023 yards, by Wallace Francis with 74 catches for 1,013 yards and by Steve Bartkowski with 2,502 yards (203-379).



Atlanta Air Force
Sept. 21, 1980

**The Bigger
They Are,
The Harder
They Fall**
Sept. 28/
Oct. 5, 1980

Steve's Heroics
Oct.-Nov., 1980

**How the West
Was Won**
Dec. 14, 1980



Steve Bartkowski set a new club record by passing for 332 yards vs. Dolphins. A blocked Falcon field goal led to a winning Dolphin field goal with 32 seconds remaining in 20-17 loss. The 1-2 Falcons have lost by one and three points but are ready to take off flying through the NFL.

Undefeated opponents fall on successive weekends to the Falcons. First, the 49ers are upset 20-17 at Candlestick, then with a record-breaking 34 point first half, the Lions fall, 43-28.

Bartkowski was hot and the Falcons caught fire. First, he had a club-tying 4 TD game vs. Saints, then a 54-yard TD on 4th and 11 with 1:15 left to beat the Rams, then two weeks later a club record 378-yard game in win over St. Louis in overtime.

Bartkowski's 28th, 29th and 30th TD passes, Andrews' sixth 100-yard game and a rugged defense led to a 35-10 rout of the 49ers and the Falcons had earned their first-ever NFC Western Division Title. The win was the Falcons 9th straight and 12th of the season, both club bests.

Heartbreak in Georgia Jan. 5, 1981	Leading 24-10 heading into the 4th quarter, Falcons end up on short end of 30-27 score as Cowboys rally for 20 points in Atlanta Fulton County Stadium before record 60,022 fans.
Aloha Feb. 1, 1981	Record six Falcons selected to Pro Bowl as Bartkowski passes for new high 178 yards (55 TD to Alfred Jenkins) to lead NFC to 21-7 win.
They Can't Win If They Don't Score Sept. 6, 1981	Falcon defense sets tone with first-ever shutout in season opening 27-0 win over New Orleans. For good measure, the defense even scored a TD of their own with a fumble recovery.
You Had To See It To Believe It, Folks Sept. 13, 1981	Green Bay Packer fans were enjoying a 17-0 lead after three quarters, but no one knew what was in store next. In a nine-minute span, the Falcons erupted for an NFL record tying 31 points (4 TD's, 1 FG) to win 31-17.
Good News, Bad News Sept. 20, 1981	Atlanta fans were treated to a 34-17 thumping of the rival 49ers (soon to be Super Bowl bound) and the fastest start in club history, 3-0. The Falcons had now won 12 of the last 13 regular season games and 14 of last 15. Tommy Pridemore even set a club record with a 101-yard interception return. The bad news: three starters were lost in a five-minute span (LB Joel Williams, DE Jeff Merrow and T Warren Bryant).
Who Was That Guy? Oct. 11, 1981	Despite scoring 35 points and gaining 349 yards, Falcons lost to Rams, 37-35, as Leroy Irvin set an NFL record by returning six punts for 207 yards (75 and 84 yard TDs).
2 + 2 = 4 Oct. 18, 1981	William Andrews and Alfred Jenkins each gained over 100 yards receiving and each scored two touchdowns as Steve Bartkowski set a club mark with 4 TD passes in 41-20 rout of St. Louis.
Dueling QB's Nov. 15, 1981	Steve Bartkowski rewrites Falcon record book with 33 of 50 for 416-yard performance. Terry Bradshaw is equal to the task with 5 TD passes as Steelers win 34-20.
Numbers To Remember 1981 Season	The team will look back on seven losses of five points or less as to why they were 7-9. The defeats were by 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, and 5 points. Individually, records were set by Steve Bartkowski (3,830 yards), William Andrews (81 catches), Alfred Jenkins (1,358 yards, 13 TDs-3 in one game), and Mick Luckhurst (114 points). A team high seven Falcons are picked for the Pro Bowl.

No More Tickets May 17, 1982	Season ticket sales are halted after reaching a club record 57,500.
It's Never Over 'Til It's Over Sept. 12, 1982	With the Giants leading, 14-7, and deep in Falcon territory in the 4th quarter, the season opener wasn't going as planned. However, Bob Glazebrook returned a fumble for a club-record 91 yards and then Mick Luckhurst won the game with 58 seconds remaining for a 17-14 Falcon triumph.
Striking Out Sept. 21, 1982	NFL Players Association calls a strike after two games and players walk out. Eight games were missed, seven cancelled, in strike that lasted until Nov. 17 (57 days).
Back on Track Nov. 21, 1982	In first game after strike, William Andrews gains 207 yards (119 rush, 88 rec.) and rookie Gerald Riggs scores his first two NFL TD's in 34-17 win over Rams. Falcons are 2-1 and thinking playoffs in short season.
Way To Go, Alfred Nov. 28, 1982	Alfred Jenkins gets his 306th career catch to set club mark. However, a 67-yard Johnson punt return TD is called back and a tying FG sailed wide as Falcons lost to St. Louis, 23-20.
M*A*S*H Dec. 5, 1982	Some 18 players from both squads limped off or were carried from the field in brutal 34-27 Falcon win at Mile High Stadium. A safe Mick Luckhurst became the first Falcon kicker to ever make two 50-plus yard field goals in the same game.
A National Clinch Dec. 19, 1982	With a powerful 17-7 win over the Super Bowl Champion 49ers before a national Sunday Night audience, the Falcons become third NFC team to clinch a playoff berth as they up record to 5-2. Team controlled ball for 43 minutes to 17 for 49ers and ran the ball 57 times for 223 yards.
Indoor Playoffs Jan. 9, 1983	Falcons journeyed to Minnesota's Metrodome for the opening round Playoff game and led 7-3 after one quarter and 21-16 after three quarters, but Vikings rallied for 30-24 win. In an oddity, all 24 Falcon points were scored by the special teams (blocked punt for TD, pass to Luckhurst for TD, and FG) and the defense (Glazebrook TD interception).
Changing of The Guard Jan. 14-Feb. 1, 1983	Leeman Bennett is released after six seasons and Dan Henning, from the World Champion Washington Redskins, is hired as the sixth head coach in Falcon history.

**ALFRED JENKINS
FALCONS**

**WIDE
RECEIVER**



A Happy Debut
Sept. 4, 1983

At Soldier Field, Falcons come from behind twice to defeat Bears, 20-17, to open on successful note for Coach Henning.

Road Warriors
Sept. 18, 1983

On the road at Detroit, Falcons romp 30-14 for Henning's second straight road win. Andrews carried a club record 32 times (150 yards), with Bartkowski hitting his 10th 300 game (366) and adding to his streak of 107 passes without an interception.

Broken Streaks
Oct. 9/Oct. 16, '83

Alfred Jenkins 4th longest receiving streak in NFL history stopped at 103 games vs. Rams and Steve Bartkowski's streak of 197 consecutive passes without an interception ends vs. New Orleans.

"Big Ben"
Chimes Again
Nov. 20, 1983

Trailing 24-21, Bartkowski lofts desperation pass 42 yards to five-yard line where ball is deflected to stumbling Billy Johnson, who fights into end zone for 28-24 upset win.

A Two-Time Hero
Nov. 27, 1983

Kenny Johnson became only the 12th player in NFL history to score two TD's in the same game with interceptions. His first one put the Falcons ahead of Green Bay, 41-34, but the Pack came back to force overtime. With another chance to be the hero, Johnson returned an interception 31 yards to win the game.

Stats to Remember
Dec. 18, 1983

William Andrews sets new club record with 331 rushes for 1,567 yards, Steve Bartkowski has third 3,000-yard season and sets mark with 63.4% completion rate and just 1.1% interception rate (5 in 432), while C Jeff Van Note starts his 200th game as a Falcon.

