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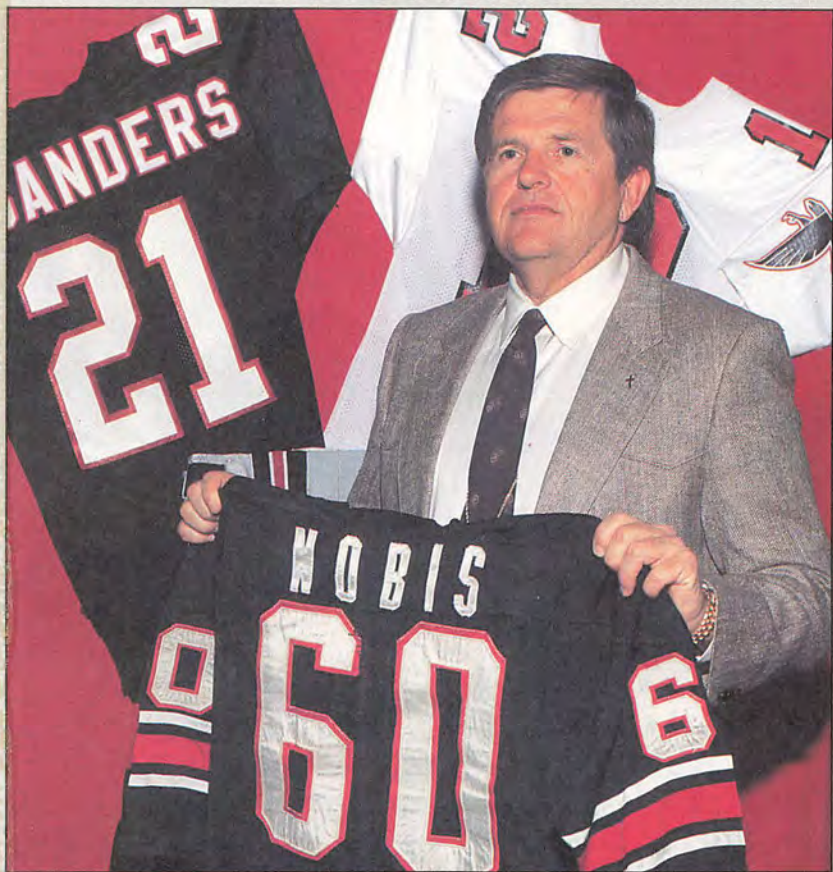


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ATLANTA FALCONS

25TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON



The Falcons 25th season includes going "Back in Black" jerseys. New Head Coach Jerry Glanville holds a black jersey worn by Tommy Nobis in 1968 as the new jerseys are behind him. From 1966-71, the Falcons wore black and the 1990 jersey is identical to the '66 jersey. Also for 1990, the Falcons will sport black helmets, an idea in the works several years ago.

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**Atlanta Falcons
1966
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Falcon Facts



Falcon Facts



Coach Hecker Puts Early Emphasis On Defense for 1966 Falcon Team

With the team's success as a three-point strategy, early on and a strong emphasis on defense, Coach Hecker has indicated that the 1966 team will be a defensive team. Hecker's strategy is to build a strong defense and then attack. Hecker's strategy is to build a strong defense and then attack.

FALCONS DRAFT, SIGN TOP COLLEGE

In the early of the 1966 National Football League draft, the Atlanta Falcons have signed a number of top college players. The team has signed a number of top college players, including a number of top college players. The team has signed a number of top college players, including a number of top college players.

On June 30, 1965, 41-year old Rankin M. Smith was awarded the 15th franchise in the NFL, paying a record \$8.5 million. In August, the nickname Falcons was chosen and in a seven-week Nov.-Dec. blitz, 45,000 season tickets were sold to set an NFL record. The first two NFL players signed were RB Bob Paremore and WR Gary Barnes in Sept. of '65, followed by the Nov. draft with number one picks Tommy Nobis and Randy Johnson. The AFL-NFL merged in June of '66 and the Falcons had to join the "Coastal" Division with the Rams, 49ers, and Baltimore Colts. On July 2, 1966, the team practiced for the first time at camp in Black Mountain, N.C. (near Asheville). That summer of '65 saw both the AFL (to Cox Broadcasting for \$7.5 million) and NFL award franchises in Atlanta. A several month war ended in the Stadium accepting the NFL/Smith offer over AFL/Cox proposal.



On Sept. 11, 1966, the Falcons opened before 54,418 at Atlanta Stadium vs. the L.A. Rams. Commissioner Pete Rozelle joined Mr. Smith and local dignitaries like Gov. Carl Sanders and Mayor Ivan Allen in ceremonies. Gary Barnes scored the 1st Falcon TD on a 53-yard pass from Randy Johnson in a 19-14 Ram victory.



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BATTLE OF THE PROS FOR THE COLLEGE STADIUM

Number One Draft Choice Tommy Nobis



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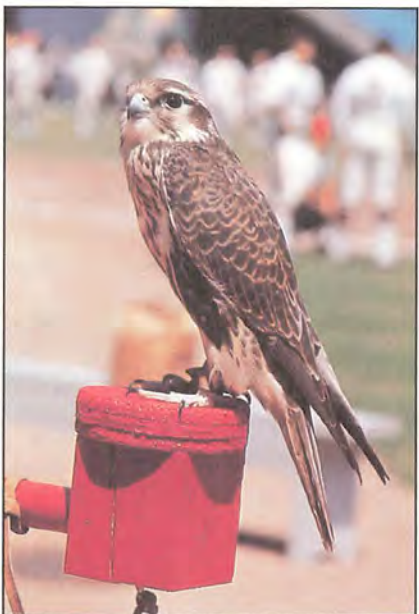
The Falcons hired former Vince Lombardi assistant, Norb Hecker, as the Head Coach on Jan. 26, 1966, while NFL veteran scout, Gene Cronin, was the Director of Player Personnel to gather the team. The first draft pick was LB Tommy Nobis, who promptly became NFL Rookie of the Year and later the club's first all-pro in 1967. New uniforms were given a big debut with black jerseys that are being brought back for 1990. The Falcons, nicknamed by a Georgia school teacher, Julia Elliott, was picked by a panel that consisted of Georgia Coach Vince Dooley, Georgia Tech Coach Bobby Dodd, Atlanta Constitution and Journal sports editors Jesse Outlar and Furman Bisher, and WSB P.R. Director Phil Harrison. Actual Falcons flew at all home games. Over 130 players attended the first training camp held on Black Mountain near Asheville, N.C., where neighbor Billy Graham was one of the first visitors. Atlanta's first NFL win came over the Giants at Yankee Stadium on Nov. 30.



Nick Raskas Jumps While Tommy Nobis and Randy Johnson Hold Banner

New Colorful Uniforms Receive First Showing in Atlanta Stadium

The first preseason game: Aug. 1, 1966





In 1968, fiery Norm Van Brocklin became Head Coach. 1971 was marked by his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the Falcons first winning season and the club's first win on Monday Night television. In '73, he led the team to a 9-5 season with 35 club records falling in a season opening, 62-7, rout of the rival New Orleans Saints.

Falcons Winner, But Not Satisfied

Monday, December 20, 1971

The Atlanta Constitution

By AL THOMY

Continued from page 1

NEW ORLEANS, La. — There were smiles and quiet laughter, but the Atlanta Falcons clubhouse was not a scene of jubilation here Sunday afternoon. A victory beyond comparison for the Falcons, but the team's heart is becoming professional on the field and off.

They were happy to beat New Orleans, 24-17, and wind up their first winning season, were these Falcons, but there had been many lost opportunities along the way and they were not exactly satisfied with a 7-6 season.

That is another indication of professionalism. They dressed quietly and left, none of them for home in California, Oregon and other parts from coast to coast.

It really was a great game," said a smiling Norm Van Brocklin. "And it was a great way to win it, taking it on a determined drive with the clock winding against us in the last second. The elation from that game in San Diego was a conventional down and out and the play was executed perfectly."

A New Orleans reporter tried to misquote Van Brocklin.



Ken Burrow

in a professional position of knowing the Saints.

"They must not have been that stuff," said Van Brocklin. "You can't quote me on saying the Saints are the most improved team in football, and they played a helluva game today. We were surprised in our hitting, but they came to us. You could tell that by the game and by the score."

"If you're trying to get out to knock the Saints, forget it. They're a fine football team. You say that they need some trades. Perhaps they'd like to trade you."

The winner played his pocket in his pocket and station (a).

The hero of the 19th and 20th games of the season was the same rookie who was the hero of the first game, wide receiver Ken Burrow of San Diego State, a second-round draft choice. For the second time this season young Burrow played the game as if he were a pro.

He scored the clincher on a 22-yarder and set up the winning touchdown by spending 34 yards with a Berry pass on the fourth quarter.

"This game was absolutely exciting to me," said Burrow, after the crowd poured up a cheer. "I thought I had a pretty good season and I was disappointed to do it."

Finally, I know the criticism they put for drafting the son of San Diego State.

"Maybe this will show the fans, the football people and the press that the Falcons had a good draft. It was a big mistake, but maybe showed them the fact that we really are looking at a team's draft of anything else."

"San Diego State isn't so bad, is it?"

Burrow smiled but friendly smile. A reporter had to agree that, more than anything else, Burrow made the Falcons draft a success.

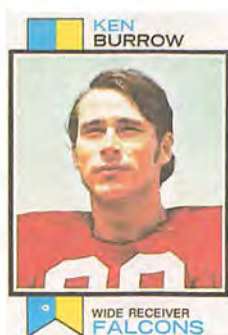
"Hey," interrupted defensive end Claude Humphrey, who played his last all-pro on this particular afternoon at Turner Stadium. "Don't forget to Tom Hayes over there. He played so well today he made my job easier. He's one of our San Diego State alumni."

Humphrey, who kept Saint quarterback's Austin Musick company, most of the afternoon, looked back over the season and, almost he didn't say as easily as most players.

"We and this," said Humphrey. "John Zink had a great game and played some hell. I've played well, but I guess a lot of people realize. I don't feel like I had a great season. I just feel like I had a good one."

A B-lieveable Story

In 1971, the Falcons posted their first ever winning season, beating New Orleans to finish 7-6-1. This B-lieveable story featured numerous heroes whose name began with B. Offensively, Bob Berry passed for over 2,000 yards, hitting 60% of his passes, while veteran Jim Butler led the team in rushing a fourth season. Rookie WR Ken Burrow set club records with a pair of 190-yard games. In the New Orleans season ending win, he scored on an 84-yard 4th quarter play and then caught the game-winning 22-yard pass with 34 seconds left. Kicker Bill Bell led the team in scoring while punter Billy Lothridge led the team a sixth season in his specialty. Defensively, LB Greg Brezina and S Ray Brown were hitters, but it was Big Claude Humphrey who made the Pro Bowl. Willie Belton was rookie of the year for the Falcons with a 25.2 return average. And, the biggest B who gave the team belief in themselves was Norm Van Brocklin.



Ball carriers attract attention and headlines, with Falcon runners conjuring up memories as well. Leaders have included Junior Coffey (1st 100-yard game, Week 8, 1966 vs. Browns), first-win hero Ernie Wheelwright, four-time rushing leader Jim "Cannonball" Butler, first 1,000-yard rusher Dave Hampton (after 997 and 995 near misses), rugged Art Malone, flashy Harmon Wages club record 66-yard run and 88-yard catch for TD's, two-time leader Bubba Bean, Haskel Stanback's 25 TD's, elusive Lynn Cain, three-time Pro Bowler, three-time 1,000-yard rusher, and holder of the top three best games (202, 197, 172) Gerald Riggs, and current Pro Bowl 1,000-yard runner John Settle.



Gerald Riggs



John Settle



Dave Hampton

William Andrews was the NFL's leading rusher from 1979-83, producing four 1,000-yard seasons, earning four Pro Bowl berths, plus setting club receiving records for season (81) and game (15). His 22 100-yard games featured 167 in his first NFL game in 1979, a career rushing average of 4.55, and a season best 4.94 average. A freak training camp knee injury in 1984 was the only thing to ever stop William Andrews.

MEET THE FALCONS GRITS BLITZ

Friday, October 21, 1977

by Lewis Grizzard

Ludlow Porch is a slightly mad Atlanta radio talk show host. For two hours each weekday, he goes on the air and says whatever comes to mind. Strange things come to his mind...

Monday, Porch decided the Atlanta Falcons defensive team needed a nickname. "What's a good defense," he asked, "without a good nickname?" The Atlanta Falcons have a good defense. Through five games, the Atlanta Falcons have had an incredible defense. Five opponents have scored only 22 points.

Back to the Atlanta defense. It is anchored by defensive end Claude

Humphrey, who likes to discuss the weather with quarterbacks after he takes their heads off. Young Jeff Mewrow has also been strong on the pass rush. Tommy Nobis retired, but the Falcons are perhaps even stronger now at linebacker with Greg Brezina and Ralph Ortega.

There were some classics in the name-the-Falcon defense contest. Like the Southern Bell-Ringers. Like the Dr. No-Gains. Like the Cracker Sackers. A transplanted Yankee suggested The Sherman Tanks. Porch explained the problem there.

He hasn't selected a winner yet. He is leaning, however, to a suggestion from a lady who called in from Stone Mountain.

"The Gritz Blitz," she offered. "That," responded Porch, "sounds like a winner to me."

(Long-time Falcon season ticket holders Gordon and Barbara Whaley from Stone Mountain had come up with the Gritz Blitz and got approval from Falcon coaches to use it as the official name. They copyrighted the slogan, made banners for the Stadium, and sold nearly 30,000 T-shirts in the 1978 season.)

In the six seasons from 1977-1982, the Falcons enjoyed three Playoff seasons, a 47-44 record, and numerous club records. On Feb. 3, Mr. Smith hired Leeman Bennett (below, center) as Head Coach and Eddie LeBaron as General Manager. The Falcons record defense included assistant coaches Jerry Glanville and Doug Shively. As the 1980 team went 12-4 and set a club mark with nine consecutive wins, the Gritz Blitz gained national attention. The defense had season highs of 47, 46, and 42 QB sacks that still stand (including nine in one game in '77) and the offense set club marks in '81 with 426 points and 5,661 yards behind Steve Bartkowski. The Falcons are still in the NFL record books for only giving up 129 points in the 1977 season (14 games) with seven games giving up seven points or less and two shutouts.





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Ho, Ho, Ho! Another Miracle

Falcons Rally To Beat Eagles, 14-13; Face Dallas Next

The Falcons' victory over the Eagles was a true miracle. The team had been struggling all season, but they managed to pull off a comeback win in the final minutes of the game. The Falcons' defense was key in the victory, holding the Eagles to a field goal in the fourth quarter. The Falcons' offense also played a crucial role, scoring a touchdown in the final minute of the game. The Falcons' victory was a testament to their resilience and teamwork.

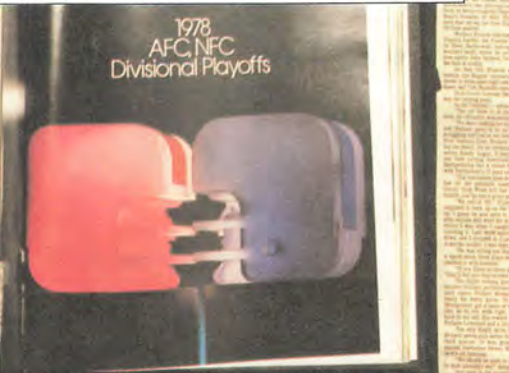


Strange Phenomenon Hits Atlanta Sports

A strange phenomenon has been hitting Atlanta sports. In the past few weeks, several teams have experienced unusual events. The Falcons, for example, won a game in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. The Braves also won a game in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. The Atlanta Braves' victory was a testament to their resilience and teamwork. The Falcons' victory was a testament to their resilience and teamwork.



1978 marked the Falcons first Playoff season, one highlighted by a Monday TV win over the Rams, 15-7, 'Big Ben' last second heroics, a first-ever shutout at home by the Grits Blitz defense that had a club record 47 QB sacks. This thrilling Christmas Eve victory here in Atlanta over the Eagles ignited Atlanta into "Winnersville." Next week in Dallas, the Falcons aggressive play produced a 20-13 halftime lead and knocked Staubach out of the game, but the home Cowboys rallied to end the Falcons dream.



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Falcons Are Champions For The First Time Ever

The Atlanta Falcons won a franchise record 12 games, including nine in a row, to clinch the NFC West title with a 35-10 rout of the 49ers. The offense had Steve Bartkowski passing for a club record 31 TD's with 3,544 yards, had William Andrews running for 1,308 yards, and had Alfred Jenkins catching, passing for 1,025 yards. The defense was setting a club mark with 26 interceptions and making 46 sacks, while scoring four TD's of their own. In the Playoffs here in Atlanta, Dallas overcame a 27-17 Falcon 4th quarter advantage on a pair of TD's by WR Drew Pearson to break the Falcons hearts, 30-27.



Atlanta Falcons Fans Wave & Up During Sunday's Falcons Victory Over San Francisco.

Falcons

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Next year is here!



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How the West Was Won In 1980.

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There's no joy in Tuscaloosa today following Georgia Tech's stunning 24-21 upset of No. 2-ranked Alabama Saturday. But there's no doubt in Atlanta that the Tech legend is alive and well.



BULLDOGS: 2-0

It wasn't as easy as the opening game victory over Tennessee, but the Bulldogs' 27-13 win against California Saturday was good enough to improve on last week's No. 8 ranking.



FALCONS: 2

If you missed the final 15 minutes of the Atlanta Falcons' game Sunday, you're not going to believe this. The Falcons won, repeat won, 31-17, scoring all of their points in the first quarter.



Trailing 17-0, Falcons rally to win 31-17

BIG BEN!

Nov. 12, 1978 — At New Orleans, Steve Bartkowski lofted a 57-yard pass that Wallace Francis tipped from a pack of defenders to Alfred Jackson for a TD as Big Ben struck for a 20-17 Falcon win in the closing seconds.

Nov. 20, 1983 — In Atlanta, Bartkowski lobbed a 42-yard pass vs. the 49ers that was tipped and then caught by an alert Billy 'White Shoes' Johnson at the five as he scrambled on into the end zone for a 28-24 win over rival San Francisco.

62-7

On September 16, 1973, the Falcons opened the season at New Orleans vs. their arch rival Saints at Tulane Stadium. By late afternoon, 35 Falcons' club records were broken or tied as the Falcons posted a 62-7 win. A potent rushing game (218 yards), a hot passer in QB Dick Shiner (13-15, 227, 3 TD), and a feisty defense that intercepted six passes (one returned for a TD) made the day memorable.

REMEMBERING...

Nov. 19, 1973 — The unbeaten Minnesota Vikings come to town to face a hot Falcon team (five wins in a row) before a national Monday Night TV audience. Atlanta won, 20-14, and a play from that game was voted the best scramble by a QB in the 20 years of Monday Night TV. Bob Lee avoided a sack, rolled to the sideline, cut back in, and lofted a 39-yard TD to Eddie Ray as 58,850 roared.

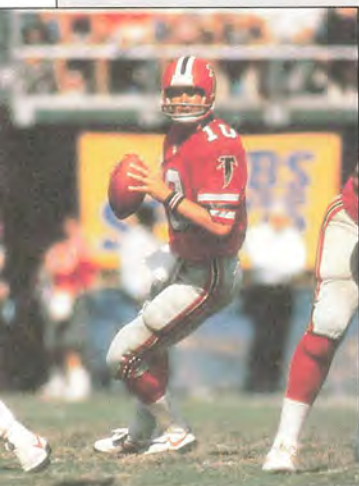
Sept., 1986 — Falcons opened season with four consecutive wins over Saints, Cardinals, Cowboys, and Buccaneers for best start in club history.

1980-81 Win Streak — A nine-game win streak from Oct. 19 through Dec. 14 in 1980 was the club's longest ever. Coupled with a three-game win streak to start 1981, that gave the Falcons 12 of 13 and 14 of the last 16 games streaks. Only an overtime loss by a field goal marred the 12 of 13 streak.

Dec. 19, 1982 — A 17-7 win over the defending Super Bowl champion 49ers clinched the Falcons third Playoff berth in the last five years. Credit the offensive line that provided 57 running plays for 223 yards in the nationally televised Sunday night game. The Falcons later lost the Playoff game at Minnesota, 30-24, after leading 21-16 after three quarters.

May 17, 1982 — Season tickets sales ended after reaching a club record 55,144. The single game attendance record is 60,022 for the Dallas game on Jan. 4, 1981.

SPECIAL



QB Steve Bartkowski



C Jeff Van Note

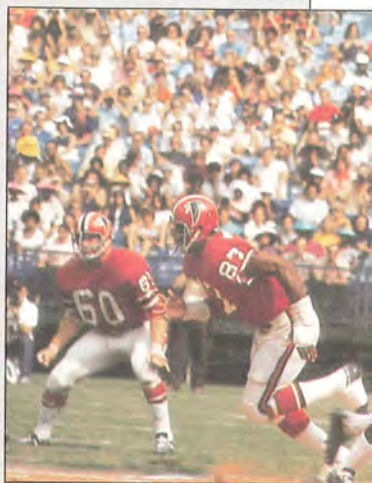
- Nov. 30, 1966 Randy Johnson throws for three TD's as Falcons win first game, 27-16.
- Dec. 7, 1969 Harmon Wages set club records for longest TD catch (88) and longest TD run (66) in the same game (vs. Saints) that both still stand. To make it even more special, he threw a TD pass in that game (16 yards).
- Sept. 27, 1970 Bob Berry has the first 300-yard passing game in club history, 28 of 44, for 302 yards vs. Green Bay.
- Oct. 1, 1972 Both running backs Dave Hampton and Art Malone rush for over 100 yards (161 and 103) to rout Rams, 31-3.
- Dec. 17, 1972 Dave Hampton becomes the club's first 1,000-yard rusher, then loses six yards on next carry, and ends season with 995.
- Dec. 17, 1978 Dennis Pearson goes the full 100 yards with a kickoff return vs. St. Louis for a club record.
- Sept. 2, 1979 William Andrews sets a then club record with a 167-yard rushing game in his NFL debut vs. Saints.
- Sept. 20, 1981 Tommy Pridemore sets a club record with a 101-yard interception return in win over 49ers.
- Nov. 15, 1981 Steve Bartkowski sets club records with 416 yards passing (33-50) vs. Steelers en route to 31-TD season.
- Oct. 9, 1983 Alfred Jenkins streak is stopped at 103 games with a pass reception, but is still a club record.

MOMENTS

- Nov. 27, 1983 Kenny Johnson becomes only 12th player in NFL history to score two TD's with interceptions. The second won the game in overtime over Green Bay.
- Sept. 2, 1984 Gerald Riggs sets a club record with 202 yards in first NFL start vs. New Orleans.
- Sept. 8, 1985 Billy 'White Shoes' Johnson becomes the NFL's all-time punt returner vs. Detroit, still holding the record for returns and yards.
- Oct. 27, 1985 Mick Luckhurst's streak of consecutive field goals made ends at 17. His streak of 68 games scored in consecutively ended later in '85.
- Dec. 14, 1986 Jeff Van Note Day is held to honor his 246 games played over 18 seasons.
- 1988 Season John Settle becomes the 1st free agent since '70 merger to rush for 1,000 yards and Scott Case sets club record for interceptions (10).
- Pro Bowlers Claude Humphrey and Van Note share the club record of six Pro Bowl appearances, followed by Tommy Nobis and Mike Kenn with five selections.
- Sept. 10, 1989 Rookie Deion Sanders returns punt 68 yards for TD in first quarter vs. Rams. He became the only modern day athlete to hit home run (Yankees) and score TD in the same week.
- Dec. 24, 1989 Chris Miller set club marks by completing 37 of 66 passes (2nd most in NFL history) vs. Detroit. His 280 of 526 passes were second most in club season history.



WR Billy 'White Shoes' Johnson



Perennial Pro Bowlers
Claude Humphrey
and Tommy Nobis



The Class of '90 includes #1 pick RB Steve Broussard, #2 selection Darion Conner, #3 choice Oliver Barnett, and the trade that brought WR Andre Rison and Chris Hinton (below).

THE 25TH SEASON

Personnel veteran Ken Herock continues to make the Falcons hopes for the 1990's look bright. On draft day this spring, he parlayed his #1 pick for Pro Bowler Chris Hinton and all-rookie Andre Rison, plus getting early in the draft RB Steve Broussard, Darion Conner, and Oliver Barnett. All told now the Falcons have 13 first round draft picks on the roster and have two more 1st round choices next year (theirs and Colts in above trade).

On offense, the Falcons now have a 25-year old QB who led the NFL in lowest interception percentage while passing for 3,459 yards and both all-NFL rookie receivers last year (Shawn Collins and Rison). When Chris Miller isn't passing to any of his targets in the new Red Gun offense, he's got dependable runners like Pro Bowl 1,000-yarder John Settle and the speedy rookie Broussard. The line now shows experience and depth with six-time Pro Bowler Hinton, four-time Pro Bowler Bill Fralic, five-time Pro Bowler Mike Kenn, veterans of over 100 NFL games in Ronnie Lee, Ben Utt, and John Scully, and young veterans like Jamie Dukes, Houston Hoover, Stan Clayton, and Mike Ruether.

On defense, aggressive and attacking Glanville will count on second-team all Pro tackle Tony Casillas, Pro Bowl defensive back Scott Case, a host of under-25 linebackers like Aundray Bruce, Marcus Cotton, Jessie Tuggle, and rookie Darion Conner, plus flashy CB Deion Sanders, whose five interceptions led the team and all NFL rookies in '89.



Six-time Pro Bowl T Chris Hinton

KICKOFF

ATLANTA FALCONS 25th ANNIVERSARY SCHEDULE

Preseason

Sat., Aug. 11	at Washington Redskins (Chapel Hill, NC)	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 18	CINCINNATI BENGALS	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 25	at Green Bay Packers (Shrine Game - Milwaukee)	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 31	at New England Patriots	7:30 p.m.

25th Anniversary Regular Season

Sun., Sept. 9	HOUSTON OILERS	4:00 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 16	at Detroit Lions	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23	at San Francisco 49ers	4:00 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 30	Bye Weekend	
Sun., Oct. 7	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 14	SAN FRANCISCO 49ers	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 21	at Los Angeles Rams	4:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 28	CINCINNATI BENGALS	8:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 4	at Pittsburgh Steelers	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 11	at Chicago Bears	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 18	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 25	at New Orleans Saints	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 2	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 9	PHOENIX CARDINALS	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 16	at Cleveland Browns	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 23	LOS ANGELES RAMS	1:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 30	DALLAS COWBOYS	1:00 p.m.

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NFL SEASON	25th (Since '66 season)
TEAM COLORS	Black, Red, Silver & White

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DAY OF GAME: The Press Will Call Window (Gate G) opens two hours before kickoff. Enter through Gate F, take a right to the press elevator, then exit right off the elevator to the press box. The press box is open except during inclement weather when sliding glass windows will be closed. Parking passes are accepted only in the South Lot from the Capitol Avenue exit. Three courtesy telephones are available to be shared. Media needing their own should contact the telephone company well in advance.

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 9:00 am and 3:00 pm; regular season practice is approximately 1 pm. Interviews can be arranged through the P.R. office with an open locker room during the season after the practice.

WEEKLY CONFERENCES: Head Coach Jerry Glanville will meet with the media on Monday (approximately 3:30 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.

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FALCON/NFL CALENDAR

Thursday, July 26	Reporting Date
Friday, July 27	1st Team Practice
Saturday, August 4	Hall of Fame Game, Canton, OH (Cleveland vs. Chicago)
Sunday, August 5	Falcons Scrimmage vs. Philadelphia Macon, Henderson High Stadium 2:30 p.m., Charity Benefit
Sunday, August 5	American Bowl, Tokyo, Japan (Seattle vs. Denver)
	American Bowl, London, England (New Orleans vs. Raiders)
Saturday, August 11	First Preseason Game, 7:30 p.m. (At Washington in Chapel Hill, NC)
	American Bowl, Berlin, Germany (Kansas City vs. Los Angeles Rams)
Friday, August 17	Falcons Charity Kickoff Luncheon Marriott Marquis, Noon
Saturday, August 18	Only Home Preseason Game (Cincinnati Bengals, 7 p.m.)
Saturday, August 25	Third Preseason Game (At Green Bay in Milwaukee, 7 p.m.)
Tuesday, August 28	Roster Cut Down To 60 Active Players by 4 p.m.
Friday, August 31	Fourth Preseason Game (At New England Patriots, 7:30 p.m.)
Monday, September 3	Roster Cut Down to 47 Active Players by Noon
Tuesday, September 4	Developmental Squads May Be Established (Limit of 6), After 4 p.m.
Sunday, September 9	Regular Season Begins At Home (Houston Oilers, 4 p.m.)
Tuesday, October 16	Trading Period Ends, 4 p.m.
Tuesday/Wednesday, October 16-17	NFL Fall Meeting Chicago, Illinois
Tuesday, December 18	Final Pro Bowl Balloting
Monday, December 31	Regular Season Ends
Saturday/Sunday, January 5-6	First Round of Playoffs
Saturday/Sunday, January 12-13	Second Round of Playoffs
Sunday, January 20	AFC-NFC Championships
Sunday, January 27	Super Bowl XXV Tampa, Florida
Monday, January 28	Trading Period Begins
Friday, February 1	Contract Expiration Date and Qualifying Offers Due Date
Sunday, February 3	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl Honolulu, Hawaii
Wednesday-Sunday, February 6-10	Combine Scouting/Testing Indianapolis Hoosier Dome
Monday-Friday, March 17-22	NFL Annual Meetings Waikoloa, Kona, Hawaii
Saturday-Wednesday, April 6-10	NFL PR Meetings Phoenix, Arizona
Sunday-Monday, April 21-22	NFL College Draft

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RANKIN M. SMITH

**CHAIRMAN
OF
THE BOARD**



Personal

Rankin McEachern Smith was born on Oct. 29, 1924 in Atlanta. His middle name comes from his grandfather, John Newton McEachern, who was the co-founder of the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. His family includes five children: Rankin, Jr., Carrol Christine (Mrs. Donald Walraven), Dorothy Ann (Mrs. John O. Knox), Taylor, and Nancy Karen. Rankin is married to the former Charlotte Lillard Topping, who has four children of her own. The Smith's live in the northwest section of Atlanta and also have residences in Thomasville (plantation) and in Vero Beach, FL (condominium).

Education

Smith went to North Fulton High and Marist Schools in Atlanta and then spent a year at Jacksonville's Bolles School, where he competed on the football team. He went to Emory University for a year before serving in the Army Air Corps as a combat pilot from 1943-46. Rankin enrolled at Georgia after his stint in the army and roomed with Carl Sanders, who would become Governor of the state.

Business

He started out as a summer clerk for Life of Georgia Insurance company ('43) and became a full-time agent in Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1947. Rankin was elevated to assistant manager ('49) when he came back to Atlanta. He continued to work his way up through the ranks until he was named President and Chief Executive Officer in 1970. He was elected Chairman of the Board in 1975 before retiring in 1977. He is a member of the Board of Directors for Aaron Rents.

Sports

Smith played the instrumental role in landing Super Bowl XXVIII in 1994 for the city of Atlanta. A well-respected senior owner, his years of loyal service to the League paid off. Favorable sentiment and support for Smith was widespread throughout the League which was a key when it came time to vote on a site. "It's a victory for Rankin and the city of Atlanta," said Browns owner Art Modell. "He's been a great owner and it's been a great franchise city."

"Mr. Smith has stood up for myself and other people around the league many times when we needed help," echoed long time owner Wellington Mara of the Giants. "He's been a good league member."

"He's been one heck of an owner and he deserves it," said 49er boss Eddie DeBartolo.

Smith got his first taste in sports by being involved in a group called Major Sports, Inc., which worked to create the Continental Baseball League. The efforts of the CBL stopped when the Braves came to town but Major Sports stayed active and formed what would be known as the Stadium Authority, which would be responsible for building Fulton County Stadium. The AFL granted a franchise to J. Leonard Reinsch of Cox Broadcasting on June 8, 1965. In turn, the NFL took bids from Mr. Smith, the R. J. Reynolds Co. and Lindsey Hopkins. Smith's offer of \$8.5 million was accepted on June 30, and an NFL club was granted to Atlanta, signaling an end to the AFL bid.

In their inaugural season, Smith's Falcons tied an NFL mark for wins by an expansion team (three) and established a League record for season ticket sales by a new franchise. He has seen his team advance to the Playoffs three times (1978, 1980 and 1982), capturing an NFC Western Division flag in 1980. Having been involved in professional sports since the 1950's, Smith's dedication to the Falcons is evidenced by the fact that he constructed one of the NFL's model practice facilities in Suwanee, GA in 1978.

During his experiences as an NFL owner, Smith has watched over the Management Council for six years along with the likes of Vince Lombardi, Art Modell, and Jim Finks. A co-Chairman of the Pension Committee for seven years, he is also the only owner member of the Coaches-Front Office Pension Committee to serve on the board since its beginning. He will serve for the eighth straight year on the NFL Finance Committee this season.

Entering his 25th season as sole owner of the Falcons, Smith ranks in the top ten in seniority among all the League's owners.

Community

A civic-minded Smith has donated both time and money to charitable causes in the state of Georgia. Through the years he has donated over \$6 million to charitable organizations. He created the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation in 1985 to service the needy children in Georgia and it has helped over 100 area charities. Active in the community, Smith is on the board of the Area Boy Scouts Council, Fernbank Science Center, and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. He also is on the board of trustees at Georgia, Reinhardt College and Lovett School. Smith has voiced his opinion as a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, and Central Atlanta Progress.

FUTURE SUPER BOWL SITES

Super Bowl XXV — Tampa Bay - Tampa Stadium, January 27, 1991

Super Bowl XXVI — Minneapolis - Metrodome, January, 1992

Super Bowl XXVII — Phoenix, 1993

Super Bowl XXVIII — Atlanta - Georgia Dome, 1994
(Date to be determined later)

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TAYLOR W. SMITH
PRESIDENT



Personal

The second youngest out of the five Smith children, the 37 year-old Taylor was born on May 3, 1953 in Atlanta. He and his wife, Louise, live in northwest Atlanta with their three children, Ryan (11), Sarah Brooks (9) and Rebecca (5). An avid golfer, Taylor sports an 11 handicap.

Education

A three-sport letterwinner in football, track and soccer at Lovett High School, Taylor was also a part of school's 1970 state football champions. He graduated from Georgia with a B.A. degree in Business Administration in 1976 and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Football Career

Taylor has worked his way through the organization, learning the nuts and bolts, starting out in the equipment room. His first-hand knowledge continued as he went on to labor in the ticket office and public relations. He's also sold suites and boxes at the stadium and advertising besides coordinating team travel. Taylor's been to every Falcon training camp since 1966. He became a member of the front office in 1982 as Corporate Secretary and was named Executive-Vice President in 1986 before being elevated to President on May 3. Taylor is heavily involved in the negotiation of player contracts and the financial end of the business as well as his new role as administrator. He works closely with League Officials on NFL matters.

Community

A presence in the community, Taylor is busy with the downtown Atlanta Rotary Club and is on the Alumni board for Lovett school. He also helps administer funds given to children's charities through the Falcons Youth Foundation.

The NFL awarded a franchise to Mr. Smith on June 30, 1965. It was the 15th NFL club at the time as the AFL had not yet merged. The AFL had awarded a franchise to Cox Broadcasting also in '65, but it folded when the Stadium Authority granted the NFL club rights to the Stadium, ending a battle in the war between the leagues.

**JIM HAY****VICE PRESIDENT
AND CHIEF
FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Jim Hay's hectic work day in the Falcon office begins before most people rise. Hay is a firm believer in getting a jump on the competition.

The 54 year-old product of Eagleville, TN, lends his financial expertise to the Falcons for a 12th season. Hay's initial project was to oversee the construction of the club's training complex in Suwanee. This model facility is still recognized as one of the finest in the League and it is a testament to Jim's efforts.

Hay's duties in the Falcons organization have grown through the years. He is the team's main negotiator when it comes to player contracts. He relies on his law degree from Emory University and strong financial background to deal with player agents. Hay's negotiating style has been termed "hard-nosed, but fair" by other agents.

Jim was a professional player himself, spending eight seasons behind the plate with the Atlanta Braves organization. He caught the famed knuckleball from Phil Niekro at minor league stints in Jacksonville and Austin. Hay signed a contract with the Atlanta Crackers after being discovered in Japan while serving his country in the military. His best seasons came at Boise, where he hit .307 with 16 HR and 95 RBI and at Panama City, where he collected 15 HR and knocked in 80 RBI while batting .270.

His love for the diamond is now confined to splitting time with son, Jimmy, Jr., at the little league park or daughter, Christie, on the softball field. Jim and his wife, Molly, also have another daughter, Micki, who attends the College of Charleston, and are building a home in Suwanee.

HAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Took classes and received undergrad degree at Utah State while playing pro baseball
- Four-time all-star catcher who played with Rico Carty, Paul Synder, Tommy Aaron
- Received law degree from Emory University in 1972 while working for stadium authority
- With Jim's achievements, the Hay family also boasts a doctor, college professor, and two teachers



KEN HEROCK

VICE PRESIDENT
OF
PLAYER PERSONNEL



Ken Herock will do whatever it takes to upgrade the Atlanta Falcons. Just check the record.

The 49 year-old native of Munhall, PA, orchestrated a pre-draft trade with the Colts, bringing six-time Pro Bowl tackle Chris Hinton, All-NFL rookie receiver Andre Rison and the Colts #1 draft choice in 1991 to Atlanta in exchange for the 1990 No. 1 overall pick.

Herock put the Falcons in the position to pull off "The Trade" because of some shrewd decisions during the Supplemental draft last spring. Last summer Atlanta received the top pick in that draft but Ken decided to pass on the choice to Dallas. The Cowboys took QB Steve Walsh from Miami, thus forfeiting their No. 1 pick in '90. Dallas finished with the worst record in the League but the Falcons were next in line and received the #1 choice, parlaying it into . . . "the most monumental trade in the 25 years of the Falcons."

As a result of trades, the birds will have two No. 1 picks for the third year in-a-row next season.

Herock will seize any opportunity to improve the Falcons.

Late in the first round of the '89 draft, Herock sees wide receiver Shawn Collins is still on the board and decides to deal. He sends the Bengals a second, fourth and 10th round selection for Cincinnati's 27th overall choice. He jumps at the chance to take the talented Collins. Shawn starts all 16 games for the Falcons and was a consensus All-NFL rookie pick leading all first-year receivers with 58 catches for 862 yards.

Getting the most out of college draft is a Herock speciality. Since he took over the Falcon drafts in 1988, 17 of his 22 picks are still on the roster, heading into the 1990 training camp (that number will increase with 10 picks in '90 competing for spots). Ken also understands the value of the entire draft. He found two starters in the sixth and seventh rounds in '88 in lineman Houston Hoover (All-NFL rookie, 28 starts) and WR Michael Haynes (49 catches, 190 yards vs. Skins, 18.6 avg.). His 11th and 12th round choices last year (RB Greg Patera and NT Tony Bowick) saw action.

Herock toiled 15 years in the Raiders organization as a player and administrator for Al Davis. He built the expansion Buccaneers into a contender in four drafts as they made it all the way to the NFC Championship (1979).

Ken's active scouting role takes him to colleges during the fall to watch film and attend practices. He is also involved in the day-to-day football operations of the club. He and his wife, Barry, have two son's, Kenny and Shaun, and reside in Duluth, GA. Shaun is on a football scholarship at the University of Richmond.

HEROCK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Elevated to Vice President on Nov. 10, 1989
- Competed in Super Bowl II vs. Packers
- Starting TE for Coach Al Davis with Raiders
- First TE for expansion Bengals
- Initiated college Combine workouts in Tampa
- Named Bucs first Player Personnel Director in '76 to Playoffs by '79
- Teammate of Hall of Famers Art Shell, George Blanda, Fred Biletnikoff, Jim Otto and Willie Brown





BILL GROMAN
Scout

Groman joined the Falcons scouting team when Ken Herock was named to run the program in 1987. He and Herock teamed up to turn around the Buccaneers fortunes (1978-82). He is a veteran of four other NFL scouting teams (Bills, Oilers, Chargers and Bengals). A standout receiver during his playing days, Groman's name is still in the record books for most consecutive 100-yard games (7) and rookie receiving yardage (1473). The two-time former All-Pro was in charge of the Player Personnel department of the Houston Gamblers of the USFL (1977).



ELBERT DUBENION
Scout

A former teammate of Groman's in Buffalo, Dubenion has traveled the country in search of college talent for over 20 years. A product of Griffin, GA, he started out with the Bills (1968-78, 85-86) and has also worked for Dolphins (1979-83). He was elevated to Asst. Dir. of Player Personnel for Miami in 1984. Carrying the nickname "Golden Wheels," Dubenion was named to the Bills All-Time team as his club records for touchdowns (35), catches (296) and yards (5309) still stand in the books.



CHARLEY ARMEY
Scout

Armey made the move from Green Bay to Atlanta three seasons ago after spending four years with the Packers. The Falcons west coast area scout started his career with the Buffalo Bills in '79. He jumped to the USFL's Denver Gold in 1982 as the team's defensive line coach and Dir. of Player Personnel. He has an extensive coaching background serving apprenticeships at North Dakota State, Colorado State and Montana.



SCOTT CAMPBELL
Scout

Campbell is making the transition from coaching to scouting. He spent the last three seasons as Administrative Assistant under his father, Marion Campbell. Scott actually performed some scouting duties the last two years for Herock. The 28-year old owns a 1980 National Championship ring from Georgia. He played on three teams which captured SEC titles and three bowl clubs as a Bulldog. As a graduate assistant at Auburn, he was surrounded by the likes of two-sport star Bo Jackson.



BILL BAKER
Scout

Baker heads into his second full season as a Falcon scout. He came over from the coaching class at the University of Richmond where he was Defensive Coordinator for six years. A return specialist and running back for Tennessee, Baker saw action in three bowl games (Orange, Cotton and Gator) at the Knoxville school. After his playing career was over he decided to get into coaching and landed a job at Sandy Springs H.S. in Atlanta.



CHUCK CONNOR
Director of Pro Scouting

Connor is involved in every phase of evaluating pro talent including the breakdown of Plan B free agents, grading and handling tryouts. Chuck, who hails from Stone Mountain, GA, was Miami's Director of Player Personnel for 11 years prior to signing on with the birds. He ran the Dolphins draft for Don Shula so he has a good working knowledge of present NFL players. He's also worked for the BLESTO scouting service.



DANNY MOCK
Administrative Assistant

Mock enters his second decade with the Falcons. He serves as Herock's right hand man in player personnel for a fourth season. A Duluth, GA resident, Mock worked in the team's film department (1983) before being elevated to assistant video director in 1985. He shifted directions in 1987 and now plays a liaison role between the scouts and coaching staff. An avid sports card collector, he is heavily involved in the team's groundwork for the college draft.



WALLACE NORMAN
Controller

Norman was promoted to Controller last February making him the first minority in the NFL to hold such a position. He earned his M.B.A. in finance and political science degree from Georgia. The 28-year old product of Atlanta is working towards his Masters degree in Accounting from Georgia State. Norman went to Henry Grady High School and was an associate financial analyst for Federal Express before coming aboard with the Falcons.



JERRY RHEA
Trainer

Rhea, a 23-year veteran of the NFL, is widely recognized in the field of athletic training. A member of the NATA Hall of Fame, he has labored 21 years in the Falcons organization. During his career, he has mastered his craft under the tutelage of such names as Paul Bear Bryant, George Allen and Norm Van Brocklin. The past president (1986-88) and two-time Trainer of the Year of the NATA is a frequent speaker on behalf of his trade.



WHITEY ZIMMERMAN
Equipment Manager

A savvy NFL pro, Zimmerman celebrates his silver anniversary season in Atlanta as the 1990 campaign marks his 25th year with the birds. He also logged another 60 games (1962-66) with the Cardinals. "Zeke" has been recognized as Equipment Manager of the Year twice. Hockey and baseball are his other interests as he helped out the old St. Browns baseball club as a bat boy and follows the Calgary (ex-Atlanta) Flames and Chicago Blackhawks.



BILLY BROOKS
Assistant Trainer

Brooks has been rehabilitating Falcons players since 1982. He was singled-out and best known for his work with four-time Pro Bowler William Andrews. A Vice Chairman on the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers, he tutored a class for Georgia State on athletic training last year. The 31 year-old product of Garland, TX, holds a masters degree and broke into the NFL with the New Orleans Saints in 1980. The Lawrenceville, GA, resident and his wife, Donise, have a son, Rhea Hamilton.



HORACE DANIEL
Assistant Equipment Manager

Daniel embarks on his 24th season with the Falcons. The Atlanta native began wearing the team's colors in 1967. He has seen his share of changes and will witness the club's return to black jerseys which were prominent the first five years of the franchise. Horace was instrumental in the construction of the birds current home at Fulton County Stadium as a staffer of the stadium authority.



TOM ATCHESON
Video Director

Atcheson, a native of Dallas, GA, has been in charge of the team's filming department for a decade. His extensive duties include shooting and editing practice sessions and game action for the coaching staff. Tom was responsible for converting the club to video tape and building a film processing lab at the year-round training complex. His other travels have seen him hold stints at Georgia Tech and Auburn.



JACK RAGSDALE
Director of Ticket Operations

Ragsdale, a decorated war veteran, coordinates the efforts of the Falcons ticket office for a sixth straight year. During his 20-year military service he was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery. A graduate of North Georgia College, he spent a tour of duty in Vietnam and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.



MIKE GLEESON
Assistant Video Director

Gleeson, a native of Northern California, is entering his second season in the Falcons video department and eighth overall in the NFL. A graduate of Cal. State University/Sacramento with a degree in business management, the 26 year-old broke into the League with the Saints in 1982. He was picked up by the Dolphins for the 1985 campaign and remained on the roster through the 1988 season. Mike, one of seven children, also assists the player personnel department for the annual draft.



LUCI BAILEY
Asst. Director of Ticket Operations

Bailey's long career with the Falcons began in 1967 in ticket sales in addition to her tasks with the Braves. She joined the staff full-time five years later ending her baseball responsibilities. Bailey has handled a wide variety of duties in the birds organization to include accounting and sales. She calls Waycross, GA, home.



TOMMY NOBIS
Director of Marketing

One of the most well-known Atlanta sports personalities, Nobis directs the team's marketing efforts for his sixth consecutive season. The former two-time consensus Texas All-America is known as "Mr. Falcon," earning five trips to the Pro Bowl in 11 seasons, after being tabbed as the team's first draft pick in 1966. He was elected to both the Georgia and Texas Hall of Fame's. A consistent leader in the community, Tommy also oversees the Falcons Youth Foundation.



CHARLIE TAYLOR
Director of Public Relations

An NFL veteran PR specialist entering his 15th season, Taylor begins his fourth Falcon campaign. In 11 seasons with the Washington Redskins, he worked for Head Coaches George Allen, Jack Pardee and Joe Gibbs, all of whom were Coach of the Year award winners. A former sports reporter and military newspaper editor, Taylor has earned three national awards for his publications as a Sports Information Director at his alma mater, Fairmont State (WVA) College, and two Super Bowl rings with the Redskins.



FRANK KLEHA
Assistant Director of Public Relations

The 1990 season will be Kleha's fourth campaign with the Falcons. He came back home to the south after a stint in the sports info. office at George Mason University. Frank was also active in the Redskins PR office from 1984-87. Besides his PR responsibilities, Kleha also doubles as the club's travel coordinator. He is a staunch ACC basketball fan (and Tarheel supporter) having grown up along tobacco road (N.C.).



CAROL BREEDING
Director of Community Relations

Breeding faces another challenge as she heads into her 18th season in the Falcon front office. Carol is specifically in charge of the club's ever-growing community involvement. Her new duties also entail working on game day entertainment. Some of the things she is responsible for in her new role are coordinating player appearances, Coach Glanville's active speaking schedule, and special projects such as the Falcons Youth Foundation.

FALCON STAFF



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Secretary
Ticket Office



Nancy Bruno
Secretary
Rankin Smith, Sr.



Carolyn Cathey
Accounting



Hamilton Childree
Tax Advisor



Joe Choate
Superintendent
Build. Maintenance



Lisa Coles
Entertainment/
Cheerleader Director



Karen Donofrio
Secretary/Computers
Taylor Smith



Jan Fields
Marketing



Roy Fulton
Office Aide/Chauffeur



John Garrett
Team Doctor



David Halliday
Stadium Liaison



Charles Harrison
Team Doctor

FALCON STAFF



Jim Hewitt
Superintendent
Grounds Maint.



Janet Howell
Secretary
Administration



Brenda Johnston
Secretary
Coaches



James Jones
Maint. Aide



LaDonna Jones
Personnel
Assistant



Tom Meunier
Ticket Office
Vault Manager



Valerie Southard
Receptionist



Frank Spence
Ticket Office
Marketing



LuAnn Stanaland
Secretary
Public Relations



Donna Wilson
Housekeeping



Doug Worthen
Team Security



Scott Zimmerman
Equip. Aide

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Team Doctor	Dr. John Garrett
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Assistant Manager	Horace Daniel
Equipment Aide	Scott Zimmerman
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Assistant Video Director	Mike Gleeson
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Assistant	James Jones
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Stadium Liaison	David Halliday

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Assistant Head Coach/Offense	Ray Sherman
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Defensive Line	Bill Kollar
Offensive Line	Wayne McDuffie
Wide Receivers	Jimmy Robinson
Quarterbacks	Tom Rossley
Special Teams/Tight Ends	Keith Rowen

COACHES



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**JERRY
GLANVILLE**

HEAD COACH



Jerry Glanville brings a winning attitude to the Falcons as he attempts to return the franchise to the successful days of the late 70's and early 80's when he was part of three Playoff teams and an NFC West champion.

He's used to turning programs around.

As Head Coach of the Houston Oilers, the 48 year-old native of Detroit inherited a team which experienced five straight losing seasons. In just two short years, Glanville guided the Oilers to a 9-6 record and a playoff win. His Oiler teams were one of only four NFL clubs which advanced to post season play the last three consecutive seasons.

The outspoken Glanville, who has a 28-19 record over the last three seasons, can point the way for the 1990 Falcons by drawing on his past experiences in Atlanta as a guideline for success. Besides capturing an NFC West crown and three Playoff berths, some other highlights included:

- * Working with "Gritz Blitz" defense which set NFL record for fewest points allowed in season (129 in 14 games in 1977) as attendance averaged over 50,000 during all six seasons.
- * Establishing defenses that are still in club record books for such things as fewest yards allowed in season (1977 & 82), fewest rushing yards (1980 & 82), and fewest passing yards (1977)
- * His 1977 and 1980 secondaries share Falcon record for most interceptions in season with 26

HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	Team	W-L	
1985	Houston	0-2	Interim coach
1986	Houston	5-11	
1987	Houston	9-6	Wild Card - Beat Sea, Lost Den
1988	Houston	10-6	Wild Card - Beat Clev, Lost Buff
1989	Houston	9-7	Wild Card - Lost Pitt in OT
Total		33-32	Three Playoffs, 2-3

Glanville, who graduated from Perrysburg (Ohio) High School, is one of the most colorful coaches in the League. Here is a background check on the coach who's been called, the "Man in Black."

PERSONAL:

Born Oct. 14, 1941, Detroit
 Graduated from Northern Michigan where he played linebacker
 Inducted into school's Hall of Fame
 Earned Masters Degree from Western Kentucky
 Family: Wife, Brenda, of 13 years, Son, Justin (8/5/82)

COACHING CAREER:

Atlanta Falcons, Head Coach
 Hired by Ken Herock on Jan. 14, 1990
 Houston Oilers, Head Coach, 1986-89
 Left Oilers, Jan. 6, by "mutual agreement"
 Houston Oilers, 1984-85, Defensive Coordinator
 Buffalo Bills, 1983, Defensive Backs
 Atlanta Falcons, 1977-82
 Defensive Backs, 1977-78; Def. Coordinator, 1979-82
 Detroit Lions, 1974-76
 Special Teams/Def. Assistant
 Georgia Tech, 1968-73
 Defensive Assistant on three Bowl teams
 (1970 - Sun, 1971 - Peach, 1972 - Liberty)
 Western Kentucky, 1967 (Coached with Cards Joe Bugel)
 Ohio High Schools, 1964-66
 (Lima and Cincinnati)

QUOTABLES:

"I don't know if I've ever had an unhappy day in my life. I've never had to do anything I don't enjoy. So I may be the luckiest guy in the world."

"Living on the edge is exciting!"

"If you're not sleeping in Atlanta, you're just camping out."

"I started wearing black because players told me they couldn't see me on the sidelines."

"I don't squash personalities. You'll find that this team will develop a personality of its own. I ask players to play with personality, with their emotions."

"Honesty gets you in trouble, so somewhere along the line we'll be in trouble."

"You don't win the Kentucky Derby riding a donkey. And you can't win with a thoroughbred in a hand ride, either. You've got to go to the whip, and, it probably doesn't hurt to catch the other horse on the nose with the whip on the way by either."

INTERESTS:

Community — Believes in giving something back to community, charity and civic-minded, popular key note speaker, active in local children's hospital visitation programs, esp. with critically ill children.

Drag Racing — Competes in NHRA celebrity drags where he is undefeated (19-0) over last two years. (Has beaten two pro's during that time).

Snowskiing — Takes to the slopes in offseason preferring the likes of Aspen and Vail in Colorado.

Elvis Presley — A fan of former rock star, he left tickets under "The King" at will call for preseason game in Memphis, TN.

James Dean — Has a picture of former Hollywood star and hood ornament from a '50 Black Mercury James Dean Special hanging in his office. Once dressed like the teen rebel for masquerade party for charity.

Music — Favorite singers include Jerry Jeff Walker, Kris Kristofferson, John Cougar Mellencamp and Hank Williams, Jr., among others. Has been on stage with all of the above during concerts, including with Mellencamp at recent Farm Aid IV. Organizing charity concert in Atlanta with Kristofferson, and Walker.

Cars — Owns two vintage, restored, black 1950 Mercury's. Avid collector of '32 and '40 Fords and '57 Chevys. Currently drives a 1990 Black Corvette.

Motorcycles — Has toured across country twice on motorcycles. Used to ride to work on cycle when coached at Ga. Tech and during first Falcon stint.

Boots — Had pair of black and brown ostrich boots made for him which have Georgia flag and Falcon bird stitched in. Owns 16 pairs, including ones made completely out of football pigskin. Wears boots on sidelines during games.

NOTES:

- Got, actually, snakebitten before a Steelers game last year as water moccasin bit him on his right foot. (He was riding bikes with wife and son and they stopped to look at a house under construction when it happened.) He refused to miss the game (Oilers won) as he was treated at hospital and released.
- Roomed with Cardinals Head Coach Joe Bugel in log cabin at Western Kentucky. (The pair used to draw up plays on the bottom of pizza boxes at night. He also coached the women's bowling team and drove the bus while Bugel taught first aid to college women).
- Has left tickets at will call for: Elvis, Dean (Indy), Phantom of Opera (New York), Loni Anderson (Cin), Buddy Holly (Dallas) and W.C. Fields/Ed McMahon (Philly).
- Coach Chuck Noll interviewed Glanville for Steelers def. position (1984).
- One of his high school classmates in Perrysburg, Ohio was current Pittsburgh Pirates baseball manager, Jim Leyland.
- Before coaching career began, worked on a factory assembly line at Chevrolet transmission plant and on loading dock in General Mills plant in Toledo, Ohio.





DOUG SHIVELY
Assistant Head Coach/Defense

Shively returns to Atlanta where he spent six seasons from 1977-82. He was part of staff which molded "Gritz Blitz" defense and set an NFL record for fewest points allowed in a season (14 games - 129 pts.). Doug was also a member of all three Falcon playoff teams and the 1980 NFC West Champion squad. He was on Glanville's Oilers staff the last four years and helped coach a defense that was ranked second in AFC against run. Shively broke in under Hank Stram and the Saints in 1974 and has also coached with Chargers (1984) and Buccaneers (1985). He was the head coach of the Arizona Wranglers of USFL in 1983.



RAY SHERMAN
Assistant Head Coach/Offense

Sherman was Glanville's first appointment to his new staff. Ray coached receivers and running backs for the Oilers the past two seasons. The 38 year-old got the most out of the receiving corps of Drew Hill, Ernest Givens and Haywood Jeffries (combined for 168 catches) last year and his work with Houston's backs resulted in the running game going from 14th in NFL (in 1987) to fourth (in 1988). He was on Vince Dooley's staff at Georgia before heading to the NFL. The former Fresno State player has also coached at San Jose State, California, Michigan State, Wake Forest and Purdue.



JIMMY CARR
Secondary

Carr is one of the most experienced coaches in the League with 29 years of overall service under his belt. He tutored the defensive backfield for the Patriots the previous five seasons. "Gummy" played for the Cardinals, Redskins and helped the Eagles to the 1960 World Championship in a nine-year playing career. Jimmy's 20 years on the coaching gridiron have landed him on six other teams. He's been with the Vikings (1966-68, 79-81), Bears (1969, 1973-74), Eagles (1970-72), Lions (1975-76), Bills (1977) and 49ers (1978). Carr was the Defensive Coordinator on four of those clubs.



TIM JORGENSEN
Strength & Conditioning

Jorgensen was the only coach retained from the former staff. Tim joined the Falcons in 1987 after a stay as the Eagles first ever director in 1984. He coordinates the team's offseason training program including work on "Operation Headstart." A member of the National Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and National Speed & Explosion Association, he was a football and track star at Southwest Missouri State. Jorgensen's worked in the company of Paul Bear Bryant at Alabama and acted as the Strength Coordinator at LSU.



BILL KOLLAR
Defensive Line

Kollar makes a return visit to the NFL where he played eight years and coached for a season. He was the first player ever selected in the first round from the Big Sky Conference when he was taken by the Bengals out of Montana State in 1974. Bill went to the Bucs in 1977 and played for five more seasons before retiring with 109 games to his credit. He spent time with the special teams unit and defensive line with Tampa Bay in 1984 in his first coaching role. The 37 year-old has coached defensive ends and special teams for Purdue and Illinois (tutoring Raiders #1 pick Scott Davis) since 1985.



WAYNE McDUFFIE
Offensive Line

McDuffie is also a former Falcon who helped the birds (as special teams coach) to their last playoff appearance in 1982. He had been running the offense for Bobby Bowden of Florida State since 1983. Last year's 10-2 Seminole squad was #5 in the nation in passing and #10 in total offense. FSU went to seven straight Bowl games during McDuffie's stay. Wayne taught the line at Georgia which opened up holes for a young Herschel Walker. He was part of the Bulldogs only National Championship team in 1980.



Playoff Format Expanded



JIMMY ROBINSON
Wide Receivers

Robinson makes the transition from nearby Georgia Tech where he served under Bobby Ross for three years. His first pro coaching job though, won't be his first experience on the pro level. The Atlanta native played for the Falcons (1975), Giants (1976-79), 49ers (1980), and Broncos (1981) after a standout career as a Yellowjacket. One of Tech's all-time players, "Mr. Excitement," still ranks second on the school's career yardage list (1633), third in catches (101) and third in touchdowns (13). A member of Georgia Tech's Hall of Fame, he tutored receivers for Pepper Rodgers with the Memphis Showboats of the USFL.

The NFL owners have voted to expand the number of teams making post season play from ten teams to twelve teams. Both leagues (AFC and NFC) will be afforded an additional wild card team. As it stands with the additions, there will be the three divisional winners and the three wild card teams representing each league. Under the new format, in post season play, there will be eight teams, with four games being played in the first week of playoff action. Last year there were just four teams (all wild cards) and two games the first week. This year the top two rated wild card teams will square off in one game, while the remaining wild card team, (with the worst record) will play the divisional team that has the fewest wins.



TOM ROSSLEY
Quarterbacks

Rossley brings his experience with a run-and-shoot offense to Atlanta for the first time. He was Offensive Coordinator under former NFL head coach Forrest Gregg at SMU for two seasons. Last year, the Mustangs were ranked 9th in the NCAA in passing offense. Prior to coming to the Dallas school, Tom ran the offense for Holy Cross on 10-1 and 11-0 teams which set NCAA marks for offensive production and won a National title. The ex-University of Cincinnati player (80 catches for 1072 yards in one season) also ran the show for the USFL San Antonio Gunslingers.



