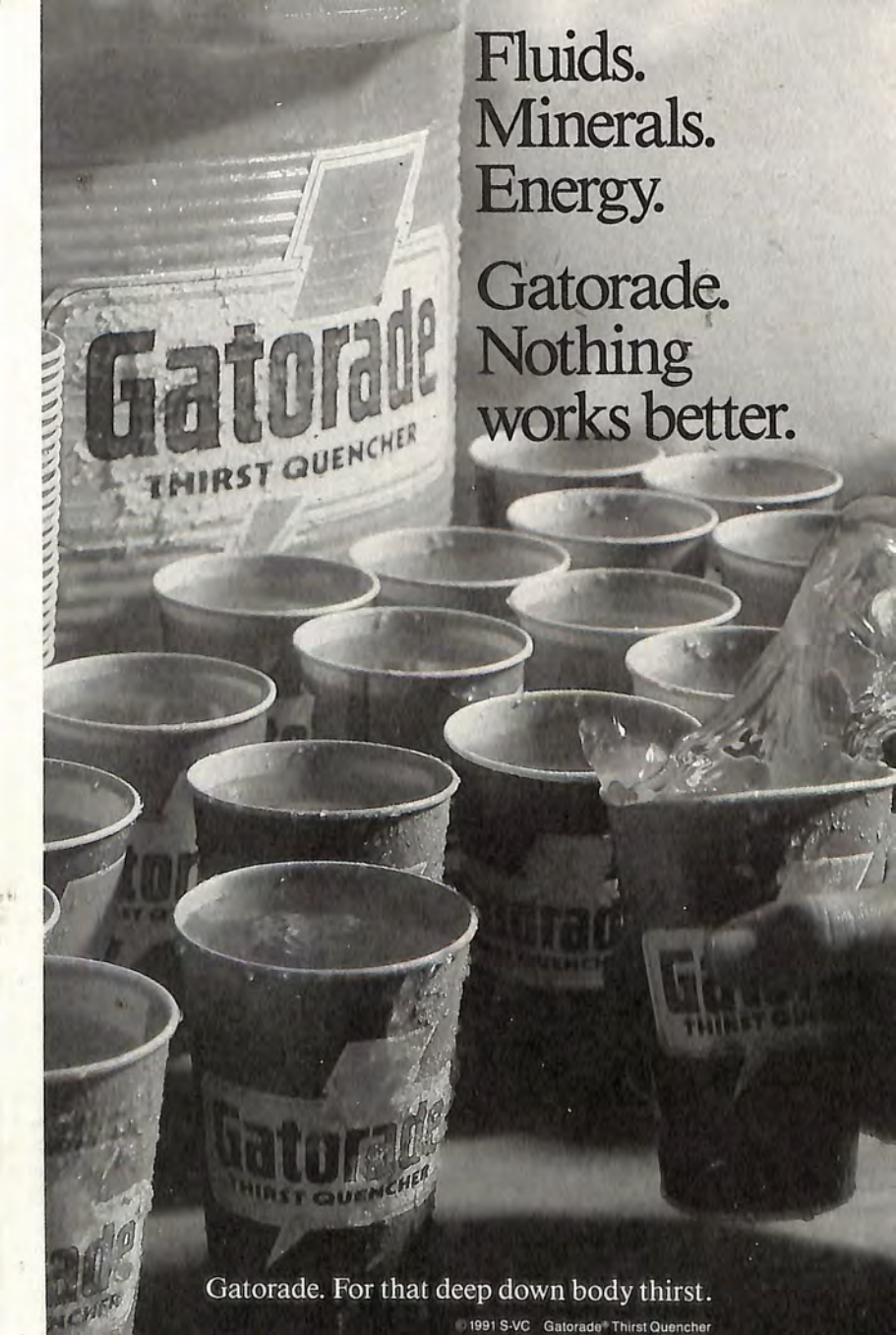


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'91 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

August 3	at L.A. Rams (Jacksonville, FL)	8:00 PM	WSB-TV
August 9	at Houston Oilers	8:00 PM	WSB-TV
August 17	TAMPA BAY	7:00 PM	WSB-TV*
August 23	at Dallas	9:00 PM	WSB-TV

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 1	at Kansas City	1:00 PM	CBS-TV
Sept. 8	MINNESOTA	1:00 PM	CBS-TV*
Sept. 15	at San Diego	4:00 PM	CBS-TV
Sept. 22	L.A. RAIDERS	1:00 PM	NBC-TV*
Sept. 29	NEW ORLEANS	1:00 PM	CBS-TV*
Oct. 6	Bye Weekend		
Oct. 13	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 PM	CBS-TV*
Oct. 20	at Phoenix	4:00 PM	CBS-TV
Oct. 27	L.A. RAMS	1:00 PM	CBS-TV*
Nov. 3	at San Francisco	4:00 PM	CBS-TV
Nov. 10	at Washington	1:00 PM	CBS-TV
Nov. 17	TAMPA BAY	1:00 PM	CBS-TV*
Nov. 24	at New Orleans	8:00 PM	ESPN
Dec. 1	GREEN BAY	1:00 PM	CBS-TV*
Dec. 8	at L.A. Rams	4:00 PM	CBS-TV
Dec. 15	SEATTLE	1:00 PM	NBC-TV*
Dec. 22	at Dallas	1:00 PM	CBS-TV

All Kickoffs Atlanta Time

*Televised only if sold out game.

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POSTSEASON

Dec. 28/29	First Round Playoffs	ABC-TV
Jan. 4/5	Divisional Playoffs	CBS-TV, NBC-TV
Jan. 12	Conference Championships	CBS-TV, NBC-TV
Jan. 26	Super Bowl XXVI, Minneapolis	CBS-TV
Feb. 2	Pro Bowl, Hawaii	ESPN

All eight regular season home games are scheduled for 1:00 P.M. kickoff time.

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BLACK ^{The} WAVE

“The Black Wave” defense (11 men to the ball carrier) led the NFL in stopping the run (3.3 per carry average) as they set a Falcons club record. Linebacker Jessie Tuggle led the Black Wave and the NFL with his 201 tackles.



FALCON FACTS

OFFICE/TRAINING FACILITY	Atlanta Falcons
(Mailing Address)	I-85 at Suwanee Road Suwanee, GA 30174 (404) 945-1111 FAX: (404) 271-1221
TICKET OFFICE	950 East Paces Ferry Road Suite 2920 Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 261-5400
HOME FIELD	Atlanta Fulton County Stadium Capacity: 59,643 Surface: Grass (PAT)
NFL SEASON	26th (Since '66 season)
TEAM COLORS	Black, Red, Silver & White

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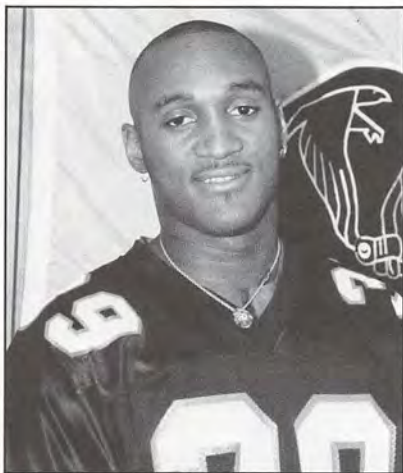
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DAY OF GAME: The Press Will Call Window (Gate G) opens two hours before kickoff. Enter through Gate F, take a right to the press elevator, then exit right off the elevator to the press box. The press box is open except during inclement weather when 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 12:30 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.

CLASS of '91



Speedy Nebraska CB Bruce Pickens

Going into Draft Day with 16 picks (most in the NFL), the Falcons acquired veteran CB Tim McKyer in a trade and then drew "A" grades from analysts coast-to-coast for their top selections.



Strong-arm QB Brett Favre



Elusive Colorado WR Mike Pritchard



Deion Sanders highstepped to a club record 79-yard TD punt return, while also returning two interceptions for TD's, making him the only Falcon to score three times on returns in a season. He's the only NFC player to return kicks and punts for 1,000+ yards the past two years.



Jessie Tuggle ("The Hammer") led the NFL with his 201 tackles for the #1 rush defense (3.3) in the NFL. The team tackle leader the past two seasons, the 26-year-old Tuggle already has over 500 in his career.



Chris Miller's 6,194 yards and 33 TD's the past two seasons are the Falcons' best since Bartkowski in 1980 and '81. He was an NFC Player of the Week for his 366-yard game vs. New Orleans.



Mike Rozier put his name in the Falcons book with a 67-yard run en route to a personal best 155-yard game. He rushed for over 100 yards in three of the final five games.

RECORD SETTERS



Pro Bowl WR Andre Rison set a club record with 82 catches, a club record with five 100-yard games, a club mark with four consecutive 100-yard games, and a club best with 30 catches in a three-game streak. His 10 TD's were second best in the NFL.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- *Only NFL club to score TD with both punt and kickoff return.*
- *Blocked 5 field goals (three by Tory Epps).*
- *Blocked 4 punts, deflected another, and twice tackled the punter before he could kick.*
- *Ranked fourth in NFC with 36.0 net punting average.*
- *Ranked second in NFC in kickoff coverage.*
- *Set club record with 79-yard punt return TD.*
- *Cover units forced three fumbles and recovered two.*
- *Falcons returned four kicks over 40 yards, allowed opponents none over 40 yards.*
- *Ranked first in NFC in kickoff return average.*
- *Successfully recovered an onside kick.*



A NEW HOME

THE GEORGIA DOME

- *Completion date, August, 1992.*
- *Located adjacent to Georgia World Congress Center downtown, near the Omni and CNN Center.*
- *Owned by the State of Georgia and managed by the Georgia World Congress Authority.*
- *70,500 football seating capacity with 203 luxury suites and 5,672 club seats for lease.*
- *Cost \$214 million, including land, with 8.6 acre fabric roof for cable supported Dome.*
- *Site of Super Bowl XXVIII, 1994; Olympics basketball and gymnastics, 1996; Peach Bowl; Conventions and trade shows.*



On May 1st, construction crews completed the massive concrete ring beam that will frame the Dome's 375,000 square-foot fabric roof, marking a milestone near the midpoint of construction. The roof will be placed over the Dome this fall.

IN the COMMUNITY

The Atlanta Falcons made over 700 area "appearances" last year, while charity efforts raised \$200,000 for dozens of causes. Since 1985, over 100 children's charities have benefitted from the Falcons Youth Foundation. NFL Charities has provided over \$10 million in grants since 1973. Once again, Falcon games will help with food drives and Toys for Tots area programs.

"Heroes of the Heart"

Deion & Friends
Celebrity Auction

ATLANTA
Sports Carnival

Wrapping Paper
Campaign for
Atlanta Day Shelter

GA. Council on
Child Abuse

"Special Teams Paint
With Special People"

Spina Bifida Roast

Hospital Visits

"Holiday Evening
With the Stars"

Charity Kickoff Luncheon

Festival of
Trees

Red Cross Blood Drive

"Team Up Against
Drugs"

GA. Special Olympics

Parades

Hemophilia Foundation

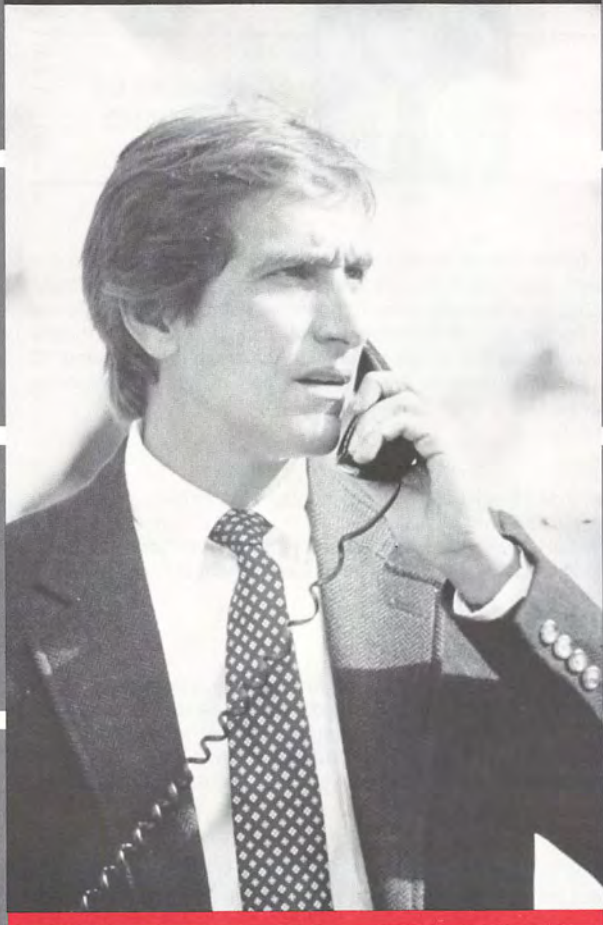
WINNERS

Chris Miller and Eric, an 11-year old Atlantan, teamed to produce a United Way spot that won a national "Telly" Award. Falcons players through the years have participated in these public service messages.

Players Bobby Butler, Scott Fulhage, Michael Haynes, Chris Miller, and Andre Rison also donated money to individual charities through on-field accomplishments.



FRONT OFFICE



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Rankin

SMITH

CHAIRMAN OF
THE BOARD

Personal

Born on October 29, 1924 in Atlanta, Rankin McEachern Smith took his middle name from his grandfather and co-founder of the Life Insurance Company of Georgia, John Newton McEachern. Smith's wife is the former Charlotte Lilliard Topping. He is the father of five children: Rankin Jr., Carrol Christine (Mrs. Donald Walraven), Dorothy Ann (Mrs. John O. Knox), Taylor, and Nancy Karen, and the proud grandfather of 12 children. Rankin and his wife reside in the northwest part of Atlanta, with other addresses in Thomasville, Ga. and Vero Beach, Fla.

Education

The Atlanta native attended North Fulton High School and Marist before competing on the football team at Bolle's School in Jacksonville, Fla. A stint at Emory University followed before he served his country as a combat pilot in the Army Air Corps (1942-45). After his tour ended in the military, he moved on to Georgia where he would room with future Gov. Carl Sanders.

Business

The enterprising Smith worked his way up the corporate ladder starting as an agent in Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1947 for the Life of Georgia Insurance Company. He returned to Atlanta in 1948 to accept the position of assistant manager. Rankin continued to climb until he earned the title of President and Chief Executive Officer in 1970. Five years later he was named Chairman of the Board and he retired from the business in 1977.

Sports

Smith's influence and respect among his fellow owners in the League paid huge dividends when it came time to pick a site for the highest profile sporting event in the world. The owners took into account Rankin's past loyalty and chose the city of Atlanta as the host for Super Bowl XXVIII in 1994. The award was a victory for Smith and the entire state of Georgia. "Mr. Smith has stood up for myself and other people around the League many times when we needed help," stated Giants owner Wellington Mara. "He's been a good League member." Browns owner Art Modell echoed those senti-

ments when he said, "He's been a great owner and it's been a great franchise city."

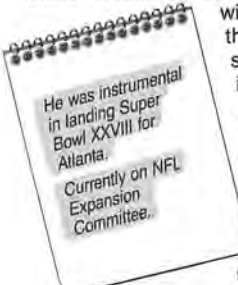
Rankin's first involvement in the sports business came as a member of Major Sports, Inc. The group turned into what is now known as the Stadium Authority, which would construct Fulton County Stadium. Atlanta was a hot market for a potential football franchise as the AFL granted a team to J. Leonard Reinsch of Cox Broadcasting on June 8, 1965. The NFL turned around and entertained bids from Mr. Smith, R. J. Reynolds Co., and Lindsey Hopkins. A winning bid of \$8.5 million from Mr. Smith on June 30 closed the books on the AFL attempt as the south ushered in a new NFL team.

Smith's club went to work in 1966 and tied a League record for a first-year franchise by tallying three victories as they set an NFL record for season ticket sales in their initial campaign. He's watched the Falcons compete in the Playoffs in 1978, 1980 and 1982 and hoist an NFC Western Division flag. The construction of the new Georgia Dome as well as the club's beautiful Suwanee, Ga. practice complex are testaments to Mr. Smith's commitment. As a tenant of the new Georgia Dome, he helped get a facility that will enable Atlanta to rank among the best cities in the U.S.

His tenure as an NFL owner has included being a co-Chairman of the Pension Committee for seven years and serving on the Finance Committee for eight straight seasons through 1990. Mr. Smith has also helped oversee the Management Council for six seasons with Vince Lombardi, Jim Finks and Art Modell. His time has also been split on the Coaches-Front Office Pension Committee. With 26 years as an NFL owner, he is in the top 10 in seniority among all his peers. This Spring, he was one of six owners named to the NFL Expansion Committee to discuss new cities as well as realignment.

Community

Realizing the need to form a partnership with the community, Mr. Smith has both donated his time and money to worthy causes around the state. For the past two years, Mr. Smith has been Chairman of the Board for the Fernbank Museum of Natural History. That makes him the chief fundraiser for the \$42 million, 150,000 sq. foot facility that will be the only one of its class in this part of the United States. Currently under construction, its opening is targeted for the fall of '92 and hopes to bring in world-class exhibits like the King Tut-type. He has given monetarily over \$6 million to a wide range of programs in the community. In 1985, the philanthropic Smith formed the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation to service the needs of children in the state and over the years it has supplied help to over 100 charitable causes. He plays an active role as a board member of the Fernbank Science Center, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Area Boy Scouts Council. He remains on the board of trustees at Georgia, Reinhardt College and Lovett. He has left his impression while sitting on the chairs of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, Department of Natural Resources, the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Chamber, and Central Atlanta Progress.



He was instrumental
in landing Super
Bowl XXVIII for
Atlanta.
Currently on NFL
Expansion
Committee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Rankin M. Smith
Chairman



Rankin M. Smith, Jr.



Taylor Smith



**Carrol
Smith Walraven**



Dorothy Smith Knox



Nancy Karen Smith



Marion H. Allen, III



Tom Watson Brown



Jim Hay



Ken Herock



W. Barrett Howell



John P. Imlay, Jr.



I.M. Sheffield, III



Frank Wall



Felker Ward

		<i>Taylor</i>
		SMITH
		PRESIDENT

Personal

The 38-year-old Taylor spent his first campaign as the club's president during the 1990 season. The Atlanta product was born in the south on May 3, 1953. He is the fourth of five Smith children. Taylor and his wife, Louise, have three children: Ryan (12), Sarah Brooks (10), and Rebecca (6), and the family resides in northwest Atlanta. An annual spectator at The Masters and Atlanta Classic, his "other" favorite sport is golf.

Education

He is a 1976 University of Georgia graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. He is an alumnus of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. In high school at Lovett, he was a member of the school's 1970 football state champions and he was awarded other letters in soccer and track.

Football Background

Taylor has experienced almost every facet of the organization up close. He began in the equipment room as a youth and then worked in public relations and the ticket office. His other responsibilities included selling suites and boxes at Fulton County Stadium and advertising. When he became Corporate Secretary in 1982 one of his duties was handling team travel. He was promoted to Executive-Vice President in 1986 and President on May 3, 1990. Taylor has never missed a Falcon training camp in 26 years. His job description now entails overseeing player contract negotiations, all football operations, and the day-to-day business of the organization. He is on the Pete Rozelle NFL Retirement Plan Committee.

Begins second year as President of the Club.

Helped in bringing Super Bowl XXVIII to Atlanta and in Falcons part of making Georgia Dome a first-class facility.

Community

His visibility in the community has increased each year. He is on the Visitors Board of Emory University, the Advisory Board of the U.S.O., on the Board of Directors for the Peach Bowl, and is active with the downtown Atlanta Rotary Club. Taylor also is one of the administrators of the Falcons Youth Foundation and is on the Board of the new St. Ives Country Club.

		<i>Jim</i>
		HAY
		VICE PRESIDENT and CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The hard working Jim Hay is a firm believer in getting the most out of each and every day. He follows that credo in every aspect of his life. And the Falcons are fortunate to have a person with his dedication on their first team.

Jim's first undertaking for the organization was the building of the team's practice facility. The final product turned heads in League circles and earned Hay more responsibility. The complex is well-known throughout the NFL as one of the League's finest facilities and it has been used as a model for other contemporary sites.

A native of Eagleville, TN, the 55 year-old will go to work for the club for his 13th season. His role has increased each year to the point where one of his main tasks is negotiating player contracts.

A law degree from Emory University, plus a substantial financial background, are Jim's tools when dealing with player agents. Hay also can fall back on his experiences as a player to add a different viewpoint to the discussions.

Has helped organize the building of the Falcons Practice Complex and has been their liaison in construction of Georgia Dome.

Holds law degree and negotiates all player contracts.

Hay was a catcher for the Atlanta Braves organization for eight seasons. He was signed to a professional baseball contract with the Atlanta Crackers after he impressed scouts in Japan while he was in the military. A four-time all-star, he enjoyed MVP seasons by hitting .307 with 95 RBI and 16 HR in Boise and countered with a .270 average, with 80 RBI and 15 HR, in Panama City. Jim's seasoning also included being the battery mate for famous knuckleballer Phil Niekro in Jacksonville and Austin. Other teammates included Paul Synder, Rico Carty, and Tommy Aaron.

Jim has also been busy serving as management's liaison with the construction of the Georgia Dome.

A devout family man, he and his wife, Molly, have three children, Micki, Christie, and Jimmy. The Hays recently moved into a new home in Suwanee.

		<i>Ken</i>
		HEROCK
		VICE PRESIDENT OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

Ken Herock enters his fourth season in charge of the Falcons player personnel department. Whether it's pulling off a major trade, like the deal with the Colts, landing Pro Bowlers Andre Rison, Chris Hinton, and '91 #1 pick WR Mike Pritchard, or making a key acquisition like claiming last year's top tackling defensive back in the NFL, S Brian Jordan, off waivers, Herock will find a way to upgrade the Falcons.

The additions of 1991 draft selections CB Bruce Pickens, Pritchard, QB Brett Favre and NT Moe Gardner were greeted with high marks from media around the country. But for Herock, the job doesn't end with the draft. The 50-year old Munhall, PA, product is involved in many more duties in the day-to-day football operations of the club.

Ken's background is steeped in the successful tradition of the Silver & Black of the Raiders. A former Raider tight end under Al Davis, he started five seasons in Oakland, including an appearance in Super Bowl II vs the mighty Packers. During his playing days he was surrounded by such names as Art Shell, Tom Flores, George Blanda, Fred Biletnikoff, Jim Otto, and Willie Brown. His scouting experience began with that organization in 1970. Herock was named Director of Player Personnel for the Raiders in 1975 before leaving to take over player personnel of one of the NFL's newest franchises in Tampa Bay.

While with the Buccaneers, the ex-West Virginia TE built the fledgling franchise into a contender after four years of drafts as they advanced to the NFC Championship game in 1979. Some of his picks were QB Doug Williams, LB Hugh Green and RB James Wilder.

His keen eye for talent has included such "finds" as last year's eighth round choice and unanimous ALL-NFL Rookie NT Tory Epps (84 tackles, 3 sacks, 3 blocked kicks). Ken's handiwork has also been displayed in the form of sixth round selection G Houston Hoover (40 starts in three years, All-NFL rookie) and seventh round pick WR Michael Haynes (84-1, 358-16.2 avg. in 41 games).

Herock's influence has been felt as a member of the NFL's College Relations Committee and he was responsible for initiating the first college Combine workouts in Tampa. A hands-on scout, a majority of Ken's time is spent on college campuses. He and his wife, Barry, are the parents of two son's, Kenny and Shaun. Shaun plays center for the Richmond football Spiders.

Made a major trade on last three draft days.

On NFL's College Relations Committee and a forerunner of the Combine Workouts.



CHUCK CONNOR
Director of Pro Scouting

A capable NFL veteran, Connor concentrates his efforts in the areas of pro scouting. His duties entail grading NFL players, the coordination of player tryouts, and evaluation of free agents during the Plan B period. The Stone Mountain, Ga., product was added to the Falcons roster in 1989 after serving as the Director of Player Personnel for the Dolphins for 11 seasons. A former employee for the League's scouting service at BLESTQ, Chuck worked heavily on the annual draft in Miami, so is very familiar with pro talent.



ELBERT DUBENION
Scout

A native of Griffin, Ga., Dubenion broke into the League as a scout for his former team, the Buffalo Bills in 1968. He also graded players for the Miami Dolphins from 1979-83 and was Don Shula's assistant in player personnel in 1984. As a player, "Golden Wheels" set numerous club records in nine seasons for the Bills such as most receptions, yards and consecutive games with a catch. Pro Bowler Andre Reed recently broke his mark for most TD's in a career. He was named to Buffalo's All-Time Silver Anniversary team. Elbert came to the Falcons as part of Herock's first team five years ago.



DANNY MOCK
Administrative Assistant

Mock will embark on his fifth campaign as an integral part of the player personnel team. As a liaison with the Falcons scouts, coaching staff, and pro personnel, Danny's responsibilities include such wide ranging things as daily transactions with the NFL office and overseeing scout's visits to colleges across the country. The local product from Duluth, Ga., also spends countless hours on preparation for Falcons yearly college draft. His face has been seen at the Suwanee, Ga., complex since 1980. He has labored in the film department and as the Assistant Video Director before being elevated to his present position. He and his wife, Holly, and one-year-old, Elizabeth, reside in Duluth.



BILL GROMAN
Scout

Groman has been around pro football since 1960 when he broke into the AFL with the Houston Oilers. His scouting experience started with the Buffalo Bills in 1967 and has extended to four other teams: Chargers, Oilers, Bengals, and Buccaneers, besides the Falcons. He moved to Tampa Bay in its first years as an expansion franchise with Ken Herock and came to Atlanta with Herock in 1987. During his playing days, Groman teamed up with Hall of Famer George Blanda as a formidable battery pair. The former AFL star still holds Oiler records for his seven straight 100-yard games and a rookie total of 1,473 yards. Groman was also the Player Personnel Director for the Houston Gamblers of the USFL.



BILL BAKER
Scout

After spending six seasons coordinating the defense for the University of Richmond, Baker changed direction and began recruiting talent at the professional level for the Falcons in 1989. He can draw on his own experiences as a standout player for Tennessee of the SEC. Bill was a running back and returner for the Volunteers, who performed on three teams which advanced to the Cotton, Orange and Gator Bowls. He is used to traveling around the country looking for players because he held coaching duties at Louisville, Wichita State, Austin Peay, North Alabama and at his alma mater. A southerner by birth, Baker's first shot at coaching came at nearby Sandy Springs H.S. in Atlanta.



DICK CORRICK
Scout

The experienced Corrick switches organizations and heads into his first season in Atlanta after four years as the Oilers Director of College Scouting. His association with Ken Herock dates back over 20 years. His first NFL assignment came in 1971 as a scout for the Packers. He was promoted to Director of Pro Personnel at Green Bay and later served as Director of Player Personnel before leaving for Houston. The California native also has a coaching background that spans three colleges, Iowa State, Arizona State and California. He was a center and linebacker for former NFL Coach Tommy Prothro at Oregon State.



SCOTT CAMPBELL
Scout

Campbell is in his second year as a member of the Falcons scouting team. Scott is no stranger to the organization as he fulfilled the role of Administrative Assistant for three years under Coach Marion Campbell. The scouting trails aren't new territory for Campbell for he received his apprenticeship in his expanded duties during his final stint in coaching. His football background includes a National Championship ring in 1980 from Georgia and a trio of SEC titles as an offensive lineman for the Bulldogs. The Shawnee High School product broke into coaching as a graduate assistant for conference rival Auburn in 1985. He and his wife, Cindy, were recently blessed with their first child, Courtney.



WALLACE NORMAN
Controller

Norman is settling into his second season as the club's financial Controller. He was the first minority in the NFL to advance to his present position in Feb. of 1990. Wallace, who hails from Atlanta, holds an M.B.A. in finance and his degree in political science from Georgia. A graduate of Henry Grady High, he worked for Federal Express as an associate financial analyst prior to joining the NFL. He continues to earn credits for his Masters at Georgia State in accounting.



TOM ATCHESON
Video Director

Atcheson's job description calls for him to be responsible for shooting, processing and editing all Falcon practices and games for coaches. He has been handling those chores for the team since 1979. He converted the club's Suwanee Complex over to a film processing lab and also instituted the change to video tape. The southerner from Dallas, Ga., reveled in Georgia Tech's football National Championship last year because he used to work for the Yellow Jackets as a photographer. His early stints also carried him to the campus of Auburn.



JACK RAGSDALE
Director of Ticket Operations

Ragsdale will usher out an old stadium and welcome a new home as he is making ticket preparations for the opening of the Georgia Dome in 1992. Besides his regular duties, Jack has been overseeing the construction plans for the ticket office's move to the new facility. A retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, he joined the Falcons forces in 1985. His 20-year military career included recognition of bravery with the award of the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star. The North Georgia College degree holder also served a tour of duty in Vietnam.



RUSSELL TURNER
Assistant Video Director

Turner will begin his initial NFL season after working in the new WLAF. Russell was the Video Director for the champion playoff London Monarchs during the spring. The 30-year-old Cinematography graduate from Stephen F. Austin was an intern for the Dallas Cowboys during training camp last year. Prior to that, he processed game film for his alma mater for three years. He has been a TV reporter in Louisiana and a photographer for the Shreveport Americans of the AFA as well as a cameraman for the Giants minor league baseball club.



LUCI BAILEY
Assistant Director of Ticket Operations

Bailey has been associated with the Falcons franchise since 1967. Her first role with the organization came in ticket sales, where she was also helping out the Braves. Luci ended her duties in baseball in 1972 and signed on with the Falcons on a full-time basis. The Waycross, Ga., product's responsibilities have grown through the years until she was promoted to Assistant Director in 1985.



TOMMY NOBIS
Director of Marketing

"Mr. Falcon" will be directing the club's marketing efforts for his seventh year after a heralded gridiron career. A five-time Pro Bowl linebacker for the birds, Nobis wore a Falcon uniform from 1966-76. The team's first draft pick came to Atlanta after garnering the Outland Trophy as a two-time All-America for the Texas Longhorns. One of the most visible sports celebrities in the state, Tommy is a member of the Hall of Fame of Texas and Georgia. His extensive community work also entails coordinating the efforts of the Falcons Youth Foundation.



CHARLIE TAYLOR
Director of Public Relations

Taylor enters his 16th NFL season (5th Atlanta, 11 Redskins) since being a Sports Information Director at his alma mater, Fairmont State (W.Va.) College, where he won three national publication awards. The PR specialist continues to oversee media relations, TV/radio network responsibilities, publications and printing duties, photography needs, community affairs, special projects, creative design tasks, and club events, among other duties. Chairing the NFL Films Committee and assisting the NFL in staffing Super Bowls, Taylor also has earned two Super Bowl rings and a Pro Bowl watch for his efforts.



FRANK KLEHA
Assistant Director of Public Relations

Kleha became a Falcons staffer back in 1987 after working in the Sports Information Office at George Mason University and with the Washington Redskins. Frank, who hails from ACC basketball country in North Carolina, graduated from GMU with a Communications degree. He was the SID for the top priority sports at his Division I alma mater and he also labored in the Redskins PR office from 1984-87. Kleha continues to help oversee the team's travel plans in addition to his other duties.



CAROL BREEDING
Director of Community Relations

Breeding will take on the diverse demands of the community for her second consecutive season. A fixture in the Falcons organization since 1973, Carol has held many responsibilities in her tenure and has worked in the areas of public relations and marketing. She continues to coordinate the Falcons cheerleader program and also has a hand in entertainment. Among the many duties of the Auburn graduate are handling Coach Glanville's speaking engagements and player and coaches appearances.



JERRY RHEA
Trainer

One of the most prominent names in the world of athletic training, Rhea will be on the sidelines tending to Falcon players for his 23rd season this year. The former Aggie from Texas A&M has been in the NATA Hall of Fame since 1985. A popular speaker, Jerry was voted by his peers, Trainer of the Year, twice in his prosperous career and served one term as the association's president. The Ennis, Texas native has been surrounded by the likes of such legends as George Allen, Paul Bryant and Norm Van Brocklin. His NFL career started with the Rams in 1967.



WHITEY ZIMMERMAN
Equipment Manager

"Zeke" is a venerable "original" of the Falcons organization, having been associated with the club since it played its first game back in 1966. The 29-year NFL veteran has issued equipment for every one of the Falcon greats like Nobis, Humphrey, Andrews, Bartkowski, Van Note, among many others. He also put out uniforms for Larry Wilson, Charley Johnson, Pat Fischer, and John David Crow, while seeing action in 60 games with the Cardinals from 1962-65. Whitey has been hailed the Equipment Manager of the Year two times in his long and distinguished career. A big baseball and hockey fan, he was also the bat boy for the old St. Louis Browns.



BILLY BROOKS
Assistant Trainer

Brooks is the rehabilitation specialist for the Falcons. His arduous work with former Pro Bowler William Andrews is well documented in NFL circles. His latest projects have included work with LBers Michael Reid and John Rade. The Masters degree holder is the Vice Chairman on the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers. Billy has taught classes for Georgia State in the field of training and is active in the NATA. The Garland, TX native began his pro career in 1980 with the New Orleans Saints.



HORACE DANIEL
Assistant Equipment Manager

Daniel has been at Zimmerman's side taking care of the team's equipment needs for the past 24 years. A lifelong product of Atlanta, Horace has missed only two games in his time in the League. He will have mixed emotions as the Falcons play their final season in Fulton County Stadium because he helped build the structure as a member of the Stadium Authority. Daniel has two children, Kim and Ken, and is a proud grandfather.

FALCON STAFF



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Ticket Office
Secretary



Jan Zeller
Marketing

CHARTING THE 1990 IMPROVEMENT

OFFENSE

	NFL Rank		
	1989	1990	Jump
Total Offense	24	10	+14
Points Scored	22	10t	+12
Passing	10	6	+4
Time of Poss.	27	8	+19
Rushing	28	21	+7
TD's Scored	26t	9t	+17
TD's Passing	22t	11t	+11
TD's Returns	27t	1	+26

DEFENSE

	NFL Rank		
	1989	1990	Jump
Total Defense	28	19	+9
Rush Defense	28	3	+25
Points	28	21	+7
Takeaways	22	5	+17
3rd Down Conv.	28	3	+25
Per Rush Avg.	25t	10t	+15
Fewest TD's Rush	28	10t	+18
Fewest 1st Downs	27t	20	+7

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Jerry Glanville
Assistant Head Coach/Defense	Doug Shively
Assistant Head Coach/Offense	June Jones
Secondary	Jimmy Carr
Strength & Conditioning	Tim Jorgensen
Defensive Line	Bill Kollar
Offensive Line	Keith Rowen
Wide Receivers	Jimmy Robinson
Running Backs	Ollie Wilson
Special Teams/Tight Ends	Bobby April

COACHES



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		<i>Jerry</i>
		GLANVILLE
		HEAD COACH

Jerry Glanville was definitely disappointed at his team's 5-11 record last year, but he wasn't discouraged by the effort put forth by his troops. The hustling, hitting Falcons of Glanville improved in various statistical categories in 1990, up from the club's 1989 performance.

The biggest jump came in rush defense where the Falcons **led the League by allowing 3.3 yards per attempt**. Glanville's "Black Wave" attack also improved in third down conversions allowed, takeaways, points, and total defense, among others. The "Red Gun" offense rose in the areas of time of possession, total offense, points scored, and passing, to name a few. A Glanville specialty, the Falcons special teams were among the best in the League.

In one of their largest gains of the year, the birds rediscovered the meaning of "home field advantage." Fans appreciated the play of the aggressive Falcons under Glanville as they soldout 6 of 8 home games and posted a 5-3 record, the best since 1980.

Before coming back to Atlanta, the 49-year-old coach turned around the fortunes of the Houston Oilers. In his second year at the helm, the team from Texas enjoyed their first winning season in six years as they advanced to the Playoffs with a 9-6 record in 1987. Two back-to-back post-season bids followed, which made the Oilers one of only four NFL teams to compete in the Playoffs three straight years (1987-89).

Glanville's only two non-winning seasons as a head coach came in the first year of his rebuilding process.

As Atlanta's Defensive Coordinator and secondary coach from 1977-82, he was a part of three Playoff teams and an NFC Western Division champion. His work with the defense is still chronicled in the annals of the Falcons record book.

- The "Gritz Blitz" defense set an NFL record for fewest points allowed in season with 129 in 14 games in 1977.
- Defensive club bests were established 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 Cleve, Lost Buff
1989	Houston	9-7 Wild Card - Lost Pitt in OT
1990	Atlanta	5-11
Total	38-43 Three Playoffs, 2-3	

A Detroit, Michigan native, Glanville attended Perrysburg (Ohio) High School and went on to play football at Northern Michigan. Let's take a look at the resume of one of the NFL's most popular and colorful coaches.

PERSONAL:

- Born: Oct. 14, 1941; Detroit
- Age: 49
- College: 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 14 years; son, Justin (8/5/82)

COACHING CAREER:

- Atlanta Falcons, Head Coach
- Hired by Ken Herock on January 14, 1990
- Houston Oilers, Head Coach, 1986-89
- Def. Coordinator, 1984-85
- 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)

OFF THE FIELD INTERESTS

Community

Visits children's hospitals weekly during the season, coordinated charity concert for children's charities for second straight year, commands big audience as speaker.

Racing

Competes in NHRA celebrity drags every year, only losing once in the past three seasons (31-1). Attends Indy 500 as an A.J. Foyt fan. Attended NASCAR Fast Track School at Atlanta Speedway this past June. Driving at 175 mph, Glanville qualified for a March Winston Cup race.

Cars/Motorcycles

He owns two restored, black 1950 Mercurys. Alternates driving a 1991 Black convertible Corvette, a Dodge Van and the new Black Stealth to work. Also owns a Harley Davidson Low Rider that he drag races.

Music

An avid country music fan, he loves to attend concerts. Friends with Kris Kristofferson, Travis Tritt, Jerry Jeff Walker and John Cougar Mellencamp, among others. Raises money for charity through a yearly benefit concert.

Unusual Office

In what would qualify as one of the most unusual offices anywhere in America, Glanville's constantly changing decor includes: a posterboard of photos of kids he's visited in hospitals; as a strong military backer, he has a black helicopter fighter pilot's helmet (with Falcon logo) worn during Operation Desert Storm, and an autographed photo with thanks from USS Saratoga and one from Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf; as a fan of James Dean and Elvis Presley, part of his collection includes a life-size cut-out of Dean, sunglasses worn by both, a bust of "The King," and a Georgia Dome hard hat personalized for Elvis; Glanville family photos, including one with Governor Zell Miller and his wife; a model car collection that includes a '50 Mercury, a James Dean Porsche, a Corvette and T-Bird; a license plate collection that includes a Tennessee plate "1-Elvis," a Hawaii plate "1-Elvis," and a pair of Texas plates, "4-Elvis," and "James Dean"; autographed photos from musician friends; ticket stubs from the Farm Aid IV Concert, where he was on the stage with John Cougar Mellencamp; and his Falcons and Houston Oilers playoff games; a proclamation from Mayor of Houston for "Jerry Glanville Appreciation Day," Jan. 31, 1990; and a framed letter "W" from Western Kentucky; an autographed poster and black Mello Yello cap from race driver Kyle Petty; his black cowboy hat; his boom-box for his CDs; and a reminder plaque, "A man once complained he had no shoes, until he met a man who had no feet."

NOTES

- Roommate of Cardinals Head Coach Joe Bugel at Western Kentucky. Bugel, a full-time assistant who made \$4,700 a year, invited Glanville, a part-timer who earned \$30 a month, to live with him in a one bedroom log cabin. Glanville slept on newspapers on the floor. They diagrammed plays on pizza boxes at night. Glanville was once demonstrating bump-and-run tactics for his defense when he called Bugel over to help out. With players looking on the aggressive session turned into a fight, but the pair went home that night as if nothing happened. Other duties at Western Kentucky included Glanville instructing the women's bowling team and Bugel teaching first aid to the college women.
- At Perrysburg High, Jerry was one of the school's catchers on the baseball team, while current Pittsburgh Pirates skipper, Jim Leyland, was one of the team's best football players.
- His past occupations have included working on a loading dock at a General Mills plant making \$110 a week in Toledo, Ohio, and on a factory assembly line at a Chevrolet transmission plant. He also was a welding inspector on the Colonial pipeline across the Carolinas.





DOUG SHIVELY

Assistant Head Coach/Offense

Shively's defense was the toughest to run against in the NFL last season, surrendering only an average of 3.3 yards per carry. His unit also improved from 1989 in the areas of 3rd down conversions, points, total defense and take-aways. Besides coordinating the defense, he also works with the LB's. Doug was part of the Falcons staff during the team's three playoff years, including the NFC West champs of 1980. He helped build the "Grits Blitz" defense which established a League mark for fewest points in a 14-game season with 129. He came back to Atlanta after a stint with Glanville in Houston which saw the Oilers advance to post season play three straight years. The veteran coach entered the NFL with Hank Stram's Saints in 1974 and has been on the sidelines for the Chargers and Buccaneers. His pro experience has also included head coaching duties with the Arizona Wranglers of the USFL.



JUNE JONES

Assistant Head Coach/Offense

Jones is reunited with Glanville and heads back home to a team he played for from 1977-1981. June spent the last two years as Quarterbacks and Receivers coach with the Lions. The bright and innovative Jones worked with the "Silver Stretch" offense in Detroit. Prior to his experiences in the motor city, he was Glanville's Quarterbacks coach from 1987-88. Together the pair developed the "Red Gun," four-wide receiver offense, that the Falcons employ today. During his stay in Houston, Jones also helped develop CFL product Warren Moon into a Pro Bowl quarterback. With the "Red Gun" attack, the Oilers '88 offense was the second highest scoring unit in the League with an average of 26.5 points per game. The former two-time All-America at Portland State held coaching stopovers at Toronto of the CFL, Hawaii, and Houston Gamblers before the NFL called.



JIMMY ROBINSON

Wide Receivers

Robinson's first year in the NFL was rewarding for one of his pupils, Andre Rison, who was voted into the Pro Bowl and broke several records, like most catches in a season. Jimmy moved over to the pro ranks from Georgia Tech where he is logged three years in the Yellow Jacket program under Bobby Ross. Although he was new to the NFL coaching fraternity a year ago, it wasn't his first taste in the League. He competed for the Broncos, 49ers, and Giants in his playing career, besides a time with his hometown Falcons in 1975. An Atlanta product, he was dubbed "Mr. Excitement" at Tech for his exploits at Grant Field and was voted into the school's Hall of Fame.



OLLIE WILSON

Running Backs

Wilson is new to the Falcons staff but is no stranger. He spent the summer of 1990 coaching in Atlanta like he had in previous years under Glanville as part of a League-wide minority fellowship. Ollie tutored running backs for the University of California-Berkeley for three years and also taught the Golden Bears secondary and receivers in a career which reached eight years. He was also the academic liaison for the coaching staff at Cal. As the offensive coordinator at Northeastern, he developed players like TE Dan Ross, who went on to become an All-Pro with the Bengals. Wilson is a graduate of Springfield College and served as the director of the Black Coaches Association.



KEITH ROWEN
Offensive Line

The Falcons special teams coach last year, Rowen will direct the birds offensive line in 1991. Atlanta will be looking for the same kind of improvement out of the line which the special teams received from Rowen's attention. It won't be new territory for Keith because he assisted with the line for the Colts from 1985-88. He also was an academic All-America at guard for Stanford in college. The intense Rowen was the special teams mentor of the Patriots in 1989 and with the Colts for four seasons. He broke into the League as running backs coach for the Cleveland Browns in 1984 after a stay with the Breakers of the USFL. He earned his masters and later completed a doctorate degree from Southern Cal.



JIMMY CARR
Secondary

Carr is the senior member of the staff with over 30 years of NFL experience as a player and coach. Jimmy coached the secondary of the New England Patriots from 1985-89 under Raymond Berry. His other pro stops in his 21 years on the job have included the 49ers ('78), Bills ('77), Lions ('75-'76), Eagles ('70-'72), Bears ('73-'74, '69) and Vikings ('66-'68, '79-'81). "Gummy" played on the Eagles 1960 World Championship team as a cornerback. He also performed on the playing field for the Redskins and Cardinals and before his career was over would play four different positions on those three teams.



BILL KOLLAR
Defensive Line

Kollar begins his second year coaching the Falcons line after coming over from the college ranks. His unit played a big role in the team's improved rush defense which was the best in the League. One of his linemen, NT Tory Epps, was a unanimous All-NFL rookie selection. Bill was defensive ends and special teams coach for Purdue and Illinois in previous teaching stints. As a player, he was the first product of the Big Sky conference to be drafted in the first round when he was tabbed by the Bengals in 1974. He performed in 109 games in the League, including five years with the Bucs. His initial coaching position came with Tampa Bay as he worked with the defensive line and special teams in 1984.

Playoff Format Expanded

The NFL owners voted to expand the number of teams making post season play from ten teams to twelve teams in 1990. 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. 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.



TIM JORGENSEN
Strength & Conditioning

Jorgensen embarks on his seventh NFL season after breaking into the pros with Philadelphia. He was named the Eagles first Strength coach in franchise history in 1984. From his office in the Falcons weight room, Tim supervises every aspect of each player's physical development. He coordinated the club's second year of conditioning during the offseason "Operation Headstart" program. He is a popular instructor at clinics and seminars throughout Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia, teaching proper training techniques. The ex-football and track standout at Southwest Missouri State is an active member of the NSCCA and is the former strength coordinator at LSU.



BOBBY APRIL
Special Teams/Tight Ends

April enters his first pro coaching assignment after a successful tour of duty at the collegiate level. Bobby was the secondary and kicking game coordinator at Southern Cal for four seasons under Larry Smith. He taught the likes of All-America and NFL Rookie of the Year, Mark Carrier, of the Bears. Before moving with Smith to USC the pair worked together at Arizona (1980-86) and Tulane (1979). At Arizona, April coached the defensive line and secondary as well as coordinating the kicking game. A defensive end and linebacker at Nicholls State, he holds a Masters degree from Southern Mississippi.

All-Time Assistant Coaches Roster

April, Bobby	1991	Fry, Bob	1967-68	North, John	1977-82
Barnes, Billy Ray	1971-74		1983-84	Orr, Jimmy	1975-76
Beightol, Larry	1985-86	Gilmer, Harry	1970-74	Phillips, Jim (Red)	1968
Brasher, Tommy	1986-89	Glanville, Jerry	1977-82	Plumb, Ted	1977-79
Bruney, Fred	1969-76		1990-91	Puetz, Garry	1983-85
	1986-89	Griffin, Bob	1969-74	Putnam, Duane	1969-74
Campbell, Marion	1969-74	Groh, Al	1987	Rauch, John	1975
	1986-89	Hanifan, Jim	1987-89	Raye, Jimmy	1980-82
Campbell, Scott	1987-89		(head coach 4 games)		1987-89
Carpenter, Lew	1967-68	Harrison, Bob	1983-86	Robinson, Jimmy	1990-91
Carr, Jimmy	1990-91	Herring, Hal	1966-68	Rossley, Tom	1990
Champion, Jim	1977-79	Humphrey, Claude	1987-89	Rowen, Keith	1990-91
Christiansen, Jack	1983	Jackson, Bobby	1983-86	Sekanovich, Dan	1983-85
Clausen, Chuck	1986-89	Jobko, Bill	1968	Sherman, Ray	1990
Crutchfield, Bill	1967	Jones, June	1991	Shively, Doug	1977-82
Crosby, Steve	1983-84	Jorgensen, Tim	1987-91		1990-91
	1986-89	Khayat, Ed	1975-76	Stanley, Jim	1980-82
Dickson, George	1966	Kollar, Bill	1990-91	Stanton, Jack	1984-85
Dostal, George	1983-86	Lavan, Al	1975-76	Symank, John	1966-68
Dowhower, Rod	1987-89	Madden, Joe	1985-86	Walsh, Bill	1975-82
Ecklund, Brad	1966-67	Marshall, John	1983-85	Wilson, Ollie	1991
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		

PLAYERS



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Oliver
BARNETT

Kentucky - 2nd Year
 Ht.: 6'3" Wt. 285
 Born: 4-9-66

Acquisition: 1990 Draft, 3rd
 Round, 55th Overall

DEFENSIVE LINE**Last Season**

Oliver proved to be a capable back-up and situational player along the defensive line in his first season in Atlanta. He saw action in 15 of 16 games, with one start, missing only the Eagles game with a back injury. He replaced DE Mike Gann (foot) early in the contest at Cleveland and responded with a career-high four solo tackles and a batted ball. Barnett's lone start came in the victory over the Bengals in Week 8, where he collected three tackles and a QB pressure. Oliver also made three tackles each in back-to-back games against Division rival 49ers and Rams (Weeks 6 & 7) en route to his 21 on the season.

College

Steady Barnett set a Wildcat school record with 26 QB sacks and finished with 271 tackles, 43 behind the line of scrimmage. He started 33 straight games at the Lexington, KY school (every one since 1987) and was an All-SEC choice and second team AP All-America as a senior, where he totaled 86 tackles, seven sacks, and 14 tackles for a minus 50 yards in losses. He was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week for his 12 solo tackles, 3 sacks, and a forced fumble in a win over Vanderbilt. His best sack season came as a junior when he got to the quarterback at least one time in six consecutive games and nine times overall.

Notebook

Hobby is collecting comic books.

Set Kentucky record for QB sacks as well as weight lifting records.

If Oliver had listened to his mother, Hattie, he would have played basketball, the preferred sport of the state of Kentucky, rather than football. It seems Oliver had suffered a head injury as a youth, which tempered Hattie's attitude towards her son's continuing career on the gridiron. This late bloomer's career didn't start until his junior season at Jefferson (KY) High School. Oliver made up for lost time though as he paced his senior class with 56 tackles and 13 sacks on the way to earning All-State and All-District honors. Barnett's spare time is spent in the weight room. He broke every school lifting record at Kentucky including the bench press (420 lbs.), squat (850 lbs.), clean jerk (385 lbs.), and combined lifting (1,655 lbs.).

Personal

"Ollie" is only nine hours short of receiving his college degree in social work and took two classes at Georgia State and some correspondence courses from Kentucky this offseason. Oliver Wesley

Barnett was born to Sam and Hattie Mack on April 9, 1966 in the Bluegrass state in the city of Louisville. He enjoys collecting comic books and playing chess and lists "The Untouchables" as his favorite movie.

Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Team	Tackles		Assists	Sacks	Pressures	FF	FR
			No.	Solo					
1990	15/1	All	21	10	11	0	3	0	0

65		 BINGHAM
		CENTER
Montana - 12th Year Ht.: 6'3" Wt. 260 Born: 2-25-58		
Acquisition: Trade with NY Jets on August 4, 1989 for 7th round draft pick		

Last Season

Guy continued to perform his long snapping duties flawlessly again in '90 and was a force in kick coverage. The Falcons did not allow an opponent to block or muff any of their kicks last year due to a helping hand (and snap) from Bingham. His accurate and quick snaps allowed K Greg Davis to total the third-best mark ever in Falcon history with 106 points on 22-33 FG's and a perfect 40 straight PAT's. Bingham was also part of the tandem which helped Davis boot a career-best 53 yard FG against Philadelphia. Guy's playing time was limited to just special teams as he came up with nine stops to rank tied for ninth on the squad.

Pro Career

Bingham was acquired by the Falcons at the beginning of the '89 training camp for a seventh round pick from the Jets when the birds were in need of a long snapper and depth in the offensive line. He's filled in along the line and provided stability in the crucial snapping department. Guy has logged time in 157 NFL games, with 32 starts, and hasn't missed an outing since coming to Atlanta. The proficient Bingham has seen his snaps play a role in Falcon kickers hitting 70 consecutive PAT's and make good on 69% of their field goals over the last two years. His special team highlights include Paul McFadden's two, 50+ yard FG's versus the Bills in '89, with the last coming with seconds left to secure the upset, and Davis longs of 53, 51, 46, 46, and a streak of connecting on 19 of his last 20 three-pointers, inside 40 yards. The All-NFL rookie guard has also snapped for longtime Jets kicker Pat Leahy's career longs and string of consecutive PAT's. His duties on the line have witnessed time at right and left guard besides his presence at center, where he registered a career-high 11 starts for the Jets in '87.

Notebook

Veteran of 157
NFL games
since being '80
all-NFL rookie.
"Army brat"
who was born in
Japan.

Guy's specialized responsibilities were actually the subject of an article in an Atlanta newspaper last season which introduced the public to the nuances of his particular skill. Even without the publicity, the former 10th round draft choice has two admirers who always appreciate his unique ability; namely Falcons punter and kicker. "The snap is so important because it sets up the rest of the kick," noted P Scott Fulhage. "You've got to have confidence in the snapper that he's not going to send it too high or behind you. Guy is fast and smooth and his snaps are easy to handle." Bingham gives credit to ex-teammate Joe Fields, and former coaches Larry Pasquale and Jim Ringo, for his refined mechanics.

College

Bingham's active college career included being moved from guard to center to tackle and back to center. He showed his versatility by winning honors at two positions with an all-conference season at tackle as a junior and an All-Big Sky selection at center as a senior. A four-year starter for the Grizzlies of Montana, Guy used his time to graduate with a degree in physical education.

Personal

A product of Aberdeen, Washington, he grew up in an Army family so traveling was a way of life. He saw the Orient as a youth as his listed birthplace is Koiaumi Gumma Ken, Japan. His father is a retired U.S. Army sergeant. The former All-State football star and all-conference basketball player enjoys the beautiful backdrop of scenic Montana, where he spends the offseason hunting and fishing.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 157/32: 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), 1990 (16/0)

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 flight. It never drops its prey. It's deadly and has a great sporting tradition." Despite the sadness of Miss Elliott's passing away in 1990, the Atlanta Falcons Football Club will forever hold fond memories of Julia, as the one who gave the club its nickname.

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Washington State - 2nd Year Ht.: 5'7" Wt. 201 Born: 2-22-67		BROUSSARD
Acquisition: 1990 Draft, 1st Round, 20th Overall		RUNNING BACK

Last Season

Steve battled through a series of injuries to finish as the club's second leading rusher with a rookie total of 454 yards, four touchdowns, and a 3.6 per carry average. He also grabbed 24 passes for 160 yards, with a long of 18, and returned three kickoffs for 45 yards, for 638 total yards. Broussard's explosiveness was witnessed by a national TV audience versus the Bengals as he sealed the victory with a 50-yard touchdown burst around right end. Steve's jaunt was tied for the 10th longest run from scrimmage in Falcons history. He started the first eight games of the year but due to nagging injuries to his knee, foot, ankle and hamstring, was limited to five games during the second half of the season. He was among the top 5 of all rookie runners through the first 11 weeks of the season before being slowed. He scored a TD in each of his first two NFL games played and caught at least one pass in the first 11 weeks of the season. Besides the Cincinnati contest, where he finished with 81 yards on 11 carries, Steve's other top games included an 88 yard rushing day and 4.6 average against the Lions in Week 2, and an eight rush effort for 55 yards, with four receptions, at the Rams in Week 7. He also flashed his speed by breaking away for a 71-yard TD against the Packers in preseason.