Surgery for William
August 21, 1984

Falcon all-time leading rusher, William Andrews, injures knee ligaments, cartilage and nerve in practice session and is out indefinitely.

A New leader
Sept. 2, 1984

Gerald Riggs gets the starting call and sets new club records with 35 attempts for 202 yards in 36-28 opening win at the Superdome in New Orleans.

Point Parade
Sept. 9, 1984

K Mick Luckhurst becomes the club's all-time leading scorer with his 271st career point.

The Jinx Is Broken
Oct. 7, 1984

For the first time in 19 long years, the Falcons won at Los Angeles. It wasn't easy, of course, as Mick Luckhurst had to kick a 37-yard FG as time expired after Bartkowski completed two fourth-down passes to keep the winning drive alive. Cain rushed for three TD's also in 30-28 win to set club mark.

A Catchy Record
Dec. 2, 1984

Receiver Alfred Jackson broke the club record with 11 catches for 193 yards vs. San Francisco in 35-17 loss.

Landing A Big One
April 30, 1985

Pitt's 280-pound offensive lineman, Bill Fralic, was selected by Falcons as second choice in entire NFL draft.

**"White Shoes"
Is #1**
Sept. 8, 1985

Billy "White Shoes" Johnson becomes the NFL's all-time career punt returner with 58 yards against Detroit.

Bull's eye
Sept.-Oct., 1985

Kicker Mick Luckhurst sets club record for consecutive field goals with 10 and then adds to it until streak runs out at 17 vs. Dallas.

A Sudden Ending
Nov. 10, 1985

Trailing 17-0 after three quarters, Falcons rallied to tie 17-17 and had a chance to win on final play of regulation when FG sailed wide. In OT, Eagles Ron Jaworski hit Mike Quick for an equally quick record tying 99-yard TD.

Running Wild
Nov. 1985

Gerald Riggs set club record for career rushing TDs, tied record for single game TDs, and had a club record five consecutive 100 yard rushing games.

Waiving Bye-Bye

Nov. 27, 1985

Steve Bartkowski is released after five weeks on injured reserve and is claimed by Washington for final two weeks.

Determined Gerald

Dec. 22, 1985

With 158 yards in the 16-10 win over New Orleans, Gerald Riggs had a club best 9 100-yard games and a season record 1,719 yards to lead the entire NFC.

Ins and Outs

Dec. 23/24, 1985

Eddie LeBaron, V-P and chief executive officer, is dismissed, while Dan Henning is given a one-year contract extension. Henning then hires former Falcon head coach Marion Campbell as defensive coordinator.

Picking and Choosing

April 29, 1986

Using some draft picks and trading others for players, the Falcons landed eight players (five starters) as a result of this one day's selection process. Drafted were Lombardi Trophy winner, Tony Casillas, LB Tim Green, WR Floyd Dixon, and RB Keith Williams. Coming in trades were starters LB Reggie Wilkes, LB Joel Williams, S Bret Clark and QB Turk Schonert.

A Record Start

Sept. 1986

The Falcons came out roaring with four straight wins over New Orleans, St. Louis, Dallas and Tampa Bay for the best-ever start in club history. The Cowboy game featured a 10-point rally with a game-winning FG with 20 seconds left and the Buc game featured a 20-7 come-from-behind win with an overtime FG the decider. Gerald Riggs ran for a touchdown in each game to tie a club mark. The opener also featured the return of William Andrews after a two-year layoff following knee surgery.

Leading the Way

Oct. 12, 1986

In a game that featured the return of QB Steve Bartkowski to Atlanta (as an LA Ram), the Falcons rolled to a 26-14 win to up their mark to 5-1. The next week, the Falcons fought to an overtime tie with the 49ers to stay atop the Western Division.

Injured**Quarterbacks**

Nov. 23, 1986

At Candlestick Park, the 49ers Joe Montana made his third start after back surgery that some said would sideline him for the season or even his career. Meanwhile, the Falcons had a new starter in Turk Schonert as Dave Archer was lost for the year in the previous week's 13-10 loss to the Super Bowl champion Bears. Both completed 21 passes with only six yards difference, but the 49ers prevailed 20-0.



A Note of Thanks
Dec. 14, 1986

It was Jeff Van Note day at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium as the 18-year veteran center was honored after 246 games. With all his family present, he was presented gifts including a vintage 1957 Chevy (symbolic of his #57 and being a classic). Mick Luckhurst extended his club record to 117 consecutive PAT's.



**Falcons Get
Their Man**
April 28, 1987

When it came time for the Falcons to make their No. 1 selection (13th overall) on draft day '87, they took no time at all in choosing a player they coveted from the beginning; namely, Oregon QB Chris Miller. The last time the birds used their top pick on a QB was in 1975 when Steve Bartkowski fit the bill. Atlanta traded away its second and third round choice to Green Bay for a high second (31st overall) and took Clemson RB Kenny Flowers. Six of the Falcons 11 draft picks saw action in 1987.

**Super Bowl
Champs Go Down
Johnson's Records
Adding Up**
September 20, 1987

After being drubbed 48-10 at Tampa Bay in the season opener the Falcons rebound to defeat the eventual World Champion Washington Redskins 21-20 in front of over 50,000 fans at Fulton-County. QB Scott Campbell made his first start in two years (and first in a Falcon uniform) replacing Dave Archer and completed 17-34 passes for 271 yards and two TD's to supply the offensive spark. Billy "White Shoes" Johnson added another milestone to his brilliant career by becoming the NFL's all-time leading punt returner, registering his 259th lifetime return.

Strike Two!!

September 22, 1987

The NFL Players Association walks off the job for the second time in five years but only one game is cancelled. The League's owners decide to continue with replacement players. "Regulars" report back to work 24 days later but still not in time for the League's mandatory limit and miss another game.

Play (Hard) Ball!!

Oct. 4 - Oct. 18, 1987

The NFL goes along with its idea to compete with replacement players while the union walks the picket line. The Falcons are forced to play against strikebreaking "veterans" at home in all three games such as Ernest Jackson, Mike Webster, Nolan Cromwell and 1988 Pro Bowlers Joe Montana, Roger Craig and Charles White (League's leading rusher). Atlanta drops close contests against Pittsburgh and San Francisco but dumps the L.A. Rams 24-20 despite trailing 17-0 at halftime.

**Record Breaking
Session By Riggs
Spells Doomsday
For Dallas**

December 6, 1987

Gerald Riggs becomes the club's all-time leading rusher surpassing William Andrews with a five-yard run in the third quarter at Dallas giving the six-year pro from Arizona State a career total of 5,987 yards. Riggs finishes up the day with 119 yards to help the Falcons break a seven-game losing streak and knock the Cowboys out of the playoffs for the second straight year with a 21-10 victory in Texas Stadium.

**Crowning
Achievements**

December 27, 1987

Rick Donnelly and Sylvester Stamps claim a pair of NFL individual titles because of what they did and didn't do against the Lions in the season finale. Donnelly goes toe-to-toe with Detroit's Jim Arnold and wins the League's punting title with a 44.03 average. The Lions kick away from dangerous return man Stamps and he maintains his NFL lead without actually fielding a KOR all day to end the year with a League-best 27.5 average.

**"Five Seasons
Rolled Into One"**
1987 Season

That's how Falcons Head Coach Marion Campbell summed up the 1987 campaign. It's not too far fetched when you consider...a total of 114 players donned a Falcon jersey (including replacement players) and a combined 26 players missed 145 games due to injuries...some 46 players were credited with at least one tackle on defense, while 27 players caught a pass and 22 ran from scrimmage...there were 17 players who returned a kick with 16 others who scored...and would you believe five different quarterbacks started a game, or how about five different starters at free safety, or five who started at H-Back, or five who punted...