KEITH ROWEN
Special Teams/Tight Ends

Rowen has split time with three NFL teams with his last stint coming with the Patriots a year ago. New England was third in the League in kickoff returns in '89 (21.2 yard average) and his unit kicked the second most FG's (30) in club history. Keith was special teams/assistant off. line coach with the Colts from 1985-88. His first tour of duty in the League came as running backs coach of the Browns in 1984. An Academic All-American guard at Stanford, he also worked with the Boston/New Orleans Breakers of the USFL (1983-84).

All-Time Assistant Coaches Roster

Barnes, Billy Ray	1971-74	Fry, Bob	1967-68	North, John	1977-82
Beightol, Larry	1985-86	.....	1983-84	Orr, Jimmy	1975-76
Brasher, Tommy	1986-89	Gilmer, Harry	1970-74	Phillips, Jim (Red)	1968
Bruney, Fred	1969-76	Glanville, Jerry	1977-82, 90	Plumb, Ted	1977-79
.....	1986-89	Griffin, Bob	1969-74	Puetz, Garry	1983-85
Campbell, Marion 1969-74, 86-89		Groh, Al	1987	Putnam, Duane	1969-74
Campbell, Scott	1987-89	Hanifan, Jim	1987-89	Rauch, John	1975
Carpenter, Lew	1967-68	(head coach 4 games)		Raye, Jimmy	1980-82
Carr, Jimmy	1990	Harrison, Bob	1983-86	.....	1987-89
Champion, Jim	1977-79	Herring, Hal	1966-68	Robinson, Jimmy	1990
Christiansen, Jack	1983	Humphrey, Claude	1987-89	Rossley, Tom	1990
Clausen, Chuck	1986-89	Jackson, Bobby	1983-86	Rowen, Keith	1990
Crutchfield, Bill	1967	Jorgensen, Tim	1987-89	Sekanovich, Dan	1983-85
Crosby, Steve	1983-84	Jobko, Bill	1968	Sherman, Ray	1990
.....	1986-89	Khayat, Ed	1975-76	Shively, Doug	1977-82, 1990
Dickson, George	1966	Kollar, Bill	1990	Stanley, Jim	1980-82
Dostal, George	1983-86	Lavan, Al	1975-76	Stanton, Jack	1984-85
Dowhower, Rod	1987-89	Madden, Joe	1985-86	Symank, John	1966-68
Ecklund, Brad	1966-67	Marshall, John	1983-85	Walsh, Bill	1975-82
Elliott, Sam	1983-86	Matuszak, Marv	1974-76	Wood, Dick	1978-82
Fazio, Foge	1988-89	McDonnell, Mike	1978-82	Yowarsky, Walt	1969-70
Fears, Tom	1966	McDuffie, Wayne	1982, 1990		
Fritsch, Ted	1983-86	Nelson, Bill	1975-76		

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WR

STACEY BAILEY

82

9th YEAR

San Jose State

Ht.: 6'1" Wt.: 163

Born: 2-10-60

Holds club record, 3 consecutive 100-yard games.

First catch was a TD and first start was 100-yard game.



Acquisition: 1982 Draft, Round 3, 63rd

Last Season

As the "senior" member of the Falcons receiving corps, Stacey played in 15 games as a reserve. Speedy Stacey had his best game vs. Buffalo in Week 9 when he leaped to grab a 41-yard pass with just 12 seconds to go in the game to set up McFadden's game-winning field goal. For the day, Stacey had three receptions for 93 yards, his season high. His 21.3 season per catch average marked his second consecutive +20 average (8 for 170).

Pro Career

With his 3,378 career receiving yards, Stacey moved in 4th place in Falcon history and with his 202 receptions remained 5th best in club annals. The vet of 89 NFL games is also second in club history with his 8 100-yard games, has scored 18 TD's and has produced 24 catches that were 30 or more yards. Stacey is one of but three Falcon receivers to have a 1,000-yard season (1983) joining Wallace Francis and Alfred Jenkins. Firsts were good to Stacey as his first NFL catch was a touchdown catch (vs. New Orleans) and his first start (1983 vs. Eagles) was a 100-yard game (7 for 106). The Bailey name also appears in the Falcon record books for most consecutive 100-yard games (3) when he posted games of 106, 109, and 106 (Eagles, Saints, Rams) yards and came back with a 159-yard game (Redskins) for a 4th that season. His longest stretch of games with at least one catch reached 36 games over the 1983-85 seasons.

Year-By-Year

1988: Stacey led the NFC with his 25.7 per catch average (17-437), but a shoulder nerve problem kept him from having a catch over the second half of the season. He enjoyed his personal best 169-yard game at Dallas in Week 4 as he had a personal long 68-yard TD and another 52-yard reception. One week earlier at San Francisco, he had a 37-yard catch that set up a Falcon TD with one second in the half in the upset win of the soon-to-be champs.

1987: After starting out with a TD reception in each of the first three games, Stacey ended up playing in only seven games (20-325). He fell hard on his shoulder in Week 9 after a 35-yard catch and went on the Inactive List for five weeks.

1986: Injuries included a hamstring pull in training camp that put him on IR and when he came back in Week 12, he ended up with a sprained ankle. In the six games he played he had but 3 catches for 39 yards.

1985: Bruised ribs slowed Stacey and ended his 36-game streak (Week 8 at Dallas) of at least one catch. He finished with 30 catches (364 yards).

1984: His 1,138 yards were second most in club history and his 67 catches ranked 4th in the NFC. He enjoyed a trio of 100-yard games (158-Rams, 140-Eagles, and 102-Vikings). Stacey also had three catches of 50 or more yards, including a 61-yarder at San Francisco.

1983: Stacey got his first NFL start in Week 5 when Alfred Jackson got hurt and he made a quick impact. He went on to lead the team with 55 catches for 881 yards after a 106-yard game in that first start. He had a 159-yard game at Washington and long plays of 53 and 50 yards for the season.

1982: Rookie Stacey played in six of the nine games for the Playoff bound Falcons during the strike-abbreviated season. He scored a TD vs. the Saints with his first NFL reception, but had just two catches for 24 yards on the season.

Notebook

Stacey parlayed his 4.38 speed and his 42-inch vertical jump at San Jose State into an NFL career. Stacey played under Jack Elway on teams that had other NFL-to-be players like Mervyn Fernandez (Raiders), Mark Nichols (Lions #1 pick in 1981), Gerald Willhite (Broncos), QB Ed Luther, and DB Gill Byrd. His Spartan team handled the coach's son's team, Stanford, quarterbacked by John and with RB Darrin Nelson.

College

Stacy set both Conference and school records as he finished with 123 receptions for 2,123 yards and 13 touchdowns. He went 21 consecutive games with at least one catch and had top games of 146, 144, and 137 yards. A knee injury in the California Bowl scared NFL scouts, following a shoulder injury earlier in the year, making him a "gamble, higher risk" pick. Now after 200 NFL catches, the dividends have been paid.

Personal

A Californian, Stacey Dwayne was born in San Rafael and played his sports in Marin County at Terre Linda High. In addition to being a talented athlete, he hit the school books as well as he was honored as the 1977 Northern California Scholar-Athlete of the Year. One of Stacey's hobbies now is training his two German Shepherd dogs. Stacey and his wife, Kellie, have two children, Sean, 5, and Sedric, 3, and now reside in the Atlanta suburb of Alpharetta.

Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Team	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1982	6/0	Atl.	2	24	12.0	15	1
1983	14/10	Atl.	55	881	16.0	53	6
1984	16/16	Atl.	67	1138	17.0	61	6
1985	15/14	Atl.	30	364	12.1	31	0
1986	6/1	Atl.	3	39	13.0	21	0
1987	7/6	Atl.	20	325	16.3	35	3
1988	10/10	Atl.	17	437	25.7	68t	2
1989	15/0	Atl.	8	170	21.3	41	0
Totals	89/57		202	3378	16.7	68t	18

Bailey's Personal Bests

Catches	Yards	Long	TD
9 at Wash (12/4/83) 8 Phil (12/16/84) 7 at Rams (10-7-84) 7 Phil (10-2-83)	169 at Dal (9/25/88) 159 at Wash (12/4/83) 158 at Rams (10/7/84) 140 Phil (12-16-84)	68t at Dal (9/25/88) 61 at SF (9/30/84) 57t at Minn (9/16/84) 53 at Det (9-18-83)	2 Phil (10/2/83) 1 16 games

GEORGIA ON MY MIND

The list of Falcon players that have some type of tie to the state of Georgia has grown from seven on the roster last year, to 13 this year. These players are: Scott Adams (University of Georgia), Dana Brinson (Valdosta, Valdosta High), William Evers (Caric, Cario High), Greg Harris (Valdosta), Gary Lee (Warner Robbins, Westover High, Georgia Tech), Michael Reid (Albany, Dougherty High), Troy Sadowski (Chamblee High, University of Georgia), Ken Tippins (Adel, Cook High), Jessie Tuggle (Spalding, Griffin High, Valdosta St.), Ben Utt (Vidalia High, Georgia Tech), Randy Watts (Sandersville, Washington County High) and Gary Wilkins (Georgia Tech). Administrative Assistant Scott Campbell is a graduate of the University of Georgia.

**GUY BINGHAM****65****11th YEAR
Montana****Ht.: 6'3" Wt.: 260
Born: 2-25-58***Born in Japan.**Vet of 141 NFL games.***Acquisition: Trade on August 4, 1989, with NY Jets
for 7th Round 1990 Draft Choice****Last Season**

Atlanta knew it needed a dependable long snapper for its special teams and a proven veteran for depth on the offensive line, so during training camp made the deal with the Jets to get Bingham. Guy played in all 16 games with the Falcons as the long snapper for punts (all 84) and field goals (including the Stadium record 54-yarder and the game-winning 50-yarder vs. the Bills and the game-winner vs. the Patriots). Guy was indirectly responsible for the 54-yard record kick. On 3rd-and-2 Guy was in as an extra blocker and eligible tight end. NFL rules say he has to leave a game for the play after that. Needless to say, he didn't as it was 4th-and-2 and he snapped for the 49-yard FG. After the penalty, he came back and snapped again for the 54-yard FG. Guy also stepped up in several games to take over the starting center spot when Dukes left with an injury.

Pro Career

A veteran now of 141 NFL games, Guy quietly came into the NFL as a 10th round (260th overall) pick with the Jets. He played all 16 games as a rookie and now in seven of his 10 previous seasons has not missed a game. He's made his mark as a long snapper and then tackler on returns, but has also been able to fill in for injured starters and has played at left guard and right guard as well as center. Guy was an all-NFL rookie guard by Football Digest.

Notebook

An "Army brat," Guy was actually born in Koiaumi Gumma Ken, Japan, where his father was stationed in 1958. During his college days in Montana, Guy earned extra money working in a pulp mill.

College

A four-year starter at Montana, Guy played guard as a freshman, moved to center as a sophomore, earned first-team all-Conference honors as a tackle as a junior and then was an all-Big Sky Conference center as a senior. He earned his degree in physical education.

Personal

His dad is now retired from the Army, but that was the early life Guy knew. Guy went to high school in Aberdeen, Washington, and was an all-State pick in football and an all-Conference

pick in basketball. A bachelor, Guy returns to Missoula, Montana, during the offseason.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 141/32 1980 (16/3), 1981 (16/0), 1982 (7/0), 1983 (16/6), 1984 (16/0), 1985 (16/2), 1986 (16/9), 1987 (12/11), 1988 (10/1), 1989 (16/0)



TONY BOWICK

70

2nd YEAR
UT-Chattanooga
Ht.: 6'2" Wt.: 265
Born: 10-3-66

Made roster as last round draft choice.

Criminal Justice major in college.



Acquisition: 1989 Draft, Round 12, 313th overall

Last Season

Tony was originally placed on the Developmental Squad after camp, but by Week 3, he was activated onto the roster after an injury to lineman Rick Bryan. Then, in Week 5 vs. the Rams, Tony had to jump in to replace injured nose tackle Tony Casillas and responded with eight tackles. The 12th round pick went on to play in 12 games in his rookie year with 18 total tackles.

College

A two-time all-Southern Conference pick at Tennessee-Chattanooga, Tony rang up 215 total tackles with 11 QB sacks. In his four seasons, Tony also had six fumble recoveries and swatted down 13 pass attempts. His freshman year with 41 tackles and four sacks showed his potential that resulted in 77 tackles as a senior and 12 tackles for losses. He had a top game of 16 tackles vs. Western Kentucky as a senior.

Personal

An Alabama native, Tony played linebacker and was a two-time all-State choice at Slocumb High in Dothan. Vantonio (Tony) went on to major in Criminal Justice at UTC. He and his wife, Vantanea, return to Alabama in the offseason.

College Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles	Solo	Assist
1989	Atl.	12/0	18	11	7



LB

AUNDRAY BRUCE**93****3rd YEAR
Auburn****Ht.: 6'5" Wt.: 250
Born: 4-30-66***First player taken in '88 Draft.**Never missed a season game
in career.***Acquisition: 1988 Draft, Round 1, 1st overall****Last Season**

His second NFL season had plenty of ups and downs. For example, his ups included being 2nd on the team with six QB sacks, tied for the team lead with two forced fumbles, 4th on the team with 12 QB hurries, a career-tying best 11-tackle game, his 3rd NFL pass interception, and his 2nd two-QB sack game. Aundray also produced nine tackles and two pass deflections in Week 4 vs. Green Bay and had a seven-tackle, two hurry, one pass deflection game in the Week 2 win over the Dallas Cowboys. The down had to include being taken out of the starting lineup for two weeks (11 and 12). But, when he returned he had his 11-tackle game. Then, there was the ejection for fighting from the Week 7 Cardinals game. All told, Aundray played all 16 games, started 13, and finished with 66 tackles to go with his six sacks for minus 39 yards. His athletic speed also enabled the coaches to use him on the outside as a punt return coverer.

Pro Career

Aundray has to live with the pressure that goes with being the number one pick in an NFL draft, as the Falcons chose him ahead of Neil Smith (Chiefs), Bennie Blades (Lions), and Paul Gruber (Bucs) in the '88 draft. While his stats have been good (136 tackles, 12 sacks, 21 hurries, 4 forced fumbles, 3 pass interceptions, 10 pass defenses, and a fumble recovery), most fans and media look for him to dominate games. He was the NFC Defensive Player of the Week (Week 12, '88) with a two sack, interception, fumble recovery game vs. the Raiders and was pretty-much a unanimous all-NFL rookie selection. His first NFL training camp hurt both his progress and his ability to go full speed. On just his fourth day of practice (before the vets even reported) Aundray badly sprained his right knee and missed the next 23 days of work and several preseason games. His NFL personal "firsts" include a QB sack in his first NFL game (Detroit) and his first interception 30 yards downfield covering his former teammate and #1 pick in the '86 draft, Bo Jackson. Aundray has never missed a regular season NFL game yet (32 straight) and started his first 26 before the coaches tried to motivate him with a reserve role.

Honors

1988: NFL All-Rookie by Pro Football Writers Association, UPI, Football Digest, Pro Football Weekly, College and Pro Newsweek

NFC Defensive Player of the Week - Week 12 (2 sacks, 1 int., 1 FF, 1 FR, 4 tackles, 2 pass def.)

Sington Trophy as Alabama Sportsman of the Year

Notebook

Aundray is the 13th of the 14 Bruce children. Very quiet, Aundray used to sketch cartoon characters as a hobby. Muscular, Aundray received the nickname "Drago" from the imposing Russian boxer in the movie Rocky IV. Aundray has helped out with the Big Brothers programs in Alabama and Georgia and was one of the Falcons to kick off the Adopt-A-School program in downtown Atlanta.

College

The two-time all-SEC linebacker capped off his career as the Defensive Most Valuable Player in the Senior Bowl (16 tackles). On four Tiger Bowl teams (36-11-2), Aundray had 15 sacks, caused 7 fumbles, intercepted 3 passes, recovered 4 fumbles, and deflected 12 passes. He was the MVP in Auburn's Citrus Bowl win over Southern Cal as a junior. Aundray's collegiate career began as a defensive end and special team cover man, but by his sophomore year he had made the switch to LB. Aundray became the second Auburn Tiger to go number one in the Draft, following Bo Jackson by two years.

Personal

A native of Montgomery, Alabama, Aundray was raised by his mother (Mrs. Willie, Lucille, Bruce) as his dad died when he was only one year old. As the next-to-youngest of 14 kids, Aundray now keeps a watchful eye for youngest brother, Kirby. His family used athletics to get Aundray out of the house and into activities in junior high when he led his McIntyre Hornets to a state title. By high school (George Washington Carver), Aundray was MVP of his state champion basketball squad with a 24-point, 16 rebound season. He obviously excelled in football, even being a kick returner with his speed, and showed his ability in the spring with the track team as a 6-7 high jumper and a 23-4 long jumper. Aundray currently resides in Duluth, Georgia.

Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Team	Tackles			Interceptions			Fumbles		
			No.	Sacks	Hurries	No.	Yards	LG	FF	FR	TD
1988	16/16	Atl.	70	6-42	9	2	20	20	2	1	0
1989	16/13	Atl.	66	6-39	12	1	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	32/29		136	12-81	21	3	20	20	4	1	0

Bruce's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Interceptions
11 S.F. (12-4-88)	2 at Raiders (11-20-88)	1 (three times)
11 at S.F. (12-3-89)	2 New England (10-15-89)	last vs. Vikings (12-10-89)



DE

RICK BRYAN

77

7th YEAR
OklahomaHt.: 6'4" Wt.: 265
Born: 3-20-62*Former NFL Defensive Rookie
of Year.**First NFL tackle was a safety.*

Acquisition: 1984 Draft, Round 1, 9th overall

Last Season

One of the reasons for the Falcons defensive woes last year was the absence of one of their team leaders, Rick. A training camp practice injury, a spinal nerve root injury, started causing weakness and numbness in Rick's right arm and shoulder. Finally, after two games, Rick couldn't function properly and had to go on Injured Reserve for the remainder of the season. Despite not being at full strength and "playing one-armed," Rick had 8 tackles and a sack in the season opener and 9 tackles in the win over Dallas and was second on the team in tackles after those two games. From that point on, Rick began the lonely rehabilitation process of building himself back to full strength.

Pro Career

A starter since his very first training camp practice in 1984 when he was a first round draft pick, Rick played in 75 games before the injury sidelined him last year. The lone game he did not start was the season opener in 1988 when he reported to camp that week after an entire summer absence in contract negotiations for a four-year pact and the only games he missed have been three in 1987 (groin pull) and three strike games in 1987. A quality player, Rick quietly averaged 110 tackles over his first five NFL seasons, missing 100 tackles for a season only in 1987 when he played only 9 games (85 tackles). Rick also shows 26.5 career QB sacks, 119 QB hurries, 7 forced fumbles, a pair of fumble recoveries, and two points with a safety.

Honors

1986: UPI All-NFC

1984: NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year (Football Digest)

NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year (USA Today)

NFL All-Rookie by Pro Football Writers Association, UPI

Year-By-Year

1988: For the 11th ranked defense in the NFL in points, Rick rang up 120 tackles and five QB sacks from his right end spot. His top games included a 12-tackle, four QB hurry game vs. Dallas, an 11-tackle, one sack game vs. the 49ers and a 10-tackle effort, one-sack in the early season upset of San Francisco.

1987: Rick started the season off with a sack and forced fumble of QB Doug Williams that sparked the team to an upset of the Redskins. After the strike, Rick had a groin pull that sidelined him three weeks and kept him from having a 100-tackle season for the first time in his career (85 in his nine games). He had a personal best 15 tackle game in Week 16 at Detroit.

1986: Rick's 120 tackles, seven QB sacks, and three forced fumbles helped him to an all-NFC pick by the UPI. His top games were a pair of 12 tackle games vs. the Eagles and Rams.

1985: This 100-tackle season featured one of his best career games vs. Kansas City when he had 10 tackles, made 2.5 QB sacks for -21 yards, and forced two fumbles. He finished with a personal best 7.5 sacks despite a stomach muscle pull that hindered him.

1984: A 125-tackle season earned him numerous all-Rookie honors. He also had four QB sacks and a QB safety.

Notebook

His first official NFL tackle also went into the record books as two points for the Falcons when he tackled Saints QB Richard Todd in the end zone. Rick's college class was a defensive draft and 14 of the first 18 picks played defense. Rick went 9th in a draft when no QB went until the second round (Boomer Esiason) as he followed defensive players Carl Banks, Bill Maas, Mossy Cade, Ricky Hunley, and Leonard Coleman.

College

With three consecutive 100-plus tackle seasons, Rick became only the 2nd Oklahoma Sooner to do so, while establishing the school record for tackles by a defensive lineman (352). His powerful Oklahoma senior squad had five players go in the top 36 in the draft (Jackie Shipp, Bob Slater, Pro Bowl CB Scott Case, and Thomas Benson) and had youngsters like sophomore Tony Casillas and red-shirt freshman Brian Bosworth. Rick was a two-time Big Eight Conference Defensive Player of the Year and a two-time all-American pick. Rick was also a three-time all Big Eight Academic all-star in Business Administration.

Personal

Born in Wagoner, Oklahoma, Rick Don is the middle of three football playing Bryan sons. Starting at Coweta High School and going on to Oklahoma, the trio of Bryans included Mitch, then Rick, then Steve. Both Rick and Steve (5th round Bears, '87) were drafted into the NFL. Rick's offseasons are spent back in Oklahoma where he returns to enjoy his 80-acre ranch. Rick likes the outdoors and hunting and fishing, plus country music, John Wayne movies, and OU Big Red football. He and his wife, Shelby, have two children, Kristin Nicole, 4 and Michael Don, 3.

Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Team	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	FF	FR	Safety
1984	16/16	Atl.	125	78	47	4.0	24	0	0	1
1985	16/16	Atl.	100	64	36	7.5	32	2	0	0
1986	16/16	Atl.	120	70	50	7.0	31	3	0	0
1987	9/9	Atl.	85	43	42	2.0	12	1	1	0
1988	16/15	Atl.	120	80	40	5.0	19	1	1	0
1989	2/2	Atl.	17	9	8	1.0	1	0	0	0
Total	75/74		567	344	223	26.5	119	7	2	1

Bryan's Personal Bests

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



CB

BOBBY BUTLER

23

10th YEAR
Florida State

Ht.: 5'11" Wt.: 175

Born: 5-28-59

Vet of 123 games with 24 interceptions.

Scored 2 NFL touchdowns.



Acquisition: 1981 Draft, Round 1, 25th

Last Season

Bobby's season started on an upbeat note when he scooped up a Herschel Walker fumble in the Week 2 Dallas game and returned the ball 29 yards for a touchdown to ignite the Falcons to their first win of the season. Bobby played all 16 games, his third consecutive year without missing a game, and was the starter at his left corner spot for 11 weeks. After five weeks, the coaches gave rookie Deion Sanders the starting experience with Bobby playing in the nickel,

but when Scott Case was injured, Bobby returned to the starting role and Deion moved to the right corner position. Bobby's 15 passes defended led the team while he also made 36 tackles.

Pro Career

The former first round draft choice, steady Bobby parlayed his 4.3 speed and now his technique into an NFL career that now spans 123 games with 24 interceptions and two touchdowns. Jerry Rice was quoted as saying, "...Bobby is similiar to Darrell Green. He's so quick that if the ball's not there, he can recover." Bobby is 4th in club history with his 24 thefts and has led or tied for the club lead in interceptions four times. In 10 years, Bobby has missed only 10 games and nine of those were in 1986 when he fractured his right leg. He had started every NFL game he had played until Week 6 last year when another #1 pick from Florida State was the starter. Among Bobby's highlights was a club record-tying two interception game in '84 at New Orleans, a TD with an interception in an '86 win at Dallas, and a TD with a fumble return in an '89 win over Dallas.

Year-By-Year

1988: On a defense that ranked 4th in the NFL in interceptions, Bobby had a streak of 12 consecutive games with a pass deflection. This secondary also went a stretch of 17 consecutive quarters without a TD pass allowed. Bobby also had an interception, two fumble recoveries, and a forced fumble.

1987: In the 12 games, he led the team with four interceptions and was second with 30 passes defended. Three of his four interceptions were against playoff teams (Wash., Minn., and Hous.) with the 4th against Boomer and the Bengals.

1986: A potential Pro Bowl season with the 5-1-1 Falcons ended dreadfully for Bobby with a fractured right leg in a game with the 49ers when a pile fell on him and caused the fibula fracture and the need for screws in his ankle joint.

1985: His team best five interceptions equalled his personal high, while also having a team high 21 passes defended, and a personal career best 78 tackles.

1984: In Week 1, Bobby pulled off his two-interception game in a win at New Orleans. He missed a Week 4 game with a sprained ankle, the only other time in his career he missed a game.

1983: Three of his four interceptions came in the end zone, while he also rang up 75 tackles in playing all 16 games.

1982: The club's last playoff season saw Bobby lead the team in interceptions and passes defended.

1981: Rookie Bobby caught the NFL's attention with his five interceptions for 86 yards, plus a game-saving theft in the end zone in a win over Houston. His secondary coach and defensive mentor then is now head coach, Jerry Glanville.

Notebook

Bobby's the second member of the Butler clan to play for the Falcons. Cousin Jim "Cannonball" Butler led the Falcons in four consecutive seasons from 1968 through 1971 and is 6th in all-time yards (4,828) and 3rd in kickoff return yards. Bobby is active in leading the team Bible study classes and working with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Bobby's friends with

boxer Evander Holyfield and at one time in the offseason was watching Evander's workouts and was given a chance to be a sparring partner. Once Evander knocked the guy out cold in the ring while Bobby was watching, the decision to step into the ring changed quickly. Once as a trainee with Domino's pizza, Bobby learned to make the required two pizzas in less than 45 seconds.

College

His 9.3 sprinters speed made him both an All-America pick on the football field and a competitor in the NCAA Track Championships (third on relay team). Over his final two seasons, Bobby had nine interceptions and also made his mark as a kick blocker (seven total), including two in Bowl games. He ended up being the sixth Defensive Back taken in the '81 draft behind Kenny Easley, Ronnie Lott, Dennis Smith, Ted Watts, and Hanford Dixon.

Personal

A Florida native, Atlanta is the farthest north Bobby's lived. Born in Boynton Beach, FL, he starred in football and track at Atlantic High in Delray Beach, FL. Robert Calvin played both quarterback and safety on his high school team. He married his high school sweetheart, Cyrrilyn Lawson, just two days before he reported to his '81 rookie training camp. Then, just two days before the '87 season opener, their first child, Brenton, was born. The couples' second child, son Brice, was born this past January. The family resides now in Norcross, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Ints.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	FR	TD
1981	Atl.	16/16	49	39	10	5	86	14.1	41	0	0	0
1982	Atl.	9/9	25	19	6	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
1983	Atl.	16/16	75	49	26	4	3	0.8	12	0	1	0
1984	Atl.	15/15	48	38	10	2	25	12.5	25	0	1	0
1985	Atl.	16/16	78	43	25	5	-4	-0.8	0	0	0	0
1986	Atl.	7/7	27	12	15	1	33	33.0	33t	1	0	0
1987	Atl.	12/12	31	22	9	4	48	12.0	31	0	0	0
1988	Atl.	16/16	45	31	14	1	22	22.0	22	0	3	0
1989	Atl.	16/11	36	23	13	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1
Total		123/118	414	276	128	24	213	8.9	33t	1	6	1

Butler's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long	TD
8 at Sea. (10-13-85) 7 at S.F. (9-15-86) 7 S.F. (12-4-88)	*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)



QB

SCOTT CAMPBELL

10

6th YEAR
PurdueHt.: 6'0" Wt.: 195
Born: 4-15-62*Paged from stands to sign with Falcons.**Once led team from 21 points behind to win.*

Acquisition: Free Agent, November 17, 1986

Last Season

As the number three QB, Scott's duties were limited to signaling plays, running scout team plays in practices, and just staying ready. He played in the Week 4 Green Bay game as the holder on special teams when Miller was out. For nine games, he was on the Inactive List, the remainder he dressed but did not play.

Pro Career

Drafted in Round 7 in '84 by Pittsburgh, Scott was the 11th quarterback taken that year. He got into five games his rookie year, passing for 109 yards and hitting a 25-yard TD to Louis Lipps. His second year, he received headline play in Pittsburgh when he led a 30-point rally with a 275-yard passing effort to erase a 21-0 Buffalo lead and produce a win coming off the bench. His first NFL start came rather unexpectedly when David Woodley got a stomach virus and Scott was told after the pregame warmup he would start. Against the Redskins that day, Scott hit 15-35 for 224 yards and 2 TD's. In '86, Pittsburgh cut Scott after three games and he had tryouts immediately with Dallas, Green Bay, Tampa Bay and the Falcons, signing a "future" agreement on Nov. 7. On his way to a vacation to Hilton Head, he took in a Falcon game on Nov. 16 and was there as David Archer separated his shoulder. Scott was literally paged from the stands and ended up going to work the next day. In 1987, Scott ended up starting 10 games and passing for 1,728 yards for the Falcons. In his first start (Week 2) vs. the soon-to-be world champion Redskins, Scott engineered a 21-20 upset with 271 yards and 2 TD's. Other top performances were a three-TD game the first outing after the strike and a 253 yard game vs. Dallas. The 1988 summer was disastrous for Scott as the third preseason game ended his season. He was hit on the left knee and suffered damage to two ligaments (later having transplant surgery) and damage to his peroneal nerve. He rehabilitated and came back strong last year ready to go.

Notebook

As a QB, Scott has been used to competition. In college, he battled to start against Mark Hermann, Jim Everett, and Larry Gates at Purdue. With the Steelers, he competed with Mark Malone, David Woodley and Bubby Brister. With the Falcons, he has competed with Chris Miller,

Steve Dils, Hugh Millen, Paul Singer, Gilbert Renfro, David Archer, Turk Schonert, and Erik Kramer. Scott's father, Ken, was a former pro wide receiver with the AFL and New York Titans and is an athletic director at Hershey (PA) High.

College

His arm enabled him to become the second leading passer in Big Ten history at the time with 7,636 yards, trailing only former teammate Mark Hermann. He made his first start at Purdue as a sophomore, against Stanford and QB John Elway, and produced 177 yards and a victory. He had six 300-yard games topped off with a 516-yard day vs. rival Ohio State and tossed 45 touchdown passes.

Personal

Born on income tax deadline day (April 15), Robert Scott grew up in the chocolate capital of the United States, Hershey, PA. In high school, he led teams to 10-1 marks in both his final two years as he passed for 3,892 yards and 28 TD's. Athletic Scott also punted (35 avg.), and had a 35-yard FG. Also, he was a catcher/outfielder in baseball, a guard for the basketball team, and went to the PA. State finals in the javelin throw with the track team. Scott earned his college degree in restaurant, hotel and institutional management. Scott and his wife, Kim, have one child, Kacie Ann, 1, and reside now in Alpharetta, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	LG	TD	Int.	Rtg.	Rush	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.	3/0												
	Atl.	1/0	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
1988	Atl.	Injured Reserve												
1989	Atl.	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0
Total		33/12	378	188	2456	49.7	51	16	21	61.6	34	132	24	2

RECEPTION AND YARDAGE

The Falcons NFL All-Rookie WR Shawn Collins had 58 receptions last year surpassing Junior Miller's 1980 club record of 46. Shawn also had 862 yards in receiving, pushing him past Ken Burrow, who had 741 yards in 1971.



CB

SCOTT CASE

25

7th YEAR
OklahomaHt.: 6'0" Wt.: 178
Born: 5-17-62*Led NFL in interceptions (10)
in 1988.**Set Oklahoma record with 8
interceptions in 1983.*

Acquisition: 1984 Draft, Round 2, 32nd

Last Season

The defending NFL interception champ started off the '89 season prepared to repeat. In Week 2, he stole a pass vs. the Cowboys and in Week 4, he picked off another pass. In Week 6, he was on top of his game with 10 tackles, and even a QB sack on a blitz, vs. the Patriots. But, in that Patriots game he stretched a ligament in his right foot that would haunt him the rest of the season. The next week, trying to play through that injury, he sprained his left knee at Phoenix and now was really hobbled. The defense really missed one of their leaders as Scott was able to play in only seven of the final nine games, and was not able to start any of them because of the injuries. Thus, Scott went from a Pro Bowl season in '88 to his career low totals in '89 of just 38 tackles, two interceptions, and 11 passes defended.

Pro Career

Scott established himself as a Pro Bowl cornerback in his fifth NFL season after coming to the Falcons as a second round draft choice and working his way from a reserve corner, to a starter at strong and later free safety in his second year due to injuries to others, and eventually to the starting corner in 1986. He's a vet now of 87 NFL games and has 21 interceptions to rank fifth already in Falcon history. One of Scott's trademarks is his ability and willingness to hit and tackle, as his 356 tackles attest, as he plays equally well versus the run or the pass.

Honors

- 1988: NFL Pro Bowl
 UPI all-NFC (first team)
 AP All-Pro (second team)
 100% Wrong Club NFL Defensive Back of the Year
 NFC Defensive Player of the Month (November)

Year-By-Year

1988: His 10 interceptions led the NFL and set a new Falcon club record as he became the only Falcon DB of the 1980's voted into the Pro Bowl. He also led the team with 19 passes defended and led the secondary with 65 tackles. He was the NFC Defensive Player for the month of Nov. with five interceptions, 20 tackles, and a forced fumble. Scott missed all of training camp in his contract negotiations and did not start the season opener. He started off his run of interceptions in Week 3 covering Jerry Rice of the 49ers and then had two games with two interceptions (Week 10 - Green Bay and Week 13 - Tampa Bay). His play helped the secondary go 17 consecutive quarters without a TD pass.

1987: A tough physical season for Scott, he overcame a shoulder sprain in the preseason finale, later a sprained neck and then a sprained ankle. He still played in 11 of the 12 games and led the team with 36 passes defended.

1986: As the defense ranked sixth in the NFL, Scott did his part with five interceptions, 69 tackles and a team-high 41 passes defended. He had an end zone interception vs. Miami to save an upset win and earned his first NFL ejection when he got into a fight in the Tampa Bay game.

1985: Filling in at both strong and free safety, Scott led the secondary with 95 tackles (still his personal best), had four interceptions for 78 return yards, and had four games with 10 or more tackles.

1984: In 16 games as a rookie, Scott had 42 tackles. He scored two points for the Falcons in Week 5 vs. San Francisco when he knocked punter Max Runager out of the end zone for the safety. He also had a 13-tackle game vs. Cincinnati.

Notebook

One of five Oklahoma defensive players taken in the first two rounds of the '84 draft, Scott was the fifth DB taken behind Mossy Cade, Leonard Coleman, the late Don Rogers, and Terry Taylor. Watching football as a youngster, Scott says he particularly noticed Jack Tatum's aggressive style.

College

As a senior, Scott set an Oklahoma record with eight interceptions and led the Big Eight Conference. Those eight picks were returned for 110 yards, including one TD. However, Scott didn't get there necessarily by design. He didn't get a scholarship so he went to Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College, earning all-America recognition, and finally the attention of OU in two years. As a junior, he played cornerback and then switched to safety for his senior year.

Personal

Oklahoma born and bred, Scott still owns a ranch in his native state where he can enjoy riding his horses and his space on the ranch. His early football days included being the quarterback and running back for Alva High and then later as a running back for Edmond Memorial High. He and his wife, Connie, have three children: Kelsey, 5, Kyler, 2 and Cody.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles			Interceptions				Fumbles	
			No.	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
1988	Atl.	16/15	65	34	31	10	47	12	0	1	0
1989	Atl.	14/7	38	27	11	2	13	13	0	0	0
Totals		87/60	361	230	131	21	191	47	0	2	0

Case's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long	Safety
13 Minn (12-15-85) at Cin. (11-25-84) 12 at S.F. (9-15-85) and Wash (9-3-85)	2 G.B. (11-6-88) T.B. (11-27-88) 1 17 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)



NT

TONY CASILLAS

75

5th YEAR
OklahomaHt.: 6'3" Wt.: 280
Born: 10-26-63*Big 8 Conference Defensive
Player of the '80's decade.**Lombardi Trophy winner in '85
as best lineman in country.*

Acquisition: 1986 Draft, Round 1, 2nd overall

Last Season

Most will agree 1989 was Tony's best in the NFL as the anchor of the defense made 152 tackles (second on team), had 16 QB hurries (tied for second on the team), had three fumble recoveries (led team), had two forced fumbles (tied for team lead), and had a pair of quarterback sacks.

Despite the double teaming blocks, Tony still led the team in tackles in six games with individual bests of 15 vs. Green Bay (Week 4), 14 vs. Dallas (Week 2) and 13 vs. the 49ers (Week 10). Tony started all 16 games, missing a few quarters with his ankle sprain along the way. Tony earned second team honors in post season ballots for AP's all-NFL team and UPI's all-NFC squad.

Pro Career

Tony was the second player chosen in the '86 draft behind Bo Jackson and has now started 57 games (missing three '87 games with injuries and the three strike games) and averaged nearly eight tackles per game. As an all-NFL rookie Tony helped the club rise from 28th to 7th in defense and continues to be an integral part of the defense. In addition to last year's second team all-NFL honors, Tony has twice been a Pro Bowl alternate and longs to earn a berth on that NFC Pro Bowl squad. A hitter, Tony has forced eight fumbles in his four years and recovered six more.

Honors

- 1989:** All-NFL (second team) by AP
All-NFC (second team) by UPI
- 1988:** Pro Bowl alternate in voting
- 1987:** Pro Bowl alternate in voting
Travelers NFL/Falcons Man of the Year
- 1986:** All-NFL Rookie by Pro Football Writers Association
All-NFL Rookie by UPI
All-NFL Rookie by AP
All-NFL Rookie by Pro Football Weekly

Year-By-Year

1988: In starting all 16, Tony made 111 tackles, led the team with three forced fumbles, had 13 QB hurries and a pair of QB sacks. With four 10-plus tackle games, Tony also had a personal best 16 tackle game vs. the 49ers. His excellent season followed a three-week absence for therapy for stress during training camp.

1987: The only non-100 tackle season of Tony's NFL career (72) was cut short by three games missed as a result of a stress fracture and three games by the player strike. He had a top game of 12 tackles and four QB hurries vs. the Bengals, plus an 11-tackle, three-hurry, fumble recovery game in the win over Washington. He was treated for five other injuries before the stress fracture, showing how physically tough he is and how demanding the nose tackle spot can be.

1986: A starter from his first game, Tony even led the team in tackles that first week. His top efforts included a 14-tackle game vs. the Division rival Saints and a pair of 12-tackle games. He finished with 111 tackles, two forced fumbles, a recovery and a sack to earn all-Rookie on four ballots.

Notebook

This past year Tony received yet another honor when a media panel voted Tony the Big Eight Conference Defensive Player of the Decade of the '80's, with Barry Sanders being the Offensive

Player of the Decade. Playing nose tackle usually means just controlling blockers and the line so linebackers can make tackles, but Tony's high tackle numbers indicate he's special. Last year, for example, Pro Bowl center Ray Donaldson was quoted: "That guy Casillas goes way beyond. He not only controls people, but he makes tackles, too. If he plays that way every week, well, he must be something special." And, his own teammate and team leading tackler, Jessie Tuggle, noted: "Tony is still sacrificing himself for the linebackers, but he never stops trying to get to the ball himself, too."

College

Awarded the Lombardi Trophy as the best lineman in the country, Tony was a two-time All-American at Oklahoma under Switzer. That OU team led the nation in total defense as Tony had a school record 21 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. He also had a top game of four QB sacks. As a freshman, he tore a tendon in his ankle and was redshirted. In '82, he was a backup to Rick Bryan before moving over to the nose tackle spot. He obtained his college degree in Communications.

Personal

Born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Tony was the middle child from a family of seven (five girls, two boys). He is the son of Pete and Wanda and is of Mexican-American descent. He played both football and baseball at East Central High in Tulsa. Tony has stayed involved in the Atlanta community with Emory and Grady Hospital programs and drug awareness programs. He owns a Days Inn Hotel Franchise in the Pittsburgh area. Tony's wife, Lisa Clayton, was a senior teaching assistant in psychology when they met. Dr. Clayton is serving her residency now at Emory. They live in Decatur, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	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
1988	Atl.	16/16	111	62	49	2	13	3	1
1989	Atl.	16/16	152	98	54	2	16	2	3
Totals		57/57	446	163	193	7	55	8	6

Casillas' Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Forced Fumbles	Recoveries
16 S.F. (12-4-88) 15 G.B. (10-1-89) 14 Twice	1 Seven times	1 Eight times	1 Six times

**STAN CLAYTON****74****3rd YEAR
Penn State****Ht.: 6'3" Wt.: 265
Born: 1-31-65***Played on '86 national champion, undefeated team, under Paterno.**Hopes for career with FBI or CIA after football.***Acquisition: 1988 Draft, Round 10, 250th****Last Season**

Injuries and holdouts made Stan much in demand. In Week 1, he played the entire second half at LT for injured Mike Kenn. Then, in Week 4, he moved in as the starting left guard. After three games, an ankle sprain caused him to miss the next two weeks. He came back to start the win over Buffalo in Week 9 but Wayne Radloff stepped in the next two weeks. Stan finished with five consecutive starts at left guard. His second year totals thus read 14 games played and nine started.

Pro Career

Stan's rookie training camp saw him get lots of experience as he started the first three games at left tackle for injured Mike Kenn. In the final preseason game, he sprained his left knee. He was eventually put on Injured reserve (Aug. 31) and stayed there most of the season. Stan was activated for the final month and ended up starting the final two games at right guard for injured Bill Fralic. Last year, he lined up at left tackle and then left guard, meaning he's now played three different positions in his 17 NFL games.

Notebook

Stan majored in Administration of Justice at Penn State, preparing for a career with maybe the FBI or the CIA. After one of his brothers was attacked by a mugger, Stan increased his interest in law enforcement.

College

Stan got his national championship ring from the 1986 Penn State team of legendary Joe Paterno. He stepped in as the starting right tackle in week 10 of his sophomore season and stayed there. Stan played in three Bowl games (Orange, Fiesta, and Citrus) and was matched up with future NFL players like Cornelius Bennett in his team's 23-3 win over Alabama.

Personal

At Cherry Hill (New Jersey) High School, Stan played both offensive and defensive tackle for the football team, and competed on the wrestling and track teams. Growing up in the Philadelphia suburbs, Stan is one of four sons of Clarence and Willie Mae Clayton.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 17/11 1988: 3/2 1989: 14/9



DE

JACKIE CLINE

98

4th SEASON
Alabama

Ht.: 6'5" Wt.: 280

Born: 3-13-60

Recruited by Bear Bryant at Alabama and played in three Bowl games.

Won Conference title with Birmingham of USFL.



Acquisition: Plan B free agent, March '90

Last Season

Of Jackie's 15 games last year with the Dolphins, Jackie started a pair (Weeks 7 & 8 vs. Packers and Bills). He had four tackles and a sack on the season (vs. Jim Kelly). The 15 games played bested by one game his most for an NFL season.

Pro Career

On Jan. 26, 1983, Jackie stayed in his home state and signed with the Birmingham Stallions of the USFL as they won their Conference championship twice. In 50 USFL games, Jackie had 14.5 QB sacks. After a year layoff, he was signed by the Steelers during the players strike. Miami later signed him for the final seven games of that season. In 1988, Jackie played 14 games and started nine for the Dolphins, making 28 tackles and four QB sacks. His top game was eight tackles vs. the Patriots (11-6). Thus, he's played a total of 87 games (50 USFL, 37 NFL).

College

For the Crimson Tide of Alabama, Jackie played in three Bowl games (a pair of Cotton and a Liberty) as a three-year letterman. His senior season was capped with appearances in the East-West Shrine and the Senior Bowl. Jackie earned his college degree in advertising and marketing.

Personal

Born in Kansas City, Kansas, Jackie Wayne moved to Alabama as a child and later played football, basketball and track at McAdory High in McAlla, Alabama. He's continued to do charity work with the King's Ranch in Birmingham. Jackie owns his own screen printing business. He and his wife, Vicki, have a daughter, Jennifer, 5.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Sacks
1983-85	Birm-USFL	50	NA			14.5
1987	Pitt-NFL	1/0	2	1	1	0
1987	Miami-NFL	7/0	3	3	0	0
1988	Miami-NFL	14/9	34	28	6	4.0
1989	Miami-NFL	15/2	4	4	0	1.0
Totals	USFL	50	NA			14.5
	NFL	37/11	43	36	7	5.0



WR

SHAWN COLLINS

85

2nd YEAR

Northern Arizona

Ht.: 6'2" Wt.: 207

Born: 2-20-67

Led all NFL rookie receivers last year.

Nephew of former NFL Pro Bowler, Willie Buchanan.



Acquisition: 1989 Draft, Round 1, 27th overall

Last Season

His rookie season was so impressive that in comparing his stats with all other rookie wide receivers taken in the first round of the entire 1980's only Art Monk was his equal. In starting all 16 games, the large 6-2, 207-pound Shawn made 58 catches for 862 yards to equal the 6-3, 209-pound Monk's 58 catches for 797 yards back in 1980. When you lead all rookie receivers (new teammate Rison had 52-820), when you have 15 catches of 20 or more yards, and when you have eight games with five or more catches, you get voted onto every NFL all-rookie team selected. Credit Ken Herock with the move to trade 2nd, 4th and 10th round picks to Cincinnati to move up and grab Shawn in the draft, then credit Shawn for the hard work to do the rest. Shawn led the team in his first NFL start (6-76 vs. Rams), upped it to 95 yards the next week (Dallas) and then had his first 100-yard game in Week 4 (5-126 vs. Packers). His first TD came in Week

5 (Rams) and he showed his leadership in the Week 6 come-from-behind win over New England with the clutch 20-yard play on 4th-and-10. In leading the team in receptions, his 58 catches topped Floyd Dixon's rookie record of 42 catches and Ken Burrow's rookie yardage total of 741.

Notebook

Shawn got a lot of his football knowledge from his uncles, Melvin and Willie Buchanan, both players at San Diego State, while Willie had a 10-year pro career that included three Pro Bowls. A 'B' average student in school, Shawn enjoyed art, making things with wood, and even playing bass fiddle in the junior high band before taking up football in the 10th grade. He is working towards his degree in psychology and wants one day to help abused children seek proper direction. As a freshman in college, Shawn had a day he'll never forget (Jan. 26). At 7 a.m., he was told his father had died; 12 hours later he learned his favorite uncle, Melvin, was dead from cancer.

College

Northern Arizona was the only school that even offered Shawn a chance to play and he wouldn't have gone to college without that scholarship. With his 4.43 speed and 200-pound frame, Shawn went about his business and left the school as the Big Sky Conference record holder with 24 TD's, as the school record holder with 201 catches (most ever by a TE in the Big Sky Conference), as the school record holder with 2,674 yards, and as the school's single season record holder with 70 catches for 1,016 yards. Among Shawn's highlights were a trio of 10-catch games, a pair of four-touchdown games and plenty of 100-yard games (topped by a 191 best). He was playing inside while teammate Michael Haynes was the Lumberjacks outside threat. Shawn was a two-time all-America pick and the first player in Northern Arizona history to be picked in the first round of an NFL draft.

Personal

Shawn Lavelle was born in Los Angeles, but moved to San Diego as a seven-year old. His mom, Dorothy Buchanan Collins, was a warehouse worker who was forced into early retirement and a wheelchair by a degenerative disk problem. Shawn and older sister, Margo, grew up in the tough Linda Vista section of San Diego. Shawn's first real sports came as an 11-year old in Little League baseball (centerfielder) and his first football came as a sophomore in high school. As a senior at Kearney High, he scored 12 TD's and played in three state play-off games. He enjoys spending his free time outdoors, especially fishing. A bachelor, Shawn resides in Duluth, GA.

College Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1989	Atl.	16/16	58	862	14.9	47	3

Collins' Personal Bests

Catches	Yards	Long	TD
6 Rams (9-10-89)	126 at GB (10-1-89)	47 at GB (10-1-89)	1 Three times
6 at Rams (10-8-89)	95 Dal. (9-17-89)	41 at Min. (12-10-89)	
6 Det. (12-24-89)	76 Rams (9-10-89)	30 Dal. (9-17-89)	
5 Five times	71 49ers (12-3-89)		



LB

MARCUS COTTON

51

3rd YEAR
Southern Cal

Ht.: 6'3" Wt.: 237

Born: 8-11-66

*Led team with 9 sacks last year.**Also played two years of college basketball.*

Acquisition: 1988 Draft, Round 2, 28th

Last Season

Marcus missed a lot of training camp with his sore knee after arthroscopic surgery, but came back to still play in all 16 games and start the final game vs. Detroit. With a flurry that included five QB sacks in the final four weeks, Marcus claimed the team sack title with nine for -50 yards. His final season numbers also included 33 tackles, nine QB hurries, two passes batted down, and a forced fumble. In the Week 14 Minnesota game, Marcus had nine tackles, two QB sacks, and batted down a pair of pass attempts. He closed out Week 15 vs. the Redskins with 5 tackles plus a hurry and Week 16 vs. Detroit with two QB sacks, a hurry, and two tackles.

Pro Career

In his 27 NFL games to date, Marcus has 14 QB sacks. The former first pick of the second round of the '88 draft saw his rookie season virtually ruined by a series of injuries that included a sprained left ankle, a strained rib, and a sprained right knee that required arthroscopic surgery. He played 11 games as a rookie and started five, claiming a QB sack in the first NFL game he played (vs. Lions). Among his highlights was a forced fumble on Randall Cunningham that Mike Gann returned for a TD in the upset win over the Eagles.

Notebook

Flashy Marcus enjoys his necklaces, especially the "100 Percent Cotton" and "Cotton Club" specially made ones. His 750SL Mercedes is specially equipped with a pair of telephones and a warning alarm system that talks to you if you get too close. Marcus is a part owner with his brother, Doug Briscoe, of an Adidas sports store in northern California and owns a home in Paradise Valley, Arizona.

College

In four years with Southern Cal, Marcus had 38 QB sacks, 52 total tackles for minus 365 yards, 26 passes broken up, seven forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries, two interceptions, one touchdown, and 365 total tackles. He used his size and speed (4.55) to help the team to four Bowl games (Rose, Aloha, Citrus and Rose). He learned his trade watching upperclassmen Jack Del Rio and Duane Bickett and was later MVP of the Citrus Bowl with his TD.

Personal

Born in Los Angeles and reared in Oakland, Marcus Glenn has seven older brothers and sisters. It was at Castlemont High that Owen and Murlyne's son excelled in basketball and football. On the courts, Marcus averaged 18 points and 19 rebounds, with a top game of 48 points and 23 rebounds, and got plenty of scholarship offers. In football, he had 15 sacks and 75 tackles. At USC, Marcus was a reserve forward on the basketball team his first two years while playing all four years on the football field. A bachelor, Marcus travels a lot during the offseason and resides in Duluth during the season.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	Pass Def	FF	FR
1988	Atl.	11/5	25	16	9	5	3	2	1	0
1989	Atl.	16/1	33	20	13	9	9	2	1	0
Totals		27/6	58	36	22	14	12	4	2	0

Cotton's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks
9 at Minn. (12-10-89)	2 Det. (12-24-89)
8 at Phil. (10-30-88)	2 at Minn. (12-10-89)
8 Rams (10-9-88)	



K

GREG DAVIS**5****4th YEAR
Citadel****Ht.: 5'11" Wt.: 197
Born: 10-29-65**

At one point, held Atlanta Stadium record for longest FG by a Falcon (52) and longest against the Falcons (52).

Led NCAA in punting in '86.

**Acquisition: Free Agent, Nov. 14, '89****Last Season**

A Plan B signee by the New England Patriots when the Falcons left him unprotected, he played the first nine games, scoring 61 points on 16-23 FG's and 13-16 PAT's. One week off, and he was back in Atlanta after an injury to Paul McFadden. Over the final seven games, Greg scored 33 points on 7-11 FG's and 12-12 PAT's. All told, that amounted to 94 points, 23-34 FG's (68%) and 25-28 PAT's with seven FG's of 40 or more yards. Among the ups and downs of his 3rd NFL season were the game-winning 51-yard OT kick vs. the Colts in Week 8, a Stadium record-tying 52-yard FG in Week 6 vs. the Falcons, four three field goal games (Houston, Atlanta, and Indy, and Wash.), a missed PAT in the 16-15 loss to Atlanta, and a missed PAT and FG in the 27-26 loss to the Jets. In a four week stretch (Weeks 5-8), Greg nailed 11 FG's in 14 attempts and then closed his season with a stretch of eight of 10 FG's made.

Pro Career

A 9th round 1987 draft pick of Tampa Bay, Greg was cut on the last release day and signed on with his hometown Falcons as a replacement kicker during the players strike (hitting 15 points in those games). When Mick Luckhurst retired, Greg won the job and scored 82 points for the Falcons (19-30 FG's), as he tied the club record with a 52-yard FG. In Plan B, he chose to sign with New England last March and then re-signed with the Falcons in November after the injury to McFadden. He's now kicked in 34 NFL games, scoring 191 points.

Year-By-Year

1988: His 82 points were the most by a Falcon since '85. He had two games with three FG's (Giants & Saints) and had a season long 52-yarder vs. Green Bay on Nov. 6. He helped earn his spot on the roster with a 53-yard FG in preseason vs. the Pats with two seconds left in the half.

1987: After the Bucs cut him, he made 3-4 FG's and all six PAT's in the three replacement games with a long of 42 yards.

Notebook

A hometown product, Greg learned most of his kicking from his mom, now Dr. Kay Davis, a former physics teacher, and his high school coach, Wayman Creel. Between mom explaining

all the angles and aerodynamics and Coach Creel tying his facemask to his shoulder pads to keep his head down, Greg learned his trade. Greg's feet have also come in handy as he led the NCAA I-AA in punting in college and played on a state soccer championship team in high school.

College

A walk-on, Greg went on to lead NCAA Division I-AA punters with a 44.1 average in 1986 and set six school marks while at The Citadel. Among his more notable feats were his 76 consecutive PAT's, 53 and 51-yard FG's, an 81-yard punt vs. Clemson, and 263 career points to finish behind only Stump Mitchell in Citadel history. For his college career, he booted 35 field goals and averaged 42.1 yards per punt. He tried out as a placekicker, but actually made the team when the punter quit, then did both for the team. Greg played in the '86 Senior Bowl.

Personal

Gregory Brian was born in Rome, GA, where his grandparents Fred and Hazel still have a farm. Mom got Greg started in the Briarcliff Community sports program here in the Atlanta suburbs and he has been watching the Falcons play as long as he can remember. He got his first kicking tee as a six-year old on Christmas morning. At Lakeside High, Greg was all-county with 10 field goals and a 40 yard punting average, plus a three-time letterwinner for the soccer team. Greg's mother, Dr. Kay Davis, is directing the \$50 million project to build a museum of natural history and has been Executive Director of Fernbank, Inc. since 1984. Greg is still an eligible bachelor and lives here in Atlanta year round.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	FG	ATT	PCT	LG	PAT	PCT	POINTS
1987	Atl.	3	3	4	.750	42	6-6	1.000	15
1988	Atl.	16	19	30	.633	52	25-27	.926	82
1989	N.E.	9	16	23	.696	52	13-16	.813	61
	Atl.	7	7	11	.636	46	12-12	1.000	33
Totals		35	45	68	.662	52	56-61	.918	191

Career Accuracy

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-plus
1987	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-0
1988	1-1	3-4	6-9	8-12	1-4
1989	0-0	6-6	8-12	7-14	2-2
	1-1	10-11	15-22	16-28	3-6

Career Longest

52 vs. Green Bay	11-6-88 (Atlanta)
52 vs. Atlanta	10-15-89 (Atlanta)
51 vs. Colts	10-29-89 (Indy)



CB

CHARLES DIMRY**22****3rd YEAR
UNLV****Ht.: 6'0" Wt.: 175
Born: 1-31-66***As youth, played on soccer team that traveled to Europe.**His 4.4 speed is from dad, a former sprinter himself.***Acquisition: 1988 Draft, Round 5, 110th overall****Last Season**

Charles gained more experience in his second NFL campaign by playing all 16 games and drawing four starting assignments, plus playing an integral role in the nickel defense packages. His contributions included 31 tackles, two interceptions, two forced fumbles, 13 passes defended, and a QB sack. Among his bests were the two turnover games vs. the Saints (Nov. 19) with an interception returned for 32 yards and a forced fumble, the Oct. 29 Saints game with a 40-yard interception return, four passes defended and three tackles, the Redskins game with five tackles, and the Packers game with a forced fumble, a QB sack and a pass deflection. Charles also had eight special teams tackles on the cover units.

Pro Career

The rookie's 4.4 speed enabled him to be drafted in the fifth round in '88. While vet Scott Case was negotiating a contract, Charles was impressing by intercepting a pass in his first preseason game vs. New England and then was the starter in the regular season opener vs. Detroit (7 tackles). He's played all 32 games now in two seasons, with five starts, with 51 tackles, 20 passes defended and a pair of interceptions returned 72 yards.

Notebook

Charles traveled to Europe as a sixth-grade soccer player to compete internationally. Some of his athletic ability (like his 6-5 high jumping and his sprinter's speed) come from his dad who was a member of a 440-sprint relay team that set a San Diego city record.

College

At UNLV, Charles arrived to practice against a QB named Randall Cunningham and among the receivers he defended is current Falcon teammate George Thomas. In 31 games, Charles intercepted three passes (one returned for a TD), made 101 tackles, deflected 19 passes and had a pair of QB sacks. He joined the starting lineup as a sophomore, but injuries (broken fibula as a junior and broken thumb as a senior) slowed his final two seasons.

Personal

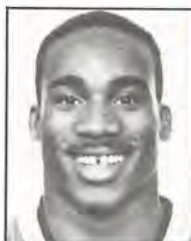
Born in San Diego, CA, Charles Louis, III, and his sister, Michelle, are the children of Charles, Jr., and Pat Dimry. Charles competed in sports at Oceanside High and was chosen to play in the California Bowl with the state's top high schoolers. Still a bachelor, Charles divides his time between California and Tucker, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles	Solo	Assist	Int.	Yards	LG	TD	Def.	FF	FR
1988	Atl.	16/1	20	15	5	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
1989	Atl.	16/4	31	26	5	2	72	40	0	13	2	0
Totals		32/5	51	41	10	2	72	40	0	20	2	0

Dimry's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long
7 at Det. (9-4-88)	1 N.O. (11-19-89)	40 N.O. (11-19-89)
5 Buffalo (11-5-89)	1 at N.O. (10-29-89)	32 at N.O. (10-29-89)
5 Wash. (12-17-89)		



WR

FLOYD DIXON

86

5th YEAR
 Stephen F. Austin
 Ht.: 5'9" Wt.: 170
 Born: 4-9-64

*Led all NFC rookie receivers in
 1986 (42 catches).*

*Caught Chris Miller's first TD
 pass.*



Acquisition: 1986 Draft, Round 6, 154th

Last Season

Experienced Floyd was included in all three-receiver formations in all 16 games and was ready to step up and start five games when Haynes was injured. His season started with a bang when he grabbed a 53-yard TD bomb in the first half of the opener vs. the Rams and included a game-best 74 yards on five catches in his Week 11 start vs. the Saints. His first start in Week 9 vs. the

Bills produced 60 yards on three catches, including a 26-yard touchdown. He finished the year with 25 receptions, the low of his four NFL seasons, good for 357 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Pro Career

Already, Floyd has moved into 9th place in club receiving history with his 1,941 yards, and 11th in career catches with his 131. As an unheralded sixth round 1986 draft pick, Floyd jumped in and topped all rookie NFC receivers with his 42 catches. In his four seasons now, he's been on the receiving end of passes from six different quarterbacks (David Archer, Turk Schonert, Scott Campbell, Chris Miller, Steve Dils, and Hugh Millen), including Campbell's first TD pass as a Falcon and Miller's first TD pass in the NFL (Detroit - '87). His rookie season was punctuated with a 65-yard catch in his third NFL game (at Dallas) to set up the winning FG and a 8-catch, 146-yard game vs. the Eagles. He scored his first NFL TD in his first NFL game started (Week 4 - Tampa Bay).