Notebook

First Falcons RB since William Andrews in '79 to start his first game.

L.A. city sprint champion in high school.

Young Steve was the first Falcons back since former All-Pro William Andrews in 1979 to start in his first professional game. He also scored a touchdown on a six-yard run on his first day as a pro. Broussard was the first running back selected by the birds in the first round since Gerald Riggs in 1982. Ironically, the Falcons owned the pick as part of a trade that sent Riggs to the Washington Redskins in 1989. Steve must have had a premonition that he would be heading to Atlanta on draft day '90 as he dressed in Falcon black and played dominoes with friends waiting for a call to come down.

College

Called "the best back I've ever been associated with" by former WSU coach and current Miami Hurricane taskmaster Dennis Erickson, Steve amassed 3,044 rushing yards at the Pullman, WA school (second only to the Saints Rueben Mayes). He broke Mayes' school record with 41 lifetime TD's, 33 on the ground, and reeled off long runs of 81, 71, and 59 yards, while also catching longs of 79t, 77, 66, 48 and 46t yards. The shifty runner racked up personal bests of 205, 199, and 153 rushing days and had six straight 100-yard plus outings as a senior. Broussard also hauled in 120

passes for 1,179 yards, leading the PAC-10 as a sophomore with 59 catches, and scored on 98-yard KOR. Only he and Ahmad Rashad ever won BOTH conference rushing and receiving titles.

Personal

The soft-spoken Broussard was reared in the south-central Los Angeles area and decided to escape his tough neighborhood and the gangs by attending Washington State, despite being heavily recruited and being just two blocks from the USC campus. He led his Manual Arts High Toolers team to the Los Angeles city AAA championship as a senior, playing both ways as an All-State halfback and linebacker and earned three varsity letters under coach Jeff Engleman. He used his blazing speed (4.49 in 40) as a member of the track team and captured the city title in the 100 meters as a junior. Steve was born on Feb. 2, 1967 to Worley and Jennette Broussard in Los Angeles and has one sister.

Career Statistics

Year	RUSHING					RECEIVING					KICKOFF RETURNS				
	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Tot. Yds.
1990	13/10	126	454	3.6	50	4	24	160	6.7	18	0	3	45	15.0	659

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Auburn - 4th Year
Ht.: 6'5" Wt. 250
Born: 4-30-66

Acquisition: 1988 Draft, 1st
Round, 1st Overall



Aundray
BRUCE

LINEBACKER

Last Season

The season opener against Houston saw Aundray register a fumble-causing QB sack on Warren Moon, a career-high six more QB pressures, seven tackles and one pass deflection. His forced fumble was recovered for a touchdown by Bobby Butler in the first quarter to give the Falcons an early 14-0 lead and he won Miller Lite Player of the Game honors for his efforts. Bruce turned around in Week 5 versus New Orleans and made a season-high eight tackles (five solo) and he sealed the victory with QB sack and forced fumble of John Fourcade with :35 left. The rest of the season he spent time as mainly a pass rusher. He also recorded sacks on Boomer Esiason of the Bengals and Randall Cunningham of the Eagles to finish third on the team with four total. Aundray forced another fumble in the wins over Cincinnati and Dallas to finish tied for the team lead with a career-high four and had six stops at home against the Niners.

Pro Career

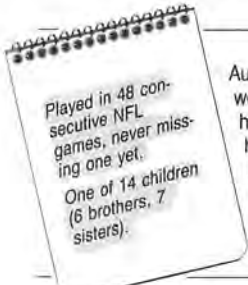
The former No. 1 overall pick in the 1988 draft, Aundray's career totals read 176 tackles, 16 QB sacks, 30 QB pressures, 8 forced fumbles, and three interceptions. He hasn't missed a game

in his NFL career. The label of being the League's top pick is a burden Bruce has carried around for three years. His best overall outing as a pro reminded people of his college days when he would take over games. As a rookie he faced ex-Auburn teammate Bo Jackson and wrecked havoc on the Raiders. He came up with two QB sacks, an interception covering Jackson, and a game-winning forced and recovered fumble, which led to the birds go ahead TD. For his efforts, he garnered NFC Defensive Player of the Week accolades. The All-Rookie selection has now played in 48 NFL games, with 32 starts, and began his career with a sack in his first pro outing against Detroit and his six sacks overall was tied for second among all '88 rookies.

Honors

NFL All-Rookie by Pro Football Writers Association, UPI, Football Digest, Pro Football Weekly, College and Pro Newsweekly, NFC Def. Player of Week, Week 12 vs. Raiders, Sington Trophy as Alabama Sportsman of the Year

Notebook



Played in 48 consecutive NFL games, never missing one yet.
One of 14 children (6 brothers, 7 sisters).

Aundray's athletic achievements in his hometown of Montgomery, AL, were recognized on July 9, 1988 by the mayor and its people when they held an "Aundray Bruce Day" at the Montgomery Civic Center. He held an anti-drug rally that same day in the projects where he grew up. Bruce goes by the nickname of "Drago," after the Russian boxer of Rocky IV fame, and is an active member of the Falcons offseason basketball team.

College

He established his reputation by getting to the quarterback 14 times and recording 176 tackles, 22 behind the line of scrimmage, in his last two years at Auburn. The Defensive MVP of the Senior Bowl with 16 tackles also grabbed the MVP trophy in Auburn's Citrus Bowl victory over USC in his junior season. An All-SEC choice in his junior and senior campaigns, Aundray also finished with 228 total tackles, seven forced fumbles, four recovered fumbles, three interceptions, and 12 passes defended in his career as a War Eagle and played on four Bowl teams.

Personal

Bruce was raised around six brothers and seven sisters in a low-income housing project on the west side of Montgomery, AL. Lucille Bruce was the focus in the house, working as a maid and babysitter to pay the bills, because Aundray's father, William, passed away when Aundray was a year old. Lucille made sure the second youngest child out of 14 kids got involved in sports. Basketball was his first love as he led his junior high team (McIntyre Hornets) to the state championship. The 6-5, 195 pound center was an intimidating force in the paint, guiding two of his George Washington Carver High teams to a state title and even earned state MVP honors with his 24 point and 16 rebound averages. His busy football career included playing linebacker, end, safety and cornerback on one side of the ball and tight end, wide receiver, tackle and quarterback on offense. He even found time to work with the school's track team as a high jumper and long jumper. He resides in Duluth, GA in the offseason when he's not visiting his family in Alabama.

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
1990	16/3	Atl.	40	4-24	9	0	0	0	4	0	0
Totals	48/32		176	16-105	30	3	20	20	8	1	0

Bruce's Personal Bests

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

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		BRYAN
		DEFENSIVE END

Oklahoma - 8th Year

Ht.: 6'4" Wt. 265

Born: 3-20-62

Acquisition: 1984 Draft, 1st
Round, 9th Overall

Last Season

The return of a healthy Rick Bryan helped solidify a defensive line that made the Falcons defense one of the toughest to run against. Rick was limited to only two games in '89 due to a spinal nerve root injury in training camp that caused weakness and numbness in his right arm and shoulder. He made 69 tackles last year, playing in all 16 games, with five starts, and finished with 16 QB pressures. Rick's all-out style of play also saw him recover two fumbles, force another, and get to the quarterback once. He chipped in on special teams by recording his first blocked FG of his eight-year career against the Cardinals. The ex-Oklahoma All-America had a season-high eight tackles (five solo), four QB pressures, and three batted balls in the win over the Rams in Week 15. He also collected seven stops vs. Browns (Week 15) and six vs. Saints (Week 12), Rams (Week 7) and Cowboys (Week 17).

Pro Career

The ninth player chosen overall in the '84 draft, Rick has registered 636 career tackles in 91 NFL games, with 27.5 QB sacks. His streak of averaging over 100 tackles a season for five straight years was stopped due to the '87 players strike, where he was actually on target for another triple digit campaign (85 tackles in nine games). Before last year's injury forced him

on Injured Reserve, he missed only three contests in his career during the '87 season with a groin pull (along with the three replacement games), and was a starter ever since he stepped onto the Suwanee practice field. He's started at three different positions on the Falcons line.

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

1989: Unlucky Bryan was second on the team in tackles with 17 after two games but had to go on IR with a spinal nerve root injury.

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

Owens 80-acre ranch
in Oklahoma.

Has scored on
safety, PAT recep-
tion, and in the
preseason, a TD
fumble return.

Former NFL Rookie
of the Year ('84).

The laid-back Bryan practiced in pads for the first time in 11 months on August 7, 1990 at summer training camp to the delight of the Falcons new coaching staff. Rick's last tackle had been hauling down Herschel Walker in the final quarter of the Falcons 27-21 win over the Cowboys on Sept. 17, 1989. Competition in camp helped Bryan get back into a groove. "It's the first time since my sophomore year at college that I had someone pushing me for a job," he said. "I want some pushing. It'll be good for me." It turned out to be good for the Falcons as he continued to get stronger on the field and off as evidenced by his increased bench press going from 185 pounds before the injury to 375 pounds. His tireless work ethic paid off as he showed he could contribute again and be a force. Rick's off the field laid-back demeanor

contrasts with his relentless, emotional on field presence. He made a point with his first NFL tackle (actually two points) as he sacked QB Richard Todd of the Saints in the end zone for a safety. Bryan scored his first pro TD on a 56-yard fumble return in the preseason at New England last year, which was the first time he crossed the goal line since he was a tight end at Coweta

High School. Bryan's name also appears in the Falcons scoring ledger for being credited with a PAT after catching a muffed attempt vs. Detroit in 1985.

College

Rick and Scott Case were teammates on the same Oklahoma squads, which also featured a senior class of Jackie Shipp, Thomas Benson and Bob Slater, who were all top NFL draft picks. He passed the celebrated Selmon brothers tandem to become the school record holder for a defensive linemen with 352 tackles. Other soon-to-be Oklahoma stars who watched Bryan dominate opponents included sophomore Tony Casillas and red-shirt freshman Brian Bosworth. The two-time Big Eight Defensive Player of the Year and All-America selection boasted three straight years with over 100 tackles. A standout in the classroom as well, Rick was chosen to the all conference academic team three times for his work in Business Administration.

Personal

The 29 year-old Wagoner, Oklahoma native stays in shape in the offseason by putting in hours of work on his 80 acre ranch in the city of Coweta. He also finds time to lift weights and play a little church league basketball. Growing up in Coweta, he could always start his own pickup football game by simply grabbing his brothers. Mitch and Steve Bryan all donned the familiar Sooner red and were drafted into the NFL. An outdoorsman, Rick Don is an ardent hunter and loves to fish and listen to country music. He turned heads at the Falcons gala fashion show and charity event for the Starlight Foundation when he escorted his wife around in a tuxedo. (Rick feels more at home in blue jeans and boots!) A John Wayne movie buff, he and his wife, Shelby, also have Kristin Nicole, 5, and Michael Don, 4, to keep them busy.

Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Team	Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks	Pressures	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
1990	16/5	Atl.	69	31	38	1.0	16	1	2	0
Total	91/79		636	375	261	27.5	135	8	4	1

Bryan's Personal Bests

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

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Bobby

BUTLER

Florida State - 11th Year
Ht.: 5'11" Wt. 175
Born: 5-28-59

Acquisition: 1981 Draft, 1st Round,
25th Overall

CORNERBACK

Last Season

The savvy 10-year veteran showed the critics and the rest of the NFL that he still had what it takes to compete against the best in the League. Bobby stepped in and took over at his familiar LCB spot for the remaining four games of the season and the Falcons went 2-2. Butler played solid in the secondary, allowing the birds to go back to their attacking style of pressure defense, which relies on tight man-to-man coverage by the corners. Bobby also received the starting call in the first two games of the year against Houston and Detroit with their four wide receiver sets. The former No. 1 pick ended with 36 tackles, a team tying three interceptions, 10 passes defended and two fumble recoveries. He contributed all year whether it was returning a blocked punt 35-yards for a score versus the 49ers (Week 6) or picking up a fumble in the end zone for six points in the victory over the Oilers. Bobby's seven total takeaways led the team. His best complete game, besides the two touchdown outings, was his five tackles, one interception, one fumble recovery, and two pass defense performance against the Cardinals. His other recovery came after a Scott Case block of a Maury Buford punt at Chicago which resulted in an eventual Falcon TD.

Pro Career

Bobby's long career in a Falcon uniform has now reached 139 games, passing Tommy Nobis on the all-time list for sixth place, and his 124 starts are the fifth-best mark in team history. The opportunistic Butler is only three interceptions away from slipping by Ken Reaves on the club's lifetime charts into third place with his 27 career thefts. The ex-FSU All-America has given Falcon fans plenty to cheer about over the years. He's scored a TD by interception (at Dallas in '86), fumble return (Dallas in '89) and by punt block (SF in '90) and also tied a team record grabbing two interceptions at New Orleans in 1984. All-Pro Jerry Rice of the 49ers ranked Butler the fourth toughest cornerback to face in the League in 1989. He's only missed 10 games in his career, with nine coming in '86 due to a leg fracture. Bobby was a member of the improved secondary over the second half of the '88 season, which went 17 consecutive quarters without allowing a TD pass, and played on the last Falcon Playoff team in 1982.

Year-By-Year

1989: His highlights included returning a Herschel Walker fumble 29-yards for a TD in a victory over the Cowboys and pacing the team in passes defended with 15, while playing in all 16 games for a third straight season. He started 11 contests at LCB but gave way to rookie Deion Sanders before returning to the lineup after an injury to Scott Case.

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

Has 35 career takeaways and has scored 4 NFL touchdowns.
Set FSU mark with 7 blocked kicks and has one in NFL.

Bobby welcomed back his first secondary coach when he came to Atlanta in Jerry Glanville, who favored taking Butler in the '81 draft because of his coverage ability. The Butler heritage runs deep in Falcons history as Bobby's cousin, Jim "Cannonball" Butler, starred for the birds from 1968-1971. The Florida native personally reveled in watching Evander Holyfield capture the heavyweight boxing championship because of his close relationship with the hometown hero. Bobby even once considered sparring with Holyfield but he backed off when his turn came up because he watched Evander knock an opponent out in front of his eyes. A strong role model in the community, Bobby donated \$900 to a homeless shelter, Harvest House, this past season for his exploits on the field. He also conducts the Falcons Bible study classes and works with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has his own radio show on WAEC AM 86. An

active speaker for church youth groups, he coordinated his first football camp this summer. He also works closely with the boys and girls clubs of Atlanta and even awarded 20 free scholarships to his camp from among this group. He once doubled as a manager trainee for Domino's Pizza where he mastered the art of making a pair of pizzas in less than 45 seconds. Bobby is second in club history behind Rolland Lawrence in career takeaways with 35 (27 thefts, 8 FR).

College Career

His reputation at Florida State was underscored when they would refer to Deion Sanders as . . . "the next coming of Bobby Butler." He was also once dubbed "the best cornerback in

America" by ex-Pitt coach Jackie Sherrill, which led a lot of offenses to throw to the opposite side. Bobby's college highlights included shutting out Florida All-American WR Cris Collinsworth and setting a school record with seven blocked kicks, including one against Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl and one in the Tangerine Bowl. A sprinter on the track team, he was timed at 9.3 in the 100 and helped the Seminole relay team to a third placing showing at the NCAA Track Championships.

Personal

Robert Calvin was born and raised in the sunshine state, growing up in Boynton Beach, FL. He was a standout in football and track at Atlantic High School in Delray Beach, FL. A safety and quarterback as a prep, his "other" high school experience included meeting, Cyrillyn Lawson, whom he married prior to his first NFL training camp. Bobby and his wife have two children, Brenton, 3, and Brice, 1, and live 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
1990	Atl.	16/6	36	26	10	3	0	0.0	0	0	2	2
Total		139/124	450	302	138	27	213	7.9	41	1	8	3
1 Blocked punt												

Butler's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long	TD
8 at Sea. (10-13-85)	*2 at N.O. (9-2-84)	41 at N.O. (11-1-81)	1 at Dall. (9-21-86)
7 at S.F. (9-15-86)	1 25 times	33t at Dall. (9-21-86)	
7 at S.F. (12-4-88)	*ties club record		

GEORGIA'S ON THEIR MIND

Here's the list of Falcons players that have some ties to the State of Georgia: William Evers (Cairo High, Cairo), Wes Pritchett (Atlanta, Westminster High), Michael Reid (Albany Dougherty High), Ken Tippins (Cooks High, Adel), Jessie Tuggle (born Spalding, Griffin High, Valdosta State), Gary Wilkins (Georgia Tech).

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Scott

CAMPBELL

Purdue - 7th Year
 Ht.: 6'0" Wt. 195
 Born: 4-15-62

Acquisition: Free Agent, November
 17, 1986

QUARTERBACK

Last Season

Scott saw action in seven games in his sixth NFL season while drawing the starting assignment in two outings. Campbell first logged time in Week 6 against the Niners when Chris Miller was injured in the final stanza as he hit 9 of 16 passes for 98 yards and a touchdown. It was the first time he had thrown a pass in the regular season since Dec. 13, 1987. He followed that up with a 4 for 7 day and 97 more yards, with one TD and an interception, in fourth quarter play at Los Angeles the following week. His 70-yard toss in that game to Andre Rison was the longest of his career. Scott played against the Bengals (no pass attempts) and Eagles (0-3) in brief relief roles before taking over in Tampa Bay when Miller was lost for the season with a broken collarbone. Campbell rallied the birds with 10, 4th quarter points, on 7-9 passing for 93 yards, only to see a last second TD wipe out their hopes for victory. He started his first game since Dec. 6, 1987, when he suited up at home against the Cardinals in Week 14. He threw for 198 yards, but completed only 13 of 30 attempts and had three picked off. He came back to start the next week at Cleveland but suffered a shoulder injury and was replaced in the second half. On the year, Scott was 36-76 for 527 yards, with three TD's and four int's.

Pro Career

Scott's NFL totals now read 45 games played with 13 NFL starts. Eleven of his starts have come in a Falcon uniform since he signed a "future" agreement with the club on Nov. 7, 1986. The future turned out to be a week as Scott was paged from the stands of Fulton County Stadium as the Falcons were playing the Bears. Atlanta QB David Archer separated his shoulder in that game and Scott and his wife were attending the game on their way to Hilton Head, S.C. for vacation. He reported to the Falcons camp in Suwanee the next day. His highlights have included an upset of eventual champion Redskins in his initial Falcon start in Week 2 of the '87 season with a 271 yard passing day and a pair of scores. He completed the longest pass of his career last season with a 70-yard heave to Andre Rison against LA and had a 253-yard passing outing versus the Cowboys and a three-TD affair against Houston. Campbell was a 7th round pick of the Steelers in '84. His first NFL TD was a 25-yarder to Louis Lipps in a rookie year which totaled five games played and 109 yards through the air. He became an instant Pittsburgh hero when he came off the bench to lead the Steelers back from a 21-0 start against the Bills on the heels of a 275-yard passing outing to claim a 30-24 win. His Steeler career also entailed a 15-35 effort and 224 yards, with two TD's, against the Redskins in his first NFL start. He got the call during pregame warmups when incumbent David Woodley was felled with a stomach virus. Scott's football career took a turn for the worse when he damaged two ligaments in his left knee and his peroneal nerve against the

Buccaneers in the '88 preseason. After a stringent rehabilitation process, the gritty Campbell made his way back to field in 1989.

Notebook

Completed a career-best 70-yard pass last year.
Father played for NY Titans of AFL.

Campbell hails from strong roots as his father, Ken, played wide receiver for the old New York Titans of the AFL and is the athletic director at Hershey High School. Scott has fought through his share of adversity throughout his tenure in the League as he has battled the critics who said he was too short, then a debilitating knee injury. He has survived the competition which started out in college from Jim Everett, Mark Hermann, and Larry Gates at Purdue. In Pittsburgh it came in the form of Mark Malone, Woodley, and Bobby Brister. While with the Falcons he has matched arms with Chris Miller, Hugh Millen, Steve Dils, Gilbert Renfro, Turk Schonert, David Archer, Erik Kramer, and now second round pick Brett Favre. One of his damaged ligaments from his transplant surgery on his left knee in 1988 was replaced by team doctors through a donated tendon from a cadaver. Scott owns his own set of keyboards and he entertained the players at training camp last year with a few of his favorite tunes.

College

He left Purdue as the Big Ten's second all-time passer behind only teammate Mark Hermann with 7,636 yards. The team MVP as a senior boasted a personal high of 516 yards vs. Ohio State and totaled six, 300-yard games. Scott finished with 45 TD's while completing 57.5% of his throws. He had a memorable first collegiate start against John Elway and Stanford when he passed for 177 yards and the victory as a sophomore.

Personal

Robert Scott is a native Pennsylvanian, growing up in chocolate country in Hershey. He guided his high school squads to back-to-back 10-1 records as a junior and senior with his 28 TD's and 3,892 yards. As a kicker, he averaged 35 yards whenever he punted and had a 35-yard FG to his credit. With his rocket arm, he also helped out the baseball team as an outfielder/catcher and was a guard on the school's hardwood. His talents as a javelin thrower took him to state finals for the track team.

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	25†	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.	12/9	260	136	1,728	52.3	44†	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
1990	Atl.	7/2	76	36	527	47.4	70	3	4	61.7	9	38	20	0
Total		45/13	454	224	2983	49.3	70	22	29	59.3	43	170	20	2

25		Scott CASE
Oklahoma - 8th Year Ht.: 6'1" Wt. 188 Born: 5-17-62		
Acquisition: 1984 Draft, 2nd Round, 32nd Overall		SAFETY

Last Season

Scott was asked to make a switch back to free safety last year from his Pro Bowl cornerback position to where he began his pro career. The aggressive Case made a smooth transition back to his familiar spot and dealt out his share of bone-jarring hits. He finished sixth in the entire NFL and third on the team in tackles with 170, including a third-best 78 solo stops. Those numbers represented career highs for the Oklahoma product, along with his three QB sacks, two fumble recoveries, and 23 tackles, in a game (at Rams). Scott was tabbed NFC Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the victory over the Division rival Rams when he picked off a Jim Everett pass on the third play of the game and returned it 36 yards for his first NFL TD. He also recorded eight tackles and a sack to help the birds snap a seven-game losing skid. Case tallied eight games in which he totaled 10 or more tackles with a 15, two 14, and a pair of 12 tackle games to his credit. His hectic day at Chicago witnessed an 11 tackle performance, a blocked punt (which led to a TD), a tackle of the punter, an interception, and a pass defended. Case's 12 tackle game in the win over the Bengals on national TV also included a fumble recovery and interception. He put an exclamation point on his fine 1990 campaign by registering those 15 stops to knock the Cowboys out of the playoffs as well as sacking QB Babe Laufenberg twice and adding a QB pressure. Scott's head snapping hit on RB Roger Craig at San Francisco was seen on highlight reels all season and his timely shot on WR Aaron Cox of the Rams on the goal line was also popular.

Pro Career

Case's intimidating style of play has been commonplace in Atlanta since he entered the League eight years ago. Originally drafted as a safety, Scott was converted to cornerback then moved around to play both free and strong safety when injuries dictated a change. After leading the NFL in interceptions in '88 at corner en route to a well-deserved spot on the Pro Bowl (first Falcon DB since Roland Lawrence in '77), he was asked to return to play "centerfield" in the secondary last season. Case ranks fifth on the club's interception charts with 24 career pickoffs (three behind teammate Butler). He has started 76 of his 103 games played and boasts 531 lifetime tackles.

Honors

- 1990: NFC Def. Player of Week (Rams - Week 16)
- 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

1989: Scott stretched a ligament in his right foot in Week 6 versus the Patriots and then sprained his left knee the next week against the Cardinals which limited his play. Because of the injuries he ended with a career-low 38 tackles, two interceptions and 11 passes defended in seven starts and 14 games.

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 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



Scott Case's brand of hard-hitting football can be traced back to his days as a young prep in Alva, OK. "It's the way I was raised - the way I was taught to play football," he said. "It's got to be inbred." He has outlasted the other defensive backs that were taken before him in the '84 draft class consisting of Mossy Cade, Leonard Coleman, Don Rogers and Terry Taylor. He's also heard the compliments from his peers. "You've got to respect Scott," said perennial Pro Bowler Jerry Rice. "He's been making plays for years and he always seems to be there." Case tied a team record for most takeaways in a season by a Falcon with 10 in his Pro Bowl 1988 season.

College

Scott has always had to put on the hard hat and work his way up the football ladder. After receiving marginal interest from colleges, he attended Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College, where he made a name for himself through his All-America play. Case was thrilled when Oklahoma came calling, so he fulfilled a childhood dream and suited up in the Big Red of the Sooners. He went on to pace the Big Eight and establish a school mark for interceptions in a season with eight (for 181 return yards and a TD) during his senior campaign at safety.

Personal

The Case's moved from their family farm to the northern suburbs of Oklahoma City when young Scott was a junior in high school, forcing him to miss a football season. But he rebounded to play running back and in the secondary for Alva High and later Edmond High. Scott and his wife, Connie, played the role of community servants last year. He got involved in everything from regular hospital visits at Egleston and Scottish Rite, to school appearances, to fund raisers for worthy causes. Connie was also busy as president of the newly formed Player's Wives Association and the giving pair worked together on many projects like the Special Teams Paint with Special People at Egleston. For their dedication to the community, the Cases were chosen as the Falcons United Way representatives. Scott and former Falcon Tom Pridemore started a boating business in Tifton, GA last year and "Falcon Boat Works" specializes in small John boats. He was seen in Suwanee working out earlier than he ever has before to get ready for the '91 season and he also got in shape by working plenty of youth football camps. Scott's favorite basketball team is the Celtics and Larry Bird. The Case's recently sold their ranch in Jay, OK and relocated to the Atlanta area with their children, Kelsey (6), Kyler (4), and Kody (1), who are all October babies.

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
1990	Atl.	16/16	170	78	92	3	38	36t	1	1	2
Totals		103/76	531	308	223	24	229	47	1	3	2
1 Blocked punt											

Case's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long	Safety
23 at Rams (10-21-90)	2 G.B. (11-6-88)	47 at Dal (10-27-85)	1 S.F. (9-30-84)
15 Dallas (12-30-90)	T.B. (11-27-88)	41 at Det (12-21-86)	
14 NO (10-07-90)	1 17 times	36 Rams (12-23-90)	
at SF (9-23-90)		31 Denver (9-22-86)	

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.

75		Tony
Oklahoma - 6th Year Ht.: 6'3" Wt. 280 Born: 10-26-63		CASILLAS
Acquisition: 1986 Draft, 1st Round, 2nd Overall		NOSE TACKLE

Last Season

Tony suffered through a troubled 1990 season which saw him miss all of training camp because of a contract dispute, then he was suspended from the team for two games, and finally he ended up the season on Injured Reserve. He came to terms with the club on Sept. 12 after missing the season opening win over the Oilers. Casillas was on the Exempt List for two weeks and after a bye week he took to the field for the first time against New Orleans, making eight tackles and getting a QB hurry. After trying to play himself back into shape the next week versus the 49ers, Tony missed the team flight to Los Angeles in Week 7, citing health reasons. He was suspended by Glanville for two games for his actions. He played but did not start the next seven games and his disappointing season was over when he fractured his elbow in Week 16 versus the Rams. Casillas did not start a game all season for the first time in his career and had a career-low 32 tackles.

Pro Career

After averaging nearly eight tackles per contest in his career, Tony's production tailed off in '90. He is a veteran of 66 games and helped the Falcons improve from 28th to 7th in defense during his All-NFL rookie campaign in 1986. He registered a career high 152 tackles in 1989 to become a Pro Bowl alternate. Tony followed only Bo Jackson in the '86 draft, just ahead of Jim Everett, Jon Hand, Anthony Bell, Jim Dombrowski, Brian Jozwiak, Leslie O'Neal, John Rienstra, and Keith Bryars in that year's top 10.

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

1989: He enjoyed his finest season by collecting 152 tackles, second on the team. He also had 16 QB hurries, three fumble recoveries, and two forced fumbles to go along with two QB sacks.

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

Tony was voted the Big Eight Conference's Defensive Player of the Decade of the 80's as his offensive counterpart was Barry Sanders. He played behind teammate Rick Bryan and with Scott Case at Oklahoma and with more controversial players like Brian Bosworth.

College

A two-time All-America NT during the Barry Switzer years for the Sooners of Oklahoma, he was voted the prestigious Lombardi Trophy as the best lineman in the nation. He was part of a unit that led the country in total defense as he had a school-best 21 tackles

behind the line of scrimmage. Casillas recorded four QB sacks once in a game against Iowa State and had a season-high 10 as a junior.

Personal

Tony Steven is of Mexican-American descent and is the son of Pete, a machinist, and Wanda Casillas of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is the middle child in a family of five girls and two boys. The only athlete in the group, young Tony excelled in football and baseball at East Central High School. He tested his business acumen by buying a Days Inn Hotel Franchise in Pittsburgh last year. His wife, Dr. Lisa Clayton, is practicing her residency at Emory in downtown Atlanta. A big golfer, Tony can be found on the links in his spare time. The communications degree holder and his wife reside in Duluth, 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
1990	Atl.	9/0	32	18	14	1	4	0	0
Totals		66/57	478	271	207	8	59	8	6

Part of Sooner Unit that led nation in total defense in '85. Had a career-high 152 tackles in '89.

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

85

Northern Arizona - 3rd Year
Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 204
Born: 2-20-67

Acquisition: 1989 Draft, 1st
Round, 27th Overall



Shawn

COLLINS

WIDE RECEIVER

Last Season

Shawn finished third on the club with 34 receptions in his sophomore season for a second-best 503 yards with two touchdowns. The former No. 1 pick played in every game in '90, starting six contests, and caught a pass in 14 out of 16 games. His best outing came in the win over the Saints when he snared five passes for 93 yards and went over the shoulder of New Orleans CB Milton Mack to catch a nine-yard TD to give the Falcons a 14-7 lead. Four of Collins' five receptions were for first downs. Shawn followed that performance up with consecutive five catch games against the Bengals and Steelers. His longest aerial of the season was a career-best 61-yarder at San Francisco, where he averaged 23.3 yards on four catches. He also recorded longs of 32, 22, 21 and a pair of 25 yarders.

Pro Career

Collins was the top rookie receiver in the NFL in '89, edging out ex-Colt and current teammate Andre Rison, with 58 catches for 862 yards. In the process, he broke Floyd Dixon's rookie mark of 42 receptions by a wide receiver and Ken Burrow's rookie yardage record of 741. Shawn set personal bests in yardage (126 vs. Green Bay) and catches (six, three times) that initial season and in his first pro game came away with a team-leading six receptions for 76 yards in an opening day start against the Rams. It took the talented Northern Arizona product only 20 games to reach 1,000 receiving yards and he has seen action in every game during a career that now adds up to 32 games played.

Notebook

Top TD producer in Big Sky history.
All-NFL rookie ('89) with rookie best 58 catches (six ahead of Rison).

Shawn was the highest draft pick taken by a player from the Big Sky conference since fellow Falcon defensive line coach Bill Kollar was a first rounder in 1974 when the birds chose him with the 27th selection overall two years ago. He was also the first product of Arizona's three universities to go on the first day of the '89 draft. Collins' influential football background featured the likes of uncles, Willie and Melvin Buchanan, who both played at San Diego State. Willie spent a decade in the NFL and went to three Pro Bowls and Melvin starred at Shawn's soon-to-be Kearny High School, so young Shawn had plenty of football direction. He didn't get on the gridiron until the 10th grade, concentrating instead on his studies (B' student), and even dabbling with the bass fiddle in the band in junior high.

College

The unheralded Collins worked on his game and his frame to become the most prolific pass catcher in school history and the top TD producer ever in the Big Sky conference. He finished with 201 receptions for 2,674 yards and 24 six-pointers to eclipse ex-NFL receiver Pete Mandley's marks. Shawn's 70 aerials for 1,016 yards as a sophomore were single season school marks as well. The two-time All-America choice totaled 191 receiving yards in a game as a senior and enjoyed two, four-touchdown affairs, and three, 10 reception outings in his career at the Flagstaff, AZ school. Shawn only weighed 165 pounds and stood 5-11 in high school but hit the weights hard and let nature do the rest. He actually played a "flexed" tight end position, or as an inside wideout, as a 6-2, 207 pound Lumberjack, so he is used to dishing out punishment. Collins is proud to have played at the only school that offered him a scholarship as he lined up alongside Falcon Michael Haynes.

Personal

A Los Angeles, CA baby at birth, Shawn and his mother, Dorothy Buchanon Collins, relocated the family to San Diego when he was seven. Uncle Melvin Buchanan was the father figure of the household, which also included older sister Margo, and the rough Linda Vista area of San Diego was their neighborhood. Tragedy struck Shawn in a 12 hour period when his father, Charles Collins, died of a kidney disorder, and Melvin passed away because of cancer. Dorothy was the focal point of Shawn's life and she had to give up her job as a warehouse worker due to a degenerative disk problem that confines her to a wheelchair. Shawn was once the starting quarterback at Kearny High School and tallied 12 TD's as a senior and competed in three state playoffs contests. A psychology major at NAU who is just shy of his degree, he lists Redskin WR Art Monk as his favorite. When the personable Collins isn't counseling youths back in San Diego in the offseason he can be found outdoors, preferably with a rod and reel in hand.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1989	Atl.	16/16	58	862	14.9	47	3
1990	Atl.	16/6	34	503	14.8	61	2
Total		32/22	92	1365	14.8	61	5

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)		

56 Jackson State - 2nd Year Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 250 Born: 9-28-67 Acquisition: 2nd Round, 27th Overall		Darion
		CONNER
		LINEBACKER

Last Season

Young Darion got stronger as his first NFL season progressed as he started five of the final eight games (and seven overall) and played in every contest. Conner's 83 tackles were eighth-best on the club and the third highest total of all rookie linebackers, ahead of such No. 1 picks like James Francis, Percy Snow and Lamar Lathon. His 22 QB pressures were double what any other rookie LB produced. He accumulated 58 of his 83 stops in the last eight games of the season and finished with 2 QB sacks and was second on the team with 22 QB pressures. Darion's top game came at Cleveland as he registered a career-high 15 tackles (8 solos), a sack of Bernie Kosar and three pressures. He also had a pair of 11-tackle affairs versus Phoenix and Chicago, eight stops against the Niners, with a sack of Joe Montana, and 3 other pressures, and two seven tackle days. One of those seven-tackle games came in his first extensive action at OLB at Los Angeles as he replaced an injured Michael Reid in the first quarter. He also chipped in with 3 QB pressures that day and he used the Rams game as a springboard for an improved second half. His six pressures in the victory over the Rams at home was a season high. A special teams standout, Conner also added 15 tackles, a forced fumble, and a tackle of the punter for a loss to his rookie resume. His bid to become the NFL's leading rookie tackling LB was cut short in the final win over the Cowboys as he had to leave the game with a sprained knee.

Notebook

It's hard to imagine the muscular Conner weighed only 198 pounds as a freshman at Jackson State and was called "Beanie Weenie" by teammates. Darion bulked up in the weight room to shed the moniker and ate plenty of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cookies, cake and Snickers bars to get to his present playing weight of 250 pounds. Conner benefited from the

Led all NFL rookies last year with 22 QB pressures.
One of 10 Conner children from Noxubee County, Miss.

individualized attention he received from Doug Shively last season as the pair would work extra during and after practice on defenses and technique. The native of Praire Point, MI dedicated his career to his brother, Casey, a freshman linebacker at JSU, who died in a car crash, along with two other players, six days before last year's draft (April 16). "Every day he's in my mind," said Darion about his brother. "He's with me and will be a part of me for the rest of my life." Darion joined former college teammate Houston Hoover on the Falcons roster a year ago and also played together with Leon Seals of the Bills. He follows a succession of fine JSU players like Walter Payton, Harold Jackson, Lem Barney, Coy Bacon, Verlon Biggs, Richard Caster and Robert Brazile. Darion's rookie year also included

missing the team plane to Detroit because of a car accident in the airport parking lot. But like a seasoned pro he quickly jumped on the next available flight in time to make the team meetings.

College

The SWAC Defensive Player of the Year totaled 317 tackles (197 solos), 22.5 QB sacks and 37 stops for losses of 255 yards as he guided the Tigers to a 33-11-3 record and three appearances in the playoffs during his productive career. A Kodak All-America as a senior, Darion enjoyed his finest season with a career-best 130 tackles (15 for losses) and 12.5 sacks, two interceptions, and 14 deflected passes to catch the attention of NFL scouts. The Jackson, MI school captured two SWAC titles with Conner performing the linebacking chores and was named all-conference three times. He had a 14 tackle, two sack day against Texas Southern, a 13 tackle, 2.5 sack effort versus Southern, and 13 stops (five for losses) and a sack in a game with Alabama State.

Personal

Darion was born to Isom and Annette Conner on Sept. 28, 1967 in Macon, MI, just outside Praire Point. The Conner name has occupied the rolling farmland in Noxubee County for nearly 60 years, so it's easy to see where Darion gets his hometown values. The close knit family consisting of 10 children are devout Christians who have been reared around the ideals of "respect, honesty, and humility." As a youth, Darion earned money in the hot Mississippi summers by pulling cockleburs from the mile-long crop rows of neighboring fields. His first taste of football came in the seventh grade and it was a painful lesson for which he contemplated giving up the sport. But his mother wouldn't let him quit and he was back at practice the next day. He went on to become a star athlete at Noxubee County High in football, basketball and track.

Career Statistics

TACKLES										SPECIAL TEAMS	
Year	GP/GS	Team	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Pressures	FF	FR	Total	FF
1990	16/7	Atl.	83	37	46	2-21	22	0	0	15	1

Tackles	Sacks	Pressures
15 at Clev (12-16-90) 11 Phoe (12-9-90) at Chi (11-11-90)	1 at Clev (12-16-90) SF (10-14-90)	6 Rams (12-23-90) 3 Four times

1990 Rookie Linebackers

Player	Team	Tackles			Sacks	Pressures
		Total	Solo	Assist		
Andre Collins, Redskins		93	54	39	6	3
*Junior Seau, Chargers		85	64	21	1	0
DARION CONNER, FALCONS		83	37	46	2	22†
*James Francis, Bengals		78	63	15	8	0
*Percy Snow, Chiefs		69	51	18	2	11

* No. 1 Draft Pick † Led all rookies

86		Floyd
		DIXON
Stephen F. Austin - 6th Year Ht.: 5'9" Wt. 170 Born: 4-9-64		
Acquisition: 1986 Draft, 6th Round, 154th Overall		WIDE RECEIVER

Last Season

Floyd caught at least one pass in every game in 1990 and finished second on the club's receiving charts with 38 receptions, four TD's, and 339 yards. Dixon began the season with a team-high 5 catch, 60 yard, effort in the opening day victory over the Oilers. He also collared two other five-reception games against the 49ers in Week 3 and versus the Bears in Week 10 and recorded his best yardage games against those same opponents with 73 and 53 yards, respectively. Two of his four total TD's on the year came in the national televised win over the Bengals when he hauled in grabs from 11 and three yards out. Floyd also caught all 11-yard score on the last play of the game at Cleveland.

Pro Career

Dixon has now caught at least 25 passes in each of his five NFL seasons. He stands in eighth place on the club's receiving charts with 169 career catches and 2,341 yards. He moved ahead of Billy Johnson last season and needs just 17 aerials to pass RB Gerald Riggs (186) and 19 to leap in front of Alfred Jackson (188) while he is 304 yards away from RB William Andrews yardage total and moving into seventh place. He was the top rookie receiver in the League in 1986 with a single season career-best of 42 catches for 617 yards. He received immediate recognition among all Falcon fans when he hauled in a clutch 65-yard grab in his third game as a pro at Dallas to put the birds in position for the winning field goal and a perfect 3-0 start in '86. His best game as a Falcon was against Philly as he snared 8 receptions for 146 yards and he also had an 105-yard receiving day in a win over the Redskins. Floyd has recorded longs of 61, 53t, and 51t yards in addition to his 65-yarder.

Year-By-Year

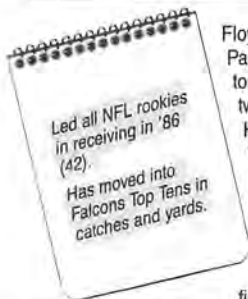
1989: He started five games for an injured Michael Haynes while playing in all 16. He had 25 receptions for 357 yards, including a 53-yard TD to open the season and 74-yard receiving effort in Week 11 versus New Orleans.

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



Floyd literally took it on the chin from the helmet of S Mark Murphy of the Packers during a game in the '88 season and had to have plastic surgery to repair a fractured right cheekbone. But he toughed it out and returned two games later with a fortified face mask and protective, plastic shield. He's fought the odds and taken the challenges of the NFL head-on, though, since being a middle round selection in '86. He's caught passes from six different quarterbacks and his 15 career TD's have come from the arms of five separate signal callers. He was the recipient of rookie Chris Miller's first NFL TD in 1987. He enjoyed a personal career highlight before he ever caught an NFL pass when he met his boyhood idol, Billy "White Shoes" Johnson, at his first training camp (and wound up playing two seasons with his all-time favorite player). Floyd will be anxious to return to his native Texas to play the Cowboys again as he always seems to do something special in his home state. He's caught a TD pass three times against either Dallas or Houston and grabbed a career-best 65-yard bomb in his fourth game played in the heart of Texas.

College

The studious Dixon weighed offers to go to Texas A & M on an engineering scholarship and academic-minded Rice and Texas Tech for football grants, as well as Georgia Tech for track and chemical engineering. He chose S.F.A. so he could stay close to his family in Beaumont, Texas and play for the passing style offense of the nearby school. The 5-7, 156 pound high school senior finally decided on pursuing a football career after watching the 5-9 Mark Duper of the Dolphins catch passes on TV and he was convinced there could be a place for him in pro football. He grew to 5-9 and 170 pounds and his game grew as well as he finished with 146 catches for 2,661 yards and 28 touchdowns in 44 career games. He was a successful member of the track team, boasting a 10.3 in the 100, and headlined the 400-meter relay team. His other receiving mate was future NFL player James Noble of the Redskins and Colts.

Personal

As a youngster growing up in Beaumont, Texas, Floyd spent his spare time learning math and science because there were no brothers and kids around to play sports with in the neighborhood. His frame filled out and it was in the fourth grade where he discovered his speed as he beat a group of sixth graders in a race. He was a scholar athlete at Hebert High School, earning all-district mention in football, and a place on the school's honor roll at the same time while running track. He enrolled at Kennesaw State College in the offseason to complete work on his degree. He is involved with the Charlee House, a shelter for abused children in Atlanta. Floyd and his new wife, Kim, make their home in Duluth, GA.

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
1990	Atl.	16/2	38	399	10.5	34	4	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Totals		74/45	169	2341	13.8	65	15	23	110	24	26	151	5.8	16
		1 KR for 0 yards												

Dixon's Personal Bests

Receptions	Yards	Long	TD
8 Phil (10-5-86)	146 Phil (10-5-86)	65 at Dal (10-27-86)	
7 at Dal (12-6-87)	105 Wash (9-20-87)	61 Phil (10-5-86)	2 Cin (10-28-90)
6 Jets (11-9-86)	89 at Dal (10-27-86)	53t Rams (9-10-89)	1 13 Times
5 Three times	87 Det. (12-27-87)	51t Det (12-27-87)	

NFL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Falcons LB Tim Green (co-valedictorian at Syracuse) had nominated his high school science teacher John Williams for the NFL's first annual Teacher of the Year award and won a \$10,000 scholarship grant as a result of winning the Award. Williams, who will also receive a \$5,000 grant from the NFL, had instilled into Green that he prefer he miss a week of wrestling or football practice rather than one hour or one day in the classroom. Each month, the NFL named a winner in their program in which every NFL player was allowed to nominate a teacher that most influenced them. Falcons T Chris Hinton's nominee Leroy Lovelace of Chicago's Phillips High School also won a grant as the November winner.

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Colorado - 8th Year
 Ht.: 6'0" Wt. 190
 Born: 4-19-62

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent,
 April 1, 1991



Jeff
DONALDSON

SAFETY**Last Season**

Jeff was reunited with familiar faces in Jerry Glanville and June Jones as he rejoined his former Oiler coaches in Atlanta through Plan B free agency. Donaldson played for the Kansas City Chiefs last season after leaving Houston in a similar Plan B exit. He started the first nine games at safety for the Chiefs a year ago and played in all 16 contests. He finished tied for the second spot on the team's ledgers with three interceptions and he accounted for 52 tackles on the season. His best outing was a seven tackle, one interception performance in the Chiefs 37-7 victory over the Patriots. He also chipped in with 17 stops on special teams.

Pro Career

Donaldson developed into one of the hardest hitting safeties in the game with the Oilers. He totaled 182 tackles from 1987-88, with eight interceptions, in leading Glanville's aggressive defenses. His eight year career marks read 498 tackles, 12 pickoffs, and six fumble recoveries in 106 games played. The former ninth round draft pick has two, career, multiple-interception games on his resume and paced all Oiler defensive backs in tackles from 1986-88.

Year-by-Year

1989: A starter in 14 contests, he totaled 62 tackles, one forced fumble and seven passes defended.

1988: Donaldson logged time in all 16 games at free safety and once again was the leader in the secondary with 87 stops while being tops in interceptions with four and adding 14 passes defended and a fumble recovery.

1987: He started all 12 non-strike games, finishing third on the team with 95 tackles and tops among DB's. Established a personal-high with 16 tackles vs Browns.

1986: Jeff started seven games in place of Bo Eason and led the secondary for the first time with a solid 110 tackles. He picked off his first NFL pass, plus returned a Todd Blackledge fumble one yard for a score.

1985: Registered 50 tackles, two sacks, two fumble recoveries, and even ran back six punts for a 5.8 average and five KOR's for 18.6 average. He also led the special teams with 20 tackles.

1984: As a rookie he appeared in 16 games with two starts while producing 42 tackles on the year, including 10 vs Cleveland.

Notebook

Has played on four playoff teams in seven NFL seasons.
Hard hitter who helped "House of Pain" label stick in Houston.

Donaldson played under the influence of Glanville for six seasons when he was the team's Defensive Coordinator, and later Head Coach, and he was part of three consecutive Playoff teams. Jeff was one of the main cogs in a punishing defense that loved dishing out hits and for which the label, "House of Pain", was coined. The former Colorado product has the guile and savvy that comes from experience which will be a plus in the young Falcons secondary. A soft-spoken gentleman off the field, Jeff and his family were featured in the Oilers United Way commercial in 1988. The entrepreneurial Donaldson started his own express auto oil changing business in 1988.

College

A defender and punt returner at Colorado, Jeff recorded 158 tackles in his last two seasons as a Buffalo to lead all DB's. He also had nine career thefts and fielded 30 punts for 270 yards and a 9.0 average (with a long of 58). His senior campaign saw him pick off four passes, including running one back 44-yards for a score, and collect a secondary-high of 79 tackles. As a sophomore, the real estate major collared 83 tackles.

Personal

Jeffery Michael hails from Ft. Collins, Colorado, where he made a name for himself at Ft. Collins High in football, basketball and track. He likes to hunt and fish in his spare time and lists "Family Ties" as his favorite TV show with, "Where the Red Fern Grows", as his all-time movie. His new club features former Oiler teammates Tracey Ealon, Tracy Johnson, Robert Lyles and Mike Rozier. He listens to country music, particularly the sounds of "Alabama", with his wife, Heidi. The couple have two children, Samantha and Zachary, and live in Lawrenceville.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles					Int.		
			No.	Solo	Assist	FR	TD	No.	Yds.	LG
1984	Houston	16/2	42	23	19	0	0	0	0	0
1985	Houston	16/0	50	37	13	2	0	0	0	0
1986	Houston	16/7	110	58	52	2	1	1	0	0
1987	Houston	12/12	95	52	43	1	0	4	16	9
1988	Houston	16/16	87	53	34	1	0	4	29	23
1989	Houston	14/14	62	35	27	0	0	0	0	0
1990	K.C.	16/9	52	27	25	0	0	3	28	14
Total		106/60	498	285	213	6	1	12	73	23

Donaldson's Personal Bests

Tackles	Int	TD
16 Clev (11-22-87) 15 Pitt (11-16-86) Clev (11-30-86)	2 Cin (10-23-88) Pitt (12-20-87)	1 1-yd fumble ret K.C. (9-21-86)

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Jamie
DUKES

— Florida State - 6th Year

— Ht.: 6'1" Wt. 285

— Born: 6-14-64

— Acquisition: Free Agent, May 2,
1986**CENTER****Last Season**

Jamie logged a second full season as the Falcons starting center. He answered the call for all but an incredible three plays in the first 13 weeks of the season before a groin pull against Phoenix slowed him down. Dukes fought his way through the injury to start in the remaining three games but missed some time in the second half of each contest. Jamie uses his long arms for leverage and guile in the trenches to take on opposing defenders. He was part of the line which helped the birds improve in such areas as total offense (10th), points scored (10th), and time of possession (8th) from 1989, while leading the way for three 100-yard rushing games for Rozier.

Pro Career

The multi-talented Dukes started out his career filling in along the line playing right guard, left guard and center. This former free agent, who went undrafted in 1986, has now appeared in 32 straight games as the birds center of attention. He's even worked his way into the backfield to help with extra blocking chores, lined up at the tight end position, and returned a kickoff 13 yards.

Notebook

Begins season with
32 consecutive
starts now at center.
Undrafted, Jamie
beat the odds and
is now an NFL
starter.

Jamie came to the Falcons after an acclaimed career at Florida State and earned a spot on the roster as preseason injuries on the line enabled the coaches to take a closer look at the free agent. When Dukes crouched down to hike the ball to a waiting Chris Miller in the Los Angeles Coliseum on Nov. 4, 1988 versus the Raiders, it marked the first time ever that he played center in a regular season game at any level. Injuries predicated the move but this wasn't exactly new territory because Jamie had been tried at center in the previous two training camps. Dukes has made up for his lack of so-called NFL size with a 37 1/2 inch reach (84 inches from fingertip to fingertip), which provides him with a leverage advantage over most opponents.

College

FSU Head Coach Bobby Bowden called Dukes "the best offensive lineman in school history." He started more games (48) than any other Seminole offensive lineman and was a first-team All-America selection by three publications as a senior. His four-year standout career included three bowl victories (Gator, Peach and Gator) and one tie (Georgia in Citrus). Jamie faced NFLers Alphonso Carreker, Gerald Nichols and Eric Hayes in practice everyday and roomed with Sammy

Smith of the Dolphins. He separated his shoulder once, missing the second half of a game, but returned the next week.

Personal

Jamie Donnell is the middle child among a group of three kids in the Dukes family. He was reared in his birthplace of Schnectady, NY but changed zip codes to Orlando, FL at the age of 12. The Orange County Player of the Year at Maynard Evans High School also developed a love for hoops. The self-proclaimed LA Lakers fans keeps active in his "other" sport by taking his game to the playgrounds of Atlanta and organizing the Falcons offseason basketball team. He and his wife, Lynne, make their home in Lilburn, Ga.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 1986 (14/4), 1987 (5/0), 1988 (12/5), 1989 (16/16), 1990 (16/16)

32		Tracey
Portland State - 4th Year Ht.: 6'1" Wt. 195 Born: 7-19-65		EATON
Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, April 1, 1991		SAFETY

Last Season

Tracey's third NFL season was cut short due to a shoulder injury which required surgery. He was placed on Injured Reserve on Nov. 28 after playing in 11 games. The aggressive Eaton was a contributor on the Cardinals special teams as he totaled 8 stops.

Pro Career

The Portland State product brings 30 games of NFL experience to the Falcons, counting Playoff games. After getting only a brief glimpse of his abilities in his rookie season in '88, because of a partially dislocated shoulder which shelved him on IR, Tracey appeared in all 16 games for the Oilers in '89. He posted 44 tackles, two starts, 12 special teams stops, three interceptions, three passes defended and a forced fumble. He registered a career-high 13 tackles in the season-opener against the Vikings and received the starting nod versus San Diego and Buffalo for an injured Jeff Donaldson. His interception with :56 seconds left against Detroit sealed Houston's 35-31 victory. The big-play maker also forced Tampa Bay's James Wilder to fumble on the Oiler 18-yard line with 1:18 on the clock in a 20-17 win.

College

He decided to stay in the west and attend Portland State, which is five hours away from his Medford, Oregon home. Eaton was voted the Western Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year

as a senior by guiding the Vikings to the national championship game in Division II. He played his best against the best as he recorded a season-high 13 tackles in the championship game against Troy State. He racked up 221 lifetime tackles, 13 thefts, 10 forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and 29 passes defended for the Vikes.

Father played for
N.Y. Giants.
Named Western
Conference
Defense Player of
the Year in college.

Notebook

The Eaton football lineage runs deep in Tracey's background as his father, Scott, was an eighth-round draft pick of the Giants out of Oregon State. His father intercepted 11 passes in the New York secondary as a strong safety from 1967-71. Tracey had a memorable moment as a rookie when he picked off a Jim Kelly pass in the playoffs after fighting back onto the roster after going through shoulder surgery. He joins June Jones as Portland State alumni on the Falcons roster.

Personal

Tracey Bruce Eaton was a standout in football and basketball at Medford (OR) High, which is along the coast, only three hours from California. As a free safety and receiver, his prep highlights included a three interception game and a three TD catch outing. He helped his team to a #1 ranking in the state during his senior season. Not only will he be surrounded by two of his former coaches (Glanville & Jones), but also by four players in the form of Donaldson, Tracy Johnson, Robert Lyles and Mike Rozier. His father is a stockbroker in Seattle while his mother, Jocelyn, and sister, Jennifer, still live in Medford. A marketing major in college, Tracey is single and resides in Atlanta.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles			Assist	Interceptions			LG	Sp Tms	
			No.	Solo			FF	No.	Yds.		TD	No.
1988	Houston	1/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1989	Houston	16/2	44	26	18	1	3	33	20	0	0	12
1990	K.C.	11/0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Total		28/2	45	27	18	1	3	33	20	0	0	20

WE SHALL RETURN

The 1990 Atlanta Falcons led the entire NFL by scoring eight touchdowns via "returns". That included three interception returns (two by Sanders and one by Case), two fumble recovery returns (Butler, Tuggle), one punt return (Sanders), one kickoff return (Jones), and one return of a blocked punt (Butler). Five of those returns went for 60 or more yards, including Sanders club record 79-yard punt return.