Preseason Results

1966 (1-4)

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

1967 (2-2-1)

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

1968 (1-4)

Washington at Tampa (42,180)	14-16
N.Y. Giants at Nashville (14,555)	13-17
N.Y. Jets at Birmingham (27,406)	12-27
N.O. at Atlanta (49,832)	16-10
Miami at Miami (36,122)	13-19

1969 (2-4)

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

1970 (4-1)

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

1971 (3-2)

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

1972 (1-4)

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

1973 (2-3)

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

1974 (4-2)

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

1975 (3-3)

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

1976 (2-4)

Washington at Atlanta (38,808)	10-17
Cleveland at Stillwater, Okla. (24,227)	7-31
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, Fla. (11,342)	3-17
New England at Atlanta (23,495)	17-28
Baltimore at Atlanta (24,986)	21-7
Green Bay at Milwaukee, Wisc. (54,989)	26-7

1977 (3-3)

St. Louis at St. Louis (24,667)	3-0
N.Y. Jets at Atlanta (28,954)	2-17
Denver at Atlanta (21,239)	2-10
Tampa Bay at Orlando (31,123)	30-21
Kansas City at Kansas City (22,748)	24-16
New England at New England (41,346)	10-29

1978 (2-2)

New York Jets at New York (31,480)	20-17
Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh (46,444)	7-13
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,306)	7-24
Washington at Washington (29,487)	10-7

1979 (0-4)

New England at Atlanta (53,228)	14-37
St. Louis at St. Louis (39,705)	17-42
Washington at Atlanta (52,478)	6-16
Green Bay at Green Bay (55,416)	35-45

1980 (1-3)

Seattle at Seattle (59,555)	10-14
Pittsburgh at Atlanta (55,695)	14-17
San Diego at San Diego (47,184)	9-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (42,983)	51-35

1981 (2-3)

Cleveland at Canton, O. (23,921)	10-24
Oakland at Oakland (42,697)	16-17
New York Jets at Atlanta (51,163)	21-20
Minnesota at Minnesota (42,908)	19-20
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (53,688)	27-7

1982 (2-2)

Minnesota at Atlanta (49,831)	20-17
Baltimore at Phoenix (56,748)	3-34
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,175)	24-21
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (62,933)	0-34

1983 (2-2)

Washington at Atlanta (46,052)	13-10
Denver at Denver (73,199)	10-21
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (57,237)	6-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (37,420)	10-7

1984 (1-3)

Minnesota at Minnesota (51,693)	6-37
New Orleans at New Orleans (58,502)	21-31
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (29,610)	52-21
Denver at Atlanta (30,988)	13-24

1985 (2-2)

Washington at Atlanta (30,574)	14-17
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (34,040)	23-17
Green Bay at Milwaukee (49,703)	24-28
Miami at Atlanta (32,768)	19-17

1986 (2-2)

New York Giants at Atlanta (25,445)	31-24
Atlanta at Tampa Bay (28,797)	20-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (33,637)	21-27
Atlanta at Washington (52,619)	21-29

1987 (1-3)

Buffalo at Atlanta (31,166)	19-14
Kansas City at Kansas City (39,164)	10-13
Cleveland at Atlanta (35,960)	3-23
New England at New England (59,129)	13-14

Year-by-Year Scores

1966 (3-11)

Seventh Place, Eastern Conference

Coach: Norb Hecker

Date		Atl.	Opp.	
9-11	Los Angeles	14	19	(L) 54,418
9-18	at Philadelphia	10	23	(L) 54,049
9-25	at Detroit	10	28	(L) 47,615
10-2	Dallas	14	47	(L) 56,990
10-9	at Washington	20	33	(L) 50,116
10-16	San Francisco	7	44	(L) 54,788
10-23	at Green Bay	3	56	(L) 48,623
10-30	Cleveland	17	49	(L) 57,235
11-13	Baltimore	7	19	(L) 58,850
11-20	at New York Giants	27	16	(W) 62,746
11-27	at Chicago	6	23	(L) 44,777
12-4	at Minnesota	20	13	(W) 37,117
12-11	St. Louis	16	10	(W) 57,169
12-18	Pittsburgh	33	57	(L) 56,229
		204	437	

1968 (2-12)

Fourth Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norm van Brocklin (2-9);
Norb Hecker (0-3)

Date		Atl.	Opp.	
9-14	at Minnesota	7	47	(L) 45,563
9-22	Baltimore	20	28	(L) 50,428
9-29	at San Francisco	13	28	(L) 27,471
10-6	Green Bay	7	38	(L) 58,850
10-13	New York Giants	24	21	(W) 49,962
10-20	at Los Angeles	14	27	(L) 54,443
10-27	at Cleveland	7	30	(L) 67,723
11-3	Pittsburgh	21	41	(L) 47,727
11-10	Los Angeles	10	17	(L) 53,979
11-17	at Chicago	16	13	(W) 44,214
11-24	at St. Louis	12	17	(L) 43,246
12-1	at Baltimore	0	44	(L) 60,238
12-8	Detroit	7	24	(L) 49,437
12-15	San Francisco	12	14	(L) 44,977
		170	389	

1970 (4-8-2)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.	
9-20	at New Orleans	14	3	(W) 77,042
9-27	at Green Bay	24	27	(L) 56,263
10-4	San Francisco	21	20	(W) 58,850
10-11	at Dallas	0	13	(L) 53,611
10-18	at Denver	10	24	(L) 50,705
10-25	New Orleans	32	14	(W) 58,850
11-1	Chicago	14	23	(L) 58,850
11-8	at Los Angeles	10	10	(T) 67,232
11-15	at Philadelphia	13	13	(T) 55,425
11-22	Los Angeles	7	17	(L) 58,850
11-30	Miami	7	20	(L) 54,036
12-6	at San Francisco	20	24	(L) 41,387
12-13	Pittsburgh	27	16	(W) 54,162
12-20	Minnesota	7	37	(L) 57,992
		206	261	

1967 (1-12-1)

Fourth Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norb Hecker

Date		Atl.	Opp.	
9-17	at Baltimore	31	38	(L) 56,715
9-24	at San Francisco	7	38	(L) 30,207
10-1	at Green Bay	0	23	(L) 49,467
10-8	Philadelphia	7	38	(L) 53,868
10-15	Washington	20	20	(T) 56,538
10-22	at Detroit	3	24	(L) 50,601
10-29	Minnesota	21	20	(W) 52,859
11-5	at Dallas	7	37	(L) 54,751
11-12	Baltimore	7	49	(L) 58,850
11-19	Los Angeles	3	31	(L) 56,871
11-20	at New Orleans	24	27	(L) 83,437
12-3	at Los Angeles	3	20	(L) 46,395
12-10	San Francisco	28	34	(L) 51,798
12-17	Chicago	14	23	(L) 54,107
		175	422	

1969 (6-8)

Third Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.	
9-21	San Francisco	24	12	(W) 45,940
9-28	at Los Angeles	7	17	(L) 58,031
10-5	Baltimore	14	21	(L) 57,806
10-12	Dallas	17	24	(L) 54,833
10-19	at San Francisco	21	7	(W) 28,684
10-26	at Green Bay	10	28	(L) 50,861
11-2	Los Angeles	6	38	(L) 58,850
11-9	at Detroit	21	27	(L) 53,242
11-16	Chicago	48	31	(W) 53,722
11-23	at Washington	20	27	(L) 50,345
11-30	at Baltimore	6	13	(L) 60,238
12-7	New Orleans	45	17	(W) 51,021
12-14	at Philadelphia	27	3	(W) 60,658
12-21	Minnesota	10	3	(W) 52,872
		276	268	