Year-By-Year

1988: Topped Falcon wide receivers with 28 catches, despite missing a couple weeks with a fractured cheekbone (vs. Green Bay). He had three catches for 76 yards vs. the Eagles and scored a TD in the upset, had four catches in the season opener vs. Detroit and had a long catch of 36 yards vs. the Rams.

1987: His 105-yard game in Week 2 vs. Washington helped in the upset of the soon-to-be Super Bowl champs. He led the receivers with 36 catches for 600 yards. Floyd had a seven-catch game at Dallas and long touchdown plays of 51 yards vs. Detroit (Miller's first TD pass) and 44 yards vs. Cincinnati.

1986: The leading NFC rookie receiver, Floyd netted 835 total yards via rushing, receiving and returning. He had his NFL best game so far when he netted 180 total yards (146 receiving and 34 more punt returning). Floyd had a six-catch game vs. the Jets and a five-catch game vs. the Saints, plus long plays of 65 at Dallas and 61 vs. the Eagles.

Notebook

Growing up in Texas and in the Houston area, Floyd said his favorite NFL receiver was Billy "White Shoes" Johnson, also the NFL's all-time leading punt returner. Thus, when Floyd was drafted by the Falcons, Johnson became one of his teammates and helped welcome and instruct Floyd in the NFL ways. Anytime the Falcons play a Texas team, watch out for native Texan Floyd. He's scored a TD in three of the games (two vs. Dallas, one vs. Houston) and had the game-winning 65-yard catch in the fourth of the four games he's played vs. Texas teams.

College

At Stephen F. Austin (TX), Floyd had 2,661 yards with 146 catches and 28 career touchdowns, starting 44 games alongside another receiver who had a stay in the NFL, James Noble (Redskins, Colts). For the track team, speedy Floyd also set records with the 400-meter relay team, also having top times of 10.3 in the 100 and 21.8 in the 200. He chose SFA because it was close to home and turned down offers from both Rice and Texas Tech for the Engineering College and Georgia Tech for chemical engineering. He maintained his B average at SFA, even having a 3.7 one semester.

Personal

Born and raised in Beaumont, TX, Floyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hunter. He was also an honor roll student at Hebert High and was an all-District footballer while setting records for the school track team. Still a bachelor, Floyd lives in Duluth and enjoys drives in his red Mercedes convertible.

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
1988	Atl.	14/14	28	368	13.1	36	2	7	69	24	0	0	0.0	0
1989	Atl.	16/5	25	357	14.3	53t	2	2	-23	0	0	0	0.0	0
Totals		58/43	131	1942	14.8	65	11	23	110	24	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 11 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)	53t Rams (9-10-89)	
5 Three times	87 Det. (12-27-87)	51t Det (12-27-87)	

WONDERS IN A WEEK

Cornerback/returner Deion Sanders displayed his uncanny ability to make things happen in his first NFL game. On Tuesday of week one in the NFL, Deion hit a home run for the N.Y. Yankees. The following night, Deion jumped a plane to Atlanta when contract negotiations were finalized. That Sunday, against the Los Angeles Rams, Deion fielded his second punt of the day and raced 68 yards for a touchdown. Deion is the first modern day athlete ever to hit a home run in the major leagues and score a touchdown in the NFL in the same week. Deion's first major league home run had come in Milwaukee's County Stadium where only a penalty flag on his 96 yard kickoff return for a touchdown kept him from having a unique two-sport feat in one stadium.



JAMIE DUKES

64

5th YEAR

Florida State

Ht.: 6'1" Wt.: 285

Born: 6-14-64

Has gone from free agent to NFL starter.

Started most games in FSU history (48) over four seasons.



Acquisition: Free Agent, May 2, 1986

Last Season

Jamie earned the starting center spot and battled through all 16 games, proving he's capable of being a full-time starter and not just the jack-of-all-trade lineman he was in his first three seasons. As the Falcons all-time center Jeff Van Note said of Jamie several years ago, "Jamie could be one heck of a center. A center needs leverage and those big, long arms are an asset. He's light on his feet. He's a natural pass blocker." Last year, Jamie's pass blocking helped the club pass for 3,903 gross yards, 10th best in the League, 6th in the Conference. Included in that was Miller's second-most in NFL history 66-attempt game, with a club record 37 completions, in the finale.

Pro Career

The unsung free agent, bypassed in the NFL draft, has gone on now to play in 47 NFL games, starting 25, after four years in the League. He's started 17 at center, five at left guard, and three at right guard to show his willingness and versatility. Jamie also was moved around to be in the tight end spot and even in the backfield as an extra blocker (and eligible receiver) in certain situations. Like most NFL players, Jamie has had his share of injuries to include dislocated big toe, knee ligament sprain, strained back, sprained thumb, pulled hamstring, and assorted bumps and bruises.

Notebook

Jamie is reunited with his former college offensive coordinator, Wayne McDuffie, who is now the Falcons offensive line coach. At FSU, Jamie started more games than any other player in school history and was first-team all-America, yet went undrafted on NFL Draft Day '86. Not "computer perfect" with his size, he makes up for it with 37-1/2 inch arms. Jamie's worked in the offseason to start a charity golf tournament and helps with the basketball team that plays some games for charities.

College

His 48 games over four years at Florida State were the most ever started as he went on to become a first-team all-American. From the time he arrived as a 290-pound freshman, Jamie

became a starter and helped the team set school rushing marks. In four Bowl games, he was on winners in the Gator, Peach, and Gator, while tying the Citrus Bowl vs. Georgia. He missed one game with a separated shoulder but came back the next week. His daily battles with Alphonso Carreker helped get him ready for the NFL.

Personal

Jamie, born in Schnectady, NY, moved to Orlando, FL, as a 12-year old. It was at Orlando's Maynard Evans High that he was named Orange County Player of the Year in football. The middle of three Dukes children, Jamie Donnell also loved basketball, especially the Lakers, and still keeps active trying to organize his teammates in the offseason for basketball games. He listed his favorite NFL player as Dolphin guard, Larry Little. Jamie and his wife, Lynne, reside in Lilburn and are organizers of player get-togethers, including the Thanksgiving afternoon one during the season.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 47/25, 1986 (14/4), 1987 (5/0), 1988 (12/5), 1989 (16/16)



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BILL FRALIC

79

6th YEAR
Pittsburgh

Ht.: 6'5" Wt.: 280
Born: 10-31-62

Only NFL guard to play last 4 Pro Bowls.

On All-NFL Team of the Eighties.



Acquisition: 1985 Draft, Round 1, 2nd overall

Last Season

The fact that Bill appeared in his fourth consecutive Pro Bowl indicates what his peers around the NFL think of him. And, the right guard was the lone Falcon chosen for that NFC Pro Bowl squad, showing the recognition from a 3-13 team was special. At the end of the summer, Bill signed a three-year pact to make him one of the highest paid linemen ever in the NFL. He went on to start 15 games, missing a Week 14 game (Minn.) after a broken finger required an operation to insert four screws and two pins. Among other team coaches comments about Bill was one that sums him up well: "...he doesn't let up for one second." In addition to the Pro Bowl, Bill was also picked first team all-NFC by UPI...Despite playing just half the decade, Bill was honored by being selected to the All-NFL Team of the 1980's (second team).

Pro Career

Five years equals an NFL Rookie of the Year season (*Sports Illustrated*) and four Pro Bowl berths in Bill's NFL career to date. The second player taken in the '85 draft (Bruce Smith - #1), Bill became a Falcon when the team swapped first round picks with the Vikings, giving up a third round pick (Vikings took LB Tim Lincecum). His first practice saw him line-up as the starting right guard (he had played tackle in college) in place of holdout R. C. Thieleman, and with the exception of five games at tackle, his other 67 have been at right guard. His line play has helped the running backs (four Pro Bowl seasons, three from Riggs, one from Settlemire) and team set club record for yards rushing and once lead the NFL in time of possession. Last year, he blocked for the number two passing team in club history. Injuries have been a part of his NFL career, too, as he has had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee ('87), his left elbow ('86), his left knee again ('88), and fractured his right finger last year (four pins and two screws).

Honors

- 1989: NFL Pro Bowl (fourth time)
 UPI all-NFC starter
 All-NFL Team of the 1980's (second team)
- 1988: NFL Pro Bowl starter
 UPI all-NFC starter
 College and Pro Football Newsweekly all-NFL starter
 AP all-NFL second team
- 1987: NFL Pro Bowl starter
 AP, Pro Football Writers, Pro Football Weekly and Sporting News all-NFL
 UPI, Football News all-NFC starter
 NEA all-NFL second team
- 1986: NFL Pro Bowl starter
 Sporting News, NEA and Pro Football Weekly all-NFL
 AP all-NFL second team
 UPI all-NFC second team
 NFL Alumni Offensive Lineman of Year
- 1985: NFL Rookie of the Year (*Sports Illustrated*)
 All-NFL Rookie by Pro Football Writers, UPI and Football Digest
 All-Madden Team (CBS-TV)

Notebook

The Falcons players association rep, Bill headed the NFLPA's committee on chemical dependency and had testified before a Senate Hearing in May of '89 on steroids in the NFL...Bill wears a coat and tie most of the off-season as he works for Bill Fralic Insurance Services, with offices in Atlanta and Ft. Lauderdale, FL, specializing in business insurances...Huge Bill was one of the 20 participants in Wrestlemania II (April of '86) and made it into the final 10 before becoming the 12th to leave when 365-pound "Big John Studd" and "The Iron Sheikh" united to toss Bill over the ropes.

College

Pitt has retired both his jersey and his locker after his stellar career. He was only the second freshman to start his first game, joining a runner named Tony Dorsett with that distinction. The retired jersey put him in a class with Dorsett, Dan Marino and Hugh Green and the retired locker listed him with Dorsett and Green. A three-time all-America pick, Bill actually finished in the top 10 twice in the Heisman Trophy balloting (8th as a junior, 6th as a senior). Those Pitt powerhouses of the early '80's included his older roommate, Bears Pro Bowl T Jim Covert, under Coach Foge Fazio.

Personal

William P. Fralic, Junior, was the third of the three Fralic sons of a Pennsylvania steel worker. His dad was a twice-wounded Marine who participated in the Inchon Landing in Korea and who once put up a sign in the Fralic front yard "forget the dog, beware the owner." That type of toughness probably made all three sons offensive tackles. Joe played at Marshall University, Mike then followed at South Carolina, and Bill stayed closer home at Pitt. Just a normal baby boy at 7-pounds, three ounces, Bill grew to 170 pounds by age nine. The kid nicknamed Bull was a 5-10, 180 pound 11-year old who was playing football with the older boys and who was a terror on the pitchers mound as an undefeated Little League pitcher averaging double figures in strikeouts. At Penn Hills High, Bill played on four straight championship teams and was a heavyweight wrestler. Still a bachelor, Bill lives in Woodstock, GA.

Career Games

Games Played/Started: 72/71, 1985 (15/14), 1986 (16/16), 1987 (12/12), 1988 (14/14), 1989 (15/15)

FALCONS IN UNIFORM: BACK IN BLACK

- Jersey:** Black with white letters outlined in red. Sleeve features Falcon logo on each sleeve. The white number with red trim is on the right shoulder and the 25th anniversary logo will be sewn on the left shoulder.
- White jersey with red letters outlined in black. Sleeves feature Falcon logo on each sleeve trimmed in red. The red number with black trim is on the right shoulder and the 25th anniversary logo will be sewn on the left shoulder.
- Pants:** Gray with shiny front. Red stripe down each leg, bordered by two thinner white stripes, bordered by two wider black stripes. Black belt.
- Socks:** Black over white.
- Shoes:** White (brand preferences by player) with black trim.
- Helmet:** Black with black face mask. Black Falcon logo outlined in white on both sides of helmet. No striping.



SCOTT FULHAGE

17

3rd YEAR
Kansas State

Ht.: 6'0" Wt.: 193

Born: 11-17-61

Led NFC last year with 24 punts inside the 20-yard line.

Got first chance to punt in NFL in '87 replacement game.



Acquisition: Free Agent, August 24, 1989

Last Season

When Scott was cut by the Bengals in August in favor of Lee Johnson, the Falcons quickly signed him on August 24 and he averaged 42.3 for the Falcons in preseason to win the job. The job was available because incumbent Rick Donnelly had injured his back and was unable to perform. Now, Scott heads into '89 knowing he was protected and Donnelly was a Plan B free agent (Seattle), while Scott was 9th in the NFL with his 41.3 average and led the NFC with 24 punts inside the 20 and Johnson was 17th with his 40.1 average and 20th with his 14 punts inside the 20. Scott was the Golden Toe Winner by Pro Football Weekly for Week 6 vs. the Patriots (7 punts-49.1-long of 65). In the Week 13 game with San Francisco, Scott averaged 42.3, but also displayed his talent by tossing a 14-yard pass that the Falcons converted into a first down.

Pro Career

Like a lot of other punters and kickers, Scott has traveled the NFL. Back in '85, he had his rookie shot with the Buffalo Bills as a free agent. Cut by them, he waited a year and went to camp with the Washington Redskins. After they cut him, he stayed in shape to try again in '87. The Bengals went to the final cut (Sept. 7), but let him go. When the players strike came, Scott was re-signed by the Bengals and in those three games, averaged 44.4 to lead all replacement punters. Still, the Bengals cut him on Oct. 20, with Green Bay signing him. The Packers then cut him on Nov. 3 and he signed with the Bengals on Nov. 5 and finished the season with them. He was retained by the Bengals for 1988, but injured his back and went on IR on December 21.

College

At Kansas State, Scott punted 254 times for 10,284 yards (40.5 career average) over four seasons. As a junior he was second in the Big Eight (41.9) and as a senior third. He boomed a 75-yarder vs. Nebraska and a 72-yarder vs. Missouri for career longs. Scott was also an Academic all-Big Eight selection while majoring in Agricultural Economics.

Personal

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Fulhage, Scott was born and raised in Beloit, Kansas. He participated in football, basketball and track, but quite active with the football team that won two

state championships. Scott had played some quarterback, some fullback, some linebacker and punted while in high school. He is still employed in farming in Beloit during the offseason. Scott and his wife, Cyndy, have two children, Camille, 4 and Darrell John, 2.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TB	In 20	Blk.
1987	Cinc.	52	2168	41.7	58	5	10	0
1988	Cinc.	44	1672	38.0	53	5	13	2
1989	Atl.	84	3472	41.3	65	9	24	1
Totals		180	7312	40.6	65	19	47	3



DE

MIKE GANN

76

6th YEAR
Notre Dame

Ht.: 6'5" Wt.: 270
Born: 10-19-63

Has scored two NFL TD's and a safety.

Has degree in Marketing.

Never missed an NFL game due to injury.



Acquisition: 1985 Draft, Round 2, 45th overall

Last Season

Dependable Mike upped his string to 76 games he played with the Falcons, only missing the three replacement games back in 1987. From his left end spot he registered 99 total tackles, equalling his personal best, to rank 6th on the team, while topping the team with 27 QB hurries and making a pair of QB sacks. Mike's individual best games came against the Jets (11 tackles), the Redskins with two sacks, six tackles and a hurry, the Patriots and Colts with nine tackles apiece and the Saints with eight tackles and three hurries. In that Colts game, he had a key 4th-and-1 stop of Dickerson.

Pro Career

The former second round draft choice has been ready every week now for five years, ringing up 444 career tackles (six per game), with 157 QB hurries, 18 QB sacks, six fumble recoveries, and two forced fumbles. Mike's even figured out he gets his name in the paper when he scores, so he's turned offensive and figured out how to score two touchdowns (fumble returns) and a safety. Mike was one of those draft day trades, when the Falcons gave up a 2nd and 5th to move

up to get the Cardinals 2nd. The Cards took T Scott Bergold later in the 2nd and TE K.D. Dunn in the 5th. In Mike's first NFL game he got his first NFL sack (Detroit).

Year-By-Year

1988: Mike had 92 tackles and led the team with 25 QB hurries. His play also included four sacks, two pass deflections, two forced fumbles and two fumbles recovered. He scooped up a Randall Cunningham fumble in Philadelphia and rumbled 36 yards for the score. He also had a personal best 14 tackle game in Week 4 against the Cowboys, plus an 11-tackle game vs. the Rams.

1987: Moving around, Mike started seven at LE, two at RT in a shift to a 4-3 formation, and one at LT. He tied for the lead among Falcon linemen with 85 tackles in 12 games and led the team with 22 QB hurries.

1986: New defensive coordinator Marion Campbell moved Mike to left end for his 3-4 defense and Mike led the team with 43 QB hurries, had three fumble recoveries, 5.5 QB sacks, and his personal best 99 tackles. Mike enjoyed a two sack game (49ers), a safety (St Louis), an 11-tackle game (Eagles) and a 12-yard fumble return (Lions).

1985: A sack in his first game was followed by a touchdown in his seventh NFL game (42-lateral return of fumble) vs. the Saints. He helped save a 14-13 win vs. Minnesota by recovering a fumble with 1:09 remaining in the game. His rookie campaign included five QB sacks and then shoulder surgery during the offseason.

Notebook

Mike's switch of colleges is the only thing that keeps the Falcons from having a trio of Oklahoma alum starting on the line. Casillas and Bryan both starred at OU and Gann originally signed a letter of intent, but switched to Notre Dame after learning his family was moving to the Chicago area and he could be closer so they could watch him play. However, all three starters were born in Oklahoma (Gann in Stillwater, Bryan in Wagoner, and Casillas in Tulsa). Mike went on to earn his college degree in Marketing and has slowly started work toward a Masters in Management. Mike's play helped the Falcons get WR Floyd Dixon. When Mike was viewed in '85 camp, coaches decided to trade Don Smith and acquired a 6th round '86 pick that was used to draft Dixon.

College

In three years with the Fighting Irish, Mike had 21 QB sacks and 34 tackles for losses included in his bounty. His '84 teammates voted him the outstanding defensive player for his 10 sacks (-105), five fumble recoveries and three forced fumbles. Mike played in the Hula and Japan Bowls.

Personal

Born in Stillwater, OK, Mike moved to Lakewood, Colorado, and played his sports as a member of the '79 state champions as the defensive tackle and offensive guard. Mike was captain of the football team and catcher for the baseball squad. His older brother, Mark, had gone on to play his college football at Oklahoma. Mike has worked with kids in the Atlanta area, including being a Little League assistant coach and a Boy Scout worker. He and his wife, Judith, now reside in Alpharetta, and have a two-year old son, Michael Joseph.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	FF	FR	TD	Safety
1985	Atl.	16/16	69	40	29	5.0	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
1988	Atl.	16/16	92	59	33	4.0	25	2	2	1	0
1989	Atl.	16/16	99	52	47	2.0	27	0	0	0	0
Total		76/76	444	252	192	18.0	157	2	6	2	1

Gann's Personal Bests

Tackles	QB Sacks	Fumble Recoveries
14 at Dal (9-25-88) 12 Cin (11-15-87) 11 LA Rams (10-9-88) 11 Jets (11-26-89)	2 at SF (11-23-86) 2 Wash. (12-17-89) 1.5 Cards (9-14-86)	1 Six Times, last vs. Packers, (11-6-88)
Touchdowns 1 Saints (10-20-85) 42-lateral of fumble return 1 Eagles (10-30-88) 36-fumble return	Safety 1 Cards (9-14-86)	

OPENING DAY

Atlanta has had one previous opening day encounter with the Houston Oilers. That game was played in 1978 and was at Fulton County Stadium. The Falcons won 20-14 in front of 57,328 fans. It paved the way for the club's first playoff appearance. The only leftovers from that historical squad are T Mike Kenn, current Assistant Head Coach/Defense Doug Shively who was Linebacker Coach, and current Head Coach Jerry Glanville who was the Secondary Coach at the time. Glanville was Head Coach of the Oilers last year, guiding them to a third straight playoff appearance.

**TIM GORDON****41****4th YEAR
Tulsa****Ht.: 6'0" Wt.: 188
Born: 5-7-65**

Intercepted a Doug Williams pass in first NFL game he played.

Returned a punt for TD in first college game he played.

**Acquisition: Free Agent, May 6, 1987****Last Season**

Coming to camp as the new starter at free safety, Tim was prepared to make the most of an opportunity. Despite missing three starts (Weeks 7-9) with a groin pull, Tim produced 74 tackles, four interceptions for 60 yards, 12 passes defended and a QB hurry on a blitz. In Week 11 at New Orleans, Tim showed his true potential by earning Miller Player of the Game honors with his two pass interceptions (26 yards), his seven tackles and his special teams tackle. Tim started the season off with a nine tackle game vs. the Rams and then finished strong with a Week 15 seven-tackle, one interception, two pass defense game vs. the Redskins. He also had high tackle games of eight vs. the Vikings and seven vs. the Jets.

Pro Career

Tim has gone from free agent, cut and re-signed, to a starter in the NFL after three seasons. After being released as a rookie on the final cutdown, Tim was quickly re-signed after one game when Bret Clark fractured his leg. That first game, just five days later vs. the Redskins, Tim intercepted a pass in the closing minute to secure the upset of the soon-to-be world champs. Tim started eight games as a rookie, but then gave way when Clark returned the next season. Another injury to Clark, and Tim was back as the starter for the final five games. Then, last year, Clark was not re-signed and the job was Tim's. Now, he's a vet of 41 games with 26 starting assignments and eight pass interceptions.

Year-By-Year

1988: He led the special teams cover units (19 tackles) and was a valuable nickel back until he stepped up as the starter the final five weeks. Tim rang up 50 tackles, had a pair of interceptions, had nine pass deflections, and even had a QB sack. His thefts came back-to-back in Weeks 9 and 10 vs. the Eagles and Packers.

1987: The rookie ended up with 8 starts, 67 tackles, a pair of interceptions, and a fumble recovery after coming back from being cut on the last roster count. He stole a pass in the first game (Redskins) and the last game (Lions) of the season and had a pair of 11-tackle games.

Notebook

His college career at Tulsa started with a bang. The first time he fielded a punt as a freshman, he returned the ball all the way (59 yards) for a TD against New Mexico State. As a freshman, he finished with a 15.5 return average that was second in the nation and after four years he left with a 10.7 career punt return average of 43 returns. Tim's breakaway speed helped him set a school record with the track team with a 6.1 time in the 60 and he was also voted Tulsa's Most Outstanding Runner with the track team.

College

A four-year letterman and a three-year starter, the "G-Man" posted 146 total tackles, broke up 12 passes and stole another. As a senior, his 62 tackles led the secondary as a team leader on a 7-4 squad that had four players drafted into the NFL.

Personal

One of 10 children of Isiah and Helen Gordon, Tim was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma. His dad was a petroleum engineer, giving Tim a chance to work summers as a roustabout for an oil company. Tim was a all-state performer at Ardmore High in both football and track. Tim majored in public relations in college. Tim has a three-year old daughter, Brittany.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst	Int	Yds	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR
1987	Atl.	11/8	67	42	25	2	28	28	0	12	0	1
1988	Atl.	16/5	50	28	22	2	10	7	0	9	0	1
1989	Atl.	14/13	74	44	30	4	60	34	0	12	0	0
Total		41/26	191	114	77	8	98	34	0	33	0	2

Gordon's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long	Fumble Rec.
11 at Min (11-15-87) 11 at Rams (12-13-87)	2 Saints (11-19-89) 1 6 Times	34 Wash (12-17-89) 28 Det (12-27-87)	1 Two times

NOT RETIRED . . . JUST NOT USED

In the Atlanta Falcons 25 year existence, the jersey numbers 2 and 13 have never been issued during the regular season. Although these jersey numbers have been seen out at training camps, they have yet to see action in a regular season game.



LB

TIM GREEN

99

5th YEAR
SyracuseHt.: 6'2" Wt.: 245
Born: 12-16-63*Brown belt karate student.**Second-year law student.**Former N.Y. State wrestling champion.*

Acquisition: 1986 Draft, Round 1, 17th overall

Last Season

Tim claimed his first 100-plus tackle season as he started 14 games last fall (12 at right outside LB, 1 at left outside LB, and one at right DE). He finished third on the team with 111 total tackles, was third on the team with five QB sacks, was second of the team with 16 QB hurries, had a forced fumble, and recovered a fumble. Tim did not start the first two weeks, but played those two games in certain defenses. Among his better efforts was an 11-tackle, 1 fumble recovery game in the win over New England (Week 6), a 10-tackle game vs. the Jets, a nine-tackle, one-sack game vs. the 49ers, a nine-tackle game with two QB hurries vs. the Saints, and a eight-tackle, one sack performance vs. the Saints.

Pro Career

A former first round draft pick, Tim's first three NFL seasons were stopped by injuries. As a rookie, two weeks into camp a ruptured calf muscle put him on crutches and IR the early portion of the season. Then, the next year, he had become a starter until a Week 9 knee ligament tear put him down for the year. His third year a hyperextended elbow on the Friday before the season opener put him back on IR for six weeks. Finally, last year, he avoided major injury and went on to his 111 tackle season. Tim's played both as a stand-up outside LB and a down lineman and now has 224 career tackles and 10 QB sacks.

Year-By-Year

1988: After six weeks on IR (elbow), Tim came on strong to record 50 tackles, including five starting assignments. Over the second half of the season, his play in a special "Waco Gang" defense with him moving around enabled the Falcons to yield just 95 points in the final eight games. He had a 10-tackle game vs. the Rams in Week 15.

1987: In Week 9, Tim's season was cut short with a knee injury. He had blocked a field goal to help save a win over the Redskins in Week 2. Then, the players strike came and Tim decided to stay and play. Against a 49ers "replacement" team of Montana, Craig, Clark, Francis, Fuller, etc., Tim had 15 tackles and a QB sack.

1986: He played the final 11 games of his rookie year, bouncing back from IR and a ruptured calf muscle. He made his first NFL start in the season finale (Lions) and responded with 12 tackles.

Notebook

Syracuse's co-valedictorian is now a second year Law student. He also works to stay in shape as a brown belt karate student. Tim is still into reading books and hopes one day to write his own novel. His 3.83 cumulative average for college tied him with Kiren Dosanjh for valedictorian of the 3,000-member graduating class. He was a Rhodes Scholar nominee in '85 and '86, a Rossman Scholarship winner in '85, and a Garfinkle Scholarship winner in '84 with his major in English Literature.

College

His 4.6 speed took him from nose tackle to outside linebacker, where he managed 43 QB sacks, 341 total tackles (13 games of 10 or more). Tim was one of three juniors nominated for the Lombardi Trophy and had been picked as Sports Illustrated's Player of the Week when the Orangemen upset number one ranked Nebraska. He scored a TD in college with a return of a blocked punt vs. Navy.

Personal

Born and reared in Syracuse, Tim is the middle child of Richard and Judy Green. Dad was a three sport letter winner in high school which motivated Tim into sports and Mom was an elementary school teacher who got Tim's education on the right track. In sports, Tim was New York's State football Player of the Year and the New York State heavyweight wrestling champ at Liverpool High. Off the field, he was Student Council President and in National Honor Society. Tim and his wife, Illyssa, were married in the spring of '89.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	FF	FR	Blk. Kick
1986	Atlanta	11/1	14	7	7	0	0	0	0
1987	Atlanta	9/5	39	26	13	1	0	1	1
1988	Atlanta	10/5	50	25	25	4	1	0	0
1989	Atlanta	16/14	111	60	51	5	1	1	0
Total		46/25	214	118	96	10	2	2	1

Green's Personal Bests			
Tackles	Sacks	Fumble Rec.	Blocks
15 SF (10-11-87) 12 at Dal (12-21-86) 11 N.E. (10-15-89) 10 Two times	1 10 times	1 Phil (10-4-87) Buff (11-5-89)	1 Wash (9-20-87)



WR

MICHAEL HAYNES

81

3rd YEAR
Northern Arizona

Ht.: 6'0" Wt.: 180

Born: 12-24-65

*Ran in Olympic Trials vs. Carl Lewis.**Never played high school football—played trumpet in band.*

Acquisition: 1988 Draft, Round 7, 166th

Last Season

What may have been a spectacular season turned into just a good season for Michael as a result of a nerve injury in his right shoulder that caused him to go five games without a catch in midseason. Nonetheless, Michael's second NFL season featured 40 catches (third on team) for 681 yards (second on team) with four touchdowns (third on team). His most memorable game was Week 15 vs. Washington when he had 190 yards (second most in club history) on six catches and scored a pair of touchdowns (72 long). That day he had three catches for 122 yards at half and came back with three more for 68 yards in the second half.

Michael opened the season with a 33-yard TD catch in the opener vs. the Rams (4 for 62 on the day) and followed that with 5 catches for 57 yards in Week 2. In the Week 5 Rams game, Michael's diving reception of a 46-yard pass ended up with a shoulder injury. He tried to continue and in Week 7 had a 66-yard game vs. Phoenix (4 catches) but reinjured the shoulder. He spent the next five weeks healing (two on Inactive Squad) and started warming up for his big season finish with a four-catch 53-yard game in Week 13 vs. the 49ers. He was Miller Lite Player of the Game in Week 14 vs. the Vikings (5-88), followed that with his personal best 190 vs. Washington and finished with 6 for 62 and a TD in the finale with the Lions. Thus, his final four games netted him 21 catches for 393 yards (18.7) and three TD's to show his full recovery.

Pro Career

As a 7th round draft pick from relatively unknown Northern Arizona, Michael slipped quietly into town, receiving brief mention as he was late for camp to run in the Olympic trials. His '88 rookie season flashed the promise as he waited and took advantage of injuries and mistakes by others. Michael ended up with six starting assignments and led the receivers with four TD catches. The pressure was to his liking as he ended up with two game-winning TD catches vs. the Eagles (49-yarder in 4th quarter) and Tampa Bay (37-yarder). His first NFL start was week 8 vs. the Giants (for injured Bailey) and he ended up one yard short of glory that day catching a last-play desperation pass at the one-yard line.

Notebook

As a Big Sky Conference track champ in the 100 and 200 meters, his times (10.28 100) qualified him for the '88 Olympic Trials. He lost in his heat as Carl Lewis ran a 9.96, but it was an experience Michael can treasure. His 400-meter relay team had qualified to run for the NCAA Nationals (39.79). Michael's best officially timed 40-yard dash was 4.35.

Amazingly, Michael has made it into the NFL without having played any pee-wee or high school football. He first put on pads when he tried out at junior college (Eastern Arizona) and progressed remarkably. In high school, Michael was on the football field, but it was at halftime when he was playing trumpet with the Joseph Clark High marching band in New Orleans.

College

At Eastern Arizona JC, Michael first put on football pads and the coach had him try being a defensive back and a returner. No problem for Michael as he intercepted five passes, averaged 15.3 on punt returns and 20.6 on kickoffs. Next year, the coach decided to use Michael's speed on offense. No problem for Michael as he was a running back (31 rushes-441-14.2 per carry avg., 3 TDs, long of 80). In addition to running, he caught (12-267-22.3-1 TD), he returned (19.6 punt returns, 1 TD, 26.3 kickoff returns) and he even threw (2-5, 122, and 1 TD). These two years promptly led to a scholarship to Northern Arizona.

At Northern Arizona, Michael kept his success story going by ranking 20th in the nation with a 23.9 kick return average, caught 20 passes for 349 yards and scored six touchdowns. Included was his first 100-yard game and a trio of two touchdown games. His senior year, Michael ranked in the top 10 in kickoff returns (26.9), caught 17 passes for 219 yards, and scored a pair of TD's. His top return game was 243 yards vs. Nevada-Reno. He and Collins helped the team average 35 points per game and post a 7-4 record.

Personal

Born on Christmas Eve in 1965 to Jack and Georgia Haynes, Michael grew up in New Orleans with his brother, Theran, and sister, Lynn. Starting back in elementary school, Michael (trumpet) and Theran (clarinet) played in bands all the way through Joseph Clark High School. Michael did not play sports, but his friends who did were going to Eastern Arizona JC so he decided to give it a try. Michael wears glasses and is recognizable because of the little red star in the lower corner of the right lens. Still a bachelor, Michael makes his home in Duluth with regular visits back home to New Orleans (where the ticket requests are high for the Division rivalry).

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1988	All.	15/5	13	232	17.8	49t	4
1989	All.	13/11	40	681	17.0	72t	4
Totals		28/16	53	913	17.2	72t	8

Haynes' Personal Bests			
Number	Yards	Long	TD
6 Wash (12-17-89)	190 Wash (12-17-89)	72t Wash (12-17-89)	2 Wash (12-17-89)
6 Det (12-24-89)	88 at Min (12-10-89)	49t at Phi (10-30-88)	2 Phi (10-30-88)
5 at Min (12-10-89)	68 at Phi (10-30-88)	46 Rams (10-8-89)	
5 Dal (9-17-89)	66 at Pho (10-22-89)		



TE

ALEX HIGDON

882nd YEAR
Ohio StateHt.: 6'5" Wt.: 245
Born: 9-9-66*His first two NFL catches were both touchdown plays.**Pre-med student.*

Acquisition: 1988 Draft, Round 3, 56th overall

Last Season

Alex spent the whole year in rehabilitation on his left knee and right wrist and was unable to participate. His original surgery on the knee was on Sept. 19, 1988, for an anterior cruciate ligament tear. When he re-injured it on February 16, he underwent more surgery. He also had the surgery on his wrist on May 8 of '89. Now he'll try to make a complete comeback from his injury of Week 3 in the '88 season.

Pro Career

The Falcons third round draft pick of '88 started his NFL career off well. His first game vs. the Lions saw him catch a nine-yard TD pass, his second game saw him catch a 34-yard TD pass on a 4th down play, and then his third catch was a 17-yarder that saw him sustain his season ending injury. Thus, his NFL totals are three games played, three catches for 60 yards and two touchdowns.

College

Starting out in college, Alex was a linebacker and then defensive tackle. As a junior, he moved to tight end. As a senior, he made 26 catches for 252 yards. Alex played in the Citrus and Cotton Bowl wins with the Buckeyes as he followed another NFL tight end, John Frank.

Personal

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Alex is the youngest of the three Higdon children of Larry, a financial consultant, and Maxine, a mutual clerk. At Princeton High, Alex caught 52 passes for 875 yards in two years as his team won a state championship. Alex drives around in his 1965 Buick Skylark, making his car older than he himself is. Alex started off in pre-med at Ohio State and spent the offseason going back to classes in Columbus. He's still a bachelor.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1988	Atl.	3/0	3	60	20.0	34t	2



T

CHRIS HINTON

71

8th YEAR

Northwestern

Ht.: 6'4" Wt.: 300

Born: 7-31-61

First rookie lineman to ever play in Pro Bowl.

Had played linebacker and tight end in college.



Acquisition: Trade, Colts, April 20, 1990

Last Season

Chris earned his fifth consecutive Pro Bowl starting assignment in his sixth Pro Bowl game (he missed his second season when he suffered a broken fibula - '84). A hamstring injury caused him to miss Weeks 13 & 14 last fall, giving him 14 starts. The Colts used his blocking to tie for 4th in the NFL in rushing with a 140 per game average, marking the fifth time in the past six seasons the club ran for 2,000 or more yards. A consistent player, Chris can rise to play the best like when he kept DE Bruce Smith of the Bills from making a tackle in the Colts win. His play had been so good the club was going to make him the cover of their GameDay magazine for the season.

Pro Career

The number four player picked overall in the '83 draft, Chris has lived up to that potential. As a rookie, he not only made everybody's all-Rookie teams, he went all the way to the Pro Bowl. And, his strength and ability have kept him at that Pro Bowl level eight years later. Versatile, Chris came into the NFL as a right guard and went to the Pro Bowl, the first rookie in the NFL to do

so. After six games in '84, a fractured fibula ended his 21 consecutive NFL starts and put him on IR. When he came back in '85, Chris was shifted to LT, enabling him to go to the Pro Bowl at a second position. That '85 season the club had a 5.0 season rushing average, the best in the NFL in over a decade. In '86, Chris started the first 13 games at LT, then was moved to the left guard spot for the final three weeks, before going on to the Pro Bowl. Despite missing Weeks 3-5 for players strike and ending a 34-game start streak, Chris went back to the Pro Bowl again in '87 as team allowed only 24 sacks. Now, he's a vet of 94 NFL games over seven seasons.

Notebook

Number one picks and quarterbacks play a role in Chris' NFL story. Back in '83, Denver used the #4 pick on Chris. On May 2, QB John Elway went from the Colts to Denver as the Colts acquired Chris, QB Mark Herrmann and next year's #1 pick (used for G Ron Solt). This spring, the Colts wanted a QB and traded Chris, WR Andre Rison, and next year's #1 to Atlanta so the Colts could take QB Jeff George. Obviously quite an athlete, Chris played linebacker and tight end in college before switching to left tackle as a senior. Then, in the NFL, he's started at three different line spots (LT, LG, and RG). How many athletes do you know who had an 11-tackle game in college as an LB, a five-catch, 83-yard game in college as a TE, and an all-America season as a lineman? He's made it to the Pro Bowl at two positions, now he can try to make it from both Conferences.

Honors

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| <p>1989: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (6th)
UPI all-AFC (second team)
AP all-NFL (second team)
PFW all-AFC (first team)</p> <p>1988: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (5th)
UPI all-AFC (second team)</p> <p>1987: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (4th)
Sporting News all-NFL
Pro Football Weekly all-AFC</p> <p>1986: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (3rd)
UPI all-AFC (first team)
Football News all-NFL</p> | <p>1985: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (2nd)
AP all-NFL (second team)
UPI all-AFC (first team)
NEA all-NFL (second team)</p> <p>1983: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (1st)
UPI all-NFL rookie
Football Digest all-NFL
rookie
Pro Football Writers all-NFL
rookie</p> |
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College

As a 218-pound freshman at Northwestern, Chris was an outside LB with six starts (46 tackles). As a sophomore, he started six more at OLB and four at TE with the offense. By his junior year, he was the starting tight end with 19 catches for 265 yards and an 83-yard best vs. rival Michigan. As a senior, he made his switch to offensive line and left tackle. Chosen by his teammates as most valuable player, Chris was all-Big Ten and all-America by most polls. He played in the Senior Bowl and Blue-Gray games and was also picked to the all-America Strength Team. Chris also earned his college degree in Sociology.

Personal

Born in Chicago, IL, Christopher Jerrod began his athletic career at Phillips High School as a football player, a basketball player, a wrestler, and a track competitor. In Indianapolis, Chris was involved with Adopt-A-Family and the Special Olympics. Chris and his wife, Carol, rejoiced with their first child, a daughter, Caris, born April 12 this spring. Chris also enjoys his golden retriever, named Herpo.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started:	1983 (16/15)	1984 (6/6)	1985 (16/16)	1986 (16/16)
	1987 (12/12)	1988 (14/14)	1989 (14/14)	Total: 94/93



HOUSTON HOOVER

69

3rd YEAR
Jackson State
 Ht.: 6'2" Wt.: 290
 Born: 6-2-65

*Earned all-NFL rookie
 recognition in '88.*

*Has started last 28
 consecutive games at right
 tackle.*



Acquisition: 1988 Draft; Round 6, 140th

Last Season

After Week 2, Houston assessed how things were going when he said: "I've got a bad ankle, a bad knee, and a bad shoulder. I guess I'd call this a bad year." Houston, however, reaped praise from the trainers and praise from the coaches for his play in starting all 16 games at right tackle despite the injuries. When the season ended, Hoover had the arthroscopic surgery on his left knee and is anxious to start all over again. A guard in college, Houston moved to right tackle as an NFL rookie and has started the last 28 games at that spot. Houston got a lot of experience with his pass blocking as the club set a mark with 578 pass attempts (5th NFL) and passed for 3,903 yards. He blocked, too, for Miller's 66-attempt game (2nd most NFL history) with the club record 37 completions in the season finale.

Pro Career

A quiet 6th round second day draft choice in '88, Houston had become the starter at RT in Week 5 and went on to gain all-NFL rookie recognition by College & Pro Football Newsweekly. He actually joined the starting lineup at halftime in Week 4 vs. Dallas and came out to face "Too Tall" Jones in his first assignment. Houston's been willing to learn and play wherever he can, so if the coaches decide to try him at any of the offensive line positions as a result of offseason moves, the rugged Hoover will be ready.

Notebook

No stranger to the weight room, Houston does 20 or so reps of 2-1/2 times his body weight with his powerful legs and into the 400-pound area for bench presses. Houston is also a basketball fan and is among the many who admire Michael Jordan's acrobatics. Houston likes to make children smile and is involved in hospital visitations and Big Brothers programs and is always one of the first to volunteer for the annual Atlanta Sports Carnival. A dedicated football player, Houston hasn't missed a football game with an injury in the last five years. He finished his final three years in college as a starter and hasn't missed a call yet as a Falcon, despite injuries.

College

Thanks to an uncle who had played at Jackson State, that school benefitted from Houston Hoover. A first-team all-America pick on the Sheridan Black College team and a first team all-SWAC pick, Hoover was perhaps the top lineman in the Conference. Coaches down there say he was a hard worker, a team leader and captain, and rarely missed even a play of practice. His college line coach, Carl Roberts, helped develop Houston into a pro caliber player. Houston was also busy in the classroom and earned his college degree in Business Management.

Personal

Houston Roosevelt Hoover was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi. His mom, Dora, is still his number one fan and Houston recognizes her inspiration and encouragement in keeping him going strong. Houston had lettered in both football and basketball at Yazoo City High. He has two sisters and a younger brother, James, who is a 210-pounder playing linebacker at Holmes Junior College in Mississippi. A bachelor, Houston now lives in Duluth, GA.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 31/28 1988 15/12 1989 16/16

ONE(S) OF A KIND

For the third straight year, the Falcons will have two first round draft choices. In 1989, the Falcons took CB Deion Sanders (5th) and WR Shawn Collins (27th). In 1990, the Falcons traded their first overall pick to Indianapolis for WR Andre Rison and T Chris Hinton. The Falcons took Steve Broussard with their 20th overall pick. Because of the trade with Indianapolis, the Falcons received the Colts first round draft pick for 1991 which assures the Falcons of at least two first round picks in the 1991 draft.



RB

TRACY JOHNSON

43

2nd YEAR
Clemson

Ht.: 6'0" Wt.: 230

Born: 3-13-60

Hasn't fumbled in NFL and finished college with 129 consecutive carries without a fumble.



Acquisition: Plan B free agent, March 30, '90

Last Season

As an NFL rookie with the Houston Oilers, Tracy played in all 16 regular season games and the one Playoff game. Among his contributions as the backup fullback to Highsmith were four rushes for 16 yards, one reception for eight yards, 13 kickoff returns for 224 yards and four special teams tackles on the cover units. That gave him a combined 248 total yards as a 10th round rookie pick.

Notebook

Tracy has two qualities most coaches would admire: he's a tough blocker and he doesn't fumble the football. He finished with 129 consecutive carries at Clemson without a fumble and didn't have a turnover in his first NFL season. When it's his turn to carry in key situations, he's usually ready as his college mark of making good on 50 of 57 short yardage attempts on 3rd/4th downs would indicate.

College

Following in a long line of Clemson backs in the 1980's who went on to the pros (Cliff Austin, Kenny Flowers, Terrence Flagler, Kevin Mack, Chuck McSwain, and junior '90 draftee Terry Allen), Tracy finished sixth in Clemson history with 23 touchdowns scored. In addition to blocking for others, fullback Tracy ran 377 times for 1,579 yards (4.2 avg.). The value of Tracy was obvious in games like Florida State (CBS Player of Game) with 17 runs for 69 yards and 15 knockdown blocks to free his teammates. Tracy had a career best 124 yards vs. North Carolina (plus 11 knockdown blocks) and set a Clemson record for TD's rushing in a bowl game with three against Penn State in the 1988 Citrus Bowl when he carried 18 times for 88 yards.

Personal

A North Carolinian, Tracy was born in Concord, went to high school in Kannapolis, and spends offseasons in Eden. He graduated from A.B. Brown High as he helped the football team to a 13-1 mark in '84 as a senior. In addition to running the ball (25 TD's and an amazing 8.0 per carry average), he played some in the defensive secondary (125 tackles, 5 interceptions). For hobbies, Tracy likes to play chess, to cook, to listen to Luther Vandross, or catch "The Cosby Show." Tracy Ilya Johnson is still a bachelor.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Rush				No.	Rec.				Kickoff Ret.			
				Yds.	Avg.	LG			Yds.	Avg.	LG		No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG
1989	Hous.	16/0	4	16	4.0	8		1	8	8.0	8		13	224	17.2	27



RB

KEITH JONES

38

2nd YEAR
Illinois

Ht.: 6'1" Wt.: 210

Born: 3-20-66

One of only five NFL rookies to gain 1,000 combined yards.

In college, caught and also threw TD pass with Jeff George.



Acquisition: 1989 Draft, Round 3, 62nd overall

Last Season

In addition to the expected dividends of #1 picks—Deion Sanders and Shawn Collins, the Falcons hit the jackpot with third round pick Keith. The versatile performer netted 1,038 combined yards (second best on team) to join only four other NFL rookies over 1,000 (Sanders, Meggett, Metcalf & Humphrey). Dependable Keith was second on the team in four categories (41 catches, 202 yards rushing and 440 yards on kickoff returns, and six touchdowns). All told, he handled the ball 116 times as an NFL rookie and never fumbled. Keith's production included five games with over 100 combined yards, three games with five or more receptions, and three games with 65 or more KOR yards. His highlights included a 149-yard game vs. New England in Week 6 and an eight-catch game in Week 7 vs. Buffalo. Keith opened the season on the Inactive List with turf toe, but came back in Week 2. He didn't get his first carry until Week 4 vs. Green Bay (1 for 5 yards) or his first catch until that game (2-26). His first of his six TD's came next week (vs. Rams - Week 5) and he followed that with TD's in Weeks 6 & 7 and then a pair of TD's vs. Buffalo in Week 9 (five TD's in five games). He sprained his right knee and missed Week 11 vs. New Orleans. His longest play of the year was a 46-yard reception vs. the Patriots.

Notebook

Nicknamed "Robo Back" for his versatility, Keith defines an "all-purpose" running back by example. In his rookie NFL season, he rushed, caught passes, threw lead blocks for other backs, returned kickoffs, covered kicks (fourth best six tackles), and even practiced as the back-up punter. All this was no surprise as Keith did all that at Illinois plus even passed the ball (5-8 for 79 yards, 4 TDs) and got a chance to punt (3 for 37.7 avg.). Keith stands unique now in that he's both caught a TD pass from and thrown a TD pass to the #1 pick overall in the '90 draft, QB Jeff George.

College

At Illinois, Keith posted big numbers rushing (484-2,106-4.4 avg.) to be third in school history and only the fourth to rush for 1,000 in a season (1,108 as senior), big numbers receiving (93 for 771) to be sixth in school history, big numbers returning (49 for 1,070), while passing (5-8 for 79, 4 TD) punting (3-113-37.7) and covering kicks (10, two fumble recoveries). Counting his passing, he netted over 4,000 yards for the Fighting Illini. Versatile Keith had 100 yard games all three ways (rushing, receiving and returning) topped by a 186-yard rushing game, 119-receiving game and a 111 returning game. Keith led the Big 10 as a sophomore with a 26.5 kickoff return average. He had speed to break gains like 64, 54, and 53 rushing as a senior, and 61 and 50 with kick returns in his career.

Personal

A Missourian, Keith is a native of Rock Hills and attended Webster Groves High. As the St. Louis Area Prep Player of the Year as a senior, Keith was one of the more heavily recruited backs in the country as his highlights included 1,507 yards rushing and 20 TD's. He earned 10 varsity letters in football, basketball and track. Keith has three brothers and a sister. Keith was an Industrial Arts major at Illinois and enjoys carpentry. He's a bachelor and divides his time between St. Louis and Duluth, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	RUSHING						RECEIVING						KOR					
	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	Tot. Yds.	
1989	14/9	52	202	3.9	19	6	41	396	9.7	46	0	23	440	19.1	29	0	1,038	

Jones' Bests

No.	Yards	Long	TD
RUSHING			
11 Bills (11-5-89)	37 Det (12-24-89)	19 Det (12-24-89)	2 Buff (11-5-89)
7 Det (12-24-89)	32 Buff (11-5-89)	14t at Pho (10-22-89)	1 Four times
RECEIVING			
8 at Phoe (10-22-89)	66 N.E. (10-15-89)	46 N.E. (10-15-89)	0
7 Det (12-24-89)	61 at Rams (10-8-89)	22 at Rams (10-8-89)	
5 at Min (12-10-89)	57 at Phoe (10-22-89)	20 Wash (12-17-89)	
KOR RETURNS			
4 Dal (9-17-89)	77 N.E. (10-15-89)	29 N.E. (10-15-89)	0
4 at Minn (12-10-89)	69 Dal (9-17-89)	28 at Rams (10-8-89)	
Combined Total Yards (5 over 100)			
149 N.E. (10-15-89) (6 rush, 66 rec., 77 ret.)			
123 at Min (12-10-89) (21 rush, 37 rec., 65 ret.)			



DB

BRIAN JORDAN**40****2nd YEAR
Richmond****Ht.: 6'1" Wt.: 205
Born: 3-29-67***Plays professional baseball
with Cardinals.**Set school records in both
football and baseball.***Acquisition: Claimed on Waivers, Sept. 5, 1990****Last Season**

A 7th round draft pick of the Buffalo Bills, Brian was cut and signed by the Falcons on Sept. 5. A broken leg suffered in the Senior Bowl obviously caused his slippage to round seven in the spring draft. He went onto Injured Reserve four days later, then was moved to the Developmental Squad to resume practice on Oct. 23. He was activated for the final four games of the season (12/2). His final season totals saw him make seven tackles in the secondary, three tackles on the special teams, return four punts for 34 yards (long 15) and three kickoffs for 27 yards (long 13). In the season finale vs. Detroit, Brian saw extensive action as the strong safety.

Notebook

Brian has utilized his 4.4 speed on the football field and baseball diamond. In football, he was 6th and 4th in the nation in punt return average his final two seasons and tied a school mark by intercepting three passes in a game. In baseball, he set the school record by stealing 57 bases and using his speed to hit .359 his final year, after clouting a school record 15 home runs as a freshman.

Pro Baseball Career

Originally drafted by the Cleveland Indians out of high school, Brian waited and later was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals as the 29th pick in the 1988 draft. His first experience came in Class A ball with Hamilton in the New York-Penn League where he played 19 games and batted .310 with four home runs in 71 at bats and six stolen bases. A broken leg in the Senior Bowl in January hampered his spring baseball career, but he did get into 11 games eventually with St. Petersburg in the Class A Florida State League, batting .349 with two home runs and 11 RBI's. This year, Brian went to training camp with the Cardinals and was later assigned to Arkansas in the Double AA Texas League. He injured his wrist running into the outfield wall, spent time on the disabled list, and was re-assigned to St. Petersburg in mid-May.

College

At the University of Richmond, Brian made 11 interceptions playing at right corner later in his career after a stint at strong safety. He had 224 total career tackles, 15 tackles for losses, 21

pass deflections, and a fumble recovery on defense. As a return specialist, he averaged 11.6 on his 61 career punt returns (708 yards, long 84, 1 TD) and 19.2 on his 17 career kickoff returns (326 yards, long 40). He was a third-team all-America pick in football and an all-America baseball choice as well. As a senior in baseball, Brian hit .359 in 55 games, with 10 home runs, 14 doubles, 36 RBI's and 27 stolen bases in 33 attempts.

Personal

Born in Baltimore, MD, Brian O'Neil Jordan was an all-American running back, and all-State baseball pick, and an all-District basketball selection at Milford Mill High. He rushed for 2,470 yards and scored 47 TD's and also captained the baseball team as a .300 plus hitter. The son of Alvin and Betty, Brian has one brother and one sister. His brother, Deric, was a two-time all-Conference fullback at Washington and Jefferson College. Brian is still a bachelor who calls Baltimore home when not traveling with the pro football and baseball seasons.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles	Solo	Asst.	PR	Yds.	Avg.	LG	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	LG
1989	Atl.	4/0	5	5	0	4	34	8.5	15	3	27	9.0	13



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MIKE KENN

78

13th YEAR
Michigan

Ht.: 6'7" Wt.: 277
Born: 2-9-56

His 173 games played are second in club history.

President of Players Association.



Acquisition: 1978 Draft, Round 1, 13th overall

Last Season

Dependable Mike added 15 more games started in his 12th NFL season as an NFL left tackle, but was hampered somewhat by a pulled calf muscle. Injured late during a training camp practice, Mike was less than 100% when the opener came vs. Rams and was able to play only the first half. He continued to play through that injury but finally missed an entire game (Week 8 - New Orleans) with a groin injury. That was only the eighth full game he's missed in the 12 seasons as a pro, a tribute to his toughness. Mike became only the second Falcon to ever play 12 seasons joining only C Jeff Van Note. Mike's 173 games played and started also trails only Van Note (246-225) in Falcon history now.

Pro Career

The five-time NFL Pro Bowl choice has truly lived up to his potential as a first round draft choice (13th overall). The Michigan tackle was the third offensive lineman picked (Chris Ward, Gordon King) in a draft that featured star runners of the time Earl Campbell, Terry Miller and Elvis Peacock. From the start, Mike was the Falcons left tackle in his rookie '78 year that saw the Falcons earn a Playoff bid for the first time. Mike faced dominating Ed "Too Tall" Jones in the Playoffs, but kept him without a sack. After that all-NFL Rookie season, Mike may have been the premier left tackle in football as he earned five consecutive Pro Bowl choices from the 1980 through 1984 seasons, including two more Playoff seasons with the Falcons ('80 and '82). Mike had played in 90 consecutive games to start off his NFL career before a torn calf muscle put him out Weeks 2 and 3 in 1984. The worst injury he had was torn knee ligaments in 1985 that cost him the final five weeks of the season and ended his run of consecutive Pro Bowls. He was an alternate again in '88 for the Pro Bowl when as the club's oldest starter he was the only offensive player to start all 16 games. While Mike's name doesn't appear often in the club record books, he had a hand in most of the record section. He's blocked for the top three rushing seasons in club history (over 50 100-yard games) and helped runners like five-time Pro Bowl pick William Andrews, three-time pick Gerald Riggs and '88 Pro Bowler John Settle all earn the headlines. He's also blocked for the top three passing seasons in club history from Steve Bartkowski and Chris Miller, including the club record 37-66 passing game of Miller just last season. He was there when receivers like Alfred Jackson and Michael Haynes were setting the club reception marks. Mike's helped produce eight seasons with a 1,000-yard rusher and four seasons with a 3,000-yard passer. He has 10 offensive fumble recoveries to his credit.

Notebook

The President of the NFL Players Association, 34-year old Mike has also been very active in the Falcons community projects for over a decade. While it's difficult to say the numbers of lives he's touched with hospital visits and school visits, it was easy to count the over \$400,000 he helped raise for Atlanta police officers J.J. Biello and Richard Williams who were disabled in the line of duty. Since playing under Bo Schembechler at Michigan, Mike has played under Coaches Leeman Bennett, Dan Henning, Marion Campbell, interim Jim Hanifan and now Jerry Glanville. His five consecutive Pro Bowls tied the club mark set by Claude Humphrey, while his five total is one shy of Van Note and Humphrey's club record.

Honors

- 1984:** AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (5th)
All-NFC UPI (second team)
- 1983:** AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL Pro Football Weekly
All-NFL College & Pro Weekly (second team)
All-NFC UPI (second team)
- 1982:** AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL College & Pro Weekly
All-NFL AP, NEA (second team)
All-NFC UPI

- 1981: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL AP, NEA (second team)
All-NFC UPI
- 1980: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL AP, UPI
All-NFL Pro Football Writers Assn., NEA
- 1978: All-NFL Rookie - Pro Football Writers Assn.

College

As a thin 207-pound freshman who missed most of that season with a dislocated elbow, Mike hit the weight room and ate about five meals a day to keep growing. After two games as a sophomore, the 235-pounder became a starter. He kept growing and getting better as a tackle as he worked his way into an all-American at Michigan under Schembechler and went on to play in Rose Bowls as the Big 10 champ as both a junior and a senior. Mike also was active in the classrooms and earned his B.A. degree (General Studies) at Michigan.

Personal

Born and raised in Evanston, Illinois, Michael Lee was bigger than most of his playmates and as he got into sports, Mom got him onto a "Seefood" diet as in any food he saw he ate, sometimes meaning five meals a day. In sports he played both offensive tackle and defensive end at Evanston High and was a center defenseman in lacrosse and defensiveman in hockey. He was into his NFL football early on as Dad was a Chicago Bears season ticket holder. Mike enjoys cooking, some gourmet, and then eating for a hobby. Mike went into business a couple of years ago with Jeff Van Note in a swimming pool effort. Mike and his wife, Joanie, live in the Atlanta suburb of Alpharetta, with two daughters, Lisa, 4, and newborn Kristy, born February 21.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 173/173 (4/4) 1978 (16/16) 1979 (16/16) 1980 (16/16) 1981 (16/16)
1982 (9/9) 1983 (16/16) 1984 (14/14) 1985 (11/11) 1986 (16/16) 1987
(12/12) 1988 (16/16) 1987 (15/15)

A TEAM OF FIRSTS

With the additions of former first round picks Andre Rison and Chris Hinton from Indianapolis and Steve Broussard (the 20th pick in this year's draft), the Falcons now have 13 first round draft picks on their roster. The list includes: DE Rick Bryan, RB Steve Broussard, LB Aundray Bruce, CB Bobby Butler, NT Tony Casillas, WR Shawn Collins, G Bill Fralic, LB Tim Green, T Chris Hinton, T Mike Kenn, QB Chris Miller, WR Andre Rison and CB Deion Sanders.



RB

GENE LANG

33

7th YEAR
LSUHt.: 5'10" Wt.: 206
Born: 3-15-62

Has gained over 1,000 career yards in three ways: rushing, receiving, and returning.

Played in two Super Bowls.



Acquisition: Waivers, August 30, 1988

Last Season

With 612 total yards and a pair of touchdowns, Gene appeared in 15 games and drew the starting call in the first six and then Week 9 (N.O.). His 176 yards rushing were third on the team, his 39 catches for 436 yards were fourth. In Week 6 vs. New England, Gene was the Miller Lite Player of the Game with 114 yards (66 rec., 48 rush.) as he had a 13-yard run, plus a 14-yard catch in the game-winning 4th quarter drive. That 48 yards rushing (nine carries) was his season high with receiving bests of six catches vs. Detroit (Week 16) and a pair of five catch games. His 74 yards vs. Indy (Week 3) and 73 vs. Detroit, were his best yardage receiving games.

Pro Career

His 3,732 career all-purpose yards make him a 1,000-plus yard producer in rushing (1,124), receiving (1,373) and returning (1,335). Gene's now a vet of 86 NFL games (20 starts) since being drafted in the 11th round (298th) by the Denver Broncos back in '84 and being claimed by the Falcons on Aug. 30th of '88 when Denver cut him. In the 505 times he's handled the ball in the NFL, he's had but seven fumbles (one per 72.1 times), a well-above average rate for protecting the ball. As an NFL rookie, he found his niche by leading the Broncos in kickoff returns and has shown his abilities as a runner, blocker, and receiver.

Notebook

Gene owns a pair of AFC Championship rings from his time with Denver. He played well in the postseason with five rushes for 51 yards in a 38-33 AFC Championship win over Cleveland and had a 42-yard run that was longest in Bronco postseason history. In Super Bowl XXII vs. Washington, Gene led the team in rushing (5 for 38) and had one reception. His top individual games have come at Fulton County Stadium. Against the Falcons there in '85, he ran for 77 yards, then with the Falcons in '88, he caught passes for 78 yards vs. Green Bay. His longest play (50 yards rec. vs. SF) also came at Fulton County Stadium.

Year-By-Year

1988: Claimed before the opener off waivers, Gene watched Pro Bowlers Riggs and Settle for the first month. An injury to Riggs opened the door and Gene went on to finish second in receptions (37) as he netted 532 combined yards. He had a personal best 114 combined yards vs. Green Bay in Week 10 with 78 receiving, 36 rushing, and a 45-yard TD catch. He had a pair of seven-catch games to set a personal best.

1987: In six starts (12 played), Gene ran for 303 yards and caught 17 passes in regular season. His top game was 73 rushing vs. San Diego.

1986: Entering the season as the starter, Gene suffered leg injuries that forced him to the sidelines. His 22.9 KOR was 5th in the AFC as he played 15 games with a pair of starts.