74		Tory
— Memphis State — Ht.: 6'0" Wt. 270 — Born: 5-28-67		EPPS
— Acquisition: 8th Round, 195th Overall		NOSE TACKLE

Last Season

Tory was a consensus All-NFL rookie by such associations as UPI, Pro Football Weekly, College & Pro Football Newsweekly, and Football News. He not only was the most productive rookie lineman in the League but finished with the most tackles by a rookie lineman over the past three seasons with 84 stops (edging the Bears' Trace Armstrong who had 80 in '89). Epps won the starting nose tackle position in training camp and was in the lineup at the start of 15 out of his 16 games played. He manned the middle in a vastly improved Falcon rush defense that led the NFL in yards per carry (3.3) and was third in yards per game (84.8). The ever-present Epps also broke through to block three field goals on the year, the most FG attempts of any player in the League. Those three blocks were also a club season record and his two versus the 49ers tied George Thomas for the most blocks in a single game. He dumped the quarterback three times and was credited with 6 QB pressures and 2 batted balls. The Memphis State star registered a season-high nine tackles against San Francisco and at Pittsburgh. He had seven tackles each versus the Oilers and Rams and at San Francisco came away with seven stops, a sack of Joe Montana, a QB pressure, a batted ball and two blocked field goal attempts to capture Miller Lite Player of the Game honors.

Notebook

Led NFL with 3 blocked FG's.

Led all rookie linemen in tackles as an all-NFL rookie.

Epps can always look back when his football career is over and tell folks that his first two QB sacks were against none other than Joe Montana. Tory turned out to be the so-called "find" of the '89 draft. The eighth-rounder took full advantage of the holdout absence of veteran Tony Casillas to stand out in summer training camp and earn the nod on opening day. Nicknamed after jazz artist "Billy Eckstein" by coach Glanville, Epps prides himself on being able to stuff the run, so he fit right in with the Falcons "Black Wave", every-player-to-the-ball philosophy. Despite never blocking a kick in his life, he managed to get his hands on three field goal attempts this season to pace the League. He used his quick feet and good jumping ability to make up for his lack of height to knock down two Mike Cofer attempts and an Al Del Greco boot. Opponents found out that the hard-working Epps plays with a great deal of intensity. "Here's a guy with quickness and closing speed, but what he brings to the party is he loves to play," said Glanville. "And it's fun to be around people who love their work."

College

Tory improved every year for the Memphis State Tigers, ending his career with 240 tackles, 24 for losses, and six QB sacks. A blood clot in his shoulder hampered his senior play and made him miss three games but he still battled to make 67 tackles and a pair of sacks. His best season was his junior campaign when he totaled 83 stops (third on team), two sacks, and nine tackles for losses. He saved his best for rival Alabama, where he won AP Defensive Player of the Week kudos for a 10 tackle, pass deflection effort in a 13-10 upset in 1987 and he also hammered the Crimson Tide for a career high 11 tackles in 1989. He played linebacker halfway through his freshman season before being switched to nose guard and becoming a three-year starter.

Personal

Epps was an all-county and all-conference linebacker at Uniontown (PA) High as a prep. He was named both defensive player of the year and conference MVP. The agile Epps patterned his hoops game after Charles Barkley of the 76ers as he was good enough to become an all-star. Tory likes to lift weights as a hobby and bench presses 405 pounds and squats 505 lbs. He was a celebrity competitor at WSB Channel 2's Family to Family Challenge at White Water Park which benefited various Atlanta charities and was a participant in the team's Adopt a School program.

Career Statistics

TACKLES										
Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Pressures	FF	FR	BB
1990	All.	16/15	84	39	45	3-21	6	0	0	2

Epps' Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Pressures	Blocks
9 at Pitt (11-4-90) SF (10-14-90) 7 Three times	1 at TB (12-2-90) SF (10-14-90) at SF (9-23-90)	1 Six times	2 at SF (9-23-90) 1 Pho (12-9-90)

Rookie Def. Lineman Last Three Seasons

PLAYER	YEAR	TOTAL	SOLO	ASST.	SACKS
TORY EPPS, FALCONS	1990	84	39	45	3/21
Trace Armstrong, Bears	1989	80	37	43	5/17
Burt Grossman, Chargers	1989	63	47	16	10/73
G. Williams, Steelers	1989	54	46	8	3/3
Neil Smith, Chiefs	1988	53	31	22	2.5

79		Bill FRALIC
Pittsburgh - 7th Year Ht.: 6'5" Wt. 280 Born: 10-31-62		
Acquisition: 1985 Draft, 1st Round, 2nd Overall		GUARD

Last Season

Big Bill's power blocking paved the way for an offense that finished in the top 10 in the NFL in passing, time of possession, points scored, total offense, and touchdowns scored. The four-time Pro Bowler started all 16 games, avoiding any serious injuries, for the first time since 1986. Fralic opened holes for RB Mike Rozier's 3, 100-yard rushing days and a team-best 222 yard effort at Tampa Bay as well as protecting Chris Miller for his career-best 366 yard passing game in the win over the Saints, and his three passing TD's versus the 49ers. Although he missed the Pro Bowl for the first time in four years, his efforts in the trenches was rewarded with a berth on Football Digest's first team All-Pro squad.

Pro Career

Despite missing the Pro Bowl for the first time in four years, Bill went about his usual business of muscling opponents. Fralic still holds the distinction of being the only NFL guard to play in four Pro Bowls in-a-row from 1986-89. Accolades have come often to a player who goes by the simple, but aptly termed, nickname of "Bull." He's gone from Sports Illustrated's Rookie of the Year, to All-Pro, to the All-Madden team. His impact has been so influential that he was voted to the second team All-NFL Team of the Decade, although he played in only five of the 10 years in the 1980's. "He comes off the ball strong and doesn't give an inch," said fellow Pro Bowler Tom Newberry of the Rams. "Our job is hand-to-hand combat, beating the other guy physically. Bill's very good at that." Fralic was coveted so much by the Falcons that they traded away their #1 pick and a 3rd round pick to Minnesota (who picked LB Tim Meamber) for the right to choose the Pittsburgh All-America with the second overall selection. His toughness and grit are well known. In his very first game against the Lions he cracked the joints in his neck and shoulder on a play in which he was twisted in an awkward angle. No problem. Bill just went to the sidelines, grabbed three Tylenol's, and never missed a down. He's played in 88 NFL games, missing only one start, despite going "under the knife" arthroscopically for his left knee (twice), left elbow and fractured right finger. Bill was a tackle in college but was switched to guard the first time he took the field because of a contract holdout of R.C. Thielemann. He became the highest paid offensive lineman in the League when he signed a contract prior to the '89 season.

Honors

1990: All-NFL, Football Digest, AP All-Pro (honorable mention)

Notebook

Four-time Pro Bowl
voted to All-NFL
Team of the '80's
(2nd team).

Appointed by NFL
Commissioner for
Advisory Commit-
tee for substance
abuse, including
steroids and drugs.

Fralic changes uniforms in the offseason and suits up at his insurance company (Bill Fralic Insurance Services), which serves mainly businesses and trucking companies. After getting a feel for the insurance business in 1987, Bill decided to invest some of his money into his own company and hire some of the employees that his previous employer laid off (hence the birth of Bill Fralic, Inc.). A staunch anti-steroid advocate, Bill took it upon himself after his rookie season to call then-commissioner Pete Rozelle and tell him . . .

"You've got to do something about steroids. They're a huge problem in this league." Fralic flew to Washington on May 9, 1989 to relay his thoughts in front of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee examining anabolic steroids. He's also conferred with Commissioner

Paul Tagliabue on the subject and was appointed by Tagliabue to the Advisory Committee that will help new NFL drug advisor Dr. John A. Lombardo. The NFLPA Falcon rep is on the association's drug prevention committee as Chairman, Health and Safety Commission, and was featured in Sports Illustrated for his efforts to curtail steroids in sports. In April of 1986, Fralic was one of the last 10 people to be tossed out of the ring during a 20-man battle in Wrestlemania II in Chicago, which included Hulk Hogan and Andre "The Giant", as he received the heave hoe from "The Iron Sheikh" and "Big" John Stud. Despite his many offseason interests, Bill is still one of the club's most visible performers in the Falcons weight room year round.

College

Leave it to William P. Fralic, Jr. to get publicity for one of the least noticed positions on the field. The mammoth 6-5, 280 pounder made such an impression that he garnered votes for the Heisman Trophy in both his junior (8th place) and senior campaigns (6th overall). One of the most recognized and celebrated linemen in college football, number 79 was retired at Pittsburgh, along with his locker, to place him among the company of Tony Dorsett, Dan Marino, and Hugh Green. The three time All-American tackle was only the second freshman ever behind Dorsett to start his first game. The bright and introspective Fralic carried a 2.65 GPA in business at Pitt.

Personal

The Penn Hills, PA product hails from a tough steel working family. Bill Fralic, Sr., a decorated former Marine who fought in the Korean War, ran a strict household and kept his three sons in order. His father's favorite sign, "Forget the Dog, Beware the Owner" was a warning that stood in the Fralics front yard. "There never was anything phony about Bill," said Sr. "He's always gone in the front door with the brass band playing." The Fralics are an athletic family with older brothers, Mike and Joe, setting the football trend as the pair were both offensive tackles at South Carolina and Marshall, respectively. Young Bill was just your average 7 pound, three ounce baby at birth, but grew quickly. He shot up to 175 pounds at the age of nine but then stood 6 feet tall and weighed in at 210 pounds at 12 years-old. Because of his size he became an overpowering pitcher in Little League and was asked to play high school football as an eighth grader. His successful high school career included four consecutive football titles and he placed third in the state as a heavyweight wrestler. The 27 year old bachelor owns a house in Woodstock, Ga. and enjoys getting out on the links on occasion.

Career Games

Games Played/Started: 88/87, 1985 (15/14), 1986 (16/16), 1987 (12/12), 1988 (14/14), 1989 (15/15), 1990 (16/16)

17		Scott
— Kansas State - 5th Year — Ht.: 6'0" Wt. 193 — Born: 11-17-61		FULHAGE
— Acquisition: Free Agent, August 24, 1989		PUNTER

Last Season

Scott finished his second season with the Falcons with the NFC's fourth-best net average at 36.0 and a gross of 41.6. His 15 punts inside the 20 were the second-most in his career. Fulhage had at least one punt over 50 yards in eight games last year. In the rematch at New Orleans, he punted eight times for a season-high game average of 45.5 and a season-best net of 41.3. He dropped three kicks inside the 20, with two of those falling inside the 10, and had a pair of punts over 50 yards to gain Miller Lite Player of the Game accolades. Scott's other top game came in the big victory over Dallas as he carried a 45.0 gross average and 37.3 net. He booted three punts over 50 yards at Detroit and his longs on the year included shots of 59, 56, 55, 53, 52, 51 and 50 yards. He even stuck his helmet in there to make a TD saving tackle on Rod Woodson of the Steelers.

Pro Career

The fifth-year pro came to the Falcons, his fifth NFL team, after being released from the Bengals during the '89 training camp. In his first season in Atlanta, Scott led the NFC with 24 punts inside the 20 and was ninth in the League with a 41.3 average. Fulhage's first pro tryout was with the Buffalo Bills in 1985. After being released, he signed on with team two, the Redskins a year later for their '86 camp but didn't make the final cut. Scott's NFL odyssey, team three, continued in Cincinnati in '87 and although he was eventually let go on the last day, he caught on with the Bengals replacement team. Despite pacing the League in those three games with a 44.4 average, he had to search for another team when the strikers returned and he landed with team four in Green Bay. He had to rebound again after the Packers gave him his walking papers on Nov. 3 and, as fate would have it, he was re-signed by the Bengals two days later. His job as the regular punter ended after 96 punts and a 40 yard average on December 21, 1988 as he was forced onto Injured Reserve with a back problem. His best outing of his career came against New England in '89 as a member of the Falcons when he punted seven times for 344 yards, a 49.1 average, with an NFL-long 65 yarder, and three kicks inside the 20 to win the weekly Golden Toe Award.

College

As a Wildcat, he posted a career average of 40.5, punting for 10,284 yards on 254 tries. The former Academic All-America and second team All-Big Eight Selection was ranked second in the conference and 25th in the nation in his junior season with a 41.9 average. He led the conference going into the last game against Colorado as a senior but ended up losing the title by a slim margin. Scott once punted 12 times against Nebraska and played on the school's only bowl team with an

1982 appearance in the Independence Bowl versus Wisconsin, where he punted 8 times, including a 59 yarder. His career longs included a 75-yard boot versus Nebraska and a 72-yard boom against Missouri.

Notebook



Nicknamed, "The Cannon", for his booming, high kicks, the strong-legged Fulhage is a Kansas bred farmhand in the offseason. His house and farm are only two miles away from his parents in his hometown of Beloit, KA (pop. 4,000). Even though Scott was on IR during the Bengals run through the AFC playoffs in 1988, he still managed to find one of the better views as he stood on the Bengals sideline during Super Bowl XXIII.

Personal

Both Scott and Cyndy Fulhage hail from the heartland of the America in midwest Kansas. Their farm, along with Scott's parents, totals over 3,400 acres of which they mainly harvest wheat and milo (cattle feed). Scott was skilled in the art of driving a combine at an early age and Cyndy is equally adept at handling farm machinery. Cyndy, a Rozel, KA native (pop. 300), was so taken by Scott after the two met on the K-State campus that she actually broke off her engagement to another in order to date Scott. He is a big sushi eater and admirer of old cars. He still drives a '84 rust colored Monte Carlo and once had the engine overhauled for \$2,000 rather than buy a new car. He noticed the engine trouble after making the trek from Cincinnati to Beloit after the Bengals played in the Super Bowl. Fulhage's active high school athletic career saw him play all kinds of positions from quarterback to fullback to linebacker, while holding down his natural punting duties. A member of two state title teams, he also found time to play basketball and track. A popular t-shirt that circulated in his hometown featured an autographed action picture of Scott with the inscription, "Foothage", which was designed by the son of his agent. Scott received his agricultural economics degree and Cyndy holds a diploma in marketing. The sharp couple have been actively involved in the Atlanta community since arriving in the south and participated in a fashion show to benefit the Starlight Foundation. Scott likes to visit children's hospitals and Shepherd Spinal Center and is involved in the NFL sponsored Team Up Against Drugs program. He donated \$1,200 to the Georgia Special Olympics due to his on the field success and he and Cyndy also took time to support the Special Teams Paint at Eggleston Hospital. They are the proud parents of two children, Camille, 5, and Darrell John, 3.

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
1990	Atl.	70	2913	41.6	59	4	15	0
Totals		250	10225	40.9	65	23	62	3

Fulhage's Personal Bests

NO	YDS	AVG	LG
8 at N.O. (11-25-90)	364 at N.O. (11-25-90)	49.1 N.E. (10-15-89)	65 N.E. (10-15-89)
at Det. (9-16-90)	359 at Det. (9-16-90)	45.5 at N.O. (11-25-90)	58 S.D. (10-4-87)
at Jets (11-26-89)	344 N.E. (10-15-89)	45.0 Dall. (12-30-90)	56 Wash. (12-17-89)

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Mike

GANN

Notre Dame - 7th Year

Ht.: 6'5" Wt. 270

Born: 10-19-63

Acquisition: 1985 Draft, 2nd
Round, 45th Overall

DEFENSIVE END

Last Season

One of the consistent run-stoppers in the "Black Wave" defense, Mike's skills were a complement to Coach Glanville's new attack system. Gann enjoyed his best statistical season of his six-year career with his first-ever, 100 plus tackle campaign, finishing with a career-high 116 stops. He ended up only five tackles behind Tim Green for the team lead among defensive linemen. He was slowed by a foot injury at the end of the year, which limited his ability to push off and forced him out of the game after only three plays at Cleveland, or he had a shot at pacing all linemen on the club. Mike registered three, 11-tackle games at LA Rams, Cincy, and at New Orleans, accounted for 10 stops and a QB sack at Detroit, and had two other nine-tackle days. Despite the foot injury, Mike fought through the line to block the first field goal of his career in the victory over the Rams in Week 16 and also recorded eight tackles. He totaled seven tackles, a sack, 2 QB pressures, and a fumble recovery in the win over the Saints and on the year had 3.5 QB sacks, 19 QB pressures, and two fumble recoveries.

Pro Career

Gann has been part of one line which allowed an NFL-low 3.3 yards per carry last year and one that was the League's Most Improved defense in 1986. The seven-year pro from Notre Dame upped his games played total to 92. The durable Gann has never missed a game, or start, due to injury. Prior to this season, he led the team in QB pressures for four straight years and is the club's current active leader in that category with 176. Always alert, Mike has scored two touchdowns in his career, plus a safety, and his first NFL tackle was a sack of QB Eric Hipple of Detroit. His lifetime totals read an impressive 560 tackles, 21.5 QB sacks, 8 fumble recoveries, and 2 forced fumbles.

Year-By-Year

1989: Mike ended up sixth on the team with 99 tackles and again paced the club with 27 QB pressures. He also had a pair of sacks against the Redskins, 11 tackles versus the Jets, and denied Eric Dickerson on a 4th and one to keep the Falcons hopes alive in Indianapolis.

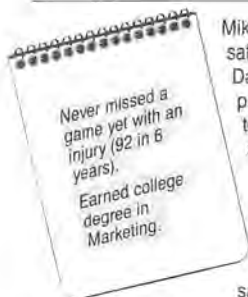
1988: Mike had 92 tackles and led the team with 25 QB hurries. His play also included four sacks, two pass deflections, two forced fumbles and two fumbles recovered. He scooped up a Randall Cunningham fumble in Philadelphia and rumbled 36 yards for the score. He also had a personal best 14 tackle game 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 alertness helped fellow lineman Tim Green record his first NFL safety in the Week 17 dismantling of the Cowboys. Gann overheard Dallas QB Babe Laufenberg call the play in the Falcons endzone and passed it on to Green. "I was looking in the huddle all day just trying to pick anything up," said Gann. "I knew it was going to the 4-hole so I told Tim to be ready." Mike was a no-show at training camp in 1989 due to a contract holdout and it was the first time that he didn't spend his summer months on the gridiron since before his junior high school days. Gann's unassuming demeanor was evident when he waited until after all the mass of reporters were done questioning #1 pick Bill Fralic after the pair of rookies signed on the same day. He just popped his head in the press room after the

commotion settled down and said without fanfare, "My name is Gann and I think I'm supposed to talk to somebody here." Mike may have been a No. 1 pick himself if it wasn't for rumors circulating that he was being courted by the Tampa Bay Bandits of the USFL. Gann came into the League with a reputation as a pass rusher but has shown a penchant for chasing down running backs. He almost attended Oklahoma and would have been teamed with Rick Bryan and Tony Casillas on a formidable line, but changed his mind after signing a letter of intent so his family could watch him play closer to their new Chicago home. The Falcons were so impressed with Gann in his rookie camp that they traded away incumbent Don Smith and a year later Gann moved past #1 choice Mike Pitts on the depth chart and he was eventually traded to Philadelphia.

College

A big-play maker at Notre Dame, Gann collected 172 career tackles, including 34 for losses, and trapped the quarterback 21 times. He was voted the team's top defensive player in 1984

with 10 sacks, three forced fumbles and five recovered fumbles while playing all four years for coach Gerry Faust.

Personal

A Parade All-America in high school, the native of Lakewood, Colorado was also an all-state choice as both an offensive guard and defensive end. He helped guide Lakewood High to the Colorado state crown in '79 as a senior captain and doubled as the school's catcher on the baseball team. He was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma and watched his brother, Mark, stay in the state and play for the Sooners. He's been called an altar-boy look-a-like by one of his first Falcon coaches but changed to Mr. Mean when he hits the field by another. He holds a Marketing degree and has done work on a Masters in Management. Gann gives his time to community affairs like Georgia Special Olympics and the Boy Scouts and also draws a crowd when he attends church youth group sessions. He supports the "Bee A Buckler" campaign, which espouses the safety of seat belts. An outdoorsman, Mike likes to fish on his own bass boat, work in the yard, or take in a round of golf in his spare time. Mike's wife, Judy, holds a degree in accounting with a 3.9 GPA, so we know who is in charge of keeping tabs on the family's finances. The Little League baseball coach has one son, Michael Joseph, and a daughter, Mindy, and they were expecting their third in June.

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
1990	Atl.	16/15	116	53	63	3.5	19	0	2	0	0
Total		92/91	560	305	255	21.5	176	2	8	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)	

99

Syracuse - 6th Year
 Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 245
 Born: 12-16-63

Acquisition: 1986 Draft, 1st Round,
 17th Overall



GREEN

DEFENSIVE LINE

Last Season

The six-year product from Syracuse finally found his niche along the Falcons frontline while recording a second 100 tackle season. Tim made another career change moving from his linebacker position to the defensive line. By all indications, Green made a smooth transition to a full-time down linemen as he experienced a career year. He led his position with a personal-high 121 tackles, fifth-best mark on the club. A relentless worker, the former No. 1 pick also paced the team with a career-high six QB sacks for a minus 36 yards and had a team-best 37 QB pressures. He was the only lineman to start all 16 games and tied Aundray Bruce for the team lead with four forced fumbles. He registered 11 stops and six QB pressures of Jim Everett in the Rams victory and had a pair of 10-tackle efforts against the Bears (with 5 pressures) and in the win over the Saints. Tim also had two, nine-tackle days, and three games with eight tackles apiece. At Tampa Bay, he sacked Vinny Testaverde twice and put pressure on him four other times. Green won Miller Lite Player of the Game honors for recovering two Steeler fumbles and making eight tackles in Week 9. Coaches were convinced Tim could make the adjustment in preseason when he recorded three sacks versus the Packers.

Pro Career

Until last year, Green had been searching for a position to call his own and show the consistency expected of a #1 draft pick. He made the most of a new opportunity in '90 and silenced some critics in the process while returning to his familiar spot in college. Tim has played every linebacker position from inside to out. He endured his third position change in three years to inside backer in 1988. Tim lost out on a chance to make his first NFL season opening start after a strong training camp due to a hyperextended elbow suffered two days before facing the Lions and had to play catch up the entire year. In 1989, Green was listed as a defensive end/linebacker, often times lining up as a down lineman in certain situations, and was getting comfortable. He was third on the team with 88 tackles at his hybrid position when Head Coach Marion Campbell retired with three games remaining. The club decided to experiment with younger players and Green was asked to split time on the outside. But it was because of his play on the frontline that caught Coach Glanville's eye and he decided to make him a full-time lineman.

Year-By-Year

1989: Green started 14 games at three different positions (ROLB, LOLB and RE) and collected his first 100-plus tackle season with a third-best 111 stops. His five QB sacks were third on the club and he also chipped in with 16 QB pressures, and a forced and recovered fumble.

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

Writing his own novel, while attending law school and training for black belt in karate.

His nominee won NFL Teacher of the Year award.

Tim has always been active in plenty of off the field endeavors. A reading enthusiast, the former co-valedictorian at Syracuse is an aspiring novelist who is in the midst of writing a book. He is attending law classes at his alma mater in the offseason and is training for his black belt in karate. Green wrote a sports column, "NFL Notepad", that appeared in the Syracuse Herald-Journal newspaper throughout the Falcons season. He's also done some talent work for an NBC TV affiliate in his hometown. Tim hails from the same Liverpool, NY neighborhood that produced Chiefs TE Pete Holohan. The usually pensive, soft-spoken Green changes faces on gameday. An emotional player, he leads the team in an unofficial category of dealing out head butts after big plays. "I've always been real intense and emotional," said

Green. "I feel that a defense without intensity is no defense." Tim carried a 3.83 GPA in English literature in college and was a Rhodes Scholar nominee for two consecutive years. Tim's high school science teacher from Liverpool, NY, John Williams, was voted the NFL's first Teacher of the Year award after being nominated by Green. Williams received a \$5,000 grant and a free trip to the Pro Bowl in Hawaii while Green's high school was presented a \$10,000 scholarship fund in their names.

College

The All-American defensive end used his quickness to collect 28.5 sacks in his last two seasons and 341 total tackles in his four-year career for the Orangemen. The senior co-captain was in the running for the Lombardi Trophy as one of three juniors and once blocked a Navy punt and returned it for a score. He was tabbed Sports Illustrated's Defensive Player of the Week twice in his career, once for his play as Syracuse upset No. 1 Nebraska, and recorded four sacks in a game against Virginia Tech.

Personal

Timothy John is one of three children of Richard, a systems analyst, and Judy Green, a teacher, of Syracuse, NY. He gets his love of reading from his parents who would bring home books from the library for him to thumb through. In Tim Green's world, when he refers to "Papa", he's talking about one of his favorite writers, Ernest Hemingway and not George Halas. A Parade All-America and New York State Player of the Year at Liverpool High, he was recruited by the likes of Notre Dame, Penn State and Harvard. But he chose to stay closer to home and attend Syracuse, a school 10 miles south of his hometown. Green's college coach and current Patriots boss Dick

MacPherson once said, "Tim's the kind of guy governors and senators are made from." He worked on the Georgia Council on Child Abuse radio-a-thon and visits children's hospitals. A family man, Tim can be found in the offseason sharing time with bride Illyssa, and 1-year-old son, Thane.

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
1990	Atlanta	16/16	121	44	77	6	4	1	0
Total		62/41	335	162	173	16	6	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) 11 Rams (12-23-90)	2 at T.B. (12-2-90) 1 14 times	1 Phil (10-4-87) Buff (11-5-89)	1 Wash (9-20-87) Phil (11-18-90)

81

Northern Arizona - 4th Year
Ht.: 6'0" Wt. 180
Born: 12-24-65

Acquisition: 1988 Draft, 7th
Round, 166th Overall



Michael

HAYNES

WIDE RECEIVER

Last Year

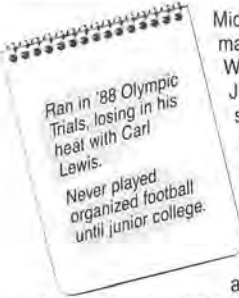
Michael suffered through an injury plagued season last year which limited the fourth-year receiver to 10 starts in 13 games played and only 31 receptions. His effectiveness was hampered by a fractured hand, left ankle and right ankle sprains, a thigh bruise and knee sprain. He registered season-highs of four catches each in an opening victory over the Oilers and at Chicago. He had a season-best 70-yard receiving day on three grabs against the Eagles and 66-yards on another three aerials in a win over the Saints. The speedy Northern Arizona product also had long catches of 60 yards (vs Detroit) and 55 yards (vs Philly) but did not score a

touchdown for the first time in his career. He was on the Inactive List due to injury for three games.

Pro Career

Haynes had his lowest output since his rookie year in 1990 because of a variety of injuries. When healthy though, this seventh round pick has provided the Falcons with a much-needed breakaway threat. He made his catches count as an unheralded rookie when he snared a pair of game-winning grabs with a 49-yarder at Philadelphia (which was his first NFL TD) and a 37-yard reception, falling down in a rainstorm, against Tampa Bay. He paced all club wideouts that year with four scores in six starts. His strong sophomore campaign contained: a six reception, two TD, 190-yard outing versus the Redskins, including a career-long 72-yarder; a five-catch, 88-yard day versus the Vikings; and a team-best four receiving TD's on the year.

Notebook



Plan to '88 Olympic Trials, losing in his heat with Carl Lewis.
Never played organized football until junior college.

Michael's ascension to the pro ranks is a true rags to riches story. He made it to the big leagues without ever playing a down in either Pop Warner or high school football. His first taste of contact came on the JUCO level at Eastern Arizona, where he followed some friends to the school to pursue an academic future and they persuaded him to join them on the football team. He earned a scholarship to Northern Arizona after weighing an offer from New Mexico and his football career took off. He did have a good view of his high school football games at Joseph Clark H.S. in New Orleans for he was a trumpet playing member of the school's band. An accomplished track star, the Big Sky Conference champion (in the 100 and 200 meters) raced against Carl Lewis at the Olympic Trials in the summer of 1988. Haynes,

who has been clocked at 10.28 in the 100 and 4.35 in the 40, headed his school's 400-meter relay team which qualified for the NCAA Championships. Labeled "A Bargain", by an Atlanta newspaper, young Michael was the 166th player chosen overall on the 7th round by the birds in the '88 draft after playing only two full seasons as a wideout in college. In his first NFL start versus the Giants in Week 8 of his rookie season, he almost became an instant hero, but his potential game-winning bomb at the gun was a yard shy of the goal line.

College

The world-class speedster first caught the eyes of the scouts with a 23.8 KOR average and 17.5 yard receiving tote as a junior in the hills of Flagstaff, AR. He followed that up with one of the nations top return averages of 26.9 (22-592) as a senior. He snared 49 passes for 835 yards and nine TD's, with a long of 81, in his Lumberjack career. Michael also wrote a 243 yard receiving day into his resume in college. He started out his football career as a walk-on defensive back at Eastern Arizona Junior College, where he collared 65 tackles and five thefts, and ran 10 kickoffs back for 206 yards and four punts for 61 more yards in his initial season ever on the gridiron. A switch to offense the next season would be the impetus for an eventual pro career. The talented performer played receiver and halfback and caught 12 passes for 267 yards (22.3 average), and rushed 31 times for 441 yards (and a glaring 14.2 average), with three TD's and a long of 80. He also managed to complete two out of five pass attempts for 122 yards and a score. Haynes lined up opposite Shawn Collins for two years at NAU.

Personal

A New Orleans native by birth, Michael was a Christmas eve baby to Jack and Georgia Haynes. He and his brother, Theran, preferred the soft sounds of the horns as members of the band while

their peers got involved in sports as youngsters. It was business as usual for an unassuming Haynes when it came time for the NFL draft in 1988. He simply treated it like any other day and went to class, ate lunch, then headed to track practice where his teammates told him he was drafted by the Falcons. He traveled to hospitals in conjunction with his commitment to the Children's Miracle Network cause and also visited the Veterans Hospital prior to Veterans Day with his fellow wide receivers. Michael can be seen in the offseason driving his red Porsche 911 back and forth from New Orleans to his other home in Alpharetta, GA.

Career Statistics

Receiving							
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1988	Atl.	15/5	13	232	17.8	49t	4
1989	Atl.	13/11	40	681	17.0	72t	4
1990	Atl.	13/10	31	445	14.4	60	0
Total		41/26	84	1358	16.2	72t	8

Haynes' Personal Bests

Receiving			
No.	Yds.	Long	TD
2 at Phil (10-30-88) TB (11-27-88)	190 Wash (12-17-89) 88 at Min (12-10-89) 70 Phil (11-18-90) 68 at Phil (10-30-88) 66 at Pho (10-22-89) 66 NO (10-7-90) 44 TB (11-27-88)	72t Wash (12-17-89) 60 at Det (9-16-90) 55 Phil (11-18-90) 49t at Phil (10-30-88) 46 Rams (10-8-89) 37 TB (11-27-88)	2 at Phil (10-30-88)

A LOT OF FIRSTS

A total of 16 current Falcons came into the NFL as a first round draft choice (13 by the Falcons themselves). That list includes a pair of first rounders this year (Bruce Pickens, Mike Pritchard), a '90 class that featured WR Andre Rison (Colts '89), T Chris Hinton (Denver, '83), and RB Steve Broussard, a pair of all-Rookies from '89 in CB Deion Sanders and WR Shawn Collins, the top pick in '88 in LB Aundray Bruce, QB Chris Miller from '87, four-time Pro Bowler G Bill Fralic in '85, DE Rick Bryan in '84, CB Bobby Butler in '81, and five-time Pro Bowl T Mike Kenn from 1978. Mike Rozier had come into the NFL as the second player picked overall in the 1984 Supplemental Draft. Of course, the other side of the coin features undrafted free agents like LB Jessie Tuggle, C Jamie Dukes, special teams tackle leader Ken Tippins, and waiver claims like starting safety Brian Jordan and RB Mike Rozier.

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Chris
HINTON

Northwestern - 9th Year
Ht.: 6'4" Wt. 300
Born: 7-31-61

Acquisition: Trade with Colts, April
20, 1990

TACKLE

Last Season

Big Chris got off to a slow start last year due to contract negotiations which saw him report at the end of training camp in time to suit up for the last preseason game at New England, only to strain his left calf muscle. Hinton did not play in the season opener versus Houston while he "rehabed" his injured calf. He continued to work himself into shape and saw action in the next three contests and moved into the starting lineup at right tackle against the Niners in Week 6. He went on to start the remaining 12 games of the year and exhibited the kind of all-star form which would garner him votes as a first alternate to the Pro Bowl and honorable mention on the AP All-Pro team. "Chris isn't just blocking guys, he's mauling them," noted Coach Gilman after Week 14. "This is the type of play we expected from a Pro Bowl player." Hinton laid the final block on Cowboy Jesse Solomon to spring Mike Rozier for a club record 67-yard run.

Pro Career

After five Pro Bowl nominations at left tackle, Hinton was asked to move to right tackle in his eighth pro season. He missed all of training camp while he and the Falcons negotiated a new contract and his progression was slowed by a bad calf once he reported. He worked his way into the starting rotation versus the 49ers and was a solid contributor the rest of the season. Chris' first of six Pro Bowl trips came as a right guard in 1983 as he became the first rookie in the NFL to go to Hawaii in his inaugural season. An injury riddled '84 season ended a streak of 21 straight starts for the Northwestern grad when he went on IR with a fractured fibula in Week 7. Hinton returned strong in '85 to shift to left tackle and earn another Pro Bowl nod. He led a Colts line which helped establish the highest rush per average for a season in over 10 years in the NFL with a 5.0 mark. Chris made his third position change in his career when he moved to left guard for the remaining three games of the '86 campaign after occupying his familiar LT slot for 13 games and advanced to yet another Pro Bowl.

Notebook

Has earned Pro Bowl selections as right guard and left tackle. Was 1st alternate last year at right tackle. His H.S. teacher was a winner in the NFL Teacher of the Month award program.

An apparent fixture in Indianapolis, Hinton was part of pre-draft '89 trade that sent WR Andre Rison and the Colts #1 pick in the 1991 draft to Atlanta in exchange for the No. 1 overall selection which translated into QB Jeff George. Chris' dossier also includes another big trade involving a quarterback. He was picked by the Broncos with the fourth overall pick in 1983 draft and then shipped to the Colts on May 2, with QB Mark Herrmann and a #1 choice (for which they

took G Ron Solt), in return for QB John Elway. He played in his 100th NFL game in a Week 12 showdown at New Orleans and had a streak of 34 consecutive starts from 1986-89. He became the NFL's highest paid lineman, signing a four-year contract, prior to the '90 season.

Honors

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| 1990: Pro Bowl first alternate at RT
Honorable Mention AP All-Pro | 1985: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (2nd)
AP all-NFL (second team)
UPI all-AFC (first team)
NEA all-NFL (second team) |
| 1989: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (6th)
UPI all-AFC (second team)
AP all-NFL (second team)
PFW all-AFC (first team) | 1983: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (1st)
UPI all-NFL rookie
Football Digest all-NFL
rookie
Pro Football Writers all-NFL
rookie |
| 1988: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (5th)
UPI all-AFC (second team) | |
| 1987: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (4th)
Sporting News all-NFL
Pro Football Weekly all-AFC | |
| 1986: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (3rd)
UPI all-AFC (first team)
Football News all-NFL | |

College

An academic-minded Hinton decided to forego other Big Ten offers and attend Northwestern because of the educational opportunities. Chris played three different positions with the Wildcats and began his collegiate career as an outside linebacker. After six starts and 46 tackles as a freshman, he was switched to TE in his seventh game as sophomore. He won the starting job a year later and caught 19 passes for 265 yards, including an 83-yard afternoon against nemesis Michigan. Coach Dennis Green moved him to left tackle in the Spring of his senior season. "After my years with the 49ers I knew what was needed to be a left tackle in the pros and Chris was a classic," said Coach Dennis Green. Despite being an All-America and All-Big Ten selection, Green had to call in some favors to get Chris invited to the Blue-Gray and Senior Bowl all-star games. Scouts took notice of the team MVP from there and he was taken fourth overall in the draft, ahead of such names as Dan Marino, Jim Kelly, and Ken O'Brien, and behind Elway, Eric Dickerson and Curt Warner. He earned his college degree in Sociology.

Personal

Chris moved from the suburbs of Robbins, IL to the rough, south side section of Chicago in the middle of his freshman year in high school. He attended tough Wendell Phillips H.S., where students now must pass through metal detectors to get through the front door, and was a standout in four sports (football, basketball, wrestling and track). He was so disturbed by the environment of his new school that he quit playing football one day. But his coach and principal persuaded him to continue and he went on to earn all-city, all-state and mention on all-america teams. The caring Hinton returned to his old high school to deliver the commencement address to the class of 1990. The community role model gave a speech entitled, "Don't Be Afraid to Dream", in which he encouraged students to "not be afraid to set your goals high and shoot for the stars in everything you do." At Northwestern, the congenial Hinton went by the nickname of "Yogi Bear" for his happy-go-lucky attitude. He worked a fund raiser for the Association for Retarded Citizens of Cobb County and his high school teacher, Leroy Lovelace of Chicago, was the NFL's teacher of the month of November. He and his wife, Carol, were recently blessed with their first child,

daughter Caris, who was born last spring. They live with their golden retrievers, Harpo and Sophia, in their new home in Atlanta.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 110/105: 1983 (16/15), 1984 (6/6), 1985 (16/16), 1986 (16/16), 1987 (12/12), 1988, (14/14), 1989, (14/14), 1990, (16/12)

69		Houston
Jackson State - 4th Year Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 295 Born: 2-6-65		HOOVER
Acquisition: 1988 Draft, 6th Round, 140th Overall		GUARD

Last Season

Houston practiced at three different positions last year because of trades and injuries. A starter at right tackle for two years, he worked at both guard spots when the team acquired tackle Chris Hinton. Houston eventually settled in at left guard last year, a position he played in college. He also moved opponents off the ball in his usual steady manner, starting 11 games at his new position, after joining the team on August 21 because of contract negotiations. Hoover also got the call in place of an injured John Hunter at his old spot against New Orleans in Week 5 for a total of 12 games started and 16 games played in 1990. The powerful drive blocker opened holes for RB Mike Rozier's three, 100-yard rushing days, and had a hand in the club's 222 yard ground game at Tampa Bay in Week 13.

Pro Career

Hoover has answered the bell to collect 40 NFL starts in 47 games played in the trenches. He became a starter in his All-NFL rookie season at right tackle against Seattle in Week 5 of the '88 season but received his first baptism facing Ed "Too Tall" Jones of the Cowboys in a second half start a week earlier. He received accolades from the coaches for his work on Jones and he held the League's leading sacker at the time, Jacob Green of the Seahawks, to only one tackle. A tough, hard-nosed competitor, Houston gained plenty of respect from his fellow players, coaches and trainers for playing all 16 games in '89 despite suffering knee, ankle and shoulder injuries.

Was an all-rookie tackle in '88, now plays his college spot as guard.

A team captain at Jackson State, he never missed a game in 3 years.

Notebook

Houston made the transition to pro tackle in his first training camp because of his quick feet and hands and also due to his excellent technique. Being moved back to the guard slot wasn't a new

experience in '90 for the Jackson State alum. He occupied that space as a three-year starter in college. The only game he hasn't logged time in as a Falcon was a Week 2 outing versus the Saints in '88. With his huge smile and caring nature, Houston is a big hit with children when it comes to making area hospital visits. He also always remembers to give something back to his hometown community as he makes the rounds at schools back in Yazoo City, MS in the offseason and is involved in the Big Brothers program. Hoover loves basketball and used to play on the Falcons offseason team but now relegates his time to watching Michael Jordan, Dominique Wilkins and the stars at the Omni.

College

The relentless Hoover worked himself into an All-SWAC and Black College All-America player for Jackson State. The team captain was known as the top lineman in the conference as a senior and was a leader by example as he didn't miss a game (and only a few practices) in his three-years in the starting lineup. He shunned offers from Mississippi State, Mississippi, and Alcorn State to following in his uncle's footsteps to attending JSU. Houston lived up to the term, student-athlete, by posting a 2.5 GPA and acquiring his Business Management degree.

Personal

Houston Roosevelt is one of four children of Dora Hoover of Yazoo City. Dora pushed Houston to strive to be the best he could be and was always there for her oldest son. With two sisters around he received a lot of attention around his house as a youngster. He passes on his college experiences to his kid brother, James, a linebacker at Holmes Junior College in Goodman, Mississippi. "Hoover the mover" is always the first to give his time to the annual Sports Carnival and is a regular at children's hospitals. In the offseason he splits his time between his mother's house and his residence in Duluth, GA.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 47/40: 1988 (15/12), 1989 (16/16), 1990 (16/12)

FALCONS IN UNIFORM: "BACK IN BLACK"

Jersey: This is the same jersey worn in the Falcons first season in 1966. Black with white letters outlined in red. Sleeve features Falcon logo on each sleeve. The white number with red trim is on the shoulders.

The white jersey has black letters and numbers trimmed in red. The sleeves feature the Falcon logo trimmed in red.

Pants: Gray with shiny front with a red stripe down each leg, bordered by two thinner white stripes, bordered by two wider black stripes and completed with a black belt.

Socks: Solid black over white.

Shoes: White (Brand preferences by players) with black trim.

Helmet: Black with a black face mask. The black Falcon logo is outlined in white on both sides of the helmet that has no stripes.

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John
HUNTER

BYU - 3rd Year
 Ht.: 6'8" Wt. 300
 Born: 8-16-65

Acquisition: Claimed off waivers,
 Sept. 5, 1989

TACKLE**Last Season**

John came into his own in his second season in Atlanta as he got the starting nod in three games and provided back-up help, playing in a total of 15 games on the year. The huge BYU product started the first three contests of the season at right tackle before being felled with a hip pointer in the second half at San Francisco. John's injury forced him to the inactive list for the New Orleans game but he returned to see action in the remaining 12 games. Hunter also saw extensive time filling in for an injured Mike Kenn in the second quarter at left tackle versus the Eagles in Week 11.

Pro Career

A third round draft choice of the Minnesota Vikings in 1989, Hunter was one of the last players released in the final cut at training camp. Atlanta claimed him off waivers and he practiced with the club but was inactive for three consecutive games. John was placed on Injured Reserve in Week 4 with a back injury and remained for seven weeks. He was moved to the Developmental Squad for two weeks, then was activated, and played in the final four games of the '89 season. Hunter made his first NFL start on opening day against the Houston Oilers last season.

Notebook

Father of twin daughters in February.

Sacked QB Chris Miller twice in HS game as rival defensive end.

"Catfish" is known for his aggressive temperament on the football field and soft demeanor off the gridiron, which makes him a '90's version of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. John suffered a painful hip injury on the road against the 49ers, which worsened on the flight home. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance from the airport, where he remained for three days of observation. The tough hombre returned quicker than anticipated and was back rehabbing the injury a week later and played in a game three weeks after sustaining the serious hip pointer.

College

Big John earned four letters for the Cougars of Brigham Young University. A two-year starter, Hunter was afforded All-WAC second team honors as a senior tackle. He flip-flopped in between starts as a tackle and guard in his junior campaign before breaking his hand and limiting his play in the second half of the season. He played in four bowl games during his stay at the Provo, Utah school with appearances in the Freedom (twice), All-American and Citrus Bowl. John played side-by-side with '89 Outland Trophy winner Mo Elewonibi and was also a teammate for two years of '90 Heisman Trophy recipient Ty Detmer.

Personal

John Rosel Hunter was born in Roseburg, Oregon on August 16, 1965. He played four different positions at North Bend (Ore.) High as a quarterback, tight end, outside linebacker and was an All-Southwest Coast defensive end. He once sacked QB Chris Miller twice in a high school game when Miller played for rival Sheldon H.S. of Eugene, Ore. The versatile athlete also wore varsity letters on his jacket in track, basketball and baseball. John was a psychology major in college and he and his wife, Teri, are new parents of twins, Haylee and Whitnee, born Feb. 12.

Career Games

Games Played/Started: 19/3: 1989 (4/0), 1990 (15/3)

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— Clemson - 3rd Year — Ht.: 6'0" Wt. 230 — Born: 3-13-66		JOHNSON
— Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, — March 30, 1990		RUNNING BACK

Last Season

Tracy was reunited with Coach Glanville in Atlanta and prospered in a familiar offense. Johnson bested his rookie totals by rushing for 106 yards on 30 carries, with two TD's, and catching 10 passes for 79 yards and one score while performing in all 16 contests. His impact was felt on special teams as well where he was fifth on the club with 18 tackles. He also filled the important role of designated blocking back as "Tractor" bulldozed holes for the other Falcon runners and protected the QB in the shotgun. His best rushing game as a pro came at Tampa Bay in Week 13 when he gained 33 yards on nine totes, with a 3-yard TD. He scored a touchdown in three of his five starts and went over the top from a yard out to record his first NFL rushing TD against Philadelphia. A week earlier, he caught his first NFL passing TD at Chicago. Tracy was also used in key short yardage situations, when a tough yard or two was needed for a first down.

Pro Career

A 10th round pick of the Houston Oilers in 1989, Tracy performed in every game as a rookie under Glanville. A back-up to Alonso Highsmith, he totaled 248 all-purpose yards and four special teams tackles in his initial season.

Notebook

Holds Clemson Bowl record with 3-TD effort vs. Penn State (Citrus).
Nicknamed 'Tractor' for his blocking skills.

The sure-handed Johnson registered the first fumble of his pro career last year in a game against the Rams. But it was his first miscue in 57 combined attempts so his ratio still remains high. He came into the pros off a streak of 129 straight carries without a fumble.

College

Tracy established a reputation at Clemson as a bruising, blocking back, a strong runner, and a dependable short yardage performer. He carried the pigskin 377 times for 1,579 yards (6th in school history) and a 4.2 per carry average while scoring 23 touchdowns in a Tiger uniform. He was at his best in clutch situations as evidenced by his impressive ratio of making good on 50 of 57 third/fourth down short yardage plays, including 14 of 15 as a senior. He set a school bowl record by scoring three TD's on 88 yards in the '88 Citrus Bowl vs. Penn State and his career-long was a 38-yard TD in a win over Georgia. He was consistently near the top of the Clemson charts in knockdown blocks, flattening opponents an eye-popping 72 times as a junior, to finish second behind All-America guard John Phillips.

Personal

Tracy went both ways as a stalwart defensive back and tailback for A.L. Brown H.S. in Kannapolis, N.C., located in the southwest corner of the state just outside Charlotte. The honorable mention All-America helped guide his high school team to the state finals and claimed the Western North Carolina football championship in a 13-1 senior season. The three-time all-state, all-county and all-conference honoree rang up 125 tackles and five pickoffs on defense and 800 yards with 25 TD's on offense. He was also a member of the school's track team. Tracy Illya Brown Johnson was born in Cabarrus County in Concord, N.C. and majored in marketing at Clemson. He spends the offseason in Eden, N.C. when he's not working out at the Falcons complex. He attended classes at Kennesaw State College to work on progress toward his degree and helped out at the Sports Carnival to benefit Emory University's cancer research.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rush					Receiving					Kickoff Ret.			
			No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG
1989	Hous.	16/0	4	16	4.0	8	0	1	8	8.0	8	0	13	224	17.2	27
1990	Atl.	16/4	3	106	3.5	12	3	10	79	7.9	16	1	2	2	1.0	6
Totals		32/4	34	122	3.6	12	3	11	87	7.9	16	1	15	226	15.1	27

NFL LEADERS

In 1990, linebacker **JESSIE TUGGLE** led the entire NFL in total tackles with his 201 (five QB sacks) hits, living up to his nickname "The Hammer." Safety **BRIAN JORDAN** led all NFL defensive backs in tackles with his 193 tackles. The Falcons run defense led the NFL in average per attempt, stopping the ball carriers with a club record 3.3 average.

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Keith
JONES

 Illinois - 3rd Year
 Ht.: 6'1" Wt. 210
 Born: 3-20-66

 Acquisition: 1989 Draft, 3rd
 Round, 62nd Overall
RUNNING BACK**Last Season**

Keith capped off his season by running back the second half kickoff 76 yards for a touchdown to deflate the Cowboys playoff hopes and steer the Falcons to a convincing 26-7 victory. Jones' jaunt was the seventh longest in team history and the first KOR for a score since Sylvester Stamps went 97 yards at San Francisco on Dec. 20, 1987. The former third round pick from Illinois started 10 games in the backfield, while playing in 15 games, in the new Red Gun offense. He totaled 524 combined yards on the year (185 by rush, 103 by reception, 236 on kickoffs) to rank fifth on the team. He paced the club with a 29.5 KOR average and accumulated career highs in rushing yards in a single game with 41 at Tampa Bay and with a 22 yard long run in the same afternoon. The all-around athlete also helped out on special teams by recovering the team's only successful onside kick attempt at Los Angeles in Week 7 and forcing a fumble on a punt versus the Eagles in Week 11. He ended up sixth on the squad with 17 special team stops. Keith sprained his ankle in the second quarter of the Saints game, which forced him to miss the 49ers affair and the only game of the season.

Pro Career

Keith has proven to be the all-purpose back the Falcons were looking for coming out of the '88 draft. He was one of only five rookies in the League to gain over 1,000 combined yards in 1989. He collected 202 yards on the ground, 396 receiving yards, and 440 more on returns to equal 1,038. He had five games where he topped over 100 combined yards as a rookie, with an 149-yard day versus New England as his best outing, and he had a scoring string of five touchdowns in a span of five games. In only two years of action, he has registered 101 rushes, 54 receptions, and 31 KOR's for a total of 1,562 yards in 29 games played.

Notebook
 Has had gains of
 35 yards or more in
 NFL by rushing,
 receiving, passing,
 and kickoff return.

 One of five '89 NFL
 rookies to gain over
 1,000 combined
 yards.

The Falcons know they can turn their veritable "jack of all trades" loose when the situation arises with his overall ability to run, catch, pass, block, return and cover kicks. Jones has earned the moniker of "RoboBack" (of RoboCop movie fame) from teammates because of his versatility. He showed why he's the club's unofficial emergency quarterback when he took a handoff around right end and fired a strike 37-yards downfield to WR Andre Rison to set-up the team's only touchdown of the afternoon against Phoenix in Week 14. It wasn't Jones'

first taste at tossing the pigskin though, for he completed 5-8 passes for four TD's in college. Keith's multi-talented career was enhanced at Illinois because of the pro style offense installed by former NFL coach John Mackovic. He credits his coaches for shaping his running style. "You don't gain yards going East and West (or side-to-side), but rather going North and South (straight up the field), says Jones. "It's not how many yards you gain before contact but moreso it's what you do after contact has been made." Jones isn't your typical sports fanatic and doesn't even watch sports on television in his free time. In fact when the Miami Dolphins came to Suwanee to scrimmage in his rookie year, Jones didn't recognize QB Dan Marino or even Coach Don Shula.

College

"Mr. Everything" at Illinois, a busy Keith finished third on the school's rushing charts with 2,106 yards, sixth on the receiving list with 93 catches, and third on the return ledger with 49 for 1,070 yards. Besides his passing exploits, he also got in the punting act with three kicks and a 37.7 average. The second team All-Big Ten selection notched the third-best rushing season in school history as a senior with 1,108 yards and 10 TD's. He also grabbed a team and career-high 46 passes in his last year in Champagne, IL. Keith's best college games were an 186-yard rushing day vs. Utah, a 13-catch 119-yard receiving contest vs. Michigan State and an 111-yard return game vs. Iowa. He was voted MVP as a sophomore when he paced the conference (and was 5th in the country) in kickoffs with an average of 26.5 and recorded long rushes of 64, 54 and 53 yards and return longs of 61 and 50 yards.

Personal

You can see where Keith gets his athleticism if you just trace his sports roots. As a prep at Webster Groves High School in the Rock Hills, MI, Jones gained 1,507 yards and scored 20 TD's to garner St. Louis Area Player of the Year accolades in his All-America and all-state senior season. The highly recruited runner spurned offers to Nebraska and Iowa to attend Illinois. Besides his four letters in football, the active schoolboy also received his stripes six other times in basketball and track. An Industrial Arts major at Illinois, Keith has three brothers, Terry, Tony, and Patrick, and a sister, Donna, whom he visits in his offseason travels back to St. Louis. An outdoorsman, he likes to pack up his tackle box in his Jeep Cherokee and go fishing. He once caught a 15 lb. catfish at his favorite longtime fishing spot off the Mississippi River in St. Louis, where he started fishing as a youth and continues today. Keith also enjoys playing pool and bowling, where he posted a career-high 237 on the lanes in college as well as listening to the musical sounds of jazzist Grover Washington. He recently is a proud owner of a re-conditioned 1967 classic Camaro.

Career Statistics

Career Totals																		
Year	GP/GS	Rushing						Receiving						KOR				
		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	
1990	15/10	49	185	3.8	22	0	13	103	7.9	16	0	8	236	29.5	761	1	524	
Totals	29/19	101	387	3.8	22	6	54	499	9.2	46	0	31	676	21.8	761	1	1,562	

Jones' Bests			
No.	Yards	Long	TD
RUSHING			
11 Bills (11-5-89)	41 at TB (12-2-90)	22 at TB (12-2-90)	2 Buff (11-5-89)
7 Det (12-24-89)	37 Det (12-24-89)	19 Det (12-24-89)	1 Four times
7 Det (12-30-90)	32 Buff (11-5-89)	14 at Pho (10-22-89)	
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)	76t Dall (12-30-90)	1 Dall (12-30-90)
4 at Minn. (12-10-89)	76 Dall (12-30-90)	29 N.E. (10-15-89)	
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.)			

40		Brian
		JORDAN
		SAFETY
Richmond - 3rd Year		
Ht.: 6'1" Wt. 205		
Born: 3-29-67		
Acquisition: Claimed on waivers,		
Sept. 5, 1989		

Last Season

Brian emerged late in training camp when incumbent Tim Gordon was hobbled with a bad shoulder to win the starting strong safety spot and made an impact in an improved defense. Jordan was successful in Glanville's aggressive scheme as **he finished as the top tackler among all defensive backs in the NFL** and was ranked third overall with 193 tackles (trailing teammate Jessie Tuggle and Kyle Clifton of the Jets). He was in the lineup on the first play in every game except at Detroit when the Lions four wide-receiver formation necessitated adding an extra CB. Brian led the team with 12, double-digit tackle games, and set a career-high by recording 21 stops at Los Angeles. The strong run supporter plugged holes to produce 18 stops in the win over the Bengals on national TV, had 17 stops at Cleveland, and accounted for a personal-high 11 solo tackles at Tampa Bay, including his first NFL interception. The ever-present performer also capped

off his fine sophomore campaign with three interceptions, a pair of forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery, to go along with his seven passes defended. The physical player from Richmond was fourth on the squad with 21 special teams tackles.