1971 (7-6-1)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.	
9-19	San Francisco	20	17	(W) 56,990
9-26	at Los Angeles	20	20	(T) 57,895
10-3	at Detroit	38	41	(L) 54,418
10-10	St. Louis	9	26	(L) 58,850
10-17	Los Angeles	16	24	(L) 58,850
10-24	New Orleans	28	6	(W) 58,850
10-31	at Cleveland	31	14	(W) 76,825
11-7	at Cincinnati	9	6	(W) 59,604
11-14	New York Giants	17	21	(L) 58,850
11-22	Green Bay	28	21	(W) 58,850
11-28	at Minnesota	7	24	(L) 49,784
12-5	Oakland	24	13	(W) 58,850
12-12	at San Francisco	3	24	(L) 44,582
12-19	at New Orleans	24	20	(W) 75,954
		274	277	

1972 (7-7)					
Second Place, NFC Western Division					
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin					
Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-17	at Chicago	37	21	(W)	55,701
9-24	at New England	20	21	(L)	60,999
10-1	Los Angeles	31	3	(W)	58,850
10-8	Detroit	23	26	(L)	58,850
10-15	at New Orleans	21	14	(W)	66,294
10-22	at Green Bay (Mil)	10	9	(W)	47,967
10-29	San Francisco	14	49	(L)	58,850
11-5	at Los Angeles	7	20	(L)	75,081
11-12	New Orleans	36	20	(W)	58,850
11-20	at Washington	13	24	(L)	53,039
11-26	Denver	23	20	(W)	58,850
12-3	Houston	20	10	(W)	58,850
12-10	at San Francisco	0	20	(L)	61,214
12-17	Kansas City	14	17	(L)	58,850
		269	274		

1974 (3-11)					
Fourth Place, NFC Western Division					
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin (2-6); Marion Campbell (1-5)					
Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-15	Dallas	0	24	(L)	57,322
9-22	San Francisco	10	16	(L)	47,686
9-29	at New Orleans	13	14	(L)	62,273
10-6	at New York Giants	14	7	(W)	50,415
10-13	Chicago	13	10	(W)	47,835
10-20	New Orleans	3	13	(L)	47,127
10-28	at Pittsburgh	17	24	(L)	48,094
11-3	at Miami	7	42	(L)	64,399
11-10	at Los Angeles	0	21	(L)	70,056
11-17	Baltimore	7	17	(L)	41,278
11-24	at San Francisco	0	27	(L)	45,435
12-1	Los Angeles	7	30	(L)	18,648
12-7	at Minnesota	10	23	(L)	47,105
12-15	Green Bay	10	3	(W)	10,020
		111	271		

1976 (4-10)					
Fourth Place, NFC Western Division					
Coach: Marion Campbell (1-4) Pat Peppier (3-6)					
Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-12	Los Angeles	14	30	(L)	53,607
9-19	at Detroit	10	24	(L)	50,840
9-26	at Chicago	10	0	(W)	41,029
10-3	Philadelphia	13	14	(L)	45,535
10-10	at New Orleans	0	30	(L)	51,521
10-17	Cleveland	17	20	(L)	33,364
10-23	at San Francisco	0	15	(L)	50,240
10-31	New Orleans	23	20	(W)	34,127
11-7	at Seattle	13	30	(L)	57,985
11-14	San Francisco	21	16	(W)	20,058
11-21	Dallas	17	10	(W)	54,992
11-28	at Houston	14	20	(L)	25,838
12-4	at Los Angeles	0	59	(L)	57,366
12-12	Green Bay	20	24	(L)	23,436
		172	312		

1973 (9-5)					
Second Place, NFC Western Division					
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin					
Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-16	at New Orleans	62	7	(W)	66,428
9-23	at Los Angeles	0	31	(L)	64,528
10-1	at Detroit	6	31	(L)	45,519
10-7	San Francisco	9	13	(L)	58,850
10-14	Chicago	46	6	(W)	58,850
10-21	at San Diego	41	0	(W)	41,527
10-28	at San Francisco	17	3	(W)	56,825
11-4	Los Angeles	15	13	(W)	58,850
11-11	at Philadelphia	44	27	(W)	63,114
11-19	Minnesota	20	14	(W)	58,850
11-25	at New York Jets	28	20	(W)	61,327
12-2	Buffalo	6	17	(L)	58,850
12-9	St. Louis	10	32	(L)	58,850
12-16	New Orleans	14	10	(W)	58,850
		318	224		

1975 (4-10)					
Third Place, NFC Western Division					
Coach: Marion Campbell					
Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-21	at St. Louis	20	23	(L)	42,172
9-28	Detroit	14	17	(L)	45,218
10-5	New Orleans	14	7	(W)	29,444
10-12	at San Francisco	17	3	(W)	44,043
10-19	at Los Angeles	7	22	(L)	64,843
10-26	Cincinnati	14	21	(L)	45,811
11-2	at New Orleans	7	23	(L)	49,342
11-9	at Minnesota	0	38	(L)	43,751
11-16	Los Angeles	7	16	(L)	44,595
11-23	Denver	35	21	(W)	28,686
11-30	at Oakland	34	37ot	(L)	50,860
12-7	Washington	27	30	(L)	52,809
12-14	San Francisco	31	9	(W)	38,501
12-21	at Green Bay	13	22	(L)	56,267
		240	289		

1977 (7-7)					
Second Place, NFC Western Division					
Coach: Leeman Bennett					
Date		Att.	Opp.		
9-18	Los Angeles	17	6	(W)	55,956
9-25	at Washington	6	10	(L)	55,031
10-2	New York Giants	17	3	(W)	46,374
10-9	at San Francisco	7	0	(W)	38,009
10-16	at Buffalo	0	3	(L)	27,348
10-23	at Chicago	16	10	(W)	49,407
10-30	Minnesota	7	14	(L)	59,257
11-6	San Francisco	3	10	(L)	46,577
11-13	Detroit	17	6	(W)	47,451
11-20	at New Orleans	20	21	(L)	43,135
11-27	at Tampa Bay	17	0	(W)	43,592
12-4	New England	10	16	(L)	57,911
12-11	at Los Angeles	7	23	(L)	52,574
12-18	New Orleans	35	7	(W)	36,895
		179	129		

1978 (9-7)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
NFC Wildcard Team

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date	Atl.	Opp.		
9-3 Houston	20	14	(W)	57,328
9-10 at Los Angeles	0	10	(L)	46,201
9-17 Cleveland	16	24	(L)	56,648
9-24 at Tampa Bay	9	14	(L)	58,072
10-1 New York Giants	23	20	(W)	47,765
10-8 at Pittsburgh	7	31	(L)	48,202
10-15 Detroit	14	0	(W)	51,172
10-22 at San Francisco	20	17	(W)	34,133
10-30 Los Angeles	15	7	(W)	57,250
11-5 San Francisco	21	10	(W)	55,468
11-12 New Orleans	20	17	(W)	70,323
11-19 at Chicago	7	13	(L)	46,022
11-26 at New Orleans	20	17	(W)	55,121
12-3 at Cincinnati	7	37	(L)	25,601
12-10 Washington	20	17	(W)	54,176
12-17 at St. Louis	21	42	(L)	40,022
12-24 Philadelphia	14	13	(W)	49,447
12-31 at Dallas	20	27	(L)	60,338
	240	290		

1980 (12-4)
NFC Western Division Champion

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date	Atl.	Opp.		
9-7 at Minnesota	23	24	(L)	44,773
9-14 at New England	37	21	(W)	48,321
9-21 Miami	17	20	(L)	54,479
9-28 at San Francisco	20	17	(W)	56,518
10-5 Detroit	43	28	(W)	57,652
10-12 New York Jets	7	14	(L)	57,458
10-19 at New Orleans	41	14	(W)	62,651
10-26 Los Angeles	13	10	(W)	57,401
11-2 at Buffalo	30	14	(W)	57,959
11-9 at St. Louis	33	27ot	(W)	48,662
11-16 New Orleans	31	13	(W)	53,871
11-23 Chicago	28	17	(W)	49,164
11-30 Washington	10	6	(W)	55,665
12-7 at Philadelphia	20	17	(W)	70,205
12-14 San Francisco	35	10	(W)	55,767
12-21 at Los Angeles	17	20ot	(L)	62,469
1-4 Dallas	27	30	(L)	60,022
	405	272		