1985: Gene led Bronco backs with a 3.8 rushing average (84-318) and scored seven touchdowns (five rush, two rec.). He had a pair of five-catch games and a pair of plus-70 yard rushing games, including a personal best 77 vs. Atlanta. That 859 total yards are his season best.

1984: The rookie scored three touchdowns in his 12 plays from scrimmage, while also leading the club in kickoff returns (19-404).

College

At LSU, versatile Gene had a 4.3 career rushing average. His talented LSU teammates included future NFL players like Dalton Hilliard, Eric Martin, Garry James and Herman Fontenot. With 832 rushing yards and 32 catches for 262 yards, Gene's LSU career included an Orange Bowl game vs. Nebraska.

Personal

Born and reared in Pass Christian, Mississippi, on the gulf coast, Gene Eric was one of nine children in his family. At Pass Christian, Gene was the conference MVP with 3,000 yards on the football field and was a three-time team track MVP. His 4.45 speed in college kept scouts attention. Gene and his wife, Deryl, reside in Aurora, Colorado.

Career Statistics

Year	Teams	GP/GS	No.	Rushing				No.	Receiving			
				Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1984	Den.	16/0	8	42	5.3	15	2	4	24	6.0	91	1
1985	Den.	12/2	84	318	3.8	26	5	23	180	7.8	24	2
1986	Den.	15/2	29	94	3.2	14	1	13	105	8.1	26	2
1987	Den.	12/6	89	303	3.4	28	2	17	130	7.6	29	2
1988	Atl.	16/3	53	191	3.6	19	0	37	398	10.8	50	1
1989	Atl.	15/7	47	176	3.7	22	1	39	436	11.2	32	1
Totals		86/20	310	1124	3.6	28	11	133	1373	10.3	50	9

Year	Team	Kickoff Returns				Total Yards			
		No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Rush	Rec.	Ret.	Total
1984	Den.	19	404	21.3	0	42	24	404	470
1985	Den.	17	361	21.2	0	318	180	361	859
1986	Den.	21	480	22.9	0	94	105	480	679
1987	Den.	4	78	19.5	0	303	130	78	511
1988	Atl.	1	12	12.0	0	191	398	12	601
1989	Atl.	0	0	0.0	0	176	436	0	612
Totals		62	1335	21.5	0	1124	1373	1335	3832

Lang's Personal Bests			
Rushing		Receiving	
No.	Yds.	No.	Yds.
24 at S.D. (11-29-87)	77 at Atl (9-22-85)	7 G.B. (11-6-88)	78 G.B. (11-6-88)
17 at Atl (9-22-85)	73 at S.D. (11-29-87)	7 at N.O. (12-18-88)	74 at Indy (9-24-89)
15 S.D. (11-17-86)	71 K.C. (10-27-86)	6 at Det. (12-24-89)	73 Det (12-24-89)
12 K.C. (10-27-86)	51 S.D. (11-17-86)	5 Five Times	66 N.E. (10-15-89)
	*51 Clev (1-17-88)		

*Playoffs

Combined 100 Yard Games (3)

114 Green Bay	(11-6-88)	(78 rec., 36 rush)
114 New England	(10-15-89)	(66 rec., 48 rush)
104 Kansas City	(10-27-86)	(71 rush, 33 rec.)

THREE FROM NAU

For the past three years, the Falcons have made Northern Arizona University a breeding ground for future Falcon football players. In 1988, WR Michael Haynes was a seventh round draft selection. Another WR, Shawn Collins, was the 27th overall pick for the Falcons in 1989. Last year, the duo combined for 98 catches, 1,543 yards and seven touchdowns. In this past draft, the Falcons selected LB Darrell Jordan in the ninth round.



RONNIE LEE

63

12th YEAR
Baylor

Ht.: 6'3" Wt.: 277
Born: 12-24-56

*Played in two Super Bowls
and 11 Playoff Games.*

Born on Christmas Eve.

*H.S. teammate of Earl
Campbell and followed him as
fullback.*



Acquisition: Plan B free agent, March 1, 1990

Last Season

Rugged Ronnie started 15 games in his 11th NFL season to reach 150 regular season games played (138 with the Dolphins), missing the Week 9 game with an injury. Last year was a sixth consecutive season for Ronnie on the Dolphin line that led the NFL in fewest QB sacks allowed. When the Dolphins left him unprotected on Feb. 1 in Plan B, the Falcons made him their first signee. For Ronnie, it marks his return to Atlanta. In '83, the Falcons signed him after the Dolphins had cut him as they made his transition from TE to tackle. One year later, the Falcons and Dolphins worked a deal with Ronnie going back to Miami and CB Gerald Small coming to Atlanta.

Pro Career

Back in 1979, Ronnie was a third round draft choice as a tight end after he caught 53 passes for 694 yards at Baylor. He played in every game his first four years in the League, primarily as a blocking tight end, starting 35 of the 57 he played. He caught 25 passes for 167 yards and scored three touchdowns. Then, in '83 he was converted to an offensive lineman and subsequently cut by Miami and signed by the Falcons after two weeks of the regular season, playing in 12 games as a backup and in short yardage situations. He was traded to Miami the next year and played all 16 games as a reserve. In 1985, Ronnie became the starting right guard for the Dolphins, but in '86, he was moved to right guard where he started the first six and last three sandwiched by a groin injury and stint on IR. In '87, he returned to his tackle spot, missing three games with a groin injury and later having surgery on Jan. 12. In '88, he had the best season of his NFL career, starting all 16, and was voted the club's Offensive Lineman of the Year. That year the Dolphins set a record by allowing only seven sacks all year and went 12 games without a sack. Ronnie was part of a record 19-game stretch without a QB sack from Oct. of '88 to Oct. of '89. Now, he's a vet of 150 games with 97 starting assignments.

Notebook

A high school teammate of Earl Campbell at Tyler, Texas, that won the State Championship back in 1973, Ronnie then followed Earl as the team's fullback as a senior. Ronnie has a pair of Super Bowl rings from XVII in the Rose Bowl loss to Washington and XIX in Stanford Stadium loss to San Francisco. He was a TE in the first one and a T in the second one.

College

The Southwest Conference freshman of the year in 1975, Ronnie started all four years with the Baylor Bears. He was a teammate of Bears LB Mike Singletary. Ronnie caught 53 passes for 694 yards and scored five touchdowns, with his longest play covering 80 yards against Texas A&M. As a senior, he played in the Senior, Hula and East-West post season games.

Personal

Ronald Van was born on Christmas Eve in 1966 as the fourth of the seven Lee children in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The family moved to Texas and Ronnie went on to play on a Texas state championship high school squad. Coming from Texas, Ronnie has a large collection of cowboy boots and hats. He and his wife, Tessie, now have three children: LaWhalen, 14, Rhonnie, 9, and Sheena, 5.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 150/97 1979 (16/2) 1980 (16/13) 1981 (16/16)
 1982 (9/4) 1983 (12/0) 1984 (16/0) 1985 (15/13)
 1986 (10/9) 1987 (9/9) 1988 (16/16) 1989 (15/15)
 Played in 11 playoff games/started 6
 Has caught 25 NFL passes for 167 yards, 3 TD's



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PAUL McFADDEN

6

7th YEAR
Youngstown StateHt.: 5'11" Wt.: 166
Born: 9-24-61

*One of top 10 most accurate
kickers in NFL history.*

*Barefoot kicker with nine
50-plus yard FG's made.*



Acquisition: Plan B free agent, March 14, '89

Last Season

Through nine games Paul was kicking extremely well, hitting 75% of his field goals (15-20), 100% of his PAT's (18-18) and leading the team in scoring (63 points). Then, unexpectedly, while warming up for a field goal attempt in the first quarter at San Francisco, Paul pulled a thigh muscle and was finished for the season. He officially went on Injured Reserve Nov. 14. Up to that point Paul had some memorable moments. The week before his injury, Paul was the hero with a 50-yard FG with :02 remaining to win the Buffalo game, 30-28. In that same game, he hit a 54-yard FG to set a club and stadium record, which was also his personal longest and the second game of his career with a pair of plus-50 field goals. In Week 6, Paul also was the game-winner with

a 22-yard FG with :09 left to beat the Patriots, 16-15, his third FG of the game. In the loss at Indy, Paul scored all nine points as he was picked Miller Lite Player of the Game for his 3-3 efforts. In the Week 8 New Orleans game, Paul was 2-2 with his 48 and 41 yard field goals. Paul's short season left him perfect from 30 yards and in (5-5) and perfect from 50 yards and out (2-2). He was left unprotected in the Plan B by the Falcons on Feb. 1, but was not signed by another team and returned to compete with the Falcons this summer.

Pro Career

Through six years, Paul has amassed 520 points with a career field goal accuracy of .736 (120-163) and a career PAT accuracy of .982 (160-163). That accuracy is among the top 10 all-time in NFL history, while scoring points for three NFL clubs (Eagles, Giants and Falcons). A 1984 12th round draft pick of the Eagles, Paul was UPI NFC Rookie of the Year as he had an NFL-leading 30 field goals and was the first NFL rookie to make two field goals of 50 or more yards in a game (Detroit, 11-4). His 116 points with the Eagles is a club mark as are his 91 field goals. His career now includes nine field goals from 50 and out and two games with four field goals. In '88, Paul lost his Eagles job on Aug. 29 to Canadian kicker Dean Dorsey and then signed with the Giants on Sept. 27. He finished the year with them, but was unprotected on Feb. 1 and the Falcons signed him as a free agent.

Year-By-Year

1988: In 12 Giants games, Paul hit 74% field goals (14-19) and 25-27 PAT's. He made his first five kicks with them, including a 3-3 game vs. Atlanta, and hit nine of his first 10 (missing only a 57 yarder). He also had a three field goal game vs. Dallas that included a 50-yarder.

1987: Paul led the Eagles in scoring a fourth consecutive season with his 84 points. He had a game-winning OT kick to beat New England and had a career best 5-5 PAT game vs. the Jets as part of his 36-36 PAT success.

1986: Paul's 86 point season included honor as the Golden Toe winner from Pro Football Weekly with a 50-yard FG vs. Dallas.

1985: With 25-30 field goals, the .833 was his NFL best for accuracy, coupled with his 29-29 PAT's. He had a 52-yard long vs. the Cardinals and a four field goal game vs. Washington to tie his personal best. The 104 points was his second plus 100 season.

1984: The rookie led the NFL with 30 field goals and an .811 percentage. His club record 116 points featured a 52-yarder vs. Detroit and a four field goal game vs. Minnesota.

Notebook

Definitely not the first and probably not the last, Paul is a barefoot kicker. He tried it after watching Tony Franklin and tongue-in-cheek said it's just too much trouble to keep cleaning socks, so he stays barefooted. He's also been quoted as noting that kicking with a sock or shoe on is like trying to pick up a dime with gloves on. Paul is also an airplane pilot, having attained solo status in 1987.

College

As a soccer player at Youngstown (Ohio) State, Paul tried football as a sophomore and then went on to set school records. His try out included out-kicking the competition using a basketball

backboard since goal posts weren't readily available. In his very first college game, Paul set a Conference mark with a 54-yard field goal and came right back later in the game with a 52-yard field goal. For the Penguins of Youngstown State, Paul booted 52 field goals in three years, made 87 PAT's, and scored 243 points. He enjoyed two games with four field goals.

Personal

Paul is an Ohio native, born in Cleveland, attended high school in Euclid and still lives in Lyndhurst. He was a four year soccer letterman and team MVP at Euclid High, but never kicked for the football team. Paul's been one of the more generous NFL players through the years. Last year, he pledged \$50 for every FG to the memory of his college coach at Youngstown, Bill Narduzzi, who died of Hodgkins disease, through a fund to benefit Miami (Ohio) University, where Narduzzi graduated. He also gives \$25 a point to the "Points for Panthers" scholarship fund for high school seniors at his alma mater. A Humanitarian Award winner in Philadelphia, following Dr. J., Paul had "Kicks for Kids" programs to benefit Cerebral Palsey and 40 businessmen matched it to raise \$44,000. He had a \$20,000 fund raising dinner, a \$10,000 golf tournament, and had also earlier pledged to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (\$1,250). Other groups he has helped includes Muscular Dystrophy, Abraxis Foundation (substance abuse rehabilitation center) and Pro Athletes Against Drunk Driving. He is still a bachelor and returns to Ohio in the offseason.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	PAT	.Pct	Blk.	FG	.Pct	Blk.	Long	Points
1984	Phil.	16	26-27	.963	1	*30-37	.811	0	52	116
1985	Phil.	16	29-29	1.000	0	25-30	.833	0	52	104
1986	Phil.	16	26-27	.963	1	20-31	.645	1	50	86
1987	Phil.	12	36-36	1.000	0	16-26	.615	0	49	84
1988	NYG	12	25-27	.926	0	14-19	.737	0	50	67
1989	Atl.	9	18-18	1.000	0	15-20	.750	0	+54	63
Totals		81	160-163	.982	2	120-163	.736	1	54	520

* Led NFL

+ Club record

Career Accuracy

	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-plus
1984	0-0	4-5	13-16	10-12	3-4
1985	0-0	6-6	11-11	6-8	2-5
1986	0-0	6-6	10-12	3-10	1-3
1987	1-1	3-4	6-10	6-9	0-2
1988	0-0	4-4	4-6	5-6	1-2
1989	1-1	4-4	6-7	2-6	2-2
Totals	2-2	27-29	50-62	32-51	9-19

Longest Field Goals

- 54 vs. Buffalo 11-5-89
 - 52 at Detroit 11-4-84
 - 52 vs. St. Louis 10-13-85
 - 51 at Detroit 11-4-84
 - 50 five times; (last vs. Buff. 11-5-89)
- (two games with two + 50 field goals
Buffalo 11-5-89, Detroit 11-4-84)



QB

HUGH MILLEN

7

4th YEAR
Washington

Ht.: 6'5" Wt.: 216
Born: 11-22-63

*Born on same day President
Kennedy was assassinated.*

*Passed for 294 yards in only
NFL start.*



Acquisition: Waivers, August 31, 1988

Last Season

Not many folks in Atlanta knew who the Falcons "other" quarterback was at the start of the season. In Week 4, after an injury sidelined Miller, Hugh was given his first NFL starting assignment at Milwaukee vs. the Packers. By engineering scoring drives of 80, 46 and 86 yards, he had the team out to a 21-6 lead after three quarters. A furious Packer rally and a nullified Deion Sanders TD return brought about a 23-21 Packer win, ruining Hugh's splendid debut that included 20-29 passing for 294 yards with one touchdown and one interception. He tossed five of those for 126 yards to Shawn Collins, his first 100-yard game in the NFL. Hugh saw action in three other games, all second half relief duty, vs. Indy in Week 3 (3-7, 33, 1 int.), vs. Minnesota in Week 14 (4-4, 44) and vs. Washington in Week 15 (4-9, 61). His season totals were 31-50 for 432 yards and a 79.8 rating.

Pro Career

A third round draft pick by the Rams in 1986, Hugh fractured his ankle as a rookie in an August 11 scrimmage vs. San Diego and spent the year on Injured Reserve. His second year, a back injury in the final preseason game again put him on IR, but he had shown abilities with a 13-19, 175-yard preseason that included a game-winning 67-yard drive. He came off IR in Week 16 and

played in the season finale, completing his only pass for no gain. When the Rams released Hugh on the final cutdown, Atlanta claimed him off waivers to fill the void created with an injury to Scott Campbell. His first action as a Falcon came in Week 6 vs. his former team when he came in and hit 6-7 for 48 yards. He stepped in for Miller vs. the Giants, hitting 5-8 for 89, but threw a game-deciding interception to Carl Banks and had his final "Hail Mary" attempt be caught by Haynes at the two-yard line as the clock expired. Now, after four years out of college, Hugh has played nine NFL games with his one start and passed for 432 yards.

Notebook

Hugh was coveted by the Rams in '86 so that they traded two fourth round choices and QB Jeff Kemp to San Francisco for the draft pick to obtain him. As a senior, Hugh was Washington's top scholar-athlete and was one of only 11 seniors in the country to be awarded a National Football Foundation Post-Graduate scholarship.

College

His first two seasons were at Santa Rosa Junior College where he passed for 1,217 yards and eight TD's. He was a walk-on at Washington, spent a year as a red-shirt and as a junior became 8-0 as their starter. Later that season, he came off the bench to lead the team from a 17-14 deficit to a 28-17 win in the Orange Bowl over Oklahoma. As a senior, he was Player of the Week once when he came from his hospital bed (infected knee) to lead the team with a 19-27 for 185-yard day in a win over UCLA. A cracked collarbone in that same game didn't stop him until another shoulder injury five weeks later did. His two year totals in the PAC-10 featured duels with QB's like Chris Miller and Mark Rypien as he passed for 2,616 yards (247-435).

Personal

The son of an Army computer programmer, Hugh was born in Des Moines, Iowa. Hugh's dad had a hard time passing out cigars the day Hugh was born because people were mourning the assassination that same day of President Kennedy in Dallas (Nov. 22, 1963) Hugh graduated from Roosevelt High in Seattle, Washington with a 3.62 grade point average. This year, Hugh has been involved with the Charlee shelter for neglected and abused children here in Atlanta. Hugh is engaged to be married to former Rams cheerleader and now Falcons Entertainment Director/Cheerleader Director, Lisa Coles, in February.

Career Statistics

Year	Teams	GP/GS	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	Pct.	LG	TD	Int.	Rush	Yds.	LG
1986	Rams	0/0	Injured Reserve									
1987	Rams	1/0	1	1	0	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1988	Atl.	3/0	17	31	215	54.8	38	0	2	1	7	7
1989	Atl.	5/1	31	50	432	62.0	47	1	2	1	0	0
Totals		9/1	49	82	647	54.8	47	1	4	2	7	7

Millen's Personal Bests		
Attempts	Completions	Percentage
29 at GB (10-1-89)	20 at GB (10-1-89)	.800 at Minn (4-5) .690 at GB (20-29)
Gross Yards	Net Yards	Long
294 at GB (10-1-89) 89 NY Giants (10-23-88)	258 at GB (10-1-89) 89 NY Giants (10-23-89)	47 at GB (10-1-89) 38 NYG (10-23-88) 34 at Rams (12-11-88) 33 at GB (10-1-89)



QB

CHRIS MILLER

12

5th YEAR
OregonHt.: 6'2" Wt.: 200
Born: 8-9-65

At 24, only Namath, Tarkenton, Marino, and Kosar had passed for more yards.

Led NFL in lowest interception percentage in '89.



Acquisition: 1987 Draft, Round 1, 13th

Last Season

Still not a "household" name around the country, young Chris is starting to make an impact around the NFL and it's just a matter of time until he'll be more recognized for his achievements. To highlight his '89 season, that had started with an abdominal pull the first week of camp and included a Week 3 rib injury that sidelined him a game, we'll use the following items:

- Led the entire NFL in lowest interception percentage (1.9), just ahead of Joe Montana (2.1) and Boomer Esiason (2.4)
- Had a streak of 185 passes without an interception over 20 quarters (second best in club history) and an earlier streak of 122 passes without an interception
- His final game included 66 attempts (2nd most NFL history) with a new Club Record 37 completions
- His 3,459 yards were 5th in the NFC, 9th in the NFL (ahead of stars like Kelly, Cunningham, Elway, Simms and Testaverde) as he joins Steve Bartkowski as the only 3,000 yard passers in club history
- Had a trio of 300-yard games (340, Rams; 334, Lions; 310, Redskins)

- Had six games with 35 or more attempts, five with 20 or more completions, two over 70% completion percentage
- Tied a club record with 10 consecutive completions vs. Dallas
- Had seven games without an interception, none with three or more
- Had a personal longest play of 72 yards (Haynes TD vs. Wash)
- Became the first non-kicker in Falcon history to boot a field goal when he stepped up to make a 25-yarder at San Francisco
- Showed poise with eight drives in final two minutes of half of game that resulted in four TD's (three via pass), two game-winning FG's in final seconds, and two missed FG's at halves.
- Unfortunately led team in fumbles with 13

Pro Career

Only the third quarterback taken in the '87 draft (Testaverde by Bucs, Stouffer by Cardinals), Chris has started to blossom after his first three NFL seasons. For comparison purposes at age 24, only four other NFL QB's had ever thrown for more than Chris' 6,144 yards (Joe Namath, Fran Tarkenton, Dan Marino and Bernie Kosar) . . . As a rookie in the '87 strike year, Chris never signed his contract until October 30 due to negotiations and the players walk out. Now he is considered a "veteran" with his 31 games played/30 starts. In Falcon history, his 503-969 for 6,144 yards trails only Steve Bartkowski and Bob Berry. Understanding defenses better each year, Chris has not thrown more than two interceptions in a game since his first two NFL starts back in '87.

Year-By-Year

1988: In 13 games, he passed for 2,133 yards, the most since Bartkowski in 1984. He posted a 5-5 mark in the games he started and finished, losing the three he had to leave with injuries. He had ankle and elbow injuries and a concussion that took him out of action. Highlights included a win over the soon to be World Champion 49ers at Candlestick (34-17) and road wins over the Eastern Champion Eagles and the L.A. Raiders. His 3.4 interception rate was lower than big name QB's like Esiason, Marino, Kelly, Elway or Everett. Chris had his first NFL three-TD game at the Eagles (no interceptions).

1987: Some "experts" thought him being picked in the first round (third QB) was a "reach" and that the club should have taken others like those chosen right after him (D. J. Dozier, John Clay, John Bosa). Then, contract talks bogged down and he missed all of camp and didn't sign until Oct. 30. In the final three games, Chris was thrown into battle starting at halftime vs. the Rams with the team down 26-0. His second half was 10-20 for 170. Then, the 3-10 Falcons went to San Francisco to face the Division champs and Chris got the start. It was a 13-36 for 186-yard day (most by a Falcon QB in his first start), but with the blitzing 49ers and a big lead, he was sacked three times and threw four interceptions. The season finale was his home debut, another uphill struggle that was a 196-yard day with his first NFL TD pass vs. Detroit and another four-interception outing.

Notebook

When Chris first stepped onto the playing field at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Norm Van Brocklin was the Head Coach. Chris, however, was just an eight-year old competing in the Punt,

Pass and Kick competition. Four times, young Chris made his way to the National Finals. Sheldon High in Eugene, Oregon, has an NFL link that started future players on their way like TE Todd Christiansen and 49ers leading tackler Mike Walter before Chris. Chris is the Falcons United Way representative, filming his spot with 11-year old Eric Salo of Sandy Springs in 1989. For a guy who said basketball was his favorite sport, he's gone on to sign professional contracts in football and baseball, while showing he probably could have made the golfers tour if he had really tried. He had his first golf lesson at 14 and probably has never met a golf course he didn't like.

Pro Baseball Career

First drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in 1983 as a college freshman, he waited and two years later was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in round 5 (Jan. 1985). A fractured hand kept him out of baseball in '85, and he debuted in '86 at Bellingham of the Northwest League. A .556 batting average and a good glove at shortstop earned him a promotion up to Salinas in the California League with pitchers like John Candelaria (his first at-bat), Mike Norris, and Steve Howe to face. A .101 batting average and a .933 fielding percentage at SS showed he was rusty since last playing American Legion ball with the Pepsi Challengers in his high school days (10 home runs). He hasn't returned to the diamond since.

College

"Miller Time" in the PAC-10 at Oregon featured 13 new school records that had been held by previous QB's like Dan Fouts, Bob Berry and Norm Van Brocklin. He was the first PAC-10 QB since Jim Plunkett to earn back-to-back first team all-Conference recognition as he passed for 6,681 yards in 36 games. Those 36 games included 18, 200-yard plus passing games, a low 3.8 interception rate, and 49 touchdowns (42 pass, 7 rush). Top efforts were a 376-yard game vs. Conference rival Southern Cal, a four-TD game vs. San Diego State. His senior season ended with a school record 2,503 yards as he connected on 60.7% of his aeriels. Later, he was MVP of the Hula Bowl and the North's Outstanding Player in the Senior Bowl (three TDs). Oregon was his first choice as it was but three miles from the Miller family home in Eugene.

Personal

Christopher James was the second child of Jess and Jane Miller, following sister, Liz. After a career with General Dynamics, Dad packed the family living in Pomona, California, and moved to Eugene, Oregon, where he's been running his own printing company since 1972. A close family, Chris still calls home every morning before a football game and mom and dad watch thanks to the satellite dish they own. Father and son still find time to fish and golf when possible. Chris flew his father in town this spring to attend a week at the prestigious Masters golf tournament. (A course where he once shot a round of 75 the first time he played it.) Chris got involved in all sports as a youngster and probably concentrated most in high school on basketball. He quit football as a sophomore and returned as a junior, but after 10 snaps a leg injury put him out for the year. As a high school senior, his football career took off as he quarterbacked his team to an 8-1 mark and a playoff berth with 1,617 yards passing. Chris enjoys driving in his Porsche 930, playing cards, attending sporting events and musical concerts. Recently engaged to his college sweetheart, Jenny, Chris owns a home in Roswell, Georgia (on a golf course).

Career Statistics

Year	Team	Passing					Rushing							
		Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	LG	TD	Int.	Rtg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1987	Atl.	92	39	552	42.4	57	1	9	26.4	4	21	5.3	11	0
1988	Atl.	351	184	2133	52.4	68t	11	12	67.3	31	138	4.5	29	1
1989	Atl.	526	280	3459	53.2	72t	16	10	76.1	10	20	2.0	7	0
Total		969	503	6144	51.9	72t	28	31	68.1	45	179	4.0	29	1

Miller's Personal Bests

Attempts		Passing Completions	Percentage
66 Det (12-24-89)		37 Det (12-24-89)	.724 (21-29) Dal (9-17-89)
44 at Phoe (10-22-89)		28 at Rams (10-8-89)	.718 (28-39) at Rams (10-8-89)
41 at NYJ (11-26-89)		24 at Phoe (10-22-89)	.667 (24-36) at Det (9-4-88)
39 at Rams (10-8-89)		24 at Det (9-4-88)	.622 (23-37) LA Rams (9-10-89)
38 San Diego (11-13-88)		23 LA Rams (9-10-89)	.621 (18-29) at Rai (11-20-88)
Gross Yards		Net Yards	Long
340 at Rams (10-8-89)		324 Det (12-24-89)	72t Wash (12-17-89)
334 Det (12-24-89)		315 at Rams (10-8-89)	68t at Dal (9-25-88)
310 Wash (12-17-89)		294 Wash (12-17-89)	57 at Rams (9-10-89)
299 LA Rams (9-10-89)		271 LA Rams (9-10-89)	53t at LA Rams (9-10-89)
265 Pats (10-15-89)		243 Dal (9-17-89)	52 at Dal (9-25-88)
Touchdowns		Fewest Int.	Most Int.
3 at Phil (10-30-88)		0 (Nine times)	4 at SF (12-20-87)
2 (Six times)		1 (14 times)	4 Det (12-27-87)
Times Sacked		Rushing Yards	Long
6 at N.O. (10-29-89)		49 at Det (9-4-88)	29 at Det (9-4-88)
4 at Dal (9-25-88)			
4 Pats (10-15-89)			
4 at Phil (10-30-88)			
4 N.O. (11-19-89)			

PASSING INTO HISTORY

Falcon quarterback Chris Miller passed his way to second in NFL history for most pass attempts in one game. On December 24, 1989, Chris attempted 66 passes against the Detroit Lions with 23 of those passes coming in the fourth quarter in the Falcons season finale. Miller had a club record—37 completions for 334 yards and two touchdowns. Chris is second only to George Blanda, of the Houston Oilers, who threw 68 passes against the Buffalo Bills in 1964.



RB

GREG PATERRA

36

2nd YEAR
Slippery Rock
Ht.: 5'11" Wt.: 211
Born: 5-11-67

Had 100-yards rushing in 16 of final 19 college games.

His uncle, Herb, is an assistant coach with Lions.



Acquisition: 1989 Draft, Round 11, 286th overall

Last Season

Greg's rookie NFL preseason was highlighted by five short touchdown bursts in the four games, becoming so known for those TD dives that the announcers nicknamed him "Air Paterra" for flying into the end zone. The Falcons placed him through waivers and then signed him to the Developmental squad on Sept. 6. After six weeks, he was moved to the active roster (Oct. 21) and played in the final 10 games of the season. His season highlight came in the Week 16 finale vs. Detroit when he combined for 101 all-purpose yards with 31 rushing, 27 receiving, and 43 returning. For his rookie season, Greg netted 203 total yards, five special teams tackles and a forced fumble on a hit. He had a season long 31 yard kickoff return in his first NFL game (Wk 7 at Phoenix).

Notebook

His uncle is Herb Paterra, now an assistant coach with the Detroit Lions, and his grandfather was once tabbed the "world's strongest man" for his knack for bending steel rods with his teeth and his lifting strength with weights. When Greg was timed at the Spring NFL Combines, his 4.4 time was second best among all the running backs attending.

College

With a school record 3,149 rushing yards, Greg closed out his Slippery Rock (PA) career with 100-yard games in 16 of his final 19 contests. A speedy, yet powerful back, Greg averaged 4.9 per carry and scored 27 touchdowns, while also catching 43 passes and scoring four more touchdowns. As a senior, Greg showed his speed with a 90-yard TD reception and a 63-yard run and his durability with 270 carries and a 4.8 average. He had plenty of big games rushing topped with numbers like 177, 173, 171, 164, 161, 158, and 154.

Personal

A Pennsylvania native, Greg hails from McKeesport, where he was a standout tailback at Elizabeth-Forward High School. Out of high school, Greg first went to Hartford Community College in Baltimore before finishing his final three years at Slippery Rock. A bachelor, Greg returns to McKeesport in the offseason.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	LG
1989	Atl.	10/0	9	32	3.6	8	5	42	8.4	20	8	129	16.1	31



RB

JAMES PRIMUS

49

3rd YEAR
UCLAHt.: 5'11" Wt.: 196
Born: 5-18-64

Scored first NFL touchdown in home state (California) against San Francisco.

San Diego (Sweetwater) High School Player of Year with top game of 304 yards.



Acquisition: 1988 Draft, Round 9, 222nd overall

Last Season

James played in the first five games of the season on special teams, with three tackles, but dislocated his left shoulder, underwent surgery, and was placed on Injured Reserve for the season on October 14. He's been rehabilitating the shoulder ever since. James also had one kickoff return for 16 yards last fall.

Pro Career

The rookie 9th round pick played all 16 games as a rookie, even getting the opportunity to start six games, as he totaled 150 combined yards. In his third NFL game, being played at Candlestick Park in San Francisco, James broke a 29-yard run for his first NFL TD. In Week 2, James had 25 yards rushing and caught two passes vs. New Orleans in his first action.

Notebook

An avid fisherman, James has some photos to prove that not all of the good ones got away. While he made the cover of Touchdown Magazine in England in their May issue promoting the college draft, he was not the only star of a potent UCLA team. His teammates (10 were drafted last year with him) included RB Gaston Green, WR Willie Anderson, RB Mel Farr, LB Ken Norton, WR Paco Craig, with a younger underclassman QB named Troy Aikman.

College

At UCLA, James netted 1,344 yards rushing (two 100-yard games), made 19 catches, and returned five kickoffs for 116 yards to finish with 1,628 total yards. His backfield mates included

stars Gaston Green, Mel Farr and Eric Ball. James averaged 4.3 per carry, almost equal to his 4.45 speed as he lined up at both the tailback and fullback spots during his career. His top games included a 160-yard game vs. Stanford and a 129-yard PAC-10 Player of the Week game vs. Stanford.

Personal

Born in Yuma, Arizona, James grew up in the San Diego area. James is a relative of former LA Rams wide receiver, Ron Jessie. In San Diego, James starred at Sweetwater High as the City Player of the Year who set school marks as he ran for 2,274 yards and scored 35 touchdowns. His top individual game was a 304-yard rushing game with six touchdowns, including a 95-yard kickoff return. A bachelor, James lives now in Tucker, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rush.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1988	Atl.	16/6	35	95	2.7	29t	1	8	42	5.3	8	0
1989	Atl.	5/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals		21/6	35	95	2.7	29t	1	8	42	5.3	8	0



LB

JOHN RADE

59

8th YEAR
Boise State

Ht.: 6'1" Wt.: 240
Born: 8-31-60

Played on undefeated HS team, national champion junior college team and NCAA playoff team.

Has had five 100-tackle NFL seasons since being cut in the USFL.



Acquisition: 1983 Draft, Round 8, 215th overall

Last Season

John's fifth NFL 100-tackle season included 15 games played and a trio of games with 10 or more tackles. "Radar" zoomed in on 102 ball carriers while also recovering a pair of fumbles (vs. Rams and 49ers). His top tackle games were vs. Vikings in Week 14 (12), vs. Colts in Week 3 (11) and vs. Saints in Week 8 (10). John also had nine-tackle games vs. both the Redskins and the 49ers.

Pro Career

John left college as a senior to try for the USFL (Boston Breakers), but was cut in training camp. He made some calls to the CFL (negotiating with Winnipeg) when the NFL draft was held. The Falcons picked him in Round 8 and his NFL career was to begin. John found his way into the starting lineup as a rookie outside linebacker because of an injury to Al Richardson and he made an impact as an all-NFL rookie selection (117 tackles). Three years later, he was moved to his inside backer spot. With five 100-tackle seasons among his seven NFL seasons, John now has 756 career tackles in 95 games. In addition, he's forced four fumbles, recovered five fumbles, scored two touchdowns, had three pass interceptions and made 10.5 QB sacks.

Year-By-Year

1988: John's 137 tackles led the team, despite spraining a knee in Week 15 and going on IR. He had seven double-figure tackle games, topped by a personal best 16 vs. San Francisco in Week 14.

1987: As the team tackle leader (123), John did it in 11 games as he suffered a shoulder separation in the next to last game and went on IR. His 15 tackle game vs. Tampa Bay in the opener led his seven double-figure tackle games.

1986: John's personal best 140 tackles came at his new inside spot. He missed the season finale and a chance to lead the team in tackles with an ankle injury. He had a 15-tackle best vs. New Orleans in Week 15.

1985: His 95 tackles and two interceptions came with 11 starts at left outside linebacker and three at right outside linebacker. John had a two-sack game vs. the Division rival Rams.

1984: After seven games, John had injuries to his neck (pinched nerve) and hamstring and had to go on Injured Reserve.

1983: The all-NFL rookie pick had 117 tackles after making his first start in Week 6 vs. New Orleans after an injury to Al Richardson. He had his first 15-tackle game vs. the Rams, while also having two fumble recoveries and two QB sacks as a rookie.

Notebook

John has scored two NFL touchdowns, while setting up a game-winning FG in his career. As a rookie, he returned a fumble for a touchdown vs. New England and ran 38 yards with an interception vs. Denver for six more points in 1985. In '85, vs. the Eagles, John's interception set up the FG that sent a game into OT and saved the Falcons from defeat. John played on an undefeated high school team as a senior (Buena in Sierra Vista, AZ), on a national championship team in junior college (Modesto, CA), and an NCAA playoff team in college (at Boise State).

College

John decided to attend Modesto (CAL) Junior College in his hometown after originally enrolling at Northern Arizona. After two successful seasons, he then transferred to Division I-AA power, Boise State. John was the Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year. During his career, John had 31 tackles for losses and also set a school record with the track team with a discus throw of 164 feet.

Personal

Born in Ceres, California, John's parents now live in Modesto, which means John is big on ticket requests when the Falcons play Division rivals San Francisco and Los Angeles. John's family was in Arizona during his high school days as he starred at Buena High in Sierra Vista, Arizona. He and his wife, Lori, have two children, Jenna, 4, and Jared, born this offseason, and moved back to Boise for the offseason.

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
1988	Atl.	15/15	137	67	70	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
1989	Atl.	15/13	102	57	45	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals		95/86	756	384	272	10.5	3	48	38t	4	5	2

Rade's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Interceptions
16 S.F. (12-4-88) 15 N.O. (12-14-86) at Rams (10-16-83) at T.B. (9-13-87) at Det (9-4-88) 14 Five Times	2 Rams (11-17-85)	1 S.F. (1985) Den. (1985) Colts (1986)

A TRIPLE FEAT

On December 7, 1969, running back Harmon Wages had one of the longest days of his life in a game against New Orleans. It is a game that Wages fondly remembers. By days end, Harmon Wages had turned in one of the greatest all-around performances in NFL single game history. He started his day by throwing a 16 yard scoring strike to Paul Flatley. Wages turned around and hauled in a Bob Berry pass, taking it 88 yards for a touchdown. He closed out the day by rushing for a 66 yard touchdown. His reception and run still stand as the longest respective plays in Falcon history.



LB

MICHAEL REID**95****4th YEAR
Wisconsin****Ht.: 6'2" Wt.: 235****Born: 6-25-64**

*Georgia native who played
three sports in Albany at
Dougherty High.*

*Father played football and had
try out with Boston Patriots.*

**Acquisition: 1987 Draft, Round 7, 181st****Last Season**

Michael played in all 16 games and was given the starting assignments for three games. He started at right outside linebacker in Week 11 (Saints), at left outside linebacker in Week 12 (Jets), and at left outside in Week 16 (Lions). His season included 17 tackles, one sack, one pass defended, and 13 total tackles as one of the leaders of the special teams. His season high was a seven-tackle effort, plus two special teams tackles, vs. the Saints in his Week 11 start in New Orleans.

Pro Career

Michael's now played in 43 NFL games since slipping into the NFL as a 7th round draft choice back in '87. His rookie season saw him play 11 games and ring up 18 tackles. His rookie best was an eight-tackle game vs. the Rams and his first NFL start came in Week 16 vs. Detroit. In '88, Michael got three starts while playing in all 16 games and had 28 tackles, a pair of QB hurries, and a pair of pass deflections. He started Weeks 8 (Giants), 10 (Packers) and 11 (Chargers) as the defense allowed but two TD's in those three games. Michael had five-tackle games vs. the Saints and Chargers, with a key tackle on a fake field goal attempt vs. the Giants.

Notebook

Michael wears glasses but switches to contact lenses for the games. His hobby since junior high has been rug making on which he creates animal characters. As he says, they make great gifts "for the person who has everything."

College

At Wisconsin in the Big 10, Michael posted 317 tackles that featured a senior year of 156 tackles and first team Big 10 recognition. He called the defensive signals and earned team most valuable players honors and the Ivan Williamson scholarship/sportsmanship award. Among his career highlights was a 22-tackle game against rival Michigan and a three fumble recovery game against rival Ohio State.

Personal

Michael Edward grew up in Albany, GA, where he graduated from Radium Springs Junior High and Dougherty High School. In athletics, Michael played tight end and linebacker in football, was a sprinter in track, and played guard on a state-runner up basketball squad. Michael's athletic talents came natural as his father, Herman, had been an athlete himself and had a try out in the pros with the Boston Patriots. Michael hit the books in the classroom too and went on to major in computer science at Wisconsin with a 2.75 average. Michael's sister is also in Atlanta, studying at Emory. Michael now lives in Alpharetta and has a fiancée, Sherri.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	Spec. Teams	FF	FR
1987	Atl.	11/1	18	10	8	0	3	4	0	0
1988	Atl.	16/3	28	13	15	0	2	4	0	0
1989	Atl.	16/3	17	8	9	1	1	13	0	0
Totals		43/7	63	31	32	1	6	21	0	0



GILBERT RENFROE

14

1st NFL YEAR
Tennessee State
Ht.: 6'1" Wt.: 195
Born: 2-18-63

Canadian all-star QB who twice led team to Playoffs.

Led college team to 26-6-1 mark and an unbeaten season.



Acquisition: Canadian Free Agent, Feb. 27, 1990

Pro Career

Gilbert's four-year, 59-game, Canadian Football League career featured 8,185 yards passing, 511 rushing and 46 combined touchdowns. When the 27-year old became a free agent, numerous NFL teams got into the bidding and Gilbert chose the Falcons' offer. His lengthy accomplishments included being named the CFL Eastern all-star quarterback in '88 as he led the team to a 14-4 regular season that featured his 4,113 passing yards. That '88 squad was trying to earn back-to-back Grey Cup appearances, but lost the Eastern final to Winnipeg. That '87 Grey Cup game was bittersweet for Gilbert as he had the team ahead, 27-20, in the third before a knee injury forced him out of action for the day and the team went on to lose the championship.

Gilbert's Canadian career bested former Toronto QB, later NFL MVP, Joe Theismann, but trailed Conredge Holloway and Tobin Rote in club history. His name is in the Argo books for most attempts in a season, 527, is second for most completions in a season, 290, is third with a 52-attempt game, and is fourth with a 26-TD season. His top individual yardage game was 418 (24-40) with three touchdowns vs. Edmonton and his top individual TD passes have covered 78, 65 and 61 yards.

Back in 1986, Renfroe bypassed NFL free agent offers and signed with the Ottawa Roughriders. As a rookie, he started four games as he accumulated 1,051 yards passing, ran for 174, and totaled 8 TD's. In June of '87, Toronto obtained him by trading RB Cedric Minter, who had run for 2,147 yards for the team. His first game with the Argos, he came off the bench in Game 3 to hit 7-11 for 118 yards and a TD. A knee injury caused him to miss seven games, but he came back to start both Playoff wins and the Grey Cup game.

Notebook

Gilbert's signing made him the first-ever black quarterback with the Atlanta Falcons. He's been active in the community already, going to high schools, DeKalb Community College, working with MARTA, and appearing on a Georgia Public TV special.

College

As the team won (26-6-1 over final three seasons), Gilbert's individual efforts were splendid as well. As a senior, he passed for 2,492 yards with 15 touchdowns, while running for six more, to follow up a junior year in which he ranked #2 in the country in Division I-AA in passing efficiency with 1,460 yards, 17 TD's and only 5 interceptions. With quick feet, 4.65 speed, and a rocket arm, Gilbert passed for 5,558 yards (370-721) with 48 TD's and just 23 interceptions for Tennessee State.

Personal

Growing up in Tuskegee, Alabama, Gilbert Anthony "Gilly" is the son of Mrs. Willie Renfroe and has three sisters (Gloria, Jackie, and Cynthia). He says he developed his strong arm as a youngster hurling rocks, skipping stones, and pitching in Little League baseball. By the time he was in 7th grade, he was the unanimous pick to play quarterback on his teams, even though he tried to let the coach let him play receiver in high school. Gilbert and his wife, Angela, still have a home in Chicago.

Canadian Career Statistics

Years	Games	Comp. Att.	.Pct	Yards	TD	Int.	Rush	Yards	Avg.	TD
4	59	599-1,147	52.2	8,185	43	50	104	511	4.9	3

ALL-ROOKIE DUO

For the 1990 season, the Atlanta Falcons will have the NFL's top two rookie wide receivers. Shawn Collins, who was with the Falcons last season, had top marks as a rookie with 58 receptions for 862 yards and three touchdowns. Joining Shawn this season will be rookie sensation Andre Rison. Andre was with the Indianapolis Colts last year where he had 52 receptions for 820 yards and four touchdowns.



WR

ANDRE RISON

80

2nd YEAR

Michigan State

Ht.: 6'0" Wt.: 191

Born: 3-18-67

*All-NFL rookie receiver.**A high school basketball teammate of Glen Rice and Jeff Grayer, Andre played 24 college basketball games at MSU.*

Acquisition: Trade with Colts, April 20, 1990

Last Season

An all-NFL rookie wide receiver with Shawn Collins, Andre trailed only Shawn as he grabbed 52 passes for 820 yards and four TD's in his rookie campaign. With 170 return yards and 18 rushing yards added on, Andre netted a combined 1,008 yards in his first NFL season. While playing in all 16 games, Andre started 13 and was part of a Colts trio that all had 50 or more catches (Brooks & Bentley). Speedy Andre enjoyed three 100-yard games as a rookie. They came in Week 14 vs. Cleveland (5-136-1 TD), Week 8 vs. New England (6-129-1 TD) and Week 11 vs. the Jets (5-108). His 4.45 speed showed when he caught long passes of 61 (vs. Jets) and a 53-yard TD (vs. Browns). Playing division rival Miami may have been his favorite opponent as he caught a TD pass in each of the games. Andre also ran the ball three times for 18 yards (15 long vs. San Diego-Week 12), returned eight kickoffs for 150 yards (18.8) and two punts for 20 yards. In his Week 3 game vs. the Falcons, Andre had 96 yards with three kickoff returns for 59 yards (long 30), two catches for 36 (long 20) and one rush for one yard.

Honors

1989: All-NFL rookie by Pro-Football Writers Association, UPI, College & Pro Newsweekly, Football Digest, and Pro Football Weekly.

Notebook

Quite a basketball player, Andre played in 24 collegiate games at Michigan State. As a freshman, he played six games, but left the team to join the track team and finish second in the Big Ten long jump (over 24 feet). As a junior, he played in 18 games following his team's Rose Bowl football win. At Flint Northwestern High as a junior, he was all-state on a basketball team with Glen Rice (now Miami Heat) and Jeff Grayer (Milwaukee Bucks). Close friends with Rice, Andre and Glen wanted to go to college together, but Michigan State wouldn't offer Glen a scholarship. Those teams won 55 of 56 games and were 74-3 over a three year period. That high school also had some pretty impressive football quarterbacks. Mark Ingram, a Giants first round pick, was Andre's first QB and then Andre took his place after graduation. Andre passed for 644 yards and 8 TD's, ran for 346 yards and four TD's. He had also played receiver (18-336),

defensive back, punter and placekicker. Once rivals with Deion Sanders, they became friends during the post-season games, and even attended the NBA all-star game together this past winter in Florida, before knowing they'd soon be teammates.

College

Michigan State's school record holder left college with quite a bang in his last Bowl game (Gator) vs. the Georgia Bulldogs. Andre gained 252 yards receiving on just nine catches (28 yard average) with three touchdowns in that Jacksonville game. His college totals were 146 catches for 2,992 yards and 20 touchdowns. In his three Bowl games and pressure, Andre averaged 30.1 yards per catch (12-361). He set Spartan season bests with a 54-catch, 966 yard season in 1986. He set the school single game receiving record with 11 catches for 196 yards vs. Indiana as a sophomore and broke that in his final Bowl game. His talented teammates included stars like Lorenzo White, Tony Mandarich and Percy Snow.

Personal

The Andre Previn Rison story began in Muncie, Indiana, on March 18, 1967. Rison's mom, Merdice, gave him the full name because "I thought the name Andre Previn was beautiful." Andre's family moved to Flint, Michigan and then to Fairmont, W. Va. in the mid 1970's for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade for Andre, but then tragedy struck and his father died. Andre had played on a national championship AAU baseball team in Fairmont. Mom then moved the family back to Flint to be near other relatives. Into all sports, Andre played just about every speed position on various football teams growing up, played tons of basketball, ran track, and played baseball "until they wouldn't even pitch to me and let me hit it." Andre was a Parade all-American in high school as a defensive safety and most colleges recruited him to play there. He was going to follow his buddy, Glen Rice, to Michigan and was 95% certain. He told Coach Schembechler not to tell anyone or put it in the paper, but the next day it was, so Andre figured if they lied to him then they would in the future and planned a visit to Michigan State and accepted their eventual offer. Andre and his wife, Tonja, still reside with their son, Andre, Jr., in Flint in the offseason.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	KR	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1989	Indy	52	820	16.5	61	4	3	18	6.0	15	0	8	150	18.8	30	0

Rison's Bests			
Catches	Yards	Long	TD
6 N.E. (10-28-89)	136 Clev. (12-10-89)	61 Jets (11-19-89)	1 Four times
5 Jets (11-19-89)	129 N.E. (10-28-89)	53† Clev. (12-10-89)	
5 Cinc. (10-22-89)	108 Jets (11-19-89)		
KOR	Yards	Long	
3 Atl. (9-24-89)	59 Atl. (9-24-89)	30 Atl. (9-24-89)	



C

MIKE RUETHER

56

5th YEAR
TexasHt.: 6'4" Wt.: 275
Born: 9-20-62*Snapped to Steve Young with
L.A. Express for two seasons.**Two-time heavyweight
wrestling champion in high
school.*

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, March 15, 1990

Last Season

Mike was with the Broncos last year for 11 weeks, playing in three games, dressing but not playing in six, and on the Inactive List for two more. He was on the original 45-player roster, but released on September 18 and then re-signed on October 24. He remained with the team through the Super Bowl as the reserve center.

Pro Career

Initially a member of the Los Angeles Express of the USFL, Mike played in 34 games as their starting center over the '84 and '85 seasons, snapping to Steve Young. Originally, Mike was selected by the Houston Gamblers but was involved in a trade to LA. Having been a Supplemental pick of the Cardinals in '84, he signed with them on Sept. 30, 1986, and played in 22 games over the next two seasons, starting one each season. Mike was then traded to the Denver Broncos on Aug. 19, 1988 for LB Ricky Hunley. In '88, Mike played 14 games with the Broncos. All told now, his pro career has taken him to Houston, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Phoenix, and now Atlanta.

College

At the University of Texas, Mike started his final two seasons. He played in four Bowls (Bluebonnet, Sun, and a pair of Cottons). Mike majored in communications at Texas.

Personal

Born in Inglewood, California, Mike Alan moved with his family to Kansas where he graduated from Bishop Miege High in Shawnee Mission. Active Mike lettered four years in wrestling, three each in football and track. As a prep wrestler, he won the Kansas State heavyweight wrestling title twice. Mike and his wife, Marjorie, have a son, Reece Austin (6-18-87).

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started:	USFL	34 total	1984 (17), 1985 (17)
	NFL	39/2	1986 (10/1), 1987 (12/1), 1988 (14/0), 1989 (3/0)



TE

TROY SADOWSKI

45

1st YEAR
GeorgiaHt.: 6'5" Wt.: 265
Born: 12-8-65*Son of former major league baseball pitcher.**Blocked for future NFL backs Worley, Tate, Henderson and Hampton.*

Acquisition: Free Agent, Feb. 20, 1990

Last Season

Drafted by the Falcons, Troy's first NFL training camp did not go as he had planned. A hamstring injury kept him from participating in the team's mini-camp. Then, in the very first preseason game (at Philly) in the fourth quarter, Troy sprained his knee on the bottom of a pile when Greg Paterra dove in for a touchdown. Troy missed the remainder of the preseason and he and the club worked out an injury settlement so they could release him and he could try to make it later with another club. So, in September and October, Troy made the rounds from Dallas, to Pittsburgh, to Green Bay, to Miami, to the Giants. Finally, Troy decided to accept an offer from the Falcons to come back to the Developmental Squad on December 6 and spend the final month practicing with the team. On Feb. 20, the Falcons signed him as a free agent and he's more determined than ever to earn a spot with his hometown team.

Notebook

Troy's father, Bob, was a major league baseball pitcher with the Milwaukee Braves and then the St. Louis Cardinals. Troy's put on some 15-20 pounds since last summer through weight training, high protein diets, while learning more about karate and aerobics. It's easy to see why Troy's forte in college was blocking when you have future NFL runners like Tim Worley (Steelers), Lars Tate (Bucs), Keith Henderson (49ers) and Rodney Hampton (Giants) carrying the ball.

College

For four seasons with the Georgia Bulldogs, Troy was part of a winning program (33-13-2) that went to four Bowls. Besides all his blocking that made the running game super, Troy also caught 42 passes for 493 yards and four touchdowns. He became a starter in his seventh game as a freshman and then helped Georgia ground up season averages like 274, 255 and 252 rushing yards per game. His senior year saw him catch 14 passes (third best on team) as he caught his only TD pass from RB Tim Worley.

Personal

An Atlanta native, Troy was raised in the suburb of Chamblee. He was a receiver on offense and a linebacker on defense (six sacks, 56 tackles) for Chamblee High as he earned all-DeKalb County honors and was recruited by Dooley for Georgia. Troy's wife, Kelly, is an aerobics instructor and a qualified family dietician to bulk Troy's weight and strength.



DEION SANDERS

21

2nd YEAR
Florida StateHt.: 6'0" Wt.: 187
Born: 8-9-67*First Falcon ever on Sports Illustrated cover.**Only modern-day athlete to hit HR and score TD in same week.*

Acquisition: 1989 Draft, Round 1, 5th

Last Season

One of sports' unique stories, Deion's 1989 professional sports career was filled with accomplishments. Sports Illustrated's Curry Kirkpatrick had said in his feature (with Deion on the Cover): "...Sanders is an electrifying presence. He is a Gretzky, a Bird..." Let's try to review what "Prime Time" could fill into his 1989 Diary:

- Jan. 1 — Intercepts pass for Florida State in end zone late in 4th quarter to win the Sugar Bowl and a #2 ranking for his team, concluding a Jim Thorpe Award season as the nation's best DB and the NCAA punt return leader (15.2)
- Jan. 13 — Named Defensive MVP of Hula Bowl with interception, 4 deflections
- Feb. 25 — Reports to New York Yankees training camp in Ft. Lauderdale to start a 117-game baseball season that was to include 33 games at Albany (Class AA) with a .286 average, 70 games at Columbus (AAA) with a .278 average, 5 HR, 30 RBI, and 14 games with the Yankees and a .234 average, 2 HR, 7 RBI
- April 23 — Drafted 5th in NFL draft and makes grand arrival in Atlanta
- May 30 — Called up to Major Leagues and plays first game in centerfield at Yankee Stadium. Goes 1-4 with RBI and throws out runner at 3B
- June 4 — Hits first Major League HR vs. Brewers at Milwaukee County Stadium
- June 10 — Has first two-hit game and first SB vs. Boston Red Sox
- June 11 — Sent back to Columbus minor league team
- Sept. 7 — Signs richest contract in Atlanta Falcons history, making him an instant millionaire
- Sept. 8 — First practice and first time in football pads in seven months
- Sept. 10 — First NFL game — first punt return for 15 yards, second punt return for 68-yard TD just 5:21 seconds into game
- Sept. 17 — First NFL interception in Falcons win over Dallas (Week 2)
- Sept. 18 — Donates \$10,000 to Scottish Rite Children's Hospital
- Oct. 1 — Returns kickoff for 96-yard TD vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee County Stadium in 4th quarter, but penalty nullified score which would have made him first Falcon to score TD by punt and KO return

- Oct. 15 — Makes first NFL start at CB vs. New England and also has 60-yard kickoff return in Falcons win (111 return yards)
- Oct. 29 — Returns kickoff 72 yards (longest by Falcon since '87) vs. Saints
- Nov. 5 — Lines up first time as wide receiver on back-to-back plays vs. Buffalo and draws pass interference penalty that gives Falcons a first down
- Nov. 19 — Catches first NFL pass, but loses eight yards, vs. New Orleans
- Dec. 3 — Intercepted pass from Montana to Jerry Rice vs. SF (22 ret.)
- Dec. 24 — Ends season as first rookie defensive back in the entire '80's to gain over 1,000 return yards and leads all NFL rookie defensive backs with five pass interceptions for 52 yards. Leads Falcons in three separate categories (Interceptions, kickoff returns, and punt returns). An all-NFL rookie pick by the Pro Football Writers Association and Football Digest, as well as the NFLPA Kick Returner of the Year at award ceremony at the Super Bowl.

Notebook

Actually a quiet, reserved person, Deion created his "Prime Time" image through his agents (Zucker Sports in Illinois) and has it as a registered trademark logo. Deion plays up to the "Prime Time" label when major press conferences are held, but for the most part wears little jewelry, is not a "loud mouth" and does not chatter to opposing players on the field on game days. Deion recognized his special teams blockers when he gave the 10 of them Gucci watches after he scored the TD in the opener. Deion tries to show youngsters you can make it in pro sports without drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes, or doing drugs. Deion's been "Prime Time" with his exposure on the cover of Sports Illustrated, constant interview requests and invitations. The nickname "Prime Time" came in high school from a friend after his basketball dunks and it's stuck ever since. Deion pretty much keeps to himself and, "I almost never let people get close to me 'cause I don't trust too many people." In his short "off-season," Deion participated in the SuperStars contests and the Footlocker Slam Fest before baseball camps began.

Pro Baseball Career

Drafted by the Kansas City Royals out of high school, Deion turned down the \$75,000 signing bonus to attend Florida State. In 1988, the New York Yankees made him a 30th round pick in the free agent draft and he played in Sarasota, Ft. Lauderdale and Columbus. In '89, he went to the Yankees spring training camp and later ended up playing in the Major Leagues (see Feb. 25 above). This spring, he returned to the Yankees camp after the strike and started the season in the Major Leagues, moving back to Columbus on May 1, then back to NY on May 21.

College

The Jim Thorpe Award winner as the best defensive back in the country, Deion scored six TD's on returns (three by interceptions and three on punt returns). He led the nation with his 15.2 punt return average, set school marks with 1,429 punt return yards, had 14 interceptions, and set a school mark with 287 interception return yards. Most of his success is directly related to his 4.27 speed in the 40 (10.26 in the 100 meters). Deion didn't spend all his time on the football field, having also played in a College World Series with the baseball team and qualifying for the Olympic Trials as a sprinter on the track team after the NCAA track championships. His football teams won all four Bowl games (Gator, All-American, Fiesta, and Sugar).

Personal

Raised in Ft. Myers, Florida, Deion still listens to what mom (Constance Knight) says. As a youngster, he was reared in the low income housing projects and suffered often from migraine headaches. His mom and step-father of 14 years, Willie Knight, still live in Ft. Myers with Deion's 13-year old sister, Tracie. Sports has always been a way of life for Deion since the days when his Pop Warner football team won a national championship. He also played basketball (an all-State guard with a 24-point per game average) and baseball, in addition to his football (a quarterback who passed for 839 yards and ran for 499 more). His football stars as a child were Walter Payton and O.J. Simpson. Deion Luwynn Sanders was born August 9, 1967, and both his names have an extra letter "because anything else seemed too plain" said mom. He lives now in Alpharetta, GA, with Florida friends Jerry Ashley and Aubrey Parrish ("Heckle and Jeckle") and his girlfriend, Carolyn Chambers. Deion and Carolyn became parents in April of a girl, Diondra.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	Interceptions			Total	Solo	Tackles				FF	FR
		No.	Yds.	LG			Asst.	Pass Def.				
1989	All.	5	52	22	39	28	11	8			2	0

Year	Team	No.	Punt Returns			LG	TD	No.	Kickoff Returns			LG	TD
			FC	Yds.	Avg.				Yds.	Avg.			
1989	All.	28	7	307	11.0	68t	1	35	725	20.7		72	0

Sanders' Personal Bests

Punt Returns			
Number	Yards	Average	Long
4 at NYJ (11-26-89)	83 Rams (9-10-89)	41.5 Rams (9-10-89)	68t Rams (9-10-89)
3 at Ind (9-25-89)	39 Buff (11-5-89)	13.0 Buff (11-5-89)	36 Wash (12-17-89)
3 Pats (10-15-89)			18 Bills (11-5-89)
3 Bills (11-5-89)			
3 Wash (12-17-89)			
Kickoff Returns			
6 Wash (12-17-89)	129 Wash (12-17-89)	41.5 Pats (10-15-89)	72 at NO (10-29-89)
4 at Rams (10-8-89)	96 at NO (10-29-89)	32.0 at NO (10-29-89)	60 Pats (10-15-89)
4 at Phoe (10-22-89)	83 Pats (10-15-89)	25.0 SF (12-3-89)	36 Wash (12-17-89)
Interceptions			
1 Dal (9-17-89), at Rams (10-8-89), at Phoe (10-22-89), NO (11-19-89), SF (12-3-89)	All-Purpose Return Yards (PR, KR, INT) 177 Wash (12-17-89) 111 NE (10-15-89) 106 at NO (10-29-89)		22 vs. SF (12-3-89) 21 vs. NO (11-19-89)



G/C

JOHN SCULLY

61

9th YEAR

Notre Dame

Ht.: 6'6" Wt.: 270

Born: 8-2-58

Won \$10,000 as pianist in NFL Talent Contest.

Once served as intern in U.S. Senate.



Acquisition: 1981 Draft, Round 4, 109th overall

Last Season

After spending the summer in fruitless contract negotiations as a free agent, John announced his retirement one day after the season opener, Sept. 11. When the Falcons changed coaching staffs, the Falcons renewed contract talks and on May 9, John signed a new two-year deal with the team and began participating in "Operation Headstart."