Pro Career

All Brian needed was an opportunity and he took advantage of it in the final four contests of the '89 campaign. He registered seven tackles on defense, three stops on special teams, four punt returns for 34 yards, and three returns on kickoffs for 27 more yards to catch the eyes of Falcons management. Jordan has now started 15 of his 20 NFL games played and is only two tackles shy of reaching the 200 plateau, a high rate of production for the amount of games participated in.

Notebook



Led all NFL
defensive backs in
tackles in 1990.
Plays Louisville
Cardinals (Triple A)
baseball in Spring,
batting over .300 as
an outfielder.

Jordan has hurdled his share of obstacles to reach the level of NFL starter. A broken leg at the Senior Bowl all-star game saw his stock drop on draft day and he went to the Bills on the seventh round. He was released on the final cutdown day by Buffalo and had to adjust to a new system when Atlanta jumped at the chance for the first-year player. He was moved to IR with an ankle injury suffered in practice and remained until being placed on the Developmental Squad. He finally got his chance to show the coaches he belonged in the League when he was activated for the final four games of the '89 season. Brian was impressive enough in the last game against the Lions, where he logged considerable time in the secondary, that the Falcons protected him in the offseason Plan B period. But he suffered

another setback in April of '90 when he broke his right wrist playing summer baseball and had to play catch-up in his first Falcons training camp. He continued fighting back and earned his colors through a no-nonsense work ethic. "Coach Glanville likes aggressiveness and hard hitting and that's right down my alley," said Jordan. He was tabbed with the nickname, "Bazeball," by Glanville, after actor Garrett Morris' character in the old sitcom Saturday Night Live. An Atlanta newspaper reporter last year posed the question... Prime Time knows jewelry. Bo knows commercials. But do either one of them know sociology? The studious Jordan received his B.S. degree in sociology from Richmond.

Pro Baseball Career

Brian has been just as adept at picking up another sport as he was at learning the Falcons "Black Wave" defense last year. One week after the '90 football season was over, Jordan was in Baltimore, Maryland reviewing a Triple A baseball contract with the St. Louis Cardinals as an outfielder. He was invited to the birds 1991 spring training in St. Pete but was assigned to their AAA affiliate, the Louisville Redbirds. In 15 games through the month of April, Brian was eighth in the league in hitting, batting .333 (17 hits in 51 AB) with 3 doubles, 2 triples, and 9 RBI. He also boasted a slugging percent of .471, as well as a .393 on-base percent. Jordan made only one error splitting time in left and center field. He only needed 50 games to climb to the AA level with the Arkansas Travelers of the Texas League last year after batting .349 with two homers and 11 RBI's at Class A in St. Petersburg in '89. He was drafted out of high school on the 20th round by the Cleveland Indians but opted to go to college. The Cardinals chose him with their 29th selection in the '88 draft. At Class A ball in Hamilton (Ont.) his first year, he hit .310 in 71 at bats, including four home runs, with six steals, in the NY Penn League. Brian's 1990 season was cut short as he crashed into a wall making a catch of a foul ball while with Arkansas and was re-assigned to St. Petersburg.

College

He decided on Richmond after mulling over offers from other major colleges because the Spiders coaching staff would allow him to change spikes after the football season and grab his baseball glove. Brian tallied 224 tackles, 15 for losses, 11 interceptions, a fumble recovery and 21 passes defended at the school at the state capital of Virginia. He began his career at Richmond as a strong safety but was moved to right cornerback. The third-team All-America and team MVP as a senior also returned 61 punts for 708 yards in his career, with a TD to his credit, and had 17 lifetime KOR's for an additional 326 yards. He was 6th in the country in his last year in a Spider football uniform in punt return average, sporting a 14.5 mark, and was 4th as a junior (10.8). His three pickoffs against Maine (all in the first half) tied a school record. He batted .359, with 10 homers, 36 RBI's, 14 doubles and 27 stolen bases (out of 33 attempts) in an All-America senior season in baseball and holds the school record with 57 thefts.

Personal

Brian was actually an All-American tailback at Milford Mill High School in his hometown of Baltimore, MD, where he rushed for 2,470 yards, with 47 touchdowns, in a stellar prep career. In addition, he hit over .300 in an all-state baseball career and was named to the all-district team on the basketball hardwood. Brian O'Neil Jordan is a son to Alvin and Betty Jordan of Baltimore and has one brother and a sister. Older brother, Deric, was a two-time all-conference back at Washington and Jefferson College. He visits his family in Baltimore in the offseason when he's not on the diamond and admits to being a lifetime Orioles baseball fan.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tack.	Solo	Asst.	Int.	Yds.	PR	Yds.	Avg.	LG	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	LG	FF	FR
1989	Atl.	4/0	5	5	0	0	0	4	34	8.5	15	3	27	9.0	13	0	0
1990	Atl.	16/15	193	102	91	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Totals		20/15	198	107	91	3	14	4	34	8.5	15	3	27	9.0	13	2	1

Jordan's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	FF	FR
21 at Rams (10-21-90) 18 Cin (10-28-90) 17 at Clev (12-16-90)	1 Three Times Last Time vs Dall (12-30-90)	1 Twice Last Time at Clev (12-16-90)	1 Hou (9-9-90)

TOP TACKLING DEFENSIVE BACKS IN 1990

BRIAN JORDAN, FALCONS	193	(102/91)
Steve Atwater, Broncos	173	(112/61)
SCOTT CASE, FALCONS	170	(78/92)
Alvin Walton, Redskins	143	(77/66)
Tim McDonald, Cardinals	132	(101/31)
Shaun Gayle, Bears	125	(73/52)
Thane Gash, Browns	125	(77/48)

3		<i>Rich</i>
Cincinnati Ht.: 6'0" Wt. 180 Born: 5-23-59		KARLIS
Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, April 1, 1991		KICKER

Last Season

In 1990, the usually active Karlis only applied his trade in six games for the Lions after being released by the Vikings in a contract dispute. Filling in for an injured Eddie Murray, Rich hit 4-7 field goals and 12-12 extra points for 24 total points. When Murray returned off Injured Reserve, he was let go on Nov. 28.

Pro Career

Rich spent the first seven years with the Denver Broncos where he scored over 100 points in a season four times. He set a Bronco record by connecting on 13 straight FG's from the end of the '84 season through the beginning of the '85 campaign. He also scored at least a point in 69 consecutive games for Denver, the longest streak in team history. Karlis was signed by the Vikings after being released by the Broncos on Sept. 9, 1989 when he and Denver management could not come to a contract agreement. He promptly went on to establish club records for FG's in a season with 31 and set an NFL mark by booting 7-7 FG's in a game against the Rams. For his career, the accurate kicker has booted 172 of 239 field goal attempts for a .720 percentage and hit 187 of 196 PAT's.

Year-by-Year

1989: Joined the Vikings in Week 4 and still boasted 120 points on the strength of 31-39 FG's. He was named NFC Player-of-the-Week for setting an NFL record by converting seven straight FG's vs Rams. He also set another League mark by kicking two other five-field goal performances vs Atlanta and Cincinnati. His 21 points vs Rams and 19 vs Falcons were Viking team records for a single game.

1988: Tallied over 100 points (104) for the fourth time in five years with Denver. He made good on his first eight FG's before team was shut out against New Orleans.

1987: In a strike-shortened season, scored 91 points.

1986: Highlights included a 33-yard FG in overtime to defeat Cleveland in AFC Championship game and established a Super Bowl record with a 48-yarder. He ended up with 104 points with a team-record 44 PAT's.

1985: Hit it through the uprights on his first nine FG attempts, which added on to his final four from previous season, gave him a club-record 13 in-a-row. Rich also amassed a Bronco career-high 110 points.

1984: His first 100 point season included a 21-28 mark from FG range.

1983: Enjoyed a career-high 84% accuracy percentage by notching 21 of 25 FG's.

1982: Named to Football Digest's All-Rookie team by booting first 11 attempts and scoring 48 points.

Notebook

Only kicker in NFL history to be perfect 7-7 in one game.
Tied a Super Bowl record with 48-yard FG vs. Giants in Super Bowl XXI.

For all his achievements on the football field, it could be his "Points for People" campaign that he is most proud. The campaign to help families in crisis in the Denver area was started by Rich in 1984. So far it has raised over \$1 million to provide such things as guidance, counseling and shelter to families in crisis. Funds are raised through such things as charity golf tournaments and benefit dinners. Karlis also continues to give monetary pledges for each field goal kicked to the cause. He and his brother-in-law, Kurt Lowdermilk of the Vikings, also raise money by putting on a benefit golf tournament in their hometown of Salem, Ohio for children with special interests. In only two years, the pair have generated over \$60,000 in revenue for youth and other projects in the community. Rich's NFL career took off after he impressed

Bronco personnel at an "open" free agent camp attended by 478 earnest football hopefuls on May 8, 1982. Karlis competed against 75 kickers for two hours as each player had two kicks from 20, 30 and 40 yards out. After missing only one field goal in eight tries and showing off his leg strength on kickoffs, Denver actually offered him a contract on the spot. He ended up being the only player out of the 478 participants to eventually make the Broncos roster. He showed Denver they made the right choice when he made good on his first 11 FG attempts as a pro.

College

Rich caught the eye of scouts by hitting 10 of 15 field goals and 11 PAT's while scoring 41 points for the Bearcats of Cincinnati as a senior. The three-year letterwinner connected on six FG's from beyond 40 yards and a 50-yarder to boot in his last season. An Economics degree holder, Karlis' primary duties during his sophomore and junior seasons were handling all kickoffs.

Personal

Richard John hails from Salem, OH where he was a stalwart, all-county selectee at Salem High School. Besides his exploits on the gridiron, he also once high jumped 6-4 and won four letters in track. He and his wife, Dena, have a son, Andrew.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	FG	ATT	PCT	LG	PAT	PCT	POINTS
1982	Denver	9	11	13	.846	47	15-16	.937	48
1983	Denver	16	21	25	.840	50	33-34	.971	96
1984	Denver	16	21	28	.750	50	38-41	.927	101
1985	Denver	16	23	38	.605	49	41-44	.932	110
1986	Denver	16	20	28	.714	51	44-45	.978	104
1987	Denver	12	18	25	.720	51	37-37	1.000	91
1988	Denver	16	23	36	.638	45	36-37	.973	105
1989	Minn	13	31	39	.795	51	27-28	.964	120
1990	Det	6	4	7	.571	39	12-12	1.000	24
Total		120	172	239	.720	51	187-196	.954	799

MOST ACCURATE ACTIVE NFL KICKERS CAREER FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

(Prior to 1991 season)

Player	Team	Percentage
1. Nick Lowery	Chiefs	78.96
2. Gary Anderson	Steelers	77.15
3. Morton Anderson	Saints	77.11
4. Eddie Murray	Lions	75.76
5. Donald Igwebuike	Vikings	75.52
6. Scott Norwood	Bills	74.19
7. Kevin Butler	Bears	74.03
8. Dean Biasucci	Colts	73.57
9. RICH KARLIS	FALCONS	71.96

(Must have kicked at least 100 FG's to be eligible.)

(Raul Allegre, 73.33, and Mike Lansford, 72.81, were not on an active roster as of June 1.)

Karl's Personal Bests

FG	PTS	Consecutive	LG
7 Rams (11-5-89) 5 Atl (12-10-89) Cin (12-25-89)	21 Rams (11-5-89) 19 Atl (12-10-89)	13 (9 in '85, 4 in '84) 11 (1982) 9 (1988)	51 Chi (12-3-89) SD (9-11-88) at Minn (10-25-87) Raiders (9-7-86) 50 SD (12-9-84) Clev (12-4-83)

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Michigan - 14th Year
Ht.: 6'7" Wt. 280
Born: 2-9-56

Acquisition: 1978 Draft, 1st Round,
13th Overall



Mike

KENN

TACKLE

Last Season

Mike started every game in a season for the ninth time in his career last year when he lined up at his usual left tackle spot. He was recognized for his consistent play by Sports Illustrated which named him to their All-Pro team and he was also a member of the honorable mention AP All-Pro squad. Kenn's weekly assignment on the Falcons left side has him facing some of

the League's best linebackers and he was equal to the challenge again in '90 as he shut down the likes of the Saints Pat Swilling and the Rams Kevin Greene. He opened up gaps in the line for Mike Rozier's three, 100 yard rushing efforts, and the club's season-high 222 yards on the ground at Tampa Bay. Mike couldn't practice all week prior to the Saints encounter in Week 12 after sitting out the second half against the Eagles with a calf injury the week before, but still managed to start and play the entire game. He's only missed eight full games in his steady 13 year career, which now spans 189 games.

Pro Career

Kenn now stands second on the Falcons all-time games played and started list with 189 to trail only Jeff Van Note. His 13 seasons in a Falcon uniform are also second only to Van Note's in club history. Mike has been a fixture on the birds line since being the third lineman tabbed on the first round of the 1978 draft. He has been chosen to five Pro Bowls in his long and productive tenure in the League and was considered the best lineman in the NFL from 1980-84. His NFL journey has taken in all three Falcon playoff appearances, 90 straight starts to begin his career, and five consecutive Pro Bowl berths. Because of Mike's year-round dedication to fitness, he's avoided any serious injury. His torn knee ligaments in 1985 took him out of the lineup for five games, which is the most action he's ever missed. He's paved the way for the top three passing seasons in team annals and the top three rushing seasons in history. Some of the players he's blocked for include Pro Bowlers William Andrews, Steve Bartkowski, Gerald Riggs and John Settler. He protected Chris Miller during his record 37-66 passing outing and was there as Andre Rison set a club receiving mark last year.

Notebook

Need 11 games to reach elite 200 in NFL career.

Won prestigious "Peach of An Athlete" award for off-field accomplishments this past April.

The Falcons had so much confidence in the veteran Kenn's ability that they moved six-time Pro Bowler Chris Hinton to the right side when they acquired him in a trade and kept Mike on his familiar left side. It was once written that . . . Mike Kenn gets blown out (by an opponent) about as often as Howard Cosell is lost for words. Whether it's been stopping Super Bowl MVP Harvey Martin without a sack in a '78 Playoff game in an All-Rookie season or shutting down nine-time All-Pro Lawrence Taylor to four tackles and no sacks in a Pro Bowl alternate season in '88, Mike seems to be at his best when facing the best. He's been responsible for helping the Falcons record a 1,000 yard rusher in eight seasons during his career with a 3,000 yard passer in four other years. A civic-minded player, Kenn was national winner of the Byron

"Whizzer" White Award in 1991 for his humanitarian endeavors. He organizes the Falcons year-long hospital visits to Scottish Rite and Egleston Hospitals and always participates in the annual Sports Carnival to benefit cancer research at Emory University. A popular speaker for youth groups, the President of the NFL Players Association is also a volunteer for Multiple Sclerosis. He received a proclamation from the Atlanta City Council for a benefit he helped coordinate that raised over \$300,000 for two paralyzed police officers (J.J. Biello and Richard Williams). He is on the board of trustees for Starlight Foundation and is the Falcons spokesman for TEAM Georgia. Mike was the 1991 recipient of the Boy Scouts of America, "Peach of an Athlete" award, edging out Evander Holyfield and Doc Rivers of the Hawks, this past April.

Honors

1990: All-Pro, Sports Illustrated
AP Honorable Mention All-Pro

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| 1984: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (5th)
All-NFC UPI (second team) | 1981: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL AP, NEA
(second team)
All-NFC UPI |
| 1983: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL Pro Football Weekly
All-NFL College & Pro Weekly (second team)
All-NFC UPI (second team) | 1980: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL AP, UPI
All-NFL Pro Football
Writers Assn., NEA |
| 1982: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All NFL College & Pro Weekly
All NFL AP, NEA (second team)
All NFC UPI | 1978: All-NFL Rookie - Pro
Football Writers Assn. |

College

Playing for Bo Schembechler at Michigan, Mike was a All-America as a senior and a member of two Rose Bowl teams that captured a pair of Big 10 titles. He built himself into a starter in his third game as a sophomore by beefing up in the chow lines after coming to Ann Arbor as a 207-pound freshman (and worked his way up to 235 lbs.). He received his B.A. degree in General Studies.

Personal

Young Michael Lee was raised on football through the influence of his father, who is a season ticket holder of the Chicago Bears. The native of Evanston, IL played on both sides of the football as a defensive end and offensive tackle for Evanston H.S. He also doubled as a defenseman in hockey and a center defenseman in lacrosse at the prep level. Kenn spends his free time in the kitchen cooking gourmet food. He and his wife, Joanie, have two daughters, Lisa, 5, and Kristy, 1, and are residents of Alpharetta.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 189/189: (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), 1989 (15/15), 1990 (16/16)

OPENING DAY

In 25 season openers, the Atlanta Falcons have a 14-11 record. At home, the mark is 6-5, on the road, it's 8-6. In openers, the Falcons have scored a club record 62 points (vs. New Orleans, '73) and they have a day when they were shut out (Dallas, '74). On defense, they've posted a shutout (New Orleans, '81) and allowed as many as 48 (Tampa Bay, '87). In the 1980's, the Falcons were 5-5 and so far in the '90's, they are 1-0. The club lost their first three season openers, finally winning one in 1969 (vs. San Francisco). This year's opener is against an AFC team (Kansas City) as the Falcons are 2-0 in history vs. the AFC (beating Houston in 1974 and 1990). The most common opening opponent has been New Orleans (six times and all six are Falcon wins).

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Colorado State - 3rd Year

Ht.: 6'4" Wt. 245

Born: 7-14-63

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent,
April 1, 1991

Harper

LE BEL

TE/SNAPPER

Last Season

Harper joined Buddy Ryan's Eagles as a Plan B free agent from Seattle in '90 and was termed "the NFL's best long snapper" by his former coach. Le Bel performed the snapping tasks for punts, field goals and extra points in all 16 games for his new team with his usual accuracy. He also saw action in the Eagles short yardage offense and on kickoff and kickoff return teams. As a member of the kick coverage teams, he was credited with 10 special teams tackles on the year. The back-up tight end also grabbed his first and only NFL pass for a nine yard gain.

Pro Career

A 12th round draft choice of the Kansas City Chiefs in 1985, Le Bel has visited seven camps now in his time in the League. He was switched to center in his first NFL training camp with the Chiefs but had trouble adjusting to the change. He was in uniform but did not play, in two of the Chargers' three replacement games in 1987. He was invited to the Cowboys and Bucs camps in 1988 but was released before the season began. After signing a free agent contract with the Seahawks in 1989, he made the club as the team's snapper and situational tight end. Plan B saw him move to Eagles, now Falcons.

Notebook

Plays guitar in his spare time.
Falcons camp marks his 7th in NFL (4 NFC teams, 3 AFC).

A devout Christian, Harper is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The industrious Le Bel holds a BA degree in business administration/marketing and his father is a flight analyst pilot. Le Bel's penchant for snapping started in high school when he was forced to the sidelines for his first two years with Osgood-Schlatter disease (involves leg muscle growth). He was featured in a PSA for the PA. Special Olympics to promote a masquerade party to benefit research for the disease.

College

The big target still ranks fourth in career receptions in the Colorado State annals with 89 (for 1,057 yards). His 59 catches (for 729 yards) as a junior is also the fourth-best single season school mark. Harper was an All-Western Athletic Conference honorable mention honoree for two years for the Rams.

Notebook



Big play Robert was a main cog in an intimidating Oiler defense that advanced to three straight playoff berths. He started all five post season games over that span. His leadership and experience were just two of the reasons the Falcons were happy to have him reunited with former boss Jerry Glanville. "Captain Video" coined the well known phrase, "House of Pain," in reference to the Oilers home field at the Astrodome. The former Oiler defensive captain recorded eight tackles and recovered two fumbles, one with 23 seconds left, to seal the victory for Houston as they defeated Atlanta in a shootout, 37-33, in 1987. One of his biggest highs and lows on the gridiron occurred in 1986. He picked up a Larry Kinnebrew fumble and rambled 93 yards for a touchdown with 1:36 left to put the Oilers on top of the

Bengals 28-24. The low came as they eventually lost the game 31-28. The run back was the eighth longest fumble return in NFL history.

College

Originally a running back at Texas Christian for two years, the agile Lyles shifted to linebacker and proceeded to finish fifth on the squad as a senior with 89 tackles. He also was a down defensive end for some of his last college season and added three sacks and nine tackles for losses. One of his biggest thrills as a Horned Frog was scampering 80 yards for a score off a fumble return against rival Texas. The amiable Lyles, who went by the name of "Roger Ram Jet," won the team's annual leadership award.

Personal

Robert received his obvious nickname because of the amount of videos he likes to watch. A product of Los Angeles, CA, he starred in football, baseball, basketball and track while attending Belmont High. Robert Damon was a two-time All-City of LA and All-District performer in football. Besides his penchant for videos, he lists his other hobbies as photography, and he enjoys also watching The Cosby Show and Miami Vice. He and his wife, Pamela, have a daughter, Delisa, and a son, Bryan, and the family makes their offseason home in Sugarland, Texas.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles				Int.	FF	FR
			No.	Solo	Asst.	Sacks			
1984	Hou	6/0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
1985	Hou	16/16	132	61	71	0	0	0	0
1986	Hou	16/16	135	78	57	3	2	1	1
1987	Hou	12/12	82	57	25	2	2	1	3
1988	Hou	16/16	92	58	34	1.5	2	0	2
1989	Hou	13/13	65	43	22	2	4	2	0
1990	Hou/Atl	14/13	51	22	29	1.5	0	0	1
Totals		93/86	559	321	238	10	10	4	7

Lyles Personal Bests

Tackles	Int.	Sacks	TD
15 Clev (12-18-88) 14 Cin (12-1-85) 12 Giants (12-8-85)	2 Pho (11-20-88) Clev (11-30-86)	2 K.C. (9-21-86)	1 93-yd FR Cin (10-19-86)

22		<i>Jim</i>
Texas-Arlington - 6th Year		McKYER
Ht.: 6'0" Wt. 174		
Born: 9/5/63		
Acquisition: Trade with Miami, April 21, 1991		CORNERBACK

Last Season

The Falcons pulled off a draft day trade to acquire the veteran cornerback as they surrendered 1991, third and 12th round picks to Miami. Tim led the playoff Dolphins with 17 passes defended, added four interceptions, and made 44 tackles (37 solo stops) on the year. He was a key ingredient in the Dolphins improved pass defense all season which finished 5th in the NFL. His highlights included: two interceptions against Bobby Brister of the Steelers; four tackles, three passes defended and a forced fumble vs. Patriots; and seven tackles vs. Jets. McKyer also came up big against the Seahawks as he picked off a Dave Krieg pass on the Dolphins own four-yard line late in the game to stop a drive in Miami's 24-17 win. He registered six tackles in that Seattle outing as well. In the playoffs, Tim made six solo stops, with four coming against Buffalo, and two at the hands of the Chiefs. He started out slow when he was sidelined with a groin pull in the Dolphins training camp which forced him to miss the team's first preseason game and see limited action in two others.

Pro Career

The talented McKyer has two Super Bowl rings and added another Playoff experience last year to his winning NFL career dossier. Tim upped his games played and started numbers to 67/61 in his four seasons in the League. He boasts an unusually high 80 lifetime passes defended to go along with his 20 interceptions. He will be playing for his third team in five years as he began his career as a third round draft pick of San Francisco in 1986. McKyer was a member of the 49ers World Championship teams in 1988 (Super Bowl XXIII vs. Cincinnati) and 1989 (Super Bowl XXIV vs. Denver) and brings a Playoff attitude to the Falcons, which spans 10 post season games played (and a winning 7-3 record). Tim was acquired by the Dolphins from the 49ers in exchange for Miami's 11th round draft pick in '90 and second round pick in '91. McKyer has had the luxury of

never competing on a team that hasn't advanced to the Playoffs in his NFL career.

Year-By-Year

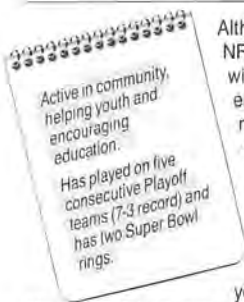
1989: Tim played in seven games for the 49ers recording 12 tackles, three passes defended and one interception. His season started out slow due to contract problems in training camp and a groin pull which saw him sit out Weeks 2-4. He managed to pick off two passes in the Playoffs, including a 27-yard return in the NFC Championship vs. Rams, and was credited with a pair of passes defended in the Super Bowl XXIV against the Broncos.

1988: A starter in all 16 games for the World Champion Niners, he totaled 39 tackles, a team-leading seven thefts, and 19 passes defended. A second-team All-NFC pick by UPI, he made six tackles vs. Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII.

1987: Tim logged time in 12 non-strike games and paced the club with 18 passes defended and ended up with 35 tackles.

1986: The All-NFL rookie started 16 games, registering 52 tackles, and led all rookie DB's with six interceptions. The six pickoffs were the most by a Niner rookie since Ronnie Lott's eight in 1981. He intercepted a pass in his first NFL game and start against Tampa Bay and ran another pass back 21 yards for his initial League TD versus Indy.

Notebook



Although regarded as one of the best man-on-man cover guys in the NFL, Tim takes special pride in the fact that he also goes one-on-one with people in the community. An article in the Miami Herald last year entitled, "The Other Side of Tim McKyer," chronicled his community mindedness and made fans aware of his feelings about an athlete's responsibilities off the field. Last year he took up a cause of regularly speaking to prisoners at the Dade County jail. He also took the time to speak to children at Miami's Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church every Saturday. "If you can reach one guy, one child, and help turn them around or comfort them, it's worth it." He gave motivational speeches espousing the virtues of education to the youth group of boys, ages 9 to 17, who called themselves the Mount

Carmel Cadets. "I grew up poor in the projects in Orlando and I'm here in the NFL doing well for myself," he commented. "Young people need to know what matters most is where you're going, and that you fight to get there. They need to hear these things." Tim even collected almost \$3,000 from his Dolphin teammates for field trips and tutorial services for the Cadets. His attention did pay dividends. "I play football, but I never used to hardly touch my books," said one student. "Now I do because of Tim." Ironically, it was through a speech given by former 49er Bobby Leopold at McKyer's prep banquet as a high school senior that made Tim believe he could excel if he kept his priorities in line. He sums up his community work by saying . . . "You've got to give something back. It doesn't have to be money. It can be your time or influence." Tim was an active baby as his mother, Lillie, recalls him talking regularly at the age of 18 months. Not as flashy as some might think, Tim still drives his Volkswagen Rabbit.

College

Tim excelled for the Mavericks of the University of Texas at Arlington, starting three straight years. An All-Southland Conference choice as a junior and senior, he amassed 115 career tackles and 10 interceptions. He also split time as a punt returner and part-time wide receiver. McKyer ran back 45 punts for 323 yards, with one touchdown, and caught four passes for 107 yards,

with two scores. The computer science major collected a career-best five interceptions during his junior season.

Personal

Timothy Bernard is the seventh child in a family of nine (seven brothers and two sisters). He was reared in a government housing project in Orlando. His father, Harrison, drove a truck while his mother, Lillie, cleaned houses to feed the kids. The family moved to Port Arthur, Texas when young Tim was only two years old. Tragedy struck when his father was shot and killed as he was searching for a job back in Orlando. Tim assumed the "man of the house" responsibilities as a teenager as he took up odd jobs to bring money into the family. "It could have been easy for me to turn the other way," said McKyer. "But I didn't because I wanted to be somebody." An all-around athlete, he played football, basketball and competed as a high jumper for the track team at Port Arthur High. He was offered scholarships to Oklahoma and Texas Tech but instead chose a more intimate campus at Texas-Arlington. McKyer continued to try to help his mother make ends meet during his summer months in college as he filled the role of garbage man and had another job on a loading dock. When he signed his first contract he made sure Lillie shared in his moment of glory by buying her an Oldsmobile 98, and a four bedroom, three-bath house. His younger brothers, Kenneth (a cornerback), and Jarvis (a running back), followed in Tim's gridiron footsteps as preppers.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles			No.	Interceptions			
			No.	Solo	Asst.		Yds.	LG	TD	PD
1986	SF	16/16	52	45	7	6	33	21t	1	23
1987	SF	12/12	35	29	6	2	0	0	0	18
1988	SF	16/16	39	37	2	7	11	4	0	19
1989	SF	7/1	12	11	1	1	18	18	0	3
1990	Mia	16/16	44	37	7	4	40	21	0	17
Total		67/61	182	159	23	20	102	21	1	80

McKyer's Personal Bests

Tackles	Int.	LG	Pass. Def.
9 at G.B. (10-26-86) 7 Jets (10-7-90) 6 Sea (12-16-90)	2 Rams (12-19-86) Minn. (10-30-88) at Pitt. (9-30-90)	21t Ind. (10-5-86) at Pitt (9-30-90)	5 Den (10-8-88) 3 Rams (12-17-86) Hou. (11-8-87) Clev (11-29-87)

NOT PLAYING, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Thus far in the Falcons 25 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).

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— Oregon - 6th Year
 — Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 200
 — Born: 8-9-65

— Acquisition: 1987 Draft, 1st Round,
 13th Overall



Chris
MILLER

QUARTERBACK**Last Season**

When the young, but "seasoned," Chris Miller fills out his 1990 resume it would be full of notable feats, including a career-high 17 passing touchdowns and a personal-best 75 yard TD. The orchestrator of the team's new Red Gun offense also composed a streak of 13 straight games with a passing TD (one shy of team record) but also suffered a season-ending broken collarbone in Week 13. Let's take a look at the impressive '90 resume of the six-year pro from Oregon.

- His 2,735 passing yards were 4th in NFL at time of his injury, behind only Moon, Montana, Everett, and his 222 completions were 5th while his TD's were 7th.
- Had eight passes completed of over 50 yards or more, with three being over 70 yards.
- Had streaks of 110 and 77 passes thrown without an interception.
- Passed for a personal-best 366 yards (23-44) in winning NFC Offensive Player of Week honors in leading team to victory over Saints. His effort also included 82 passing yards and a TD in game-winning drive in which he completed two, 4th down passes. He also threw for 337 yards (25-41) versus 49ers.
- Enjoyed 8 games where he completed at least 58% of his throws, including a 72% (second-best of career) in the win over the Bengals, to finish with a career-high .572% passing accuracy.
- Experienced a stretch where he tossed 10 TD's and only 1 pickoff in Weeks 5-8 and recorded six games without an interception.
- Was 18-31 for 291 yards and a career-best tying 3 TD's versus the Niners, with longs of 75 and 72 yards.
- Recorded the most gross and net yards passing in a single game of his career in '90. He also had the second most completions and the second and third most attempts, along with the second-best completion percentage. He also completed four of his top six longest passes as a Falcon last year.
- Forced to sidelines three times with injuries against SF (sprained knee), Philly (bruised chest), and Tampa Bay (collarbone) and was on pace to have one of the best seasons by a Falcon QB when LB Keith McCants fell on his right collarbone from behind after he had been tackled by another player during a third quarter scramble.

Pro Career

An experienced, but still young, signal-caller at age 25, Miller has been rapidly moving up the team's career charts. He passed Bob Berry's totals last year for lifetime attempts and completions and is now second only to Steve Bartkowski with his 8,879 yards through the air. His 6,144 passing yards by the age of 24 (through the '89 season) trailed only the likes of Joe Namath, Fran Tarkenton,

Dan Marino and Bernie Kosar in NFL history. Chris' career started out slow due to contract negotiations, which held him out of action in his rookie strike year until Oct. 30, but has now reached 42 starts and 43 games played. In almost half of his games played total, the accurate passer has come away without an interception in a game 15 times. In his first start, he completed the most passes ever by a Falcon rookie against the soon-to-be World Champion Niners but he lost. He returned, though, to the city by the bay to pull off a 34-17 upset the following year, which included a crucial rushing TD at the end of the half to provide added momentum. His 71.1 lifetime QB rating is third on the team's all-time list.

Year-By-Year

1989: Chris led NFL in lowest interception % at 1.9, with streaks of 185 and 122 passes without an interception. He became only the second QB in team history to pass for 3,000 yards as he totaled 3,459 (third highest total ever), which ranked 5th in NFL. He registered three, 300-yard passing games and in the season finale against Detroit attempted 66 passes (2nd most ever in League history) for a club record 37 completions. Miller also chipped in with some fancy footwork as he booted a 25-yard field goal at San Francisco.

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

Led NFL in '89 in lowest interception pct.
Holds club game marks for completions (37), career mark for lowest interception pct., and shares mark for consecutive completions.

Chris received high grades from the coaches and added respect from teammates when he suited up and started at Los Angeles in Week 7 after spraining the medial collateral ligament of his right knee the week before against the 49ers. After three hard days of rehabilitation, which included hydrotherapy, massage, and distance walking, he hit the practice field on Thursday with only a knee brace. "You get toughness at linebacker and physicalness on the defensive line and offensive line, but when you get that at the quarterback position, you're ahead of the game," said Coach Glanville. "I had no idea when I took this job what we had at that position." Miller became the first Falcons player since Gerald Riggs in Week 3 of the '88 season to collect NFC Offensive Player of the Week accolades in leading the birds over the rival Saints. He threw for 212 of his career-high 366 yards in

the second half and guided the Falcons down the field for the game-winning TD loss by completing a pair of clutch, fourth-down passes to Andre Rison, including a 45-yard connection on 4th and 2 at their own 28-yard line. Miller's early football exploits were captured on ABC TV's 25th Anniversary video as the eight-year old from Oregon competed in the Punt, Pass & Kick national finals at Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium (with Coach Norm Van Brocklin on the sidelines). Sheldon High in Eugene, OR, lists Miller, Todd Christiansen (Raiders) and current 49er Michael Walter as NFL alums. Chris grew up in the same neighborhood as the Walters. He welcomed a fellow Oregon native and golfing partner to the Falcon fold when June Jones (Portland State) was added to the staff in the offseason. Speaking of golf, Chris shot a 75 at famed Augusta once and flew his father in to attend last year's Masters.

Pro Baseball Career

Chris opted to bypass an offer from the Toronto Blue Jays after he was drafted by the AL East club out of high school (June of '83). In June of 1985, he was picked on the fifth round by the Seattle Mariners and accepted their offer of a pro contract. He didn't get a chance to showcase his talents until a year later because of a broken right throwing hand. His first taste of minor league ball came at Bellingham of the Northwest League in 1986 as he hit .556 and provided a steady glove at shortstop. He was promoted to the California League with the Salinas affiliate and ran into Major League veterans such as Steve Howe, Mike Norris and faced John Candelaria in his first at-bat. He batted .101 with a .933 fielding percentage in 27 games that summer but decided his future probably was at quarterback and not shortstop.

College

Miller dusted off the Oregon record book and placed his name in front of such notable alumni as ex-Falcon Bob Berry, Norm Van Brocklin and Dan Fouts. Before his career was over, he set 13 school marks, passing for 6,681 yards in 34 starts. The first PAC-10 QB since Stanford's Jim Plunkett in 1969-70 to win all-conference first team status two consecutive years, he finished with 18, 200-plus passing games. A 376-yard effort versus USC and a 368-yard, four TD affair against San Diego State, were his top collegiate games. Chris tossed 49 lifetime TD's and boasted a low interception percentage of 3.8. The MVP of the Hula Bowl and the outstanding North player in the Senior Bowl was 12th in the NCAA as a senior in total offense average with a 231.7 mark and his 2,503 passing yards, 216 completions and 60.7% passing accuracy were all school records. "Miller Time" was a natural to attend the University of Oregon for it was just down the road from his family's Eugene home.

Personal

Chris and sister, Liz, are a part of a close knit family which includes parents, Jess and Jane Miller. The Millers follow their son's football path closely as they catch a few Falcon games in person each year and watch the rest on their satellite dish. A game day phone call from Chris is standard fare as is mom and dad's presence at Candlestick Park every year. He always sends Falcon items back home so his proud parents can display them at their printing shop in Eugene. Christopher James was born in Pomona, CA, but the family moved when he was seven years old. An all-around athlete, Chris was big into basketball, especially early in his high school career. At Sheldon H.S., he quit football to devote more time to hoops but picked it back up as a junior only to be sidelined with a leg injury after taking only 10 snaps. But as a senior his leadership skills helped guide his team to an 8-1 record, a trip to the AAA Playoffs, and account for 1,617 yards, with 12 TD's. He likes to play cards in his spare time, golf, and drive his white and black Porsche 911. Chris gave \$1,700 to the Children's Miracle Network (\$100 per passing TD) last year, enjoys going to see children in hospitals, and was the team's United Way representative

for two years. Chris married his college girlfriend, Jennifer Barbison, on April 27, and the newlyweds reside in Roswell, GA.

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		
1990	Atl.	388	222	2735	57.2	75t	17	14	78.7	26	99	3.8	18	1		
Total		1357	725	8879	53.4	75t	45	45	71.1	71	278	3.9	29	2		

Miller's Personal Bests

Passing		
Attempts	Completions	Percentage
66 Det (12-24-89)	37 Det (12-24-89)	.724 (21-29) Dal (9-17-89)
49 at Chi (11-11-90)	28 at Rams (10-8-89)	.722 (13-18) Cin (10-28-90)
44 at Phoe (10-22-89)	28 at Chi (11-11-90)	.718 (28-39) at Rams (10-8-89)
44 NO (10-7-90)	25 at SF (9-23-90)	.667 (24-36) at Det (9-4-88)
41 at NYJ (11-26-89)	24 at Det (9-4-88)	.633 (19-30) Hou (9-9-90)
39 at Rams (10-8-89)	24 at Phoe (10-22-89)	.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)
38 at Pitt (11-4-90)	23 at Pitt (11-4-90)	
38 Phil (11-18-90)		
Gross Yards	Net Yards	Long
340 at Rams (10-8-89)	366 NO (10-7-90)	75t SF (10-14-90)
366 NO (10-7-90)	324 Det (12-24-89)	72t Wash (12-17-89)
337 at SF (9-23-90)	320 at SF (9-23-90)	71t at Rams (10-21-90)
334 Det (12-24-89)	315 at Rams (10-8-89)	68t at Dal (9-25-89)
310 Wash (12-17-89)	294 Wash (12-17-89)	61 at SF (9-23-90)
299 LA Rams (9-10-89)	271 LA Rams (9-10-89)	60 at Det (9-16-90)
291 SF (10-14-90)	270 SF (10-14-90)	57 at Rams (9-10-89)
268 Phil (11-18-90)	256 Phil (11-18-90)	55 Phil (11-18-90)
265 Pats (10-15-89)	243 Dal (9-17-89)	53t at LA Rams (9-10-89)
Touchdowns	Fewest Int.	Most Int.
3 at Phil (10-30-88)	0 (16 times)	4 at SF (12-20-87)
3 NO (10-7-90)	1 (15 times)	4 Det (12-27-87)
SF (10-14-90)		4 at Chi (11-11-90)
2 (Nine times)		
Times Sacked	Rushing Yards	Long
4 at Dal (9-25-88)	49 at Det (9-4-88)	29 at Det (9-4-88)
4 at Phil (10-30-88)		
4 Pats (10-15-89)		
4 at NO (10-29-89)		
4 at Chi (11-11-90)		
4 NO (11-19-89)		

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Jason
PHILLIPS

Houston - 3rd Year
 Ht.: 5'7" Wt. 166
 Born: 10-11-66

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent,
 April 1, 1991

WIDE RECEIVER**Last Season**

The fleet-footed Phillips played in 12 games for the Lions, with two starts, in the Silver Stretch offense of current Falcons coach June Jones. Jason caught eight passes for 112 yards and a 14.0 average and 29 yard long. He grabbed three aerials against the Bucs and two passes in the Lions win over the Falcons. He also returned a pair of kickoffs back for a 21.5 average.

Pro Career

In two seasons in the League, Jason has 38 receptions for 464 yards, with a touchdown long of 55 yards. Phillips was a 10th round selection of the Lions out of Houston in 1989. As a rookie, he finished third on the squad in receiving with 30 catches for 352 yards. He got the starting call in the final five games of the season and produced by hauling in 21 passes for 256 yards. He put his name in the Detroit record book by snaring 10 passes (third most ever) for 115 yards, including a 55-yard TD against the Buccaneers.

Notebook

First receiver in
 NCAA history to
 lead nation two
 straight years (207
 catches in two
 years).

Had a 10-catch
 game as an NFL
 rookie.

Jason's familiarity with a variation of the "Red Gun" offense made him a natural acquisition. Phillips flourished in the "Run and Shoot" offense of the University of Houston under the direction of QB Andre Ware. His first pro stint was with the "Silver Stretch" offense with Detroit, which employed a similar attack.

College

Phillips teamed with Heisman Trophy winner Ware to set NCAA records. He became the first receiver in NCAA history to lead the nation in receiving two straight years. He only played at Houston for those two years but he still managed to leave with five Southwest Conference records for: career receptions with 207, single-season receptions with 108, receptions in a game with 16, yardage with 1,444 and TD's in a season with 15. The consensus senior All-American and All-SWC performer collected 16 catches for 224 yards and two TD's in his best collegiate game versus Louisiana Tech in 1988.

Personal

Jason Howell is a native of Houston and started his career on the gridiron as a quarterback. He was an All-District and All-Greater Houston selection as a QB for Sterling High School and he also doubled as a track star. Phillips went to Taft (CA) Junior College with intentions to continue

his tutelage as a signal-caller but he was switched to receiver as a sophomore. He majored in Business at Houston.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Receptions		Avg.	LG	TD
			No.	Yards			
1989	Det.	16/6	30	352	11.7	55t	1
1990	Det.	12/2	8	112	14.0	29	0
Totals		28/8	38	464	12.2	55t	1

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Cal-State - 2nd Year
Ht.: 5'8" Wt. 186
Born: 10-1-67

Acquisition: 1990 Draft, 6th Round,
139th Overall



Mike

PRINGLE

RUNNING BACK

Last Season

Mike received valuable experience early in the year while working out with the club as a member of the team's Practice Squad. He started out the year on Injured Reserve for the first three games with a rib injury incurred in preseason. He spent the next nine weeks practicing with the club and learning his trade from veterans like Mike Rozier, Keith Jones and Tracy Johnson. Pringle was activated for the Week 15 game at Cleveland and showed off his speed by gaining nine yards on a reverse and busting through to block a punt in the third quarter and making a tackle on special teams. He returned a kickoff against the Rams a week later for 14 yards and had one carry for no gain versus the Cowboys. Mike made the Falcons final roster by virtue of his strong showing in the preseason where he led the team in kick returns (8 for 193) and had 58 yards rushing (second-best).

Combined for an
NCAA record 626
yards in two games.
Tied NCAA mark
with 357 yard
rushing day.

Notebook

Pringle spent his first NFL season surrounded by friendly faces as former college teammates Reggie Redding and Steve Broussard were with the Falcons all year. Instant replay of sorts was actually used to record Mike's NCAA tying 357 yard rushing day. He was originally only given 352 yards but after officials viewed the game film, he was awarded the extra yardage and the tie with Rueben Mayes. After breaking his jaw and only logging time in two games as a sophomore at Washington State, he transferred to Cal-State Fullerton where he would set numerous school and NCAA marks. He stunned West Virginia fans and eventual Fiesta Bowl bound WVU by setting a Mountaineer Field record for kickoff return yardage with 202 on just

six tries.

College

As a senior, he established school and conference-bests by averaging 244.6 combined yards for the Titans of Cal-State Fullerton. His 626 yards in a two-game span vs. New Mexico State and Cal-Long Beach were NCAA two-game highs. In 19 games, he amassed 2,298 yards on the ground with 19 TD's, 1,158 yards worth of kickoff returns and 361 yards on 35 receptions, with three TD's, for a grand collegiate total of 3,817 all-purpose yards. The All-Big West Conference Player of the Year paced the country with the second-best all-purpose total in NCAA history with 2,690. Only Barry Sanders accumulated more combined yards in one season. He set school records for carries in a season with 296, rushing TD's with 16, total TD's with 19 and points with 116. His top days on the college gridiron included combined efforts of 359 yards vs. Cal-Long Beach, 302 yards vs. San Diego State, 242 yards and four rushing TD's vs. Pacific and 183 yards vs. Fresno State.

Personal

A Los Angeles, CA native, Michael was born to Andrew and Annie Pringle on Oct. 1, 1967 on the west coast. He went on to become a track and football standout at Kennedy High, garnering all-valley, all-league and all-city accolades for his running. The football team MVP was also an all-city selection in track, finishing third in the state long jump with a leap of 24-1.

59		John RADE
Boise State - 9th Year Ht.: 6'1" Wt. 240 Born: 8-31-60		
Acquisition: 1983 Draft, 8th Round, 215th Overall		LINEBACKER

Last Season

Once again John was his usual productive self last year. The defensive signal-caller and co-captain established a career-high with 145 tackles, including a personal-best 74 assists. "Radar" zeroed in to register a career-best total of 17 tackles versus Phoenix. The nine-year veteran also had a 16 tackle effort at the Rams and a 15 stop affair against the 49ers. His other 15 tackle outing came in his 100th game in a Falcon uniform, which included several goal line stops, to aide the Falcons in breaking a five-game losing streak to the Rams. He also had two, 14-tackle games, and added nine special teams tackles, four passes defensed, five QB pressures and a batted ball to his totals. John toughed it out, despite playing the last six weeks with a nagging hip injury, to see action in all 16 games for the first time since 1985. Rade's luck ran out though, early against the Cowboys in the season finale, when he injured his right knee, which required offseason surgery on Jan. 10 to repair two damaged ligaments. He's been going through the slow

rehabilitation process all offseason and summer.

Pro Career

John collected 100 tackles in a season for the fifth straight year last season and sixth overall in his career. The dependable Rade has more lifetime tackles (897) than any other current Falcon in a career that reads 111 games played with 101 starts. His first taste of pro football came with the Boslon Breakers of the USFL but it wasn't a pleasant experience as he was released before the season opener. Before the NFL draft that year, he had some overtures from the CFL's Winnipeg Blue Bombers, but dropped the idea when Atlanta tabbed in with an eight round pick. He made 117 tackles in an All-NFL rookie year playing outside linebacker due to an injury to Al Richardson. He has manned the inside spot in Falcon defenses since 1986. His career in the south has also included scoring two touchdowns on a fumble and interception return.

Year-by-Year

1989: He made it four seasons in-a-row with 100 plus tackles with his 102 total in 15 games. John had three, double-digit tackle games, and a pair of nine-tackle outings to go along with two fumble recoveries.

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



The enterprising Rade moved his family back to the familiar surroundings in Idaho during the 1990 offseason to pursue his business interests but had to put them on hold and hang up his pinstripe suit and relocate to Atlanta this year to rehab his injured knee. John was a proud inductee into the Boise State Hall of Fame last year, where he still holds school records for most tackles for a loss in a single game with 8 and for most losses in one season with 31 in 1982. It was a special honor for the hard working Rade because he only played two years with the Broncos after transferring from the junior college level. John is a student of the game, spending countless hours reviewing film to prepare for the next opponent. "He's my type of player," said Coach Glanville. "When his heart starts pumping, it pumps as good

as anybody's." A lover of the outdoors, John packed up his family and toured the United States last year. "We were like the Griswalds," said a laughing Rade. One of his visits was his old stomping grounds at George E. Loveless Memorial Stadium at Buena High School in Sierra Vista in Arizona.

College

John started out with a partial scholarship at Northern Arizona University, as a punter, but left in the middle of his first semester. He followed his family to Modesto, CA, and enrolled at Modesto Community College to compete in track only. He got stronger by lifting weights for the first time ever and decided to give football another try. He transferred to Boise State where he became the Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year and a two-year starter as a 210-pound defensive end. He also competed on the track team establishing a school mark in the discus with a heave of 164 feet.

Personal

As a prep, the native of Ceres, CA, was a punter and defensive end at Buena H.S. for Coach Truman Williamson and his team went undefeated in his senior campaign. He helped hoist a National Championship trophy as a sophomore at Modesto. John's parents and kid sister still make their home in Modesto, CA, so the family gets to see him play in-person every year in San Francisco and Los Angeles. He is an avid golfer and gives his time for charity golf events in the offseason. He and his wife, Lori, were involved in the holiday "Evening with the Stars" which aided children's hospitals. They have a five year-old daughter, Jenna, and one-year old son, Jared.

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
1990	Atl.	16/15	145	71	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		111/101	897	455	346	10.5	3	48	38t	4	5	2

Rade's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Interceptions
17 Pho (12-9-90) 16 S.F. (12-4-88) 16 at Rams (10-21-90) 15 at Rams (10-16-83) 15 N.O. (12-14-86) 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)

61		Reggie
Cal/State Fullerton - 2nd Year Ht.: 6'3" Wt. 290 Born: 9-22-68		REDDING
Acquisition: 5th Round, 121st Overall		TACKLE

Pro Career

Reggie's pro debut was stalled because of a neck injury which shelved him on IR for four weeks, starting on Sept. 4. He flashed his aggressive style of play in three preseason games at tackle and showed NFL promise. The Cal-State performer was moved to the Falcons Practice Squad on Oct. 2 and worked out with the club the remainder of the year. He was tried at tight end for a short while in the Red Gun offense.

College Career

The All-Big West Conference first teamer improved his stock after a strong senior campaign. He was the main cog in the Titans line which blasted holes for RB Mike Pringle's 2,690 all-purpose total that topped the nation's charts. He also developed as a pass protector and helped Cal-State end up 19th ranked in the country in the air with a 245 per game average. Reggie's big senior swan song also saw him fill space at both guard and tackle positions and be a part of a club which averaged 408 yards per contest to hold down a #27 ranking in total offense. In Pringle's record 357 yard rushing day, the physical Redding registered six takedown blocks. He graded out over 80% efficiency as a starting left guard in six games as a junior. His big hits enabled him to record five knockdown blocks as Cal-State totaled 356 yards in a win over New Mexico State. Reggie claimed All-Conference and All-State honors as a guard for Laney Junior College in 1987 before moving up.



Notebook

Redding made it to the pro level despite not starting to play football until a senior at Forest Park High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. His first stint in a football uniform was rewarding as he garnered all-league second team accolades. He was called the best lineman to hail from Cal-State since Darren Gilbert (who's lasted six seasons with the Saints) by his Titan coaches. He received valuable seasoning by working on the Falcons Practice Squad with the presence of perennial Pro Bowlers Bill Fralic and Chris Hinton.

Personal

A pasta lover, Reginald Redding is the youngest of six children to Donnie Smith of Cincinnati, so he has a large built in fan club. He likes to take on crossword puzzles when he's not taking on defensive linemen. He was a criminal justice major in college.

95		<i>Michael</i>
Wisconsin - 5th Year Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 235 Born: 6-25-64		REID
Acquisition: 1987 Draft, 7th Round, 181st Overall		LINEBACKER

Last Season

Michael's rising fourth season in Atlanta was abruptly ended after six games when he suffered a freak knee injury in the first quarter at Los Angeles. Reid burst through the line and was in perfect position to block a Keith English punt when he twisted his left knee in the turf without being hit by any player. He underwent major reconstructive knee surgery to repair the anterior ligament and lateral meniscus cartilage. Before the injury, Michael was a presence in the aggressive new Falcon defense. He started four times in the first six weeks and had a productive 38 tackles, three QB sacks, 2 QB pressures, and six special teams tackles. He collected 10 tackles at San Francisco with a pair of sacks of Joe Montana, had 11 stops (including a personal-best 8 solo tackles) a week later in a victory over the Saints, and set a single game career-high with 13 tackles in another encounter with the Niners, with another sack of Montana.

Pro Career

After playing mainly a substitute role in his previous Falcon career, Michael emerged last year only to see his season come to an early end due to a severe knee injury. True to his nature, though, Reid has been working extremely hard and going through rehabilitation since last November in hopes of returning to the football field this season. He made the Falcons roster as a rookie for his play on special teams and wound up logging time in 11 games with one start. He played in all 16 games his next two years while getting the starting nod in three games each season. Despite his abbreviated 1990 campaign, he set career-high's for solo, assisted and total tackles, sacks and QB pressures, which was a testament to the type of impact he was having before the injury.

Notebook

Dad played football at Morris Brown and had try-out with Boston Patriots.
Speaks for D.E.A. delivering anti-drug messages to schools.

Michael had the luxury of playing in the first pro game that he's ever seen in-person when he took the field for a preseason affair against Buffalo as a rookie. A martial arts enthusiast, he helped his teammates out last year during Operation Headstart as a martial arts instructor visited Suwanee to work on players' flexibility, body control, and balance. During his prep playing days at Dougherty High School in Albany, GA, Michael played with Lionel "Little Train" James (Chargers) and against the Bills Nate Odomes, (Carver High in Columbus, GA) and the pair went on to be college teammates at Wisconsin. He was a tight end and wide receiver in high school and didn't play defense until he entered Wisconsin. His interests outside of the martial arts field include rug making, with a knack for creating animal figures, playing Nintendo,

fishing and music. The quiet and articulate Reid carried a 2.75 GPA average at Wisconsin concentrating on Computer Science.

College

An All-Big 10 choice and honorable mention All-America, his senior season included a team-high 156 tackles (second in conference) as he was the team's defensive signal-caller and MVP. He accumulated 317 career stops, three interceptions, two forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries. Michael registered top games of 22, 20 and 18 tackles and set school records for most solo tackles in a season with 102 and most fumbles recovered in a game with three against Ohio State.

Personal

One of the many Georgia natives on the Falcons squad, Michael's athleticism hails from his dad's side of the family as father Herman once gave pro ball a try with the Boston Patriots, after a career at Morris Brown. Reid was a member of the track team and a guard on the school's basketball squad at Dougherty High that won a state runner-up trophy. He is a youth speaker for the DEA as he brings his anti-drug message to schools. His sister, Michele, is attending Emory University in Atlanta, while his brother, Maurice, competes on the Georgia Southern football team. Michael's new wife, Sherri, holds a degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue. The couple reside in Alpharetta, GA.

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
1990	Atl.	6/4	38	17	21	3	3	6	0	0
Totals		49/11	101	48	53	4	9	27	0	0

Reid's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks
13 S.F. (10-14-90)	2 at S.F. (9-23-90)
11 N.O. (10-7-90)	1 S.F. (10-14-90)
10 at S.F. (9-23-90)	

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.