1982 (5-4)
Fifth Place, NFC #

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date	Atl.	Opp.		
9-12 at N.Y. Giants	16	14	(W)	74,286
9-19 L.A. Raiders	14	38	(L)	54,774
11-21 L.A. Rams	34	17	(W)	39,686
11-28 St. Louis	20	23	(L)	33,411
12-5 at Denver	34	17	(W)	75,103
12-12 New Orleans	35	0	(W)	39,535
12-19 at San Francisco	17	7	(W)	53,234
12-26 Green Bay	7	38	(L)	50,245
1-2 at New Orleans	6	35	(L)	47,336
*at Minnesota	24	30	(L)	60,560

*NFC Playoffs

#No Division titles declared

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1979 (6-10)
Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date	Atl.	Opp.		
9-2 at New Orleans	40	34ot	(W)	70,940
9-10 at Philadelphia	14	10	(W)	55,935
9-16 Denver	17	20ot	(L)	57,677
9-23 at Detroit	23	24	(L)	56,249
9-30 Washington	7	16	(L)	56,819
10-7 Green Bay	25	7	(W)	56,184
10-14 at Oakland	19	50	(L)	52,900
10-21 at San Francisco	15	20	(L)	33,952
10-29 Seattle	28	31	(L)	52,566
11-4 Tampa Bay	17	14	(W)	55,150
11-11 at N.Y. Giants	3	24	(L)	60,860
11-19 at Los Angeles	14	20	(L)	54,097
11-25 New Orleans	6	37	(L)	42,815
12-2 at San Diego	28	26	(W)	50,198
12-9 Los Angeles	13	34	(L)	49,236
12-16 San Francisco	31	21	(W)	37,211
	300	388		

1981 (7-9)
Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date	Atl.	Opp.		
9-6 New Orleans	27	0	(W)	57,406
9-13 at Green Bay	31	17	(W)	55,382
9-20 San Francisco	34	17	(W)	56,653
9-27 at Cleveland	17	28	(L)	78,283
10-5 at Philadelphia	13	16	(L)	71,488
10-11 Los Angeles	35	37	(W)	57,841
10-18 St. Louis	41	20	(W)	51,428
10-25 N.Y. Giants	24	27ot	(L)	48,410
11-1 at New Orleans	41	10	(W)	63,637
11-8 at San Francisco	14	17	(L)	59,127
11-15 Pittsburgh	20	34	(L)	57,485
11-23 Minnesota	31	30	(W)	54,086
11-29 at Houston	31	27	(W)	40,201
12-6 at Tampa Bay	23	24	(L)	69,221
12-14 at Los Angeles	16	21	(L)	57,054
12-20 Cincinnati	28	30	(L)	35,972
	426	355		

1983 (7-9)
Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

Date	Atl.	Opp.		
9-4 at Chicago	20	17	(W)	60,165
9-11 New York Giants	13	16ot	(L)	52,850
9-18 at Detroit	30	14	(W)	54,622
9-25 at San Francisco	20	24	(L)	57,814
10-2 Philadelphia	24	28	(L)	50,621
10-9 New Orleans	17	19	(L)	51,654
10-16 at L.A. Rams	21	27	(L)	50,404
10-23 at N.Y. Jets	27	21	(W)	46,878
10-30 New England	24	13	(W)	47,546
11-6 at New Orleans	10	27	(L)	67,062
11-14 L.A. Rams	13	36	(L)	31,203
11-20 San Francisco	28	24	(W)	32,782
11-27 Green Bay	47	41ot	(W)	35,688
12-4 at Washington	21	37	(L)	52,074
12-10 at Miami	24	31	(L)	56,725
12-18 Buffalo	31	14	(W)	31,015
	370	389		

1984 (4-12)

Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

Date	Attl.	Opp.		
9-2	at New Orleans	36 28	(W)	66,652
9-9	Detroit	24 27ot	(L)	49,878
9-16	at Minnesota	20 27	(L)	53,955
9-23	Houston	42 10	(W)	45,248
9-30	at San Francisco	5 14	(L)	57,990
10-7	at Los Angeles	30 28	(W)	47,832
10-14	N.Y. Giants	7 19	(L)	50,268
10-22	Los Angeles	10 24	(L)	52,861
10-28	at Pittsburgh	10 35	(L)	55,971
11-5	at Washington	14 27	(L)	51,301
11-11	New Orleans	13 17	(L)	40,590
11-18	Cleveland	7 23	(L)	28,280
11-25	at Cincinnati	14 35	(L)	44,678
12-2	San Francisco	17 35	(L)	29,644
12-9	at Tampa Bay	6 23	(L)	33,808
12-16	Philadelphia	26 10	(W)	15,582
		281	382	

1986 (7-8-1)

Third Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

Date	Attl.	Opp.		
9-7	at New Orleans	31 10	(W)	67,950
9-14	St. Louis	33 13	(W)	46,463
9-21	at Dallas	37 35	(W)	62,880
9-28	at Tampa Bay	23 20ot	(W)	38,950
10-5	Philadelphia	0 16	(L)	57,104
10-12	L.A. Rams	26 14	(W)	51,662
10-19	San Francisco	10 10ot	(T)	55,306
10-26	at L.A. Rams	7 14	(L)	56,993
11-2	at New England	17 25	(L)	60,597
11-9	N.Y. Jets	14 28	(L)	53,476
11-16	Chicago	10 13	(L)	55,520
11-23	at San Francisco	0 20	(L)	58,747
11-30	at Miami	20 14	(W)	53,762
12-7	Indianapolis	23 28	(L)	30,397
12-14	New Orleans	9 14	(L)	39,994
12-21	at Detroit	20 6	(W)	35,255
		280	280	

1985 (4-12)

Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

Date	Attl.	Opp.		
9-8	Detroit	27 28	(L)	37,785
9-15	at San Francisco	16 35	(L)	58,923
9-22	Denver	28 44	(L)	37,903
9-29	at L.A. Rams	6 17	(L)	49,870
10-6	San Francisco	17 38	(L)	44,740
10-13	at Seattle	26 30	(L)	60,430
10-20	New Orleans	31 24	(W)	44,784
10-27	at Dallas	10 24	(L)	57,941
11-3	Washington	10 44	(L)	42,209
11-10	at Philadelphia	17 23ot	(L)	63,694
11-17	L.A. Rams	30 14	(W)	29,960
11-24	at Chicago	0 36	(L)	65,790
12-1	L.A. Raiders	24 34	(L)	20,585
12-8	at Kansas City	10 38	(L)	18,199
12-15	Minnesota	14 13	(W)	14,167
12-22	at New Orleans	16 10	(W)	37,717
		282	452	

1987 (3-12)

Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Marion Campbell

Date	Attl.	Opp.		
9-13	at Tampa Bay	10 48	(L)	51,250
9-20	Washington	21 20	(W)	50,882
9-27	at New Orleans (cancelled)			
10-4	Pittsburgh	12 28	(L)	16,667
* 10-11	San Francisco	17 25	(L)	8,684
10-18	Los Angeles	24 20	(W)	15,813
10-25	at Houston	33 37	(L)	29,062
11-1	New Orleans	0 38	(L)	42,196
11-8	at Cleveland	3 38	(L)	71,135
11-15	Cincinnati	10 16	(L)	25,758
11-22	at Minnesota	13 24	(L)	53,866
11-29	St. Louis	21 34	(L)	15,909
12-6	at Dallas	21 10	(W)	40,103
12-13	at Los Angeles	0 33	(L)	43,310
* 12-20	at San Francisco	7 35	(L)	54,698
12-27	Detroit	13 30	(L)	13,906
		205	436	