Pro Career

The runner-up Outland Trophy winner in college came to the Falcons back in '81 in the 4th round of the draft. Since, he's played 102 NFL games and started 77. His NFL career, however, was originally intended for him to replace all-Pro center Jeff Van Note. He earned all-Rookie honors by playing all 16 games in '81 as the back-up center and continued that role in the '82 playoff season. In '83, a contract holdout by Thielemann put John into the starting right guard role. For two years then he was the starting right guard. When Fralic came in '85, John moved to the starting left guard spot. In that '85 season, John suffered a fractured tibia and fibula in his right leg when Riggs rolled on it during a play. But, in '86, John was back ready to go, starting the first 14 before a re-injury to that leg kept him out the final two weeks. In '88, John went over the 100-mark in NFL games played despite a hamstring injury that sidelined him a month. John has blocked for three 1,000-yard Falcons (Andrews, Riggs, and Settle).

Notebook

A pianist and composer, John is quite a professional in this area, too. Since third grade, he's been playing piano and went on to play with the Midwest Pops in South Bend, Indiana, and numerous nightclubs throughout the Atlanta area. When NBC-TV and Diet Pepsi decided to have a talent contest among NFL players on Super Bowl Sunday in January of '89, John was invited to enter. His live playing and singing of "Meeting Across the River" from Springsteen's Born To Run album earned him \$10,000 as the second place winner among all the contestants.

College

The center at Notre Dame capped a solid collegiate career by making first-team all-America squads of AP, UPI, Football Coaches, Sporting News and Football News. He finished as the

runner-up in the prestigious Outland Trophy balloting to Redskins Pro Bowl guard Mark May (then at Pitt). His career had begun at tackle, but he made the switch to center and served as a team captain. John also received his college degree in Liberal Arts at Notre Dame.

Personal

A native of Massapequa, New York, John's dad was a patent lawyer and then a chemistry professor. John played both football and baseball at Holy Family in Huntington, NY. One of John's more interesting summers was spent as an intern in the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C. Family reunions have a football flavor as one brother-in-law is Bears guard Tom Thayer and the other is head coach of Joliet Catholic High in that area that won a state title. John and his wife, Annette, have two children: Britt, 3, and Annie, 1, and reside in Roswell, GA.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started:	102/77	1981 (16/0)	1982 (9/0)	1983 (16/16)
		1984 (16/16)	1985 (8/8)	1986 (14/14)
		1987 (12/12)	1988 (11/11)	1989 DNP



RB

JOHN SETTLE

44

4th YEAR
Appalachian State
 Ht.: 5'9" Wt.: 210
 Born: 6-2-65

First free agent since '70 to rush for 1,000.

Training methods include martial arts, juggling, and drumming.



Acquisition: Free Agent, April 30, 1987

Last Season

His second consecutive season with over 1,000 combined yards (1,005) also included four games with over 100 combined yards. Those would be impressive numbers for most backs, but for a Pro Bowl runner like John who set high goals to rush for 1,000 and catch passes for another 1,000, he expects better in 1990. His '89 season gave him only 179 rushing plays (not even in the top 20 in the NFL), so his team best 689 rushing left him 10th in the NFC to go with his 38 catches that were second best on the team. Among John's highlights were his 145 yards vs. the Saints (11-19) on 74 rushing and 71 receiving, plus his game-winning TD run in the 4th quarter versus Dallas. John missed his first game in three years as a Falcon when a sprained knee sidelined him in Week 6 (NE), but he came back strong the next week with 133 total yards vs. Phoenix.

Pro Career

The first NFL free agent since the 1970 merger to rush for 1,000 yards has proven that one doesn't have to be a high draft choice to make it to the Pro Bowl and be a success at this level. Totally ignored and undrafted when the top 335 college players were picked in April of '87, John quietly waited his turn and has come on to gain 2,599 total yards the last two seasons (13 TDs) as the Falcons leading runner. He sports a 4.2 career rushing average now, has shown his versatility by catching 118 passes, has produced 14 games with over 100 combined yards, and has raced 62 yards for the club's third-longest rushing play. Another Settle trademark has been his ability not to fumble as his career now includes 548 runs or receptions and just six fumbles (1 per 91.3 attempts).

Highlights from John's first three NFL seasons include his 1,594 total yards in '88 that ranked 4th in the NFL (Dickerson, Walker, and Craig), his 68 catches in '88 that stand 4th best in club history, his 10 receptions in a game that made him only the third Falcon to do so, his 186-combined yardage game vs. Seattle in '88, his four games in Oct. of '88 that netted 618 total yards (average 154 per game), his club-record 10.2 per carry rush average in a single game (10-102 Saints), and his being only the third Falcon to have both a 100 yard rushing and a 100 yard receiving game (Andrews, Cain), only the second to do it in the same season (Andrews), and also having a 100-yard kick return game to his credit.

Year-By-Year

1988: From a back-up in training camp, John stepped up to start 12 games and earn a Pro Bowl spot, capping that with a touchdown in the NFC win. The first free agent since the AFC days of Paul Lowe and Clem Daniels to rush for 1,000, John had nine 100 combined yards games, three 100 rushing games, and a 100 yard receiving game. His first 100-yard game came as a reserve when he filled in for Gerald Riggs vs. New Orleans (Week 2), then he followed with his first start for injured Riggs in Week 5 (Seattle) with a 115-yard game.

1987: Playing in all nine games in this strike season, the rookie netted 383 total yards. His first NFL start came in the next-to-last game (vs. 49ers) in a two-back set with Riggs and he netted 76 total yards. He had longs of 36 and 26 receiving in limited action in the win at Dallas.

Notebook

A martial arts enthusiast, he was featured in a high-kick photo layout as one of the eight future stars "soaring into the '90s" as picked by Sports Illustrated (Sept. '89). John's vocal was part of the 10-member NFL commercial for Diet Coke that ran nationally all last year ("It settles the score"). He was also the cover for the Gwinnett Daily News Season Sports Preview dressed in white tux, white gloves, and cane in front of Atlanta's famous Fox Theatre. John's talents also include juggling (taking the bite of the apple while he does it, or using footballs for another photo shoot) and playing the drums. He trains hard whether it's running hills, lifting weights, or at martial arts. Two other Settle trademarks are his tattoo on his right bicep (Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity) and his wire-rimmed glasses. Perhaps factoring into John's being ignored in the NFL draft was the fact that at the spring combines he did not perform well due to his 101 degree temperature,

slowing his 40-yard time and limiting his weight lifting totals. John is one of the most active Falcons in the community, especially speaking to schools on alcohol and drug abuse, plus working with Georgia TEAM (Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management), as well as appearing on a video for young people against drugs, and working with the nationwide DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) in speaking engagements. John has been an active member with Dunbar Elementary School, the Falcons local "Adopted" school near downtown Atlanta.

College

Appalachian State University in the mountains of Boone, N.C., turned out to be the beneficiary of a young man wanting to play at a smaller school close to home, as John turned down recruiters from places like UCLA, Southern Cal, South Carolina and the big universities in North Carolina. Now, jersey number 23 that John wore for the Mountaineers has been retired as he left as the number three rusher in NCAA-AA history with 4,409 rushing yards and 5,113 total yards in his 44 games. John broke 31 school records at the 10,000-student college and 19 Conference records (Southern Conference). Those numbers added up to wins as he led the team to a 9-2-1 mark and a first-ever Conference championship, plus an NCAA playoff berth. His achievements included a career 4.9 rushing average (5.3 and 5.2 his final two seasons), 22 100-yard games, 4 200-yard games, 45 TD's, and top individual games that included a 273-total yardage game and another one with five touchdowns. He also once went 454 consecutive rushes without a fumble and had but two in his last 608 carries at Appalachian State.

Personal

This North Carolinian was born in Reidsville, but then moved to Ruffin in Rockingham County, as one of the six children of Jerry, a pastor at Locust Hill and Elizabeth, a seamstress. Dad and mom were strict with sunset curfews, plenty of chores and rules to follow, required times in church activities, so it's no surprise John doesn't smoke or drink and why he's so dependable and trustworthy. His high school Conference Player of the Year awards (2,170 yards) ended a three year career (4,012) that also included being an all-star in track as well as a wrestler. John had learned a lot of his football from his father, who had also been a running back in high school. John went back and earned his college degree in 1989 (Criminal Justice) at ASU and then worked as a counselor with a juvenile delinquent court. John got married in 1989 (Karen), and the couple now makes the Atlanta area their home, but they own a home in Hickory, NC, as they started a family of their own when baby Jonathan was born this past March 22nd.

Career Statistics

Year	Rushing						Receiving					Total
	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	Yds.
1987	9/1	19	72	3.8	12	0	11	153	13.9	36	0	225
1988	16/13	232	1024	4.4	62	7	68	570	8.4	27	1	1594
1989	15/15	179	689	3.8	20	3	39	316	8.1	33	2	1005
Total	40/29	430	1785	4.2	62	10	118	1039	8.8	36	3	2824

Settle's Personal Bests**Rushing****No.****Yds.****LG****TD**

25 at Den (10-16-88)
 23 GB (11-6-88)
 23 Dal (9-17-89)
 22 Bills (11-5-89)
 21 Sea (10-2-88)

125 at Den (10-16-88)
 115 Sea (10-2-88)
 102 N.O. (9-11-88)
 93 GB (11-6-88)
 87 at Phoe (10-22-89)

62 N.O. (9-11-88)
 21 N.O. (11-19-89)
 20 Rams (10-9-88)
 20 at Den (10-16-88)
 20 Sea (10-2-88)

1 at Det (9-4-88)
 1 N.O. (9-11-88)
 1 at Den (10-16-88)
 1 NYG (10-23-88)
 1 GB (11-6-88)

Receiving**No.****Yds.****LG****TD**

10 SD (11-13-88)
 7 at Den (10-16-88)
 7 NYG (10-23-88)
 6 Sea (10-2-88)
 6 Rams (10-9-88)

106 SD (11-13-88)
 71 Sea (10-22-88)
 71 N.O. (11-19-89)
 62 at Dal (12-6-87)
 57 Rams (10-9-88)

36 at Dal (12-6-87)
 33 at GB (10-1-89)
 29 LA Rams (9-10-89)
 27 SD (11-13-88)
 27 N.O. (11-19-89)

1 at Den (10-16-88)
 1 at Phoe (10-22-89)
 1 N.O. (11-19-89)

Kickoff Returns**No.****Yds.****LG****TD**

6 Det (12-27-87)

101 Det (12-27-87)

22 Det (12-27-87)
 22 at SF (12-20-87)

none

100-Plus Combined Yardage Games (14 Total)

186 Sea (10-3-88), 115 rush, 71 rec
 171 at Den (10-16-88), 125 rush, 45 rec
 145 N.O. (11-19-89), 74 rush, 71 rec
 136 N.O. (9-11-88), 102 rush, 34 rec
 135 NYG (10-23-88), 85 rush, 50 rec

RUNNING UP A STORM

When John Settle broke the 1,000 yard rushing mark in 1988, it gave the Falcons their third back to accomplish this feat in the 1980's. Joining Settle, are Gerald Riggs and William Andrews, both of whom had three 1,000 plus yard seasons in the '80's. All three have subsequently made the Pro Bowl, with Andrews going four times, Riggs three, and Settle once. Of course if it were not for the play of the offensive line, this trio wouldn't have garnered such honors. In all, ten Falcon offensive linemen appeared in the Pro Bowl during the 80's.

**ELBERT SHELLEY****37****4th YEAR**
Arkansas St.**Ht.: 5'11" Wt.: 180**
Born: 12-24-64*Born on Christmas Eve.**As H.S. runner, gained 100 yards in 16 of final 20 games with 21 TD's.***Acquisition: 1987 Draft, Round 11, 292nd****Last Season**

The Falcons leader of the special teams and a part of the nickel package defensive pass coverages, Elbert played in 10 games before a hamstring injury put him on Injured Reserve for the final month. Elbert led the special teams with his 11 solo tackles, while making 14 tackles and having a pair of passes defended playing as a safety. In the Week 9 win over Buffalo, Elbert snared his first NFL interception and returned it 31 yards to set up a Falcons touchdown that day.

Pro Career

As a rookie 11th round pick in '87, Elbert played in four games after coming off Injured Reserve (neck) in Week 12. In Week 13 at Dallas, the rookie had a hit on a Cowboys kickoff returner that jarred the ball loose and the Falcons returned it for the touchdown. His second year, Elbert saw action in 12 games, once again showing a penchant for special teams play (15 tackles). A wrist injury caused him to miss Weeks 3-6, but he came back to finish the season. He's now a vet of 26 NFL games.

Notebook

Elbert was a Christmas Eve baby in 1964. In high school, Elbert was a flashy running back who had over 100 yards in all 10 games as a senior and averaged 7.1 yards per carry. He scored 21 TD's in his last 20 games.

College

The freshman at Arkansas State was a running back (only 8 carries for 62 yards, 7.6 avg.) with long runs of 30 and 24 with a TD. The coaches moved him to defense and over the final two seasons, Elbert made 103 tackles and had six pass interceptions for 75 yards. As a hitter, he also forced four fumbles and had three recoveries, made a pair of QB sacks, and batted down nine passes.

Personal

The 10th of the 11 children of Herbert and Clytee was born in Tyronza, Arkansas, on Christmas Eve. At Trumann High, Elbert was all-Conference in three sports (football, basketball and track).

His 38-inch vertical jump and his 4.5 quickness made him able to play all sports well. As a RB for a 9-3 playoff team, he ran for 1,687 yards as a senior and over 100 yards in 16 of his final 20 high school games. He and his wife, De'Lisa, reside in Lilburn, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Pass Def.	Int.	Yds.	FF	Special Teams		
										Total	Solo	Asst.
1987	Atl.	4/0	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	1
1988	Atl.	12/0	12	9	3	4	0	0	0	15	11	4
1989	Atl.	10/0	14	7	7	2	1	31	0	12	11	1
Total		26/0	29	19	10	7	1	31	1	30	24	6



DE

MALCOLM TAYLOR

67

7th YEAR

Tennessee State

Ht.: 6'6" Wt.: 280

Born: 6-20-60

Has played for three NFL teams and two USFL ones.

Nicknamed Batman.



Acquisition: Free Agent, September 26, 1989

Last Season

The Raiders released Malcolm after training camp and when Rick Bryan was put on IR, the Falcons signed the veteran lineman on Sept. 26. Malcolm went on to play in the final 13 games, making nine tackles, a sack, having two QB hurries and batting down five passes. Perhaps his biggest contribution was in the win over New England when he batted down four Doug Flutie pass attempts at the line of scrimmage.

Pro Career

A fifth round draft pick of the Oilers back in 1982, Malcolm has since played six NFL seasons (68 games) and two USFL seasons (29). As a rookie, he played nine games and then in year two, he played all 16 with his first three NFL starts. In 1984, Malcolm moved to the USFL with the Chicago Blitz and then Birmingham Stallions. In '86, he returned to the Oilers when the USFL folded and played three games before he was released. The L.A. Raiders signed him in April of '87 and he played 12 games that year and 15 more in '88, with three starts.

Notebook

Nicknamed "Batman" for his ability to knock down passes and basketball shots. Malcolm was the center on his HS basketball squad and set a school record in the discus throw for the track team. Malcolm is generous with his time and money for the United Way.

College

A four-year letter winner and three-year starter at tough Tennessee State, Malcolm was team captain as a senior. He had 10 QB sacks, but only three as a senior as a wrist injury caused him to miss six games. Malcolm majored in Health and PE with an emphasis on Physical Therapy.

Personal

Malcolm was born and reared in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, 30 years ago in June. He went on to play football at Crystal Springs High as a defensive end and an offensive tackle and tight end, earning all-America recognition. His 6-6 height helped him play inside on the basketball team, plus throw the shot and discus and even run the 440 with the track team. Malcolm and his wife, Ann, have three children and call Columbia, Tennessee home.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	FF	FR
1982	Hous.-NFL	9/0	15	12	3	0	1	1
1983	Hous.-NFL	16/3	29	17	12	4	0	0
1984	Chic-USFL	14	N/A	—	—	6	0	0
1985	Birm-USFL	15	N/A	—	—	4	1	1
1986	Hous.-NFL	3/0	1	0	1	1	0	0
1987	Raid.-NFL	12/3	23	13	10	3	0	0
1988	Raid.-NFL	15/3	23	14	9	1	0	0
1989	Atl.-NFL	13/0	9	7	2	1	0	0
Totals	NFL	68/9	90	63	37	9	1	1
	USFL	29	N/A	—	—	10	1	1

FLIGHT OF THE FALCON

Back in 1965, the newly awarded Atlanta franchise of the NFL was in need of a club nickname. The club received thousands of entries. A total of forty people submitted the name of the "Falcons." But, Miss Julia Elliott, a school teacher from Griffin, Georgia, at the time was singled out as the winner. Her description of what a Falcon was proved to be the deciding factor in her being judged the winner. Her definition is as follows: "The Falcon is proud and dignified with great courage and fight. It never drops its prey. It's deadly and has a great sporting tradition." Despite the sadness of Miss Elliott's passing away this spring, the Atlanta Falcons Football Club will forever hold fond memories of Julia, as the one who gave the club its nickname.

**GALAND THAXTON****53****2nd YEAR
Wyoming****Ht.: 6'1" Wt.: 242
Born: 10-23-64***Team captain for 10-3
Wyoming Bowl team in '87.**Special team leader who threw
final block on Sanders punt
return touchdown.***Acquisition: Free Agent****Last Season**

Hard-working Galand earned a spot on the final roster after being one of the leading tacklers in the preseason. He went on to play in all 16 games, making 29 tackles, and distinguishing himself on the special teams where he registered 11 tackles (eight solo). Galand was used most often in short-yardage situations and proved to be quite a hitter vs. the run game. Galand played most of the Jets game in Week 12 and posted 10 tackles.

Pro Career

The New York Giants originally signed Galand out of Wyoming on May 20, 1988, and kept him through all of training camp before releasing him on Aug. 30. Galand had a tryout with the Redskins after that and later signed a future contract with the Falcons and reported to their '89 camp and earned his place.

College

A two-time all-WAC pick for the Wyoming Cowboys, Galand rang up 467 tackles over a four-year career. Number 90 was a team captain of the '87 Holiday Bowl, 10-3, team as he made 143 tackles and had three interceptions. As a junior, he led the team with 158 tackles from his middle linebacker position. As a sophomore, Galand played outside linebacker and as a red-shirt freshman had been voted the WAC Rookie of the Year with a 98-tackle, two sack, two fumble recovery season.

Personal

One of four children of Booker and Jacqueline, Galand is a native of Colorado. He started in football at Denver South High School. Galand and his wife, Rhonda, have a home in Stone Mountain, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Special Teams		
						Total	Solo	Assist
1989	Atl.	16/0	29	14	15	11	8	3



DE

BEN THOMAS**72****5th YEAR
Auburn****Ht.: 6'3" Wt.: 275
Born: 7-2-61**

Has won rings for a Super Bowl team and a Sugar Bowl, SEC-title winning team.

Has key to his hometown city of Ashburn, GA.

**Acquisition: Free Agent, May 3, 1989****Last Season**

When injured Rick Bryan was lost for the season, veteran Ben was ready to step in and start 13 games, playing in all 16. Ben enjoyed probably his best overall season in the pros as he finished fourth on the team with 103 total tackles, had eight QB hurries, a QB sack, and a fumble recovery. Among his better games were three with 10 or more tackles vs. Jets in Week 12 (14 tackles) vs. 49ers in Week 10 (11 tackles), and vs. Redskins in Week 15 (10 tackles and three hurries).

Pro Career

With four NFL teams, Ben has now played in 52 games. In 1985, Ben was the second round pick of the New England Patriots (56th overall), turning down an offer from the Birmingham Stallions of the USFL. He played in 15 games as an NFL rookie. His second year, he suffered a neck injury as a starter in the season opener vs. Colts and missed several weeks. He played weeks 4-6, having a sack vs. Denver, and was cut when the Pats brought DE Kenneth Sims off IR. The Green Bay Packers immediately claimed him on waivers and he played as a reserve for them the remainder of the season. Ben had to spend all of the 1987 season on Injured Reserve following knee surgery before the season. Green Bay released Ben in August of '88 and the Steelers signed him the next day. He played in six games with Pittsburgh before they cut him on Nov. 2. The Falcons became his fourth NFL team when he signed a free agent pact last spring.

Notebook

Ben has played in a Super Bowl (XX) with the Patriots vs. the Chicago Bears and recorded a QB sack in the game. He got his AFC Championship ring when the Pats routed the Dolphins, 31-14, in the Orange Bowl two weeks earlier. In college, Ben won a Sugar Bowl ring and SEC title when the 11-1 Auburn Tigers beat Michigan on New Year's Day. He also was on winning teams in the Tangerine Bowl and the Liberty Bowl.

College

"Big Ben" set an Auburn record with his 141 tackles in 1984 as he led the team with 11 tackles for losses in his all-SEC season. He had top games of 19 tackles vs. Alabama and 15 vs. Georgia. Ben had 290 tackles in his four seasons, playing for teams that posted a combined 34-14 mark.

Personal

One of the four sons of Benjamin and Blanch, Benjamin, Jr. was born in Ashburn, GA, a place where he was later presented a key to the city. He was a three-year starting DT at Turner County High, an all-State pick and also played some offensive line. He and his wife, Charlene, have a son of their own, three-year old Benjamin, III.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sack
1985	N.E.	15/0 (4 Playoffs)	5	3	2	0
			2	2	0	1
1986	N.E.	4/1	4	3	1	1
	G.B.	9/0	9	6	3	1
1987	G.B.	IR				
1988	Pitt.	8/0	12	7	5	0
1989	Atl.	16/13	103	51	52	1
Totals		52/14	135	72	63	4



GEORGE THOMAS

89

2nd YEAR
U.N.L.V.Ht.: 5'9" Wt.: 169
Born: 7-11-64

In high school, set California sprint record.

In college practice, caught passes from Randall Cunningham going against CB Charles Dimry.



Acquisition: 1988 Draft, Round 6, 138th

Last Season

After a rookie season on IR, George came back to play in all 16 games on special teams and extra-receiver packages. He returned seven kickoffs for 142 yards with a long of 28, had four receptions for 46 yards with a long of 16, and even had three tackles going down on special teams cover units.

George had foot surgery on May 12 of his rookie season in '88 and spent all of the summer and early fall rehabilitating. Then, he was able to return to the team to practice later in the year and participated in his first training camp last summer and made the squad.

Notebook

At Nevada-Las Vegas, George caught his first practice passes from a soon-to-be NFL Pro Bowl quarterback, Randall Cunningham. Quick of foot, George ran 4.3 in the 40 and 10.4 in the 100 meters to gain the nickname, "Heat."

College

Playing for the Runnin' Rebels at UNLV was the perfect match for Runnin' George. Long runs seemed to be his speciality whether it was catching passes (80, 77, 71, 67, 62) or returning kicks (71, 56, 53, 52). All told, he caught 103 passes for 1,826 yards (17.7 per catch) and scored 17 TD's, while returning 45 kickoffs for 1,072 yards (23.8 avg.). George showed his "Mr. Clutch" talents when he scored a TD (three seconds left) to bring his team to one point behind, then scored on a two-point conversion to win the game. He had set up his heroic TD and PAT catch with a 52-yard kick return. George set a school record with a 197-yard receiving game (vs. Cal-State Fullerton) and a 224-total yard game vs. San Jose State.

Personal

A Californian, George was born in Riverside, to George, a GTE foreman, and Bertha, a nurse. George starred in football, basketball, and track (setting a state sprint record) at Indio High School. George and his wife, Vickie, live in Norcross, GA. George has a daughter, Shavanta Larae.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	Ret.	Yards	Avg.	Long
1988	Atl.	Injured Reserve								
1989	Atl.	16/0	4	46	11.5	16	7	142	20.3	28

25 YEARS OF ALL STARS

During their first twenty-five years, the Atlanta Falcons have had their share of talent. Coincidentally, there have been twenty-five different Falcons who have been talented enough to play in the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl over the past quarter century. Thirteen of the players have come from the offense, eight from defense, and four special teams players. "Mr. Falcon," linebacker Tommy Nobis was the first Falcon to appear in a Pro Bowl, doing so in 1966. The most recent was offensive guard Bill Fralic who made his fourth straight appearance in last January's contest.



LB

JESSIE TUGGLE**58****4th YEAR
Valdosta State****Ht.: 5'11" Wt.: 230
Born: 2-14-65***Valdosta State has retired his jersey already.**Played in Georgia in high school, college, and pro careers.***Acquisition: Free Agent, May 4, 1987****Last Season**

Free agent Jessie led the team with 183 total tackles (11.4 per game) as he was the tackle leader in 10 of the 16 games from his inside linebacker spot. The hitter from Valdosta had a trio of 16-tackle games (Week 8 vs. Saints, Week 14 vs. Vikings and Week 15 vs. Redskins) and a 14-tackle game vs. the Jets among his 11 games in double figures. In starting all 16 games, Jessie also had a QB sack, five QB hurries, three passes defended, and a fumble recovery. This was Jessie's first full season as an NFL starter, replacing vet Joel Williams at the right inside linebacker spot.

Pro Career

A hitter from when he first walked onto the practice field, the free agent from the small Georgia school made the club and played in 12 games (missing the three strike games), gaining four starting assignments, and making 35 tackles. His second year, Jessie played all 16 games and started eight to record his first 100-plus tackle season. He had his personal best 17-tackle game vs. the Rams in Week 15 and also had excellent special teams games vs. the rival Rams as he blocked a field goal in Week 6 and returned a fumbled punt return for a touchdown in the Week 15 game. Now, he's a vet of 44 NFL games with 28 starts and over 300 tackles.

Notebook

Jessie's never had to leave Georgia in his football career. Born in Spalding, Jessie prepped at Griffin, went to Valdosta State and now plays in Atlanta. It was a "Georgia connection" that got him to the Falcons. His college coach, Mike Cavan, a U. of Georgia alum, spoke with Falcon coach Marion Campbell, a U. of Georgia alum, at an offseason banquet. The seed was planted, Falcon scouts checked him out, and signed him to a free agent contract.

College

A school record holder with 340 career tackles, Jessie's jersey #88 is now officially retired. The three-time all Gulf South Conference pick had 129 tackles as a senior for the 9-2 nationally ranked Braves. His 129 was nearly twice as many as any other player on that 9-2 team. Jessie was a four-year starter.

Personal

Jessie Floyd was the fourth of the six children of Jessie and Ada. The truck driver's son was born in Spalding. He was MVP of his Griffin High School football team and also a member of the baseball squad. Jessie majored in Business at Valdosta State. He and his wife, Djujan, live in the Atlanta suburb of Alpharetta.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	Pass Def.	Spec.	Teams
1987	Atl.	12/4	35	18	17	1	6	2		7
1988	Atl.	16/8	103	60	43	0	1	3		11
1989	Atl.	16/16	183	112	71	1	5	3		10
Totals		48/28	321	190	131	2	12	8		28

Tuggle's Bests

Tackles

17 at Rams (12-11-88)
16 at Saints (10-29-89)
16 at Vikings (12-10-89)
16 Redskins (12-17-89)

Touchdowns

1 at Rams (12-11-88)



G

BEN UTT

66

9th YEAR
Georgia Tech

Ht.: 6'6" Wt.: 293

Born: 6-13-59

Played H.S. ball in GA, college ball at GA Tech, and now pro ball with Atlanta.

Won Ed Block NFL Courage Award.



Acquisition: Plan B free agent, March 26, 1990

Last Season

Tough, dependable Ben started all 16 games at right guard to up his streak to 42 consecutive, his second longest personal streak (66 consecutive from '82 through '86). Ben started every game at right guard for a third consecutive season, but has started at left guard and left tackle and been a reserve center so far in his NFL career. When the Colts left him unprotected on Feb. 1, the Falcons jumped at the opportunity to sign the proven veteran.

Pro Career

Ben is now a proven vet of 110 NFL games with 95 starting assignments since forging his way into the NFL as an undrafted free agent out of Georgia Tech. Originally a free agent of the Cowboys in 1981, Ben was cut in camp, but gave it a second chance in '82 as a Colts free agent and has been distinguishing himself since. He started every game at right guard the past three seasons, but has been a starter at left guard (four seasons), left tackle and even as back-up center in his career. In '82, Ben started two games at left tackle and one at left guard as he played in all nine games in the strike-shortened season. In '83, he was the starting LG in the opener and the starting RG in Weeks 8-14. By '84, he earned the starting left guard spot he would keep for the next four seasons. In '85, the Colts led the NFL in rushing yards. Then, in '86, Ben's streak ended as he suffered a knee injury Nov. 2 vs. Cleveland and went on IR. In '87, he came back to start 12 games at right guard, while three of his line mates went to the Pro Bowl. Runners behind Ben have had four 1,000-yard seasons (three by Dickerson, one by Dickey).

Notebook

His teammates voted him the NFL's Ed Block Courage Award when he fought his way back from his knee injury and regained his starting spot in the '87 season. A Georgia native, Ben was delighted to sign with Atlanta as he says he's had a magnetic Falcon helmet on his refrigerator for a long time.

College Career

A four-year starter and senior captain for the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech here in Atlanta, Ben actually began his college career as a defensive end. Injuries to others gave him a chance to play offensive line his final three seasons. He had the opportunity to play in a Peach Bowl and then as a senior in the Blue-Gray and Senior Bowl postseason games. Ben earned his degree in Industrial Management.

Personal

Benjamin Michael was an all-State Georgia high school player at Vidalia High and also a member of the track team. He was born in Richmond, CA, but moved to the south as a youth. He and his wife, Beth, have a son, Garrett Benjamin, 3.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started:	110/95	1982 (9/3)	1983 (16/8)	1984 (16/15)
		1985 (16/16)	1986 (9/9)	1987 (12/12)
		1988 (16/16)	1989 (16/16)	



TE

GARY WILKINS

87

5th YEAR

Georgia Tech

Ht.: 6'2" Wt.: 235

Born: 11-23-63

Made first NFL roster as fullback with Bills.

Scored 3 TD's in four-game span last year.



Acquisition: Free Agent, Sept. 26, 1990

Last Season

Gary was a Plan B free agent last winter and signed with the Green Bay Packers. They released him at the start of training camp and he subsequently returned to the Falcons as a free agent signee after three games. Gary then played in 13 games for the Falcons, starting one (Week 12-Jets), and finished with eight catches for 179 yards (22.4 average) and three TD receptions. His three TD catches came in a four-week span vs. Saints (Week 11), Jets (Week 12) and Vikings (Week 14). Gary had two-catch games in Week 10 vs. 49ers (29 yards) and Week 12 vs. Jets (34 yards). His longest plays covered 36 yards (Patriots-Week 6), 35 yards (Redskins-Week 15) and a 26-yard TD on a 4th down play (Vikings-Week 14).

Pro Career

Since leaving Atlanta and Georgia Tech, Gary has worn the uniform of four different NFL teams. He started out as a free agent signee of the Dallas Cowboys in 1985, turning down a Jacksonville offer from the USFL. Gary tried again in 1986 with the Buffalo Bills, made the roster (actually as a fullback in the preseason), played in all 16 games and caught eight passes. In '87, Gary practiced writing his name on contracts with the Bills as they signed him for camp, cut him Aug. 31, re-signed him for the replacement games in October, cut him Nov. 3, re-signed him again and used him as a deactivation for several weeks and finally cut him again in December. The Falcons signed him in 1988 and he played in 14 games, getting one starting assignment, and catching a personal-best 11 passes for 134 yards. When the Falcons didn't protect him last year, Green Bay gave him a signing bonus and lured him north only to later cut him and enable the Falcons to re-sign him. He's now a vet of 44 NFL games with 27 NFL catches.

College

A four-year letterman for the Rambling Wreck of Georgia Tech, Gary had 49 career receptions for 676 yards, scoring four touchdowns. He alternated at TE with another NFL-to-be player, Ken Whisenhunt (former Falcon, now Redskin). His first college catch was a 28-yard flea flicker on a 4th down play vs. rival North Carolina and his best game was a four-catch effort vs. Alabama.

Personal

Gary Clifton was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilkins in Riviera Beach, Florida. He went on to earn five varsity letters at Twin Lakes High in West Palm Beach, serving as a captain of both the football and basketball teams. Gary and his wife, Beatrice, have a home in the Atlanta suburb of Stone Mountain.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1986	Buff.	16/0	8	74	9.3	28	0
1987	Buff.	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1988	Atl.	14/1	11	134	12.2	33	0
1989	Atl.	13/1	8	179	22.4	36	3
Totals		44/2	27	387	14.3	36	3

A DOZEN YELLOW JACKETS

Out of all the schools that have furnished the Falcons with a football player in the history of the club, Georgia Tech has supplied the most. Twelve Yellow Jackets have found their way into the Atlanta Falcon's honor roll over the past 25 years. Colorado and Auburn are the only other colleges that have sent 10 or more players to the Atlanta squad with both of them doing it ten times.

NUMBER ONE TRADES

The Falcon's trade of their number one pick to the Colts in the 1990 NFL draft marks only the fourth time in the 25-year existence of the club that they have dealt away their first pick. The first time it happened was back in 1967 when the Falcons sent their first pick to San Francisco. It happened again in 1973 when the pick was traded away to Houston. The last time it happened was back in 1974 when Minnesota acquired the Falcon's first pick along with quarterback Bob Berry in exchange for veterans Bob Lee, a quarterback, and linebacker Lonnie Warwick.

HOW THE FALCONS WERE BUILT

Year	No. Acq.	Drafted (38)	Free Agents (21)	Trades (3)
1978	1	T Mike Kenn (1st - 13th)		
1981	1	CB Bobby Butler (1st-25th)		
1982	1	WR Stacey Bailey (3rd-63rd)		
1983	1	LB John Rade (8th - 125th)		
1984	2	DE Rick Bryan (1st - 9th) CB Scott Case (2nd - 32nd)		
1985	2	G Bill Fralic (1st - 2nd) DE Mike Gann (2nd - 45th)		
1986	4	NT Tony Casillas (1st - 2nd) WR Floyd Dixon (6th - 154th) LB Tim Green (1st - 17th)	G Jamie Dukes	
1987	7	QB Chris Miller (1st - 13th) LB Michael Reid (7th - 181st) S Elbert Shelley (11th - 292nd)	QB Scott Campbell S Tim Gordon RB John Settle LB Jessie Tuggle	
1988	9	LB Aundray Bruce (1st - 1st) T/G Stan Clayton (10th - 250th) LB Marcus Cotton (2nd - 28th) DB Charles Dimry (5th - 110th) WR Michael Haynes (7th - 166th) G Houston Hoover (6th - 140th) WR George Thomas (6th - 138th)	RB Gene Lang QB Hugh Millen	
1989	14	NT Tony Bowick (12th - 313th) WR Shawn Collins (1st - 27th) RB Keith Jones (3rd - 62nd) RB Greg Paterra (11th - 286th) CB Deion Sanders (1st - 5th) TE Troy Sadowski (6th - 145th) QB Paul Singer (8th - 202nd)	K Greg Davis P Scott Fulhage T John Hunter S Brian Jordan LB Galand Thaxton DE Ben Thomas	C/G Guy Bingham (from Jets for undisclosed draft choice)
1990	20	RB Steve Broussard (1st - 20th) LB Darion Conner (2nd - 27th) DT Oliver Barnett (3rd - 55th) G/T Reggie Redding (5th - 121st) RB Mike Pringle (6th - 139th) NT Tory Epps (8th - 195th) LB Darrell Jordan (9th - 222nd) LB Donnie Salum (10th - 250th) S Chris Ellison (11th - 278th) P/QB Shawn McCarthy (12th - 305th)	DT Jackie Cline WR Titus Dixon RB Tracy Johnson T Ronnie Lee QB Gilbert Renfroe C Mike Ruether G Ben Utt TE Gary Wilkins	T Chris Hinton WR Andre Rison (from Colts for No. 1 pick overall)

NEW FACES



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RB

STEVE BROUSSARD

34

DRAFT CHOICE
Washington StateHt.: 5'7" Wt.: 201
Born: 2-22-67

Only the second player in PAC-10 history to win rushing and receiving titles.

School record holder with 41 career TD's, 33 by rush.



Acquisition: 1st Round, 20th overall

College Career

With a switch to the Red Gun offense in 1990, the Falcons will be looking to take advantage of the explosive talents of Steve Broussard. Here are some things the former Washington State product can do for the Falcons new attack.

- **Speed** — A 4.49 clocking in 40, Steve possesses both great quickness and acceleration. He has sprinter's speed and has been timed at 10.49 for 100 meters while leading Cougar track team.
- **Run** — Shattered most of Rueben Mayes' records piling up 3044 career yards. Superb open field runner who makes quick cuts. His top games included 205, 199, and 153 yard rushing efforts. Had six straight 100-yard plus games in '89 and averaged 5.9 and 4.8 yds. per carry last two years.
- **Catch** — Dependable receiver out of backfield with soft hands that enabled him to grab 120 passes for 1179 yards. Led PAC-10 as sophomore in receptions with 59. Hauled in 10 catches vs. Stanford and had 9 reception day vs. Cal.
- **Big Plays** — Holds school record with 41 overall TD's, 33 by rush. Broke loose on runs of 81, 71, and 59 yards and caught long gains of 79t, 77, 66, 48, 46t yards, besides returning KO 98 yards for score. Had 5, 3 TD games and 5, 2 TD games in career.
- **Durable** — Set WSU record by carrying 41 times. Steady Steve proved to be a workhorse by recording 35, 33, 31, 27 and 26 carry games in college.

Year-By-Year

1989: This compact, powerful, All-PAC 10 back left as the school's second best rusher ever just 475 yards shy of Mayes mark. He set WSU records with 13 career rushing touchdowns and 104 points scored in 1989 and enjoyed the second highest season total in school annals with 1237 yards on 260 carries (for a 4.8 per carry average). He caught 39 passes for 326 more yards and three TD's and also chipped in by averaging 28.4 yards per kickoff return (8-227 yards). He gained 100 yards or more in the team's first six games. Steve was named the conference's Offensive Player of the Week, carrying a school record 41 times for a career high 205 yards and three scores in a 51-38 victory over Oregon. His other top games came against California when he bulled his way for 199 yards on 31 carries with TD jaunts of one and 15 yards and Stanford

as he tallied 153 yards and touchdown runs of 81 and five yards on 26 attempts in a 31-13 win. He also showed off his all-purpose talents by putting together a 97 yard rushing day with a pair of scores, grabbing five catches, and returning a kickoff 98 yards for a TD versus Arizona State.

1988: A second-team All-America pick by Sporting News, he led the conference and ranked ninth in the country in the rushing department, averaging 114.1 yards per outing. The first team All-PAC 10 choice carried 222 times for 1280 yards and a 5.8 average (2nd highest total in school annals). The conference's top all-purpose runner (1533 yards) also tied a Cougar mark by crossing the goal line 11 times. Broussard's career game came against California as he ran over the Bears for 190 yards on 19 attempts and scored from 59 and 14 yards out to claim PAC 10 Player of the Week accolades. A 173 yard, two touchdown rushing effort against Illinois (and current teammate Keith Jones) garnered the 5-7 dynamo another conference Player of the Week honor and a 44-7 team victory. His other 100-yard rushing games came at the hands of Minnesota (150 yards and two TD's), Tennessee (133 yards and a score), Arizona (125 yards, 79-yard catch) and Oregon State (134). He closed out the year by gaining 139 yards on 33 carries in a 24-22 decision over Houston in the Aloha Bowl.

1987: The young slotback made an impression by leading the conference in receptions with 59 catches for 709 yards and three TD's, rushing for 254 yards and six scores, and returning four kickoffs for 74 yards. The big play specialist accounted for 105 yards on 10 catches versus Stanford and hauled in nine aerials for 112 yards against rival California.

1986: After starting the first three games, Steve missed time with a bad shoulder which finally required surgery. He made his first game in a Cougar uniform memorable as he rushed for 86 yards on only 7 carries, including a season-best 63-yard scamper to set-up a score in 34-14 triumph over UNLV. His short first season (only six games played) still saw him finish second on team in rushing with 283 yards and three TD's.

Notebook

Steve is only the second player in conference history to win rushing and receiving titles. The other was former Viking and current broadcaster Ahmad Rashad of Oregon. His school record 41 touchdowns shattered the previous mark of 24 held by the Saints' Rueben Mayes. Despite growing up only two blocks from Southern Cal's campus in Los Angeles and six blocks from the Coliseum, Broussard decided he needed a "slower-paced environment" in which to continue his football career. He was heavily recruited out of high school leading the Toilers of Manual Arts High in LA to the city 3-A title as a senior. He visited Nebraska, New Mexico State and Washington State and chose the scenic Pullman, Washington campus nestled in the mountains. He was redshirted his first season in 1985 but was the top sprinter on the Cougar track team, which finished second in the nation. Speedy Steve pulled a hamstring in the final dual meet of the season, running the 100 meters, and missed the PAC-10 and NCAA Championships. Without his presence in the lineup, WSU had to settle for a third place showing in the conference and lost a bid for a national championship by a single point.

Personal

Growing up in a tough LA neighborhood, Steve knew he didn't want anything to do with the street gangs so he decided to attend school at Washington State. "It was a big change in lifestyle," said Broussard. "I was never involved in gangs but they were always around. That was one of

the main reasons I wanted to get away." An all-state performer at both halfback and linebacker at Manual HS, Broussard claimed the competitive city of LA 100 meter track title and was fourth in the state of California.

College Statistics

Year	RUSHING					RECEIVING					KICKOFF RETURNS				
	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1986	53	296	5.6	3	63										
1987	75	289	3.9	6	19	59	701	11.9	3	79	4	74	18.5	0	23
1988	222	1314	5.9	11	37	22	152	6.9	1	77	6	101	16.8	0	27
1989	260	1237	4.8	13	71	39	326	8.4	3	66	8	227	28.4	1	98
Totals	610	3136	5.1	33	71	120	1179	9.8	7	79	18	402	22.3	1	98



LB

DARION CONNER

56

DRAFT CHOICE
Jackson St.

Ht.: 6'2" Wt.: 256

Born: 9-28-67

Recorded 22.5 QB sacks and over 300 tackles in productive career.

Named All-SWAC three times and was conference's Defensive Player of Year last season.



Acquisition: 2nd Round, 27th overall

College

A big, physical specimen with good speed, Conner was expected by many to be drafted in the first round. But due to the influx of college juniors his name was still on the board and the Falcons jumped at the chance to take the talented linebacker with the second pick of the second round. The Kodak All-America and SWAC Defensive Player of the year last season totaled 317 tackles in his career at Jackson State, including 197 solos, 22.5 QB sacks and 37 stops for a minus 255 yards. He led the Tigers to a 33-11-3 mark, two SWAC titles and three trips to the Division I-AA Playoffs during his stay at the Jackson, MS school.

Year-By-Year

1989: An active, aggressive hitter, who Coach Glanville calls... "a borderline trained killer," Conner recorded a career high 130 tackles, with 90 solos, 12.5 QB sacks, 15 stops for a minus 136 yards in losses, two interceptions, 14 deflected passes and even recovered a fumble en route

to being tabbed the conferences' best player. He posted 14 tackles with two sacks versus Texas Southern, made 13 tackles with 2-1/2 sacks against Southern and was credited with 12 stops and a sack and fumble recovery versus Alabama State.

1988: He guided the Tigers to a 8-1-2 record and their third straight conference crown by totaling 81 tackles, three interceptions, a pair of sacks and 10 tackles for losses. The bruising tackler also caused two fumbles and recovered three others. He managed to pull the Tigers even with Tennessee State (26-26) by making a one-handed interception and going the distance 35 yards for a score. Darion was tabbed conference Player of the Week by recording 13 stops (eight solos), five behind the line of scrimmage for a minus 28 yards, and a sack in a 21-7 win over Alabama State. His other top games came against Northwestern State (10 tackles, an interception and two fumbles caused), Alcorn State (12 tackles) and Stephen F. Austin (10 tackles, one int.).

1987: The first of three straight All-SWAC first team selections, Conner had 93 stops, eight sacks and picked off two passes. He took over the contest versus Grambling State by making five solo tackles and eight total, including one for a loss of nine, returning a pass 52 yards for a TD, and coming up with a sack in a 31-17 victory and another weekly honor as top player. Steady Darion also registered eight hits with a pair of sacks in a 33-14 triumph over Texas Southern.

1986: As a reserve linebacker, he had 13 tackles in eight games played.

Notebook

Darion was another in a long line of standout defensive players at Jackson State, following the likes of Coy Bacon (Rams & Redskins), Lem Barney (Lions), Robert Brazile (Oilers), and Verlon Biggs (Redskins), among others. He played with Falcon teammate Houston Hoover for two years and worked on the same defensive unit with Leon Seals, who is entering his fourth year with the Buffalo Bills. An all-around athlete, he lettered in track and basketball besides his all-district and all-conference exploits on the gridiron at Noxubee County (MS) High School. A political science major at Jackson State, Darion can move extremely well for a player his size (ran 4.5, 40 times at JSU) which made him hot property come draft day '90.

Personal

One of ten children born to Isom and Annette Conner of Prairie Point, Mississippi, tragedy struck the close knit family in the early morning hours on April 16. Darion's brother and Jackson State teammate, Casey Conner (19 years-old), along with fellow Tiger players Charles Ford (20) and Michael Kimble (18), were all killed when the car they were driving in ran off the road and struck a tree a couple of miles from the Conner house. So it was understandably tough for Darion to be totally excited when draft day rolled around six days later. "It is the highest high to the lowest low," explained Annette Conner. A devout Christian who was raised under the values of "respect, honesty, and humility" by his parents, young Darion sang in the choir at Prairie Point Baptist Church. He once entertained the notion of becoming a gospel singer. Whenever Darion or Casey would bring home friends to taste mother's cooking (which was numerous times) on the weekend they were always told to tell their friends to "bring clothes because you're going to church." A man of simple family values, Darion plans to construct a house near his parents someday. There are already currently six houses full of relatives that live within 100 yards of each other in Prairie Point. Instilling a never-say quit attitude in their children at a young age, Annette wouldn't let Darion give up football after one practice session in the seventh grade. "She told me I couldn't quit," Darion recalled. "She told me it was the wrong attitude to take."

College Statistics

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	T-Losses	Int.	Pass Def.	FF	FR
1985	Redshirt-Freshman								
1986	13	8	5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1987	93	49	44	8	12-68	2-74	2	3	3
1988	81	50	31	2	10-51	3-64	2	2	3
1989	130	90	40	12.5	14-136	2-23	14	0	1
Totals	317	197	120	22.5	37-255	7-163	18	5	7



DL

OLIVER BARNETT

73

DRAFT CHOICE
KentuckyHt.: 6'3" Wt.: 288
Born: 4-9-66*Set Kentucky record with 26
QB sacks.**Holds all school weight lifting
marks.*

Acquisition: 3rd Round, 55th overall

College Career

A powerful yet quick defender, Barnett anchored the Wildcats front line. He finished his career in Lexington with 271 tackles, including 212 solo stops, and set a school record by registering 26 QB sacks. He started every game (33 straight) at Kentucky since cracking the lineup in the 1987 season opener. The first team All-SEC choice and second team AP All-American lineman used his strength and speed to chase down opponents in their backfield, throwing 43 ballcarriers for losses totaling a minus 173 yards in his career. A big hitter, Oliver also forced 12 fumbles in a Wildcat uniform.

Year-By-Year

1989: In his final season, the burly Barnett started every game at left tackle and finished with 86 tackles (68 solos), seven sacks, two fumbles caused, and 14 stops for 50 yards in losses. His best outing of the year earned him SEC Defensive Player of the Week honors in a 15-11 victory over Vanderbilt as he made 12 solo tackles, 3 sacks and a forced fumble. He followed that effort up by making 13 tackles (10 solos) and a pair of sacks versus Cincinnati. Against rival Georgia, he recorded 10 tackles and added eight tackles and a four-yard sack versus Auburn.

1988: A second team All-SEC selection, Oliver turned in 80 tackles, six caused fumbles, and career-highs in sacks with nine and tackles for losses with 17 (for a minus 64 yards). He was

chosen by his teammates as the Wildcats best defensive lineman four times as he led the squad with 60 Cat Paw awards, which were earned for making big plays. His top game came against LSU when he recorded 11 stops, two sacks, two fumbles caused and a deflected pass. Long time college coach Jerry Clairborne said after the game... "it was one of the best overall games one of my defenders has ever played." Barnett went through a stretch of six straight games where he sacked the QB at least one time. Other games of note were the nine tackle day against Vandy and eight tackles, a caused fumble, and a sack versus So. Illinois. He also trapped Central Michigan QB Randy Levels in the endzone for a safety to go along with his seven tackles and three stops for losses.

1987: The improving sophomore was a fixture in all 11 games on the left side of the line for the Wildcats. He ended up sixth on the team in tackles with 68 but his six QB sacks paced the club. Barnett was named by the coaching staff as the top lineman for his efforts versus Utah State (2 sacks, caused fumble, interceptions) and Indiana (9 hits). He also registered a season high 12 tackles against Vanderbilt and nine versus Tennessee.

1986: As a reserve he played 11 games making 37 tackles, 4 sacks (tied for team lead) and a fumble recovery and fumble caused.

Notebook

An avid and intense weight lifter, the bulky Barnett shattered every school record for lifting and holds the mark for combined lifting by toting 1655 pounds. His record added up with a 420 pound bench press, 850 pound squat (new school mark) and 385 pound clean jerk. He attributes his aggressiveness to pumping iron. By looking at his 4.81 time in the 40 you can see why he was able to get to the quarterback with such frequency in college. A social work major, he didn't step onto the football field until he was a junior at Jeffersontown (KY) High School. As a senior he finished with 56 tackles and 13 sacks, earning All-State and All-District accolades. His mother, Hattie, preferred that Oliver stick to the more favored sport of Louisville; namely, basketball. Her apprehensions were based on Oliver suffering a head injury as a child which prompted her cautious approach to sports.

Personal

The son of Sam and Hattie Mack, Oliver Wesley Barnett was born on April 9, 1966 in Louisville. He lists his hobbies as playing chess and collecting comic books. A movie buff, he likes The Untouchables as his all time best flick. He doesn't have a favorite food because he says he loves all kinds.

College Statistics

Defensive Tackles										
Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	T-Losses	Int.	Pass Def.	FF	FR	Safety
1985	Redshirt-Freshman									
1986	37	29	8	4	4-8	0-0	1	1	1	0
1987	68	46	22	6	8-51	1-0	3	3	0	0
1988	80	69	11	9	17-64	0-0	4	6	0	1
1989	86	68	18	7	14-50	0-0	4	2	0	0
Totals	271	212	59	26	43-173	1-0	12	12	1	1



G/T

REGGIE REDDING

61

DRAFT CHOICE
Cal/State Fullerton

Ht.: 6'3" Wt.: 281

Born: 9-22-68

Paved the way as Titans averaged 408 yards offense per game.

Blocked for Mike Pringle's NCAA tying 357 yard rushing game.



Acquisition: 5th Round, 121st overall

College Career

A very physical athlete, Reggie was an All-Big West Conference first team choice after an outstanding senior campaign for the Titans of Cal-State Fullerton. He opened up huge holes for Falcon draftee Mike Pringle, who led the nation with 2690 all-purpose yards. Known as a drive blocker who worked his way into a good pass protector, Redding was a transfer from Laney (CA) Junior College. The Falcons coaching staff could take a look at this versatile athlete as a tight end in the new Red Gun offense.

Year-By-Year

1989: He played a major role in the trenches for the Titans as they finished the season ranked 19th in the country in passing with an average of 245 yards a contest and were 27th in total offense. He showed his versatility by suiting up at both the guard and tackle positions as he helped his club average 408 yards per game. Through his play he built a reputation as one of the top blockers in the West. For example, the big but agile Redding recorded six takedowns as he mowed down the opposition so Pringle could gain an NCAA record 357 yards versus New Mexico State (and 426 as a team). Another example saw him make a key, punishing downfield block on Willie James of Cal-Northridge which sprung Pringle on a 76-yard TD run to claim a 27-20 victory. His outstanding pass protection allowed quarterback Dan Speltz to complete 37 passes against Northern Illinois and did not allow a sack versus UNLV as Speltz threw for a school record four TD's (19-28-297).

1988: A starter at left guard, Reggie graded over 80% for blocking consistency in six games. He registered five knockdown blocks as the Titans gained 356 yards (185 on ground) in a 24-3 decision over New Mexico State. He was the lead blocker for Pringle on scoring runs of 10 and four yards and cleared the way for another one-yard plunge as Cal-State's offense amassed 587 yards.

Junior College: Young Reggie gained valuable experience as he was named to the All-State and All-Conference squads as guard for Laney JC in 1987.

Notebook

Called the best lineman to come out of Cal-State since Darren Gilbert (six years with New Orleans Saints and former #2 draft pick) by the coaching staff, Redding actually didn't play high school football until his senior season at Forest Park HS near Cincinnati, Ohio. He earned second team all-league honors that first season and has taken off ever since.

Personal

The criminal justice major is the youngest of six children of mother Donnie Smith of Cincinnati. He enjoys the challenges of crossword puzzles and loves pasta as his favorite food dish.



RB

MIKE PRINGLE

24

DRAFT CHOICE
Cal/State Fullerton

Ht.: 5'8" Wt.: 186

Born: 10-1-67

Collected second best all-purpose season in NCAA history with 2690 yards.

Totaled 626 rushing yards in back-to-back outings to establish new NCAA record.



Acquisition: Round 6, 139th overall

College Career

Pringle's successful and productive college career is a highlight film of big plays and big games. The small but speedy (4.4 time in 40) back possesses excellent vision and dart-like cutting ability. He played in only 19 games at Cal-State after transferring from Washington State but left as one of the school's most prolific runners. Talented Mike set school and conference records by averaging 244.6 all-purpose yards last season. He set an NCAA two-game record by totaling an incredible 626 yards versus New Mexico State and Cal-Long Beach. He gained 2298 yards rushing with 19 touchdowns, 1158 more yards on 46 kickoff returns for a glaring 25.2 yard average, and 361 yards on 35 catches and three scores for a college total of 3817 combined yardage.

Year-By-Year

1989: Mike's remarkable year was capped off when he tied Rueben Mayes' NCAA record (which was later broken by Anthony Thompson of Indiana) by running for an amazing 357 yards on 31 carries, with scoring scampers of 52, 11 and three yards versus New Mexico State. The All-Big

West Conference Player of the Year led the nation with 2690 all-purpose yards, the second best total in NCAA history, surpassed only by Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders (3250 in '88). He also set another conference mark by averaging 157 yards rushing per outing. His school record setting run on history included putting his name in the annals for carries in a season (296), rushing touchdowns (16), total TD's (19), and points (116). This multi-dimensional athlete rumbled for 1727 yards on the ground (second in country), just 62 yards shy of Obie Graves' Titans record of 1789 set in 1978. Besides his 357 yard outburst his long list of top games included: a 359 yard all-purpose showing against Cal-Long Beach, with 269 by the rush (for a two game NCAA record total of 626 yards), a 302 all-purpose day versus San Diego State (158 yards rushing, two TD's), 242 yards on ground, with record four rushing TD's and five total against Pacific, and an 183 yard combined outing vs. Fresno State.

1988: He led the team in rushing with 496 yards despite only playing in eight contests and impressed coaches enough that he was named to the conferences second team. Pringle averaged 131.5 all-purpose yards and had his best game at San Jose State when he gained 131 yards on 17 tries with scoring jaunts of 10 and four yards, and caught five passes for 100 yards. He showed the tough Fiesta Bowl bound West Virginia team his special talents by setting a Mountaineer Field record for kickoff returns with 202 yards on just six tries. He was named the team's Most Valuable Newcomer.

1987: Mike saw action in two games for the Cougars of Washington State before suffering a broken jaw and deciding to transfer.

1986: He competed in seven games and scored his first collegiate touchdown from seven yards out as WSU downed Oregon State 24-14.

1985: Redshirted as a freshman.

Notebook

Mike was teammates at Washington State with Falcon draft pick Steve Broussard and the pair are reunited again in the pro's. The Titan coaches had to go to the replays to make sure Pringle got his then NCAA tying record 357 yards. He was first thought to have gained 352 yards but after further review of game films he had mistakenly been shorted five yards in the third quarter. The NCAA agreed and the rest is history. His biggest regret and the only time he seemingly didn't get what he wanted that day was not running off with the game ball. He received his Associates Art Degree from Glendale Junior College before heading to Cal-State.

Personal

Born and raised in Los Angeles to Andrew and Annie Pringle, Mike got involved in sports at an early age. He went on to excel in football and track at Kennedy High School in Granada Hills. The all-league, all-valley and all-city running back was also team MVP and named to the all-city squad in track. He set the school record by bullying his way for 297 yards. He finished third in the state meet with a 24-1 leap in the long jump. The criminal justice major hopes to become a child or sports psychologist after his football career.

College Statistics

Year	RUSHING					RECEIVING					KICKOFF RETURNS				
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1985	Redshirt-Freshman														
1986	14	38	2.7	1	10										
1987	12	37	3.1	0	11	2	-2	-1.0	0	2					
1988	104	496	4.7	3	37	7	112	16.0	0	40	17	444	26.1	0	68
1989	296	1727	5.8	16	76	28	249	8.9	3	47	29	714	24.6	0	59
Total	402	2223	5.5	19	76	35	361	10.3	3	47	46	1158	25.2	0	68
(Above statistics are for Cal-Fullerton career)															
Total	428	2298	5.4	20	76	37	359	9.7	3	47	46	1158	25.2	0	68
(Above statistics are for complete college career)															



NT

TORY EPPS

96

DRAFT CHOICE
Memphis StateHt.: 6'0" Wt.: 280
Born: 5-28-67

Named AP Defensive Player of Week for making 10 tackles in a 13-10 upset of Alabama.

Bench presses over 400 pounds.



Acquisition: 8th Round, 195th overall

College Career

A three-year starter for the Tigers of Memphis State under Coach Chuck Stobart, Tory piled up 240 career tackles, with 24 coming behind the line of scrimmage, and recorded six sacks fighting off double-teams. A strong athlete (bench presses 400 pounds) with a low center of gravity, Epps was known in college as a good run stopper.

Year-By-Year

1989: Tough Tory started eight games, missing three contests due to a blood clot in shoulder. He ended up with 67 tackles (44 solos), two sacks, and eight stops for a minus 22 yards. He opened the season on a good note by coming up with eight tackles against Mississippi. Epps followed that effort with eight more stops the next week versus Arkansas State. An 11 tackle day facing a tough Alabama team was his best outing of the year.

1988: A starter in every game at nose guard, he finished third on the team with 83 tackles, had a pair of sacks, and nine stops for losses. His top game was an 11 tackle day in a 26-20 win over Tulsa.

1987: He registered 37 tackles as a starter in seven games. Tory suffered a knee injury vs. Southern which ended his promising season early. Rising to the occasion, Epps was named AP Defensive Player of the Week by recording 10 tackles and a pass deflection in a 13-10 upset of Alabama.

1986: The freshman earned a spot and made the most of it by collecting 53 tackles. His best moment came when he sacked a Vanderbilt player on the last play of the game to preserve a 22-21 victory.

1985: Redshirted.

Notebook

Recruited as a linebacker, he began the year as an inside backer for the Tigers but moved into his starting spot as nose guard by the end of his freshman season. A first team all-conference and All-Fayette County choice as a senior linebacker at Uniontown (PA) High, Tory garnered Defensive Player of the Year and the conference's top player awards in high school. A bruising presence (ala Charles Barkley of the 76ers) in the pivot, Epps was also an all-star basketball player.

Personal

Tory was also a big presence in the Memphis State weight room as he bench pressed 405 pounds, squatted 505 lbs., and power cleaned 255 pounds.

College Statistics

DEFENSIVE TACKLES									
Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	T-Losses	Int.	Pass Def.	FF	FR
1985	Redshirt-Freshman								
1986	53	28	25	1	4-11	0-0	1	0	1
1987	37	23	14	1	3-14	0-0	2	0	0
1988	83	44	39	2	9-21	0-0	2	1	0
1989	67	44	23	2	8-22	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	240	139	101	6	24-68	0-0	6	1	1

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For the first time since 1982, the Falcons tabbed a running back in the first round (Steve Broussard). The last back picked in the first round by Atlanta was Gerald Riggs of Arizona. The Falcons picked Broussard with the choice that was obtained by trading Riggs to the Redskins on draft day last year.