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Gilbert
RENFROE

— Tennessee State - 2nd NFL Year

— Ht.: 6'1" Wt. 195

— Born: 2-18-63

— Acquisition: Canadian Free Agent,

— Feb. 27, 1990

QUARTERBACK**Last Season**

Gilbert's travels started in Atlanta after a career in the CFL, then landed him in Minnesota, and eventually back to the Falcons. Renfroe was released by the birds three times, then re-signed by the club twice in the month of September, when injuries in the secondary necessitated his release. He signed with the Vikings on Sept. 26 and was on the roster until being waived on Nov. 21 when injured QB Wade Wilson returned. He never dressed for a game with Minnesota and was on the Inactive List for all six contests. Atlanta once again re-signed the former CFL star to the Practice Squad on Dec. 12 and he was activated off that squad on Dec. 19 to provide back-up for Hugh Miller for the final two games of the '90 season.

Pro Career

Renfroe's career has spanned two pro Leagues with his matriculation to the NFL last season. He performed four years in the Canadian Football League where he passed for 8,185 yards, rushed for 511 yards and totaled 46 touchdowns. Gilbert's success in the CFL included being voted an Eastern all-star in leading his club to a 14-4 mark in 1988 which also featured a 4,113 passing season. He guided the Toronto Argonauts to the Eastern Final that year against Winnipeg. In 1987, Gilbert paced Toronto to 13 victories and had his team leading in the third quarter of the Grey Cup, 27-20, when he was felled with a knee injury. His best game of the CFL career was against Edmonton as he threw for 418 yards, completing 24 of 40 passes. He signed with the Ottawa Roughriders after college in 1986 and earned four starts as a rookie, passing for 1,051 yards, rushing for 174 more yards, and combining for 8 scores. He also came off the bench to lead the Argos to a victory over Montreal. Toronto traded RB Cedric Minter for the rights to Renfroe and in his first game in an Argonauts uniform stepped in off the sidelines to complete 7 of 11 passes for 118 yards and a TD. He missed seven contests with a knee injury that year but returned to start in the playoffs.

College

For the Tigers of Tennessee State, the strong-armed Renfroe threw for 5,558 yards and 48 TD's and only 23 interceptions while guiding the Nashville school to a three-year mark of 26-6-1. He tossed for 2,492 yards through the air as a senior and 15 TD's, with six other scores coming on the ground. In his junior campaign, Gilbert's 1,460 yards, 17 TD's and just five pickoffs were good enough to be listed #2 in the nation in passing efficiency among all Division I-A schools.

Notebook

Passed for over 4,000 yards in a season as Canadian all-star QB.

At Tennessee State, "Gilly" hit 48 TD's to lead team to 26-6-1 record.

"Gilly" has seen action in 59 pro games but all were in the "other" League as he has yet to log time in an NFL regular season game. He made a name for himself in the Falcons preseason game against the Redskins when he threw three, fourth quarter TD's, completing 10-15 passes for 146 yards, to bring the birds from behind to win 31-27. His game-winner came after he avoided a heavy rush and lofted a strike to James Milling in the back of the end zone with under three minutes left. When the Falcons outbid three other interested NFL teams and signed Gilbert on Feb. 27, 1990, he became the club's first-ever black quarterback. He wasn't drafted by the NFL out of college because he feels there were untrue rumors circulating around which had him already signed, sealed and delivered to the CFL's Ottawa team. One

of the clubs bidding for his services in the '90 offseason were the Detroit Lions, who had a quarterback coach by the name of June Jones. Jones coached Renfroe for one season at Ottawa and will be reunited with each other in Atlanta. He underwent arthroscopic surgery in March to repair a cartilage tear in his right knee.

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

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 of '90 winning over WAGA, WXIA, and WGNX. The broadcast crew will include WSB's Sports Director, Chuck Dowdle, as the play-by-play voice, and former QB Steve Bartkowski.

There's Only One



80		<i>Andre</i>
Michigan State - 3rd Year		RISON
Ht.: 6'0" Wt. 188 Born: 3-18-67		
Acquisition: Trade with Colts, April 20, 1990		WIDE RECEIVER

Last Season

Andre's highlights in his first season in a Falcon uniform filled the team's scrapbook and dented the club's record book. Let's turn back the pages and examine closely the talented receiver's accomplishments in a year in which he finished as the starter opposite Jerry Rice on his first NFC Pro Bowl team and was a consensus All-Pro pick.

- Set five club marks for: most receptions in a season with 82, most receptions by a WR, most 100 yard games with 5, most consecutive 100 yard games with 3, and most receptions over three game period with 30.
- Finished second in NFL with his 82 catches and 10 TD's (behind Jerry Rice) and third in yards with 1,208.
- Named NFC Offensive Player of the Month of October as he totaled 26 receptions for 501 yards, with 6 TD's, and 3, 100 yard games.
- Caught nine passes for career-best 172 yards and 2 TD's vs Niners, five aeriels for 161 yards with a pair of scores at Rams, 10 catches for 154 yards and 2 TD's vs Saints, and a personal high 11 receptions for 128 yards after half at SF.
- His effort in the win over the Saints included: 7 catches for 114 yards in second half, with 4 receptions for 77 yards coming in game winning drive. He also snared two, critical 4th down passes, to keep drive alive as he topped off his day by pulling in the game winner from three yards out with 1:33 left.
- Hauled in career long catches of 75t, 71t and 70 yards.
- Grabbed six passes for 100 yards, all in the 4th quarter at Cleveland, to break team record for most 100-yard games.
- Named to All-Pro teams by AP, Sporting News, Football News, PFWA, Pro Football Weekly, NEA, Sports Illustrated, The National.
- Turned fans heads in preseason victory over Bengals when he took a pass over the middle and went 80 yards for a score and created "The Highlight Zone Dance" in celebration of his feat.

Honors

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

1990: NFL Pro Bowl Starter
All-Pro, AP, Sporting News, Football News, PFWA, Pro Football Weekly, College &

Pro Newsweekly, NEA, Sports Illustrated, The National UPI All-NFC
All-NFL, Football Digest

Pro Career

Rison was the 22nd pick overall in the first round of the 1989 draft by Indianapolis. He was the second most productive rookie receiver, behind the Falcons Shawn Collins, as he collared 52 catches for 820 yards, with four TD's, to earn a spot on everyone's All-NFL rookie team. He also added 170 return yards and 18 rushing yards for an all-purpose total of 1,008. Andre started 13 games for the Colts while seeing action in all 16 contests and posted a trio of 100-yard games. Counting last year, he has caught a pass in 31 of his 32 NFL games played as his only shutout came in Week 16 against the Rams when he played the entire game on a sprained knee. He passed the 100-catch plateau in 1990 in his 24th career game, **becoming the third fastest wide receiver in NFL history to reach the feat.** Only Gary Clark (21) and Al Toon (23) reached 100 receptions faster than Rison and Clark's mark came after he had gained two years of pro experience in the USFL. Rison eclipsed RB William Andrews' team record of 81 receptions in the season finale against Dallas on a Hugh Millen pass in the fourth quarter and his 1,208 receiving yards were the second most of any Falcon wideout ever (to Alfred Jenkins' 1,358) as were his 10 TD's (Jenkins record is 13).

Notebook

Helped guide H.S. basketball team to 55-1 record and back-to-back state titles.

Collaborated on an album on Warner Bros. label.

The enterprising Andre had a contest in the local Atlanta newspapers to name his celebrated end zone dance which he created last preseason. The winning entry, "The Highlight Zone Dance", was chosen by Rison after mulling over some 8,000 fan responses. He calls the dance "a little bit of a duck walk, with a little bit of soul." The 24 year-old's popularity was enhanced by the national recognition he received from a feature article in Sports Illustrated, an interview on ESPN's acclaimed "Up Close" with Roy Firestone, and by his presence at "The Superstars" competition in Cancun, Mexico. Firestone introduced Rison "as perhaps pro football's most electrifying receiver, when you include the whole package."

Showtime had extra motivation and something to prove to the League last year through the help of an article in a preseason magazine which rated him only the 28th best receiver in the NFL. The tough, confident wide out actually lists going over the middle to catch passes as one of his favorite challenges. "It's a myth that it hurts more when you're hit catching a pass over the middle," he said. "The defensive back may think he has a dream shot - that he can knock me out - but I'll be darned if I can't do the same thing to him. I will head-butt a defensive back if I have to." Rison is a fierce competitor who hates to be out of the lineup for any reason. He played the entire Rams game despite being carried off the field a week earlier on a stretcher for suffering a sprained knee at Cleveland. He limped around against Los Angeles as a decoy in the second half when Floyd Dixon was lost for the game and the Falcons had only four WR's available. (That was the only game in his career he didn't catch a pass). Andre and Deion Sanders were guests of Grammy award winner, M.C. Hammer, at one of his concerts in Atlanta and the pair even got on stage to do a few dance steps with The Hammer. Showing his love for music, he lists that experience with the well-known rapper as one of his most exciting moments. Rison wears the same M.C. Hammer t-shirt from that concert under his jersey every game for good luck. Rison and Sanders were rivals in college but became good friends at the

post season all-star games and the dynamic duo attended the NBA All-Star gala together in Miami last year before they became teammates last April.

College

Andre left Michigan State with a school record 146 receptions for 2,992 yards and 20 TD's. His record breaking 1986 campaign established new MSU marks with an all-time season-best 54 catches and 966 yards. He is familiar to Georgia fans because he sliced through the Bulldog secondary for nine receptions for an eye-opening 252 yards with three scores in the Gator Bowl as a senior. He was at his best when facing the best as he boasted a 30.1 yards per catch average in three Bowl games. Rison's other top collegiate performance was an 11 catch, 196 yard receiving day, against Indiana as a sophomore to set another mark. He accepted a scholarship to Michigan State so he could play basketball and he got on the hardwood for a total of 24 games for the Spartans under coach Jud Heathcote. He also ended up second in the conference long jump with a leap of over 24 feet.

Personal

A gifted athlete, "Showtime's" first love was basketball and not football as a youngster growing up in Flint, Michigan. He once even told his mother . . . "The Lord put me on earth to go pro." Andre got involved in sports because "it was a way to stay off the streets" and avoid the pitfalls of living in a poor neighborhood. "I didn't want to fall through the cracks like everybody else," he said. "I had to believe in me and I had to say it loud." Rison helped guide his Northwestern High School team to a 55-1 record (74-3 in three years) and back-to-back state championships in his junior and senior seasons from his point guard position. The two-time all-state performer broke the school record for most career assists with 636 as he dished the ball to teammates and future NBAers Glenn Rice (Miami Heat) and Jeff Grayer (Milwaukee Bucks). Success also followed on the gridiron as he played eight different positions (QB, RB, WR, TE, S, CB, P, K) and became an all-state punter in his junior year and All-America defensive back in his final season as a prep. Close cousin and current NY Giant Mark Ingram threw passes to Andre before Rison took over the helm to pass for 644 yards and 8 TD's and run for 346 more yards with four TD's. He also won a national championship as an outfielder and pitcher on a Fairmont (WV) AAU baseball squad before moving to Michigan. His mother persuaded him to look to the future and stick to football, namely; wide receiver, because . . . "Andre likes the glory and he thrives on touching the ball." Andre Previn Rison has a son, Andre Jr, who does a remarkable imitation of his father's "Highlight Zone Dance". He received part of his toughness through his mother, Merdice. "I always told Andre, 'If the guy's in your face, you say, I'm tougher. You've got to stand up for yourself or they'll kill you out there,'" she said. His idol growing up was Raider Hall of Fame receiver Fred Biletnikoff because "he always made the spectacular catches." Rison was thrilled to finally meet his childhood hero at the '91 Pro Bowl. Another one of his sports idols is former basketball star Doctor Julius Erving. An aspiring musician and lyricist, Rison has collaborated with friend, Ray (Stingray) Potter, on an album. "M Brace" created a small studio in their apartment in the suburbs of Atlanta, writing songs and pumping out music on three computerized keyboards. They switched to a bigger studio in Atlanta and recorded their first album on a Warner Brothers label this spring.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	Rush	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1989	Indy	16/13	52	820	16.5	61	4	3	18	6.0	15	0
1990	All	16/15	82	1,208	14.7	75t	10	0	0	0	0	0
Total		32/28	134	2,028	15.1	75t	14	3	18	6.0	15	0

Rison's Personal Bests

Catches	Yards	Long	TD
11 at S.F. (9-23-90)	172 S.F. (10-14-90)	75t S.F. (10-14-90)	2 N.O. (10-7-90)
10 N.O. (10-7-90)	161 at Rams	71t at Rams (10-21-90)	S.F. (10-14-90)
9 S.F. (10-14-90)	(10-21-90)	70 at Rams (10-21-90)	at Rams (10-21-90)
7 Phil (11-18-90)	154 N.O. (10-7-90)	61 Jets (11-19-89)	1 Eight times
	136 Clev (12-10-89)		
KOR	Yards	Long	
3 Atl (9-24-89)	59 Atl (9-24-89)	30 Atl (9-24-89)	

RISON'S 100-YARD GAMES

172	vs San Francisco (10-14-90), 9 catches
161	at Los Angeles (10-21-90), 5 catches
154	vs New Orleans (10-7-90), 10 catches
*136	vs Cleveland (12-10-89), 5 catches
*129	vs New England (10-29-89), 6 catches
128	at San Francisco (9-23-90), 11 catches
*108	N.Y. Jets (11-19-89), 5 catches
100	at Cleveland (12-16-90), 6 catches

* as member of Indianapolis Colts

1990 LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

Player	NO.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
Jerry Rice, SF	100	1,502	15.0	64t	13
ANDRE RISON, ATL	82	1,208	14.7	75T	10
Keith Byars, Phil	81	819	10.1	54	3
Henry Ellard, LA Rams	76	1,294	17.0	50t	4
Gary Clark, Wash	75	1,112	14.8	53t	8

129! A RECORD

Throughout the course of the 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.

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Auburn - 2nd Year
 Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 260
 Born: 4-4-67

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent,
 April 1, 1991



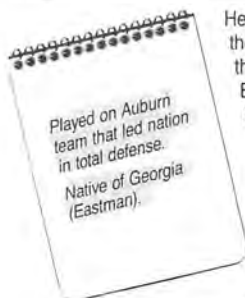
Benji
ROLAND

DEFENSIVE LINE

Last Season

Benji performed in three games for the Buccaneers last season, including a start against the Falcons in Week 13. He saw action against the Packers and Jets (besides the Falcons) after being signed on Nov. 14. Roland was in Tampa Bay's training camp in '90 but was released on the final cut.

Notebook



He returns to the Falcons after being on the team's Developmental Squad the entire '89 campaign. When the Falcons left him unprotected during the Plan B period in Feb. of '90, the Buccaneers signed him to a contract. Benji was drafted in the seventh round by the Minnesota Vikings in '89, but was waived during his first training camp. He joins John Hunter as ex-Viking draft picks on the Falcons roster. He was the 12th defensive tackle taken in that '89 draft.

College

Roland played alongside Outland Trophy Winner, Tracy Rocker, while at Auburn. He distinguished himself, though, as a three-year starter and four-year letterman. A third-team All-America, he finished his senior season with 66 tackles (38 solo), nine for losses, and a pair of sacks. He helped man the middle on a Tiger unit that led the nation in total defense, surrendering only 218 yards per contest, and in rushing defense, allowing only 63 yards a game. His best outings as a senior were an 11 tackle day against Tennessee and a season-high 12 stops in a 16-0 blanking of Florida. Roland's personal-high was set against Georgia Tech as a junior when he tallied 13 tackles.

Personal

Mitchell Benjamin always has Georgia on his mind as he was born and raised in Eastman, Ga. A first team all-state player at Dodge City High, Benji played tackle, linebacker, defensive end, and tight end during his busy prep days. He was voted the Middle Georgia Defensive Player-of-the-Year as senior when he totaled 128 tackles. The busy Roland also lettered three years in baseball. He was a child development major in college and makes his offseason home in Auburn, GA.

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Mike

ROZIER

Nebraska - 7th Year

Ht.: 5'10" Wt. 213

Born: 3-1-61

Acquisition: Claimed off waivers
from Houston, Oct. 3, 1990

RUNNING BACK

Last Season

Mike shouldered the load of the running game over the final five weeks of the season, collecting three, 100-rushing days, and 457 total yards of his team-high 675 on the year. He played in three of Houston's first four games (10 rushes for 42 yards, 5 catches for 46 yards), including the opening day affair in Atlanta, and 13 games as a Falcon after being reunited with Coach Glanville on Oct. 3. He led the birds in rushing attempts (153), rush average (3.6), and was tied for second in rushing TD's (3), besides toting the most yards by a Falcon back. He enjoyed a career day in the victory over the Cowboys when he gained a personal-best 155 yards on 21 carries, highlighted by a Falcon record-breaking 67-yard run to better Harmon Wages' jaunt of 66-yards in 1969. The previous week he toted the pigskin another 21 times for 102 yards, making him the first running back to have consecutive 100 yard games since Gerald Riggs (on Nov. 30, 1986 and Dec. 7, 1986). When he rambled 23 times for 115 yards in his first start in Week 13 at Tampa Bay, it was the first time that a Falcon back rushed for 100-yards in 36 games. And it was also Rozier's first 100-yard outing since Dec. 11, 1988 in Houston.

Pro Career

Rozier's pro career has now reached 81 NFL games played (68 in Houston and 13 in Atlanta) with another 32 coming in the USFL. Take a glance at his pro experience which began as the first player selected overall in the 1984 USFL draft by the Pittsburgh Maulers.

- Played in 14 games with 12 starts for the Maulers in the USFL in '84, rushing for 792 yards, with 3 TD's, catching 32 passes for 259 yards and 3 TD's. Best game was a 137-yard effort against Denver.
- Started all 18 games for Jacksonville Bulls in '85 and ended up second in League with 1,361 yards on 320 carries for a 4.3 average and scored 12 TD's. He also caught 50 passes coming out of the backfield for 366 yards and three scores. His top USFL outing was a 199 yard game versus Orlando. He ended his USFL career with four TD's in the season finale against Denver.
- Reported to Houston after being granted free agency on July 1, 1985 and being selected in the Supplemental Draft. His NFL debut season witnessed a club-best 462 yards on 133 totes, with a team-high eight rushing TD's in 14 games (six starts). For the year, he played in 32 pro games and totaled 2,285 all-purpose yardage.
- Led the Oilers in rushing four out of his five years in Texas. His best season was 1988 when he gained 1,002 yards and crossed the goaline 10 times. He just missed the 1,000 yard club in the strike shortened '87 campaign, rambling for 957 yards in 12 games, to finish third in the AFC and fourth in NFL. On the heels of five 100-yard games, including a then career-

high of a 150-yarder and a 144-yard game, he earned a spot in his first Pro Bowl in '87 and would return again the next year.

- Left as the Oilers third all-time rusher behind Hoyle Granger and Hall of Famer Earl Campbell with 3,426 yards and he has registered 11 career 100-yard days.

Notebook



Glanville called Rozier last year . . . "The best \$100 investment since I bought a cheap suit in Texas. For 100 bucks, you can't beat what the guy has given us." The former Oiler brought his own brand of hard-nosed football to Atlanta after Houston waived him on October 3. He was used to the Red Gun offense employed by Glanville, so it was a natural transition. After gaining 73 yards on 10 carries in the win over the Bengals, he fought through the pain of several broken ribs inflicted by the Steelers in the first quarter to rush for 57 yards and one touchdown as he played the whole game. "They pay me to run, not sit," Rozier said. "He gives you a linebacker temperament in your backfield," Glanville countered. "He moves the pile and punishes people who try to stop him, and he leaves a trail of bodies

behind him." A well-known name to college football fans, "Rozie" left with four NCAA records, including best rushing average in a season (7.86), best rushing average in career (7.16), most rushing TD's in a season (29) and most yards gained in four consecutive games (929 in final four of 1983). With the expanded 17 week season instituted by the NFL last season, Mike had a rare chance to set a League record by playing 17 games because of the trade to Atlanta but Rozier was inactive for one game with Houston.

College

The 1983 Heisman Trophy winner ended his three-year stint at Nebraska with 4,780 rushing yards on 668 carries, a 7.2 average, and 49 TD's. Add 20 catches for 216 yards and 20 kickoffs for 449 yards and his all-purpose total reached 5,445 yards. He amassed 26, 100-yard games, and seven, 200-yard games in his illustrious career in Lincoln, NE. His 273 attempts and 2,148 yards on the ground, with 29 TD's, paced the nation his senior season as the Cornhuskers were a perfect 12-0. The 2,148 yards were the second highest total ever in NCAA history, behind Marcus Allen's 2,342 in '81. He tied an NCAA mark for most 100-yard games in a season with 11 and left his name in the Big Eight record book six times, including most average yards per game in a season with 207.2 in '83 and most points in a season with 174. In addition to his Heisman Trophy and first team All-America status as a senior, he also won the Walter Camp Award and the Maxwell Club Player of the Year honors. He totaled 1,689 yards as a junior and 943 yards as a sophomore after transferring from Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

Personal

Michael M. Rozier was born on March 1, 1961 in Camden, New Jersey. He lettered in football, basketball and track at Woodrow Wilson High School. He carries around a tough-guy image, acquired through living in some rough neighborhoods as a youth, but at the same time can charm a room full of people with his big smile and hearty laugh. "You learn respect by dishing it out, not taking it," he said, referring to his life on and off the football field. "Just because you're the guy with the ball doesn't mean you can't be aggressive." He enjoys driving his red Corvette around town and lists his favorite TV show as "The Cosby Show" and his best musical artist as Phil Collins.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Att.	RUSHING				No.	RECEIVING			
				Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1984	*Pitts	14/12	223	792	3.6	28	3	32	259	8.1	62	3
1985	*Jacks	18/18	320	1361	4.3	34	12	50	366	7.3	23	3
	Hous	14/ 6	133	462	3.5	30	8	9	96	10.7	52	0
1986	Hous	13/13	199	662	3.3	19t	4	24	180	7.5	23	0
1987	Hous	11/11	229	957	4.2	41	3	27	192	7.1	27	0
1988	Hous	15/14	251	1002	4.0	28	10	11	99	9.0	18	1
1989	Hous	12/10	88	301	3.4	17	2	4	28	7.0	8	0
1990	Hous	3/0	10	42	4.2		0	5	46	9.2	24	0
	Atl	13/5	153	675	4.4	67	3	8	59	7.4	20	0
*USFL Totals		32/30	543	2153	4.0	34	15	82	625	7.6	62	6
NFL Totals		81/59	1063	4101	3.9	67	30	88	700	8.0	52	1
NFL Playoffs		4/4	48	147	3.1	11	2	3	18	6.0	7	1

1-1 passing for 13 yards (1986)

Rozier's Personal Bests

No.	Yds.	LG	TD
*29 at Buff (9-20-87) Atl (10-25-87) at Pitt (11-15-87) *26 at Indy (11-29-87)	155 Dall (12-30-90) *150 at Buff (9-20-87) *144 Atl (10-25-87) *141 K.C. (10-9-88) 115 at T.B. (12-2-90)	67 Dall (12-30-90) *41 at Buff (9-20-87) *28 at Indy (9-4-88) Cin (10-28-90)	*3 Cin (12-11-88)

* as a member of Oilers

Rozier's 100-Yard Rushing Games (11)

Date	Opponent	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
12-30-90	Dallas	21	155	7.4	67	0
9-20-87	at Buffalo	29	150	5.2	41	1
10-25-87	Atlanta	29	144	5.0	18	1
10-9-88	K.C.	27	141	5.2	13	0
12-11-88	Cincinnati	22	126	5.7	15t	3
11-29-87	at Indy	26	122	4.7	18	0
12-2-90	at T. Bay	23	115	5.0	13	1
11-15-87	at Pitt	29	112	3.9	14	0
12-27-87	Cincinnati	20	103	5.2	12	1
12-23-90	LA Rams	21	102	4.9	14	1
9-4-88	at Indy	25	100	4.0	28	1

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Mike

RUETHER

Texas - 6th Year
Ht.: 6'4" Wt. 286
Born: 9-20-62

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent,
March 15, 1990

CENTER

Last Season

Veteran Mike provided much-needed back-up help and was used in short-yardage situations on the Falcons line after leaving Denver via the Plan B route. Ruether was also part of the special teams return units that blocked for Deion Sanders' record 79-yard punt return TD and Keith Jones' 76-yard kickoff return TD. When regular center Jamie Dukes was hobbled with a nagging groin injury in the last few games of the season, Mike stepped in for a couple of series in each game. With his 16 games played, he moved his career NFL total up to 55 games.

Pro Career

Mike's first taste of pro football came with the newly formed USFL in 1984-1985. As the starting center for the Los Angeles Express for 34 games, his battery mate was current 49er QB Steve Young. He switched uniforms to the NFL's Cardinals on Sept. 30, 1986, who held his rights due to the Supplemental draft, and he saw action in 22 contests. Ruether was traded to the Broncos on Aug. 19, 1988 in exchange for LB Ricky Hunley and he played in 14 games for Denver that season.

College

Blue-collar career with the Texas Longhorns included appearances in the '80 Bluebonnet Bowl, '82 Sun Bowl and '83-'84 Cotton Bowl. The two-year starter was considered by many as the top center prospect of the '84 NFL draft.

Personal

A California native who grew up in Inglewood, Ruether relocated to Kansas where he became an All-State and All-America football player at Bishop Miege High School. He also was a wrestler and track performer for the Shawnee Mission (Kan.) school as he pinned down a pair of state wrestling titles as a heavyweight. A communications major at Texas, Mike and his wife, Marjorie, have a four-year old son, Reece Austin.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started:	USFL	34 total	1984 (17), 1985 (17)
	NFL	55/2	1986 (10/1), 1987 (12/1), 1988 (14/0), 1989 (3/0), 1990 (16/0)

USFL center for QB
Steve Young of LA
Express.
Veteran of 55 NFL
games.

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Deion
SANDERS

Florida State - 3rd Year
Ht.: 6'0" Wt. 185
Born: 8-9-67

Acquisition: 1989 Draft, 1st Round,
5th Overall

CORNERBACK

Last Season

Deion Luwynn Sanders continued to add more credentials to his impressive personal football file in 1990. Let's take a chronological look at "Prime Time's" achievements in his second full season as a Falcon.

HIGH-STEPPING OVER A MOON - With :24 remaining on the clock in the season opener, Sanders punctuates an overwhelming Falcons victory by intercepting a Warren Moon pass and high stepping down the sidelines past Moon for an 82-yard touchdown (fourth longest in club history) as the birds deal out a 47-27 rout of the Oilers. His return ends up being the longest of the season in the NFL and is the second straight year in which he's scored a TD on opening day.

KICKIN' IT IN HIGH GEAR - The former Florida State product sets a personal-best by returning six kickoffs for 121 yards at Los Angeles and had two kickoffs of 42 and 36 yards called back due to penalties.

PRIME TIME GOES LIVE - In front of a nationally televised audience on TNT in Week 8, dangerous Deion fields a Bengal punt early in the third quarter and rambles 79 yards for a touchdown, longest in team history, as the Falcons build an insurmountable 24-7 advantage. It marks the third straight week that Sanders totals over 100 all-purpose yards as the birds prevail 38-17.

BLANKET COVERAGE - Deion goes one-on-one against deadly John Taylor of the 49ers most of the afternoon in Week 6 and holds the perennial Pro Bowler to only two catches for 15 yards.

GOING THE DISTANCE IN STYLE - Sanders finishes off the season with the same dramatic flair as he began it by picking off a Babe Laufenberg pass with one hand and darting and slashing his way around defenders to go 61-yards for a score against the Cowboys. With the dazzling run, he tied a team record for interceptions returned for a TD in a single season and career.

SOPHOMORE SUPERLATIVES - Deion ended up third in the NFL in combined yards with 1,101 to trail only Mel Gray of Detroit and Rod Woodson of Pittsburgh. The 1,101 yards was the second best all-purpose total in a season by a Falcon and he becomes the only Falcon ever to score a TD on both a punt return and interception in the SAME season. He's the only NFC returner to have back-to-back 1,000-yards seasons.

FABULOUS FIFTIES - Sanders becomes the only player in the NFL to gain 50 or more yards in three different categories (all coming in Falcon victories). He collected a 50-yard kickoff return against the Rams in Week 16 to go along with his team record 79-yard punt return versus the Bengals and his 61-yard interception TD against Dallas and 82-yard interception TD vs. Houston.

ESTABLISHING TERRITORIAL RIGHTS - He leads the team with 18 passes defended, including four knockdowns at Los Angeles and three apiece versus the 49ers and Lions.

Pro Career

In just two short years on the football field, Deion has come to personify the words "making things happen". He's electrified Falcon fans by returning two punts and two interceptions for flashy touchdowns. The gifted athlete is only five combined returns shy of breaking Rolland Lawrence's career record of 139. He is but 29 yards away from passing Ron Smith for combined yardage with his 2,133 total. His 67 returns for 1,101 yards in '90 were the second-best marks in Falcon history. Sanders has also held more than his own when facing the League's premier receivers with his blazing speed and instinctive coverage skills. Let's take a closer inspection at the exploits of the controversial two-sport figure who is known as "Prime Time".

SUGAR PROVES TO BE SWEET - He picks off an Auburn pass late in the 4th quarter to preserve a 13-7 victory for #2 ranked Florida State in the Jan. 1, 1989 Sugar Bowl as he intercepts the Jim Thorpe Award as the country's top DB and boasts an NCAA leading 15.2 punt return average.

MAKING WAVES OVERSEAS - Garners Defensive MVP Trophy at the Hula Bowl all-star game on Jan. 23 by coming up with an interception and deflecting four other passes.

CHANGING SPORTS - He changes uniforms and shows up in Yankee pinstripes at spring training on Feb. 25 in Ft. Lauderdale. He plays in 117 games, with 33 coming at Double A Albany (.286 avg.) and 70 coming with the Triple A club in Columbus (.278 avg., 5 HR, 30 RBI). Deion plays 14 games with the Yanks and hits .234 with 7 RBI and 2 HR.

RIISING IN THE SOUTH - He is selected fifth overall in the April 23 draft by the Falcons and hits town sporting a black leather outfit complete with plenty of jewelry.

DEION GLITTERS AT FIRST BIG SHOW - On May 30, he is brought up to the "Big Show", plays in famed centerfield at Yankee Stadium, collects a hit in four at-bats and throws out a runner at third base.

DIALING 8 FOR LONG DISTANCE - Steps up to the plate against the Brewers at Milwaukee County Stadium and slaps his first home run on June 4.

ROLLING IN THE DOUGH - Becomes an official Falcon by inking biggest contract in team history and is in millionaire class on Sept. 7.

STRANGE SURROUNDINGS - With media and curious teammates watching, he puts on the football pads and practices for the first time in seven months on Sept. 8.

PRIME TIME DEBUT - In his first NFL game on the 9th of Sept, he returns his second pro punt 68 yards for a touchdown after only 5:21 seconds have ticked off the clock. He is the first modern day athlete to both hit a Major League home run and score an NFL touchdown in the same week.

GIVING SOMETHING BACK - Showing he cares for kids, he donates \$10,000 to Atlanta's Scottish Rite Children's Hospital.

RED OCTOBER - On the first day of the month against the Packers in Milwaukee at the site of his first Major League homer, he goes the distance for a 96-yard kickoff return but it's called back due to a penalty. He would have been the first Falcon to score a TD by a KOR and punt and would have both hit a home run and scored a TD in the same stadium.

STARTING A TREND - The rookie gets his first NFL starting call at cornerback vs New England (Oct. 15) and also records 111 return yards, including a 60-yard KOR.

DABBLING AS SWITCH HITTER - He goes both ways and draws the attention of the defense as a wide receiver for a pair of plays vs Buffalo. He keeps a drive alive by attracting a pass interference call to get a first down.

CATCHING UP - His initial NFL reception loses eight yards on a screen pass against New Orleans.

FACING THE BIG BOYS - Against the 49ers, he steals a Joe Montana pass heading for Jerry Rice and returns it 22 yards.

SETTING THE STAGE - He is the first rookie DB in the the 1980's to total over 1,000 return yards and is tops among all other rookie DB's with five thefts. The All-NFL rookie pick is the NFLPA kick returner of the year as he paces the Falcons in interceptions and punt and kickoff returns.

Honors

1989: All-NFL Rookie, Football Digest, PFWA
NFLPA Kick Returner of the Year

Notebook

Needs only 5 combined returns and 29 return yards to break club records.

First pro athlete to play two sports in same city since 1960-61.

Contrary to media reports, Sanders is simply known as Deion to teammates and only puts on his "Prime Time" face during a game and afterwards in the locker room. He also sports only one chain with a cross most of the time, avoids talking to opposing players, and keeps to himself. He's always mentally prepared to play and does extra time when necessary in practice or meetings. The Braves baseball team found out what the Falcons already knew of his low-key locker room personality and work habits. He played and practiced all last season with a lingering knee problem which required arthroscopic surgery in the offseason (no serious problem was found). Prime Time is introducing his own brand of clothes to the Atlanta market which includes his registered lightning bolt figure trademark. He was smaller

and skinnier than most kids his age so he was shy and silent. He loved sports and "always had a ball in his hands", according to his mother Constance Knight. He customarily gives gifts to his fellow special teammates when they've helped him return a kickoff or punt for a touchdown as he handed out 10 Gucci watches to teammates for their role in his 68-yard punt return touchdown in '89. Deion doesn't drink alcohol, take drugs or smoke cigarettes as he tries to be a role model for kids. He was the first Falcons player ever to be on the front of Sports Illustrated as he donned the cover of their Nov. 13, 1989 issue. He received his well-known nickname after high school friend and ex-Florida CB Richard Fain saw him throw down some "Prime Time" dunks on the basketball court. On an ESPN interview with Roy Firestone, Deion admitted, "I'm not only an athlete but I'm an entertainer." He went on to say . . . "The fans work hard and pay a lot of money to see us play and they don't want to just see us knock heads and give the ball back to the referee. I like to give them something extra." Deion's numerous interview requests have included a Japanese television station, halftime of Monday Night Football, and spots on ESPN's "Up Close" and David Letterman. Sanders also has a weekly radio show on Atlanta's Star 94 FM. He made it to the semifinals of the Footlocker Slam Fest in the offseason before being eliminated.

Pro Baseball Career

Sanders spurned an offer from the Kansas City Royals (\$75,000) after being drafted out of high school to attend Florida State on a football scholarship. He was selected again by the New York Yankees in 1988 on the 30th round in the free agent draft and split time between Ft. Lauderdale, Sarasota and Columbus. He made the Yankees of Bucky Dent as a non-roster player by batting .364 in spring training in 1989. He eventually returned to the minors and appeared in a total of 14 big league games, hitting .234. Deion batted .158 (21 hits in 133 at-bats) in 57 Major League games for the Yankees in 1990 with three homers and nine RBI'S. He was released

by New York on Sept. 26 and signed a minor league contract with the Atlanta Braves on Jan. 30, 1991, expressing a desire to play two pro sports in the same city. Deion batted .281 in spring training with the Braves in West Palm Beach. He led the team in total bases with 29 and runs scored with 12, while finishing second in hits with 18 (in 64 at-bats), and had only one error, to make the Major League roster. He earned an opening day start in left field against the Dodgers, hitting leadoff, to become the first player to play baseball and football on the same field since 1945, when Steve Filipowicz performed as an outfielder for the New York Giants and running back for the football Giants at the Polo Grounds. He also became the first pro athlete to play two sports for teams in the same city since Gene Conley played for the 1960-61 Boston Celtics and pitched for the 1961 Boston Red Sox. He was re-assigned to Richmond at the end of May to gain more experience as he kept his average around .300.

College

One of the most celebrated athletes to come out of college in years, Deion lived up to his billing by winning the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's best defensive back. The two-time All-America paced the country in punt returns with an average of 15.2 as a senior and established school records with 1,429 yards and 287 interception return yardage. Sanders collected six touchdowns in his career off returns (three by thefts and three by punts) and registered 14 lifetime pickoffs. "Prime Time" also showed off his 4.27 40 speed as a track sprinter, qualifying for the Olympic Trials, and on the baseball diamond where the outfielder was a member of a College World Series team. One of the most famous stories concerning Deion's versatility in college came when he played in a Metro Conference baseball game one day, ran to the track to run a leg with the 400 meter relay team while wearing his baseball pants, then returned in time to slap the game-winning hit in the Seminoles second tournament game. Sanders never was on the losing end of four Bowl games in his career in Tallahassee.

Personal

The native of Ft. Myers, FLA was raised through the strong upbringing of mother Constance Knight. Being reared in the tough housing projects of Ft. Myers took a toll on young Deion as the stress often led to migraine headaches. A natural at sports, the slender Sanders captured a National Championship on a Pop Warner football team and was a standout in hoops, besides his exploits in baseball. He averaged 24 points a contest while garnering All-State mention as a guard and threw for 839 yards and ran for 499 yards from his quarterback position in high school. Deion Luwynn grew up admiring O.J. Simpson, Walter Payton, Lynn Swann, Julius Erving and Hank Aaron. He and Carolyn Chambers live with their one-year old daughter, Diondra, in Alpharetta, Ga. He recently bought a home for his mother in Ft. Myers.

Career Statistics

		Tackles					Interceptions					
Year	Team	GP/GS	No	Solo	Asst.	PD	No.	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD	
1989	Atl	15/10	39	28	11	8	5	52	10.4	22	0	
1990	Atl	16/16	50	31	19	18	3	153	51.0	82t	2	
Total		31/26	89	59	30	26	8	205	25.6	82t	2	
		Punt Returns					Kickoff Returns					
Year	Team	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1989	Atl	28	7	307	11.0	68t	1	35	725	20.7	72	0
1990	Atl	29	13	250	8.6	79t	1	39	851	21.8	50	0
Total		57	20	557	9.8	79t	2	74	1576	21.3	72	0

Sanders' Personal Bests

Punt Returns			
Number	Yards	Average	Long
6 at N.O. (11-25-90)	83 Rams (9-10-89)	79.0 Cin (10-28-90)	79t Cin (10-28-90)
4 at NYJ (11-26-89)	79 Cin (10-28-90)	41.5 Rams (9-10-89)	68t Rams (9-10-89)
4 at Chi (11-11-90)	50 at N.O. (11-25-90)	13.0 Buff (11-5-89)	36 Wash (12-17-89)
3 at Ind (9-25-89)	39 Buff (11-5-89)		
3 Pats (10-15-89)			
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)
6 at Rams (10-21-90)	121 at Rams (10-21-90)	38.5 Rams (12-23-90)	60 Pats (10-15-89)
5 at Chi (11-11-90)	102 SF (10-14-90)	33.5 at T.B. (12-2-90)	50 Rams (12-23-90)
5 SF (10-14-90)	96 at NO (10-29-89)	32.0 at NO (10-29-89)	39 Pho (12-9-90)
4 at Rams (10-8-89)	94 at Chi (11-11-90)	32.0 at Pitt (11-4-90)	38 at T.B. (12-2-90)
4 at Phoe (10-22-89)	84 Phoe (12-9-90)	25.0 SF (12-3-89)	36 Wash (12-23-90)
	83 Pats (10-15-89)		
Interceptions			
1 Dal (9-17-89)	All-Purpose Return		82t Hou (9-9-90)
at Rams (10-8-89)	Yards (PR,KR,INT)		61t Dall (12-30-90)
at Phoe (10-22-89)	177 Wash (12-17-89)		22 vs. SF (12-3-89)
NO (11-19-89)	125 Rams (10-21-90)		21 vs. NO (11-19-89)
SF (12-3-89)	113 Hou (9-9-90)		
Hou (9-9-90)	106 at NO (10-29-89)		
Pho (12-9-90)			

1,000 Yard Club Member

Deion Sanders became only the second Falcon to record consecutive 1,000 yard seasons in combined return yardage as he totaled 1,101 yards. He is the only player in the NFC to perform the feat in back-to-back years. He is only 29 yards shy of breaking the club career mark with his 2,133 yards heading into 1991.

NFL'S TOP RETURNERS IN 1990

	Total Yds	KOR	PR	TD
Mel Gray, Lions	1,300	939	361	0
Rod Woodson, Steelers	1,162	764	398	1
DEION SANDERS, Falcons	1,101	851	250	1
Eric Metcalf, Browns	1,052	1052	0	2

SANDERS' CAREER 100-YARD ALL-PURPOSE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Total	PR	KOR	INT
12-17-89	Washington	157	48	109	0
10-21-90	at LA Rams	135	14	121	0
9-9-90	Houston	113	31	0	82
10-15-89	New England	111	28	83	0
10-14-90	S. Francisco	110	8	102	0
10-29-90	at N.O.	106	10	96	0
11-11-90	at Chicago	104	10	94	0
10-28-89	Cincinnati	100	79	21	0

PRIME TIME'S HIGHLIGHT REEL

82-yard TD interception return vs Houston (9-9-90) NFL's season long

79-yard TD punt return vs Cincinnati (10-28-90) - **CLUB RECORD**

72-yard kickoff return at New Orleans (10-29-89)

68-yard punt return vs Rams (9-10-89) first NFL game played

61-yard TD interception return vs Dallas (12-23-90)

60-yard kickoff return vs New England (10-15-89)

50-yard kickoff return vs Rams (12-23-90)

(96-yard kickoff return vs Packers (10-1-89) nullified by penalty)

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— Notre Dame - 10th Year

— Ht.: 6'6" Wt. 275

— Born: 8-2-58

— Acquisition: 1981 Draft, 4th

— Round, 109th Overall



John

SCULLY

GUARD

Last Season

Big John returned after sitting out the 1989 season due to stalled contract negotiations. Scully had a strong summer camp and opened the season as the starting left guard. He went on to get the nod in the Falcons first five games before he was felled with a foot injury which required surgery. He was placed on Injured Reserve for five weeks and was activated for the New Orleans contest in Week 12. John spent the last five games of the year splitting time with Houston Hoover on the left side of the line.

Pro Career

Contract talks were re-opened with John with the addition of a new coaching staff and the two sides reached an agreement on a two-year deal on May 9, 1990. Scully retired after reaching

an impasse with the club on Sept. 11, 1989, two days after the season opener. He returned to his old form which has now seen him play in 112 NFL games with 82 starts in nine seasons. He was drafted with the idea of eventually replacing Pro Bowler Jeff Van Note at center. But the contract stalemate with R.C. Thieleman in 1983 precipitated the switch to right guard. He started there for two seasons before the Falcons chose Bill Fralic in the '85 draft. John struggled through a tough '85 season despite winning the starting left guard position as he fractured his right tibia and fibula when RB Gerald Riggs rolled into him. He came back strong a season later as a 14 game starter before being sidelined the rest of the year for re-injuring the same leg. Scully's presence in the Falcon lineup over the years has produced three 1,000 yard rushers in William Andrews, Riggs, and John Settle.

Notebook



John's love for music has turned into a "second" career for the talented New York native. An accomplished pianist and composer, Scully has performed in various clubs in Atlanta over the years. He began playing the piano in the third grade and eventually went on to gain a spot in the Midwest Pops in South Bend, Indiana. John competed against other players in a live concert on Super Bowl Sunday in January of 1989 on NBC-TV. His Bruce Springsteen rendition of "Meeting Across The River" came in second place and he donated the \$10,000 prize to the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation.

College

A runner-up for the prestigious Outland Trophy (to the Chargers Mark May), Scully was a first-team All-American center for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. The former team captain made the move to center after starting his career as a tackle. John was a member of three Irish Bowl teams, including the '79 Cotton Bowl team with Joe Montana that rallied from 23 points down with seven minutes left to defeat Houston 35-34 on a touchdown pass and conversion with no time left on the clock. He also played on the '81 Sugar Bowl club which lost a national championship to Georgia 17-10. Some of John's teammates at Notre Dame that are still in the pro's include Montana, Pete Holohan, Dave Waymer, and Bob Golic.

Personal

John was a football and baseball star at Holy Family High School in Huntington, NY. The son of a patent lawyer turned chemistry professor, he grew up in Massapequa, New York. Football is a hot topic in the Scully household as one brother-in-law is Chicago Bears guard Tom Thayer and the other is a head coach at Joliet Catholic High School. John once spent an enriching summer as an intern on Capitol Hill for the U.S. Senate. He and his wife, Annette, have a pair of children, Britt, 4, and Annie, 2, and the family makes their home in Roswell, Ga.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started:	112/82	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
		1990 (10/5)		

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Arkansas St. - 5th Year
 Ht.: 5'11" Wt. 185
 Born: 12-24-64

Acquisition: 1987 Draft, 11th
 Round, 292nd Overall



Elbert
SHELLEY

SAFETY

Last Season

The hard-working special teams captain of the Falcons was noticed by his peers as he was voted as a Pro Bowl alternate for his consistent play which saw him make 24 tackles (team second-best). Elbert also was used as a nickel back in pass coverage situations as he logged time in 12 games. He was even used as cornerback in nickel coverage in the last two games of the season after replacing an injured Deion Sanders (concussion) in the second half versus the Rams. His best defensive outing came in that victory over the Rams as he totaled five tackles (three solo), a QB hurry, and a pass defended, despite being tested often by QB Jim Everett. Shelley's exploits on special teams included a recovered fumble against Philadelphia in Week 11. He was sidelined with a hamstring injury during the year which saw him placed on Injured Reserve from Weeks 6-9.

Pro Career

A veteran of 38 NFL games, Elbert's career has progressed since being an unheralded 11th round draft choice in 1987. He grabbed headlines in his rookie season when he knocked the ball out of a Cowboys kick returners' arms and the Falcons recovered for a touchdown in a 20-10 win. Elbert made 15 special teams stops the next season, playing in 12 games. He paced the special teamers with 14 tackles (11 solo) in '89 and collected his first NFL interception in a victory over the Bills, returning it 31 yards, to set up a score.

Notebook

One of NFL's top
 special teams
 tacklers.
 Had 16 100-yard
 rushing games as
 prep runner in
 Arkansas.

Shelley was asked to play a new position when Deion Sanders was felled with a concussion in the second half against the Rams. But Elbert showed he was ready for the challenge and he jumped in at right cornerback and produced. Besides coming up with a season high 5 tackles he also was around the ball to knock a pass out of the hands of TE Pete Holohan on third and one on the Rams last possession. He also stayed step-for-step with speedy WR Flipper Anderson on a deep sideline pass. He helped limit Everett to 13 completions in 40 attempts for only 171 yards and no touchdowns for which the Rams QB noted, "He wasn't tentative and he didn't flinch when we went at him, so give the guy credit." Elbert is active in the community as he visits schools in the offseason. He also spends his offseason hours in the Falcons weight room.

College

The running back turned defensive back accumulated 103 tackles as a two-year starter for the Indians of Arkansas State. Elbert also picked off six passes for 75 return yards from his strong safety position and forced four fumbles and recovered three others while also showing a penchant for playing special teams. In his first and only season in the ASU backfield as a freshman, he gained 62 yards on 8 carries with runs of 30 and 24 yards and one TD.

Personal

Elbert Vernell was originally recruited to Arkansas State as a back because of his glaring senior stats which included 10 games of 100 yards or more and 1,687 total yards at Truman High School. The state's most outstanding back went over 100 yards in 16 of his final 20 prep games, scoring 21 touchdowns. He also excelled on the school's track and basketball teams. He is the 10th on a list of 11 children born to Herbert and Clytee Shelley of Tyronza, Arkansas. The Christmas Eve baby and his wife, De'Lisa, live in Lilburn, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Pass Def.	Int.	Yds.	FF	FR	Special Teams		
											Total	Solo	Asst.
1987	Atl.	4/0	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	1
1988	Atl.	12/0	12	9	3	4	0	0	0	0	15	11	4
1989	Atl.	10/0	14	7	7	2	1	31	0	0	12	11	1
1990	Atl.	12/0	10	6	4	2	0	0	0	1	24	15	9
Total		38/0	39	25	14	9	1	31	1	1	54	39	15

89

George
THOMAS

UNLV - 3rd Year
Ht.: 5'9" Wt. 169
Born: 7-11-64

Acquisition: 1988 Draft, 6th
Round, 138th Overall

WIDE RECEIVER

Last Season

George enjoyed the finest season of his young career last year as he set personal highs for receptions (18), yardage (383), average (21.3), and hauled in his first NFL touchdown (51 yards). "Instant Heat" was dangerous in the Falcons Red Gun Attack as he sped by defenders to grab four catches over 50 yards (72, 53, 51, 50). Thomas also established personal bests with five receptions for 97 receiving yards versus the Rams in Week 16. He started the Falcons off on the right note when he caught a 53-yard pass on the game's first play to set the tempo for the day. In his first NFL start in Week 15 at Cleveland, he snatched five catches for 62 yards, with

a long of 28. He gave the Falcons the lead in a tight game at the Superdome in New Orleans when he crossed the goal line for the first time in his career as he snared a 51-yard bomb from QB Chris Miller. George's other long catches in '90 came against San Francisco (72) and Philadelphia (50). The Falcons also utilized his speed and quickness on special teams as he blocked two punts as a rusher versus the Niners, with one being returned for a touchdown. His season started out slow as he was placed on IR with a calf injury on the final cutdown date on Sept. 3 but returned at full strength on Oct.3.

Pro Career

George's pro career began slowly due to foot surgery which he had performed after the draft on May 12, 1988. He was placed on Injured Reserve to rehabilitate the injury and returned to practice with the club at the end of the year. Thomas ended all doubts after having a strong summer training camp in '89 and played in 16 games in his "rookie" season as a special teams performer and situational receiver. He ran seven kickoffs back for 142 yards, caught four passes for 46 yards, with a long of 16, and recorded three tackles covering kicks.

Notebook



It didn't take George long to make an impact on the special teams units last year. When the fleet-footed Thomas lined up on the punt block team for only the second time ever against the 49ers, all he did was shoot up the middle and block Barry Helton's attempt. Unfortunately, a Falcon touched the ball past the line of scrimmage (and it was a live ball) and the Niners recovered it for a first down. The next time, though, the relentless Thomas made a "clean" block (his second in three attempts) and Bobby Butler scooped up the ball and went 35-yards for a score. "Heat" received his nickname at UNLV for his 4.3 speed as he caught passes from the Eagles Randall Cunningham and was in the same offense with Bengals RB Ickey Woods.

College

"Heat" scorched opponents during his stay at Nevada-Las Vegas as he did it all, whether it was catching passes (103 for 1,826 yards), returning kicks (45 kickoffs for 1,072 yards), or going the distance (17 TD's). He majored in turning on the afterburners as he recorded longs of 80, 77, 71, 67 and 62 yards on pass receptions and 71, 56, 53 and 52 yards on returning kicks. Thomas' most famous college game witnessed him score a touchdown with three seconds left on the clock to bring UNLV within a point, then grab the two-point conversion for the win. George put his team in striking distance by returning a kick 52 yards. He still holds the Runnin' Rebels record for his 197-yard receiving game against Cal-State Fullerton and also registered an all-purpose total of 224 yards versus San Jose State.

Personal

Born in Riverside, California, George was a standout at Indio High in football, basketball and track. He set a state sprint record as a prepster so you can see where he developed speed. He and his wife, Vickie, reside with their daughter, Shavanta, in Norcross, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No. Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	Ret.	Yards	Avg.	Long
1988	Atl.	Injured Reserve									
1989	Atl.	16/0	4	46	11.5	16	0	7	142	20.3	28
1990	Atl.	13/2	18	383	21.3	72	1	0	0	0	0
Total		29/2	22	429	19.5	72	1	7	142	20.3	28

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Ken

TIPPINS

Middle Tenn. State

Ht.: 6'1" Wt. 230

Born: 7-22-66

Acquisition: Free Agent, May 9,
1990

LINEBACKER

Last Season

Ken was a special teams star and situational linebacker for the Falcons in his first season in Atlanta. He played in all 16 games with a pair of starts and led the special units with 28 tackles. Tippins started for Jessie Tuggle at ILB at Cleveland in Week 15 and came up with 12 tackles (second-best day as a pro) and two more on special teams. The heady competitor also filled in for an injured John Rade in the first quarter at New Orleans in Week 12 and finished with a career-high 13 stops, including 9 solo tackles. For the year, he had 35 total tackles, 2 QB pressures, and 2 forced fumbles. His top special teams efforts were turned in against Phoenix (season team high 4 tackles), Chicago (3 stops), Cleveland (2) and New Orleans (2).

Notebook

Special teams
leader with 28
tackles in 90.
Georgia native from
Cooks High School
in Adel.

A player who loves to excel on special teams, Ken earned Player of the Game honors for his hustling play against Houston which included jumping over the opposing wedge on a kickoff return to take out blockers (known as 'Hiyucuh' in Glanville's special teams terminology). For garnering the award and epitomizing the "Hit The Beach" theme, he was escorted around the field by a full dress Marine Corps Color Guard while wearing a military helmet. Tippins was signed as a free agent by Dallas in 1989 and split time on the Developmental Squad and the regular roster, getting into six games for the Cowboys and ending up with six tackles and two special teams stops.

College

"Tip" was a two-time All-Ohio Valley conference selection at defensive end for the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. He collected 151 tackles, with 20 stops behind the line of scrimmage, and nine QB sacks as a three-year starter. His best college game came versus Eastern Kentucky as he registered 11 tackles, a sack, an interception and two recovered fumbles.

Personal

An all-county performer at Cooks High in Adel, Ga., Ken also held the school record in the long jump (21-9) and averaged 19 points on the basketball team. Tippins made quite a leap from playing Division I-AA football in a small town of Murfreesboro, TN and a 15,000 seat stadium to playing in major U.S. cities in front of pro crowds in excess of over 50,000. Some former Blue Raiders who went on to careers in the NFL include Don Griffin (49ers), Dwight Stone (Steelers), and David Little (Chiefs/Eagles).

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Tackles			Fumbles		Special Teams		
			No.	Solo	Asst.	FF	FR	No.	FF	FR
1989	Dallas	6/0	6	3	3	0	0	2	0	0
1990	Atl	16/2	35	22	13	2	0	28	0	0
Total		22/2	41	25	16	2	0	30	0	0

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Valdosta State - 5th Year
Ht.: 5'11" Wt. 230
Born: 2-14-65

Acquisition: Free Agent, May 4,
1987



Jessie
TUGGLE

LINEBACKER

Last Season

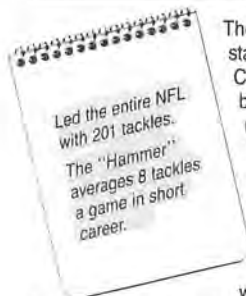
Jessie enjoyed the finest season of his four-year career by leading the NFL in tackles with 201 and being named to AP's honorable mention All-Pro team. He became the first Falcon to have a 200+ tackle season since Buddy Curry totaled 229 in 1983. The rugged, hard tackling Tuggle was one of the forces on the defense which led the NFL by allowing only 3.3 yards per rush. He also finished second on the club with his 5 QB sacks and registered 11, double digit tackle games. "The Hammer" had a string of eight straight 10+ tackle outings in Weeks 2-10, which included a career-best 24 stops in front of a national television audience in the victory over the Bengals.