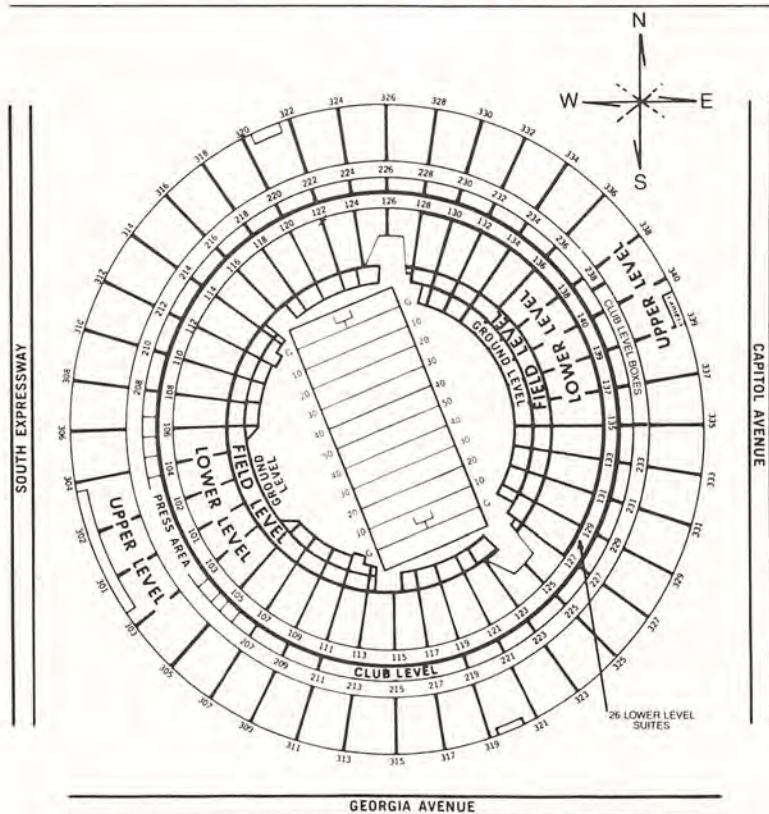
* Site change due to baseball playoffs

NFL ADOPTS 45-SECOND CLOCK, NEW RULES

The introduction of a 45-second clock marks the most notable change in the NFL in '88. For normal sequence of plays, the 45 seconds will begin when the ball is signaled dead. If the next play is not snapped in the 45-second time, the five-yard delay of game penalty will be enforced. For administrative stoppages, (e.g., change of possession, timeout, measurement), it will be 30 seconds from the signal by the referee until the ball is snapped.

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Ticket prices for 1988 remain at \$17 and \$13.

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'88 SCHEDULE

Preseason

		Kickoff
August 6	at New England	7:00 p.m.
August 13	KANSAS CITY	7:30 p.m.
August 20	TAMPA BAY	7:30 p.m.
August 27	Washington at Birmingham, AL	8:00 p.m.

Regular Season

September 4	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
September 11	NEW ORLEANS	1:00 p.m.
September 18	at San Francisco	4:00 p.m.
September 25	at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
October 2	SEATTLE	1:00 p.m.
October 9	LOS ANGELES RAMS	1:00 p.m.
October 16	at Denver	4:00 p.m.
October 23	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00 p.m.
October 30	at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
November 6	GREEN BAY	1:00 p.m.
November 13	SAN DIEGO	1:00 p.m.
November 20	at LA Raiders	4:00 p.m.
November 27	TAMPA BAY	1:00 p.m.
December 4	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 p.m.
December 11	at LA Rams	4:00 p.m.
December 18	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.

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1988 ATLANTA FALCON CHEERLEADING SQUAD

NAME	AGE	COLLEGE / UNIV.	NOTES
Mike Boland	23	West Georgia	Atlanta Baking Company
Michele Crawford	26	Georgia Tech	Norfolk Southern
*Scott Davis	23	Georgia Tech	full-time student
Antonio DeLaine	29	Jacksonville State	Gwinnett Gymnastic Ctr.
*Dennis Gillikin	24	West Georgia	Edward's Heat & Air
Allen Harkness	20	West Georgia	Internal Revenue Service
Chmaine Harvey	23	Georgia	American Medical
*Nicole Henry	19	West Georgia	full-time student
*Lee Hicks	22	Georgia	full-time student
*Rhett Hinesley	23	Georgia Southern	Dataman Incormation Service
Wendy Hopkins	20	Jacksonville State Georgia State	Angio Systems, Inc.
*Vince Jackson	21	Georgia Tech	Bio-Lab, Inc.
Lori Jones	21	West Georgia	Empire Paper Co.
*Todd Kitchens	23	Georgia Southern	Georgia Society of CPAs
*Tommy Martin	23	West Georgia Georgia State	Benton Brothers Film Express, Inc.
Kelly McCleskey	22	Georgia Southern	Z-93 Radio
*Carolyn Miller	19	West Georgia	full-time student
Tabitha Morrell	21	Georgia Georgia State	Cheer Tech, Inc.
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Trey Scott	21	Georgia	University Gymnastics Ctr.
*Sherrie Shackelford	21	Georgia	full-time student
*Michelle Silver	20	Georgia State	full-time student
*Lynn Wilkes	21	Georgia State	student assistant Georgia State

*First-year squad members



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FALCON TRAINING COMPLEX

The Falcons year-round home is this first-class Complex located off I-85 in Suwanee, GA. Completed in August of 1978, this facility provides all the needs for the players, coaches, & administrative personnel. This will be the 11th season for the Falcons here, with Training Camp operating here for a 10th consecutive year.

Included in the spacious 28,060 square-foot, two-story, red-brick building are the locker-room facilities, a training and rehabilitation room, a renovated weight room, the equipment room, player meeting rooms, coaches offices, scouting room, film/video library and all the club's administrative offices (except ticket office). There are six and a half acres of land available for practice fields. The lake out front of the Complex is used to recirculate water for the fields.

Construction began (more than 150,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved) on April 3, 1978, and was completed less than five months later. The club's administrative offices had been housed at the Atlanta Fulton County Stadium with summer camps in Greenville, S.C. (Furman University campus). This facility in growing Gwinnett County is approximately 30 miles northeast of downtown Atlanta, off Exit 44 of I-85.

Adjacent to the practice facility are the Falcon Inn and Conference Center and The Complex Club. The 100-room motel houses the players and provides the meals during camps and is also open to the public. The Complex Club is a health and racquetball facility available for player use and is a public-member club.