LB

DARRELL JORDAN**54****DRAFT CHOICE
Northern Arizona****Ht.: 6'3" Wt.: 243
Born: 5-17-67***Busy senior season saw him
amass a team-high 160
tackles.**Third player picked by Falcons
in last three years from
Northern Arizona.***Acquisition: 9th Round, 222nd overall****College Career**

The NCAA Division I-AA Co-Defensive Player of the Year last season collected 208 career tackles along with six caused fumbles and four recoveries for the Lumberjacks. A relentless pursuer, Jordan was extremely tough against the run and considered a good open field tackler. He started out at West Texas State where he compiled 55 tackles in two years before transferring to Northern Arizona.

Year-By-Year

1989: An All-Big Sky conference first teamer, Darrell blossomed in his last college season to improve his draft status. He was moved from outside to inside backer and had his finest season, registering team-high's in tackles with 160 and fumbles caused with six. He also recorded two QB sacks, two fumble recoveries, and had ten pass deflections. He accounted for 19 stops while forcing a fumble and blocking a field goal to preserve a 20-17 win over Weber State. Jordan was named Division I-AA Defensive Player of the Month of September as he totaled 59 tackles in four games. He closed out his Lumberjack career with 11 solo stops and 16 overall tackles, plus a recovered fumble versus UNLV.

1988: Hard working Darrell came on strong in the second half of his first season in Flagstaff, Arizona and he tallied 48 tackles and fell on two fumbles. His best outing came against Idaho and Northern Iowa when he had seven tackles apiece.

1987: He had to sit out a season due to NCAA transfer rules.

1986: As a reserve outside linebacker for the Buffaloes of West Texas State in Canyon, TX, he accounted for 20 tackles with a sack and three tackles for 19 yards in losses.

1985: He made 35 tackles, including 19 solos, as a freshman playing at weakside backer. He came up with four stops, including one for a key 5-yard loss to stifle a last ditch scoring drive and preserve 29-27 triumph over Indiana State. Another big play came his way as he threw a ballcarrier for a four yard loss late in the fourth quarter game to help salvage a 28-27 win over Drake.

Notebook

Jordan is the third player taken by the Falcons in the last three years from Northern Arizona, following receivers Michael Haynes ('88) and Shawn Collins ('89). Darrell transferred to the Flagstaff (AZ) school with his coach, Paul Arslanian. A communications major, he's been timed consistently in the 4.6 range, which is good speed for a player his size.

Personal

A graduate of Bishop Gorman HS in Las Vegas, Darrell gets his athletic ability from his father, Vern Jordan, who played college basketball at Southern University. A first team all-state of Nevada selection for two seasons in football and basketball at the high school level, he once rambled for three score's from his running back spot and notched 22 tackles, with a pair of fumble recoveries, and a stolen pass as a linebacker versus Valley High. He also lettered in track.

College Statistics

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	T-Losses	Int.	Pass Def.	FF	FR
1985	35	19	16	0	3-18	0-0	0	0	0
1986	20	15	5	1	3-19	0-0	1	0	1
1987	Redshirt-Transfer								
1988	48	16	32	0	1-1	0-0	3	0	2
1989	160	84	76	2	3-14	1-0	10	6	2
Total	55	34	21	1	6-37	0-0	1	0	2
(Above statistics are for West Texas State career)									
Total	208	100	108	2	4-15	1-0	13	6	4
(Above statistics are for Northern Arizona career)									
Total	263	134	129	3	10-52	1-0	14	6	6
(Above statistics are for complete college career)									

FIRST ROUND PHENOM'S

The Falcons have been quite successful in drafting impact players with their first round selections in the past twenty-four collegiate drafts. Eight times the Falcons selected a player that would go on to make the Pro Bowl. Tommy Nobis, who was the first player taken in the 1966 draft and the first ever Falcon pick, turned out to be a five time Pro Bowl participant. 1968 pick, Claude Humphrey, was selected for a club record six Pro Bowls. Current Falcon offensive lineman Mike Kenn and Bill Fralic have been picked five and four times respectively. Tackle George Kunz and running back Gerald Riggs each went to three games, while the tandem of quarterback Steve Bartkowski and tight end Junior Miller teamed up in the 1980 and 1981 contests.



LB

DONNIE SALUM**55****DRAFT CHOICE**

Arizona

Ht.: 6'1" Wt.: 233

Born: 7-18-66

*Played in Copper Bowl for
Arizona last year.*

*Led conference in
interceptions in Junior College.*



Acquisition: 10th Round, 250th overall

College Career

Donnie closed out his college career with 157 tackles for Arizona and Coach Dick Tomey. Salum also played at Portland State and at Mesa (AZ) Junior College.

Year-By-Year

1989: An active year saw Salum record 113 tackles from his outside linebackers position. He also had five losses for a minus 23 yards, with a sack, and a recovered fumble to his credit.

1988: In a reserve role he amassed 44 tackles and was an excellent special teams player, as evidenced by his blocked kick.

1987: Forced to sit out a year due to transferring.

1986: He worked his way into the starting lineup for the Vikings of Portland State.

Notebook

He attended Mesa Junior College, earning two letters at strong safety. Donnie led the conference in interceptions with seven and ranked fourth among all DB's with 28 tackles. Salum made the most of his free time when he was sitting out as a transfer. He enrolled in classes and coached a youth league football team in Tuscon to keep close to the game.

Personal

Donald Gene Salum was born on 7/18/66 to Ronald and Constance Crawford. An honor roll student at Colorado Springs (CO) High, he earned two letters in football, two in wrestling and one in track. Donnie won all-conference honors at strong safety on the state's top-ranked defense.

College Statistics

DEFENSIVE TACKLES								
Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	TFL	Yards	Sacks	Int.	Pass Def.
1988	44	22	22	1	0	0.0	0	0
1989	113	48	65	5	23	1.0	0	2
Total	157	70	87	6	23	1.0	0	2

**CHRIS ELLISON****47****DRAFT CHOICE**
Houston**Ht.: 5'11" Wt.: 192**
Born: 12-20-67*Intercepted three passes in win over TCU.**Credited with 19 tackles (12 solo), fumble recovery and sack vs. rival Texas A&M.***Acquisition: 11th Round, 278th overall****College Career**

Both hard hitting University of Houston's starting safeties were drafted when Ellison was taken by the Falcons in the 11th round (Alton Montgomery went in the second round to Denver). An intelligent and crafty player, Chris carried a reputation as a vicious hitter. He totaled 134 tackles in two years for the Cougars and finished with seven interceptions.

Year-By-Year

1989: Ellison ended up fourth on the team with a career high 81 tackles (57 solos), with six interceptions for 66 return yards and two sacks. His top game came against Texas A&M as he was credited with 19 tackles, 12 solos, a recovered fumble and a sack. He picked off three passes in a 55-10 victory over TCU and had 15 solo stops against Arkansas.

1988: Chris moved into the starting lineup at free safety in the final four games of the season after Johnny Norwood was injured vs. Arkansas. He took advantage of his opportunity and finished with 53 tackles and had an interception. In his first collegiate start at TCU, he made 14 tackles (9 solos) to help the Cougars pull out a win. In the season finale, Ellison had 9 hits, a fumble recovery and returned his first collegiate interception 15 yards in a 45-14 victory over Rice.

1987: Played in nine games for Coach Jack Pardee.

Notebook/Personal

A two-time all-district cornerback at South Oak Cliff High in Dallas, Texas he earned a nod on the All-State team as senior. The sociology major would like to become a lawyer when his playing days are over. He and his wife, Sherry, live in Dallas.

College Statistics

DEFENSIVE TACKLES									
Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	T-Losses	Int.	Pass Def.	FF	FR
1986	Did Not Play								
1987	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1988	53	40	13	0	0-0	1-15	1	0	1
1989	81	57	24	2	5-22	6-66	1	0	2
Total	134	97	37	2	5-22	7-81	2	0	3



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SHAWN MCCARTHY

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DRAFT CHOICE
PurdueHt.: 6'6" Wt.: 227
Born: 2-22-68

Broke school punting mark which stood since 1946 with 44.6 avg.

Doubled as Purdue's quarterback for time throwing for 1579 yards.



Acquisition: 12th Round, 305th overall

College Career

Productive Shawn punted for 11,246 yards or 6.4 miles during his stint as a Boilermaker. He is the school's record holder for yards, punts (273) and average (41.2) surpassing the long time marks of Scott Loughheed (1969-71) and present St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Matt Kinzer (1981-83). His career in West Lafayette also included some time at quarterback for parts of three seasons as he completed 147 of 279 passes (52.7%) for 1579 yards and eight TD's.

Year-By-Year

1989: A first team All-American choice by Football News, McCarthy led the nation with a 40.9 net average and ranked fourth in the nation and led the conference with 69 punts for 3075 yards. The All-Big Ten selection broke the school's 44-year single season record by averaging 44.6 yards per punt, eclipsing John Galvin's mark of 42.9 set back in 1946. He opened the season posting a 47.6 average on six kicks in a 27-10 victory over Miami (OH). Shawn set a Purdue record with 8 punts for a 51.1 yard average, including a season long 70-yarder against Illinois. He also boomed averages of 48 yards versus Michigan, 47.1 against Northwestern and a 45.8 mark vs. Notre Dame. He helped secure a close 15-14 win over Indiana in his last game by keeping the Hoosiers out of scoring range by hitting a 41-yard punt out of his own end zone in the closing seconds (and he averaged 44.8 yards a punt in the game).

1988: He accounted for 3212 yards on a school season record 79 punts for a 40.7 avg. The honorable mention all-conference performer also started the first three games at quarterback, completing 43 of 89 passes for 439 yards and three TD's. His top kicking effort was against Illinois as he booted 10 kicks for 466 yards with a long of 60. He threw a 47-yard TD on a fake punt and averaged 45 yards on four kicks versus in-state rival Indiana.

1987: The sophomore improved his average to 40.4 by punting 62 times for 2506 yards. He boomed a 53-yarder into a strong wind to take Illinois out of scoring range, sealing a 9-3 triumph. Besides handling the punting duties he got the starting nod in the Boilermakers final five games and threw for 1088 yards, hitting 98 of 177 passes with five TD's.

1986: He won Purdue's punting job at spring camp as a freshman and hit 63-2453 and a 38.9 average. His best efforts came at Ohio State as he kicked six times for a 44.3 yard mark and duplicated that feat against Indiana.

Notebook

The lanky McCarthy added 33 pounds to his tall 6-6 frame during his years at Purdue due to his penchant for weight lifting. He was especially successful at having punts downed inside the 20-yard line as a Boilermaker and has a quick release on his kicks. Shawn's kicking background can be traced to his early days as he won national Punt, Pass and Kick competitions.

Personal

Shawn Michael McCarthy grew up in Ohio and attended Ross HS in Freemont (OH). He was chosen Buckeye Conference Player of the Year after guiding the team to a share of the conference title. He also was an all-state kicker who competed in the Ohio All-Star game.

College Statistics

Year	PASSING							RUSHING				
	No.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Int.	Long	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1986	12	5	41.7	40	0	1	18	1	8	8.0	0	8
1987	177	98	55.4	1088	5	11	42	10	-53	-5.3	0	3
1988	89	43	48.3	439	3	7	47	2	3	1.5	0	3
1989	1	1	100.0	12	0	0	12					
Total	279	147	52.7	1579	8	19	47	13	-42	-3.2	0	8

PUNTING							
Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	BK	Long	N/Yds.	N/Avg.
1986	63	2453	38.9	0	60	2192	34.8
1987	62	2506	40.4	3	63	2165	34.9
1988	79	3212	40.7	0	75	2962	37.5
1989	69	3075	44.6	1	71	2826	41.0
Total	273	11246	41.2	4	75	10145	37.2

WSB-TV (Channel 2) has been tabbed the official station for Falcon preseason football for the 1990 and 1991 campaigns. The station was given the broadcast rights of the four Falcon preseason contests in late April, winning over WAGA, WXIA, and WGNX. The broadcast crew will include WSB's Sports Director, Chuck Dowdle, as the play-by-play voice.

There's Only One



1990 FREE AGENTS

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RUNNING BACKS

Undra Johnson	RB	W. Virginia	5-9	199	2
Darron Norris	RB	Texas	5-9	195	1

Undra Johnson had finished his college career with 442 carries for 2,211 yards, making him West Virginia's third all-time leading rusher. He produced eight 100-yard games, and as a freshman, he set a personal best with 206 yards against Temple. Johnson scored 72 points in his senior season, and was voted the A. C. Gwynne Award for spirit and attitude. Johnson was drafted by Atlanta, but was waived in the final week of training camp. In October, Johnson was claimed by the New Orleans Saints where he played in five games and had two kickoff returns for 34 yards. Undra was waived at the end of November and after a brief stay in Dallas, Undra returned to the Falcons in December and was placed on the developmental squad. As a Plan B free agent Undra had tryouts with Minnesota and San Diego. He signed a free agent contract with the Falcons in April.

Darron Norris started 42 straight games and appeared in every game during his college career at Texas. He led the Longhorns in rushing his sophomore season. His career was overshadowed by current Cleveland Browns running back Eric Metcalf. Darron had 137 carries for 507 yards during his senior season. Norris was drafted by New England in 1989, but was waived at the end of training camp. In October of '89 Darron was placed on reserve/development squad for the Falcons. After being waived in January, Norris was resigned by Atlanta in April.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Dana Brinson	.....	WR	.....	Nebraska	.....	5-9	.....	167	.....	2
Titus Dixon	.....	WR	.....	Troy State	.....	5-6	.....	152	.....	2
Greg Harris	.....	WR	.....	Troy State	.....	5-9	.....	157	.....	1
Gary Lee	.....	WR	.....	GA Tech	.....	6-1	.....	201	.....	4
James Milling	.....	WR	.....	Maryland	.....	5-9	.....	156	.....	2
Kevin Simien	.....	WR	.....	Fort Hayes St.	.....	6-4	.....	202	.....	1

Dana Brinson, who led the Big 8 in all purpose yards in 1986, led Nebraska in receiving and had a 12.6 punt return average. Touted as one of Nebraska's fastest men, Brinson was an All Big-Eight first team selection in his senior season. He broke Johnny Rodgers records with 51 KOR's for 1,154 yards (26.0). Dana had 39 catches for 550 yards and 92 rushes for 634 yards to go with his 1,921 total return yards. Drafted in the 8th round by the San Diego Chargers, Dana had 12 receptions for 71 yards and 11 punt returns for 112 yards, with a 52 yard touchdown being his longest return. Brinson who was released in Week 13 last season, signed with the Falcons in April. The Valdosta, GA, native was timed at 4.31 in college. In high school, Valdosta was 37-3 with a state title in Dana's three seasons.

Titus Dixon, who holds an NCAA Record for a 99 yard TD reception vs. Nicholls State in 1986, also set a school record with a 26 yard punt return average in 1986. The 10.3 speedster also had a 100-yard kickoff return TD and a 97-yard TD catch in his career. He was a member of Troy State Division II National Championship Teams as a junior (1987). Dixon was a 6th round draft selection by the N.Y. Jets a year ago. Dixon accumulated 4 kickoff returns for 67 yards for a 16.8 average before being released. Titus is a native of Clewiston, Florida.

Greg Harris tied a school record in 1986 with a 90 yard TD punt return. Greg led the team in receiving in 1986, was a member of the Trojans Division II National Championship teams in 1984 and 1987 (freshman and senior years). Harris had 93 receptions for 1,445 yards and 11 touchdowns while in college. A member of the Troy State track team, Harris was clocked at 4.35 speed in 40 yards. He was a NY Giants 11th round draft pick in '88. Harris signed a free agent contract with the Falcons last season, but was later waived. The Okeechobee, FL native re-signed in April.

Gary Lee, a NFL vet now of 26 games, was an '87 12th round pick of the Lions. He has 41 NFL career receptions for 569 yards (one TD) and 50 kickoff returns for 1,074 yards (21.5 avg.). As a NFL rookie, he earned three starts and ended the season 4th in the NFL in kickoff returns (22.5). He had a seven-catch game vs. Rams (12-6-87) and tied a Lion mark with seven KOR's vs. Green Bay. His longest catch was 53 yards vs. Atlanta. His second year, Gary overcame hamstring injuries in camp and opened the season as a starting WR. Gary's 22 catches were fourth best on Lions as he started six of the 14 games he played in. His top game that year was six catches for 59 yards vs. Rams. Last year, the Lions traded him to Denver on August 8, but after a month in camp, September 5th, he was cut by the Broncos. At Georgia Tech, Lee led the team in both receiving and KOR as a senior in '86 and ended with a school best 14 TD receptions. As a junior, he led ACC in yards per catch (22.2) and in kickoff return average (30.3). Gary Dewane is an Albany, GA, native and Westover High alum.

James Milling was a three year letterman at Maryland who played on two bowl teams and scored six touchdowns and accumulated 650 yards in his senior season. Milling was an 11th round draft choice of the Falcons in 1988. Spending the first half of the season on injured/reserve, Milling returned to play six games, catching five passes for 66 yards. James, who was released by the Falcons after training camp in 1989, re-signed in April.

Kevin Simien, a two year letterman, teamed up with New England Patriots wide receiver Hart Lee Dykes at Oklahoma State in '86. Simien had 17 catches for 218 yards in his sophomore season, but then had to sit out due to academics. In his senior season he transferred to Fort Hays State, but did not play. Simien was a developmental squad member of the Falcons last season and is the tallest of the receiving corps. He's a native of Port Arthur, Texas.

TIGHT ENDS

Mike Hinnant	TE	Temple	6-3	258	3
Mark Hopkins	TE	Central Mich.	6-1	239	R
Joe Meerten	TE	Oregon	6-4	245	R

Mike Hinnant was a three year starter who was named honorable mention All-American and first team All-East by the Associated Press. Hinnant caught 38 passes for 461 yards and two touchdowns during his college career. In 1988, Mike was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers. He played in all 16 games, started one, and had a 23-yard reception in his season opener vs. Dallas. His start was vs. Cincinnati. In '89, Mike was with the Steelers through October, but was cut and signed by the Colts. They later released him on November 17. Hinnant had tryouts this spring with Seattle and San Diego before signing with the Falcons. The Washington, D.C., native earned his college degree in Criminal Justice.

Mark Hopkins is an exceptional blocker who was a second team All-MAC tight end in his junior season at Central Michigan. Going into his senior season, Hopkins had 38 receptions for 494 yards. Mark signed a free agent contract with the Falcons in April.

Joe Meerten, a rugged 6-4, 245 pounder, earned a reputation as a tough blocker and also caught 38 passes for 473 yards and three touchdowns for the Duck's of Oregon. The 23 year old helped his squad to an 8-4 mark and an Independence Bowl victory last fall.

QUARTER BACK

Paul Singer QB Western Illinois 6-3 193 1

Paul Singer was a GTE first-team All-Academic Selection in his junior and senior year. Paul, who learned to excel on and off the playing field, set virtually all WIU passing records. Singer, who led the Leathernecks to 1-AA playoffs as a senior, had remarkable college career stats. Paul completed 678 passes out of 1,231 attempts. He passed for 8,257 yards and 62 touchdowns. In his junior season, Paul led his conference in passing (228 per game) and total offense with a trio of 300-yard games. Singer was drafted by the Falcons in April, 1989. After being released in August, Singer had a tryout with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and was placed on the Bucs development squad. In November, Singer was waived and he returned to the Falcons in December. Left unprotected by the Falcons, Singer signed his free agent contract with the Falcons in April.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Scott Adams T Georgia 6-5 275 1
 Scott Barrows G/C W. Virginia 6-3 280 5
 John Hunter T BYU 6-8 298 2
 Jason Kuipers C Florida St. 6-2 275 1

Scott Adams split time at left tackle and right guard at Georgia. He started every game his senior season and helped offense to fifth best rushing season in Bulldog

history. Scott was an honorable-mention All-American as a senior. He was a free agent signee with Dallas last summer before joining the Falcons in February.

Scott Barrows was selected by Tampa Bay in the 1985 USFL Draft but signed with the Detroit Lions in 1986. He appeared in 44 games for the Lions over three years before being released on the last cut of 1989. Scott had 15 starts from 1986-88 with the Lions.

John Hunter was a four year letterman and a two year starter for the Cougars. A second-team All-Western Athletic Conference selection his senior year while starting at tackle, John saw time at both the guard and tackle spots before breaking his hand in 1987. He played alongside the 1989 Outland Trophy winner Mohammed Elewonibi, a third round selection of Washington in the 1990 draft. Hunter himself was picked in the third round of the 1989 draft by Minnesota. He was waived at the end of training camp, where Atlanta was awarded his rights off of waivers. John spent the first three weeks of the season practicing with the team, but spent gameday on the inactive list. Hunter was on injured reserve with a back injury for seven weeks, before being placed on the developmental squad for two games. John finished the year by appearing in the Falcons final four games.

Jason Kuipers was a four-year letterman and a three-year starter for the Florida State Seminoles. While at FSU, Jason played under current Falcon offensive line coach Wayne McDuffie. Jason was named second team All-South Independent as well as being an honorable mention All-American selection by the Associated Press during his final campaign. He was a member of the Seminoles offensive line that was second in the nation in scoring and third in total offense in 1988. Jason, a free agent, was picked-up by the New York Giants in 1989, but released after training camp.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

John Adleta	NT	N. Carolina St.	6-4	280	1
Chris Parker	DL	W. Virginia	6-5	285	1
Greg Ross	DL	Memphis St.	6-3	268	1
Randy Watts	DL	Catawba	6-6	279	2

John Adleta played nose guard and tackle for the Wolfpack. He proved his toughness when he had a knee injury during his sophomore year, but still contributed 32 tackles and two interceptions. John recorded a career high 57 tackles in his junior year at N.C. State. He had 34 total tackles, 18 unassisted and 16 assisted, with two QB sacks and seven QB hurries as a senior. John, who was with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in training camp last season, signed with the Falcons in March.

Chris Parker, during his career at West Virginia, was a noted pass rusher who had 164 tackles, including 101 unassisted, 15 QB sacks and one interception. His nose for the football landed him a spot on the Associated Press second team All-American Squad as a senior. Chris was an 8th round draft selection of the Detroit Lions last season, but was cut in late August.

Greg Ross had 163 total tackles, 98 unassisted and 65 assisted, four QB sacks, one forced fumble and another recovered during his career with the Tigers. Ross, who was drafted by the Miami Dolphins in 1989 and later released, was a development/reserve player for Denver last year before signing with the Falcons. A Tennessee native, Greg was born in Dyersburg and was all-state at Lake County High.

Randy Watts was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs in the 9th round in 1987. After being waived, he joined the Dallas Cowboys strike replacement team, appearing in five games, with three QB sacks. He was then placed on the Cowboys reserve/deactivated squad before being waived and subsequently picked up by Kansas City in 1989. Watts signed with the Falcons in April. From Sandersville, GA, Randy played DE and TE at Washington County High. He transferred from East Carolina to Catawba, where he had 13 sacks and 165 tackles in two seasons.

LINEBACKERS

Ken Tippins LB Middle Tenn. St. 6-1 230 R

Ken Tippins, a three year starter at MTSU, Ken was named to the first team All-Ohio Valley Conference Team his senior year. While in college, he was a teammate of current San Francisco 49er Don Griffin. He was drafted by Dallas in 1989, playing in six games. He recorded six tackles and two special team tackles before spending the rest of the season on the Cowboy's developmental squad. Tippins was waived by Dallas in January and signed with Atlanta in May.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Eric Bergeson	DB	Brigham Young	5-11	192	R
David Brown	DB	Ohio State	5-10	182	R
William Evers	CB	Florida A&M	5-10	175	R
Victor Floyd	RB	Florida State	6-1	201	2
Kevin Guidry	S	LSU	6-0	180	1
Roland Mitchell	CB	Texas Tech	5-11	180	3
John Norwood	S	Houston	6-2	200	R
Rickey Royal	CB	Sam Houston	5-9	187	1

Eric Bergeson started his college career at Snow Junior College in Utah. After one season of football there, Eric left for two years to go on a LDS mission to Hong Kong. Upon returning to the gridiron in 1987, he earned All-Region and J.C. Gridwire NJCAA All-American honors. He transferred to BYU after finishing at Snow Junior College. Eric's football sense allowed him to step right into the Cougars lineup at cornerback. He registered 54 total tackles and a key interception in the Miami game as a junior. He became a starter for the first eight games of his senior season at right cornerback, recording three interceptions and 63 tackles. Overall Bergeson had 117

tackles and four interceptions while at BYU. He was signed by the Falcons in May, 1990.

David Brown was a three year starter at defensive back for the Buckeyes. He played in all but one game during his college career. An aggressive player with a nose for the ball, Brown stepped in as a freshman to record 70 tackles. As one of the top safeties in the Big Ten his senior year, David swiped four passes, taking one of them 100 yards vs. Purdue for a touchdown to set a conference modern-era record. In his four seasons for the scarlet and gray he totaled 212 tackles and eight interceptions. Brown was signed as a free agent after the 1990 draft.

William Evers picked off five passes as a freshman for the Rattlers. He played in 42 games during which he intercepted nine passes for 79 yards and one touchdown. He also batted down 58 passes, 20 his senior year, registered 197 tackles, and recovered one fumble. William was an honorable-mention All-Mid Eastern Athletic conference player.

Victor Floyd, an impact player for the Seminoles early on, started seven games his freshman year, gaining 619 yards, including a 212 yard game vs. South Carolina. His efforts landed him a spot on the All-South Independent and Associated Press Honorable-Mention All-American squads. Victor was the leading rusher, as well as being second in scoring and receiving his sophomore year. A very versatile athlete at FSU, Floyd also ran track and was on the baseball team like Falcon teammate Deion Sanders. He was overshadowed as an upperclassman by current Miami running back Sammie Smith. A 1989 draft choice of San Diego, Victor played in six games for the Chargers gaining 15 yards in eight carries and six yards on one reception. He was placed on San Diego's reserve/development squad. He signed as a free agent with Atlanta in April.

Kevin Guidry, a four year starter at LSU, finished as one of the Tigers career interception leaders. He was drafted by the Denver Broncos in 1988 and appeared in 14 games for them registering six tackles. Guidry also had tryouts with Detroit, Green Bay, Indianapolis, and Buffalo before signing with the Falcons in April.

Roland Mitchell, a four year letter winner at Texas Tech, holds school records for the indoor and outdoor high jump. He was a member of the Red Raiders defense that led the nation in pass defense in 1985. He started the season opener for the Phoenix Cardinals last year and played in two other contests before being released. Roland has seen action in 28 NFL games. Mitchell played in 11 games for Buffalo in his rookie season in 1987.

John Norwood started his college career at Alabama before transferring to Houston as a junior. He had 43 tackles, 26 unassisted, one fumble recovery and four deflected passes during his senior year with the Cougars. Norwood signed as a free agent with the Falcons in May.

Rickey Royal, a big hitter, teamed with his two brothers (one older, one younger) at Sam Houston State. He had 40 total tackles, two forced fumbles, one pass deflection, and one pick-off for six yards as a senior. In a 1987 game vs. Western Illinois, the three Royal brothers all registered an interception...a feat believed to be unmatched in NCAA history. Rickey, who was drafted by Phoenix in 1989, signed with the Falcons in April. The native Texan owns a 4.49 clocking for NFL scouts.



Rookie WR Shawn Collins' eye-popping 58 catches earned him all-NFL recognition. Collins, the 27th pick in the '89 Draft, joined fellow rookie #1 pick, Deion Sanders, on the all-rookie teams, as Sanders led the team in interceptions, punt returns, and kickoff returns.

ATLANTA FALCONS 1990 CAMP ROSTER

(ALPHABETICAL)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP	COLLEGE	GP-GS	DNP/ INACTIVE
92W	Adams, Scott	T	6-5	275	9/28/66	1	Georgia		
97B	Adleta, John	NT	6-4	280	3/21/66	1	N.C. State		
82	Bailey, Stacy	WR	6-1	163	2/10/60	9	San Jose St.	15-0	0/1
73	Barnett, Oliver	DT	6-3	288	4/9/66	R	Kentucky		
62	Barrows, Scott	G/C	6-3	280	3/31/63	5	West Virginia		
36	Bergeson, Eric	CB	5-11	192	1/1/66	R	BYU		
65	Bingham, Guy	C/G	6-3	260	2/25/58	11	Montana	16-0	
70	Bowick, Tony	NT	6-2	265	10/3/66	2	UT/Chattanooga	12-0	2/0
94W	Brinson, Dana	WR	5-9	167	4/10/65	2	Nebraska		
34	Broussard, Steve	RB	5-7	201	2/22/67	R	Washington St.		
20	Brown, David	CB	5-10	182	7/7/66	R	Ohio State		
93	Bruce, Aundray	LB	6-5	248	4/30/66	3	Auburn	16-13	
77	Bryan, Rick	DE	6-4	265	3/20/62	7	Oklahoma	2-2	(9-19-89)
23	Butler, Bobby	CB	5-11	175	5/23/59	10	Florida State	16-11	
10	Campbell, Scott	QB	6-0	195	4/15/62	5	Purdue	1-0	6/9
25	Case, Scott	S	6-0	178	5/17/62	7	Oklahoma	14-8	(12-23-89)
75	Casillas, Tony	NT	6-3	280	10/26/63	5	Oklahoma	16-16	
74	Clayton, Stan	G	6-3	265	1/31/65	3	Penn State	14-9	2/0
98	Cline, Jackie	DE	6-5	280	3/13/60	4	Alabama		
85	Collins, Shawn	WR	6-2	207	2/20/67	2	Northern Arizona	16-16	
56	Conner, Darion	LB	6-2	256	9/28/67	R	Jackson State		
51	Cotton, Marcus	LB	6-3	237	8/11/66	3	Southern Cal	16-1	
5	Davis, Greg	K	5-11	197	11/29/65	4	Citadel	6-0	
22	Dimry, Charles	CB	6-0	175	1/31/66	3	Nevada-Las Vegas	16-4	
86	Dixon, Floyd	WR	5-9	170	4/9/64	5	Stephen F. Austin	16-5	
90W	Dixon, Titus	WR	5-6	152	6/15/66	2	Troy State		
64	Dukes, Jamie	C	6-1	285	6/14/64	5	Florida State	16-16	
47	Ellison, Chris	S	5-10	200	12/20/67	R	Houston		
96B	Epps, Tory	NT	6-0	280	5/28/67	R	Memphis State		
27	Evers, William	CB	5-10	175	9/24/68	R	Florida A&M		
35	Floyd, Victor	RB	6-1	201	1/24/66	2	Florida State		
79	Fralic, Bill	G	6-5	280	10/31/62	6	Pittsburgh	15-15	0/1
17	Fulhage, Scott	P	5-10	193	11/17/61	4	Kansas State	16-0	
76	Gann, Mike	DE	6-5	270	10/19/63	6	Notre Dame	16-16	
41	Gordon, Tim	S	6-0	188	5/7/65	4	Tulsa	14-13	0/2
99	Green, Tim	LB	6-2	245	12/16/63	5	Syracuse	16-14	
29	Guidry, Kevin	CB	6-0	180	6/16/64	1	LSU		
30	Harris, Greg	WR	5-9	157	12/30/65	1	Troy State		
81	Haynes, Michael	WR	6-0	180	12/24/65	3	Northern Arizona	13-11	1/2
88	Hinnant, Mike	TE	6-3	258	9/8/66	3	Temple		
71	Hinton, Chris	T	6-4	300	7/31/61	8	Northwestern		
69	Hoover, Houston	T/G	6-2	290	6/2/65	3	Jackson State	16-16	
48	Hopkins, Mark	TE	6-1	239	3/9/67	R	Central Michigan		
68	Hunter, John	T	6-8	296	8/16/65	2	BYU	4-0	1/0
43	Johnson, Tracy	RB	6-0	280	3/13/60	4	Clemson		
28	Johnson, Undra	RB	5-9	199	1/8/66	2	West Virginia	1-0	

CAMP ROSTER (Alphabetical continued)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP	COLLEGE	GP-GS	DNP/ INACTIVE
38	Jones, Keith	RB	6-1	210	3/20/66	2	Illinois	14-9	0/2
40	Jordan, Brian	S	5-11	202	3/29/67	2	Richmond	4-0	
54	Jordan, Darrell	LB	6-3	243	5/17/67	R	Northern Arizona		
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-7	277	2/9/56	13	Michigan	15-15	1/0
96W	Kuipers, Jason	C	6-2	275	2/16/66	1	FSU		
33	Lang, Gene	RB	5-10	206	3/15/62	7	Louisiana State	15-7	1/0
97W	Lee, Gary	WR	6-1	201	2/12/65	4	GA Tech		
63	Lee, Ronnie	T	6-3	277	12/24/56	12	Baylor		
8	McCarthy, Shawn	P	6-6	227	2/22/68	R	Purdue		
6	McFadden, Paul	K	5-11	166	9/24/61	7	Youngstown St.	9-0	(11/14/89)
47	Meerton, Joe	TE	6-4	245	3/15/67	R	Oregon		
7	Millen, Hugh	QB	6-5	216	11/22/63	3	Washington	5-1	11/0
12	Miller, Chris	QB	6-2	200	8/9/65	4	Oregon	15/15	1/0
84	Milling, James	WR	5-9	156	2/14/65	2	Maryland		
39	Mitchell, Roland	CB	5-11	180	3/15/64	3	Texas Tech		
24B	Norris, Darron	RB	5-9	195	12/5/66	1	Texas		
30B	Norwood, John	S	6-2	200	5/16/65	R	Houston		
92B	Parker, Chris	DL	6-5	285	6/9/66	1	West Virginia		
36	Paterra, Greg	RB	5-11	211	5/11/67	2	Slippery Rock	10-0	
49	Primus, James	RB	5-11	196	5/18/64	3	UCLA	5-0	(10-14-89)
24	Pringle, Mike	RB	5-8	186	10/1/67	R	Cal. State-Fullerton		
59	Rade, John	LB	6-1	240	8/31/60	8	Boise State	15-13	0/1
73	Redding, Reggie	T	6-3	281	9/22/68	R	Cal. State-Fullerton		
95	Reid, Michael	LB	6-2	235	6/25/64	4	Wisconsin	16-3	
14	Renfroe, Gilbert	QB	6-1	195	2/18/63	1	Tennessee State		
80	Rison, Andre	WR	6-0	191	3/18/67	2	Michigan State		
94B	Ross, Greg	DL	6-3	268	1/11/67	1	Memphis State		
46	Royal, Rickey	CB	5-9	187	7/26/66	1	Sam Houston St.		
55	Ruether, Mike	C	6-4	275	9/20/62	5	Texas		
45	Sadowski, Troy	TE	6-5	268	12/8/65	1	Georgia		
91	Salum, Donnie	LB	6-1	233	7/18/66	R	Arizona		
21	Sanders, Deion	CB	6-0	187	9/9/67	2	Florida State	15/10	0/1
61	Scully, John	G/C	6-6	270	8/2/58	9	Notre Dame		
44	Settle, John	RB	5-9	210	6/2/65	4	Appalachian	15-15	1/0
37	Shelley, Elbert	S	5-11	180	12/24/64	4	Arkansas State	10-0	(12-2-89)
83	Simien, Kevin	WR	6-4	202	8/25/66	1	Fort Hays State		
9	Singer, Paul	QB	6-3	193	3/18/66	1	Western Illinois		
67	Taylor, Malcolm	DE	6-6	280	6/20/60	7	Tennessee State	13-0	
53	Thaxton, Galand	LB	6-1	242	10/23/64	2	Wyoming	16-0	
72	Thomas, Ben	DE	6-3	275	7/2/61	5	Auburn	16-13	
89	Thomas, George	WR	5-9	169	7/11/64	2	Nevada-Las Vegas	16-0	
52	Tippens, Ken	LB	6-1	230	7/22/66	2	MTSU		
58	Tuggle, Jessie	LB	5-11	230	2/14/65	4	Valdosta State	16-16	
66	Utt, Ben	G	6-6	293	6/13/59	9	Georgia Tech		
90B	Watts, Randy	DL	6-6	279	6/22/63	2	Catawba		
87	Wilkins, Gary	TE	6-2	235	11/23/63	5	Georgia Tech	13-1	

W = white practice jersey

B = black practice jersey

Falcons 1990 Draft

- 1a. Trade with Indianapolis Colts Acquired
Chris Hinton T
Andre Rison WR
Colts #1 pick in 1991
- 1b. Steve Broussard RB (20) Washington State
2. Darion Conner LB (27) Jackson State
3. Oliver Barnett OT (55) Kentucky
4. Traded to Colts in deal for #1
5. Acquired from Colts in deal for #1, chose
Reggie Redding G/T Cal-State Fullerton
6. Mike Pringle RB Cal-State Fullerton
7. Traded to Jets in 1989 for C Guy Bingham
8. Tory Epps NT Memphis State
9. Darrell Jordan LB Northern Arizona
10. Donnie Salum LB Arizona
11. Chris Ellison FS Houston
12. Shawn McCarthy P/GB Purdue

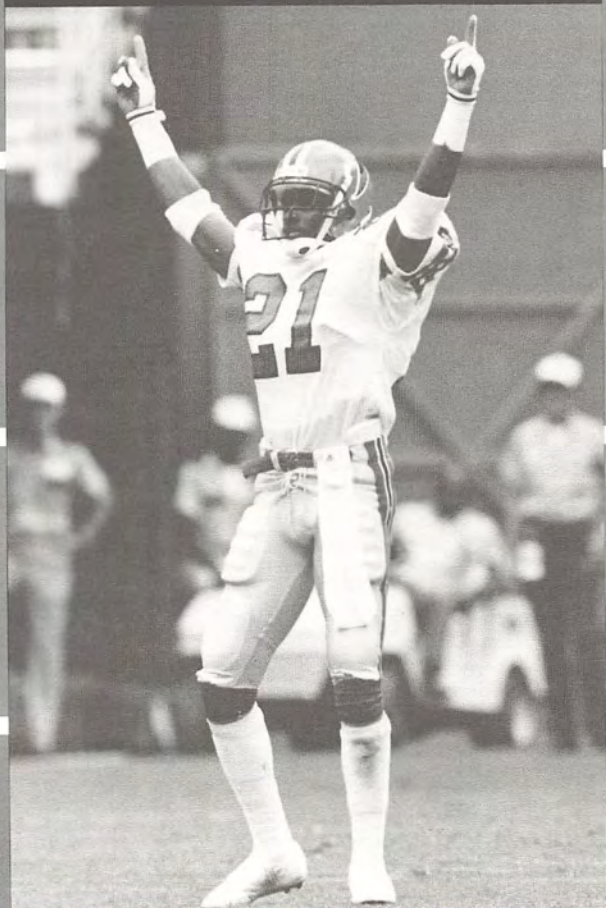
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NFL COMMISSIONERS AND PRESIDENTS

1920 Jim Thorpe, President
1921-39 Joe Carr, President
1939-41 Carl Stork, President
1941-46 Elmer Layden,
Commissioner
1946-59 Bert Bell, Commissioner
1959-60 Austin Gunsel, President
in the office of the Commissioner
1960-89 Pete Rozelle,
Commissioner
1989- Paul Tagliabue
Commissioner

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Atlanta Falcons Final Statistics

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE (Actual) 3-13

Atlanta	21	LA Rams	31	H	(38,708)	L
Atlanta	27	Dallas	21	H	(55,285)	W
Atlanta	9	Indianapolis	13	A	(57,816)	L
Atlanta	21	Green Bay	23	A	(54,647)	L
Atlanta	14	LA Rams	26	A	(52,182)	L
Atlanta	16	New England	15	H	(39,697)	W
Atlanta	20	Phoenix	34	A	(33,894)	L
Atlanta	13	New Orleans	20	A	(65,153)	L
Atlanta	30	Buffalo	28	H	(45,267)	W
Atlanta	3	San Fran	45	A	(59,914)	L
Atlanta	17	New Orleans	26	H	(53,173)	L
Atlanta	7	NY Jets	27	A	(40,429)	L
Atlanta	10	San Fran	23	H	(43,128)	L
Atlanta	17	Minnesota	43	A	(58,116)	L
Atlanta	30	Washington	31	H	(37,501)	L
Atlanta	24	Detroit	31	H	(7,792)	L

TEAM STATISTICS

	FALCONS	OPPONENT
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	261	336
Rushing	75	156
Passing	173	163
Penalty	13	17
3rd Dwn: Md/Att	67/206 32.5	95/211 45.0
4th Dwn: Md/Att	6/17 35.3	7/9 77.8
TOTAL NET YARDS	4669	6025
Avg. per game	291.8	376.6
Total plays	947	1040
Avg. per play	4.9	5.8
NET YARDS RUSHING	1155	2471
Avg. per game	72.2	154.4
Total rushes	318	572
NET YARDS PASSING	3514	3554
Avg. per game	219.6	222.1
Tck/yds lost	51/389	31/183
Gross yards	3903	3737
Att/Comp	578/312	437/259
Pct. Comp	54.0	59.3
Had intercepted	12	20
PUNTS/AVERAGE	85/40.8	56/41.8
NET PUNTING AVG.	33.3	34.3
PENALTIES/YARDS	82/671	79/682
FUMBLES/LOST	26/11	26/12
TOUCHDOWNS	30	49
Rushing	11	26
Passing	17	19
Returns	2	4
Possession Avg.	25:58	34:02

SCORE/PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
FALCONS TOT	43	100	85	51	X	279
Opp. Total	97	118	123	99	X	437

RUSHING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Settle	179	689	3.8	20	3
Jones	52	202	3.9	19	6
Lang	47	176	3.7	22	1
Haynes	4	35	8.8	21	0
Paterra	9	32	3.6	8	0
Flowers	13	24	1.8	4	1
Miller	10	20	2.0	7	0
Fulhage	1	0	0.0	0	0
Millen	1	0	0.0	0	0
Dixon	2	-23	-11.5	0	0
FALCONS	318	1155	3.6	22	11
Opponents	572	2471	4.3	38	26

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Collins	58	862	14.9	47	3
Jones	41	396	9.7	46	0
Haynes	40	681	17.0	721	4
Lang	39	436	11.2	32	1
Settle	39	316	8.1	33	2
Heller	33	324	9.8	30	1
Dixon	25	357	14.3	531	2
Beckman	11	102	9.3	21	1
Wilkins	8	179	22.4	36	3
Bailey	8	170	21.3	41	0
Paterra	5	42	8.4	20	0
G. Thomas	4	46	11.5	16	0
Sanders	1	-8	-8.0	-8	0
FALCONS	312	3903	12.5	721	17
Opponents	259	3737	14.4	78	19

SCORING

	TD	R	TD	PAT	FG	S	TP
McFadden	0	0	0	18/18	15/20	0	63
Jones	6	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	36
Davis	0	0	0	12/12	7/11	0	33
Settle	3	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	30
Haynes	0	4	0	0/0	0/0	0	24
Collins	0	3	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
Wilkins	0	3	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
Dixon	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Lang	1	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Beckman	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Butler	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Flowers	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Heller	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Sanders	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Miller	0	0	0	0/0	1/1	0	3
FALCONS	11	17	2	30/30	23/32	0	279
Opponents	26	19	4	48/49	31/36	1	437

FLD GLS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
McFadden	1/1	4/4	6/7	2/6	2/2	15/20
Davis	0/0	3/3	2/3	2/5	0/0	7/11
Miller	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1
FALCONS	1/1	8/8	8/10	4/11	2/2	23/32
Oppnts	2/2	12/13	10/10	4/8	3/3	31/36
McFadden: (43); (28, 48, 38); (19, 34, 27); () ; ()						
(30, 30, 39, 22); (43, 37, 37); (41, 48); (45, 54, 26, 50)						
Miller: () () () () () () () () (25)						
Davis: (45, 37); () ; (47, 46); (26); (33, 40, 24, 32); (42, 25)						

KO RET	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	35	725	20.7	72	0
G. Thomas	7	142	20.3	28	0
Jones	23	440	19.1	29	0
Paterra	8	129	16.1	31	0
Jordan	3	27	9.0	13	0
Beckman	2	15	7.5	15	0
Primus	1	16	16.0	16	0
Bruce	1	15	15.0	15	0
FALCONS	80	1509	18.9	72	0
Opponents	60	1188	19.8	85	0

INTERCEPTS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	5	52	10.4	22	0
Gordon	4	60	15.0	34	0
Cooper	4	54	13.5	38	0
Dimry	2	72	36.0	40	0
Case	2	13	6.5	13	0
Shelley	1	31	31.0	31	0
Zackery	1	3	3.0	3	0
Bruce	1	0	0.0	0	0
FALCONS	20	285	14.3	40	0
Opponents	12	85	7.1	27	0

SACKS: Cotton 9.0, Bruce 6.0, Green 5.0, Casillas 2.0, Gann 2.0, Bryan 1.0, Case 1.0, Dimry 1.0, Reid 1.0, Taylor 1.0, B. Thomas 1.0, Tuggle 1.0.
FALCONS 31.0, Opponents 51.0

FUMBLES: Miller 13, Fulhage 2, Millen 2, Paterra 2, Sanders 2, Green 1, Heller 1, Jordan 1, Lang 1, Hade 1, Settle 1.
Falcons 27, Opponents 25.

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Net	TB	In20	LG	Blk
Fulhage	84	3472	41.3	33.3	9	24	65	1
FALCONS	85	3472	40.8	33.3	9	24	65	1
Opponents	56	2342	41.8	34.3	4	15	64	0

OFF. RECOVERIES: Miller 2-0, Clayton 1-0, Fulhage 1-0, Green 1-0, Jordan 1-0, Millen 1-0, Sanders 1-0, Settle 1-0, Tuggle 1-0, Wilkins 1-0.
Falcons 15-0, Opponent 11-0.

PUNT RET	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	28	7	307	11.0	68	1
Jordan	4	0	34	8.5	15	0
FALCONS	32	7	341	10.7	68	1
Opponents	43	20	460	10.7	39	0

DEF. RECOVERIES: Butler 1-1TD, Casillas 2-0, Beckman 1-0, Green 1-0, Jones 1-0, Moore 1-0, Rade 1-0, Thomas 1-0, Zackery 1-0.
Falcons 10-1, Opponent 14-1

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	Av/Att	TD	Pct.TD	Int	Pct.Int	LG	Lst/At	Rtng
Miller	526	280	3459	53.2	6.58	16	3.0	10	1.9	72	41/318	76.1
Millen	50	31	432	62.0	8.64	1	2.0	2	4.0	47	10/71	79.8
Fulhage	1	1	12	100.0	12.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	0/0	116.7
Jones	1	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0/0	39.6
FALCONS	578	312	3903	54.0	6.75	17	2.9	12	2.1	72	51/389	76.4
Opp. Tot.	437	259	3737	59.3	8.55	19	4.3	20	4.6	78	31/183	82.5

The Falcons led the NFL in '89 in fewest turnovers with only 23 (11 fumbles and 12 interceptions). Following were the 49ers with only 25, the Colts with 27, the Rams with 29, and the Giants and Browns with 30.

Defensive Stats (Final Official)

PLAYER	TOT				QB		PASSES	FUMBLES		BLOCKED
	TKL	TKL	AST	SCK/YDS	HURRIES	INT	DEF	REC	FORCED	KICKS
Tuggle	183	112	71	1/3	5	0/0	3	1	0	0
Casillas	152	98	54	2/3	16	0/0	0	3	2	0
Green	111	60	51	5/39	16	0/0	0	1	1	0
B. Thomas	103	51	52	1/6	8	0/0	0	1	0	0
Rade	102	57	45	0/0	0	0/0	1	2	0	0
Gann	99	52	47	2/14	27	0/0	1	0	0	0
Cooper	82	51	31	0/0	0	4/54	5	0	0	0
Gordon	74	44	30	0/0	1	4/60	12	0	0	0
Moore	69	35	34	0/0	1	0/0	7	1	0	0
Bruce	66	36	30	6/39	12	1/0	3	0	2	0
Sanders	39	28	11	0/0	0	5/52	8	0	2	0
Case	38	27	11	1/12	1	2/13	11	0	0	0
Butler	36	23	13	0/0	3	0/0	15	1	0	0
Cotton	33	20	13	9/50	9	0/0	2	0	1	0
Dimry	31	26	5	1/2	0	2/72	13	0	2	0
Thaxton	29	14	15	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Williams	24	12	12	0/0	1	0/0	1	0	0	0
Bowick	18	11	7	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Bryan	17	9	8	1/11	1	0/0	0	0	0	0
Reid	17	8	9	1/1	1	0/0	1	0	0	0
Shelley	14	7	7	0/0	1	1/31	2	0	0	0
Taylor	9	7	2	1/3	2	0/0	5	0	0	0
Jordan	7	7	0	0/0	0	0/0	1	0	0	0
Zackery	0	0	0	0/0	0	1/3	0	1	0	0
Paterra	0	0	0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	1	0
Wilkins	0	0	0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	1	0
Team Totals	1353	795	558	31/183	101	20/285	91	10	10	0

Special Team Tackles: Shelley - 11, Moore - 8, Thaxton - 8, Wilkins - 8, Reid - 7, Jones - 6, Tuggle - 6, Dimry - 5, Gordon - 5, Pattera - 4, Settle - 4, Jordan - 3, Beckman - 2, Bingham - 2, Case - 2, Heller - 2, Sanders - 2, Bruce - 1, Cotton - 1, Dixon - 1, Flowers - 1, Fulhage - 1, Haynes - 1, Primus - 1, Thomas - 1.

Special Team Assists: Wilkins - 7, Reid - 6, Beckman - 4, Tuggle - 4, Dimry - 3, Pattera - 3, Thaxton - 3, Cooper - 2, Gordon - 2, Primus - 2, Thomas - 2, Bingham - 1, Butler - 1, Haynes - 1, Heller - 1, Pattera - 1, Sanders - 1, Settle - 1, Shelley - 1.

At the NFL Annual Meetings in March, the use of instant replay was approved for a fifth consecutive season. In 1990, the replay official will have a two-minute time limit to make a decision. The vote was 21-7.

1989 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	TD Rush	TD Pass	TD Ret	Punts	Fum	Pen
LA RAMS	L 31-21	16	4/12/0	4/13	0/1	314	43	271	37/23/0	5-28	0	2	1	6/41.2	2/0	6/44
DALLAS	W 27-21	23	8/11/4	5/11	0/0	333	90	243	29/21/0	2-12	2	0	1	4/34.5	0/0	3/17
@ Indianapolis	L 13-9	11	6/4/1	4/14	0/0	208	105	103	28/13/1	4-30	0	0	0	5/42.6	3/2	8/70
@ Green Bay	L 23-21	17	4/13/0	7/12	0/0	333	75	258	28/20/1	5-36	2	1	0	6/39.8	1/0	8/45
@ LA Rams	L 26-14	19	3/15/1	4/11	1/4	353	38	253	39/28/1	2-25	1	1	0	3/43.7	2/0	2/19
NEW ENGLAND	W 16-15	14	4/10/0	2/13	1/1	312	72	240	34/19/1	4-25	1	0	0	7/49.1	1/1	5/35
@ Phoenix	L 34-20	22	8/31/1	7/13	0/1	351	111	240	44/24/0	2-9	1	1	0	2/42.5	2/2	3/30
@ New Orleans	L 20-13	11	3/8/0	3/13	0/1	148	57	91	32/15/0	6-44	0	1	0	6/39.3	3/3	4/22
BUFFALO	W 30-28	20	8/10/2	6/14	0/0	340	127	213	23/10/0	2-7	2	1	0	5/44.4	0/0	6/44
@ San Fran	L 45-3	11	2/8/1	3/13	0/0	192	73	119	32/17/0	3-30	0	0	0	8/38.6	3/1	6/36
NEW ORLEANS	L 26-17	15	5/10/0	5/14	1/1	257	77	190	38/18/1	4-42	0	2	0	4/29.0	1/0	8/82
@ NY Jets	L 27-7	12	2/8/2	2/14	0/3	213	66	147	41/13/1	2-11	0	1	0	8/39.1	2/0	4/51
SAN FRANCISCO	L 23-10	13	2/11/0	2/9	1/2	263	37	226	34/18/2	2-17	0	1	0	4/40.3	4/0	5/40
@ Minnesota	L 43-17	15	6/9/0	3/10	1/1	232	67	165	28/15/1	4-38	0	2	0	5/39.8	2/2	1/10
WASHINGTON	L 31-30	15	2/13/0	3/13	0/0	374	28	346	44/21/2	3-25	1	2	0	5/43.6	0/0	8/81
DETROIT	L 31-24	27	8/18/1	7/18	1/2	413	89	324	66/37/1	1-10	1	2	0	7/41.9	1/0	5/45
TOTALS		261	75/173/13	67/206	6/17	4669	1155	3514	578/312/12	51-389	11	17	2	85/40.8	26/11	82/671

Game-By-Game Defensive Statistics

Game	Score	1st Downs	(R/PS/PN)	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
LA RAMS	L 31-21	21	(10/10/1)	4/11	1/1	363	168	195	25/14/0	1-11	3	1	0	5/41.6	1/1	3/15
DALLAS	W 27-21	18	(8/8/2)	5/11	1/1	349	108	241	23/13/2	0-0	2	1	0	4/44.3	2/1	8/85
@ Indianapolis	L 13-9	15	(11/14/0)	5/15	0/2	214	130	84	21/7/1	2-7	1	0	0	5/43.9	0/0	3/31
@ Green Bay	L 23-21	27	(11/14/2)	4/10	0/0	448	153	295	35/19/2	0-0	0	1	1	3/35.0	2/0	3/24
@ LA Rams	L 26-14	21	(8/13/0)	4/13	1/1	438	165	273	28/16/1	2-17	0	2	0	1/40.0	0/0	4/45
NEW ENGLAND	W 16-15	13	(4/8/1)	6/16	0/0	241	93	148	30/12/3	3-24	0	1	0	6/43.8	1/1	3/15
@ Phoenix	L 34-20	21	(10/10/1)	10/14	0/0	299	125	174	25/17/1	2-7	4	0	0	2/43.0	0/0	2/36
@ New Orleans	L 20-13	17	(5/12/0)	6/15	0/0	392	131	261	30/18/1	2-11	1	1	0	5/33.4	2/1	8/55
BUFFALO	W 30-28	19	(6/12/1)	5/11	0/0	329	118	211	22/17/1	4-20	2	2	0	5/44.6	3/1	9/81
@ San Fran	L 45-3	30	(18/11/1)	6/11	2/2	515	234	281	20/17/0	2-6	2	3	1	1/38.0	4/2	3/24
NEW ORLEANS	L 26-17	21	(14/6/1)	9/14	0/0	354	206	148	24/13/4	0-0	3	0	0	1/30.0	2/0	4/20
@ NY Jets	L 27-7	24	(12/10/2)	5/14	1/1	318	180	138	34/20/0	1-3	2	1	0	6/44.8	3/2	8/76
SAN FRANCISCO	L 23-10	23	(9/12/2)	5/12	0/0	425	129	296	25/20/1	3-24	1	1	0	3/39.7	1/0	7/56
@ Minnesota	L 43-17	23	(13/10/0)	8/14	0/0	457	220	237	26/15/1	4-23	0	2	2	1/55.0	0/0	7/51
WASHINGTON	L 31-30	26	(9/15/2)	8/18	1/1	507	131	376	39/24/1	2-14	2	2	0	3/39.3	3/2	6/53
DETROIT	L 31-24	17	(8/8/1)	5/13	0/0	376	179	197	30/17/1	3-16	3	1	0	5/45.0	2/1	2/15
TOTALS		336	(156/163/17)	95/211	7/19	6025	2471	3554	437/259/20	31-183	26	19	4	56/41.8	26/12	79/682

1989 Rushing Game-By-Game

Game	Score	Settle	Lang	Flowers	Jones	Miller	Others
LA RAMS	31-21	8/26/0	6/19/0	1/-2/0	(inactive)	0/0/0	0/0/0
DALLAS	27-21	23/82/1	3/8/0	1/1/1	0/0/0	2/-1/0	1/0/0
@ Indianapolis	13-9	18/71/0	2/5/0	1/3/0	0/0/0	2/5/0	1/21/0
@ Green Bay	23-21	15/49/1	4/17/1	2/4/0	1/5/0	(inactive)	0/0/0
@ LA Rams	26-14	7/26/0	3/3/0	(inactive)	3/7/1	2/2/0	0/0/0
NEW ENGLAND	16-15	DNP	9/48/0	8/18/0	4/6/1	0/0/0	0/0/0
@ Phoenix	34-20	14/87/0	DNP	0/0/0	5/22/1	0/0/0	1/2/0
@ New Orleans	20-13	12/34/0	1/0/0	0/0/0	6/23/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
BUFFALO	30-28	22/83/0	3/5/0	0/0/0	11/32/0	1/7/0	0/0/0
@ San Fran	45-3	8/31/0	4/29/0	waived	4/12/0	0/0/0	1/1/0
NEW ORLEANS	26-17	12/74/0	3/3/0	waived	(inactive)	1/0/0	0/0/0
@ NY Jets	27-7	13/46/0	1/5/0	waived	2/15/0	0/0/0	2/0/0
SAN FRANCISCO	23-10	10/15/0	2/9/0	waived	1/13/0	1/0/0	0/0/0
@ Minnesota	43-17	9/43/0	3/7/0	waived	4/21/0	1/7/0	1/12/0
WASHINGTON	31-30	5/19/1	0/0/0	waived	4/9/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
DETROIT	31-24	3/3/0	3/18/0	waived	7/37/1	0/0/0	8/31/0
TOTALS		179/689/3	47/176/1	13/24/1	52/202/6	10/20/0	15/67/0

1989 Receiving Game-By-Game

Game	Score	Collins	Haynes	Bailey	Dixon	Thomas	Heller	Beckman	Settle	Lang	Wilkins	Jones	Others
LA RAMS	L 31-21	6/76/0	4/62/1	1/7/0	1/53/1	0/0/0	3/44/0	0/0/0	4/28/0	4/29/0	0/0/0	(inactive)	0/0/0
DALLAS	W 27-21	5/95/0	5/57/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	5/51/0	2/15/0	1/10/0	3/27/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
@ Indianapolis	L 13-9	1/5/0	1/10/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/25/0	4/19/0	5/74/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
@ Green Bay	L 23-21	5/126/0	2/25/0	1/18/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	DNP	5/46/1	5/53/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/26/0	0/0/0
@ LA Rams	L 26-14	6/62/1	2/55/0	1/37/0	2/31/0	1/11/0	4/28/0	0/0/0	4/8/0	4/47/0	0/0/0	4/61/0	0/0/0
NEW ENGLAND	W 16-15	2/30/0	1/13/0	0/0/0	3/24/0	0/0/0	3/26/0	1/4/0	DNP	5/66/0	1/36/0	3/66/0	0/0/0
@ Phoenix	L 34-20	2/34/0	4/65/0	1/11/0	0/0/0	2/27/0	2/8/0	0/0/0	5/46/1	DNP	0/0/0	8/57/0	0/0/0
@ New Orleans	L 20-13	2/29/1	DNP	0/0/0	4/37/0	0/0/0	2/22/0	0/0/0	4/23/0	1/17/0	0/0/0	2/9/0	0/0/0
BUFFALO	W 30-28	0/0/0	(inactive)	3/93/0	3/60/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/17/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	3/50/0	0/0/0
@ San Fran	L 45-3	3/37/0	(inactive)	0/0/0	4/48/0	0/0/0	2/17/0	0/0/0	1/- 1/0	3/13/0	2/29/0	2/6/0	0/0/0
NEW ORLEANS	L 26-17	3/48/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	5/74/0	0/0/0	1/5/0	0/0/0	4/71/1	3/23/0	1/19/1	0/0/0	1/8/0
@ NY Jets	L 27-7	5/69/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/6/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/19/0	2/29/0	2/34/1	1/1/0	0/0/0
SAN FRANCISCO	L 23-10	5/71/0	4/53/0	(inactive)	0/0/0	1/8/0	3/57/1	1/12/0	0/0/0	2/19/0	0/0/0	2/23/0	0/0/0
@ Minnesota	L 43-17	2/58/1	5/88/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/4/0	0/0/0	1/26/1	5/37/0	1/13/0
WASHINGTON	L 31-30	5/64/0	6/190/2	0/0/0	1/8/0	0/0/0	2/15/0	0/0/0	2/16/0	1/19/0	1/35/0	2/22/0	1/2/0
DETROIT	L 31-24	6/58/0	6/62/1	1/4/0	1/16/0	0/0/0	6/53/0	deceased	1/3/0	6/73/1	0/0/0	7/38/0	3/27/0
TOTALS		58/862	40/681	8/170	25/357	4/46	33/624	11/102	39/316	39/436	8/179	41/396	6/34

1989 Passing Game-By-Game

Game	Score	Miller	Campbell	Millen
LA RAMS	31-21	37/23/299/531L/2d/0int	DNP	DNP
DALLAS	27-21	29/21/255/30L/0d/0int	INACTIVE	DNP
@ Indianapolis	13-9	21/10/100/32L/0d/0int	DNP	7/3/33/20L/0d/1int
@ Green Bay	23-21	INACTIVE	0/0/0	29/20/294/47L/1d/1int
@ LA Rams	26-14	39/28/340/46L/1d/1int	DNP	DNP
NEW ENGLAND	16-15	34/19/265/46L/0d/1int	DNP	DNP
@ Phoenix	34-20	44/24/249/36L/1d/0int	INACTIVE	DNP
@ New Orleans	20-13	32/15/135/18L/1d/0int	INACTIVE	DNP
BUFFALO	30-28	23/10/220/41L/1d/0int	INACTIVE	DNP
@ San Fran	45-3	32/17/149/19L/0d/0int	INACTIVE	0/0/0L/0d/0int
NEW ORLEANS	26-17	38/18/232/27L/2d/1int	DNP	DNP
@ NY Jets	27-7	41/13/158/27L/1d/1int	INACTIVE	DNP
SAN FRANCISCO	23-10	32/17/231/30L/1d/2int	DNP	DNP
@ Minnesota	43-17	23/11/192/41L/2d/1int	INACTIVE	5/44/113L/0d/0int
WASHINGTON	31-30	35/17/310/72L/2d/2int	INACTIVE	9/4/61/20L/0d/0int
DETROIT	31-24	66/37/334/30L/2d/1int	INACTIVE	DNP
TOTALS		526/280/3459/72L/16d/10int	0/0/0	50/31/432/47L/1d/2int

1989 Regular Season Statistical Rankings

OFFENSE

	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Points Scored	279	13	22
Total Offense	4669	11	24
First Downs	261	13	24
Yards Rushing	1155	14	28
Yards Passing	3903	6	10
QB Sacks Allowed	51	12t	20
Rushing Attempts	318	14	28
Pass Completion Pct.	54.0	9	19
Pass Attempts	578	3	5
Pass Completions	312	4	7
Fewest Interceptions	12	2	2
Fewest Fumbles	26	2t	4t
Fewest Fumbles Lost	11	2t	2t
Fewest Penalties	82	1	3
TD's Scored	30	13	26t
TD's Rushing	11	11	22t
TD's Passing	17	12t	22t
TD's Returns	2	14t	27t
Field Goals	23	4t	8t
Avg. Time of Possession	25:58	13	27

DEFENSE

	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Points Allowed	437	14	28
Total Defense	6025	14	28
Yards Rushing	2471	14	28
Yards Passing	3554	7	19
Fewest First Downs	336	14	27t
Most QB Sacks	31	12	25t
Fewest Rushing Attempts	572	14	28
Pass Completion Pct.	59.3	10	23
Fewest Pass Attempts	437	14	28
Fewest Pass Completions	259	12	22t
Most Interceptions	20	11	18
Fewest TD's Allowed	49	13	25
Fewest TD's Rushing	26	14	28
Fewest TD's Passing	19	12t	20t
Fewest TD's Returns	4	7t	14t
Most Takeaways	32	10t	22t
Punt Returns	10.7	4	5
Punt Coverage	10.7	12	24
Kickoff Returns	18.9	9	18t
Kickoff Coverage	19.8	8	16

DECADE OPENERS

The September 9 contest against the Houston Oilers marks only the third time that the Falcons will open up a new decade. The birds carry a 1-1 decade opening game record into the Houston contest with this being the first decade that Atlanta has opened up at home.