He also nailed down 21 tackles (with a personal-high 13 solo's) and two forced fumbles against the Saints and had 19 at the Rams to go along with 18 versus the Cardinals. Jessie's season began with a 65-yard fumble return for a TD in the opener against Warren Moon and the Oilers and ended with a sack and two QB pressures in the win over the Cowboys.

Pro Career

The veteran of 64 NFL games has amassed a productive 522 tackles over that span which averages out to over 8 tackles per contest. After making the roster as a free agent in '87, Jessie competed in 12 games as a rookie, earning 12 starts, and finishing with 35 stops. Tuggle had a super sophomore season as he established his aggressive hitting reputation among his peers by registering his first 100-plus tackle year, while playing in 16 games and getting the starting call in eight games. His season also included a recovered fumbled punt return for a TD and 17 tackles at the Rams and a blocked field goal in the other game versus Los Angeles. In 1989, Tuggle led the team in tackles in 10 out of 16 games and finished with a club-high 183 stops in his first full season as a starter at inside linebacker.

Notebook



The undrafted free agent has gone from obscurity to a consistent NFL starter. Jessie was recommended to the Falcons by Valdosta State Coach and Georgia product Mike Cavan at an offseason banquet. The birds were glad Cavan bent their ear on behalf of his player as they made him a high priority on their free agent list after the '87 draft. Tuggle has had the pleasure of playing his entire career in the "Peach State" as the Spalding, GA native went to high school in Griffin, attended college at Valdosta State, and now performs for the hometown Falcons. He acquired the nickname, "Hammer", from admiring teammates who witnessed Jessie pound opponents with bone-rattling hits. "I love making the big hits," Tuggle explained. "My whole game is built around being an aggressive, physical player. I want

to be the toughest guy on the field." Jessie likes to pattern his game after Mike Singletary of the Bears and Sam Mills of the Saints because "they showed people you don't have to be 6-3 to become All-Pro." What Tuggle gives up in size, he more than makes up with heart. One of his favorite sayings is . . . "You don't judge people by their size, but rather by the size of their heart."

College

Jessie received the ultimate compliment when his #88 jersey was retired from Valdosta State last year. He left as the Blazers record holder with 340 tackles. A Gulf South Conference selection for three years, he helped guide his team to a 9-2 mark as he ended up a fine collegiate career with 129 tackles (nearly double as many as any player on the roster). A four-year starter, he was the conference's defensive player of the year.

Personal

He was reared in the small town of Spalding, GA and went to Griffin High School where he was the MVP of his football team and a member of the baseball squad. Jessie Floyd, Jr. is the middle child of the six Tuggle kids of Jessie F. Sr., a truck driver, and Ada. A Business major at Valdosta, he and his wife, Dujuan, reside year-round in 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
1990	Atl.	16/14	201	99	102	5	10	2	9
Totals		60/42	522	289	233	7	22	10	37

Tuggle's Bests

Tackles	FF	Touchdowns
24 Cin (10-28-90) 21 at NO (11-25-90) 19 at Rams (10-21-90) 18 Pho (12-9-90) 17 at Rams (12-11-88)	2 at NO (11-25-90)	1 at Rams (12-11-88) 1 Hou (9-9-90)

NFL'S LEADING TACKLERS IN 1990

LB Jessie Tuggle, Falcons	201
LB Kyle Clifton, Jets	199
S Brian Jordan, Falcons	193
LB Michael Brooks, Broncos	175
S Steve Atwater, Broncos	173
S Scott Case, Falcons	170
LB Jeff Herrod, Colts	155
LB Mike Merriweather, Vikings	153
LB Mike Singletary, Bears	151

DEION'S FIRSTS

Deion Sanders apparently likes season openers and first games he plays in. In the NFL, he has scored a touchdown in both his season openers. In that first NFL game he played in 1989, he returned a first quarter punt 68 yards for a TD and then, last year, he returned an interception 82 yards for a TD (longest in the NFL all year). In baseball, in his first game as a New York Yankee, he got a base hit on offense and threw out a runner at third on defense. This year, in the Braves opener, Deion took a batting practice foul ball right on the nose, but came on to deliver his first hit in the third inning.

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Gary
WILKINS

Georgia Tech - 6th Year

Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 248

Born: 11-23-63

Acquisition: Free Agent, Sept. 26,
 1990
TIGHT END**Last Season**

Gary's role in the new Falcon offense changed from the previous season as he concentrated more on blocking for the Red Gun attack. When his number was called, though, he came through as he ironically managed to catch a career-best 12 passes for 175 yards and two touchdowns. His best pass receiving outing of the year came against Phoenix as he made three receptions for 59 yards, including a season-best long of 37 yards with one score. He also had a pair of two catch games each versus the Saints (for 38 yards) and Steelers (for 26 yards). Wilkins' blocking helped the birds amass 222-yards rushing against the Bucs and opened holes for Mike Rozier's, three 100-yard days. A strong special team player, Gary recorded 23 total tackles to rank third on the squad. He started 13 games while playing in all 16 games and even was credited with one KOR for seven yards.

Pro Career

After signing with the Packers as a Plan B free agent in 1989, Wilkins was released, but re-signed, by the Falcons three games into the season. He logged time in 13 games, with one start, and ended with eight receptions for 179 yards and three scores. He had a stay in the Cowboys camp (1985) before catching on with the Bills (as a fullback) and playing in 16 games with eight catches in 1986. He was cut and re-signed three times in 1987 in between seeing time on Buffalo's replacement team. He came back home to Atlanta in 1988 and wound up in 14 games, starting once, and finished with 11 passes caught for 134 yards. His NFL journey has included four teams and 60 games in five years.

College

Gary is a local product who wore the Old Gold and White of Georgia Tech for four seasons. He hauled in 49 lifetime passes for 676 yards and four touchdowns in his time with the Rambling Wreck. His top game was a four-reception day against Alabama and he collected his first college catch on a 28-yard flea flicker on 4th down versus ACC foe North Carolina.

Notebook/Personal

Caught career-high
 12 passes last
 season.

Former GA Tech
 product posted 23
 special teams
 tackles.

A Sunshine state baby by birth, Wilkins lists Riviera Beach, Florida as his hometown. Gary Clifton was the captain of his Twin Lakes High School teams in football and basketball in West Palm Beach, where

he garnered five varsity letters. He and his wife, Beatrice, reside in Stone Mountain, Ga.

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
1990	Atl.	16/13	12	175	14.6	37	2
Totals		60/15	39	562	14.4	37	5

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		WORTHEN
N.C. State Ht.: 5'8" Wt. 180 Born: 3-27-66		
Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, April 1, 1991		WIDE RECEIVER

Last Season

Worthen performed for the Kansas City Chiefs in nine games a year ago before being felled with an ankle injury and going on Injured Reserve. He still ended up as the club's top return specialist with a PR average of 7.2 and KOR mark of 20.5. Naz ran back 25 punts for 180 yards, with a long of 37, and added 11 kickoffs for 226 yards and a long run of 32 yards.

Pro Career

A third round draft choice of the Chiefs in 1989, Naz played in 10 games as a rookie. He made five catches for 69 yards, ran back 19 punts for 133 yards (7.0 avg.), and had five kickoffs for 113 yards, and a 22.6 average, to total 315 all-purpose yardage. He spent the early part of his initial season (9-28 to 11-11) on IR with a rib injury suffered against San Diego.

Notebook

Worthen won't soon forget his first NFL game for which he received the starting call in the Chiefs '89 opener against the Broncos as the rookie went on to catch a season high four balls for 57 yards. An excellent track performer, he placed fifth in the long jump at the ACC Championships once for the Wolfpack and also competed in the triple jump. He's no stranger to Fulton County Stadium for he was a member of State's 1986 Peach Bowl team which lost by a point to Virginia Tech. He caught five passes in the game for 70 yards and one touchdown. A music lover, he considers himself an accomplished "rapper."

Broke Mike Quick's
receiving records at
N.C. State
Scored TD in Peach
Bowl in Atlanta
Stadium.

College

A potent receiver in college, Naz left as N.C. State's all-time leading pass catcher with 131 receptions, eclipsing Mike Quick's record of 116. He also rang up 2,247 receiving yards and scored 14 TD's in his time in Raleigh, NC. He set a school record as a senior by grabbing 55 receptions for 856 yards to garner All-America honors by the Sporting News. Worthen also boasted a 22.4 yard kickoff return average (on 36 kickoffs) and a 10.2 yard punt return mark (on 15 punts) in his career.

Personal

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., he earned all-state, all-city and all-conference honors as a wideout at Ribault H.S. As a senior, he snared 33 passes for 700 yards and 10 TD's. He also utilized his speed on his prep's track team. Nasrallah Onea received his degree in sociology from State.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Receptions				No.	Punts			Kickoffs		
				Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD		Yds.	LG	No.	Yds.	LG.	
1989	KC	10/1	5	69	13.8	21	0	19	133	17	0	0	0	
1990	KC	9/0	0	0	0	0	0	25	180	37	11	226	32	
Totals		19/1	5	69	13.8	21	0	44	311	37	11	226	32	

EMERGENCY QUARTERBACK

At the NFL spring meeting, the 28 clubs adopted a provision to allow an extra QB to dress for the games. When the 45-player squad is announced one hour prior to kickoff, one of the two Inactive Players from the overall 47-player roster may be declared as the emergency quarterback. That means he would dress out and could play only if the other quarterbacks are injured in that game. Of course, if the emergency QB goes in, that means that none of the other injured quarterbacks could return to that game.

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).

These numbers could change this year if Colorado alum Jeff Donaldson and Mike Pritchard make the roster, or Oklahoma alum James Goode or Notre Dame alum Wes Pritchett earn a spot.

FALCON/NFL CALENDAR

Thursday, July 18	Reporting Date
Friday, July 19	1st Team Practice
Friday, July 26	Scrimmage vs. Seahawks Portland State, Oregon
Saturday, July 27	Hall of Fame Game, Canton, OH (Denver vs. Detroit)
Sunday, July 28	American Bowl, London, England (Buffalo vs. Indy)
Saturday, August 3	First Preseason Game, 8:00 p.m. (LA Rams in Jacksonville)
	American Bowl, Berlin, Germany (Chicago vs. S.F.)
	American Bowl, Tokyo, Japan (Raiders vs. Miami)
Friday, August 9	Second Preseason Game (At Houston, 8 p.m.)
Friday, August 16	Falcons Charity Kickoff Luncheon
Saturday, August 17	Third Preseason Game (Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.)
Tuesday, August 20	Roster Cut Down To 60 Active Players by 4 p.m.
Friday, August 23	Fourth Preseason Game (At Dallas, 9 p.m.)
Monday, August 26	Roster Cut Down to 47 Active Players by Noon
Sunday, September 1	Regular Season Begins (At K.C. Chiefs, 1 p.m.)
Tuesday, October 8	Trading Period Ends, 4 p.m.
Wednesday/Thursday, October 16-17	NFL Fall Meeting Chicago, Illinois
Tuesday, December 17	Final Pro Bowl Balloting
Monday, December 23	Regular Season Ends
Saturday/Sunday, December 28-29	First Round of Playoffs
Saturday/Sunday, January 4-5	Second Round of Playoffs
Sunday, January 12	AFC-NFC Championships
Sunday, January 26	Super Bowl XXXI Minneapolis, Minn.
Monday, January 27	Trading Period Begins
Saturday, February 1	Contract Expiration Date and Qualifying Offers Due Date
Sunday, February 2	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl Honolulu, Hawaii
Wednesday-Sunday, February 5-10	Combine Scouting/Testing Indianapolis Hoosier Dome
Sunday-Friday, March 15-20	NFL Annual Meetings Phoenix, AZ
Saturday-Wednesday, April 11-15	NFL PR Meetings San Francisco, CA
Sunday-Monday, April 26-27	NFL College Draft

NEW FACES



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Nebraska
Ht.: 5'11" Wt. 190
Born: 5-9-68

Acquisition: Round 1, 3rd overall



Bruce

PICKENS

CORNERBACK

College Career

In Coach Glanville's aggressive style of defense, which relies on tight man-to-man coverage by the corners, Bruce Pickens' skills fit right in with the Falcons "Black Wave" attack. Let's take a look at the attributes which made Pickens the third overall player selected in the 1991 draft.

- **Hitting** - A physical tackler who loves contact, Bruce was one of the top defensive backs in the always tough Big Eight Conference. He was described as being "extremely competitive, with a mean streak." He totaled 132 tackles at Nebraska/JUCO level and Glanville points out . . . "He hit all kinds of people, not just receivers."
- **Athleticism** - The smooth athlete has a 34 1/2-inch vertical leap and a 10-foot, 7-inch long jump. A fluid cover guy, he has quick feet and an excellent burst to the ball, which enabled him to knock down passes and record four career interceptions.
- **Speed** - A fleet-footed corner, he's run a 4.42 for 40 yards. Pickens plays fast, with superb straight-line speed, and possesses good range. He tied a school record for sacks by a DB with four.
- **Style** - Bruce likes to get up in a receivers face and challenge opponents. Called a "prototype bump-and-run defender", he says he'd rather "lay a lick" than pick off a pass. He was named the Big Eight defensive "Newcomer of the Year" in 1988.

Year-by-Year

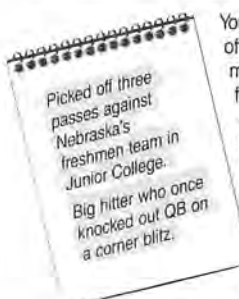
1990: A third-team All-America selection, he started every game for the Cornhuskers at left cornerback. Pickens collared 40 tackles (18 solo), an interception, a forced fumble, batted away five passes, and had an eight-yard QB sack. His top games included six tackles, a pass defended and a sack in a 13-0 blanking of Baylor in the season opener. He also had seven tackles against top-ranked Colorado, leaped in front of Kenny Drayton of Kansas to pick off a pass and recorded four tackles and a pass defended in their 41-9 victory. He closed out his career with five tackles, a pass deflection and a theft off Georgia Tech's Shawn Jones in the Citrus Bowl.

1989: The All-Big Eight conference player won the starting corner spot and registered 21 solo stops and 30 total tackles. He finished second on the team with seven passes defended, both caused and recovered a fumble, and tied a school season mark for a DB with a pair of QB sacks. Pickens earned Conference Player of the Week honors by coming up with 7 solo stops, 2 passes defended, and two sacks of minus 29 yards in Nebraska's 48-23 win over Oklahoma State. He also had a pick off, two pass deflections and four stops in a 35-7 defeat of Oregon State and a seven tackle game against Utah. He finished his first productive year as a Cornhusker starter with 7 solo tackles and a broken up pass vs Florida State in the Orange Bowl as he assumed the leadership role in the secondary with the loss of Reggie Cooper.

1988: Bruce's impact among his peers was such that he was tabbed the Big Eight Conference, "Newcomer of the Year", despite not starting a game, but playing in every contest. He amassed 14 tackles on the year after transferring from Coffeyville Junior College, with a sack, and two tackles for losses. He posted three hits and returned his first college interception back 18 yards in a 48-3 win over Kansas State. His other top outings were two, four tackle games vs UNLV and Kansas, and a pair of stops and a sack vs UCLA.

1987: A consistent starter at Coffeyville (KA) JUCO, he turned heads of the Nebraska coaches with five interceptions for 129 return yards and one TD, 48 tackles, and 11 pass deflections.

Notebook



Picked off three passes against Nebraska's freshmen team in Junior College.
Big hitter who once knocked out QB on a corner blitz.

Young Bruce made sure he caught the eye of the Nebraska staff by picking off three passes against the mighty Cornhusker freshmen team as a member of Coffeyville's starting lineup. He also registered 13 tackles and four knocked down passes to stick the NU freshmen team with their worst loss ever by a 49-14 score. Suffice it to say, he earned his scholarship to the Lincoln, Neb. school on the field that day as he would later turn down offers from Clemson, Florida, Auburn and seven other Big Eight colleges. Pickens was an honorable mention All-State honoree as well as an All-area and All-conference selection at Westport High in Kansas City, MO, as a slotback and cornerback.

One of Bruce's most memorable "big hits" in college came against rival Oklahoma State in his junior season. The Cornhuskers, ranked #4 in the nation, trailed the Cowboys in Stillwater, OK, 21-16, when

Pickens released off his receiver on a "Rocket" blitz and blindsided QB Mike Gundy. Bruce caused Gundy to fumble and he recovered at the Nebraska 27-yard line. His timely hit set-up the first of three Nebraska touchdowns as they cruised to victory. Bruce faced fellow Falcon #1 pick Mike Pritchard of Colorado in numerous conference battles, so they know each other well. "He's somebody who is very explosive as far as speed and hitting," said Pritchard, about his new teammate. "We locked horns a couple of times and I think he'll do well in Coach Glanville's system because he likes to hit and he's fast." Pickens patterns his game after perennial Pro Bowler Albert Lewis of his hometown Kansas City Chiefs. He even copies Lewis' patented, forceful crouch in front of opposing receivers.

Personal

Bruce Evon Pickens was a spring baby to Beatrice and Clarence Whitley, born on May 9, 1968, in Kansas City, MO. He is the youngest in a family of four brothers (James, Roger, Lawrence, Frederick) and one sister (Sandra). He was a four-year letterwinner in basketball, football and track in his hometown at Westport High. In football, Pickens played running back, receiver, safety and corner. His best effort as a two-way player came against Southeast High School when he tallied three interceptions on the corner and caught 12 passes as a wide out on offense. He helped Westport break a 42 game losing streak as a sophomore. He was a guard on the basketball team and as the team's defensive specialist once had the assignment of matching up against future Missouri standout Anthony Peeler. A speedster on the track, he finished second at the state meet in the 200 meter dash and third in the state in the 100 meter dash (10.45), while helping his 400 meter relay team break the state record. He also boasted a 22'11" long jump as a prepster. Bruce also advanced to the JUCO nationals as a member of Coffeyville's track team, with a 10.3 clocking

in the 100. He credits his JUCO coach, Dick Foster, for his development. "He told me I could be like a Kentucky Derby horse if I just got a little training." Bruce enjoys listening to the soft sounds of jazz or playing pool and ping-pong. He says his favorite day of the week is Thursday because that's when he gets to watch all of his top TV shows like the *Cosby*'s, *A Different World*, and *Cheers*. His Nebraska teammates gave him the nickname of, "Easy", due to his low-key nature off the field. A person who likes challenges, Bruce was a human development major at Nebraska.

College Statistics

Year	TK	SO	AS	FR	FC	INT	TD	TFL	PD	SACK
1987	48	26	22	0	0	5	1	2- 7	11	1
1988	14	9	5	0	0	1	0	2- 8	1	1
1989	30	21	9	1	1	2	0	2-29	7	2
1990	40	18	22	0	1	1	0	1- 8	5	1
Total	132	74	58	1	2	9	1	7-52	24	5

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Colorado
Ht.: 5'11 Wt.: 180
Born: 10-25-69

Acquisition: Round 1, 13th overall



Mike
PRITCHARD

WIDE RECEIVER

College Career

Mike emerged as one of the most versatile athletes in college football last season as he saw his NFL stock rise with each catch, run or return. During his time with the resurgent Buffaloe's, Mike played tailback, wingback, wide receiver, and returner. He performed each role with a certain flair that drew comparisons to Notre Dame's Raghieb Ismail. Here are some reasons the multi-talented Mike Pritchard rocketed to the top of many clubs draft boards.

- **Game Breaker** - Mike is dangerous and explosive with the ball in his hands. The 4.45 speedster averaged 26.4 yards per reception, 10.6 yards per rush, and 23.1 yards per kickoff return in his career, totaling 15 career touchdowns. That averages out to 18.8 yards every time he touched the ball. He collected long touchdowns of 78 yards (by rush), 70 yards (by catch), and 70 & 68 yards on two reverses. Pritchard's big-plays were also seen by virtue of a 77 yard kickoff return, and catches of 67, 55, 52, 48, 45t and 44t yards. He also added a 25-yard touchdown pass.
- **Mover and Shaker** - Pritchard amassed 2,538 combined yards in his career, with 1,528 all-purpose yards coming as senior for the Co-National Champion Buffaloe's. He averaged 123.1 combined yards a game in 1990 and totaled a career-high 284 all-purpose yards against Tennessee (to better Raghieb Ismail's best of 268).

- **Recorder Setter** - Despite only playing one full season as a receiver, he left with the school's third-best total of 1,241 yards, trailing only former LA Ram Ron Brown and Monte Huber. Mike's 733 receiving yards set a Colorado single season record established in 1984 and his 26.4 lifetime per catch mark is the second most prolific mark in school annals. His 10 touchdown receptions were only one behind the school's all-time leader. Pritchard's six TD grabs in '90 were the most by a CU player since '83 and his 217 yards on the ground vs Tennessee is the sixth-best effort ever in the 101-year history of the school. He was Colorado's top receiver, kick returner and second-leading rusher last year.
- **Winner** - Before he started filling the Rocky Mountain skyline with excitement, Colorado enjoyed only one winning season in eight years prior to 1987. With his presence in the lineup, the Buffaloes experienced unparalleled success by: capturing one National Championship (1990), playing for another National title (1989), winning two Big Eight titles, going a perfect 14-0 in conference play in back-to-back seasons, and boasting a .787 winning % by capturing 37 out of 47 college games. Throw in all of his accomplishments and it's easy to see. Mike Pritchard is a winner!

Year-by-Year

1990: An All-American first team choice by one association and second team by Football News, Mike started two games at tailback and nine games as a wide out for the National Champions. He began the season off grabbing national headlines for replacing RB Eric Bieniemy and accounting for 284 all-purpose yards in a 31-31 tie against Tennessee in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic. There was nothing goofy about his performance as he tallied 217 yards, with two TD's on the ground, including a 78-yard score, and had 67 yards on three kickoffs. He made a spectacular over the shoulder TD grab covering 70 yards against rival Missouri and also raced 68 yards on a reverse to key the 33-31 victory. The all-Big Eight first teamer hauled in three catches for 90 yards, including a 34-yarder to set up a TD, as Colorado rallied for four, 4th quarter scores to beat Nebraska 27-12. The next week he caught six passes for 151 yards, with TD's of 28 and 34 yards, in a 44-22 drubbing of Oklahoma State. The 151 yards were the fourth-best ever by a Colorado player. In the season finale, he scored twice on a 48-yard reception and a 70-yard reverse. His 28 receptions on the year were the most by a Buffaloe receiver since TE Jon Embree had 51 in 1984 and his 733 yards broke Embree's previous school record of 680.

1989: Playing the wingback position, he paced the team with 12 catches for 292 yards and a 24.3 average. Nine of those passes caught were for first downs as he crossed the endzone twice. Mike also added 284 yards on kickoffs (for a 28.4 average), including a season-high 77 yard return versus Colorado State. In the race for the National Championship, Pritchard was a clutch performer when it counted as he set up a Buffaloe, score on a 55-yard reception in the win over Washington and returned a big kickoff 44 yards in the victory over Oklahoma. He also snared a pair of touchdowns, with a season-high four catches for 96 yards, vs Iowa State.

1988: In his first year as the starting wingback, he averaged a glaring 30.9 yards per catch, with two TD's, on seven catches, with all seven resulting in first downs. His long catches were seen from distances of 67, 52, and 451 yards. Mike's biggest reception of his sophomore season came in the end zone from 13-yards out with :38 left to defeat Colorado State 27-23.

1987: He logged time in seven games at halfback in his freshman campaign, rushing for 117 yards on 17 carries, for a 6.9 average. Colorado coaches knew he would be something special when he picked up 52 yards on only five attempts in only his second college game against Kansas. His other top outing was a 46-yard, 8 carry effort, vs Kansas State.

Notebook

Averaged 18.8 yards every time he touched the ball at Colorado.
 Totaled 1,528 all-purpose yards for National Champions as senior.

Just as Clark Kent wore a big "S" on his chest as "Superman", Mike Pritchard wore a big "V" under his Colorado uniform signifying his "Versatility". Whether it was running, catching, returning, or passing, he got the job done on a team which competed for the National Championship two years running. The immense respect he received from his teammates for his many talents was evident when he was voted the team's Most Valuable Player as a senior last year despite the presence of the likes of Bieniemy, Alfred Williams, Darian Hagan and Kanavis McGee. Pritchard went one-on-one with current Falcon CB Bruce Pickens each year in the competitive Big Eight. "He's one of the smoothest receivers I've faced," said Pickens. "He's hard to cover man-to-man because he doesn't lose a step when he cuts.

He's definitely one of the best I went up against." Mike didn't mind playing all those positions at Colorado for he feels it helped him become a better player. "Playing all those different positions in college has enabled me to be as versatile as I am," he said. "Those opportunities have made me a complete player." Pritchard sees some similarities with the program at Colorado and now at the professional level in Atlanta. "When I went to Colorado, they were unknown," he said. "So I wanted to go there so I could say I was responsible for turning it around. I see the same thing happening in Atlanta and I want to be part of it." The articulate and personable Pritchard served an internship with the Colorado National Bank in Denver last year which included helping to create a program of investment planning for athletes. The plan called, Provest Asset Management, offers a wide variety of services such as bill-paying, trust accounts, and loans to aid athletes in all sports. Mike is the bank's first client and he intends to sell the idea to his new Falcon teammates. It won't take long for the former Buffaloe to get used to the Falcons new black uniforms because Colorado's main color is also black. He scored on a 26-yard reverse for the West squad in the Hula Bowl all-star game and also played in the Japan Bowl to showcase his talents for NFL scouts.

Personal

A southerner by birth, Mike was reared into a military family at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina. The family moved to Las Vegas where Mike was honored as the Gatorade "Circle of Champions" Player of the Year as a senior at Rancho High School. The Bally All-American and All-State competitor rushed for 1,213 yards from his tailback position while scoring 17 TD's that year. He was chosen to the National Coaches Association top 100 players. He finished second in the state as a junior with his 1,108 yards and 15 TD's to propel Rancho to consecutive 9-2 seasons and Sunrise League titles. Both years his teams advanced to the state playoffs, only to lose in overtime in the semifinals. In the state of Nevada all-star game, he showed flashes of future brilliance by gaining 169 yards on only 14 carries, with one score. A track star, he participated in the 100 meter dash, the relays, and in the long jump where he had a personal best of 22'6". An academic achiever, Mike was an Economics major at Colorado and was a member of the Buffs "Academic Starters" team that symbolized he had one of the highest GPA's on the team. Mike has been through Atlanta once before as a child when he and his family were on their way to Disney World in Florida. He followed in the footsteps of former Colorado great wide outs likes Cliff Branch, Ron Brown and Walter Stanley.

FOR COMPARISONS SAKE...

Mike Pritchard vs Raghib "Rocket" Ismail
1990 Stats

	Pritchard	AVG		Ismail
Receiving	28-733	26.1	21.8	32-699
Rushing	29-445	15.3	8.0	67-537
Kickoffs	16-331	20.7	24.0	14-336
Punts	1-6	—	11.6	13-151
Add. (pass)	1-25			-----
Combined Total	1,528 yards			1,723 yards
Avg. Tot. Chances	20.9			13.7

College Statistics

YEAR	RECEIVING					RUSHING				
	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
1987	-	-	-	-	-	17	117	6.9	0	22
1988	7	216	30.9	2	52	6	9	1.5	0	9
1989	12	292	24.3	2	40	3	14	4.7	0	8
1990	28	733	26.1	6	70	29	445	15.3	5	78
Total	47	1241	26.4	10	70	55	585	10.6	5	78

KICKOFF RETURNS						PUNT RETURNS				
YEAR	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
1988	4	78	19.5	0	35	1	0	0.0	0	0
1989	10	284	28.4	0	77	-	-	-	-	-
1990	16	331	20.7	0	36	1	-6	-6.0	0	-6
Total	30	693	23.1	0	77	2	-6	-3.0	0	0

RISON SHINE

En route to his club record 82 catches, second-year receiver Andre Rison was named the NFC October Player of the Month. The Pro Bowl starter set five club records. Among his impressive stats was the S.F. Week 3 game when he did not catch a pass in the first half and came back to catch 11 for 128 yards in the second half. A clutch player, Andre also had seven catches for 114 yards in the second half win over New Orleans, including two fourth down receptions and the winning TD with 1:33 left. Big-play Andre was the first Falcon to have two 70-plus yard catches in the same game (Rams-Week 6) with a 71-yard TD from Miller and a 70-yard pass from Campbell.

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Southern Mississippi
Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 220
Born: 10-10-69

Acquisition: Round 2, 33rd overall



Brett
FAVRE

QUARTERBACK

College Career

Favre rewrote the school passing records and put up 29 wins (two Bowl games) during a stellar four years at Southern Mississippi. Then, he capped it off with a Most Valuable Player award in the East-West Shrine Game with the nation's best college seniors. His final scoreboard of numbers (all school records) read 8,193 yards on 656-1,234 (53%) with 55 TD's and only 35 INT's with five 300-yard games and five three-TD games.

As a college freshman, Brett was number seven on the depth chart as he enrolled at the only college that offered him a college scholarship, nearby Southern Mississippi. That was understandable as his high school career consisted of a total of only 55 passes thrown. By his senior year, he was "Mr. U.S.M. Football" as he overcame a serious summer car accident to lead his team to an 8-3 mark, just eight points from an undefeated season (four, three and one-point losses).

The Division I Independent Golden Eagles gave Brett some tough tests on the schedules, but he responded with senior wins over Bowl bound Alabama, Bowl bound Auburn, and Bowl bound Louisville (their only loss all year). During his career, Brett also led USM to surprise wins over third-ranked Florida State, SEC's LSU Tigers and Ole Miss, Virginia Tech, and four consecutive wins over Louisville and QB Browning Nagle.

Numerically speaking, Brett's 7,695 regular season yards passing rank in the top 30 of all-time NCAA passers, just behind Randall Cunningham (8,020), Dan Marino (7,905), Jack Thompson (7,818) and Steve Young (7,733) and just ahead of Rodney Peete (7,640), Marc Wilson (7,637) and Scott Campbell (7,636). In 1988, Brett's 1.57 season interception rate was the lowest among the top 50 ranked passers in the country and he had a long streak of 144 without an interception. For his four years, his 2.9 interception rate (34 in 1169 attempts) is one of the best ever.

Year-by-Year

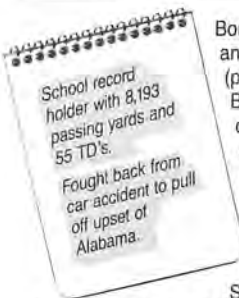
1990: On July 14, Brett was involved in a car accident, suffering internal injuries. Eventually, on August 7, Brett had 30 inches of his intestines surgically removed. Brett shocked his coaches and teammates by returning to the starting lineup on Sept. 8 and leading his team to a win over Alabama, in Birmingham. The 8-3 Golden Eagles lost only a one-point game at Athens, GA, to the Bulldogs when a FG hit the crossbar, a three-pointer at Mississippi State, and a four pointer at Virginia Tech. Brett's final game in a USM uniform was against N.C. State in the All-American Bowl where he hit 28-39 (72%) for 341 yards and a pair of touchdowns. He impressed the coaches by throwing and running for a TD in the East-West Shrine game.

1989: The junior broke his own USM season record with 2,588 yards, also setting a mark with his 206 completions. His trio of 300-yard games were against Memphis State (345), Texas A&M (303) and Alabama (300). His 282 yards in the opener stunned Florida State in a 30-26 upset, while his 79-yard bomb on the last play of the game provided heroics in a win over Louisville. His career long (80-TD) came vs. Texas A&M.

1988: Sophomore Brett set a school mark with 2,271 yards to lead the team to the Independence Bowl and then led the club to a 38-18 rout of UTEP in that contest. His personal best 16 TD's included a trio of three TD games (Va. Tech, Tulane and Southwest Louisiana). His 306-yard game vs. East Carolina helped produce 45 points in a win as his 26 completions set a school single game best. Brett also had a TD pass in nine consecutive games for a school record.

1987: At his first summer camp, he was the #7 QB on the roster as the signee at the only school who recruited him. By the end of summer, he was up to number three. After an opening loss to Alabama (38-6) and being down to Tulane in game two, the coaches sent Brett in for his first college experience. Undaunted, the frosh tossed two TD's and brought his team from behind for a 31-24 win. Week three was against tough Texas A&M, but the freshman showed his potential with two more TD passes, including a 52-yarder. Then, week 4, Brett threw three TD passes in a 65-6 rout over Louisville and the legend had begun at Southern Mississippi. He concluded his rookie year with a school best 295 yards vs. Southwestern Louisiana.

Notebook/Personal



School record holder with 8,193 passing yards and 55 TD's.

Fought back from car accident to pull off upset of Alabama.

Born in Pass Christian, Mississippi, Brett is one of four children of Irvin and Bonita. He was reared in a town of about 50 people, Kiln, (pronounced keel), Miss., that is near Pass Christian on the gulf coast. Brett's mom was a school teacher and then his dad was his high school coach at Hancock High. Brett says he's the only pro athlete to ever come out of the county. He played all sports at Hancock, but as an option QB who threw only 55 passes in a high school career, the recruiters weren't beating a path to his door. Finally, Southern Mississippi (where dad Irvin was a baseball pitcher in the 1960's) was the only school to offer a scholarship. Southern Mississippi has produced its share of NFL athletes, most notable of late are Steelers WR Louis Lipps, Broncos RB Sammy Winder, Oilers DE

Richard Byrd, Bucs LB Sidney Coleman, CB Hanford Dixon, and P Ray Guy. Brett says his last name is pronounced FAR-v.

Brett is proud of his small town surroundings where he grew up in the backwoods of Mississippi but just 20 minutes from the white-sand beaches of the Gulf Coast. "It's just about everything you need," said Favre about the intimate town with only one traffic light. "It's not so much a town as it is a community, a neighborhood." Raised in the Catholic faith, young Brett is often compared to "The Great Wendell Ladner" when people of Kiln debate who is the most famous person to ever hail from their hometown. (Ladner was a standout at Southern Mississippi and for four teams in the old American Basketball Association.) He has two brothers, Scott, 24, and Jeff, 17, plus a 14 year-old sister, Brandi. Favre almost committed to play at Delta State in tiny Cleveland, MI until current LSU head coach Curly Hallman took a gamble on a player who threw only 55 passes as a high school senior. "We got lucky," admitted ex-Southern Miss boss Hallman. "Let's face it, we ended up finding a four-year starter from a place that's kind of like the 'Dukes of Hazzard', minus the demolition derby." Favre's dream of playing pro football almost ended on the night of July 14, 1990. Returning from a trip from Ship Island, he was blinded by the lights of an oncoming car, swerved onto the shoulder of the road, and flipped over several times in his Nissan

Maxima. His brother, Scott, and a friend broke the front window with a golf club to get him out of the wrecked car. Brett suffered a concussion, lacerations and contusions, and a cracked vertebra, which kept him in the hospital for a week. Three weeks after the accident he complained of abdominal pains and had to be rushed back to the hospital where 30 inches of his intestine were removed in an emergency operation. True to his competitive nature though, five weeks later he was in the starting lineup as the Golden Eagles faced Alabama in coach Gene Stallings' first game. His presence helped Southern Miss to an upset victory that day, 27-24. "You can call it a miracle or a legend or anything you want to," commented Stallings after the game. "I just know on that day, Brett Favre was bigger than life." The word 'competitor' has always been synonymous with Brett Favre. High school teammate Drew Malley put it this way. "He had this thing about him where you knew he was going to do something that'd make you say, 'Whoa, man!' As a youngster, Brett earned his reputation for possessing a strong arm through little league baseball. He was known to "strike out 17 batters, but walk 16". In one game, he planted a fastball in the ribs of a player, which scared the on-deck hitter into dropping his bat and refusing to hit against him. He was proficient enough as a slick fielding third baseman that he garnered a varsity letter as an eighth-grader. The people in Kiln still swear that as a junior in high school, Brett threw a touchdown pass to wide receiver Jimmy Lull so hard that it lifted Lull two feet off the ground. Favre's strong arm tactics continued in college. As a sophomore, he drilled a 42-yard dart to WR Alfred Williams to lead Southern Miss to a 45-42 comeback upset over East Carolina. Williams turned around just in time to haul in the game winner and when asked how he knew when to turn, Williams simply said, "Easy, I heard the ball coming." (Remember... the pass was from 42-yards away!) Favre's philosophy in life is as pure as his rifle passes. "I figure if you just try to do the right thing by people, give everyone a fair shake, then you're OK. That's all I try to do, whether it's playing sports or whatever."

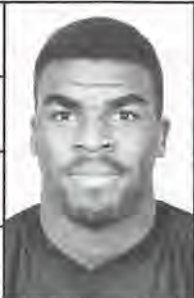
College Statistics

Year	Comp	Att	Yards	TD	Int	Long	Rush	Yards	TD	Long
1990	178	314	1913	9	7	62	47	-233	0	6
1989	206	381	2588	14	10	80	43	-25	0	32
1988	193	345	2428	17	5	48	58	-7	0	32
1987	79	194	1264	15	13	63	57	169	1	35
Total	656	1234	8193	55	35	80	205	-96	1	35

MIGHTY SPECIAL

The 1990 Falcons special teams came up with the most big plays in the NFL. Seven different times they got to an opposing punter (three blocks, two deflections, and two tackles for losses). Five different times they got hands on field goal attempts to make it an even dozen times they thwarted opponents kick/punt attempts. The cover units were equally effective as they forced two fumbles, recovered two fumbles, and recovered an onside kickoff, while ranking 2nd in the NFC in kickoff return yield and 7th in punt yield as they did not allow either a punt or kickoff over 40 yards. Dangerous with the ball themselves, the Falcons were the only team to return both a punt and kickoff return for touchdowns.

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Moe
GARDNER

Illinois

Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 258

Born: 8-10-68

Acquisition: Round 4, 87th overall

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

College Career

His college career can be summed up simply as record-breaking and award winning. For the Fighting Illini, Moe set a new school record with 54 tackles for losses in a career and tied the school mark with 20 tackles for losses in a season. His junior year, he was a finalist for the Outland Trophy and a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award. In the tough Big Ten Conference, Moe was a three-time first team all-Conference pick (he was second team all-Conference as a freshman) and was picked the Defensive Player of the Year in 1990 by the League's coaches. In '89 when he was picked as a consensus All-American, he was the first Illini defensive star to earn that recognition since Dick Butkus. He'll long be remembered at Illinois for a career that included 303 tackles, 54 tackles for losses of 223 yards, 18 QB sacks, 18 passes broken up, and six fumble recoveries.

Year-by-Year

1990: The senior was the Defensive MVP of the Big Ten, despite a shoulder sprain and then a broken forearm. His 60 tackles were the low of his career, partly because of the injuries, partly because of the double and triple team blocks he faced. He led the team with nine passes deflected. In a win over eventual #1 Colorado, Moe had eight tackles, one for a loss, one pass broken up, and one blocked kick. He concluded his career with a 10-tackle game in the Hall of Fame Bowl vs. Clemson.

1989: His team led the Big 10 in Defense (10th in the nation) as Moe set school marks for tackles for losses. The consensus All-American and team co-captain also had a team-high nine QB sacks, deflected four passes and recovered three fumbles. His highlights included a 12-tackle game win over Michigan State, a pair of games with three tackles for losses (Colorado and Purdue), and a two-sack game in a win over Southern California.

1988: The sophomore was all Big Ten first team despite seeing limited action with sprains to both ankles the final three weeks. His top game was a 13-tackle effort vs. Wisconsin that included two stops behind the line of scrimmage, plus a QB sack. He also had an 11-tackle game vs. Michigan State and a game with three tackles for losses vs. Washington State.

1987: The freshman was second team all Big Ten with 93 tackles, including 15 for losses and six QB sacks. His 13-tackle game vs. Michigan State earned him Big 10 Player of the Week recognition. His 15 tackles for losses were second most in the Big 10. Moe had nine or more tackles in the final seven games of his rookie season.

Notebook/Personal

Fighting Illini record holder with 54 tackles for losses.
Def. Player of Year in Big 10.

Morris Gardner was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Morris and Mynelle. Dad went from union member to management as an auto-plant foreman for General Motors, while mom was "management" for kids as a kindergarten teacher. Football is in his bloodlines as grandfather, Albert Umphrey was an All-American player at Tennessee State ('35-'38). Moe earned plenty of honors at Indianapolis Cathedral High as a football and basketball player, while also being an honor student as a senior in the classrooms. Growing up, his mom gave him an appreciation for theater and jazz, having him take piano lessons in the fifth and sixth grades, while teaching him about Paul Robeson, an All-America football player who became a renowned baritone and theatrical star, a lawyer, and a political figure. Moe's family was a major influence on him completing his college degree in

sociology. Moe married his high school sweetheart, Mickie, in July of 1989, and she will graduate with a degree in medical sociology, while both have aspirations for graduate school. Moe and Mickie added to their responsibilities with now one-year old daughter, Morgan, and also took care of a parakeet named Paris in their tiny three-room apartment off campus.

College Statistics

Year	TACKLES			TFL	PASS RUSH		FUMBLES	
	Total	Solo	Asst.		Sacks	PBU	FR	Blocks
1986	Redshirted							
1987	93	57	36	15-68	6	1	1	0
1988	68	52	16	10-31	2	4	2	0
1989	82	64	18	20-92	9	4	3	0
1990	60	49	11	9-32	1	9	0	1
Total	303	222	81	54-223	18	18	6	1

LONG FLIGHT PLANS

The 1990 Falcons posted more big plays than any team in Falcons history. That team registered four plays of 70 or more yards (a total of 10 of 50 or more yards), while having two runs of 50 or more yards (one a club record 67-yarder). Add to that three interception TD returns of 82, 61 and 36, plus a 65-yard fumble return for four long defensive plays. The special teams got into the act with a 79-yard punt return TD, a 76-yard kickoff return TD, plus five more KOR returns over 35 yards, and a blocked punt return of 35 yards for a touchdown. All told, that was 18 plays over 50 yards (nine resulting in touchdowns).

53		James GOODE
Oklahoma Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 246 Born: 1-21-68		
Acquisition: Round 5, 114th overall		LINEBACKER

College Career

In a short time (25 of a possible 44 games played), James made the most of what he could between injuries that included a broken leg, a fractured wrist, a torn knee ligament, and a sprained ankle. As a right defensive end/linebacker, Goode finished with 111 total tackles, making big plays like 24 tackles for losses, 17 QB sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumbles recovered, and two passes batted down for the Sooners of Oklahoma. With the tutelage of former Big Eight player of the year, Lucious Selmon, as his coach, Goode went from a redshirt freshman to missing his entire next year when he tore a knee ligament in fall drills. Finally, as a sophomore, James got to play, starting at right defensive end, while wearing a cast for a fractured right hand, and played every game for the only time in his career. As a junior, James played six, but missed five with a fractured leg. Then, as a senior, it was an ankle injury that kept him hobbled, missing three full games. James used his strength and leverage to play well against the run, but also had the speed and quickness (4.5 speed) to make the plays for losses. Among his highlights was an 11-tackle game vs. Arizona, a key one yard loss of Barry Sanders in the fourth quarter of a 31-28 win over the state rivals, and even blocked a kick in another game.

Notebook/Personal

Used his 4.5 speed and quickness to record 17 career QB sacks.

H.S. honor student who earned business degree at Oklahoma.

Born in Houston, Texas, as the only son (one sister) to a school teacher (James, Sr), young James learned first about hitting the books. He was an honor student in high school and earned his college degree in business (2.45 GPA) from Oklahoma. Growing up in the Houston area, his first football star was Earl Campbell. James starred at Yates High in Houston where he earned the recognition as the best high school defensive end in the state of Texas. As a senior, Yates was 16-0 and state champs as they posted eight shutouts that year. Goode's role in all that included 16 sacks in his final two high school games alone.

To get into his personality, look at what his Oklahoma teammates voted him "the Dr. Jekyll-Mr Hyde Award" for being the meanest guy on the field, and the nicest guy off the field.

College Statistics

Year	Total	Solo	Asst	T.F.L.	Sacks	FR	FC	PBU	BLK
1986	Redshirt								
1987	Out-Knee Injury								
1988	58	32	26	8-41	7	0	0	0	0
1989	29	17	12	6-18	3	1	2	2	1
1990	24	15	9	10-58	7	1	0	0	0
Total	111	64	47	24-117	17	2	2	2	1

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North Texas State
Ht.: 5'9" Wt. 188
Born: 1-7-69

Acquisition: Round 6, 145th
overall



Erric
PEGRAM

RUNNING BACK

College Career

A "Prop 48" signee at North Texas, Erric simply got better and better each year as he learned from position coach, Ron Shanklin (former NFL'er with Pittsburgh). Last year, Erric led his 6-5 team in both rushing (212 for 957, 4.5, 5 TD) AND receiving (55 for 444, 1 TD), while ranking second in the Southland Conference in both rushing (yards) and receiving (catches) rankings. Heavily recruited by major schools, Erric decided on NTSU and got his studies up so he could participate. During his career that featured 1,613 yards rushing (4.3 avg) and 94 receptions, Erric turned on the jets for a 78-yard long TD catch and a 76-yard long TD run. Among his highlights was a 218-yard rushing game (vs. Alcorn State), an 11-catch game, and a three-TD game.

Averaged 4.3 yards
per rush during
college career.
Clocking a 10:35
100-meter time as
prepster in Dallas.

Notebook/Personal

Nicknamed "the Doctor", Erric has operated on the football field and in track. Running 4.4's for pro scouts, his track history includes a 10:35 100 meter in the Districts in high school. Erric was a high school star at Hillcrest High in Dallas, TX. He has a brother who had played football at Prairie View. Erric has been married for three years and has one child.

College Statistics

Year	GP	RUSHING					RECEIVING					KO RETURNS		
		No	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	No	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	No	Yards	Avg.
1988	11	42	143	3.4	13	0	9	70	7.7	25	0	4	74	18.5
1989	11	119	513	4.3	42	5	30	299	10.0	78t	2	4	104	26.0
1990	11	212	957	4.5	76	5	55	444	8.1	28	1	10	193	19.3
Total	33	373	1613	4.3	76	10	94	813	8.6	78t	3	18	371	20.6

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Brian
MITCHELL

BYU
Ht.: 5'9" Wt. 164
Born: 12-13-68

Acquisition: Round 7, 172nd
overall

CORNERBACK

College Career

In his final two years at BYU, Mitchell finished as the starting right cornerback after his junior year as the starting left cornerback. Both years resulted in 10-2 seasons as Brian led the secondary in tackles, returned an interception for a TD in each season, and also returned punts. Brian was redshirted as a freshman, but played just three years, coming on out in this year's draft. A two-time All-WAC first team pick, Mitchell put his name in the school record books with a 97-yard interception TD return.

After his year sitting out as a "redshirt", Brian injured his left knee in drills in his first season and had arthroscopic surgery. He did come back to make 27 tackles, four interceptions, and even blocked a punt vs. powerhouse Miami. He started the Freedom Bowl and had an interception vs. Colorado. By his junior year, Brian was turning heads. He had a team high 44 solo tackles (71 total), intercepted five passes, and led the team in punt returns. His final year, he led the secondary with 78 tackles (36 solo), deflected a team high 13 passes, intercepted four passes, and scored with a 49-yard interception return vs. Colorado State. Mitchell played a tough schedule and had his hands full with receivers like Miami's Randall Hill and UTEP's Reggie Barrett (intercepting one and batting down one in the end zone). During his career, Brian had a pair of two-interception games (vs. Wyoming and Colorado State).

Paced secondary in tackles as a two-time All-WAC selection.

Blocked punt vs Miami and returned a pass for score vs Colorado St.

Notebook/Personal

Also a track star, Mitchell was clocked by pro scouts at 4.4, but was All-American in college. In high school, he was running 200 meters in 21 flat and 400 in 47.4 (third in state in mile relay). In college, he ran opening leg on the 4X100 team that was 7th in the NCAA and

also had personal bests of 6.45 in 55 meters and 10.4 in 100 meters. Born Brian Keith Mitchell in Indianapolis, he has two brothers and grew up in Waco, Texas. Brian's younger brother, Patrick, was an '89 recruit by BYU. As an all-District pick, Brian played some receiver and tailback on offense and safety and corner on defense, before weighing scholarship offers from BYU, Texas, Texas Tech, Houston, Wisconsin and Tulsa. At BYU, Brian carried a 2.7 average in clinical social work. He married Carri McCarty in May of 1990 and the couple recently gave birth to their first child.

College Statistics

Year	INTERCEPTIONS					TACKLES				PUNT RETURNS			
	No.	Yards	Long	TD	Defl.	Total	Solo	Asst	FR	No.	Yards	Avg	LG
1987	Redshirt												
1988	4	3	3	0	4	27	20	7	0	1	11	11.0	11
1989	5	112	97	1	12	71	44	27	1	30	231	7.7	46
1990	4	70	49	1	14	78	36	42	1	1	2	2.0	2
Total	13	185	97	2	30	176	100	76	2	32	244	7.6	46

66		<i>Mark</i> TUCKER
		Southern Cal Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 279 Born: 4-29-68
		OFFENSIVE LINE

Acquisition: Round 7, 186th overall

College Career

Nominated for the Lombardi Award and a semi-finalist for the Outland Trophy, Tucker concluded a stellar career for the Trojans that saw him take over as a starter in the third game of his freshman season. His assets had included strength (415 bench), speed (4.8), and technique. At USC, he led the way for QB's Rodney Peete and Todd Marinovich, plus recently drafted tailback Ricky Ervins. Tucker took over at right guard in just his third collegiate game and the offense enjoyed a 461-yard game. By his sophomore season, Mark was all-PAC 10 first team, now at left guard, as the Trojans grounded out 208 yards per game rushing. By his junior year, he had earned some All-America recognition as he played every game. One of those games included 49 rush attempts for 491 yards. As a senior, Coach Larry Smith, said: "He is the leader of our line. Everything will be built around him. He has excellent quickness and could be one of the best guards ever to play at USC." Southern Cal has now produced 24 All-Americans on the offensive line since 1978. Mark helped the Trojans to 35 wins and four Bowl games, lining up alongside first round pick, tackle Pat Harlow. Mark will also be given a try at center in his first training camp with the Falcons.

Notebook/Personal

One of the strongest players at USC with a bench press of 415 lbs.

Rated top OL in state of CA as high schooler.

Born in Spokane, Washington, Mark's dad was in the Navy, so he also lived in Portland, Oregon; Kodiak, Alaska; and Brooklyn, NY before Dad retired from the service. The family settled in Dallas when he was eight, but when his parents separated, Mom, Merceil, moved with Mark to Los Angeles. He did not play organized football until his junior year at Banning High in Wilmington and was an all-Pacific League first team pick in that first season. As a senior, Tucker was ranked as the top offensive lineman in all of California and heavily recruited, but he wanted to stay close to home and chose Southern Cal. In his free time, Mark says he enjoys shooting a game of pool, playing basketball and dancing. Mark earned his college degree in May, carrying a 2.5 average and majoring in political science.

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UCLA
Ht.: 6'2" Wt. 245
Born: 12-14-67

Acquisition: Round 8, 199th overall



Randy

AUSTIN

TIGHT END

College Career

In his three years as a tight end, Austin grabbed 40 passes for 474 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while grading out as one of their better blockers. Prior to his switch to tight end, Austin had made 20 tackles and recovered two fumbles as an inside linebacker for the Bruins.

Redshirted as a freshman, Austin was a reserve linebacker and key special team player. He was remembered for his 38-yard TD run in a fake punt formation, in addition to his two takeaways.

He started two games as a tight end the next year, finishing with 15 receptions and a five-catch game vs. Washington State. His third year, he made 18 catches with TD's vs. Arizona State and Oregon, while also making four tackles on special teams. In his final year, Austin started eight games and had seven more receptions, including his college long of 35 yards vs. Oregon.

As punter, line-backer and TE, his H.S. teams went 41-1.

Converted LB who is a tough blocker.

Notebook/Personal

Randy Douglas Austin was born in Granada Hills, CA and made a name for himself in sports at Canyon High. His dad is a detective and his mom is a computer operator at a bank, with one brother making up the family. As a senior, the versatile Austin was busy as a tight end helping the offense (18 for 273, 3 TD), busy as a

linebacker for the defense (seven interceptions, two returned for TD's), and busy for the special teams (39.1 as the punter and two touchdowns on 88 and 86 yard kickoff returns). These type efforts helped his teams to post back-to-back 14-0 seasons and a three-year mark of 41-1, that included a 38 game winning streak. Austin also participated on the soccer team. In high school, Austin was the California State Defensive Player of the Year, CIF Northwest Player of the Year, and several newspapers top player at his linebacking position, a spot he liked to pattern himself after his favorite player, Dick Butkus. Austin was a history major at UCLA.

College Statistics

Year	RECEIVING					RUSHING				TACKLES			
	No	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	No	Yards	TD	Total	Solo	Asst	FR	
1987	0	0	00.0	0	0	1	38	1	20	9	11	2	
1988	15	158	10.5	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1989	18	198	11.0	26	2	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	
1990	7	118	16.9	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	40	474	11.9	35	2	1	38	1	24	11	13	2	

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East Carolina
Ht.: 6'3" Wt. 271
Born: 5-18-68

Acquisition: Round 9, 226th
overall



Ernie
LOGAN

DEFENSIVE LINE

College Career

His career included 100 tackles, 16 for losses with five QB sacks, but was brief because he only played in 3 and 1/2 games over his final two years at East Carolina. His senior year was cut short by a torn bicep that required surgery and the year before he sat out to catch up on his academic standing. Logan started at left defensive tackle as a senior, but had also started at defensive end and inside linebacker for the Pirates during his career. His best tackle games had come against some of the better competition (West Virginia, Miami, Syracuse, Florida State, South Carolina). Logan chose the school of 16,000 students in Greenville, NC over the ACC bigger schools that recruited him. East Carolina, by the way, has over a dozen players in the NFL, nearly 50 in their school history are in the pros, and Logan played numerous major powers like Miami, Penn State, Auburn, Florida State, West Virginia, Syracuse, South Carolina, NC State, Virginia Tech, Southern Mississippi, so he's well tested.

Hails from school which has produced numerous NFL players like Earnest Byner and Terry Long.

Strong and powerful player who benches over 400 lbs.

Notebook/Personal

Ernest Edward Logan was born in Fort Bragg, NC, and the family of Richard and Elizabeth Kaiser includes five brothers and sisters. He grew up in Fayetteville, NC, where he played three years football (offensive guard, outside linebacker) at Pine Forest High (alma mater of NFLers Vince Evans and Jeff McCall). For the track team, strong Ernie heaved the shot put 52-feet and the discus 140 feet, which were helped along by the strength that allows him to bench over 400 pounds of weight.