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Team Doctor	Dr. Charles Harrison
Team Doctor	Dr. John Garrett
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Equipment Assistant	Scott Zimmerman
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	(Receptionist) Jan Conley
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Marion Campbell
Assistant Head Coach/Defense	Fred Bruney
Assistant Head Coach/Offense	Jim Hanitan
Offensive Coordinator	Rod Dowhower
Defensive Line	Tom Brasher
Administrative Assistant	Scott Campbell
Linebackers	Chuck Clausen
Running Backs	Steve Crosby
Special Teams/Tight Ends	Foge Fazio
Defensive Assistant	Claude Humphrey
Strength & Conditioning	Tim Jorgensen
Wide Receivers	Jimmy Rayne

FALCON/NFL CALENDAR

Saturday, July 16	Rookies Report
Sunday, July 17	1st Practice
Friday, July 22	Veterans Physicals
Saturday, July 23	1st Full Squad Practice
Saturday, July 30	Hall of Fame Game (Rams vs. Bengals)
Sunday, July 31	American Bowl, London (Miami vs. San Francisco)
Saturday, August 6	Preseason Opener (at New England, 7 p.m.)
Saturday, August 13	Preseason Home Opener (Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.)
Sunday, August 14	NFL in Goteborg, Sweden (Chicago vs. Minnesota)
Monday, August 15-17	Practice with Kansas City Chiefs
Tuesday, August 23	Rosters Reduced to 60 Players
Friday, August 26	Kick-off Luncheon
Monday, August 29	Rosters Reduced to Final 47 Players
Sunday, September 4	Season Opener (at Detroit, 1 p.m.)
Sunday, September 11	Home Opener (New Orleans, 1 p.m.)
Tuesday, October 11	Trading Deadline
Tuesday-Wednesday, October 25-26	NFL Fall Meeting Chicago, IL
Sunday, December 18	Regular Season Ends
Sunday, December 25	Wild Card Playoffs
Saturday-Sunday, December 31-January 1	Divisional Playoffs
Sunday, January 8	Championship Games
Sunday, January 22	Super Bowl XXIII Miami, FL
Sunday, January 29	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl Honolulu, Hawaii
Monday-Friday, March 20-24	NFL Annual Meetings Palm Springs, CA



FALCON PRESEASON STATION

The official station for Falcon preseason football will once again be WAGA-TV (Channel 5, CBS). For the fifth straight year, the four Falcon preseason games will be shown (either live or taped) on WAGA.

Veteran play-by-play announcer Jeff Hullinger will return to the broadcast booth to provide the information as the Falcons prepare for the season.

1988 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

(All times local)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 (First Weekend)

1. Atlanta at Detroit 1:00
2. Cleveland at Kansas City 3:00
3. Dallas at Pittsburgh 1:00
4. Houston at Indianapolis 3:00
5. Los Angeles Rams at
Green Bay 12:00
6. Miami at Chicago 12:00
7. Minnesota at Buffalo 1:00
8. New York Jets at New England 4:00
9. Philadelphia at Tampa Bay 1:00
10. Phoenix at Cincinnati 1:00
11. San Diego at
Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
12. San Francisco at New Orleans 12:00
13. Seattle at Denver 2:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

14. Washington at New York Giants 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (Second Weekend)

15. Chicago at Indianapolis 12:00
16. Cincinnati at Philadelphia 4:00
17. Detroit at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
18. Kansas City at Seattle 1:00
19. Los Angeles Raiders at Houston 3:00
20. Miami at Buffalo 1:00
21. New England at Minnesota 3:00
22. New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00
23. New York Jets at Cleveland 4:00
24. Pittsburgh at Washington 1:00
25. San Diego at Denver 2:00
26. San Francisco at
New York Giants 1:00
27. Tampa Bay at Green Bay 12:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

28. Dallas at Phoenix 6:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 (Third Weekend)

29. Atlanta at San Francisco 1:00
30. Buffalo at New England 1:00
31. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 1:00
32. Denver at Kansas City 12:00
33. Green Bay at Miami 1:00
34. Houston at New York State 1:00
35. Los Angeles Rams at
Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
36. Minnesota at Chicago 12:00
37. New Orleans at Detroit 1:00
38. New York Giants at Dallas 3:00

39. Philadelphia at Washington 1:00
40. Phoenix at Tampa Bay 1:00
41. Seattle at San Diego 1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

42. Indianapolis at Cleveland 8:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (Fourth Weekend)

43. Atlanta at Dallas 12:00
44. Chicago at Green Bay 12:00
45. Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00
46. Los Angeles Rams at
New York Giants 4:00
47. Miami at Indianapolis 12:00
48. New England at Houston 12:00
49. New York Jets at Detroit 1:00
50. Philadelphia at Minnesota 12:00
51. Pittsburgh at Buffalo 1:00
52. San Diego at Kansas City 3:00
53. San Francisco at Seattle 1:00
54. Tampa Bay at New Orleans 12:00
55. Washington at Phoenix 1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

56. Los Angeles Raiders at Denver 6:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 (Fifth Weekend)

57. Buffalo at Chicago 12:00
58. Cincinnati at
Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
59. Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00
60. Denver at San Diego 1:00
61. Detroit at San Francisco 1:00
62. Green Bay at Tampa Bay 1:00
63. Houston at Philadelphia 1:00
64. Indianapolis at New England 1:00
65. Kansas City at New York Jets 4:00
66. Minnesota at Miami 4:00
67. New York Giants at Washington 1:00
68. Phoenix at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
69. Seattle at Atlanta 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

70. Dallas at New Orleans 8:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 (Sixth Weekend)

71. Chicago at Detroit 1:00
72. Denver at San Francisco 1:00
73. Indianapolis at Buffalo 1:00
74. Kansas City at Houston 12:00

76.	Miami at Los Angeles Raiders	1:00
77.	New England vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	12:00
78.	New Orleans at San Diego	1:00
79.	New York Jets at Cincinnati	1:00
80.	Pittsburgh at Phoenix	1:00
81.	Seattle at Cleveland	1:00
82.	Tampa Bay at Minnesota	12:00
83.	Washington at Dallas	12:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

84.	New York Giants at Philadelphia	9:00
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 (Seventh Weekend)

85.	Atlanta at Denver	2:00
86.	Cincinnati at New England	1:00
87.	Dallas at Chicago	12:00
88.	Detroit at New York Giants	1:00
89.	Green Bay at Minnesota	12:00
90.	Houston at Pittsburgh	1:00
91.	Los Angeles Raiders at Kansas City	12:00
92.	New Orleans at Seattle	1:00
93.	Philadelphia at Cleveland	1:00
94.	Phoenix at Washington	1:00
95.	San Diego at Miami	1:00
96.	San Francisco at Los Angeles Rams	1:00
97.	Tampa Bay at Indianapolis	12:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

98.	Buffalo at New York Jets	9:00
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 (Eighth Weekend)

99.	Cleveland at Phoenix	1:00
100.	Dallas at Philadelphia	1:00
101.	Denver at Pittsburgh	1:00
102.	Detroit at Kansas City	12:00
103.	Houston at Cincinnati	1:00
104.	Indianapolis at San Diego	1:00
105.	Los Angeles Raiders at New Orleans	12:00
106.	Minnesota at Tampa Bay	1:00
107.	New England at Buffalo	1:00
108.	New York Giants at Atlanta	1:00
109.	New York Jets at Miami	4:00
110.	Seattle at Los Angeles Rams	1:00
111.	Washington vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	12:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

112.	San Francisco at Chicago	8:00
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 (Ninth Weekend)

113.	Atlanta at Philadelphia	1:00
114.	Chicago at New England	1:00

115.	Cincinnati at Cleveland	1:00
116.	Green Bay at Buffalo	1:00
117.	Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders	1:00
118.	Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans	12:00
119.	Miami at Tampa Bay	1:00
120.	Minnesota at San Francisco	1:00
121.	New York Giants at Detroit	1:00
122.	Phoenix at Dallas	12:00
123.	Pittsburgh at New York Jets	1:00
124.	San Diego at Seattle	1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

125.	Washington at Houston	7:00
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

126.	Denver at Indianapolis	9:00
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 (Tenth Weekend)

127.	Buffalo at Seattle	1:00
128.	Dallas at New York Giants	1:00
129.	Detroit at Minnesota	12:00
130.	Green Bay at Atlanta	1:00
131.	Kansas City at Denver	2:00
132.	Los Angeles Rams at Philadelphia	1:00
133.	Miami at New England	1:00
134.	New Orleans at Washington	4:00
135.	New York Jets at Indianapolis	4:00
136.	Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	1:00
137.	San Francisco at Phoenix	2:00
138.	Tampa Bay at Chicago	12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