In 1970, the Falcons recorded a 14-3 victory in New Orleans in front of the third largest crowd in the history of the Atlanta franchise. Though the Falcons lost the decade opener in 1980, they were able to make it a close contest as Minnesota defeated them 24-23. As a matter of fact, that 1980 squad went on to win the NFC Western Division title with the clinching 35-10 victory coming against San Francisco. That victory was the ninth consecutive victory for the Falcons which still stands today as a club record.

Game 1 (September 10)
Los Angeles 31, Atlanta 21
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (38,708)

The Falcons offense opened with 10 plays of 15 yards or more. That included nine pass plays with six different receivers and one 15-yard run by Settle. The offense finished with 314 yards, netting 303 of those yards in the final three quarters. Atlanta did not have a turnover, and the 271 net passing yards were the most since Week 5 of 1987 vs. the Rams. First round draft choice, CB Deion Sanders, hit a home run for the Yankees and scored a touchdown on a 68-yard punt return for the Falcons, both in one week, and just three days after signing with the Falcons. Momentum was on Atlanta's side right up until the end of the first half, when Everett hit Ellard for a 46-yard touchdown pass as the gun sounded for intermission. "It took big plays for the Rams to win, and they got them," said Coach Campbell.

ATLANTA	7	7	0	7	—	21
LA Rams	3	14	7	7	—	31

Scoring

Atl — Sanders 68 punt return (McFadden kick)
 Ram — FG Lansford 23
 Ram — Bell 2 run (Lansford kick)
 Atl — Dixon 47 pass from Miller (McFadden kick)
 Ram — Ellard 46 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)
 Ram — Everett 13 run (Lansford kick)
 Ram — Bell 8 run (Lansford kick)
 Atl — Haynes 33 pass from Miller (McFadden kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Rams
First Downs	16	19
Net Yards Gained	342	374
Rushing Yardage	43	168
Passing Yardage	271	195
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	37/23/0	25/14/0
Punts	6/41.2	5/41.6
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/1
Penalties	6/44	3/15
Sacks Allowed	5/28	1/11
Return Yds.	83	41
Time of Poss.	23:47	36:13

Rushing

Falcons — Settle 8-27, Lang 6-19, Flowers 1-0
 Rams — Bell 26-128, Everett 3-18, Ro, Brown 1-12,
 Green 4-7, Delpino 1-2, McGee 1-2

Passing

Falcons — Miller 37-23-299-2td-0int-5sk
 Rams — Everett 25-14-206-1td-0int-1sk

Receiving

Falcons — Collins 6-76, Haynes 4-62-1td, Lang 4-29,
 Settle 4-28, Heller 3-44, Dixon 1-53-1td, Bailey 1-7
 Rams — Ellard 5-99-1td, Holohan 5-76, Johnson 1-22,
 Bell 1-10, Delpino 1-4, Green 1-(-5)

Game 2 (September 17)
Atlanta 27, Dallas 21
 Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (55,285)

The offense had a difficult time getting started in the first half, with the only scores being a fumble return by CB Bobby Butler and a 28-yard FG by Paul McFadden. But, as the defense held the Cowboys to only 86 second half yards and no points, the offense responded with two touchdowns and another field goal. RB Kenny Flowers, trying to come back from knee surgery last year, scored his first-ever NFL touchdown, and TE Ron Heller had a personal best 5 catches for 51 yards. Deion Sanders encore, following his first-week 68-yard punt return touchdown was a game-ending pass interception of #1 pick QB Troy Aikman to preserve the Falcon win.

ATLANTA	7	3	10	7	—	27
Dallas	14	7	0	0	—	21

Scoring

Dal — Irvin 65 pass from Aikman (Ruzek kick)
 Atl — Butler 29 fumble return (McFadden kick)
 Dal — Walker 4 run (Ruzek kick)
 Atl — FG McFadden 28
 Dal — Walker 20 run (Ruzek kick)
 Atl — FG McFadden 38
 Atl — Flowers 1 run (McFadden kick)
 Atl — Settle 4 run (McFadden kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	23	18
Net Yards Gained	333	349
Rushing Yardage	90	108
Passing Yardage	243	241
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	29/21/0	23/13/2
Punts	4/34.5	4/44.3
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/1
Penalties	3/17	8/85
Sacks Allowed	2/12	0/0
Return Yds.	32	10
Time of Poss.	31:09	28:51

Rushing

Falcons — Settle 23-82-1td, Lang 3-8, Flowers 1-1td,
 Haynes 1-0, Miller 2-(-1)
 Cowboys — Walker 23-85-2td, Airman 5-13, Irvin 1-6,
 Sargent 1-4

Passing

Falcons — Miller 29-21-255-0td-0int-2sk
 Cowboys — Aikman 23-13-241-1td-2int-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Collins 5-95, Haynes 5-57, Heller 5-51, Lang
 3-27, Beckman 2-15, Settle 1-10
 Cowboys — Irvin 5-115-1td, Walker 2-60, Folsom 2-26,
 Scott 2-17, Martin 1-19, Johnston 1-4

Game 3 (September 24)
Indianapolis 13, Atlanta 9
 Hoosier Dome (57,816)

The offense suffered a blow at Indianapolis as starting TE Ron Heller went out on the second play and then QB Chris Miller left with a rib injury in the third quarter. However, the Falcon defense held the Colts passing game to 33% (7-21) and intercepted their third pass of the season. They also held RB Eric Dickerson to 80 yards on 22 carries and 0 TD's. Ben Thomas started at RE in place of Rick Bryan (placed on IR) and responded with a QB sack as well as a Dickerson tackle on the first play of the game for a three-yard rushing loss. "We were in a position to win and just didn't get the TD's to get it done, and not taking advantage of those TD opportunities comes back to haunt you," said Head Coach Marion Campbell.

ATLANTA	3	3	3	0	—	9
Indianapolis	0	0	6	7	—	13

Scoring

Atl — FG McFadden 19
 Atl — FG McFadden 34
 Atl — FG McFadden 27
 Ind — FG Biasucci 25
 Ind — FG Biasucci 29
 Ind — Trudeau 1 run (Biasucci Kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Colts
First Downs	11	15
Net Yards Gained	208	214
Rushing Yardage	105	130
Passing Yardage	103	84
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	28/13/1	21/7/1
Punts	5/42.6	5/43.8
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	0/0
Penalties	8/70	3/31
Sacks Allowed	4/30	2/7
Return Yds.	140	119
Time of Poss.	28:41	31:19

Rushing

Falcons — Settle 18-71, Haynes 1-21, Lang 2-5, Miller 2-5, Flowers 1-3
 Colts — Dickerson 22-80, Chandler 2-32, Bentley 10-28, Rison 1-1, Trudeau 3-0-1td, Stark 1-(-11)

Passing

Falcons — Miller 21-10-100-0td-0int-2sk, Millen 7-3-33-0td-1int-2sk
 Colts — Chandler 15-5-71-0td-1int-2sk, Trudeau 6-2-20-0td-0int-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Lang 5-74, Settle 4-19, Beckman 2-25, Haynes 1-10, Collins 1-5
 Colts — Rison 2-36, Bentley 2-32, Verdin 2-18, Dickerson 1-5

Game 4 (October 1)
Green Bay 23, Atlanta 21
 Milwaukee Stadium (54,647)

The Packers won it all with an offensive show in the fourth quarter (17 points), and the Falcons couldn't muster any points. The Falcons could not overcome a Settle catch-and-run TD called back because of an inadvertent whistle in the first quarter and a holding penalty on a 96-yard kickoff return by Deion Sanders in the fourth quarter when they needed the points the most, still holding the lead 21-20. QB Hugh Millen's first NFL start grossed 294 yards, only five shy of Chris Miller's season best 299 in the opener vs. the Rams. Millen hit 7-9 on the first drive for 74 yards and was 12-16 for 166 in the first half, 8-12 for 128 in the second. Reserve TE Brad Beckman made his first NFL start with a five-catch, 46-yard, one TD effort, and his first NFL TD catch was also Millen's first TD toss. Casillas spearheaded the defensive effort with seven unofficial tackles, two forced fumbles and a QB sack.

ATLANTA	7	7	7	0	—	21
Green Bay	0	6	0	17	—	23

Scoring

Atl — Beckman 3 pass from Millen (McFadden kick)
 GB — FG Jacke 35
 Atl — Settle 1 run (McFadden kick)
 GB — FG Jacke 52
 Atl — Lang 10 run (McFadden kick)
 GB — Sharpe 5 fumble return (Jacke kick)
 GB — Fontenot 37 pass from Majkowski (Jacke kick)
 GB — FG Jacke 22

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Packers
First Downs	17	27
Net Yards Gained	333	448
Rushing Yardage	75	153
Passing Yardage	258	295
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	28/10/1	35/19/2
Punts	6/39.8	3/35.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/0
Penalties	8/45	3/24
Sacks Allowed	5/36	0/0
Return Yds.	8	12
Time of Poss.	27:22	32:38

Rushing

Falcons — Settle 15-49-1td, Lang 4-17-1td, Flowers 2-4, Jones 1-5, Millen 1-0
 Packers — Fullwood 19-84, Majkowski 9-39, Kemp 1-14, Woodside 3-8, Fontenot 1-5, Haddix 2-3

Passing

Falcons — Millen 28-20-294-1td-1int-5sk
 Packers — Majkowski 35-19-295-1td-2int-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Collins 5-126, Settle 5-53, Beckman 5-46-1td, Jones 2-26, Haynes 2-25, Bailey 1-18
 Packers — Kemp 5-80, Sharpe 4-78, Fontenot 3-60-1td, Woodside 3-43, Query 1-17

Game 5 (October 8)
Los Angeles 26, Atlanta 14
 Anaheim Stadium (52,182)

QB Chris Miller had his personal bests with 340 gross yards, 315 net yards, topping his 299 vs. the Rams in the opener. His 28 completions surpassed his previous best 24, while the 39 attempts was one more than he had ever attempted. His .717 completion percentage was just behind his .724 in the win over Dallas. As good an appearance as the passing department made, the running game was equally bad...only 38 yards on 15 carries, while the defense allowed the Rams' rushers a 5.0 average on 33 carries. Rookies Shawn Collins and Keith Jones each scored their first NFL touchdowns. Punter Scott Fulhake hit his 6th inside-the-20. "It was a game that we went toe-to-toe with them, and it was a real battle. I felt we could play with them, and I think we did. We just didn't get the win," said Coach Campbell.

ATLANTA.....	7	0	7	0	—	14
Los Angeles.....	10	10	6	0	—	26

Scoring

Ram — Holohan 13 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)
 Atl — Collins 9 pass from Miller (McFadden kick)
 Ram — FG Lansford 48
 Ram — Delpino 7 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)
 Ram — FG Lansford 35
 Ram — FG Lansford 27
 Atl — Jones 3 run (McFadden kick)
 Ram — FG Lansford 42

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Rams
First Downs	19	21
Net Yards Gained	353	438
Rushing Yardage	38	165
Passing Yardage	315	273
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	39/28/1	28/16/1
Punts	3/43.7	1/40.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	0/0
Penalties	2/19	4/45
Sacks Allowed	2/25	2/17
Return Yds.	9	33
Time of Poss.	28:10	31:50

Rushing

Falcons — Settle 7-26, Jones 3-7-1td, Lang 3-3, Miller 2-2
 Rams — Bell 10-62, Delpino 4-48, Green 9-36, Gary 7-25, Everett 3-(-6)

Passing

Falcons — Miller 39-28-340-1td-1int-2sk
 Rams — Everett 28-16-290-2td-1int-2sk

Receiving

Falcons — Collins 6-62-1td, Jones 4-61, Lang 4-47, Heller 4-28, Settle 4-8, Dixon 2-31, Bailey 1-37, G. Thomas 1-11
 Rams — Ellard 8-165, Holohan 3-49-1td, Anderson 2-54, Johnson 1-10, Delpino 1-7-1td, Gary 1-5

Game 6 (October 15)
Atlanta 16, New England 15
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (39,697)

A missed extra point by then-former Falcon/New England kicker Greg Davis came back to haunt the Patriots, as Atlanta's Paul McFadden kicked the game-winning field goal from 22 yards out with only five seconds remaining in the game. Prior to his missed extra point, he had been perfect on 3-3 field goals (52, 32, 32), but it wasn't enough for the win. The Patriots took a 15-13 lead into the locker room at the intermission, and the defenses took over in the second half. Aundray Bruce had two QB sacks and Scott Case sacked Flutie from his safety position. The third quarter was scoreless, with the Falcons intercepting three Flutie passes, and the fourth quarter was headed in that direction until McFadden's last second field goal sealed the victory for Atlanta.

ATLANTA.....	3	10	0	3	—	16
New England.....	6	9	0	0	—	15

Scoring

NE — FG Davis 52
 Atl — FG McFadden 30
 NE — FG Davis 32
 NE — FG Davis 32
 Atl — FG McFadden 30
 NE — Jones 15 pass from Flutie (kick failed)
 Atl — Jones 1 run (McFadden kick)
 Atl — FG McFadden 22

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Patriots
First Downs	14	13
Net Yards Gained	312	241
Rushing Yardage	72	93
Passing Yardage	240	148
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	34/19/1	30/12/3
Punts	7/49.1	6/43.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties	5/35	3/10
Sacks Allowed	4/25	3/24
Return Yds.	44	46
Time of Poss.	27:26	32:34

Rushing

Falcons — Lang 9-48, Flowers 8-18, Jones 4-6-1td
 Patriots — Stephens 19-64, Perryman 10-20, Flutie 2-11, Dupard 2-(-2)

Passing

Falcons — Miller 34-19-265-0td-1int-4sk
 Patriots — Flutie 30-12-172-1td-3int-3sk

Receiving

Falcons — Lang 5-66, Jones 3-66, Heller 3-26, Dixon 3-24, Collins 2-30, Wilkins 1-36, Haynes 1-13, Beckman 1-4
 Patriots — Martin 3-60, Jones 3-53-1td, Dykes 3-41, Morgan 1-16, Perryman 1-5, Stephens 1-(-3)

Game 7 (October 22)
Phoenix 34, Atlanta 20
 Sun Devil Stadium (33,894)

The Cardinals jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and continued to dominate, taking a 21-6 advantage into the locker room at the half. In the first half, Phoenix converted seven of eight third downs and ended the day with 10 of 14.

ATLANTA.....	0	6	7	7	—	20
Phoenix.....	14	7	3	10	—	34

Scoring

Phx — Ferrell 1 run (Del Greco kick)
 Phx — Ferrell 6 run (Del Greco kick)
 Atl — FG McFadden 37
 Phx — Wolfley 5 run (Del Greco kick)
 Atl — FG McFadden 37
 Phx — FG Del Greco 50
 Atl — Jones 14 run (McFadden kick)
 Phx — Ferrell 3 run (Del Greco kick)
 Atl — Settle 16 pass from Miller (McFadden kick)
 Phx — FG Del Greco 22

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Cardinals
First Downs	22	21
Net Yards Gained	351	299
Rushing Yardage	111	125
Passing Yardage	240	174
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	44/24/0	25/17/1
Punts	2/42.5	2/43.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	0/0
Penalties	3/30	2/36
Sacks Allowed	2/9	2/7
Return Yds.	143	142
Time of Poss.	23:39	36:21

Rushing

Falcons — 14-87, Jones 5-22, Haynes 1-2
 Cardinals — Jordan 12-49, Ferrell 15-46-3td,
 Hogeboom 5-11, Smith 1-11, Wolfley 1-5-1td, Sikahema
 1-2, Baker 2-1

Passing

Falcons — Miller 44-24-249-11d-0int-2sk
 Cardinals — Hogeboom 25-17-181-0td-1int-1sk, Tupa
 1sk

Receiving

Falcons — Jones 8-57, Settle 5-46-1td, Haynes 4-66,
 Collins 2-34, G. Thomas 2-27, Heller 2-8, Bailey 1-11
 Cardinals — Smith 7-96, Awalt 3-35, Jones 2-10, Ferrell
 2-9, Sikahema 1-23, McConkey 1-8, Jordan 1-0

Game 8 (October 29)
New Orleans 20, Atlanta 13
 Louisiana Superdome (65,153)

After a unproductive first half (four yards total offense), the Falcons fought back from a ten point deficit to tie the score in the fourth quarter. Atlanta capitalized on a bad punt by the Saints and took their first possession in the third quarter in for a touchdown when Chris Miller hit Shawn Collins with an 18 yard touchdown pass. After a Saints field goal, Deion Sanders returned Andersen's kickoff 72 yards to the Saints 25 yard line, but the Falcons offense only came away with a field goal to cut the gap. With five minutes left in the fourth quarter, McFadden hit a 48 yard field goal to tie the game at 13. But Bobby Hebert and Eric Martin connected on a 50-yard pass and New Orleans scored from one yard out to claim the victory. The Saints defense shut down the Falcons the rest of the way and collected six sacks on the day and forced three Miller fumbles.

ATLANTA.....	0	0	10	3	—	13
New Orleans.....	7	3	3	7	—	20

Scoring

NO — Hilliard 21 pass from Hebert (Andersen kick)
 NO — FG Andersen 32
 Atl — Collins 18 pass from Miller (McFadden kick)
 NO — FG Andersen 44
 Atl — FG McFadden 41
 Atl — FG McFadden 48
 NO — Hilliard 1 run (Andersen kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Saints
First Downs	11	17
Net Yards Gained	148	392
Rushing Yardage	57	131
Passing Yardage	91	261
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	32/15/0	30/18/1
Punts	6/39.3	5/33.4
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	2/1
Penalties	4/22	8/55
Sacks Allowed	6/44	2/11
Return Yds.	50	18
Time of Poss.	24:21	35:39

Rushing

Falcons — Settle 12-34, Jones 6-23, Lang 1-0
 Saints — Hilliard 25-93-1td, Heyward 4-22, Hebert 4-14,
 Frazier 1-2

Passing

Falcons — Miller 32-15-135-1td-0int-6sk
 Saints — Hebert 30-18-272-1td-1int-2sk

Receiving

Falcons — Dixon 4-37, Settle 4-23, Collins 2-29-1td,
 Heller 2-22, Jones 2-9, Lang 1-17
 Saints — Hilliard 7-97-1td, Hill 4-54, Martin 2-89, Turner
 2-23, Heyward 1-4, Scales 1-4, Frazier 1-1

Game 9 (November 5)
Atlanta 30, Buffalo 28
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (45,267)

After suffering five straight road losses in the last six games the Falcons came home to edge the defending AFC East champion Bills. Buffalo got on the scoreboard first with a pass from Jim Kelly to James Lofton from six yards. It wasn't until the second quarter that the Falcons put points on the board with a Paul McFadden field goal. The second half turned into a scoring barrage. Atlanta scored 17 third quarter points to Buffalo's 14, to close within a point. With 1:26 left in the game, Keith Jones scored from 3 yards out to give the Falcons the lead, 27-21. Don Beebe took the ensuing kickoff 85 yards to the Falcon eight after being caught from behind by Deion Sanders. With :33 left, Larry Kinnebrew scored from one yard out to regain the lead, 28-27. Only :24 remained when Miller hit Bailey for a 41 yard pass and a timeout. With :07 remaining, McFadden kicked the game winning field goal from 50 yards out to climax the wild finish.

ATLANTA.....	0	3	17	10	—	30
Buffalo.....	7	0	14	3	—	28

Scoring

Buf — Lofton 6 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick)
 Atl — FG McFadden 54
 Atl — Jones 1 run (McFadden kick)
 Buf — McKeller 11 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick)
 Atl — Dixon 26 pass from Miller (McFadden kick)
 Atl — FG McFadden 26
 Buf — Thomas 2 run (Norwood kick)
 Atl — Jones 3 run (McFadden kick)
 Buf — Kinnebrew 1 run (Norwood kick)
 Atl — FG McFadden 50

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Bills
First Downs	20	19
Net Yards Gained	340	329
Rushing Yardage	127	118
Passing Yardage	213	211
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	23/10/0	22/17/1
Punts	5/44.4	5/44.6
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/1
Penalties	6/44	9/81
Sacks Allowed	2/7	4/20
Return Yds.	70	0
Time of Poss.	29:05	30:55

Rushing

Falcons — Settle 22-83, Jones 11-32-2td, Miller 1-7, Lang 3-5
 Bills — Thomas 21-95-1td, Kinnebrew 8-24-1td, Kelly 2-(-1)

Passing

Falcons — Miller 23-10-220-11d-0int-2sk
 Bills — Kelly 22-17-231-21d-1int-3sk, Johnson 1sk

Receiving

Falcons — Bailey 3-93, Dixon 3-60-1td, Jones 3-50, Settle 1-17
 Bills — Reed 5-100, Johnson 4-29, McKeller 3-55-1td, Lofton 2-16-1td, Kinnebrew 1-17, Thomas 1-9, Beebe 1-5

Game 10 (November 12)
San Francisco 45, Atlanta 3
 Candlestick Park (59,914)

The Falcons were ambushed out west losing to the 49ers by the widest margin in the history of the series. San Francisco scored twice in a span of .27 in the second quarter behind a 39 yard touchdown grab by Jerry Rice and a fumble return by Charles Haley. A two yard touchdown catch by John Taylor gave the 49ers a 28-3 halftime lead and they never looked back. Joe Montana threw for three touchdowns, completing 16-19 passes for 270 yards, as the Niners offense amassed 515 total yards. The lone Falcon score came on a 25 yard field goal by Chris Miller, who filled in for injured Paul McFadden.

ATLANTA.....	0	3	0	0	—	3
San Francisco.....	7	21	10	7	—	45

Scoring

SF — Montana 1 run (Cofer kick)
 Atl — FG Miller 25
 SF — Rice 39 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)
 SF — Haley 3 fumble return (Cofer kick)
 SF — Taylor 2 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)
 SF — Rice 11 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)
 SF — FG Cofer 18
 SF — Henderson 11 run (Cofer kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Forty Niners
First Downs	11	30
Net Yards Gained	192	515
Rushing Yardage	73	234
Passing Yardage	119	281
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	32/17/0	20/17/0
Punts	8/38.6	1/38.0
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	4/2
Penalties	6/36	3/24
Sacks Allowed	3/30	1/5
Return Yds.	0	107
Time of Poss.	23:57	36:03

Rushing

Falcons — Settle 8-31, Lang 4-29, Jones 4-12, Paterra 1-1
 49ers — Craig 17-109, Rathman 16-77, Flagler 5-23, Montana 5-12-1td, Henderson 2-11-1td, Young 3-2

Passing

Falcons — Miller 32-17-149-0td-0int-2sk, Millen 1sk
 49ers — Montana 19-16-270-3td-0int-1sk, Young 1-1-16-0td-0int-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Dixon 4-48, Collins 3-37, Lang 3-13, Wilkins 2-29, Heller 2-17, Jones 2-6, Settle 1-(-1)
 49ers — Rathman 6-43, Rice 3-81-2td, Jones 2-47, Craig 2-15, Taylor 2-6-1td, Henderson 1-78, Wilson 1-16

Game 11 (November 19)
New Orleans 26, Atlanta 17
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (53,173)

The Falcons jumped out to an early lead with a field goal from Greg Davis and a John Settles 27 yard touchdown reception from Chris Miller to take a 10-3 halftime advantage. The birds defense intercepted Bobby Hebert three times but managed only ten points. The Saints came back in the second half as Pro Bowler Dalton Hiliard racked up 101 yards and a touchdown. The Falcons held a 17-12 lead in the third quarter on a 19 yard touchdown pass from Miller to Gary Wilkins. But Buford Jordan scored two fourth quarter touchdowns to pull the game out for New Orleans.

ATLANTA	3	7	7	0	—	17
New Orleans.....	3	0	9	14	—	26

Scoring

Atl — FG Davis 45
 NO — FG Andersen 33
 Atl — Settles 27 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 NO — Hiliard 22 run (Andersen kick)
 NO — Safety - blocked punt out of end zone
 Atl — Wilkins 19 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 NO — Jordan 2 run (Andersen kick)
 NO — Jordan 1 run (Andersen kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Saints
First Downs	15	20
Net Yards Gained	267	354
Rushing Yardage	77	206
Passing Yardage	190	148
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	38/18/1	24/13/4
Punts	4/29/0	1/30/0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/0
Penalties	8/82	4/20
Sacks Allowed	4/42	0/0
Return Yds.	89	11
Time of Poss.	20:31	39:29

Rushing

Falcons — Settles 12-74, Lang 3-3, Miller 1-0
 Saints — Hiliard 29-158-1td, Jordan 8-33-2td, Heyward 3-13, Turner 1-2

Passing

Falcons — Miller 38-18-232-2td-1int-4sk
 Saints — Hebert 24-13-148-0td-4int-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Dixon 5-74, Settles 4-71-1td, Collins 3-48, Lang 3-23, Wilkins 1-19-1td, Heller 1-5, Sanders 1(-8)
 Saints — Hiliard 3-22, E. Martin 3-13, Perriman 2-54, Brenner 2-20, Tice 1-23, Hill 1-11, Turner 1-5

Game 12 (November 26)
New York Jets 27, Atlanta 7
 Meadowlands (40,429)

The Jets controlled the game as well as the clock from start to finish. In the Jets first home win of the season, they outgained the Falcons in the rushing department, 180 yards to 66. The Falcons only had the ball for 19:54 compared to the Jets 40:06. Atlanta dropped numerous passes on the day giving Chris Miller his lowest completion percentage of the year (13-41 for 31.7 percent). Al Toon caught eight passes for 86 yards.

ATLANTA	0	0	7	0	—	7
New York Jets.....	3	14	10	0	—	27

Scoring

Jet — FG Leahy 28
 Jet — Hector 1 run (Leahy kick)
 Jet — Toon 12 pass from O'Brien (Leahy kick)
 Jet — FG Leahy 46
 Atl — Wilkins 16 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Jet — Hector 1 run (Leahy kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Jets
First Downs	12	24
Net Yards Gained	213	318
Rushing Yardage	66	180
Passing Yardage	147	138
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	41/13/1	34/20/0
Punts	8/39.1	6/44.8
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	3/2
Penalties	4/51	8/76
Sacks Allowed	2/11	1/3
Return Yds.	84	65
Time of Poss.	19:54	40:06

Rushing

Falcons — Settles 13-46, Jones 2-15, Lang 1-5, Fulhage 1-0, Dixon 1-0
 Jets — Hector 18-71, Vick 16-54, Brown 8-41, Epps 1-14

Passing

Falcons — Miller 41-13-158-1td-1int-2sk
 Jets — O'Brien 29-17-117-1td-0int-1sk, Ryan 5-3-24-0td-0int-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Collins 5-69, Wilkins 2-34-1td, Lang 2-29, Settles 2-19, Dixon 1-6, Jones 1-1
 Jets — Toon 8-86-1td, Vick 3-9, Hector 3-9, Neubert 2-13, Townsell 2-15, Walker 1-8, Brown 1-1

Game 13 (December 3)
San Francisco 23, Atlanta 10
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (43,128)

For the first 30 minutes, the Falcons defense kept two-time Super Bowl MVP Joe Montana in check while on the other side of the ball Greg Davis's 46 yard field goal and Ron Heller's 28 yard touchdown catch gave the Falcons a 10-6 halftime lead. Montana left the game with an injury and back-up Steve Young completed 11-12 passes for 175 yards and engineered three scoring drives, including a one yard quarterback sneak, to complete the comeback. Rookie wide receiver Shawn Collins caught five passes for 71 yards for the Falcons.

ATLANTA	0	10	0	0	—	10
San Francisco.....	6	0	7	10	—	23

Scoring

SF — FG Cofer 35
 SF — FG Cofer 23
 Atl — FG Davis 46
 Atl — Heller 28 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 SF — Taylor 38 pass from Young (Cofer kick)
 SF — Young 1 run (Cofer kick)
 SF — FG Cofer 27

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Forty Niners
First Downs	13	23
Net Yards Gained	263	425
Rushing Yardage	37	129
Passing Yardage	226	296
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	34/18/2	25/20/1
Punts	4/40.3	3/39.7
Fumbles/Lost	4/0	1/0
Penalties	5/40	7/56
Sacks Allowed	2/17	3/24
Return Yds.	47	47
Time of Poss.	25:02	34:58

Rushing

Falcons — Settle 10-15, Jones 1-13, Lang 2-9, Miller 1-0
 49ers — Craig 17-97, Rathman 10-19, Young 5-8,
 Montana 1-5

Passing

Falcons — Miller 32-17-231-1td-2int-2sk, Fulhage
 1-1-12-0td-0int-0sk, Jones 1-0-0-0td-0int-0sk
 49ers — Montana 13-9-145-0td-1int-1sk, Young
 12-11-175-1td-0int-2sk

Receiving

Falcons — Collins 5-71, Heller 3-57-1td, Haynes 4-53,
 Jones 2-23, Lang 2-19, Beckman 1-12, G. Thomas 1-8
 49ers — Taylor 5-162-1td, Rathman 5-43, Rice 3-32,
 Jones 3-32, Craig 3-32, Wilson 1-19

Game 14 (December 10)
Minnesota 43, Atlanta 17
 HHH Metrodome (58,116)

The Falcons played the playoff bound Vikings tight cutting the margin to 20-17 on a 17 yard scoring pass from Chris Miller to Shawn Collins to start the third quarter. But a succession of crucial fumble returns for touchdowns by the Vikings defense turned the tide. Chris Doleman sacked Chris Miller causing a fumble which Keith Millard picked up and ran in from 31 yards out. After a Rich Karlis field goal, Doleman sacked Miller again and Tim Newton shuffled in for a five yard score to give the Vikings a 37-17 advantage.

ATLANTA	3	7	7	0	—	17
Minnesota.....	7	13	17	6	—	43

Scoring

Vik — Ingram 1 pass from Wilson (Karlis kick)
 Atl — FG Davis 26
 Vik — FG Karlis 21
 Atl — Wilkins 26 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Vik — Carter 19 pass from Dozier (Karlis kick)
 Vik — FG Karlis 39
 Atl — Collins 17 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Vik — Millard 31 fumble return (Karlis kick)
 Vik — FG Karlis 26
 Vik — Newton 5 fumble return (Karlis kick)
 Vik — FG Karlis 29
 Vik — FG Karlis 19

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Vikings
First Downs	15	23
Net Yards Gained	255	457
Rushing Yardage	90	220
Passing Yardage	165	237
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	28/15/1	26/15/1
Punts	5/39.8	1/55.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	0/0
Penalties	1/10	7/51
Sacks Allowed	5/61	4/23
Return Yds.	7	58
Time of Poss.	23:08	36:52

Rushing

Falcons — Settle 9-43, Jones 4-21, Haynes 1-12, Lang
 3-7, Miller 1-7
 Vikings — Fenney 17-89, Clark 10-57, Dozier 5-54,
 Walker 4-14, Wilson 1-6

Passing

Falcons — Miller 23-11-182-2td-1int-3sk, Millen
 5-4-44-0td-0int-0sk, Dixon 1sk
 Vikings — Wilson 25-14-241-1td-1int-4sk, Dozier
 1-1-19-1td-0int-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 5-88, Jones 5-37, Collins 2-58-1td,
 Wilkins 1-26-1td, Paterra 1-13, Settle 1-4
 Vikings — Carter 3-78-1td, Jordan 3-71, Jones 3-64,
 Fenney 1-18, Lewis 1-15, Dozier 1-5, Walker 1-5, Ingram
 1-2-1td, Clark 1-2

Game 15 (December 17)
Washington 31, Atlanta 30
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (37,501)

The Falcons experienced an explosive first half, but an unproductive second half to end up with their sixth straight loss. Atlanta erupted for 24 second quarter points behind a Greg Davis 24 yard field goal, two touchdown catches by Michael Haynes (72 & 17 yards), and a three yard run by John Settle, staking the birds to a 27-10 halftime lead. The momentum swung in the Redskins favor, however, as Art Monk slipped past the Falcons secondary for a 60 yard touchdown bomb. Earnest Byner's one yard burst up the middle and Mark Rypien's nine yard scamper for scores highlighted a 21 point third quarter for the Skins. Atlanta could only muster a 32 yard field goal in the second half from Davis. Haynes finished with six catches for 190 yards and two touchdowns. Chris Miller completed 17-35 passes for 310 yards.

ATLANTA	3	24	3	0	—	30
Washington	3	7	21	0	—	31

Scoring

Atl — FG David 33
 Wash — FG Lohmiller 37
 Wash — Monk 34 pass from Williams (Lohmiller kick)
 Atl — Haynes 72 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Atl — Haynes 17 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Atl — FG Davis 24
 Atl — Settle 3 run (Davis kick)
 Wash — Monk 60 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
 Wash — Byner 1 run (Lohmiller kick)
 Wash — Rypien 9 run (Lohmiller kick)
 Atl — FG Davis 32

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Redskins
First Downs	17	24
Net Yards Gained	374	507
Rushing Yardage	28	131
Passing Yardage	346	376
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	44/21/2	39/24/1
Punts	5/43.6	3/39.3
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	0/0
Penalties	8/81	6/53
Sacks Allowed	3/25	2/14
Return Yds.	82	5
Time of Poss.	22:08	37:52

Rushing

Falcons — Settle 5-19-1td, Jones 4-9
 Redskins — Riggs 20-84, Byner 12-25-1td, Sanders 1-13, Rypien 4-9-1td

Passing

Falcons — Miller 35-17-310-2td-2int-2sk, Millen 9-4-61-0td-0int-1sk
 Redskins — Rypien 27-17-284-1td-1int-1sk, Williams 12-7-106-1td-0int-1sk

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 6-190-2td, Collins 5-64, Jones 2-22, Settle 2-16, Heller 2-15, Wilkins 1-35, Lang 1-19, Dixon 1-8, Paterra 1-2
 Redskins — Sanders 7-167, Monk 6-131-2td, Clark 4-59, Byner 4-5, Warren 2-18, Orr 1-10

Game 16 (December 24)
Detroit 31, Atlanta 24
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (7,792)

Atlanta closed out the 1989 season on a cold, wintry day (wind chill factor of 12 degrees) in front of only 7,792 fans. The Falcon offense netted 413 total yards, their first 400 yard game on the year. Chris Miller threw the ball 66 times for a club record and completed 37 for another record. The 66 attempts were the second most ever in NFL history. But rookie of the year Barry Sanders ran over the Falcons, gaining 158 yards on 20 carries, and scoring three touchdowns. Detroit scored 17 unanswered points after intermission on an Eddie Murray field goal (39 yards) and two runs by Sanders (17 and 18 yards) to register a 31-10 lead. Atlanta cut into the margin on a one yard touchdown by rookie Keith Jones and a six yard touchdown catch by Michael Haynes, but time ran out on the Falcons season when an onside kick attempt failed in the closing seconds.

ATLANTA	0	10	0	14	—	24
Detroit	7	7	10	7	—	31

Scoring

Det — Johnson 34 pass from Gagliano (Murray kick)
 Atl — FG Davis 25
 Det — Sanders 25 run (Murray kick)
 Atl — Lang 9 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Det — FG Murray 39
 Det — Sanders 17 run (Murray kick)
 Det — Sanders 18 run (Murray kick)
 Atl — Jones 1 run (Davis kick)
 Atl — Haynes 6 pass from Miller (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Lions
First Downs	27	17
Net Yards Gained	413	376
Rushing Yardage	89	179
Passing Yardage	324	197
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	66/37/1	30/17/1
Punts	7/41.9	5/45.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/1
Penalties	5/45	1/15
Sacks Allowed	1/10	3/16
Return Yds.	37	50
Time of Poss.	37:10	22:50

Rushing

Falcons — Jones 7-37-1td, Paterra 8-31, Lang 3-18, Settle 3-3
 Lions — Sanders 20-158-3td, Gagliano 6-21

Passing

Falcons — Miller 66-37-334-2td-1int-1sk
 Lions — Gagliano 30-17-213-1td-1int-3sk

Receiving

Falcons — Jones 7-38, Lang 6-73-1td, Haynes 6-62-1td, Collins 5-58, Heller 6-53, Paterra 3-27, Dixon 1-16, Bailey 1-4, Settle 1-3
 Lions — Johnson 7-135-1td, Clark 6-67, Ford 1-4, Phillips 1-3, Sanders 1-3, Stanley 1-1

CLUB RECORDS



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Team Records

Total Games Played: 352

Regular Season Record: 129-218-5 (24 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 '68)

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)

24 vs Wash

Dec. 17, 1989 (H)

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 1989 (32 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
- 173 in 1989
- 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 Net Yards Passing, Season**

3,700 in 1981
 3,514 in 1989
 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)
 722 Atlanta (346) vs Washington (376)
 Dec. 17, 1989 (H)

Most Passing Attempts, Season

578 in 1989
 563 in 1981
 507 in 1983
 501 in 1987
 478 in 1979
 478 in 1984

Most Passing Attempts, Game

66 vs Detroit, Dec. 24, 1989
 (37 comp) (H)
 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.)
 312 in 1989 (578 att.)
 311 in 1981 (563 att.)
 294 in 1984 (478 att.)

Most Passes Completed, Game

37 vs Detroit, Dec. 24, 1989
 (66 att.) (H)
 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.)
 26 in 1977 (297 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 1989 (578 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
- 10.7 in 1989
- 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
Sept. 10, 1989 vs LA Rams (H)

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
- 1,509 in 1989
- 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

Most Interceptions, Season
26 in 1977
26 in 1980
25 in 1967, 1975, 1981
24 in 1968, 1976, 1988

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
389 in 1989

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)



FIRST GAME "JITTERS"

Last year, rookie Deion Sanders returned a punt 68 yards in the first quarter of the first NFL game he played to score a TD. Rookie WR Shawn Collins started and led the team with six catches for 76 yards.

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

Club 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
Oct. 9, 1988 vs LA Rams (H)

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

1,155 in 1989
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
318 in 1989
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 Intercepted,, Season

10 in 1983 (507 att.)

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 Washington, Dec. 17, 1989 (H) 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 Seven Teams (Most Recent by Saints, Sept. 11, 1988)
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, 1981-87
- 288 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 282 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
- 82 Greg Davis, 1988
- 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

- 48 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 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 John Settle, 1988
- 8 Wallace Francis, 1979
- 8 Gerald Riggs, 1983

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, Career

- 213 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
- 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, 1981-87
- 56 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
- 45 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most FG's Attempted, Career

- 164 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
- 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, 1981-87
- .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
- .750 Paul McFadden, 1989
- .740 Mick Luckhurst, 1984
- .714 Mick Luckhurst, 1982
- .703 Tim Mazzetti, 1980

RUSHING**Most Yards Gained, Career**

- 6,631 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 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
- 1,785 John Settle, 1987-
- 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
- 1,024 John Settle, 1988
- 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

- 1,587 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 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
- 430 John Settle, 1987-
- 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

- 25 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 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

- 48 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 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
- 7 John Settle, 1988

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, 1982-88
- 4.15 John Settle, 1987-
- 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
- 4.41 John Settle, 1988
- 4.330 Gerald Riggs, 1985
- 4.326 Dave Hampton, 1972
- 4.310 Gerald Riggs, 1987

**Highest Average Gain, Game
(10 carries)**

- 10.2 John Settle vs N.O.
9-11-88 (10-102)
- 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
- 6,144 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 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
- 3,459 Chris Miller, 1989
- 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
- 2,133 Chris Miller, 1988
- 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
- 969 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 904 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 647 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Passes Attempted, Season

- 533 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 526 Chris Miller, 1989
- 463 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 432 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 379 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
- 369 Steve Bartkowski, 1978

Most Passes Attempted, Game

- 66 Chris Miller vs Lions
12-24-89 (37 comp.)
- 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.)
- 44 Chris Miller vs Cardinals
10-22-89

Most Passes Completed, Career

- 1,870 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 598 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 503 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 435 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 331 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Passes Completed, Season

- 297 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 280 Chris Miller, 1989
- 274 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 257 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 203 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
- 187 Steve Bartkowski, 1978
- 184 Chris Miller, 1988

Most Passes Completed, Game

- 37 Chris Miller vs Lions
12-24-89
- 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 Chris Miller vs Dallas
9-17-89
- 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) 11/9-16/89

Highest Completion Percentage, Career

- 57.0 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 56.2 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85

- 51.9 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 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
- 63.0 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 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
- 28 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 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
- 16 Chris Miller, 1989

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
- 185 Chris Miller, 1989

Most Consecutive Games Without Interception

- 5 Steve Bartkowski, 1983

Lowest Interception Pct., Career

- 3.19 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 4.35 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 4.48 Dave Archer, 1984-87
- 4.74 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 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)
- 1.90 Chris Miller, 1989 (10-526)
- 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
- 202 Stacey Bailey, 1982-89
- 188 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
- 186 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 166 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 152 Ken Burrow, 1971-75
- 140 Art Malone, 1970-74
- 131 Floyd Dixon, 1986-

Most Passes Caught, Season

- 81 William Andrews, 1981
- 74 Wallace Francis, 1979
- 70 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 68 John Settle, 1988
- 67 Stacey Bailey, 1984
- 64 Billy Johnson, 1983
- 63 Charlie Brown, 1986
- 62 Billy Johnson, 1985
- 59 William Andrews, 1983
- 58 Shawn Collins, 1989
- 57 Alfred Jenkins, 1980

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.)
- 10 John Settle vs Chargers
11-13-88 (106 yds.)

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Career

- 6,257 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
- 4,348 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
- 3,695 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
- 3,378 Stacey Bailey, 1982-89
- 3,010 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
- 2,668 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

- 2,645 William Andrews, 1979-86
- 2,062 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 1,942 Floyd Dixon, 1986-
- 1,433 Charlie Brown, 1985-87
- 1,384 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88

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 Shawn Collins, 1989
- 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 Michael Haynes vs Redskins
12-17-89 (6 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
- 1,934 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-88
- 1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71

- 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
- 725 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 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
- 24.07 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
- 23.62 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
- 23.41 Willie Belton, 1971-73
- 23.30 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-88

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

- 83 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-88
- 82 Ron Smith, 1966-67
- 77 Jim Butler, 1968-71
- 72 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
- 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
- 35 Deion Sanders, 1989

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
- 11.00 Deion Sanders, 1989
- 10.63 Billy Johnson, 1983
- 9.00 Ray Brown, 1973
- Lew Barnes, 1988

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
- 34 Lew Barnes, 1988
- 33 Scott Woerner, 1981

Most Returns, Game

- 8 Rolland Lawrence vs S.F.
10-9-77

Most Touchdowns, Punt Returns

- 1 Deion Sanders, 1989
- 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
- 68t Deion Sanders vs Rams
9-10-89

Combined Return Yards, Career

- 2,161 Ron Smith, 1966-67
- 2,016 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
- 1,942 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-88
- 1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71
- 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
- 1,084 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-86

Most Combined Return Yards, Season

- 1,242 Reggie Smith, 1981
- 1,093 Ron Smith, 1966
- 1,084 Deion Sanders, 1989
- 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
- 68 Deion Sanders, 1989
- 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
- 8,363 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
- 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
- 1,594 John Settle, 1988
- 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

- 42.6 Rick Donnelly, 1985-88
- 41.3 Scott Fulhage, 1989-
- 41.3 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
- 40.9 Ralph Giacommaro, 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
- 296 Rick Donnelly, 1985-88
- 167 Ralph Giacomarro, 1983-84

Most Punts, Season

- 109 John James, 1978
- 105 John James, 1977
- 101 John James, 1976
- 98 Rick Donnelly, 1988
- 96 John James, 1974
- 89 John James, 1975

Most Punts, Game

- 12 John James vs Wash.
12-10-78
- 11 Rick Donnelly vs Phil
10-30-88

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
- 27 Rick Donnelly, 1988
- 26 John James, 1980
- 25 John James, 1978
- 24 Scott Fulhage, 1989

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Passes Intercepted, Career

- 39 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-81
- 31 Ray Brown, 1971-77
- 29 Ken Reaves, 1966-74
- 24 Bobby Butler, 1981-
- 21 Scott Case, 1984
- 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

- 10 Scott Case, 1988
- 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 33 times — Last time,
Tim Gordon vs N.O. 11-19-89

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
- 227 Bobby Butler, 1981-
- 203 Rick Byas, 1974-80
- 197 Tom Hayes, 1971-75
- 191 Scott Case, 1984-89
- 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)

SERVICE

Most Seasons Played

- 18 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
- 12 Mike Kenn (1978-present)
- 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)

Most Games Played

- 246 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
- 173 Mike Kenn (1978-present)
- 155 Jim Mitchell (1969-1979)
- 155 Greg Brezina (1968-79)
- 148 John James (1972-81)
- 133 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
- 127 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, 76-78)
- 123 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
- 123 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)
- 123 Bobby Butler (1981-present)

Most Games Started

- 225 Jeff Van Note
- 173 Mike Kenn
- 133 Tommy Nobis
- 127 Claude Humphrey

Most Consecutive Games Played

- 155 Jeff Van Note (1976-86)
- 112 Ken Reeves (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)
- 4 Bill Fralic (1986-89)

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)
- 4 Bill Fralic (1986-89)

VAN NOTE-ABLE

One of the all-time great Atlanta Falcons did not have the spectacular beginnings to his career as many would think he did. A veteran of 18 seasons, Jeff Van Note originally came to the Falcons as a linebacker. The Falcons cut Van Note, who played for Huntsville of the Continental Professional league in 1968, to learn the center position. Jeff returned in 1969 with a new position. One that he would play for a club record 246 games. He would go on to start 225 games in all and play in 155 consecutive games from 1976 till his retirement in 1986. Van Note appeared in six Pro Bowls, including four consecutive (79-82). This is not bad for a guy who was an 11th round pick, cut, and asked to change positions.

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

KICKING

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

RUSHING

Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games

- 4 Gerald Riggs, 1985
3 William Andrews, 1983
3 Gerald Riggs, 1986

RECEIVING

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
Chris Miller vs Cowboys,
9-17-89

Most Consecutive Passes Without Interception

- 197 Steve Bartkowski
(1982-83)
185 Chris Miller
(1989)

INTERCEPTIONS

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: Sept. 10, 1989, Deion Sanders vs. Rams, 68 yards, Dale Hatcher 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 Wersching KO
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 20, 1987, Joe Cribbs, 49ers, 92 yds., Mick Luckhurst KO

Pass Interception for Touchdown

By Falcons: Sept. 18, 1988, Robert Moore vs. 49ers, 47 yds., Joe Montana passed
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 23, 1988, Carl Banks, Giants, 15 yds., Hugh Millen passed

Punt Was Blocked

By Falcons: Sept. 30, 1984, Kenny Johnson vs. 49ers, Max Runager punted
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 19, 1989, Brian Forde, Saints, out of endzone, Scott Fulhage punted

Field Goal was Blocked

By Falcons: Oct. 29, 1989, Malcolm Taylor vs. Saints, Morton Andersen attempted 23-yd. FG
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 11, 1988, Alvin Wright, Rams, Greg Davis attempted 34 yd. FG

Fumble Returned for Touchdown

By Falcons: Sept. 17, 1989, Bobby Butler vs. Cowboys, 29 yards, Herschel Walker fumbled
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 4, 1988, George Jamison, Lions, 4 yds., Aubrey Matthews fumbled

Extra Point Missed

By Falcons: Nov. 20, 1988, Greg Davis vs. Raiders
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 15, 1989, Greg Davis, Patriots

Safety Scored

By Falcons: Oct. 4, 1987, Buddy Moor tackled Steve Bono (Steelers) in end zone
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 19, 1989, Brian Forde, blocked punt out of endzone

Shutout was Scored

By Falcons: Nov. 6, 1988, Falcons 20, Packers 0 (Atlanta, Week 10)
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 9, 1988, Rams 33, Falcons 0 (Atlanta, Week 6)

Three Touchdown Passes

By Falcons: Oct. 30, 1988, Chris Miller vs. Eagles, (10-23-235 yds.)
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 9, 1988, Jim Everett, Rams, (15-24-234 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: Dec. 24, 1989, Chris Miller vs. Lions, 334 yds. (37-66)
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 18, 1988, Joe Montana, 49ers, 343 yds. (32-48)

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: Dec. 24, 1989, Barry Sanders, Lions

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: Nov. 5, 1989, Paul McFadden vs. Bills
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 8, 1989, Mike Lanford, Rams

Five or More Field Goals

By Falcons: Oct. 30, 1978, Tim Mazzetti vs. Rams (21, 37, 30, 26, 37)
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 10, 1989, Rich Karlis, Vikings (21, 39, 26, 29, 19)

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)
- 125 — John Settle vs. Denver, Oct. 16, 1988, 25 attempts
- 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
- 115 — Gerald Riggs vs. San Francisco, Sept. 18, 1988, 19 attempts
- 115 — John Settle vs. Seattle, Oct. 2, 1988, 21 attempts (AS)
- 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)
- 102 — John Settle vs. New Orleans, Sept. 11, 1988, 10 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 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. Washington, Dec. 17, 1989, 6 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
- 169 — Stacey Bailey vs. Dallas, Sept. 25, 1988, 4 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)
- 126 — SHAWN COLLINS vs. Green Bay, Oct. 1, 1989, 5 receptions
- 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)
- 106 — John Settle vs. San Diego, Nov. 13, 1988, 10 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)
- 340 — CHRIS MILLER vs. LA Rams, Oct. 8, 1989, 28 of 39
- 335 — Erik Kramer vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 18, 1987, 27 of 46 (AS)
- 334 — CHRIS MILLER vs. Detroit, Dec. 24, 1989, 37 of 66
- 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)
- 310 — CHRIS MILLER vs. Washington, Dec. 17, 1989, 17 of 35
- 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)

Dunbar: Part of the Falcons Team

The Falcons are involved in an Adopt A School program with Dunbar Elementary School in downtown Atlanta for a second year. To enhance the academic program and enrich the students' educational experience, the Falcons will assist in an incentive campaign built around increased student participation. A reward system has been initiated to encourage good grades and attendance. Falcon players will donate their time and the club will offer promotional items to support the program, which is intended to improve public education. An anti-drug and anti-alcohol lesson plan will also be introduced by the Falcons for teachers to implement at the school.

Longest Falcon Plays

Long Runs from Scrimmage (50 yards or more)

- t66 — Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
- 65 — Ernie Wheelwright vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 11, 1966 (AS)
- 62 — John Settle vs. New Orleans, Sept. 11, 1988 (AS)
- t60 — Jim Butler vs. Detroit, Dec. 8, 1968 (AS)
- t60 — 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)
- t55 — Haskel Stanback vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
- 50 — Gerald Riggs vs. Kansas City, Dec. 8, 1985

Long Pass Completions (75 yards or more)

- t88 — Bob Berry to Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
- t86 — Steve Bartkowski to William Andrews vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982
- 84 — Bob Berry to Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971
- t82 — Randy Johnson to Ray Ogden vs. San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1967 (AS)
- t81 — Steve Bartkowski to Wallace Francis vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980 (AS)
- t76 — Steve Bartkowski to Floyd Hodge vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1983
- t75 — 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)
- 65 — SCOTT FULHAGE vs. New England, Oct. 15, 1989

Long Field Goals (50 yards or more)

- 54 — PAUL McFADDEN vs. Buffalo, Nov. 5, 1989
- 52 — Greg Davis vs. Green Bay, Nov. 6, 1988 (AS)
- 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 — PAUL McFADDEN vs. Buffalo, Nov. 5, 1989
- 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)

- t101 — Tom Pridemore vs. San Francisco, Sept. 20, 1981
- t90 — Ken Reaves vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 20, 1968
- t87 — Rolland Lawrence vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
- 81 — Rolland Lawrence vs. San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973
- t77 — Lee Calland vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
- t73 — Jimmy Burson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 15, 1968 (AS)
- t72 — Rick Byas vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977
- t65 — Tom Hayes vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
- t62 — Bob Riggie vs. Minnesota, Dec. 4, 1966

Long Punt Returns (50 yards or more)

- t77 — Tom McCauley vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)

- t75 — John Mallory vs. Minnesota, Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
 t72 — Gerald Tinker vs. New Orleans, Sept. 29, 1974
 t71 — Billy Johnson vs. New York Jets, Oct. 23, 1983
 71 — Billy Johnson vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 21, 1982 (AS)
 t68 — DEION SANDERS vs. LA Rams, Sept. 10, 1989
 60 — Dennis Pearson vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
 68 — Lew Barnes vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 30, 1988
 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)

- t100 — Dennis Pearson vs. St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978
 t99 — Ron Smith vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
 t97 — Sylvester Stamps vs. San Francisco, Dec. 20, 1987
 t94 — 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
 72 — DEION SANDERS vs. New Orleans, Oct. 29, 1989
 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
 60 — DEION SANDERS vs. New England, Oct. 15, 1989
 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)

- t91 — Bob Glazebrook vs. New York Giants, Sept. 12, 1982
 t74 — Jim Weatherford vs. San Francisco, Oct. 19, 1969
 t65 — James Britt vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 26, 1986
 t64 — Blane Gaison vs. San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1983 (AS)
 t60 — Tom Hayes vs. Oakland, Dec. 5, 1971 (AS)
 t57 — Joel Williams vs. Green Bay, Sept. 13, 1981
 t50 — Jim Mitchell vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975 (AS)

Comparison of Domed Stadiums

Facility	Number of Seats
Silverdome, Pontiac	80,638
Superdome, New Orleans	72,000
Georgia Dome	70,500
Kingdome, Seattle	67,000
Astrodome, Houston	65,000
Metrodome, Minneapolis	63,000
Hoosier Dome, Indianapolis	60,500
B.C. Place Stadium, Vancouver	60,000
SkyDome, Toronto	60,000
Florida Suncoast Dome, St. Petersburg	50,000

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
1988	Greg Davis	0	25	27	19	30	82
1989	Paul McFadden	0	18	18	15	20	63

PASSING

(minimum - 100 ATT)

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
1988	Chris Miller	351	184	52.4	2,133	11	12
1989	Chris Miller	526	280	53.2	3,459	16	10

RUSHING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Junior Coffey	199	722	3.6	37	4
1967	Junior Coffey	180	722	4.0	201	4

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1968	Jim Butler	94	365	3.9	60	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	56	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	19	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
1988	John Settle	232	1,024	4.4	62	7
1989	John Settle	179	689	3.8	20	3

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	86	2
1983	Billy Johnson	64	709	11.1	47	4
1984	Stacey Bailey	67	1,138	17.0	61	6
1985	Billy Johnson	62	830	13.4	62	5
1986	Charlie Brown	63	918	14.6	42	4
1987	Floyd Dixon	36	600	16.7	51	5
1988	John Settle	68	570	8.4	27	1
1989	Shawn Collins	58	862	14.9	47	3

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	73	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

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
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
1988	Scott Case	10	47	4.7	12	0
1989	Deion Sanders	5	52	10.4	22	0

PUNTING

(minimum - 16 punts)

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
1988	Rick Donnelly	98	3,920	40.0	61	0
1989	Scott Fulhage	84	3,472	41.3	65	1

PUNT RETURNS

(minimum - 10 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

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
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
1988	Lew Barnes	34	307	9.0	68	0
1989	Deion Sanders	28	307	11.0	68t	1

KICKOFF RETURNS
(minimum - 10 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
1988	Evan Cooper	16	331	20.7	28	0
1989	Deion Sanders	35	725	20.7	72	0

OPENING DAY

In 24 season openers, the Atlanta Falcons have a 13-11 won-lost record. At home, they are 5-5. On the road, they are 8-6. 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 were 5-5 in openers.

Falcons in Overtime

(4-7-1)

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
- 1988 John Settle, RB
- 1989 Chris Miller, QB

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)
- 1988 Bill Fralic (Coll. & Pro FB Newsweekly, 1st Team; AP, 2nd team)
- Scott Case (AP, 2nd team)
- John Settle (Sports Illustrated)
- 1989 Tony Casillas (AP, 2nd team)
- Bill Fralic (AP, 2nd team)

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)

- 1988 Rick Donnelly (UPI, 2nd team)
Scott Case (UPI, 1st team)
Bill Fralic (UPI, 1st team)
- 1989 Bill Fralic (UPI, 1st team)
Tony Casillas (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)

* Did not participate due to injury.

- Claude Humphrey, DE (6)
Rolland Lawrence, DB
- 1979 Jeff Van Note, C (3)
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)
- 1988 Bill Fralic, G (3)*
Scott Case, CB
John Settle, RB
- 1989 Bill Fralic, G (4)

All NFL Team of 80's
Bill Fralic (2nd team)



Falcon lineman Bill Fralic is the ONLY guard in the entire NFL to be voted onto the last four consecutive Pro Bowl squads and was voted to the all-NFL Team of the 1980's.