College Statistics

Year	TACKLES				QB RUSH	FUMBLES	
	Total	Solo	Asst	Losses	Sacks	Forced	Recovered
1986	16	10	6	1- 1	0	0	1
1987	28	18	10	4-14	4	1	0
1988	40	18	22	5-25	2	1	0
1989	Did not play - Academics						
1990	16	14	2	6-21	3	0	0
Total	100	60	40	16-61	9	2	1

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Wisconsin - Stevens Point
Ht.: 6'3" Wt.: 320
Born: 3-15-66

Acquisition: Round 10, 258th overall



Pete
LUCAS

TACKLE

College Career

A 25-year old "rookie", Lucas comes off a three-year career as a Little All-American at Wisconsin-Stevens Point (a Division III school with 9,500 students). His story, however, is far from the norm of a college athlete. As a 300-pound high school senior at Jefferson High in Fort Atkinson, WI, Pete was recruited by the major colleges (Michigan, UCLA, USC, Iowa, Michigan State, Purdue, etc). However, Pete had different thoughts: "Everybody seemed to wonder WHERE I would go, but no one really asked me if I WANTED to go to college. All I wanted after high school was a job, so I took one. Now, I WANT football to be my job."

Pete enrolled finally at Stevens Point, where he was reunited with his high school coach, John Miech. He became a starter as a freshman, then went on to earn all-Conference honors, and eventually, Little All-American, but his main goal was to get a shot at the pros. His college coach says he is the best from the Wisconsin Conference since Tom Newberry (Rams) came out of LaCrosse.

Notebook/Personal



The Wisconsin native was a State power lifting champ through high school and he benches over 500 pounds. He was an all-Conference pick in prep football, while also wrestling and playing basketball. After high school in 1984, Peter made his decision to go to work for his grandfather at Swaggart Furniture Industry, where they manufactured furniture for JC Penney's. When his grandfather sold the company, Pete decided to use college as a means to achieve the next job he wanted, as an NFL lineman.

97		Joe SIMS
Nebraska Ht.: 6'3" Wt. 294 Born: 3-1-69		
Acquisition: Round 11, 283rd overall		OFFENSIVE LINE

College Career

With the Big Eight Cornhuskers, Sims finished his career with 70 tackles, seven QB sacks, 20 QB hurries, 12 tackles for losses, and a pass interception. In his final three seasons, he missed just one game with an injury, while participating on three Bowl teams. In his senior campaign, Sims was a second-team All-Big Eight pick with his four sacks, six tackles for losses, eight QB hurries and an interception. He was twice voted the Huskers' defensive Player-of-the-Week with a nine-tackle, one sack, game vs. Iowa State and an eight effort vs. Kansas State.

As a sophomore, Sims played all 12 games and the Orange Bowl. He became the starter at left tackle as a junior and played every game. Then, as a senior, he was one of the team leaders. Joe's final game was in the Citrus Bowl against Georgia Tech, while he also participated in the Fiesta Bowl (Florida State) and Orange Bowl (U. of Miami) with Nebraska.

Notebook/Personal

Teammate of Bruce
Pickens who played
in three Bowl
games.

Performed on back-
to-back Mass. State
champs.

A native of Sudbury, Mass., Joe was the third "athlete" to come from the family of John (an IBM executive) and Shirley Sims. Brother John had played basketball at Maine, then Kevin played football at New Hampshire. Joe's high school team drew national attention with their back-to-back 12-0 and 11-0 state title winning seasons (won his final 25 games) thanks to his efforts and those of current NFL #1 pick, Mike Croel. He played split end (16-220-4TD's) besides his duties as a defensive tackle, so making the transition to offense won't be totally foreign. Joe was a defensive tackle as well as a pass receiver (16 for 220 and 4 TD's) as an all-State pick. He also found time to lead the basketball team in scoring (19 ppg) that went 19-1.

College Statistics

Year	TACKLES				QB RUSH			
	Total	Solo	Asst	Loss	Sacks	Pressures	Int.	Defl.
1988	9	6	3	2-11	1-18	6	0	0
1989	20	6	14	4-23	2-19	6	0	0
1990	41	23	18	6-22	4-17	8	1	2
Total	70	35	35	12-56	7-44	20	1	2

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Northwestern
Ht.: 5'10" Wt. 215
Born: 11-14-68

Acquisition: Round 12, 310th
overall



Bob
CHRISTIAN

RUNNING BACK

College Career

Christian became Northwestern's all-time leading rusher with his 2,643 yards, breaking the records of Greg Boykin, and averaging 4.3 yards per carry. The versatile power runner also broke the single season rushing mark (1,291) as a junior to eclipse the previous best by Mike Adamle. The All-Big 10 pick enjoyed 10 career 100-yard rushing days, topped by a 42-carry, 220-yard day vs. Wisconsin (third best game in school history), a 38-carry, 188-yard day vs. Illinois, and a 43-carry, 179 effort vs. Northern Illinois. Christian also caught 89 career passes for 843 more yards, with seven TD's, including a 71-yard bomb.

Year-by-Year

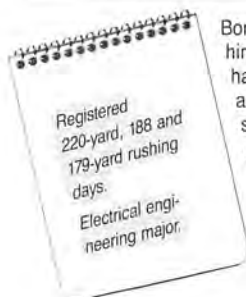
1990: Northwestern's leading rusher (237-939) and second leading receiver (39-326), he was twice the Offensive Player of the Week in the Conference with his 220 and 179 yard rushing days. Also had plus 100-yard combined days vs. Michigan State (95 rush, 35 rec) and Rice (51 rush, 57 rec).

1989: Averaged 117.4 yards per game to rank 13th in the country and third in the Big 10. Bob broke Mike Adamle's season mark when he gained 1,291 yards rushing and scored 10 TD's on the ground. As the third leading pass catcher, Bob finished the year with 1,490 combined yards. His 188-yard rushing day vs. Illinois was one of his seven 100-yard outings, that also included 163 vs. Minnesota and 162 vs. Rutgers. He averaged 4.7 yards per carry, despite having a longest gain of just 30 yards.

1988: Playing in every game as a sophomore, Bob was second on the team in rushing (413) and second on the team in receiving (22-294), while leading the team with seven touchdowns. Bob got his only start vs. Purdue and responded with an 18-carry, 138 rushing day, plus a 71-yard TD reception. He also had a 104-yard combined day vs. Army.

1987: A broken jaw in game five ruined his freshman season. He had won over the coaches with a 130-yard game in the intra-squad game, scoring two TD's.

Notebook/Personal



Born Robert Douglas Christian in St. Louis, Bob made quite a name for himself at McCluer North High (Florissant, MO). As a football star, he had a 150-yard per game average for his career. As a junior, Bob set a school mark with a 290-yard rushing game en route to 1,297 on the season. Then, as a senior, Bob broke his own marks with a 294-yard game and a 1,517-yard season. Busy Bob also lettered three times each in baseball and track . . . Off the field, he was President of the National Honor Society Chapter. Bob chose electrical engineering as his major at Northwestern. Bob's younger brother, Tom, is a sophomore on the Northwestern football team. Brother Tom had been an all-Conference linebacker in high school.

College Statistics

Year	No.	RUSHING				No.	RECEIVING				COMBINED YDS	
		Yards	Avg	TD	Long		Yards	Avg	TD	Long	Total	
1987	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	24	12.0	0	19	24	
1988	98	413	4.2	4	59	22	294	13.4	3	71	707	
1989	277	1291	4.7	10	30	26	199	7.7	1	30	1,490	
1990	237	939	4.0	6	68	39	326	8.4	3	21	1,265	
Total	612	2643	4.3	20	68	89	843	9.5	7	71	3,486	



1991 FREE AGENTS

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Rich Bartlewski	TE	Fresno State	6-5	255	1
John Buddenberg	G	Akron	6-6	270	1
Leroy Truitt	T	Houston	6-3	208	R
Reggie White	G	William & Mary	6-4	280	R

Rich Bartlewski competed in the LA Raiders camp last year. A four-year letterwinner at Fresno State, he was an all-conference TE as a senior, catching eight passes for 89 yards and two TD's. The solid blocker with good speed averaged 16.1 yards per reception as a sophomore for the Bulldogs. His college career also included an appearance in the California Bowl. Born in Butler, PA., Bartlewski moved out west and became a three sport star at Chowchilla (CA) High School. Rich was an all-county tight end, an all-league center in basketball, and gained four letters in track for throwing the discus and shot put.

John Buddenberg was a 10th round pick of the Browns in 1989. He spent time on Cleveland's practice roster before being released and signing with the Viking's practice team. John was a free agent signee of the Steelers in '90 but was waived on the final cut. He was the starting left guard for the Sacramento Surge of the WLAF during the spring.

Leroy Truitt relied on his huge 300-plus pound frame to play both right and left tackle during his four-year career for the Houston Cougars. The LaMarque, Texas, product also is a power-lifter and karate student.

Reggie White was an academic All-America for the Tribe of William & Mary in Virginia. He was the starting left guard on a team that led the nation in total offense with an average of 498.7 per game. White began his career as a center then switched to the guard spot which he would occupy as a four-year starter. Reggie, who hails from Bradenton, FL, earned his college degree in finance with a 3.3 GPA.

WIDE RECEIVERS/BACKS

Pat Chaffey	RB	Oregon State	6-1	218	1
Leonard Conley	RB	Miami	5-7	165	R
Pat Jackson	WR	Stephen F. Austin	5-8	165	1
Karl Miller	WR	Georgia Southern	5-10	183	R
Mike Williams	WR	Northeastern	5-10	177	1

Pat Chaffey was a fifth round draft choice of the Bears in 1990. He was released during training camp but was signed to the Patriots Practice Squad for five weeks. Chaffey then moved to the Cardinals Practice Squad for the remainder of the season. Pat finished his college career 10th on the Beavers all-time list with 1,421 yards, fifth in points with 140 and all-purpose yards with 2,714 and sixth in receptions with 124. He was an All-PAC 10 second team selection as a senior for totaling 714 yards, catching 46 passes and scoring 13 TD's. The North Marion, OR native had a season-high 118 yards rushing and scored twice in a big 18-17 upset victory over UCLA as a senior.

Leonard Conley started three games, while playing in nine contests, for the powerful Miami Hurricanes last year. The team's second leading rusher ran for 464 yards on 78 carries for a 5.9 average and scored six touchdowns. He also added 13 catches for 173 yards and a score. In Miami's 31-22 win over Florida State, Conley tallied a season-high 144 yards on 16 carries, with a career-long of 43 yards, and scored from one and eight yards out. Leonard's other top games were: an 89 yard rushing effort, with TD's of 27 and eight yards, and three catches for 69 yards vs. Pittsburgh, and 73 yards on the ground vs. Kansas. He finished his college career by scoring Miami's final TD on a 26-yard jaunt in the Cotton Bowl. As a junior, he led the team with 529 yards and caught 18 passes for 165 yards. He rushed 18 times for 84 yards as the Hurricanes claimed the National Championship in '89 with a 33-25 win over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. His final college totals counting bowl games read: 2,056 yards rushing, with 15 TD's, and 73 receptions, 821 yards and eight scores. The Tarpon Springs, FL native was the Hurricanes strongest back with a 440-pound squat.

Pat Jackson was signed to the Falcons Practice Squad last year after competing in the team's training camp. He was released on October 31 only to be re-signed a month later. At Stephen F. Austin, Jackson caught 43 passes for 1,020 yards for a 23.7 average and hauled in 11 TD's in his senior campaign in 1989.

Karl Miller hails from North Clayton High School in Georgia. He paced Georgia Southern in both receptions with 37 for 396 yards and three TD's, and kickoff returns with 25 for 570 yards and a 22.8 average. For his career at the Statesboro, GA. school, he amassed 54 catches for 697 yards and six TD's, 76 kickoffs for 1,592 yards and even rushed 144 times for 1,093 yards, with six scores.

Mike Williams was drafted on the 10th round by the LA Rams in 1989. After being released by the Rams, he was picked up by the Lions for the Practice Squad and was activated for one game. Mike spent the 1990 season on the Practice Squad for the Cowboys. He broke into the League after catching 82 passes for 1,659 yards and 11 TD's for Northeastern.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Lester Brinkley	DE	Mississippi	6-6	255	2
Oscar Giles	DE	Texas	6-2	246	R

Lester Brinkley was signed by the Steelers after a career at Ole Miss. He was released during camp but picked up by the Cowboys. Brinkley played in five games and was on the inactive list for two other contests. When the Cowboys waived him he received tryouts with the Bills and Packers. The 25-year-old is a product of Drew, Mississippi.

Oscar Giles played in 44 games and the last 33 at right end over three years for the Longhorns. He totaled 174 tackles, 22 QB sacks, 62 QB pressures and nine fumble recoveries for Texas.

LINEBACKERS

John Davis	LB	Citadel	6-0	230	R
Corien Freeman	LB	Florida State	6-3	221	R
Jacque Jackson	LB	Jackson State	6-2	228	R
George Koonce	LB	East Carolina	6-1	237	R
Bryan McKenzie	LB	Georgetown (KY)	6-3	230	R
Eddie Miles	LB	Minnesota	6-1	233	1
Wes Pritchett	LB	Notre Dame	6-4	234	1

John Davis played in 12 games for the Citadel and totaled 134 tackles, including 87 solo stops, 3 QB sacks, 2 fumble recoveries, and a fumble caused. He also collected a pair of interceptions. In his junior season, he registered a career-high 20 tackles vs. Navy and had seven, double-digit tackle games, in leading the team with 131 stops. Hailing from Lanham, NY, Davis' father, Jack, played for the Redskins from 1959-60.

Corien Freeman was a teammate at Florida State of Deion Sanders. He actually filled in for an injured Sanders at CB for a game in 1988. Freeman was moved to linebacker for his final two seasons and he finished with 91 tackles and three fumble recoveries. The co-MVP of special teams for the Seminoles hails from Jacksonville (Parker High), FL.

Jacque Jackson was a teammate of Darion Conner at Jackson State. During his college career he amassed 170 tackles, 22 for a minus 175 yards in losses. He got to the quarterback 14 times as a Tiger.

George Koonce made 107 tackles, eight for a minus 99 yards in losses, in two seasons for the Pirates of East Carolina in Wilmington, N.C. A product of New Bern, N.C., Koonce was a junior college All-America at Chowan Junior College.

Bryan McKenzie showed his knack for getting to the quarterback by registering 50 sacks in an All-America career at NAIA Georgetown (KY). His three year totals also included 248 tackles, six fumble recoveries, and four interceptions. An academic All-America as well, the Hopkinsville, KY native transferred from Kentucky.

Eddie Miles was a 10th round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Steelers a year ago. After lasting until the final cut, he had a tryout with the Packers before being re-signed by the Steelers. Miles played in one game before being relegated to the team's Practice Squad for the final 10 weeks. At Minnesota, he was given the "Carl Eller Award" for his defensive play in honor of the former Vikings Pro Bowler.

Wes Pritchett was drafted by the Dolphins on the sixth round in 1989. The former Notre Dame star was released on the final cut but was re-signed to the Practice Squad for the year. Pritchett, an Atlanta native from Westminster High, was a free agent signee of the Bills in '90. He was placed on IR during camp and then was released on October 23. As a two-year starter for the Fighting Irish, he saw action in all 11 games for the undefeated National Champions in 1988 as he recorded a career-high 112 tackles.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Richard Carey	CB	Idaho	5-9	185	3
William Evers	CB	Florida A&M	5-10	175	1
Joe Fishback	S	Carson-Newman	5-11	198	1

Richard Carey was on the Bengals roster in 1989 as an extra DB as he recorded nine tackles in seven games and he chipped in by returning six kickoffs for 104 yards. After being released by Cincinnati on the final cutdown, he was signed by the Bills. Carey played in three games, while being inactive for another, but was released on December 4.

William Evers played in one game with the Falcons last year against the 49ers in Week 3 as a reserve. He was placed on the Practice Squad for 10 weeks until he broke his finger and was lost for the year. Evers performed in 42 games for the Rattlers in his college career and finished with nine interceptions, with one score. He collected 197 tackles and had 58 passes defended, 20 his senior year.

Joe Fishback was in camp with the Super Bowl champion Giants last season, seeing action in three preseason games before being injured and placed on Injured Reserve. He was released by the Giants off IR in November. The All-America at Carson-Newman rang up 293 tackles and picked off 11 passes, returning three for scores. His college career included returning both a punt and interception back for a TD in the same game.

FORMER FALCON SERVES IN DESERT STORM

Marine Captain Eddie Meyers, who spent six summer training camps as an Atlanta Falcons running back, served in Operation Desert Shield, then Desert Storm, in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Called up from his job at Continental Bank in Chicago, Reservist Meyers reported December 6 to Camp LeJeune, NC. He immediately was sent to Saudi Arabia and then assigned to Combat Service Support Detachment 10 as Logistics officer for the movement and set-up of camp sites and internal supplies. In two-and-a-half months living near the Saudi Arabia/Kuwait border, Meyers' unit moved three times, then twice more as they moved into occupied Kuwait.

The loneliness for the 32-year-old included spending Christmas, New Year's, his birthday, and Easter away from his wife and three daughters; while living in bombshell bunkers, going weeks between showers, months between hot meals.

Meyers, a star football player who left as Navy's all time leading rusher and who still has the two best rushing games in Navy history, earned his degree from the Naval Academy and then a Master's degree in Finance. He must also have a degree in American patriotism and a love for his country.

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium



Groundbreaking:	April 15, 1964 Using 19.4 acres on 62-acre site
Approximate Cost:	\$18 million
Construction:	40,000 cubic yards of concrete, with 9,200 tons of steel, with a roof 145 feet high, with a diameter of 750 feet. Lower level—poured in place concrete. Upper level—basic steel, pre-cast concrete.
Opened for Business:	April 9, 1965
First Baseball Game:	April 12, 1966 — Braves vs. Pittsburgh
First NFL Game:	August 28, 1965 — Colts vs. Steelers
First Preseason Football Game:	August 1, 1966 — Falcons vs. Philadelphia
First Regular Season Game:	September 11, 1966 — Falcons vs. LA Rams
Football Capacity:	59,671

ATLANTA FALCONS 1991 CAMP ROSTER

(ALPHABETICAL)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP	COLLEGE
91	Austin, Randy	TE	6-2	245	12/14/67	R	UCLA
72	Barnett, Oliver	DT	6-3	285	4/9/66	2	Kentucky
83	Bartlewski, Rich	TE	6-5	255	8/15/67	1	Fresno State
1	Borgognone, Dirk	K	6-2	220	1/9/68	1	Univ. of Pacific
65	Bingham, Guy	C	6-3	260	2/25/58	12	Montana
63	Brinkley, Lester	DE	6-6	255	5/16/65	2	Mississippi
34	Broussard, Steve	RB	5-7	201	2/22/67	2	Washington St.
93	Bruce, Aundray	LB	6-5	250	4/30/66	4	Auburn
77	Bryan, Rick	DE	6-4	265	3/20/62	8	Oklahoma
62	Buddenberg, John	G	6-6	270	10/9/65	1	Akron
23	Butler, Bobby	CB	5-11	175	5/28/59	11	Florida State
10	Campbell, Scott	QB	6-0	195	4/15/62	5	Purdue
20	Carey, Richard	CB	5-9	185	5/6/68	3	Idaho
25	Case, Scott	S	6-1	188	5/17/62	8	Oklahoma
75	Casillas, Tony	NT	6-3	280	10/26/63	6	Oklahoma
28	Chaffey, Pat	RB	6-1	218	4/19/67	1	Oregon State
44	Christian, Bob	RB	5-10	215	11/14/68	R	Northwestern
85	Collins, Shawn	WR	6-2	204	2/20/67	3	Northern Arizona
47	Conley, Leonard	RB	5-7	165	10/18/68	R	Miami
56	Conner, Darion	LB	6-2	250	9/28/67	2	Jackson State
46	Davis, John	LB	6-0	230	7/19/67	R	Citadel
86	Dixon, Floyd	WR	5-9	170	4/9/64	6	Stephen F. Austin
42	Donaldson, Jeff	S	6-0	188	4/19/62	8	Colorado
64	Dukes, Jamie	C	6-1	285	6/14/64	6	Florida State
32	Eaton, Tracey	S	6-1	195	7/19/65	4	Portland State
74	Epps, Tory	NT	6-0	270	5/28/67	2	Memphis State
27	Evers, William	CB	5-10	175	9/24/68	1	Florida A&M
4	Favre, Brett	QB	6-2	220	10/10/69	R	Southern Miss
29	Fishback, Joe	S	5-11	198	11/29/67	1	Carson-Newman
79	Fralic, Bill	G	6-5	280	10/31/62	7	Pittsburgh
49	Freeman, Corian	LB	6-3	221	8/16/68	R	Florida State
17	Fulhage, Scott	P	6-0	193	11/17/61	5	Kansas State
76	Gann, Mike	DE	6-5	270	10/19/63	7	Notre Dame
94B	Gardner, Moe	NT	6-2	258	8/10/68	R	Illinois
62B	Giles, Oscar	DE	6-2	246	9/27/68	R	Texas
53	Goode, James	LB	6-2	246	1/21/68	R	Oklahoma
99	Green, Tim	DE	6-2	245	12/16/63	6	Syracuse
81	Haynes, Michael	WR	6-0	180	12/24/65	4	Northern Arizona
71	Hinton, Chris	T	6-4	300	7/31/61	9	Northwestern
69	Hoover, Houston	G	6-2	295	2/6/65	4	Jackson State
68	Hunter, John	T	6-8	300	8/16/65	3	BYU
98B	Jackson, Jacque	LB	6-2	228	12/11/67	R	Jackson State
84	Jackson, Pat	WR	5-8	165	8/12/68	1	Stephen F. Austin
43	Johnson, Tracy	RB	6-0	230	3/13/60	3	Clemson
38	Jones, Keith	RB	6-1	210	3/20/66	3	Illinois
40	Jordan, Brian	S	6-1	205	3/29/67	3	Richmond
3	Karlis, Rich	K	6-0	180	5/23/59	10	Cincinnati
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-7	280	2/9/56	14	Michigan

CAMP ROSTER (Alphabetical continued)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP	COLLEGE
48	Koonce, George	LB	6-1	237	10/15/68	R	East Carolina
88	Le Bel, Harper	TE	6-4	245	7/14/63	3	Colo. State
67	Logan, Ernie	DE	6-3	271	5/18/68	R	East Carolina
62W	Lucas, Pete	T	6-3	320	3/15/66	R	Wisc.-Stevens Pt.
54	Lyles, Robert	LB	6-1	230	3/21/61	8	TCU
90B	McKenzie, Bryan	LB	6-3	230	8/22/68	R	Georgetown (KY)
22	McKyer, Tim	CB	6-0	174	9/5/63	6	Texas-Arlington
96B	Miles, Eddie	LB	6-1	233	9/13/68	1	Minnesota
12	Miller, Chris	QB	6-2	205	8/9/65	6	Oregon
33	Miller, Karl	WR	5-10	183	1/24/69	R	Georgia Southern
36	Mitchell, Brian	CB	5-9	164	12/13/68	R	BYU
41	Pegram, Eric	RB	5-9	188	1/7/69	R	N. Texas State
97W	Phillips, Jason	WR	5-7	168	10/11/68	3	Houston
39	Pickens, Bruce	CB	5-11	190	5/9/68	R	Nebraska
24	Pringle, Mike	RB	5-8	186	10/1/67	2	Cal. State-Fullerton
82	Pritchard, Mike	WR	5-11	180	10/25/69	R	Colorado
51	Pritchett, Wes	LB	6-4	234	7/7/67	1	Notre Dame
59	Rade, John	LB	6-1	240	8/31/60	9	Boise State
70	Redding, Reggie	T	6-3	290	9/22/68	1	Cal. State-Fullerton
95	Reid, Michael	LB	6-2	235	6/25/64	6	Wisconsin
14	Renfroe, Gilbert	QB	6-1	195	2/18/63	2	Tennessee State
7	Rhodes, Mike	QB	6-7	230	1/22/66	1	Georgia Tech
80	Rison, Andre	WR	6-0	188	3/18/67	3	Michigan State
92	Roland, Benji	NT	6-3	260	4/4/67	2	Auburn
30	Rozier, Mike	RB	5-10	213	3/1/61	7	Nebraska
55	Ruether, Mike	C	6-4	286	9/20/62	6	Texas
91	Salum, Donnie	LB	6-1	233	7/18/66	1	Arizona
21	Sanders, Deion	CB	6-0	185	8/9/67	3	Florida State
61	Scully, John	G	6-6	275	8/2/58	10	Notre Dame
37	Shelley, Elbert	S	5-11	185	12/24/64	5	Arkansas State
92W	Sims, Joe	OL	6-3	294	3/1/69	R	Nebraska
89	Thomas, George	WR	5-9	169	7/11/64	3	Nevada-Las Vegas
52	Tippins, Ken	LB	6-1	230	7/22/66	3	Mid. Tenn. St.
96W	Truitt, Leroy	T	6-3	308	5/23/69	R	Houston
66	Tucker, Mark	G	6-2	279	4/29/68	R	Southern Cal
58	Tuggle, Jessie	LB	5-11	230	2/14/65	5	Valdosta State
98W	White, Reggie	G	6-4	280	12/27/67	R	William & Mary
87	Wilkins, Gary	TE	6-2	248	11/23/63	6	Georgia Tech
90W	Williams, Mike	WR	5-10	177	10/9/66	1	Northeastern
94W	Worthen, Naz	WR	5-8	177	3/27/66	2	N.C. State

W = white practice jersey

B = black practice jersey

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

(Taken from Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society Glossary of Medical Terms)

A-C Joint-

Acromioclavicular joint (shoulder) where acromion process (of the scapula) and the clavicle meet and where most shoulder separations occur.

Anabolic Sterioids-

Testosterone that stimulates growth in the body as a whole.

Arthrogram-

X-ray technique for joints using air and/or dye injected into affected area (to show torn cartilage or rotator cuff tears).

Arthroscope-

An instrument used for visualization of the interior of a joint cavity.

Arthroscopy-

Examination of the internal structures of a joint by means of a surgical viewing apparatus inserted into the joint.

Bone Scan-

"Radionuclide Imaging", the injection of radioactive fluid, to demonstrate stress fractures not evident on routine x-rays.

Burner-

Common term for brachial plexus trauma in the neck. Usually results in burning or tingling sensation into the shoulder or arm when the neck is forced beyond the normal range of motion.

Cartilage-

Smooth, slippery substance preventing two ends of bones from rubbing together and grating.

Charley Horse-

A bruise to the quadriceps resulting from a direct blow to the front of the thigh, characterized by intramuscular bleeding.

Clavicle-

The collar bone.

Concussion-

Jarring injury of the brain resulting in dysfunction. Various grades to describe damage.

Cortisone-

An anti-inflammatory medication.

Disc-

A flat, round-like, plate structure usually referring to cartilage between vertebrae.

Groin-

Junction of the thigh and abdomen.

Hamstring-

Muscles running from the buttocks to behind the knee and the muscles responsible for flexing the knee joint.

Fibula-

The smaller of the two bones in the lower leg, located to the outside.

Fracture-

Breach in continuity of a bone. Types of fractures include simple, compound, comminuted, greenstick, incomplete, impacted, longitudinal, oblique, stress or transverse.

Humerus-

Bone of the upper arm.

Knee Ligaments-

Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL)-

Ligament of knee attaching to anterior tibial plateau and posterior medial aspect of femoral condyle. It provides stability in keeping the lower leg from coming forward.

Lateral Collateral Ligament (LCL)-

Ligament of knee attaching lateral femoral condyle and to fibula head. It provides lateral stability to the knee.

Medial Collateral Ligament (MCL)-

Ligament of knee along the medial aspect that connects the femur to the tibia. It provides stability to the medial aspect of the joint.

Posterior Cruciate Ligament (PCL)-

Ligament of the knee attaching to posterior tibial plateau and anterior lateral aspect of the femoral condyle. It provides stability in keeping the lower leg from going backward.

Ligament-

Band of fibrous tissue that connects bone to bone, or bone to cartilage, and supports and strengthens joints.

Magnetic Resonance Imagery (MRI)-

Provides highly detailed pictures of the body's interior, using highly magnetic fields. MRI does not require radiation.

Meniscus-

Crescent shaped cartilage usually pertaining to the knee joint.

Patella-

The kneecap

Rotator Cuff-

Comprised of four muscles in the shoulder area and often irritated by overuse.

Sciatic Nerve-

Largest nerve in body located in back of leg which controls most of its function.

Sprain-

A joint injury. A violent twisting, stretching, pulling or tearing of a ligament.

Strain-

A muscle injury. The pulling or twisting of a muscle or tendon.

Stress Fracture-

A hairline type of break in bone caused by overuse.

Subluxation-

Partial dislocation of a joint. Term usually implies that joint can return to normal position without formal reduction.

Tendon-

Fibrous tissue that connects muscles to other structures.

Triceps-

Muscle of the posterior upper arm, opposite the biceps, that extends the elbow.

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Atlanta Falcons Final Statistics

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE (Actual) 5-11

Sept. 9	W	47-27	Houston	56,222
Sept. 16	L	14-21	at Detroit	48,961
Sept. 23	L	13-19	at San Francisco	62,858
Oct. 7	W	28-27	New Orleans	57,401
Oct. 14	L	35-45	San Francisco	57,921
Oct. 21	L	24-44	at Rams	54,761
Oct. 28	W	38-17	Cincinnati	53,214
Nov. 4	L	9-21	at Pittsburgh	57,093
Nov. 11	L	24-30	at Chicago	62,855
Nov. 18	L	23-24	Philadelphia	53,755
Nov. 25	L	7-10	at New Orleans	68,629
Dec. 2	L	17-23	at Tampa Bay	42,839
Dec. 9	L	13-24	Phoenix	36,222
Dec. 16	L	10-13	at Cleveland	46,536
Dec. 23	W	20-13	Rams	30,021
Dec. 30	W	26-7	Dallas	50,097

TEAM STATISTICS

	FALCONS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	274	300
Rushing	85	79
Passing	168	179
Penalty	21	42
3rd Dwn: Md/Att	78/209	68/197
3rd Dwn: Pct.	37.3	34.5
4th Dwn: Md/Att	9/21	5/14
4th Dwn: Pct.	42.9	35.7
POSSESSION AVG.	31:05	28:55
TOTAL NET YARDS	5055	5270
Avg. per game	315.9	329.4
Total plays	994	983
Avg. per play	5.1	5.4
NET YARDS RUSHING	1594	1357
Avg. per game	99.6	84.8
Total rushes	420	413
NET YARDS PASSING	3461	3913
Avg. per game	216.3	244.6
Sacked/Yards Lost	46/265	33/214
Gross yards	3726	4127
Att/Comp	528/293	537/297
Pct. Comp	55.5	55.3
Had intercepted	18	17
PUNTS/AVERAGE	70/41.6	74/40.2
NET PUNTING AVG.	36.0	34.5
PENALTIES/YARDS	125/1004	95/811
FUMBLES/LOST	40/21	26/18
TOUCHDOWNS	40	44
Rushing	11	11
Passing	21	31
Returns	8	2

SCORE/PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
FALCONS	94	74	68	112	0	348
OPPONENTS	35	143	72	115	0	365

RUSHING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Rozier, Hou.-Atl.	163	717	4.4	67	3
Rozier, Atl.	153	675	4.4	67	3
Broussard	126	454	3.6	150	4
Jones	49	185	3.8	22	0
Johnson	30	106	3.5	12	3
Miller	26	99	3.8	18	1
Campbell	9	38	4.2	20	0
Lang	9	24	2.7	9	0
Settle	9	16	1.8	4	0
Pringle	2	9	4.5	9	0
Millen	7	-12	-1.7	2	0
FALCONS	420	1594	3.8	67	11
Opponents	413	1357	3.3	170	11

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Rison	82	1208	14.7	175	10
Dixon	38	399	10.5	34	4
Collins	34	503	14.8	61	2
Haynes	31	445	14.4	60	0
Broussard	24	160	6.7	18	0
Thomas	18	383	21.3	72	1
Milling	18	161	8.9	24	1
Rozier, Hou.-Atl.	13	105	8.1	24	0
Rozier, Atl.	8	59	7.4	20	0
Jones	13	103	7.9	16	0
Wilkins	12	175	14.6	37	2
Johnson	10	79	7.9	16	1
Bailey	4	44	11.0	13	0
Lang	1	7	7.0	7	0
FALCONS	293	3726	12.7	175	21
Opponents	297	4127	13.9	189	31

SCORING

	TD	RTD	TD	PAT	FG	S	TP
Davis	0	0	0	40/40	22/33	0	106
Rison	0	10	0	0/0	0/0	0	60
Broussard	4	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	24
Dixon	0	4	0	0/0	0/0	0	24
Johnson	3	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	24
Rozier	3	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
Sanders	0	0	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Butler	0	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Collins	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Wilkins	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Case	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Jones	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Miller	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Milling	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Thomas	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Tuggle	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Green	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	1	2
FALCONS	11	21	8	40/40	22/33	1	348
Opponents	11	31	2	42/44	19/28	1	365

FLD GLS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Davis	0/0	6/6	8/9	6/13	2/5
Oppnts	1/2	7/7	4/7	6/11	1/1

Davis: (39G, 39G, 36G, 51G) () (37G, 46N, 35G) (40N) () (41G, 27G, 52N) (41G, 43G, 42N, 38G, 40N) (42N, 36G) (53G, 46G, 28G) (51N, 51N) (46G) (42G, 24G) (30G, 47N, 39N) (21G, 23G) (44N, 23G)

OPPONENTS: () () (47G, 42N, 41N) (46G, 23G) (56G) (46G, 24G, 32G) (35G) () (21G) (46G) (43N, 20G) (39G, 44G, 21G) (37G, 40N, 48N) (37N, 23G, 41G) (19G, 25G, 19N) (34N, 33N)

INTERCEPTS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	3	153	51.0	182	2
Case	3	38	12.7	136	1
Dimry	3	16	5.3	13	0
Jordan	3	14	4.7	14	0
Butler	3	0	0.0	0	0
Mitchell	2	16	8.0	16	0
FALCONS	17	237	13.9	182	3
Opponents	18	368	20.4	59	2

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Net	TB	In20	LG	Blk
Fulhage	70	2913	41.6	36.0	4	15	59	0
FALCONS	70	2913	41.6	36.0	4	15	59	0
Opponents	74	2974	40.2	34.5	7	18	62	3

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	Av/Att	TD	Pct.TD	Int	Pct.Int	LG	Lst/At	Rtng
Miller	388	222	2735	57.2	7.05	17	4.4	14	3.6	175	26/167	78.7
Campbell	76	36	527	47.4	6.93	3	3.9	4	5.3	70	9/55	61.7
Millen	63	34	427	54.0	6.78	1	1.6	0	0.0	53	11/43	80.6
Jones	1	1	37	100.0	37.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	37	0/0	118.8
FALCONS	528	293	3726	55.3	7.06	21	4.0	18	3.4	175	46/265	76.8
Opp. Tot.	537	297	4127	55.3	7.69	31	5.8	17	3.2	189	33/214	86.2

PUNT RET	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	29	13	250	8.6	179	1
Jordan	2	4	19	9.5	10	0
Rison	2	0	10	5.0	8	0
Mitchell	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Reid	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
FALCONS	35	17	279	8.0	179	1
Opponents	39	12	314	8.1	39	0

KO RET	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	39	851	21.8	50	0
Jones	8	236	29.5	176	1
Broussard	3	45	15.0	23	0
Johnson	2	2	1.0	6	0
Case	1	13	13.0	13	0
Dixon	1	0	0.0	0	0
Gordon	1	43	43.0	43	0
Haynes	1	0	0.0	0	0
Lang	1	18	18.0	18	0
Pringle	1	14	14.0	14	0
Wilkins	1	7	7.0	7	0
FALCONS	59	1229	20.8	176	1
Opponents	49	814	16.6	37	0

SACKS: Green 6.0, Tuggle 5.0, Bruce 4.0, Gann 3.5, Case 3.0, Epps 3.0, Reid 3.0, Conner 2.0, Lyles 1.5, Bryan 1.0, Casillas 1.0.

FALCONS 33.0, OPPONENTS 46.0

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.

Defensive Stats (Final Official)

PLAYER	TOT					QB	PASSES		FUMBLES		BATTED
	TKL	TKL	AST	SCK/YDS	PRESSURES	INT	DEF	REC	FORCED	BALL	
Tuggle	201	99	102	5/25	10	0/0	2	1	3	0	
Jordan	193	102	91	0	1	3/14	7	1	2	1	
Case	170	78	92	3/25	5	3/38	7	2	1	0	
Rade	145	71	74	0	5	0/0	4	0	0	1	
Green	121	44	77	6/36	37	0/0	0	1	4	0	
Gann	116	53	63	3.5/22	19	0/0	0	2	0	1	
Epps	84	39	45	3/21	6	0/0	0	0	0	2	
Conner	83	37	46	2/21	22	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Bryan	69	31	38	1/11	16	0/0	0	2	1	3	
Dimry	55	41	14	0	1	3/16	11	0	0	0	
Lyles	51	22	29	1.5/5	5	0/0	2	1	0	0	
Sanders	50	31	19	0	0	3/153	18	0	0	0	
Bruce	40	23	17	4/24	9	0/0	0	0	4	3	
Reid	38	17	21	3/16	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Butler	36	26	10	0	0	3/0	10	2	0	0	
Tippins	35	22	13	0	2	0/0	0	0	2	0	
Casillas	32	18	14	1/8	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Mitchell	25	18	7	0	0	2/16	6	1	0	0	
Barnett	21	10	11	0	3	0/0	0	0	0	1	
Cotton	17	9	8	0	5	0/0	0	0	0	1	
Shelley	10	6	4	0	2	0/0	2	1	0	0	
Bergeson	4	2	2	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Gordon	1	0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0	1	0	
Team Totals	1694	797	897	33/214	157	17/237	68	14	18	12	

* NOTE: Jessie Tuggle is the first Falcon to have a 200 tackle season since Buddy Curry had 229 in 1983.

Special Teams Stats

Total Tackles & Assists: Tippins - 28, Shelley - 24, Wilkins - 23, Jordan - 21, Johnson - 18, Jones - 17, Conner - 15, Mitchell - 14, Bingham - 9, Rade - 9, Tuggle - 9, Bergeson - 7, Gordon - 7, Reid - 6, Butler - 3, Pringle - 3, Sanders - 3, Davis - 2, Bruce - 1, Evers - 1, Fulhage - 1, Green - 1, Thomas - 1

Blocked Field Goals: 5 Total
Epps - 3, Bryan - 1, Gann - 1

Blocked Punts: 4 Total
Thomas - 2, Case - 1,
Pringle - 1

Punt Deflections: Reid - 1

Tackled Punter for Loss: 2 Total
Reid and Rade - 1; Conner, Case, and Wilkins - 1

Onside Kick Recoveries: Jones - 1

1990 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
HOUSTON	W 47-27	18	4/12/2	3/11	0/0	301	95	206	30/19/1	2-8	1	1	3	4/43.3	1/1	16/139
@ Detroit	L 14-21	15	7/8/0	3/13	1/2	295	122	173	31/18/0	3-23	1	1	0	8/44.9	1/1	6/79
@ San Francisco	L 13-19	18	3/15/0	5/12	0/0	389	49	320	41/25/2	4-17	0	1	0	4/40.0	2/1	9/62
NEW ORLEANS	W 28-27	26	6/16/3	7/13	3/3	457	91	366	44/23/1	0-0	1	3	0	1/21.0	2/1	7/40
SAN FRANCISCO	L 35-45	20	3/16/2	5/13	1/3	394	29	365	47/27/0	4-24	0	4	1	5/44.2	2/2	3/26
@ LA Rams	L 24-44	12	3/8/1	3/11	0/2	315	79	236	33/18/1	4-31	0	3	0	5/41.4	2/2	10/93
CINCINNATI	W 38-17	17	9/8/0	5/9	0/0	299	175	124	18/13/0	0-0	2	2	1	2/37.0	1/0	3/15
@ Pittsburgh	L 9-21	21	5/14/2	6/14	0/1	332	93	239	38/23/3	2-22	0	0	0	1/50.0	5/2	4/39
@ Chicago	L 24-30	17	4/12/1	7/15	0/0	276	49	227	49/28/4	2-12	1	2	0	5/39.8	3/1	9/71
PHILADELPHIA	L 23-24	16	3/10/3	7/18	0/2	315	59	256	41/19/0	2-12	1	1	0	5/40.4	2/1	8/41
@ New Orleans	L 7-10	9	4/5/0	2/14	1/1	226	59	167	31/18/0	4-25	0	1	0	8/45.5	5/1	8/61
@ Tampa Bay	L 17-23	23	13/9/0	7/12	1/1	374	222	152	22/11/3	1-7	2	0	0	3/40.3	3/1	8/48
PHOENIX	L 13-24	14	5/8/2	2/11	0/2	318	96	222	31/14/3	3-13	0	1	0	4/40.3	3/1	12/104
@ Cleveland	L 10-13	16	3/12/1	8/18	0/0	260	81	179	36/14/0	8-30	0	1	0	7/36.6	1/0	6/47
LA RAMS	W 20-13	16	4/10/2	3/11	0/0	281	111	170	21/13/0	2-8	1	0	1	5/42.4	3/3	10/109
DALLAS	W 26-7	16	9/5/2	5/13	2/4	243	184	59	15/10/0	4-22	1	0	2	3/45.0	4/3	6/30
TOTALS		274	85/168/21	78/209	9/21	5055	1594	3461	528/293/18	46-265	11	21	8	70/41.6	40/21	125/1004

1990 Game-By-Game Defensive Statistics

Game	Score	1st Downs	(R/P/S/P/N)	3rd Down	4th Down	Total Net Yds.	Net Rush	Net Pass	Att/Comp/ Inter	S-Yds	TD Rush	TD Pass	TD Ret	Punts	Fum	Opp. Pen
HOUSTON	W 47-27	27	(3/17/7)	2/8	0/2	418	29	389	52/31/2	2-8	0	4	0	3/50.3	4/4	9/70
@ Detroit	L 14-21	18	(3/10/5)	3/11	0/0	264	83	181	29/14/2	3-9	1	2	0	7/46.1	1/0	5/35
@ San Francisco	L 13-19	17	(4/13/0)	6/14	0/0	445	66	379	36/24/0	3-19	0	2	0	6/39.2	1/1	6/50
NEW ORLEANS	W 28-27	15	(6/8/1)	3/10	1/2	293	75	218	16/10/0	3-17	1	2	0	3/42.7	1/1	10/65
SAN FRANCISCO	L 35-45	30	(4/24/2)	9/15	0/0	492	50	442	49/32/2	4-34	0	6	0	5/26.8	0/0	9/68
@ LA Rams	L 24-44	26	(7/14/5)	4/13	1/3	431	129	302	38/24/0	0-0	2	3	0	2/45.0	0/0	6/61
CINCINNATI	W 38-17	21	(6/14/1)	6/14	2/3	309	84	225	40/22/2	1-3	1	1	0	1/49.0	2/2	4/30
@ Pittsburgh	L 9-21	10	(2/7/1)	3/8	0/0	333	119	214	17/11/0	1-2	1	2	0	5/39.2	4/3	5/70
@ Chicago	L 24-30	19	(8/9/2)	4/14	0/0	287	100	187	33/14/1	1-8	2	1	1	7/32.7	2/1	4/68
PHILADELPHIA	L 23-24	16	(6/9/1)	1/9	0/0	279	88	191	27/16/0	3-23	0	3	0	6/44.5	2/2	7/42
@ New Orleans	L 7-10	19	(6/10/3)	4/15	0/1	258	85	173	37/22/1	1-8	0	1	0	7/46.1	2/0	3/20
@ Tampa Bay	L 17-23	16	(3/12/1)	4/10	0/0	373	42	331	33/17/1	3-20	0	2	0	3/38.3	3/2	2/20
PHOENIX	L 13-24	20	(7/10/3)	10/17	0/0	361	145	216	29/15/1	1-11	1	1	1	4/36.3	1/1	7/70
@ Cleveland	L 10-13	20	(9/8/3)	6/15	1/1	348	142	206	37/22/1	2-11	1	0	0	5/34.4	1/1	11/90
LA RAMS	W 20-13	18	(4/9/5)	2/13	0/2	228	73	155	40/13/2	2-16	1	0	0	4/41.3	0/0	3/17
DALLAS	W 26-7	8	(1/5/2)	1/11	0/0	151	47	104	24/10/2	3-25	0	1	0	6/40.8	2/0	4/35
TOTALS		300	79/179/42	68/97	5/14	5270	1357	3913	537/297/17	33-214	11	31	2	74/40.2	26/18	95/811

1990 Rushing Game-By-Game

Game	Score	Broussard	Campbell	Jones	Miller	Rozier	Settle	Others
HOUSTON	47-27	17/54/1	DNP	2/17/0	2/6/0	—	(inactive)	6/18/0
@ Detroit	14-21	19/88/1	DNP	4/29/0	1/0/0	—	(inactive)	3/5/0
@ San Francisco	13-19	15/45/0	DNP	0/0/0	2/0/0	—	DNP	1/4/0
NEW ORLEANS	28-27	12/46/0	DNP	2/4/0	4/1/1	13/39/0	1/1/0	0/0/0
SAN FRANCISCO	35-45	1/-1/0	0/0/0	(inactive)	2/10/0	11/20/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
@ LA Rams	24-44	8/55/0	1/1/0	2/3/0	0/0/0	4/8/0	0/0/0	1/12/0
CINCINNATI	38-17	11/81/1	2/-2/0	2/11/0	3/12/0	10/73/1	(inactive)	0/0/0
@ Pittsburgh	9-19	11/18/0	DNP	3/8/0	2/10/0	16/57/0	DNP	0/0/0
@ Chicago	24-30	5/12/1	DNP	6/17/0	2/2/0	1/2/0	DNP	4/16/0
PHILADELPHIA	23-24	10/25/0	0/0/0	4/13/0	2/5/0	7/13/0	DNP	3/3/1
@ New Orleans	7-10	7/21/0	DNP	0/0/0	4/27/0	5/6/0	(inactive)	1/5/0
@ Tampa Bay	17-23	(inactive)	0/0/0	6/41/0	2/28/0	23/115/1	3/7/0	9/33/1
PHOENIX	13-24	3/-1/0	5/31/0	3/12/0	IR	10/54/0	(inactive)	0/0/0
@ Cleveland	10-13	(inactive)	1/8/0	3/10/0	IR	11/31/0	DNP	5/32/0
LA RAMS	20-13	(inactive)	DNP	5/9/0	IR	21/102/1	DNP	9/0/0
DALLAS	26/7	7/11/0	(inactive)	7/11/0	IR	21/155/0	5/8/0	6/-1/1
TOTALS		126/454/4	9/38/0	49/185/0	26/99/1	153/675/3	9/16/0	48/127/3

1990 Receiving Game-By-Game

Game	Score	Bailey	Broussard	Collins	Dixon	Haynes	Johnson	Jones	Milling	Rison	Rozier	Thomas	Wilkins	Others
HOUSTON	W 47-27	0/0/0	2/23/0	2/18/0	5/60/0	4/30/0	0/0/0	2/30/0	0/0/0	4/64/1	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	0/0/0
@ Detroit	L 14-21	1/12/0	3/26/0	1/5/0	3/22/0	1/60/0	1/12/0	2/16/0	0/0/0	4/31/1	0/0/0	IR	1/5/0	1/7/0
@ San Francisco	L 13-19	3/32/0	1/2/0	4/93/1	5/73/0	(inactive)	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/9/0	11/128/0	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	0/0/0
NEW ORLEANS	W 28-27	IR	1/-2/0	5/93/1	2/17/0	3/66/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	10/154/2	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/38/0	0/0/0
SAN FRANCISCO	L 35-45	IR	2/12/0	1/21/0	2/28/0	1/9/0	3/29/0	0/0/0	3/20/1	9/172/2	2/8/0	3/87/0	1/3/1	0/0/0
@ LA Rams	L 24-44	IR	4/18/0	1/7/0	3/33/1	(inactive)	0/0/0	0/0/0	5/48/0	5/161/2	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
CINCINNATI	W 38-17	IR	1/13/0	4/47/0	2/14/2	2/24/0	1/8/0	1/4/0	0/0/0	2/14/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
@ Pittsburgh	L 9-21	DNP	3/18/0	4/49/0	2/15/0	(inactive)	0/0/0	0/0/0	6/65/0	4/54/0	2/34/0	0/0/0	2/26/0	0/0/0
@ Chicago	L 24-30	(inactive)	3/20/0	2/27/0	5/53/0	4/48/0	4/24/1	2/9/0	2/11/0	6/47/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
PHILADELPHIA	L 23-24	(inactive)	1/5/0	0/0/0	3/16/0	3/70/0	0/0/0	2/17/0	0/0/0	7/88/1	1/9/0	1/50/0	1/13/0	0/0/0
@ New Orleans	L 7-10	IR	3/25/0	3/22/0	1/7/0	3/16/0	1/6/0	2/12/0	0/0/0	3/49/0	1/4/0	1/51/1	0/0/0	0/0/0
@ Tampa Bay	L 17-23	IR	(inactive)	3/56/0	1/7/0	1/12/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/8/0	3/32/0	0/0/0	1/22/0	1/22/0	0/0/0
PHOENIX	L 13-24	IR	0/0/0	1/7/0	1/22/0	3/59/0	0/0/0	1/9/0	0/0/0	3/65/0	0/0/0	2/14/0	3/59/1	0/0/0
@ Cleveland	L 10-13	IR	(inactive)	1/25/0	1/11/1	1/11/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	(inactive)	6/100/0	0/0/0	5/62/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
LA RAMS	W 20-13	PS	(inactive)	2/33/0	1/5/0	3/32/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	1/2/0	5/97/0	1/9/0	0/0/0
DALLAS	W 26-7	DNP	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/16/0	2/6/0	0/0/0	1/6/0	IR	5/49/0	1/2/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
TOTALS		4/44/0	24/160/0	34/503/2	38/399/4	31/445/0	10/79/1	13/103/0	18/161/1	82/1208/10	8/59/0	18/383/1	12/175/2	1/7/0

1990 Passing Game-By-Game

Game	Score	Miller	Campbell	Millen
HOUSTON	W 47-27	30/19/225/26L/1td/1int.	DNP	INA
@ Detroit	L 14-21	31/18/196/60L/1td/0int.	DNP	—
@ San Francisco	L 13-19	41/25/337/61L/1td/2int.	DNP	—
NEW ORLEANS	W 28-27	44/23/366/45L/3td/1int.	DNP	—
SAN FRANCISCO	L 35-45	31/18/291/75L/3td/0int.	16/9/98/21L/1td/0int.	—
@ LA Rams	L 24-44	24/14/170/71L/2td/0int.	9/4/97/70L/1td/1int.	DNP
CINCINNATI	W 38-17	18/13/124/17L/2td/0int.	0/0/0/0L/0td/0int.	DNP
@ Pittsburgh	L 9-21	38/23/261/23L/0td/3int.	DNP	INA
@ Chicago	L 24-30	49/28/239/20L/2td/4int.	DNP	INA
PHILADELPHIA	L 23-24	38/19/268/55L/1td/0int.	3/0/0/0L/0td/0int.	DNP
@ New Orleans	L 7-10	31/18/192/51/1td/0int.	DNP	INA
@ Tampa Bay	L 17-23	13/4/66/25L/0td/3int.	9/7/93/22L/0td/0int.	INA
PHOENIX	L 13-24	IR	30/13/198/37L/1td/3int.	DNP
@ Cleveland	L 10-13	IR	9/3/41/25L/0td/0int.	27/11/168/40L/1td/0int.
LA RAMS	W 20-13	IR	DNP	21/13/178/53L/0td/0int.
DALLAS	W 26-7	IR	INA	15/10/81/21L/0td/0int.
TOTALS		398/222/2735/75L/17td/14int.	76/36/527/70L/3td/4int.	63/34/427/53L/1td/0int.

1990 REGULAR SEASON FINAL DEFENSIVE RANKINGS

	NFL Avg.	Falcons	NFL Rank	NFC Rank
Points Allowed	322.0	365	21	10
Opp. First Downs	284.3	300	19	11
Rushing	103.8	79	4	4
Passing	160.4	179	25	14
Penalty	20.1	42	28	14
Net Yards	4937.9	5270	19	10
Avg./Game	308.6	329.4	19	10
Rushing	1822.0	1357	3	3
Avg./Game	113.9	84.8	3	3
Attempts	444.4	413	9t	7
Yards/Rush	4.1	3.3	1	1
Net Passing	3115.9	3913	28	14
Avg./Game	194.7	244.6	28	14
Attempts	482.7	537	26	13
Completions	270.4	297	22	12
Pct.	56.0	55.3	11	7
Sacks	38.1	33	22t	11
Yards Lost	266.2	214	21	10
Interceptions	17.1	17	14t	7t
Return Yards	222.5	237	12	8
Touchdowns	1.3	3	1t	1t
Touchdowns	37.0	44	22	10
Rushing	13.5	11	10t	7
Passing	20.5	31	27	14
Returns	3.0	2	17t	9t

1990 REGULAR SEASON FINAL OFFENSIVE RANKINGS

	NFL Avg.	Falcons	NFL Rank	NFC Rank
First Downs	284.3	274	17	9
Rushing	103.8	85	23	12
Passing	160.4	168	9	6
Penalty	20.1	21	10t	4t
Net Yards	4937.9	5055	10	5
Avg./Game	308.6	315.9	10	5
Rushing	1822.0	1594	21	12
Avg./Game	113.9	99.6	21	12
Attempts	444.4	420	19t	10
Yards/Rush	4.1	3.8	19t	10t
Net Passing	3115.9	3461	6	4
Avg./Game	194.7	216.3	6	4
Attempts	482.7	528	8	6
Completions	270.4	293	9	5
Pct.	56.0	55.5	14	6
Gross Passing	3382.1	3726	4	3
Sacks Allowed	38.1	46	7t	5
Yards Lost	266.2	265	15	9
Interceptions	17.1	18	14t	8t
Penalties	97.2	125	2	1
Yards	764.0	1004	2	1
Fumbles	28.9	40	1t	1
Fumbles Lost	14.6	21	3t	2
Possession Avg.	30.00	31.05	8	6
Touchdowns	37.0	40	9t	5t
Rushing	13.5	11	18t	10
Passing	20.5	21	11t	7
Returns	3.0	8	1	1
Points Scored	322.0	348	10t	6t
Extra Points	35.6	40	7t	5
FG Attempted	28.0	33	6	4
FG Made	21.0	22	11	7

Game 1 (September 9)
Atlanta 47, Houston 27
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (56,222)

Rookie RB Steve Broussard, making his NFL debut, put the Falcons on the scoreboard with a 6-yard run that set off a first half scoring frenzy by the birds. CB Bobby Butler and LB Jessie Tuggle each turned fumbles into touchdowns as K Greg Davis added two FG's, both from 39 yards for a 27-0 lead. The Black Wave defense set a team record by holding the Oilers to a mere 29 yards rushing, and by scoring 3 touchdowns in 1 game. LB Aundray Bruce recorded 6 tackles, 6 hurries, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble and 1 batted ball to add fuel to the Falcons fire. QB Chris Miller hit WR Andre Rison with a 26 yard touchdown with 9:02 remaining in the 3rd quarter and Davis once again added 2 more FG's from 36 and 51 yards out to total 47 points, the 2nd highest opening day total in team history. QB Warren Moon mounted a Oiler comeback in the 4th quarter with 3 touchdown passes. But CB Deion Sanders ended any hope for the visitors when he picked off a Moon pass and high-stepped 82 yards for the final touchdown.