139.	Los Angeles Raiders at San Diego	5:00
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

140.	Cleveland at Houston	8:00
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (Eleventh Weekend)

141.	Chicago at Washington	1:00
142.	Cincinnati at Kansas City	12:00
143.	Cleveland at Denver	2:00
144.	Houston at Seattle	1:00
145.	Indianapolis at Green Bay	12:00
146.	Los Angeles Raiders at San Francisco	1:00
147.	New England at New York Jets	1:00
148.	New Orleans at Los Angeles Rams	1:00
149.	New York Giants at Phoenix	2:00
150.	Philadelphia at Pittsburgh	1:00
151.	San Diego at Atlanta	1:00
152.	Tampa Bay at Detroit	1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

153. Minnesota at Dallas 7:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

154. Buffalo at Miami 9:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 (Twelfth Weekend)

155. Atlanta at
Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
156. Chicago at Tampa Bay 1:00
157. Cincinnati at Dallas 12:00
158. Denver at New Orleans 12:00
159. Detroit vs. Green Bay at
Milwaukee 12:00
160. Indianapolis at Minnesota 12:00
161. New York Jets at Buffalo 1:00
162. Philadelphia at New York Giants 4:00
163. Phoenix at Houston 12:00
164. Pittsburgh at Cleveland 1:00
165. San Diego at
Los Angeles Rams 1:00
166. Seattle at Kansas City 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

167. New England at Miami 8:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

168. Washington at San Francisco 6:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 (Thirteenth Weekend) (Thanksgiving Day)

169. Minnesota at Detroit 12:30
170. Houston at Dallas 3:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

171. Buffalo at Cincinnati 1:00
172. Cleveland at Washington 1:00
173. Green Bay at Chicago 12:00
174. Kansas City at Pittsburgh 1:00
175. Los Angeles Rams at Denver 2:00
176. Miami at New York Jets 1:00
177. New England at Indianapolis 4:00
178. Phoenix at Philadelphia 1:00
179. San Francisco at San Diego 1:00
180. Tampa Bay at Atlanta 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

181. New York Giants at New Orleans 7:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

182. Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle 6:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 (Fourteenth Weekend)

183. Buffalo at Tampa Bay 1:00
184. Dallas at Cleveland 1:00
185. Denver at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00

186. Green Bay at Detroit 1:00
187. Indianapolis at Miami 1:00
188. New Orleans at Minnesota 12:00
189. New York Jets at Kansas City 3:00
190. Phoenix at New York Giants 1:00
191. San Diego at Cincinnati 1:00
192. San Francisco at Atlanta 1:00
193. Seattle at New England 1:00
194. Washington at Philadelphia 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

195. Pittsburgh at Houston 7:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

196. Chicago at Los Angeles Rams 6:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 (Fifteenth Weekend)

197. Indianapolis at New York Jets 12:30
198. Philadelphia at Phoenix 2:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

199. Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
200. Cincinnati at Houston 12:00
201. Dallas at Washington 1:00
202. Detroit at Chicago 12:00
203. Kansas City at New York Giants 1:00
204. Los Angeles Raiders at Buffalo 1:00
205. Minnesota at Green Bay 12:00
206. New Orleans at San Francisco 1:00
207. Pittsburgh at San Diego 1:00
208. Tampa Bay at New England 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

209. Denver at Seattle 5:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

210. Cleveland at Miami 9:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 (Sixteenth Weekend)

211. New England at Denver 2:00
212. Washington at Cincinnati 12:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

213. Atlanta at New Orleans 12:00
214. Buffalo at Indianapolis 1:00
215. Detroit at Tampa Bay 1:00
216. Green Bay at Phoenix 2:00
217. Houston at Cleveland 1:00
218. Kansas City at San Diego 1:00
219. Miami at Pittsburgh 1:00
220. New York Giants at
New York Jets 1:00
221. Philadelphia at Dallas 12:00
222. Seattle at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

223. Los Angeles Rams at
San Francisco 5:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

224. Chicago at Minnesota 8:00

FALCONS 1988 SCHEDULE

AWAY GAMES

Preseason

August 6	at New England	7:00 p.m.
August 27	Washington at Birmingham, AL	8:00 p.m.

Regular Season

Sept. 4	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	at San Francisco	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
October 16	at Denver	4:00 p.m.
October 30	at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 20	at L.A. Raiders	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	at L.A. Rams	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 18	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.

ALL TIMES LOCAL (Atlanta)

HOME GAMES

Preseason

August 13	KANSAS CITY	7:30 p.m.
August 20	TAMPA BAY	7:30 p.m.

Regular Season

Sept. 11	NEW ORLEANS	1:00 p.m.
October 2	SEATTLE	1:00 p.m.
October 9	L.A. RAMS	1:00 p.m.
October 23	N.Y. GIANTS	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	GREEN BAY	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	SAN DIEGO	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 27	TAMPA BAY	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 4	SAN FRAN.	1:00 p.m.

Falcons On The Air

For the fourth consecutive season, all Atlanta Falcon games will be broadcast live over the WSB (750 AM) network. The 50,000-watt "Sports Voice of the South" will take to the booth with a revamped lineup of Larry Munson, Jeff Van Note, and Bobby Harper. The live action will be sent out over the five-state, 59-station radio network.

JEFF VAN NOTE, who has played more games than any player in Falcon history, will serve as the color commentator. After 18 years and 246 NFL games as the Falcon center, Jeff has a complete understanding of the sport. The six-time Pro Bowl selection graduated from Kentucky and played a year of semi-pro ball in Huntsville, Alabama, before making it on his second try with the Falcons. The 42-year old worked with the Falcons preseason TV network last year and did a weekly "Final Note" show for WAGA.

LARRY MUNSON, a tradition in area sports broadcasting, has been the voice of the University of Georgia for the past 22 years. His style and his following are inimitable as he's been frequently honored, including by the Georgia Senate and General Assembly. His career has included work with the Atlanta Braves, Vanderbilt, Nashville Vols baseball of the Southern Association, and the University of Wyoming. He's a grad of Moorhead State (Minn.).

BOBBY HARPER, an Atlanta radio personality who has made magazine covers, will serve as the pregame "Tailgate" show host, as well as provide halftime interviews and post-game call-in discussions. A native of western Canada, he graduated from William Jewell College (MO). A morning drive show host for WSB, Bobby will be doing Falcon football for a fourth season.

NETWORK

ALABAMA

WDLK-AM
WFPA-AM
WABB-AM
WREZ-AM
WJLC-AM

FLORIDA

WAPE-AM

GEORGIA

WODE-AM

WISK-AM

WPUR-FM

WRFC-AM

WSB-AM

WGAC-AM

WBBK-AM

WMOG-AM

WGRA-AM

WPPI-AM

WRCG-AM

WTTI-AM

WXL-AM

WUFF-AM

WUFF-FM

WVHB-AM

WDLN-AM

WBTY-FM

WFO-AM

WMY-AM

WPEH-AM

WPEH-FM

WBBT-AM

WMAZ-AM

WYTH-AM

WDAX-AM

WDAX-FM

WVUG-AM

WKZR-FM

WMTM-FM

WKCX-FM

WBAQ-FM

WVNS-AM

WXZE-AM

WJAT-FM

WTGA-AM

WTGA-FM

WLOR-AM

WTTA-AM

WVGS-AM

WVNS-AM

WSAF-AM

WLOV-AM

WLOV-FM

WRLD-AM

SOUTH CAROLINA

WPJB-FM

WJMA-AM

WVOC-AM

WSPA-AM

WWKT-FM

TENNESSEE

WDBS-AM

WBAC-AM

Dadeville
Fort Payne
Mobile
Montgomery
Opelika

Jacksonville

Albany

Americus

Americus

Athens

Atlanta

Augusta

Blakely

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Dublin

Eastman

Eastman

Fitzgerald

Gainesville

Homerville

Jesup

LaGrange

Louisville

Louisville

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Madison

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