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
1988	33,477	51,336	41,406
1989	40,069	52,768	46,418
Totals	45,046	53,180	49,113

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
75,287	Denver	10-16-88	14-30

Year-by-Year Home and Away

Year	Home	Away	Overall	Year	Home	Away	Overall
1966	1-6	2-5	3-11	1979	3-5	3-5	6-10
1967	1-5-1	0-7	1-12-1	1980	6-2	6-2	12-4
1968	1-6	1-6	2-12	1981	4-4	3-5	7-9
1969	4-3	2-5	6-8	1982	2-3	3-1	5-4
1970	3-4	1-4-2	4-8-2	1983	4-4	3-5	7-9
1971	4-3	3-3-1	7-6-1	1984	2-6	2-6	4-12
1972	4-3	3-4	7-7	1985	3-5	1-7	4-12
1973	4-3	5-2	9-5	1986	2-5-1	5-3	7-8-1
1974	2-5	1-6	3-11	1987	2-6	1-6	3-12
1975	3-4	1-6	4-10	1988	2-6	3-5	5-11
1976	3-4	1-6	4-10	1989	3-5	0-8	3-13
1977	4-3	3-4	7-7				
1978	7-1	2-6	9-7				
				Totals	74-101-2	55-117-3	129-218-5

(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, l 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 Riggles, 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 Schafroth, 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
- Ed Hughes, rb Texas Southern
- Paul Williams, wr California

1970

- John Small, lb (12) Citadel
- Art Malone, rb Arizona State
- Andy Maurer, g Oregon
- Todd Synder, wr Ohio U.
(from N.Y. Giants)
- 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
5. Henry Childs, te Kansas State
- Monroe Eley, rb Ariz. State
6. Doyle Orange, rb Southern Miss.
7. James Coode, t Michigan
8. Choice to Green Bay through New Orleans
9. Larry Bailey, dt Pacific
10. Paul Ryczek, c Virginia
11. Eddie Wilson, wr Albany State
12. Vic Koegel, lb Ohio State
13. Ralph Powell, rb Nebraska
14. John Givens, g Villanova
15. Willie Jones, wr Iowa State
16. Sylvester McGee, rb Rhode Island
17. Al Davis, g-t Boise State

1975

1. Steve Bartkowski, qb (1) California
2. Ralph Ortega, lb Florida
3. Woody Thompson, rb Miami

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

1976

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

1977

1. Warren Byrant, ot (6) Kentucky
2. Wilson Faumuina, dt (20) San Jose State
3. R.C. Thielemann, og-c Arkansas
4. Edgar Fields, dt-de Texas A&M
5. Allan Leavitt, ks Georgia
6. Shelton Diggs, wr So. California
7. Keith Jenkins, db Cincinnati
8. No selection
9. Walter Packer, wr Mississippi State
10. John Maxwell, ot Boston College
11. Robert Speer, de Arkansas State
12. Billy Ryckman, wr Louisiana Tech
13. Dave Farmer, rb Southern California
14. Don Parrish, de Pittsburgh

1978

1. Mike Kenn, ot (13) Michigan
2. Steve Stewart, lb Minnesota
3. Stan Waldemore, og Nebraska
4. Brian Cabral, lb Colorado
5. Dennis Pearson, wr San Diego St.
6. Rodney Parker, wr Tennessee St.
7. Alfred Jackson, wr Texas
8. James Wright, te Texas Christian

9. David Adkins, lb Ohio St.
10. David Williams, db Tennessee-Martin
11. Tom Pridemore, db West Virginia
12. Ricky Patton, rb Jackson St.
13. Ray Strong, rb Nevada-Las Vegas
14. Milton "Scooter" Reed, db Baylor
15. Daria Butler, lb Oklahoma St.

1979

1. Don Smith, de (17) Miami
2. Pat Howell, og Southern California
3. James Mayberry, rb Colorado
4. William Andrews, rb Auburn
5. Lynn Cain, rb Southern California
6. Charles Johnson, db Grambling
7. Mike Zele, dt Kent State
8. Mike Moroski, qb Cal-Davis
9. Roger Westlund, ot Washington
10. Keith Miller, lb NE Oklahoma
11. Dave Parkin, db Utah State
12. Bruce Beekley, lb Oregon
13. Bill Leer, c Colorado St.
14. Stuart Walker, lb Colorado

1980

1. Junior Miller, te (7) Nebraska
2. Buddy Curry, lb North Carolina
3. Earl Jones, cb Norfolk State
4. Jim Laughlin, lb Ohio State
5. I.M. Hipp, rb Nebraska
6. Brad Vassar, lb Pacific
7. Kenny Johnson, db Mississippi State
8. Mike Davis, db Colorado
9. Mike Smith, wr Grambling
10. Al Richardson, lb Georgia Tech
11. Glen Keller, c West Texas State
12. Walt Bellamy, db V.M.I.
13. Mike Babb, db Oklahoma
14. 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 Giacomarro, 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 Tallaferro, 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

1989

- 1a. Deion Sanders, cb (5) Florida State
- 1b. Shawn Collins, wr (27) Northern Arizona
2. Ralph Norwood, ot Louisiana State
3. Keith Jones, rb Illinois
4. Choice traded to Cincinnati
5. Choice traded to L.A. Raiders
6. Troy Sadowski, te Georgia
7. Undra Johnson, rb West Virginia
8. Paul Singer, qb Western Illinois
9. Chris Dunn, lb Cal-Poly SLO
10. Choice traded to Cincinnati
11. Greg Paterra, rb Slippery Rock
12. Tony Bowick, nt U. Tenn./Chatt.

Falcons Honor Roll (1966-1989)

-A-

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-

Badanjek, Rick (RB), Maryland	1987-88
Bailey, Jim (DT), Kansas	1976-78
Bailey, Larry (DT), Pacific	1974
Bailey, Stacey (WR), Stanford	1982-89
Baker, Tony (RB), East Carolina	1986
Barnes, Gary (WR), Clemson	1966-67
Barnes, Lew (WR, KR), Oregon	1988
Barnett, Doug (C) Azusa Pacific	1987
Bartkowski, Steve (QB), California	1975-85
Beard, Bubba (RB), Texas A&M	1976-80
Bebout, Nick (T), Wyoming	1973-75
Beckman, Brad (TE), Nebraska-Omaha	1989
Bell, Bill (PK), Kansas	1971-72
Bell, Kerwin (QB), Florida	1988
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
Bingham, Guy (C/G), Montana	1989
Bleick, Tom (S), Georgia Tech	1967
Bosley, Bruce (G), W. Virginia	1969
Bowick, Tony (NT), UT/Chattanooga	1989
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	1987-88
Brown, Ray (S), W. Texas State	1971-78
Brown, Reggie (RB), Oregon	1982
Bruce, Aundray (LB), Auburn	1988-89
Brunson, Mike (WR-RB), Arizona St.	1970
Bryan, Rick (DT), Oklahoma	1984-89

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	1981-89
Butler, Jim (RB), Edward Waters	1968-71
Byas, Rick (DB), Wayne St.	1974-80

-C-

Cabral, Brian (LB), Colorado	1979
Cahill, Dave (DT), Northern Arizona	1969
Cain, Lynn (RB), USC	1979-84
Calland, Lee (CB), Louisville	1966-68
Camp, Reggie (DE), California	1988
Campbell, Scott (QB), Purdue	1986-87
Campbell, Sonny (RB), North Arizona	1970-71
Case, Scott (DB), Oklahoma	1984-89
Cash, Rick (DE), N.E. Missouri	1968
Casillas, Tony (DT), Oklahoma	1986-89
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	1986-88
Clayton, Stan (T/G), Penn State	1988-89
Coffey, Junior (RB), Washington	1966-67, 69
Cogdill, Gail (WR), Washington St.	1969-70
Coia, Angelo (WR), USC	1966
Collins, Shawn (WR), N. Arizona	1989
Collins, Sonny (RB), Kentucky	1976
Condren, Glen (DT), Oklahoma	1969-72
Cook, Ed (G), Notre Dame	1966-67
Cooper, Evan (DB), Michigan	1988-89
Cope, Jim (LB), Ohio	1976
Cordill, Olie (WR), Memphis St.	1968
Correal, Chuck (C), Penn St.	1979-80
Costello, Joe (LB), Central Connecticut ...	1986-88
Cottrell, Ted (LB), Delaware Valley	1969-70
Cotton, Marcus (DB), USC	1988-89
Cox, Arthur (TE), Tex. Southern	1983-87
Croudip, David (DB), San Diego State	1985-88
Crowe, Larry (DB), Tex. Southern	1975
Curran, Willie (WR), UCLA	1982-84
Curry, Buddy (LB), North Carolina	1980-87

-D-

Dabney, Carlton (DT), Morgan St.	1968
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Davis, Brad (RB), LSU	1975
Davis, Greg (K), Citadel	1987-89
Davis, Paul (LB), North Carolina	1981-82
Daykin, Tony (LB), Georgia Tech	1979-81
Dils, Steve (QB), Stanford	1988
Dimry, Charles (DB), UNLV	1988-89
Dixon, Floyd (WR), Stephen F. Austin	1986-89
Dixon, Rich (LB), California	1983
Dodd, Al (WR), N.W. Louisiana St.	1973-74
Donnelly, Rick (P), Wyoming	1985-88
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	1986-89
Dunaway, Dave (WR), Duke	1968
Dunn, Perry Lee (RB), Mississippi	1966-68

-E-

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

-F-

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, 1989
Fortner, Larry (WB), Miami-Ohio	1980
Fralic, Bill (G/T), Pittsburgh	1985-89
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
Fulhage, Scott (P), Kansas St.	1989

-G-

Gaison, Blane (S), Hawaii	1981-84
Gallagher, Frank (G), N. Carolina	1973
Gann, Mike (DE), Notre Dame	1985-89
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
Goodwin, Doug (RB), Maryland St.	1968
Gordon, Tim (S), Tulsa	1987-89
Goishalk, Len (T), Humboldt St.	1972-76
Green, Tim (LB), Syracuse	1986-89
Greene, Tiger (DB), Western Carolina	1985
Grimm, Dan (G-C), Colorado	1966-68

-H-

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
Haynes, Michael (WR), N. Arizona	1988-89
Heck, Ralph (LB), Colorado	1966-68
Heller, Ron (TE), Oregon St.	1989
Herman, Chuck (G), Arkansas	1980
Herron, Mack (RB), Kansas St.	1975
Hester, Jessie (WR), FSU	1988
Hettema, Dave (T), New Mexico	1970
Higdon, Alex (TE), Ohio State	1988
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
Hoover, Houston (T), Jackson State	1988-89
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, John (T), B.Y.U.	1989
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, Larron (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
Johnson, Undra (RB), W. Virginia	1989
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
Jones, Keith (RB), Illinois	1989
Jordan, Brian (S), Richmond	1989

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Kay, Rick (LB), Colorado	1977
Kendrick, Vince (RB), Florida	1974-75
Kenn, Mike (T), Michigan	1978-89
Kiewel, Jeff (G), Arizona	1985-87
Kindle, Gregg (G), Tennessee St.	1976
Kirouac, Lou (G-K), Boston College	1966-67
Knight, Leander (CB), Montclair St.	1988
Kooper, 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
Lang, Gene (RB), LSU	1988-89
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, Danzell (TE), Lamar	1988
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
Loveall, Calvin (CB), Idaho	1988
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
Martin, Charles (NT), Livingston	1988
Marx, Greg (DT), Notre Dame	1973
Matlock, John (C), Miami	1970-71
Matthews, Al (TE), Vanderbilt	1983-85
Matthews, Aubrey (WR), Delta State	1986-88
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
McFadden, Paul (K), Youngstown State	1989
McGee, Molly (RB), Rhode Island	1974
McInnis, Hugh (TE), So. Mississippi	1966
McIntyre, Scedrick (RB), Auburn	1977
McKinney, Phil (T), UCLA	1976-80
McMillon, Steve (CB), Wyoming	1989
McQuillen, Kim (QB), Lehigh	1974-77
Merrrow, 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
Millen, Hugh (QB), Washington	1988-89
Miller, Brett (T), Iowa	1983-88
Miller, Chris (QB), Oregon	1987-89
Miller, Jim (G) Iowa	1971-72, 74
Miller, Junior (TE), Nebraska	1980-83
Milling, James (WR), Maryland	1988
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.	1986-89
Moore, Tom (RB), Vanderbilt	1967

Moriarty, Tom (S), Bowling Green 1977-79, 81
 Moroski, Mike (OB), 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
 Oswald, Paul (G), Kansas 1988

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Palmer, Dick (LB), Kentucky 1974
 Paterra, Greg (RB), Slippery Rock 1989
 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
 Primus, James (RB), UCLA 1988-89
 Pritchett, Billy Ray (RB), W. Texas St. 1976-77
 Profit, Joe (RB), N.E. Louisiana 1971-73
 Provence, Andrew (DT), S. Carolina 1983-87

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Rade, John (LB), Boise St. 1983-89
 Radloff, Wayne (C), Georgia 1986-89
 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 1987-89
 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
 Riggie, Bob (S), Penn State 1966-67
 Riggs, Gerald (RB), Arizona St. 1982-88
 Roberts, Gary (G), Purdue 1970

Roberts, George (P), Virginia Tech 1982
 Roberts, Guy (LB), Maryland 1976
 Robinson, Bo (RB), W. Texas St. 1981-83
 Robison, Tommy (G), Texas A&M 1989
 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
 Ryczek, 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, Deion (CB), Florida St. 1989
 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 1981-88
 Seay, Virgil (WR), Troy St. 1984
 Settle, John (RB), Appalachian 1987-89
 Sharp, Dan (TE), Texas Christian 1987
 Shay, Jerry (DT), Purdue 1968-69
 Shears, Larry (CB), Lincoln, Mo. 1971
 Shelley, Elbert (S), Arkansas State 1987-89
 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
 Smith, Vinson (LB), E. Carolina 1988
 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. 1984-88
 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
Szczecko, Joe (DT), Auburn	1966-68

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Talbert, Don (T), Texas	1966-68
Tate, Rodney (RB), Texas	1984
Taylor, Johnnie (LB), Hawaii	1984-86
Taylor, Malcom (DE), Tennessee St.	1989
Teague, Matthew (DE), Prairie View	1981
Ten Napel, Garth (LB), Texas A&M	1978
Thaxton, Galand (LB), Wyoming	1989
Thielemann, R.C. (G), Arkansas	1977-84
Thomas, Ben (DE), Auburn	1989
Thomas, Chuck (G), Oklahoma	1985
Thomas, George (WR), Nevada-Las Vegas ..	1989
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	1987-89
Turner, Jimmy (CB), UCLA	1986-87
Tutson, Tom (DB), S.C. State	1983
Tuttle, Perry (WR), Clemson	1984
Tyrell, Tim (RB), N. Illinois	1984-86

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

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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
Washington, Ronnie (LB), NE Louisiana St. ..	1985
Waskiewicz, Jim (C), Wichita St.	1969
Weatherford, Jim (S), Tennessee	1969
Weatherley, Jim (C), None	1976
Wheelwright, Ernie (RB), So. Illinois	1966-67
Whisenhunt, Ken (TE), Georgia Tech	1985-88
White, Lyman (LB), LSU	1981-82
Whitlow, Bob (C), Arizona	1966
Wilkes, Reggie (LB), Georgia Tech	1986-87
Wilkins, Gary (TE), Georgia Tech	1988-89
Williams, Joel (LB),	

Wis./LaCrosse	1979-82, 86-89
Williams, Keith (RB), SW Missouri	1986
Williams, Richard (RB), Memphis St.	1983
Williams, Sam (DE), Michigan State	1966-67
Willis, Mitch (DT), SMU	1988
Wilson, Brenard (S), Vanderbilt	1987
Wilson, Jim (C), Georgia	1967
Windauer, Bill (DT), Iowa	1976
Winkler, Randy (G), Tarleton St.	1968
Woerner, Scott (S), Georgia	1981
Wolski, Bill (RB), Notre Dame	1966
Wood, Bo (DE), North Carolina	1967
Woodberry, Dennis (CB),	
Southern Arkansas	1986
Wright, James (TE), Texas Christian	1978-79
Wright, John (WR), Illinois	1968
Wright, Nate (S), San Diego St.	1969

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Yarno, George (C/G), Wash. St.	1988
Yeates, Jeff (DT), Boston College	1976-84
Young, Ben (TE), UT-Arlington	1983

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Zackery, Tony (DB), Washington	1989
Zele, Mike (DT), Kent St.	1979-83
Zook, John (DE), Kansas	1969-75

HONOR ROLL BY SCHOOLS

The top five schools that have seen the most players go on to the Falcons are Georgia Tech (with 12 players), Auburn (10), Colorado (10), Notre Dame (9), and Oklahoma (9).

Major area schools have been well represented with SEC members like Florida producing 8, the U. of Georgia (7), LSU (7), and Alabama (6). Nearby Clemson had seven alumni play for the Falcons, with Florida State recently upping it to five Seminoles.

Over 40 players have come from the PAC-10, led by Southern Cal (7), and Washington (7).

CLUB HISTORY



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Falcons vs. The NFL

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Falcons vs. Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	97	76
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	4	9	0	.308	217	328
Falcons vs. Denver	3	4	0	.429	161	186
Falcons vs. Detroit	5	15	0	.250	384	467
Falcons vs. Green Bay	7	9	0	.437	276	377
Falcons vs. Houston	4	2	0	.667	160	118
Falcons vs. Indianapolis	0	10	0	.000	124	270
Falcons vs. Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	24	55
Falcons vs. L.A. Raiders	2	4	0	.333	127	178
Falcons vs. L.A. Rams	10	34	2	.227	588	1029
Falcons vs. Miami	1	4	0	.200	75	127
Falcons vs. Minnesota	6	11	0	.353	251	424
Falcons vs. New England	3	3	0	.500	124	111
Falcons vs. New Orleans	24	17	0	.585	905	722
Falcons vs. New York Giants	6	6	0	.500	201	211
Falcons vs. New York Jets	2	3	0	.600	83	110
Falcons vs. Philadelphia	7	7	1	.500	269	275
Falcons vs. Pittsburgh	1	7	0	.125	147	266
Falcons vs. Phoenix	4	8	0	.323	256	301
Falcons vs. San Diego	2	1	0	.667	76	36
Falcons vs. San Francisco	18	27	1	.402	699	937
Falcons vs. Seattle	0	4	0	.000	87	122
Falcons vs. Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	122	153
Falcons vs. Washington	3	10	1	.250	239	342
Totals	130	221	5	.369	6174	7848

Falcons Coaching History

Norb Hecker*	4-26-1 (1966-68)
Norm Van Brocklin#	37-49-3 (1968-74)
Marion Campbell [®] +	17-51-0 (1974-76, 1987-89)
Pat Pepler	3-6-0 (1976)
Leeman Bennett	47-44-0 (1977-82)
Dan Henning	22-41-1 (1983-86)
Jim Hanifan (interim)	0-4-0 (1989)

* Released after three games in 1968

[®] Released after five games in 1976

Released after eight games in 1974

+ Retired after 12 games in 1989

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(Includes post-season play of 1,3)

Series Vs. Opponents

ATLANTA vs. BUFFALO

Falcons lead series, 3-2
1973-Bills, 17-6 (A)
1977-Bills, 3-0 (B)
1980-Falcons, 30-14 (B)
1983-Falcons, 31-14 (A)
1989-Falcons, 30-28 (A)
(Points-Falcons 97, Bills 76)

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, 9-4
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)
1988-Cowboys, 26-20 (D)
1989-Falcons, 27-21 (A)
(Points-Cowboys 328, Falcons 217)

ATLANTA vs. DENVER

Broncos lead series, 4-3
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)
1988-Broncos, 30-14 (D)
(Points-Broncos 186, Falcons 161)

ATLANTA vs. DETROIT

Lions lead series, 15-5
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)
1988-Lions, 31-17 (D)
1989-Lions, 31-24 (A)
(Points-Lions 467, Falcons 384)

ATLANTA vs. GREEN BAY

Packers lead series, 9-7
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

1988-Falcons, 20-0 (A)
1989-Packers, 23-21 (Mil)
(Points-Packers 377, Falcons 276)

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, 10-0
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)
1989-Colts, 13-9 (I)
(Points-Colts 270, Falcons 124)

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, 4-2
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)
1988-Falcons, 12-6 (LA)
(Points-Raiders 178, Falcons 127)

ATLANTA vs. L.A. RAMS

Rams lead series, 34-10-2
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, 24-18 (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)
1988-Rams, 33-0 (A)
Rams, 22-7 (LA)
1989-Rams, 31-21 (A)
Rams, 26-14 (LA)
(Points-Rams 1029, Falcons 588)

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, 11-6
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)
1989-Vikings, 43-17 (M)
(Points-Vikings 424, Falcons 251)

ATLANTA vs. NEW ENGLAND

Series tied, 3-3

- 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)
- 1989-Falcons, 16-15 (A)
- (Points-Falcons 124, Patriots 111)

ATLANTA vs. NEW ORLEANS

Falcons lead series, 24-17

- 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)
- 1988-Saints, 29-21 (A)
- Saints, 10-9 (NO)
- 1989-Saints, 20-13 (NO)
- Saints, 26-17 (A)
- (Points-Falcons 905, Saints 722)

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. GIANTS

Series Tied, 6-6

- 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)

1988-Giants, 23-16 (A)

(Points-Giants 211, Falcons 201)

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. JETS

Jets lead series, 3-2

1973-Falcons, 28-20 (NY)

1980-Jets, 14-7 (A)

1983-Falcons, 27-21 (NY)

1986-Jets, 28-14 (A)

1989-Jets, 27-7 (NY)

(Points-Jets 110, Falcons 83)

ATLANTA vs. PHILADELPHIA

Series tied, 7-7-1

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)

1988-Falcons, 27-24 (P)

(Points-Eagles 275, Falcons 269)

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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. PHOENIX

Cardinals lead series, 8-4

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)
1989-Cardinals, 34-20 (P)
(Points-Cardinals 301, Falcons 256)

ATLANTA vs. SAN DIEGO

Falcons lead series, 2-1
1973-Falcons, 41-0 (SD)
1979-Falcons, 28-26 (SD)
1988-Chargers, 10-7 (A)
(Points-Falcons 76, Chargers 36)

ATLANTA vs. SAN FRANCISCO

49ers lead series, 27-18-1
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)
1988-Falcons, 34-17 (SF)
49ers, 13-3 (A)
1989-49ers, 45-3 (SF)
49ers, 23-10 (A)
(Points-49ers 937, Falcons 699)

ATLANTA vs. SEATTLE

Seahawks lead series, 4-0
1976-Seahawks, 30-13 (S)
1979-Seahawks, 31-28 (A)
1985-Seahawks, 30-26 (S)
1988-Seahawks, 31-20 (A)
(Points-Seahawks 122, Falcons 87)

ATLANTA vs. TAMPA BAY

Series tied, 4-4
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)
1988-Falcons, 17-10 (A)
(Points-Buccaneers, 153, Falcons 122)

ATLANTA vs. WASHINGTON

Redskins lead series, 10-3-1
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)
1989-Redskins, 31-30 (A)
(Points-Redskins 342, Falcons 239)

Throughout the course of NFL history, many records have been set and many marks broken, but one that will remain in the minds of many Falcons is from the season of 1977. With defensive coaches named Glanville and Shively and players nicknamed the Grits Blitz, the Atlanta Falcons defense permitted their opponents to score only 129 points. That is the lowest total ever recorded in a 14-game season. With the regular season schedule having 16 games for each team, this record will forever stand atop of the NFL record books for fewest points allowed in a 14-game season.

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 Vikes	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 23 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), seven-time tackle leader Buddy Curry (#50). Gerald Riggs' number 42 was not issued this summer.

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-1skt, 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 leaped 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 Barkowski (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 Barkowski (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 13-43-11d
Cowboys — Dorsett 10-51, Newhouse 6-31-11d, White 4-1, P. Pearson 1-11, D. Pearson 1-9, Dupree 1-5, Newsome 1-4

Passing

Falcons — Barkowski 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 1-17-11
Vikings — Brown 23-81-1td, Nelson 4-24, Kramer 8-13, Galbreath 6-10, S. White 1-(-3)

Passing

Falcons — Barkowski 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

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 (69,898)	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 (27,406)	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
1977 (3-3)	
New England at Atlanta (23,495)	17-28
Baltimore at Atlanta (24,986)	21-7
Green Bay at Milwaukee, Wisc. (54,989)	26-7
1978 (2-2)	
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
1979 (0-4)	
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
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
1988 (2-2)	
New England at New England (32, 949)	34-30
Kansas City at Atlanta (23, 369)	13-27
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (18, 141)	19-14
Washington at Birmingham (51, 400)	17-34
1989 (1-3)	
Philadelphia at Philadelphia (40,145)	17-23
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (28,330)	0-27
New England at Atlanta (21,118)	7-23
Buffalo at Jacksonville, FL (41,813)	36-17

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	

**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			
	183	199	

**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 (L)	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	

1972 (7-7)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date	Atl.	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
	<u>269</u>	<u>274</u>	

1973 (9-5)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date	Atl.	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
	<u>318</u>	<u>224</u>	

1974 (3-11)
Fourth Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin (2-6);
Marion Campbell (1-5)

Date	Atl.	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
	<u>111</u>	<u>271</u>	

1975 (4-10)
Third Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Marion Campbell

Date	Atl.	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
	<u>240</u>	<u>289</u>	

1976 (4-10)
Fourth Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Marion Campbell (1-4)
Pat Peppler (3-6)

Date	Atl.	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
	<u>172</u>	<u>312</u>	

1977 (7-7)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date	Atl.	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
	<u>179</u>	<u>129</u>	

1984 (4-12)

Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

Date	At.	Opp.		
9-2	at New Orleans	36 28	(W)	66,652
9-9	Detroit	24 27	(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		

1985 (4-12)

Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

Date	At.	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 23	(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		

1986 (7-8-1)

Third Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

Date	At.	Opp.		
9-7	at New Orleans	31 10	(W)	67,950
9-14	St. Louis	33 13	(W)	46,483
9-21	at Dallas	37 35	(W)	62,880
9-28	at Tampa Bay	23 20	(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 10	(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		

1987 (3-12)

Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Marion Campbell

Date	At.	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

1988 (5-11)

Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Marion Campbell

Date	At.	Opp.		
9-4	at Detroit	17 31	(L)	31,075
9-11	New Orleans	21 29	(L)	48,901
9-18	at San Francisco	34 17	(W)	60,168
9-25	at Dallas	20 26	(L)	39,702
10-2	Seattle	20 31	(L)	28,619
10-9	LA Rams	0 33	(L)	30,852
10-16	at Denver	14 30	(L)	75,287
10-23	NY Giants	16 23	(L)	45,092
10-30	at Philadelphia	27 24	(W)	60,091
11-6	Green Bay	20 0	(W)	29,952
11-13	San Diego	7 10	(L)	26,329
11-20	at LA Raiders	12 6	(W)	40,967
11-27	Tampa Bay	17 10	(W)	14,020
12-4	San Francisco	3 13	(L)	44,048
12-11	at LA Rams	7 22	(L)	42,828
12-18	at New Orleans	9 10	(L)	60,566
		244 315		

1989 (3-13)

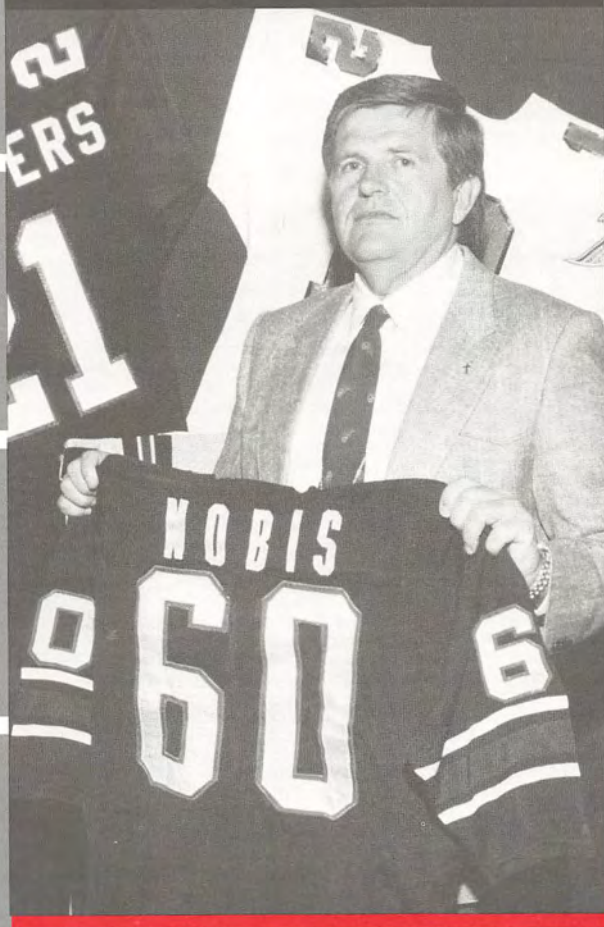
Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Marion Campbell (3-9)

Jim Hanifan (0-4)

Date	At.	Opp.		
9-10	LA Rams	21 31	(L)	38,708
9-17	Dallas	27 21	(W)	55,285
9-24	at Indianapolis	9 13	(L)	57,816
10-1	at Green Bay	21 23	(L)	54,647
10-8	at LA Rams	14 26	(L)	52,182
10-15	New England	16 15	(W)	39,697
10-22	at Phoenix	20 34	(L)	33,894
10-29	at New Orleans	13 20	(L)	65,153
11-5	Buffalo	30 28	(W)	45,267
11-12	at San Francisco	3 45	(L)	59,914
11-19	New Orleans	17 26	(L)	53,173
11-26	at New York Jets	7 27	(L)	40,429
12-3	San Francisco	10 23	(L)	43,128
12-10	at Minnesota	17 43	(L)	58,116
12-17	Washington	30 31	(L)	37,501
12-24	Detroit	24 31	(L)	7,792
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THE 1990 ATLANTA FALCON CHEERLEADERS

- LYNETTE ALSTON, attended Cross Keys High School and Georgia State University, presently a flight attendant for Delta Airlines, resides in College Park, GA.
- JENNIFER ANDERSON, attended Lithia Springs High School and is a full-time student at West Georgia College, resides in Douglasville, GA.
- KIMBERLY COLLIER, attended South Gwinnett High School and will graduate from Kennesaw College with a degree in marketing, resides in Alpharetta, GA.
- MICKEY CRAWFORD, attended Carver High School in Columbus, Georgia, and earned a B.S. degree in Industrial Management from Georgia Tech, presently a customer account representative for Norfolk Southern, resides in Atlanta, GA.
- LISA CREWS, attended Carrollton High School and will graduate from West Georgia College in August with a degree in psychology, makes her home in Carrollton, GA.
- ANGELA DIXON, attended Gordon Central High School in Calhoun, Georgia, and is presently a baton instructor in Calhoun, GA, her place of residence.
- LAURA DOWNEY, attended Shawnee Mission Northwest High School in Shawnee, Kansas, presently a personnel clerk for an Atlanta law firm, resides in Griffin, GA.
- FRANCES DUTTON, attended Willingboro High School in Willingboro, New Jersey, is a student at Georgia State University while working for the Internal Revenue Service, resides in Doraville, GA.
- JENNIFER EAGEN, attended Fayette County High School and is presently a full-time student at Berry College, resides in Fayetteville, GA.
- JILL GERMAN, attended Seminole High School in Seminole, Florida, received a B.A. degree from the University of South Florida in December, 1989, and is presently working as a legal assistant at a local Atlanta law firm, resides in Tucker, GA.
- ANGIE HOWINGTON, attended Jefferson High School in Jefferson, Georgia, presently attending Gainesville Junior College and works for Gainesville Paint and Supply Company, resides in Jefferson, GA.
- ALLYN JOHNSON, attended Paulding County High School in Dallas, Georgia, and is presently working as a receptionist for Wesley Johnson Exterminating, resides in Hiram, GA.
- CARLA JOHNSON, attended DuPont Manual High School in Louisville, Kentucky, and received a B.A. degree in Communications from Morehead State University, is presently a sales representative for Commercial Plastics & Supply, resides in Stone Mountain, GA.
- COURTNEY KEEL, attended Cross Keys High School and received a degree in business administration from Brenau College, is presently a sales assistant for a local stock brokerage firm, resides in Atlanta, GA.
- SUSAN KELLEY, attended Stephens County High School in Toccoa, Georgia, and received a B.B.A. degree in 1985 from the University of Georgia, is presently a systems analyst for Bell South Services, resides in Atlanta, GA.
- REGINA KELLY, attended Greenville High School in Greenville, Alabama, and received a B.S. degree from Alabama State University, is presently self-employed as a fashion model, resides in Atlanta, GA.
- DONNA LAMBERT, attended Cross Keys High School, received a B.B.A. degree in marketing from Georgia, presently a marketing coordinator for a local architectural engineering firm, resides in Marietta, GA.
- JULIE LARKIN, attended Coral Gables High School in Coral Gables, Florida, and also attended the University of Oklahoma, presently an area associate for marketing and public relations for a computer company, resides in Atlanta, GA.
- SHERRY LINK, attended Jonesboro High School and is presently a funding clerk for The Fuji Bank, Limited, resides in Jonesboro, GA.
- DENA McADOO, attended Walton High School in Marietta, Georgia, presently attending Georgia State University, working on a degree in marketing, employed as a manager for a local brokerage firm, resides in Marietta, GA.
- KATRINA McGEE, attended Benjamin E. Mays High School and is attending Clark Atlanta University, resides in Fairburn, GA.
- APRIL PARRIS, attended Berry Academy in Mt. Berry, GA, and is presently a flight attendant for Delta Air Lines, resides in Atlanta, GA.
- LAURA PELLY-LONG, attended Campbell High School in Smyrna, Georgia, received a B.S.E.D. degree from the University of Georgia, and is presently an account executive for Tucker and Associates, resides in Roswell, GA.
- GINGER POOLE, attended South Cobb High School in Austell, Georgia, has attended West Georgia College and is presently attending DeKalb College, is a dance teacher for Gotta Dance in Buckhead, resides in Mableton, GA.

PAM ROSSER, attended Parkview High School in Lilburn, Georgia, is presently working toward a degree in Industrial Engineering at Georgia Tech, employed by the Georgia Tech Research Institute as a student assistant, resides in Lilburn, GA.

JOHNNA SCHOEN, attended Smithville High School in Smithville, Missouri, received a B.S. degree from Central Missouri State University, is presently employed by John Wieland Homes, resides in Jonesboro, GA.

BRANDY SIBLEY, attended South Cobb High School in Austell, Georgia, is presently employed as a receptionist at a local photography studio, resides in Austell, GA.

LISA ANN SIKES, attended Westfield High School in Perry, Georgia, is presently a full-time student at the University of Georgia, resides in Athens, GA.

KELLY STEWART, attended The Lovett School and earned a degree in psychology from Duke University, is presently employed as a change control manager for the Society of International Telecommunication and Aeronautics, resides in Atlanta, GA.

TERRI THORNTON, attended Gateway High School in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, received a B.S. degree from Indiana University, is presently a pharmaceutical sales representative for Bristol Laboratories, resides in Alpharetta, GA.

KRISSY TOMPKINS, attended Brookwood High School in Snellville, Georgia, is presently employed part-time at Subway and Australian Body Works, resides in Norcross, GA.

MANDEE VARNADOE, attended Forest Park High School and is working on a degree in management at Georgia State University, employed as a sales representative for The Limited, resides in Jonesboro, GA.

MONIQUE WARD, attended Bladensburg High School in Bladensburg, Maryland, earned a degree in psychology from the University of Maryland, and is presently an administrative assistant for a local computer software developer, resides in Atlanta, GA.

BRENDA WICKE, attended J.P. McCaskey High School in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and holds two college degrees, one from Penn State University in Elementary Education and one from The American College for the Applied Arts in Interior Design, presently an interior designer for The Michaels Group, resides in Alpharetta, GA.

Entertainment/Cheerleader Director	Lisa Coles
Athletic Warm-ups and Footwear	Reebok
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The Atlanta Falcon Cheerleaders bring glamour and excitement to any function. Whether they are performing their "High Energy" dance routines, signing autographs or simply mingling with your guests, the Falcon Cheerleaders will lend beauty and class to any promotion. The same spirit and enthusiasm seen on the sidelines will lend sparkle to your organization's next event!

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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 13th season for the Falcons here, with Training Camp operating here for an 12th consecutive year.

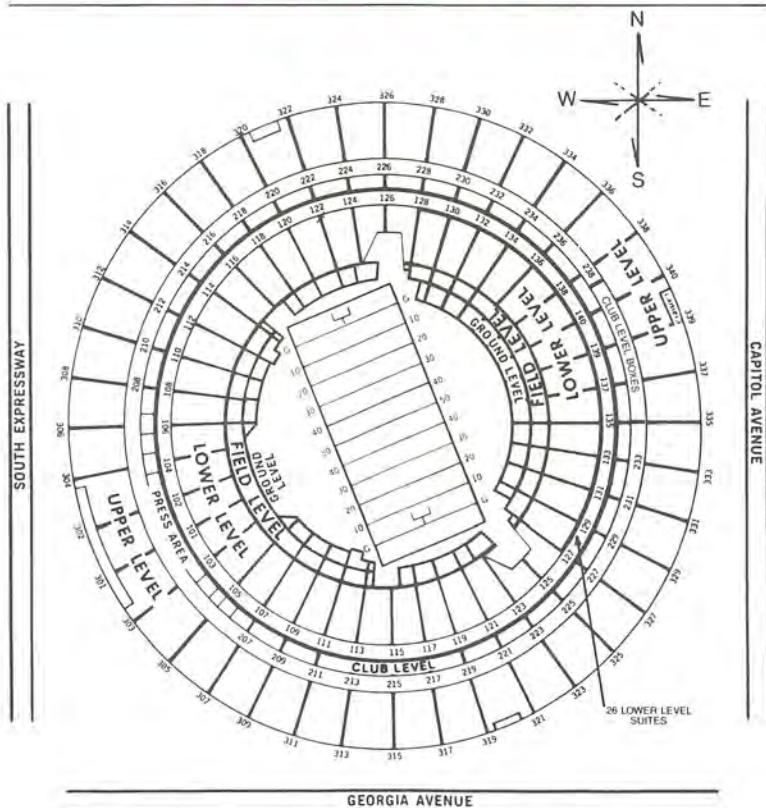
Included in the spacious 28,060 square-foot, two-story, red-brick building are the locker-room facilities, a training and rehabilitation room, a renovated weight room, the equipment room, player meeting rooms, coaches offices, scouting room, film/video library and all the club's administrative offices (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 (a Best Western chain) and Conference Center and The Complex Club. The 104-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.

ATLANTA-FULTON COUNTY STADIUM

Home of the Atlanta Falcons



FALCON TICKET INFORMATION

To order single game tickets, call the Charge Line (404) 249-6400. Tickets can be charged on VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card. Mail orders can be accepted through the Falcons Ticket Office, 950 East Paces Ferry Road, Suite 2920, Atlanta, GA 30326. To purchase tickets in person, visit any TicketMaster® Ticket Centers, including Turtle's Records and Tape Stores, Sound Warehouse, Coconuts, and select Eckerd locations, or go to Gate G at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium or the Falcon Ticket Office at 950 East Paces Ferry Road.

Ticket prices for 1990 remain at \$20 and \$15.

NFL STADIUMS

American Football Conference

Club	Stadium	Capacity	Playing Surface
Buffalo	Rich Stadium	80,290	Astroturf
Cincinnati	Riverfront Stadium	59,754	Astroturf
Cleveland	Cleveland Stadium	80,098	Grass
Denver	Denver Mile High Stadium	76,273	Grass (PAT)
Houston	Astrodome	50,594	Astroturf
Indianapolis	Hoosier Dome	60,127	Astroturf
Kansas City	Arrowhead	78,067	Tartan Turf
L.A. Raiders	Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum	92,488	Grass
Miami	Joe Robbie Stadium	74,930	Grass (PAT)
New England	Sullivan Stadium	60,794	Super Turf
New York	Giants Stadium	76,891	Astroturf
Pittsburgh	Three Rivers Stadium	59,000	Astroturf
San Diego	San Diego-Jack Murphy Stadium	60,750	Grass
Seattle	Kingdome	64,984	Astroturf

National Football Conference

Atlanta	Atlanta-Fulton County	59,643	Grass
Chicago	Soldier Field	66,030	Grass
Dallas	Texas Stadium	63,855	Texas Turf
Detroit	Pontiac Silverdome	80,638	Astroturf
Green Bay	Lambeau Field	57,093	Grass
	Milwaukee County Stadium	56,051	Grass
L.A. Rams	Anaheim Stadium	69,007	Grass
Minnesota	Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome	63,000	Astroturf
New Orleans	Louisiana Superdome	69,548	Astroturf
New York	Giants Stadium	76,891	Astroturf
Philadelphia	Veterans Stadium	65,356	Astroturf
Phoenix	Sun Devil Stadium	74,000	Grass
San Francisco	Candlestick Park	64,252	Grass
Tampa Bay	Tampa Stadium	74,315	Grass
Washington	Robert F. Kennedy Mem. Stadium	55,670	Grass (PAT)

(Source: NFL Record & Fact Book)

THE SUPER BOWL

In 1970, the NFL was divided into two 13-team conferences, comprised of the 26 teams formerly competing in the National Football League and the American Football League. Each conference was further divided into three divisions, the winner of each conference to be determined by a playoff of the three division winners plus the second place team within the conference with the best record. The winner of the two conferences meet in the NFL title game—The Super Bowl. An additional wild card team from each conference was added in 1978. In 1982, a special 16-team Super Bowl Tournament determined the NFL Championship. The NFC team has won the last six Super Bowls.

SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS

- 1966 I—Green Bay, 35; Kansas City, 10—at Los Angeles, CA
1967 II—Green Bay, 33; Oakland, 14—at Miami, FL
1968 III—New York Jets, 16; Baltimore, 7—at Miami, FL
1969 IV—Kansas City, 23; Minnesota, 7—at New Orleans, LA
1970 V—Baltimore, 16; Dallas, 13—at Miami, FL
1971 VI—Dallas, 24; Miami 3—at New Orleans, LA
1972 VII—Miami, 14; Washington, 7—at Los Angeles, CA
1973 VIII—Miami, 24; Minnesota, 7—at Houston, TX
1974 IX—Pittsburgh, 16; Minnesota, 6—at New Orleans, LA
1975 X—Pittsburgh, 21; Dallas, 17—at Miami, FL
1976 XI—Oakland, 32; Minnesota, 14—at Pasadena, CA
1977 XII—Dallas, 27; Denver, 10—at New Orleans, LA
1978 XIII—Pittsburgh, 35; Dallas, 31—at Miami, FL
1979 XIV—Pittsburgh, 31; Los Angeles Rams, 19—at Pasadena, CA
1980 XV—Oakland, 27; Philadelphia, 10—at New Orleans, LA
1981 XVI—San Francisco, 26; Cincinnati, 21—at Pontiac, MI
1982 XVII—Washington, 27; Miami, 17—at Pasadena, CA
1983 XVIII—LA Raiders, 38; Washington, 9—at Tampa, FL
1984 XIX—San Francisco, 38; Miami, 16—at Palo Alto, CA
1985 XX—Chicago, 46; New England, 10—at New Orleans, LA
1986 XXI—New York Giants, 39; Denver 20—at Pasadena, CA
1987 XXII—Washington, 42; Denver, 10—at San Diego, CA
1988 XXIII—San Francisco, 20; Cincinnati, 16—at Miami, FL
1989 XXIV—San Francisco 55, Denver 10—at New Orleans
1990 XXV—At Tampa, Tampa Stadium, January, 1991

POSTSEASON

Saturday, Jan. 5	AFC/NFC First Round Playoffs (ABC)
Sunday, Jan. 6	AFC/NFC First Round Playoffs (CBS, NBC)
Saturday, Jan. 12	AFC/NFC Second Round Playoffs (CBS, NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 13	AFC/NFC Second Round Playoffs (CBS, NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 20	AFC/NFC Championship Games (CBS, NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 27	Super Bowl XXV, Tampa Stadium, Tampa, FL (ABC)
Sunday, Feb. 3	AFC/NFC Pro Bowl, Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, Hawaii (ESPN)

1990 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (First Weekend)

1. Denver at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
2. **Houston at Atlanta** 4:00
3. Indianapolis at Buffalo 4:00
4. New York Jets at Cincinnati 4:00
5. Miami at New England 4:00
6. Minnesota at Kansas City 12:00
7. Phoenix at Washington 1:00
8. Pittsburgh at Cleveland 4:00
9. Los Angeles Rams at
Green Bay 12:00
10. San Diego at Dallas 3:00
11. Seattle at Chicago 12:00
12. Tampa Bay at Detroit 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 9

13. Philadelphia at New York Giants ... 8:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

14. San Francisco at New Orleans 8:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 (Second Weekend)

15. **Atlanta at Detroit** 1:00
16. Buffalo at Miami 1:00
17. Chicago at Green Bay 12:00
18. Cincinnati at San Diego 1:00
19. Cleveland at New York Jets 1:00
20. New England at Indianapolis 12:00
21. New Orleans at Minnesota 3:00
22. New York Giants at Dallas 3:00
23. Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle 1:00
24. Los Angeles Rams at
Tampa Bay 1:00
25. Phoenix at Philadelphia 1:00
26. Washington at San Francisco 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 16

27. Houston at Pittsburgh 8:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

28. Kansas City at Denver 7:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (Third Weekend)

29. **Atlanta at San Francisco** 1:00
30. Dallas at Washington 1:00
31. Indianapolis at Houston 12:00
32. Kansas City at Green Bay 12:00
33. Miami at New York Giants 1:00
34. Minnesota at Chicago 12:00
35. New England at Cincinnati 1:00
36. Philadelphia at Los Angeles
Rams 1:00
37. Phoenix at New Orleans 12:00

38. Pittsburgh at Los Angeles
Raiders 1:00
39. San Diego at Cleveland 1:00
40. Seattle at Denver 2:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 23

41. Detroit at Tampa Bay 8:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

42. Buffalo at New York Jets 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 (Fourth Weekend)

OPEN DATE: 4 NFC WEST TEAMS

43. Chicago at Los Angeles
Raiders 1:00
44. Cleveland at Kansas City 3:00
45. Dallas at New York Giants 1:00
46. Denver at Buffalo 1:00
47. Green Bay at Detroit 1:00
48. Houston at San Diego 1:00
49. Indianapolis at Philadelphia 1:00
50. Miami at Pittsburgh 1:00
51. New York Jets at New England 4:00
52. Tampa Bay at Minnesota 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 30

53. Washington at Phoenix 5:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

54. Cincinnati at Seattle 6:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 (Fifth Weekend)

OPEN DATE: 4 AFC EAST TEAMS

55. Cincinnati at Los Angeles
Rams 1:00
56. Detroit at Minnesota 12:00
57. Green Bay at Chicago 3:00
58. Kansas City at Indianapolis 12:00
59. **New Orleans at Atlanta** 1:00
60. New York Jets at Miami 1:00
61. San Diego at Pittsburgh 1:00
62. San Francisco at Houston 12:00
63. Seattle at New England 1:00
64. Tampa Bay at Dallas 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 7

65. Los Angeles Raiders at Buffalo 7:30

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

66. Cleveland at Denver 7:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 (Sixth Weekend)

OPEN DATE: 4 AFC EAST TEAMS

67. Cleveland at New Orleans 12:00
68. Dallas at Phoenix 1:00
69. Detroit at Kansas City 12:00
70. Green Bay at Tampa Bay 1:00

71. Houston at Cincinnati	1:00
72. New York Giants at Washington	4:00
73. Pittsburgh at Denver	2:00
74. San Diego at New York Jets	1:00
75. San Francisco at Atlanta	1:00
76. Seattle at Los Angeles Raiders	1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 14

77. Los Angeles Rams at Chicago	6:30
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

78. Minnesota at Philadelphia	9:00
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THURSDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 18 (Seventh Weekend)

OPEN DATE: NFC CENTRAL TEAMS

79. New England at Miami	8:00
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

80. Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams	1:00
81. Dallas at Tampa Bay	1:00
82. Denver at Indianapolis	12:00
83. Kansas City at Seattle	1:00
84. New Orleans at Houston	12:00
85. New York Jets at Buffalo	1:00
86. Philadelphia at Washington	1:00
87. Phoenix at New York Giants	4:00
88. Pittsburgh at San Francisco	1:00
89. Los Angeles Raiders at San Diego	1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

90. Cincinnati at Cleveland	9:00
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 (Eighth Weekend)

OPEN DATE: 4 AFC WEST TEAMS

91. Buffalo at New England	1:00
92. Chicago at Phoenix	2:00
93. Cleveland at San Francisco	1:00
94. Detroit at New Orleans	12:00
95. Miami at Indianapolis	1:00
96. Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	12:00
97. New York Jets at Houston	12:00
98. Philadelphia at Dallas	12:00
99. Tampa Bay at San Diego	1:00
100. Washington at New York Giants	4:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 28

101. Cincinnati at Atlanta	8:00
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

102. Los Angeles Rams at Pittsburgh	9:00
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 (Ninth Weekend)

103. Atlanta at Pittsburgh	1:00
104. Buffalo at Cleveland	1:00
105. Chicago at Tampa Bay	4:00
106. Dallas at New York Jets	1:00
107. Houston at Los Angeles Rams	1:00

108. New England at Philadelphia	1:00
109. New Orleans at Cincinnati	1:00
110. Phoenix at Miami	1:00
111. Los Angeles Raiders at Kansas City	12:00
112. San Diego at Seattle	1:00
113. San Francisco at Green Bay	12:00
114. Washington at Detroit	1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 4

115. Denver at Minnesota	7:00
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

116. New York Giants at Indianapolis	9:00
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (Tenth Weekend)

OPEN DATE: 4 AFC CENTRAL TEAMS

117. Atlanta at Chicago	12:00
118. Denver at San Diego	1:00
119. Green Bay at Los Angeles Raiders	1:00
120. Indianapolis at New England	1:00
121. Miami at New York Jets	1:00
122. Minnesota at Detroit	1:00
123. New York Giants at Los Angeles Rams	1:00
124. Phoenix at Buffalo	1:00
125. Seattle at Kansas City	12:00
126. Tampa Bay at New Orleans	12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 11

127. San Francisco at Dallas	7:00
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

128. Washington at Philadelphia	9:00
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 (Eleventh Weekend)

129. Chicago at Denver	2:00
130. Dallas at Los Angeles Rams	1:00
131. Detroit at New York Giants	1:00
132. Green Bay at Phoenix	2:00
133. Houston at Cleveland	1:00
134. Minnesota at Seattle	1:00
135. New England at Buffalo	1:00
136. New Orleans at Washington	1:00
137. New York Jets at Indianapolis	4:00
138. Philadelphia at Atlanta	1:00
139. San Diego at Kansas City	12:00
140. Tampa Bay at San Francisco	1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 18

141. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	8:00
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

142. Los Angeles Raiders at Miami	9:00
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 (Twelfth Weekend) (Thanksgiving Day)

143. Denver at Detroit	12:30
144. Washington at Dallas	3:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

145. Atlanta at New Orleans	12:00
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146.	Chicago at Minnesota	12:00
147.	Indianapolis at Cincinnati	1:00
148.	Kansas City at LA Raiders	1:00
149.	LA Rams at San Francisco	1:00
150.	Miami at Cleveland	1:00
151.	New England at Phoenix	2:00
152.	NY Giants at Philadelphia	1:00
153.	Pittsburgh at New York Jets	4:00
154.	Tampa Bay vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 25

155.	Seattle at San Diego	5:00
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

156.	Buffalo at Houston	8:00
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 (Thirteenth Weekend)

157.	Atlanta at Tampa Bay	1:00
158.	Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	1:00
159.	Detroit at Chicago	12:00
160.	Houston at Seattle	1:00
161.	Indianapolis at Phoenix	2:00
162.	Kansas City at New England	1:00
163.	LA Raiders at Denver	2:00
164.	LA Rams at Cleveland	1:00
165.	Miami at Washington	1:00
166.	New Orleans at Dallas	3:00
167.	New York Jets at San Diego	1:00
168.	Philadelphia at Buffalo	1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 2

169.	Green Bay at Minnesota	7:00
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

170.	NY Giants at San Francisco	6:00
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 (Fourteenth Weekend)

OPEN DATE: 4 1989 FIFTH-PLACE TEAMS

171.	Buffalo at Indianapolis	1:00
172.	Chicago at Washington	4:00
173.	Cleveland at Houston	12:00
174.	Denver at Kansas City	3:00
175.	Minnesota at NY Giants	1:00
176.	New Orleans at LA Rams	1:00
177.	New England at Pittsburgh	1:00
178.	Phoenix at Atlanta	1:00
179.	San Francisco at Cincinnati	1:00
180.	Seattle vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 9

181.	Philadelphia at Miami	8:00
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

182.	LA Raiders at Detroit	9:00
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 (Fifteenth Weekend)

183.	Buffalo at New York Giants	12:30
184.	Washington at New England	4:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

185.	Atlanta at Cleveland	1:00
186.	Cincinnati at LA Raiders	1:00
187.	Green Bay at Philadelphia	1:00
188.	Houston at Kansas City	12:00
189.	Indianapolis at New York Jets	1:00
190.	Minnesota at Tampa Bay	1:00
191.	Phoenix at Dallas	12:00
192.	Pittsburgh at New Orleans	12:00
193.	San Diego at Denver	2:00
194.	Seattle at Miami	1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 16

195.	Chicago at Detroit	8:00
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

196.	San Francisco at LA Rams	6:00
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 (Sixteenth Weekend)

197.	Detroit at Green Bay	11:30
198.	LA Raiders at Minnesota	3:00
199.	Washington at Indianapolis	8:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

200.	Cincinnati at Houston	12:00
201.	Cleveland at Pittsburgh	1:00
202.	Dallas at Philadelphia	1:00
203.	Kansas City at San Diego	1:00
204.	Miami at Buffalo	1:00
205.	New England at New York Jets	1:00
206.	New Orleans at San Francisco	1:00
207.	New York Giants at Phoenix	2:00
208.	LA Rams at Atlanta	1:00
209.	Tampa Bay at Chicago	12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 23

210.	Denver at Seattle	5:00
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29 (Seventeenth Weekend)

211.	Kansas City at Chicago	11:30
212.	Philadelphia at Phoenix	2:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

213.	Buffalo at Washington	1:00
214.	Cleveland at Cincinnati	1:00
215.	Dallas at Atlanta	1:00
216.	Detroit at Seattle	1:00
217.	Green Bay at Denver	2:00
218.	Indianapolis at Miami	1:00
219.	New York Giants at New England	1:00
220.	New York Jets at Tampa Bay	4:00
221.	San Diego at LA Raiders	1:00
222.	San Francisco at Minnesota	12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 30

223.	Pittsburgh at Houston	7:00
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

224.	LA Rams at New Orleans	7:00
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Pertinent Facts



1. Basic Features

- Domed, multi-purpose facility
- Soft, cable supported dome roof
- 70,500 seating capacity
- Artificial playing surface

2. Ownership/Management

- Owned by the State of Georgia
- Managed by the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC)

3. Where it will be located

- Adjacent to the GWCC downtown

4. Anticipated Cost

- Estimated total cost of \$210 million

5. Why is it needed

- The dome is not built specifically for the Falcons
- Will be an expansion of the GWCC
- A domed stadium allows the GWCC, Atlanta, and the State of Georgia to be host to many world class events.
- Anticipated 180 to 200 days of utilization per year on various events as: Conventions, Trade Shows, Concerts, Falcon games, Peach Bowl, basketball games and tournaments.

6. Financing the dome

- Construction on the dome will be financed through tax exempt industrial revenue bonds issued by the GWCC Authority in the approximate amount of \$165 million.
- The bonds will be retired by revenues which include:
 1. Hotel/Motel tax (2.75 cents)
 2. Project Revenues:
 - Seat and Suite lease income
 - Advertising
 - Falcon "game day revenue" from concessions, parking and rent.

Important Dates in The Georgia Dome's History

June 1984 - Business, Civic, and Government leaders begin talking about the possibility of constructing a new stadium in Atlanta.

November 1985 - Preliminary Study concludes domed stadium would be most feasible for Atlanta instead of renovating Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium for baseball and football.

October 1987 - The Georgia Stadium Corporation is formed by private investors.

December 1987 - The Georgia Stadium Corporation raises \$55 million, about half of the private sector financing needed to build the Georgia Dome.

January 1988 - Governor Harris, Mayor Andrew Young and Fulton County Commissioner Michael Lomax reach "consensus" on using hotel/motel tax increase to finance the local government portion of the project.

January 13, 1989 - Falcons owner Rankin Smith and Georgia Governor Joe Frank Harris sign a "memorandum of understanding" for the Falcons to play in the Georgia Dome under a 20 year lease agreement beginning in 1992.

February 2, 1989 - The state first approves the project (41-9).

June 5, 1989 - The Atlanta City Council unanimously (18-0) approves the \$210 million Georgia Dome.

June 7, 1989 - The Fulton County Commission unanimously votes (7-0) to clear the way for the facility.

November 22, 1989 - Groundbreaking ceremonies for the dome.

March 27, 1990 - Construction gets under way as NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue visits the site.

A SUPER EFFORT

In December of '89, an Atlanta Super Bowl task force went to New York to discuss the bid details with NFL officials and in January of '90, a group took notes at Super Bowl XXIV in New Orleans. On March 27, Commissioner Tagliabue visited the Georgia Dome for a survey and meeting, followed by an NFL-appointed architect to review the Dome plans. In late March, a draft of the bid was sent to New York to be reviewed by owners committeemen Norman Braman (Eagles), Mike Brown (Bengals) and Ralph Wilson (Bills). Formal bids were sent to the NFL in late April.

On May 23, 1990, the cities of Atlanta, New Orleans, Miami and Tampa Bay gave their final presentations on their bid to be host to the 1994 Super Bowl. Governor Joe Frank Harris, Mayor Maynard Jackson and Ted Sprague, president of the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, presented Atlanta's bid to the 28 NFL owners at the Four Seasons Resort in Dallas, Texas. After each city had given their 15 minute presentation, the NFL owners voted by secret ballot. Even though Atlanta's deal was not the most lucrative out of the other cities (Miami's was \$1.3 more in total), the owners voted 22-6 on the fourth ballot in favor of Atlanta. It was the quickest decision in naming a winner since 1984. In the balloting, Tampa was eliminated on the first ballot. A tie on the second vote could not eliminate any city. On ballot three, no one got the required 21 votes, with New Orleans being dropped as the low total. On the fourth ballot, Atlanta received the three-fourths majority. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue then declared Atlanta the host city for Super Bowl XXVIII in 1994 at the Press Conference at 5:20 p.m. EDT.



Rankin Smith (right) shows Commissioner Tagliabue plans for the Georgia Dome where Super Bowl XXVIII will be played.

FALCONS 1990 SCHEDULE

AWAY GAMES

Preseason

Sat., Aug. 11	Washington (at Chapel Hill, NC)	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 25	at Green Bay (Shrine Game-Milwaukee)	7:00 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 31	at New England	7:30 p.m.

Regular Season

Sun., Sept. 16	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23	at San Francisco	4:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 21	at Los Angeles	4:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 4	at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 11	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 25	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 2	at Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 16	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.

HOME GAMES

Preseason

Sat., Aug. 18	Cincinnati	7:00 p.m.
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Regular Season

Sun., Sept. 9	Houston	4:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 7	New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 14	San Francisco	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 28	Cincinnati	8:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 18	Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 9	Phoenix	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 23	Los Angeles	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 30	Dallas	1:00 p.m.

All Kickoffs are Atlanta time.

Falcons On The Air

For the sixth 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 its lineup of Larry Munson, Jeff Van Note, and Bobby Harper. The live action will be sent out over the five-state, 50-plus 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 44-year old worked with the Falcons preseason TV network in 1987 and did a weekly "Final Note" show for WAGA.

LARRY MUNSON, a tradition in area sports broadcasting returns for his third Falcon season. He has been the voice of the University of Georgia for the past 24 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 his sixth season.

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