ATLANTA.....	21	6	7	13	—	47
Houston.....	0	7	0	20	—	27

Scoring

Atl — Broussard 6 yard run (Davis kick)
 Atl — Butler 0 fumble return (Davis kick)
 Atl — Tuggle 65 fumble return (Davis kick)
 Atl — Davis 39 FG
 Atl — Davis 39 FG
 Hou — Jones 15 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)
 Atl — Rison 26 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Atl — Davis 36 FG
 Hou — Givins 80 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)
 Hou — Givins 6 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)
 Hou — Ford 3 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)
 Atl — Davis 51 FG
 Atl — Sanders 82 int. return (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Oilers
First Downs	18	27
Net Yardage	301	418
Rushing Yardage	95	29
Passing Yardage	206	389
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	30/19/1	52/31/2
Punts	4/43.3	3/50.3
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/4
Penalties	16/139	9/70
Sacks Allowed	3/19	2/8
Return Yds.	173	68
Time of Poss.	34:19	25:41

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 17-54-1td, Lang 6-18, Jones 2-17, Miller 2-6

Oilers — White 7-15, Moon 3-8, Rozier 2-6

Passing

Falcons — Miller 30-19-225-1td-1int-3sk

Oilers — Moon 52-31-397-4td-2int-2sk

Receiving

Falcons — Dixon 5-60, Rison 4-64-1td, Haynes 4-30, Collins 2-18, Jones 2-30, Broussard 2-23

Oilers — Jefferies 7-80, Duncan 5-53, Hill 5-53, Givins 4-109-2td, Jones 3-28-1td, White 3-24, Rozier 3-47, Ford 1-3-1td

Game 2 (September 16)
Detroit 21, Atlanta 14
 Pontiac Silverdome (48,961)

The Falcons saw their chances slip away with costly mistakes and busted plays. At the 6:59 mark in the first quarter, QB Rodney Peete hit WR Jason Phillips for a 29 yard gain. Three plays later WR Terry Greer caught a 12 yard pass from Peete to put the Lions on the board. Falcon QB Chris Miller connected on a 60 yard pass to WR Michael Haynes, which set up a 10 yard touchdown pass to Rison to even the score. Peete's 12 yard scramble in the second quarter led to a 5 yard pass for a touchdown to WR Richard Johnson. RB Barry Sanders 17 yard touchdown, his longest run of the day, gave the Lions all the points they would need. A touchdown with 7:44 left in the third by RB Steve Broussard would end the scoring for Atlanta. The birds fumbled away a chance to score at the Lions 13-yard line early in the final quarter. QB Bob Gagliano's 22 yard scramble (Lions longest run of the day) on third and seven with 2:00 left gave the Lions a crucial first down and the game.

ATLANTA	7	0	7	0	—	14
Detroit	7	14	0	0	—	21

Scoring

Det — Greer 12 pass from Peete (Murry kick)
 Atl — Rison 10 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Det — Johnson 5 pass from Peete (Murry kick)
 Det — Sanders 17 run (Murry kick)
 Atl — Broussard 3 run (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Lions
First Downs	15	17
Net Yardage	295	264
Rushing Yardage	122	83
Passing Yardage	173	181
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	31/18/0	29/14/2
Punts	8/44.9	7/46.1
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/0
Penalties	6/79	5/35
Sacks Allowed	3/23	2/19
Return Yds.	60	74
Time of Poss.	32:58	27:02

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 9-88-1td, Jones 4-29, Johnson 1-3, Lang 2-2, Miller 1-0
 Lions — Sanders 18-55-1td, Gagliano 7-14, Peete 2-14

Passing

Falcons — Miller 31-18-196-1td-0int-3sk
 Lions — Peete 26-13-167-2td-2int-2sk

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 4-31-1td, Broussard 3-26, Dixon 3-22, Jones 2-18, Haynes 1-60, Bailey 1-12, Johnson 1-12, Lang 1-7, Collins 1-5, Wilkins 1-5
 Lions — Clark 4-62, Johnson 4-41-1td, Matthews 3-31, Phillips 2-44, Greer 1-12-1td

Game 3 (September 23)
San Francisco 19, Atlanta 13
 Candlestick Park (62,858)

Frustration altered the flight of the birds as they went head-to-head with the defending two-time World Champions. The Falcons laid claim to a 3-0 lead at the end of the 1st quarter when Greg Davis kicked a 37 yard FG just 2:52 into the game. The Falcons gave away 2 points in the 2nd when QB Chris Miller, eluding pressure, stepped on the out-of-bounds line in the endzone. Kicker Mike Coler made good with a 47-yard FG to make the score 5-3 at half. A 37-yard touchdown pass from Montana to Rice in the 3rd put the 49ers up 12-3. Undaunted, the Falcons marched 69 yards in 7 plays featuring a 24-yard Broussard run, a 27-yard Rison catch, and then a 7-yard Shawn Collins touchdown to close the gap to 2, 12-10. A key 4th down scramble by Montana kept the 49er drive alive. Montana tossed a 9 yard pass to TE Brent Jones, who turned the reception into a 67 yard touchdown with 3 minutes remaining in the 3rd quarter. The Falcons were intercepted at the 49er 2-yard line, but rebounded to collect a Davis 35 yard FG on their next possession. The birds started their potential game winning drive on their own 29 yard line and moved to the 49er 29 with receptions from Andre Rison (15 and 4 yards) and Floyd Dixon (16 yards). With time running out, QB Chris Miller attempted to ground the ball with seven seconds left, but it was ruled a fumble which San Francisco recovered to claim the victory.

ATLANTA	3	0	7	3	—	13
San Francisco	0	5	14	0	—	19

Scoring

Atl — Davis 37 FG
 SF — Safety Turner
 SF — Coler 47 FG
 SF — Rice 35 pass from Montana (Coler kick)
 Atl — Collins 7 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 SF — Jones 67 pass from Montana (Coler kick)
 Atl — Davis 35 FG

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Forty Niners
First Downs	18	17
Net Yardage	369	445
Rushing Yardage	49	66
Passing Yardage	320	379
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	41/25/2	36/24/0
Punts	4/40.0	6/39.2
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	1/1
Penalties	9/62	6/50
Sacks Allowed	4/17	3/19
Return Yds.	114	78
Time of Poss.	28:26	31:34

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 15-45, Lang 1-4, Miller 2-0
 Forty Niners — Rathman 7-28, Craig 18-26, Montana 4-12

Passing

Falcons — Miller 41-25-337-11d-2int-4sk
 Forty Niners — Montana 36-24-398-21d-0int-3sk

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 11-128, Dixon 5-73, Collins 4-93-11d, Bailey 3-32, Milling 1-9, Broussard 1-2
 Forty Niners — Rice 8-171-11d, Jones 5-125-11d, Sherrard 4-75, Rathman 4-20, Craig 2-2, Sydney 1-5

Game 4 (October 7)
Atlanta 28, New Orleans 27
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (57,401)

Atlanta's offense racked up 457 yards, running 76 plays, and the defense had a critical goal line stand, to pull out their first victory over their Division rivals in six tries. The two teams matched first half touchdowns with the Saints being a field goal better at intermission, 17-14. The Chris Miller-Andre Rison duo gave the birds a 21-17 lead with a 20-yard touchdown strike, but RB Rueben Mays turned a small gain into a 66 yard run. Fourcade hit Hoby Brenner with a three yard touchdown pass to put the Saints back on top 24-21 with just under four minutes to play in the third. A missed field goal in the fourth quarter and a fumble at the 14 gave the Saints the ball. New Orleans was unable to cross the goal line, and had to settle for a field goal and a 27-21 lead with 2:58 left in the game. The combination of Chris Miller to Andre Rison turned heads as the pair hooked up on two crucial fourth down plays to keep the game-winning drive on course. Out of the 10 play, 80 yard drive, Rison caught four passes for 77 yards, and Miller completed 5 of 9 passes for 82 yards (five yard false start penalty at start of drive).

ATLANTA	7	7	7	7	—	28
New Orleans	7	10	7	3	—	27

Scoring

Atl — Miller 1 run (Davis kick)
 NO — Turner 68 pass from Fourcade (Andersen kick)
 Atl — Collins 9 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 NO — Fourcade 5 run (Andersen kick)
 NO — Andersen 46 FG
 Atl — Rison 20 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 NO — Brenner 3 pass from Fourcade (Andersen kick)
 NO — Andersen 23 FG
 Atl — Rison 3 pass from Miller (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Saints
First Downs	26	15
Net Yardage	457	293
Rushing Yardage	91	75
Passing Yardage	366	218
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	44/23/1	17/10/0
Punts	1/21.0	3/42.7
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	1/1
Penalties	7/40	10/65
Sacks Allowed	0	3/17
Return Yds.	36	109
Time of Poss.	34:56	25:04

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 12-46, Rozier 13-39, Jones 2-4
 Settle 1-1, Miller 4-1-11d
 Saints — Hillard 16-30, Mays 6-23, Fourcade 4-22-11d

Passing

Falcons — Miller 44-23-366-31d-1int-0sk
 Saints — Fourcade 17-10-235-21d-0int-3sk

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 10-154-21d, Collins 5-93-11d, Haynes 3-66, Dixon 2-17, Wilkins 2-38, Broussard 1-(-2)
 Saints — Martin 3-60, Turner 2-79-11d, Hillard 2-16, Brenner 1-3-11d, Perriman 1-11, Mays 1-66

Game 5 (October 14)
San Francisco 45, Atlanta 35
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (57,921)

Both teams combined for 886 total yards, 96 pass attempts, and 865 passing yards. The game started out with 2 touchdown passes in the 1st 5 plays. A fumble by the Falcons on the 1st play turned into a 24-yard touchdown pass from Joe Montana to Jerry Rice on the 3rd play of the game. The 5th play saw Chris Miller hit Andre Rison for a 75 yard touchdown with 13 minutes left in the first quarter. Rice was on the end of another Montana pass, a 25 yard touchdown, ending the 1st quarter. George Thomas opened the 2nd quarter by blocking a 49er punt that CB Bobby Butler returned for a 35-yard touchdown to knot the score at 14-14. An interception by Falcon CB Charles Dimry saw the birds turn the ball over on downs. Three plays later, Montana hit Mike Sherrard on a 43 yard touchdown pass. Rice also caught his 3rd touchdown of the game from 19 yards out. Chris Miller took 1:36 to cap an 80 yard scoring drive in 11 plays when he hit James Milling from 5 yards out to close the gap. But a bad kickoff enabled Mike Cofer to make a club record FG of 56 yards and a 31-21 halftime lead. SF increased their lead when Montana hit Rice for his 4th touchdown of the day for 13 yards and a 38-21 lead. Rice's 5th touchdown reception was a 15 yard catch from Montana at the start of the fourth. Touchdown receptions by Wilkins and Rison cut the deficit, but the day belonged to Montana and Rice as the 49ers prevailed by 10.

ATLANTA.....	7	14	0	14	—	35
San Francisco.....	14	17	7	7	—	45

Scoring

SF — Rice 24 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)
 Atl — Rison 75 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 SF — Rice 25 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)
 Atl — Butler 62 blocked kick (Davis kick)
 SF — Sherrard 43 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)
 SF — Rice 13 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)
 SF — Rice 15 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)
 Atl — Wilkins 3 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Atl — Rison 13 pass from Miller (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Forty Niners
First Downs	21	30
Net Yardage	394	492
Rushing Yardage	29	50
Passing Yardage	365	492
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	47/27/0	49/32/2
Punts	5/44.2	5/26.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties	3/26	9/68
Sacks Allowed	3/21	4/34
Return Yds.	113	59
Time of Poss.	23:04	36:56

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 11-20, Miller 2-10, Broussard 1(-1)
 Forty Niners — Rathman 12-33, Carter 9-9, Sydney 1-4,
 Montana 2-4

Passing

Falcons — Miller 31-18-291-3rd-0int-3sk, Campbell
 16-9-98-1td-0int-1sk
 Forty Niners — Montana 49-32-476-6td-2int-4sk

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 9-172-2td, Johnson 3-29, Thomas 8-87,
 Milling 3-20-1td, Broussard 2-12, Dixon 2-28, Rozier 2-8, Wilkins
 1-3-1td, Collins 1-21, Haynes 1-9
 Forty Niners — Rice 13-225-5td, Jones 5-56, Sherrard
 4-97-1td, Rathman 4-44, Carter 3-27, Taylor 2-15, Wilson 1-12

Game 6 (October 21)
Los Angeles 44, Atlanta 24
 Anaheim Stadium (54,761)

After jumping out to a 10-0 first quarter lead, the Falcons went in at half down by a 20-10 score. The Rams struck back in the second quarter when Cleveland Gary scored on a 23 yard run. A Jim Everett touchdown pass to TE Damone Johnson and two FG's by Mike Lansford gave LA control at the half. The Falcons opened the second half with a Chris Miller to Andre Rison 71 yard touchdown to bring the Falcons within three, 20-17. But the Rams scored eight consecutive times to put the game away. Cleveland Gary was the first and only back all year to rush for over 100 yards on the Falcons' stingy defense. A late Falcon touchdown reception by Rison from QB Scott Campbell finished all the scoring for the day.

ATLANTA.....	10	0	7	7	—	24
LA Rams.....	0	20	14	10	—	44

Scoring

Atl — Davis 41 FG
 Atl — Dixon 5 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Rams — Gary 23 run (Lansford kick)
 Rams — Lansford 46 FG
 Rams — Johnson 1 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)
 Rams — Lansford 24 FG
 Atl — Rison 71 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Rams — Ellard 35 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)
 Rams — Anderson 37 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)
 Rams — Gary 1 run (Lansford kick)
 Rams — Lansford 32 FG
 Atl — Rison 14 pass from Campbell (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Rams
First Downs	12	26
Net Yardage	315	431
Rushing Yardage	79	129
Passing Yardage	236	302
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	33/18/1	38/24/0
Punts	5/41.4	2/45.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	1/1
Penalties	10/93	6/61
Sacks Allowed	4/31	0
Return Yds.	152	83
Time of Poss.	24:04	35:56

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 4-8, Broussard 8-55, Jones 2-3, Johnson
 1-12, Campbell 1-1
 Rams — McGee 1-5, Gary 19-102-2td, English 1(-8), Warner
 6-10, Green 3-4, Ellard 1-13, Delpino 1-3

Passing

Falcons — Miller 24-14-170-2td-0int-2sk, Campbell
 9-4-97-1td-1int-2sk
 Rams — Everett 38-24-302-3td-0int-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Broussard 4-18, Rison 5-161-2td, Milling 5-48,
 Dixon 3-33-1td, Collins 1-7
 Rams — McGee 6-68, Gary 4-11, Ellard 6-109-1td, Johnson
 3-17-1td, Delpino 1-8, Anderson 2-61-1td, Cox 1-13, Holohan
 1-15

Game 7 (October 28)
Atlanta 38, Cincinnati 17
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (53,214)

The Falcons jumped out to a 10-point lead in the first quarter when kicker Greg Davis made a FG from 27 yards and RB Mike Rozier crossed the goal line from the one after a Scott Case fumble recovery. The Falcons took complete control of the first quarter with a time of possession advantage of 12:53 to 2:07. The Bengals RB James Brooks scored from six yards out in the second quarter, but QB Chris Miller responded by hitting Floyd Dixon for a three yard touchdown pass to end the half at 17-7. Deion Sanders opened up the Falcons first possession of the second half by setting a new club record when he returned a Bengal punt 79-yards for a score. A touchdown grab by Floyd Dixon improved the Falcons lead to 31-10 as the Bengals could only muster a 35 yard FG in the third quarter. An Eddie Brown touchdown reception from Boomer Esiason was not enough in the fourth quarter as RB Steve Broussard ran around right end for a 50 yard touchdown and a convincing Falcon victory.

ATLANTA.....	10	7	14	7	—	38
Cincinnati.....	0	7	3	7	—	17

Scoring

Atl — Davis 27 FG
 Atl — Rozier 1 run (Davis kick)
 Cin — Brooks 6 run (Breech kick)
 Atl — Dixon 3 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Atl — Sanders 79 punt return (Davis kick)
 Cin — Breech 35 FG
 Atl — Dixon 11 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Cin — Brown 4 pass from Esiason (Breech kick)
 Atl — Broussard 50 run (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Bengals
First Downs	17	21
Net Yardage	299	309
Rushing Yardage	175	84
Passing Yardage	124	225
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	18/13/0	40/22/2
Punts	2/37.0	1/49.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/2
Penalties	3/15	4/30
Sacks Allowed	0	1
Return Yds.	128	74
Time of Poss.	28:18	31:42

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 11-81-1td, Rozier 10-73-1td, Miller 3-12, Jones 2-11, Campbell 2-(-2)
 Bengals — Taylor 9-25, Green 4-24, Jennings 1-13, Woods 5-11, Brooks 6-7-1td, Wilhelm 1-4, Esiason 3-0

Passing

Falcons — Miller 18-13-124-2td-0int-0sk
 Bengals — Esiason 15-19-199-1td-2int-1sk, Wilhelm 5-3-29-0td-0int-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Collins 4-47, Haynes 2-24, Rison 2-14, Dixon 2-14-2td, Johnson 1-8, Jones 1-4, Broussard 1-13
 Bengals — Woods 7-66, Brown 5-73-1td, Barber 3-36, McGee 2-16, Holman 2-19, Smith 1-5, Riggs 1-9, Brooks 1-4

Game 8 (November 4)
Pittsburgh 21, Atlanta 9
 Three Rivers Stadium (57,093)

The birds controlled the clock (38:51 to 21:09), had more first downs (21-10), and ran 72 plays to the Steelers club-low 40. But the Falcons turned the ball over five times. Atlanta had a nine point lead going into halftime with three Greg Davis FG's of 41, 43 and 38 yards. Atlanta received the second half kickoff and marched down the field only to come away scoreless as Davis' 40 yard FG was wide right. The Steelers wasted no time putting points on the board as QB Bobby Brister hit WR Derek Hill on a 66 yard pass. Two plays later, Brister's touchdown loss went to Louis Lipps from 11 yards out. An interception by S Larry Griffin led to TE Mike Mularkey's 19 yard touchdown reception and a 14-9 Steeler lead. The Falcons staged a comeback, but a controversial Mike Rozier fumble at the Steelers 22 with 3:06 remaining dashed the Falcons hopes. Atlanta packed the line of scrimmage on third and one, but Steeler RB Warren Williams broke through and scampered 70 yards for the score to seal the victory.

ATLANTA.....	6	3	0	0	—	9
Pittsburgh.....	0	0	7	14	—	21

Scoring

Atl — Davis 41 FG
 Atl — Davis 43 FG
 Atl — Davis 38 FG
 Pitt — Lipps 11 pass from Brister (Anderson kick)
 Pitt — Mularkey 19 pass from Brister (Anderson kick)
 Pitt — Williams 70 run (Anderson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Steelers
First Downs	21	10
Net Yardage	332	333
Rushing Yardage	93	119
Passing Yardage	239	214
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	38/23/3	17/11/0
Punts	1/50.0	5/39.2
Fumbles/Lost	5/2	4/3
Penalties	4/39	5/70
Sacks Allowed	2	1
Return Yds.	70	149
Time of Poss.	38:51	21:09

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 11-18, Rozier 16-57, Jones 3-8, Miller 2-10
 Steelers — Hoge 13-48, Williams 7-89, Stone 1-(-16), Brister 1-(-2)

Passing

Falcons — Miller 38-23-261-0td-3int-2sk
 Steelers — Brister 17-11-216-2td-0int-1sk

Receiving

Falcons — Wilkins 2-26, Broussard 3-18, Dixon 2-15, Milling 6-65, Rison 4-54, Collins 4-49, Rozier 2-34
 Steelers — Stone 2-31, Green 2-22, Hill 1-66, Lipps 2-20-1td, Bell 1-43, Williams 1-3, Mularkey 1-19, Hoge 1-12

Game 9 (November 11)
Chicago 30, Atlanta 24
 Soldier Field (62,855)

Tim Gordon opened the game with a 43-yard kickoff return and the Falcon offense moved the ball down to the Bears 25 yardline, but came away empty on a 42-yard FG try. The Falcons recovered a Bear fumble at the 25, which produced a FG and a 3-0 lead at the end of the 1st quarter. The Bears put together 2 scoring drives within the final 5 minutes of the 2nd quarter to post a 17-3 halftime lead. The Bears marched down the field in 6 plays with the 2nd half kickoff behind a 51 yard reception by WR Wendal Davis, putting the home team up 24-3. From that point on, it was all Falcons. Atlanta's defense came alive allowing the Bears 1-10 in passing the rest of the way. The defense had 2 sacks, an interception, plus allowed only 32 yards on 11 rushes. The offense put together a 3rd quarter touchdown when QB Chris Miller hit RB Tracy Johnson from 5 yards out. A 4th quarter blocked punt by Scott Case saw RB Steve Broussard take the ball in the endzone from one yard out with 5:59 to play and the Falcons trailed 24-17. Atlanta got the ball back on their own 13 with 2:31 left and had plans for a game-tying drive, but CB Vestee Jackson picked off a tipped Miller pass and went 45 yards for a touchdown. A missed extra point left the score 30-17. The Falcons turned around and scored a quick touchdown, but were unable to convert an inside kick as their comeback hopes were dashed.

ATLANTA.....	3	0	7	14	—	24
Chicago.....	0	17	7	6	—	30

Scoring

Atl — Davis 36 FG
 Chi — Butler 21 FG
 Chi — Anderson 8 run (Butler kick)
 Chi — Davis 8 pass from Harbaugh (Butler kick)
 Chi — Muster 1 run (Butler kick)
 Atl — Johnson 5 run (Davis kick)
 Atl — Broussard 1 run (Davis kick)
 Chi — Jackson 45 int. return (Failed kick)
 Atl — Rison 11 pass from Miller (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Bears
First Downs	17	19
Net Yardage	276	287
Rushing Yardage	49	100
Passing Yardage	227	187
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	49/28/4	33/14/1
Punts	5/39.8	7/32.7
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	2/1
Penalties	9/71	4/68
Sacks Allowed	2	1
Return Yds.	143	158
Time of Poss.	29:49	30:11

Rushing

Falcons — Johnson 4-16, Jones 6-17, Miller 2-2, Rozier 1-2, Broussard 5-12-1td
 Bears — Anderson 14-22-1td, Harbaugh 6-47, Muster 11-21-1td, Gentry 1-7, Buford 1-(-9), Tomczak 2-12

Passing

Falcons — Miller 49-28-239-2td-4int-2sk
 Bears — Harbaugh 28-14-195-1td-0int-1sk, Tomczak 5-0-0-0td-1int-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 6-47-1td, Johnson 4-24-1td, Haynes 4-48, Collins 2-27, Jones 2-9, Broussard 3-20, Dixon 5-53, Milling 2-11
 Bears — Muster 3-25, Anderson 1-14, Davis 5-105-1td, Thornton 2-17, Morris 2-15, Boso 1-19

Game 10 (November 18)
Philadelphia 24, Atlanta 23
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (53,755)

RB Tracy Johnson put the Falcons on the scoreboard first with a one yard touchdown run at the start of the second quarter. The Eagles matched the score when TE Keith Jackson caught a one yard pass from Randall Cunningham. But K Greg Davis made the second longest FG in Falcon history of 53 yards to give the birds a 10-7 halftime lead. With 3:22 left in the third quarter, Greg Davis increased the Falcon lead to 13-7 with a 46 yard FG. After having the ball inside the Eagles 12 for six plays, the Falcons had to settle on a 28 yard FG and a 16-7 lead in the fourth quarter. The Eagles marched 65 yards in five plays when Jackson scored his second touchdown of the day on a 17 yard pass from Cunningham. A mishandled snap was recovered by the Eagles Jerome Brown at the Falcon 35. One play and 30 yards later the Eagles were ahead 21-16. A 50 yard pass play to WR George Thomas from QB Chris Miller set up a 23 yard touchdown pass to WR Andre Rison and the Falcons clung to a 23-21 advantage. Atlanta's defense stiffened, but a 46 yard field goal by Ruzek on the Eagles last drive proved to be the fatal blow.

ATLANTA.....	0	10	3	10	—	23
Philadelphia.....	0	7	0	17	—	24

Scoring

Atl — Johnson 1 run (Davis kick)
 Phil — Jackson 1 pass from Cunningham (Ruzek kick)
 Atl — Davis 53 FG
 Atl — Davis 46 FG
 Atl — Davis 28 FG
 Phil — Jackson 17 pass from Cunningham (Ruzek kick)
 Phil — Williams 30 pass from Cunningham (Ruzek kick)
 Atl — Rison 23 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Phil — Ruzek 46 FG

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Eagles
First Downs	16	16
Net Yardage	315	279
Rushing Yardage	59	88
Passing Yardage	256	191
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	41/19/0	27/16/0
Punts	5/40.4	6/44.5
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/2
Penalties	8/41	7/42
Sacks Allowed	2	3
Return Yds.	80	100
Time of Poss.	35:51	24:09

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 10-25, Rozier 7-13, Jones 4-13, Miller 2-5, Johnson 3-3-1td
 Eagles — Sherman 11-27, Byars 3-26, Williams 1-18, Cunningham 7-17

Passing

Falcons — Miller 38-19-268-1td-0int-2sk, Campbell 3-0-0-0td-0int-0sk
 Eagles — Cunningham 27-16-214-3td-0int-3sk

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 7-88-1td, Haynes 3-70, Dixon 3-16, Jones 2-17, Broussard 1-5, Wilkins 1-13, Thomas 1-50, Rozier 1-9
 Eagles — Byars 7-78, Jackson 4-54-2td, Barnett 3-44, Williams 2-38

Game 11 (November 25)
New Orleans 10, Atlanta 7
 Louisiana Superdome (61,634)

Two missed 51 yard field goals (one with 1:08 to play) continued the road woes for the Falcons in a defensive minded game down in the Superdome. A 20-yard FG was the only points at the half as both defenses flexed their muscles. The battle continued in the second half as neither team could muster any points in the third quarter. The Falcons finally hit pay dirt with a little more than seven minutes remaining in the game when QB Chris Miller hit WR George Thomas with a 51 yard touchdown pass to give the Falcons the lead. But the Saints took the kickoff and marched down the field for a touchdown on a Steve Walsh pass to WR Eric Martin. With 2:01 to play, the Falcons offense went to work converting a fourth and seven to give them a first and 10 at the New Orleans 42. Three plays later, however, the Falcons, unable to get a first, sent K Greg Davis on to the field for the tying FG. But Davis's 51 yard field goal sailed to the left giving the Saints victory.

ATLANTA.....	0	0	0	7	—	7
New Orleans.....	0	3	0	7	—	10

Scoring

NO — Andersen 20 FG
 Atl — Thomas 51 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 NO — Martin 6 pass from Walsh (Andersen kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Saints
First Downs	9	19
Net Yardage	226	258
Rushing Yardage	59	85
Passing Yardage	167	173
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	31/18/0	37/22/1
Punts	8/45.5	7/46.1
Fumbles/Lost	5/1	2/0
Penalties	8/61	3/20
Sacks Allowed	4	1
Return Yds.	92	33
Time of Poss.	26:06	33:54

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 7-21, Rozier 5-6, Miller 4-27, Johnson 1-5
 Saints — Heyward 24-88, Mayers 6-1, Walsh 3-(-4)

Passing

Falcons — Miller 31-18-192-1td-0int-4sk
 Saints — Walsh 37-22-181-1td-1int-1sk

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 3-16, Collins 3-22, Dixon 1-7, Jones 2-12, Rison 3-49, Johnson 1-6, Thomas 1-51-1td, Broussard 3-25, Rozier 1-4
 Saints — Perriman 4-18, Heyward 5-35, Martin 4-45-1td, Mayes 2-14, Tice 4-43, Brenner 2-18, Turner 1-8

Game 12 (December 2)
Tampa Bay 23, Atlanta 17
 Tampa Stadium (42,839)

Atlanta dominated the stat sheet once again, but ended up behind on the scoreboard for the 17th consecutive time on the road. The Falcons, who led the Buccaneers in possession time, yards rushing, first downs and plays run, seemed to be on the right track as they led at the end of the first due to RB Tracy Johnson's three yard touchdown run. The Bucs would score three times in the second quarter with an 89 yard touchdown toss from Vinny Testaverde to WR Willie Drewrey and two FG's by K Steve Christie of 39 and 44 yards. The Falcons lost QB Chris Miller for the season with a broken collarbone in the third quarter. Atlanta opened up the final stanza with a nine yard touchdown run by RB Mike Rozier, who totaled 115 yards on 23 carries for the day. Christie gave the Bucs back the lead with a 21 yard FG with 10:03 remaining. Both teams exchanged the lead once again as K Greg Davis answered from 46 yards out with under five minutes to play. The Buccaneers rose to the challenge as Vinny Testaverde took the Bucs 74 yards in 10 plays, hitting WR Mark Carrier with a 35 yard touchdown pass with :39 left to hand the Bucs the win.

ATLANTA.....	7	0	0	10	—	17
Tampa Bay.....	0	13	0	10	—	23

Scoring

Atl — Johnson 3 run (Davis kick)
 TB — Drewrey 89 pass from Testaverde (Christie kick)
 TB — Christie 39 FG
 TB — Christie 44 FG
 Atl — Rozier 9 run (Davis kick)
 TD — Christie 21 FG
 Atl — Davis 46 FG
 TB — Carrier 35 pass from Testaverde (Christie kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Bucs
First Downs	23	16
Net Yardage	374	373
Rushing Yardage	222	42
Passing Yardage	152	331
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	22/11/3	33/17/1
Punts	3/40.3	3/38.3
Fumbles/Lost	3/0	3/2
Penalties	8/48	2/20
Sacks Allowed	1	3
Return Yds.	79	140
Time of Poss.	38:55	21:05

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 23-115-1td, Johnson 9-33-1td, Jones 6-41, Settle 3-7, Miller 2-26
 Bucs — Anderson 5-20, Cobb 2-6, Testaverde 4-16

Passing

Falcons — Miller 13-4-66-0td-3int-1sk, Campbell 9-7-93-0td-0int-0sk
 Bucs — Testaverde 33-17-351-2td-1int-3sk

Receiving

Falcons — Wilkins 1-22, Collins 3-56, Dixon 1-7, Rison 3-32, Milling 1-8, Haynes 1-12, Thomas 1-22
 Bucs — Drewrey 2-119-1td, Hill 4-43, Pillow 1-6, Anderson 1-11, Cobb 4-34, Hall 3-51, J. Anderson 1-52, Carrier 1-35-1td

Game 13 (December 9)
Phoenix 24, Atlanta 13
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (36,222)

It was another game of early leads and late disappointments as the Falcons jumped out to a 3-0 advantage after recovering a fumble on the Phoenix 48. The birds took their next possession down to the Cardinals 35 before being sacked and taken out of field goal range. The Cardinals countered as QB Timm Rosenbach avoided a sack and lofted a 45 yard touchdown pass to WR Ricky Proehl. Atlanta seemed to have a trick up their sleeve though as RB Keith Jones took a sweep, stopped, and passed 37 yards to WR Andre Rison. It set up TE Gary Wilkins' 20 yard touchdown pass from QB Scott Campbell. The Falcons came out cold in the second half, but only trailed 17-13 with 9:30 left. On the go-ahead drive, Campbell's pass was picked off by the DB Marcus Turner and returned 47 yards for a touchdown to break the Falcons back.

ATLANTA.....	3	7	0	3	—	13
Phoenix.....	0	10	7	7	—	24

Scoring

Atl — Davis 42 FG
 Phx — Proehl 45 pass from Rosenbach (Del Greco kick)
 Atl — Wilkins 20 pass from Campbell (Davis kick)
 Phx — Del Greco 37 FG
 Phx — Thompson 1 run (Del Greco kick)
 Atl — Davis 24 FG
 Phx — Turner 47 int. return (Del Greco kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Cardinals
First Downs	15	20
Net Yardage	318	361
Rushing Yardage	96	152
Passing Yardage	222	209
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	31/14/3	29/15/1
Punts	4/40.3	4/36.3
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	1/1
Penalties	12/104	7/70
Sacks Allowed	3	2
Return Yds.	110	182
Time of Poss.	26:56	33:04

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 10-54, Campbell 5-31, Jones 3-12, Broussard 3(-1)
 Cardinals — Thompson 26-96-1td, Rosenbach 8-38, Jones 1-15, Flagler 2-3

Passing

Falcons — Campbell 30-13-198-1td-3int-3sk, Jones 1-1-37
 Cardinals — Rosenbach 29-15-227-1td-1int-2sk

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 3-65, Haynes 3-59, Wilkins 3-59-1td, Thomas 2-14, Dixon 1-22, Collins 1-7, Jones 1-9
 Cardinals — Proehl 6-102-1td, Green 3-36, Jones 3-71, Thompson 1-5, Reeves 1-9, Flagler 1-4

Game 14 (December 16)
Cleveland 13, Atlanta 10
 Cleveland Stadium (46,536)

The Falcons were the first to put points on the scoreboard, thanks to a Greg Davis 30 yard FG. RB Kevin Mack took it over from five yards out with 1:56 remaining and Jerry Kauric added a 23 yard FG just before the gun sounded to end the half. Kauric ended the Browns scoring for the day as he hit a 41 yard FG midway through the third quarter. The Falcons got inside the Browns' 30 three times, but the offense could not muster any points even when QB Hugh Millen replaced starter Scott Campbell to begin the second half. Atlanta was sacked eight times for minus 30 yards. The birds did manage to find the end zone as time expired, but it was too little too late.

ATLANTA.....	0	3	0	7	—	10
Cleveland.....	0	10	3	0	—	13

Scoring

Atl — Davis 30 FG
 Cle — Mack 5 run (Kauric kick)
 Cle — Kauric 23 FG
 Cle — Kauric 41 FG
 Atl — Dixon 11 pass from Millen (Davis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Browns
First Downs	16	20
Net Yardage	285	348
Rushing Yardage	81	142
Passing Yardage	204	206
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	36/14/0	37/22/1
Punts	7/36.6	5/34.4
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Penalties	6/37	11/90
Sacks Allowed	8	2
Return Yds.	44	56
Time of Poss.	26:23	33:37

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 11-31, Jones 3-10, Johnson 4-23, Pringle 1-9, Campbell 1-8
 Browns — Mack 13-80-1td, Metcalf 9-51, Kosar 1-4, Gainer 4-7

Passing

Falcons — Campbell 9-3-41-0td-0int-3sk, Millen 27-11-168-1td-0int-5sk
 Browns — Kosar 37-22-217-0td-1int-0-2sk

Receiving

Falcons — Thomas 5-62, Haynes 1-11, Collins 1-25, Rison 6-100, Dixon 1-11
 Browns — Slaughter 3-30, Newsome 4-34, Metcalf 4-28, Brennan 2-17, Galbraith 1-2, Mack 2-17, Langhorne 5-70, Gainer 1-19

Game 15 (December 23)
Atlanta 20, Los Angeles 13
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (30,021)

On the third play of the game, S Scott Case picked off a Jim Everett pass and went 36 yards for a touchdown and the Falcons never looked back as they snapped a six-game losing streak to their division rivals. QB Hugh Millen kept the fireworks going as he hit WR George Thomas for 51 yards on the Falcons first offensive play to set up a Greg Davis 21 yard FG and a 10-0 lead. In the closing minutes of the first quarter, the Falcons lost the ball at their own 11 yard line when linebacker Mike Wilcher recovered a Tracy Johnson fumble. RB Cleveland Gary scored two plays later from seven yards out to cut into the margin. Deion Sanders returned a kickoff 50 yards to set up an eventual Mike Rozier 11 yard touchdown to give Atlanta a 17-7 lead. Davis ended the scoring for the Falcons as he hit a 23 yarder to make it 20-10 at half. The Rams got a 25 yard FG in the third quarter, cutting the score to 20-13, but the Black Wave defense stiffened and pulled out the victory. The Falcons sacked Everett twice, had 22 QB pressures, and forced him to misfire 27 times (13-40). Rozier gained 102 yards on 21 carries.

ATLANTA.....	10	10	0	0	—	20
LA Rams.....	7	3	3	0	—	13

Scoring

Atl — Case 36 int. return (Davis kick)
 Atl — Davis 21 FG
 Rams — Gary 7 run (Lansford kick)
 Atl — Rozier 11 run (Davis kick)
 Rams — Lansford 19 FG
 Atl — Davis 23 FG
 Rams — Lansford 25 FG

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Rams
First Downs	16	18
Net Yardage	281	228
Rushing Yardage	111	73
Passing Yardage	170	155
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	21/13/0	40/13/2
Punts	5/42.4	4/41.3
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	0/0
Penalties	10/107	3/15
Sacks Allowed	2	2
Return Yds.	167	67
Time of Poss.	31:27	28:33

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 21-102-1td, Jones 5-9, Johnson 4-9, Millen 4-(-9)
 Rams — Gary 14-39-1td, Green 6-13, McGee 4-12, Ellard 1-8, Delpino 1-1

Passing

Falcons — Millen 21-13-178-0td-0int-2sk
 Rams — Everett 40-130-171-0td-2int-2sk

Receiving

Falcons — Thomas 5-97, Haynes 3-32, Collins 2-33, Wilkins 1-9, Dixon 1-5, Rozier 1-2
 Rams — Ellard 5-75, McGee 3-17, Anderson 2-58, Holohan 2-12, Cox 1-9

Game 16 (December 30)
Atlanta 26, Dallas 7
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (50,097)

The Falcons rounded out their season by thwarting the chances of the final wild card playoff spot for the Cowboys and by winning 2 consecutive games for the 1st time since 1988. Throughout the game, the aggressive Black Wave defense continued its trend of putting pressure on the QB as it wound up with 13 QB pressures and 3 QB sacks. Before the end of a scoreless 1st quarter, S Brian Jordan picked off a Babe Laufenberg pass and took it down to the Cowboys 41. But Greg Davis' attempted 44 yard field goal sailed wide right. The Falcons were able to put together a 14 play, 79 yard drive at the end of the 2nd when RB Tracy Johnson went in from 1 yard out for a 7-0 halftime lead. The 2nd half saw the Falcons come off swinging as Keith Jones returned the opening kickoff 76 yards for a touchdown (7th longest in team history), which deflated the Cowboys fading Playoff hopes. The next Falcon possession saw RB Mike Rozier hit a gaping hole in the Dallas defense and go a club-record 67 yards before being pushed out at the Cowboys one. The Dallas defense held though, and kept the Falcons out of the endzone on 4 plays. The next play DE Tim Green tackled RB Emmitt Smith in the endzone for a safety. Atlanta started a ball controlled drive going 79 yards in 19 plays down to Dallas' 6 before Davis added a FG 5 minutes into the final period for a 19-0 lead. CB Deion Sanders intercepted a Laufenberg pass and returned it 61 yards for the Falcons final score early in the last period.

ATLANTA.....	0	7	9	10	—	26
Dallas.....	0	0	0	0	—	7

Scoring

Atl — Johnson 1 run (Davis kick)
 Atl — Jones 76 KO return (Davis kick)
 Atl — Safety by Falcons
 Atl — Davis 23 FG
 Atl — Sanders 61 int. return (Davis kick)
 Dal — Novacek 27 pass from Laufenberg (Willis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	16	8
Net Yardage	243	151
Rushing Yardage	184	47
Passing Yardage	59	104
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	15/10/0	24/10/2
Punts	3/45.0	6/40.8
Fumbles/Lost	4/3	2/0
Penalties	6/30	4/35
Sacks Allowed	4	3
Return Yds.	184	66
Time of Poss.	37:02	22:58

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 21-155, Jones 7-11, Broussard 7-11, Settle 5-8, Johnson 3-12-1td, Pringle 1-0, Millen 2-(-3)
 Cowboys — Smith 16-34, Laufenberg 2-6, Johnston 1-4

Passing

Falcons — Millen 15-10-81-0td-0int-4sk
 Cowboys — Laufenberg 24-10-129-1td-2int-3sk

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 5-49, Haynes 2-8, Jones 1-6, Dixon 1-16
 Cowboys — Martin 6-76, Agee 1-5, Novacek 1-27-1td, Irvin 1-16, Smith 1-5

CLUB RECORDS



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Team Records

Total Games Played: 368

Regular Season Record: 134-229-5 (25 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)

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)

47 vs. Oilers (27)

Sept. 9, 1990 (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)

21 vs. Houston

Sept. 9, 1990 (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)

80 Falcons (35) vs. 49ers (45)
Oct. 14, 1990 (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

- 11 Atlanta (5) vs. 49ers (6)
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)
- 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
- 168 in 1990
- 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
3,461 in 1990
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
807 Atlanta (365) vs San Francisco (442)
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)
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
528 in 1990
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 Seven times — Most recent
vs San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990

Most TD Passes, Both Teams, Game
10 Atlanta (4) vs San Francisco (6)
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)
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 Five Times, Most Recent
 Oct. 28, 1990 vs Cincinnati (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, 1990)
 (Last time - Jones vs Dallas
 Dec. 30, 1990)

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.)
- 125 in 1990 (1,004 yds.)

Most Penalties, Game

- 17 vs San Francisco
Nov. 5, 1978 (A)
- 16 vs Cleveland
Nov. 8, 1987 (A)
- 16 vs Houston
Sept. 9, 1990 (H)

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)

OWNERS VOTE TO EXPAND NFL

At the May, 1991, Owners Meeting in Minneapolis, NFL owners voted to add two expansion teams for play in 1994, with realignment of the six divisions to be considered as well. An owners expansion committee, including Rankin Smith, will review the potential cities and owners and compile a list to present at the March, '92 NFL Meetings. By fall of '92, the two teams will be voted on unless the labor-management issues constitute an impediment. The NFL has not expanded since 1976 when Tampa Bay and Seattle were added as the 27th and 28th teams.

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 Green Bay,
Nov. 22, 1971 (H)
7 vs. Green Bay,
Nov. 22, 1974 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season
66 in 1982

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game
1 vs. L.A. Rams,
Sept. 18, 1977 (H)
1 vs. Dallas,
Dec. 30, 1990 (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 Rushing Per Attempt, Season
3.3 in 1990

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Season
1,044 in 1982
1,357 in 1990
1,630 in 1980

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Game
29 vs. Houston,
Sept. 9, 1990 (H) (12 Att.)

Fewest Rushing, Attempts, Game
11 vs. Detroit,
Sept. 18, 1983 (34 yards)
11 vs. Tampa Bay,
Dec. 2, 1990 (42 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

79 Atlanta (29) vs San Francisco (50)
Oct. 14, 1990 (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)
14 vs San Francisco
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)

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 Three times, Last Time vs Pittsburgh
Nov. 4, 1990 (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

FALCONS COACHING FELLOWSHIP

This summer, former Falcons player Rick Byas, will be working with the team's coaching staff through the Minority Fellowship Program to help develop future NFL coaches.

Byas, currently a coach on the Wayne State (Mich) staff, was a defensive back with the Falcons from 1974-1980 and an excellent special teams performer. The 40-year old was a member of the Falcons' 1980 NFC West champion team and the first Playoff squad in 1978.

Last year's Fellowship nominee, Ollie Wilson, was hired full-time by Glanville this year to tutor the running backs.

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:	442 by San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990 (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 San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990 (H) 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-
- 236 Greg Davis, 1987-90
- 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
- 106 Greg Davis, 1990
- 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)
- 17 Greg Davis vs Houston
9-9-90 (Home)
- 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
- 10 Andre Rison, 1990
- 9 Eddie Ray, 1973
- 9 Gerald Riggs, 1986

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
 51 Greg Davis, 1987-90
 45 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most FG's Attempted, Career

164 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
 104 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
 78 Greg Davis, 1987-90
 68 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most FG's Made, Season

26 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
 24 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
 22 Greg Davis, 1990
 21 Mick Luckhurst, 1981

Most FG's Attempted, Season

38 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
 33 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
 33 Greg Davis, 1990
 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)
 5 Greg Davis vs Steelers, 11-4-90
 (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
 .654 Greg Davis, 1987-90
 .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
 1,801 John Settle, 1987-90
 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, 1979-74
 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
- 4.413 John Settle, 1988
- 4.411 Mike Rozier, 1990
- 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
- 8,879 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 8,489 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 5,538 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 4,275 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Yards Gained Passing, Season

- 3,830 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 3,544 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 3,459 Chris Miller, 1989
- 3,167 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 2,735 Chris Miller, 1990
- 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
- 1,357 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 1,049 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 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
- 388 Chris Miller, 1990
- 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.)
- 49 Chris Miller vs Chicago
11-11-90 (28 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 (24 comp.)
- 44 Chris Miller vs. Saints
10-7-90 (23 comp.)

Most Passes Completed, Career

- 1,870 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 725 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 598 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 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
- 222 Chris Miller, 1990
- 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.)
- 28 Chris Miller vs Bears
11-11-90 (49 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) 11/9-16/69

Highest Completion Percentage, Career

- 57.0 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 56.2 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 53.4 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
- 71.1 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 67.7 Bob Lee, 1973-74
- 64.6 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 62.9 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Best QB Rating, Season (Min. 100 Att.)

- 106.7 Bob Berry, 1969
- 97.6 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 92.8 Steve Bartkowski, 1985
- 89.7 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
- 88.0 Steve Bartkowski, 1980

Most TD Passes, Career

- 154 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
- 57 Bob Berry, 1968-72
- 45 Chris Miller, 1987-
- 34 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
- 18 Dave Archer, 1984-

Most TD Passes, Season

- 31 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
- 30 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
- 22 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
- 17 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
- 17 Chris Miller, 1990
- 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
- 13 Chris Miller, 1989-90
- 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

- 3.31 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

- 169 Floyd Dixon, 1986-
- 166 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 152 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most Passes Caught, Season

- 82 Andre Rison, 1990
- 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

Most Passes Caught (3 Week Period)

- 30 Andre Rison (11, Sept. 23;
10 Oct. 7; 9 Oct. 14, 1990)

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.)
- 11 Andre Rison vs 49ers
9-23-90 (128 yards)
- 10 Wallace Francis vs Rams
12-9-79 (108 yds.)
- 10 John Settle vs Chargers
11-13-88 (106 yds.)
- 10 Andre Rison vs Saints
10-7-90 (154 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
- 2,341 Floyd Dixon, 1986-
- 2,062 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
- 1,433 Charlie Brown, 1985-87
- 1,384 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Season

- 1,358 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
- 1,208 Andre Rison, 1990
- 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 100 Yard Receiving Games, Season

- 5 Andre Rison, 1990

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
- 10 Andre Rison, 1990
- 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
- 1,576 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 1,239 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
- 1,147 Willie Belton, 1971-73
- 1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-86
- 1,011 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
- 793 Dave Hampton, 1972-75
- 685 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80

Most Yards On Returns, Season

- 1,143 Reggie Smith, 1981

- 1,013 Ron Smith, 1966
- 976 Ron Smith, 1967
- 851 Deion Sanders, 1990
- 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
- 74 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 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
- 39 Deion Sanders, 1990
- 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

- 557 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 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
- 9.77 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 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
- 57 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 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

- 2 Deion Sanders, 1989, 1990
- 1 Tom McCauley, 1970
John Mallory, 1970
Gerald Tinker, 1974
Billy Johnson, 1983

Longest Punt Returns

- 79t Deion Sanders vs Cincinnati
10-28-90 (Home)
- 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
- 2,133 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 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
- 1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-86

Most Combined Return Yards, Season

- 1,242 Reggie Smith, 1981
- 1,101 Deion Sanders, 1990
- 1,093 Ron Smith, 1966
- 1,068 Ron Smith, 1967
- 1,032 Deion Sanders, 1989
- 897 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
- 869 Willie Belton, 1971

Most Combined Returns, Career

- 139 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
- 131 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 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, 1990

63 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
- 41.5 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 Giacommaro, 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
- 27 Bobby Butler, 1981-
- 24 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
- 229 Scott Case, 1984-89
- 227 Bobby Butler, 1981-
- 205 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 203 Rick Byas, 1974-80
- 197 Tom Hayes, 1971-75
- 186 Al Richardson, 1980-85
- 182 Tommy Nobis, 1966-76

Most Yards Interception Returns, Season

- 221 Tom Pridemore, 1981
- 164 Ray Brown, 1974
- 163 Rolland Lawrence, 1975
- 153 Ken Reaves, 1967
- 153 Deion Sanders, 1990
- 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 Deion Sanders, 1989-
- 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
- Deion Sanders, 1990

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)
- 13 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)
- 10 Bobby Butler (1981-present)

Most Games Played

- 246 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
- 189 Mike Kenn (1978-present)
- 155 Jim Mitchell (1969-1979)
- 155 Greg Brezina (1968-79)
- 148 John James (1972-81)
- 139 Bobby Butler (1981-present)
- 133 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
- 127 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, 76-78)
- 123 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
- 123 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)

Most Games Started

- 225 Jeff Van Note
- 189 Mike Kenn
- 133 Tommy Nobis
- 127 Claude Humphrey

Most Consecutive Games Played

- 155 Jeff Van Note (1976-86)
- 112 Ken Reaves (1966-73)
- 107 Buddy Curry (1980-87)

- 100 Steve Bartkowski (Week 8, 1977-Week 10, 1984)

Most Consecutive Games Started

- 112 Jeff Van Note (1970-84)
- 100 Steve Bartkowski (Week 8, 1977-Week 10, 1984)
- 90 Mike Kenn (1978-Week 2, 1984)
- 86 Jim Mitchell (Week 5, 1971-Week 6, 1977)
- 79 Buddy Curry (1980-Week 6, 1985)
- 78 Tom Pridemore (Week 12, 1979-1984)

Most Pro Bowl Appearances

- 6 Claude Humphrey (1970, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77)
- 6 Jeff Van Note (1974, 75, 79, 80, 81, 82)
- 5 Tommy Nobis (1966, 67, 68, 70, 72)
- 5 Mike Kenn (1980, 81, 82, 83, 84)
- 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)

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

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

- 14 Steve Bartkowski
(Week 7, 1980 - Week 4, 1981)

Most Consecutive Games With TD Catch

- 3 Five Times. Last by
Andre Rison, 1990

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

- 4 Andre Rison, 1990
(Sept. 23 11-128, Oct. 7, 10-154,
Oct. 14, 9-172, Oct. 21, 5-161)
- 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 in '87, Jim Hanifan and Rod Dowhower, were both St. Louis assistants at that time, meaning they've seen two of the three historical achievements. Stamps return was 97 yards, third longest in Falcon history. Cribbs followed with a 92-yard return.

THE LAST TIME...

Punt Returned for Touchdown

By Falcons: Oct. 28, 1990, Deion Sanders vs. Bengals, 79 yards, Lee Johnson punted
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 22, 1987, Leo Lewis, Vikings, 78 yds., Rick Donnelly punted

Kickoff Returned for Touchdown

By Falcons: Dec. 30, 1990, Keith Jones vs. Cowboys, 76 yards, Mitch Willis KO
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 20, 1987, Joe Cribbs, 49ers, 92 yds., Mick Luckhurst KO

Pass Interception for Touchdown

By Falcons: Dec. 30, 1990, Deion Sanders vs. Cowboys, 61 yards, Babe Laufenberg passed
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 23, 1988, Carl Banks, Giants, 15 yds., Hugh Millen passed

Punt Was Blocked

By Falcons: Dec. 16, 1990, Mike Pringle vs. Browns, Bryan Wagner Punted
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 19, 1989, Brian Forde, Saints, out of endzone, Scott Fuhage punted

Field Goal was Blocked

By Falcons: Dec. 23, 1990, Mike Gann vs. Rams, Mike Lansford att. 19-yard FG
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 11, 1988, Alvin Wright, Rams, Greg Davis attempted 34 yd. FG

Fumble Returned for Touchdown

By Falcons: Sept. 9, 1990, Jessie Tuggle vs. Oilers, 65t, Warren Moon 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: Nov. 11, 1990, Kevin Butler, Bears

Safety Scored

By Falcons: Dec. 30, 1990, Tim Green tackled Emmitt Smith (Cowboys) in endzone
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 23, 1990, Chris Miller vs. S.F. stepped 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. 21, 1990, Chris Miller vs. Rams, (14-24-170 yds.)
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 18, 1990, Randall Cunningham, Eagles, (16-27-214 yds.)

Four Touchdown Passes

By Falcons: Oct. 18, 1981, Steve Bartkowski vs. Cardinals (18-32-288 yds.)
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 9, 1990, Warren Moon, Oilers, (31-52-397 yds.)

Six Touchdown Passes

By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 14, 1990, Joe Montana, 49ers, (32-49-476 yds.)

300 Yards Passing

By Falcons: Oct. 7, 1990, Chris Miller vs. Saints, 366 yards (23-44)
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 2, 1990, Vinny Testaverde, Buccaneers, 352 yards (17-33)

400 Yards Passing

By Falcons: Nov. 15, 1981, Steve Bartkowski vs. Steelers, 416 yds. (33-50)
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 14, 1990, Joe Montana, 49ers, 476 yards (32-49)

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: Sept. 9, 1990, Greg Davis vs. Oilers
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 8, 1989, Mike Lansford, 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

Five Touchdown Receptions

By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 14, 1990, Jerry Rice, 49ers, (13-225)

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: Oct. 14, 1990, Jerry Rice, 49ers, 225

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)
- 155 — MIKE ROZIER vs. Dallas, Dec. 30, 1990, 21 attempts
- 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)
- 115 — MIKE ROZIER vs. Tampa Bay, Dec. 2, 1990, 23 attempts
- 114 — Jim Butler vs. New Orleans, Oct. 24, 1971, 20 attempts (AS)
- 113 — Gerald Riggs vs. Houston, Oct. 25, 1987, 21 attempts
- 112 — Gerald Riggs vs. Cincinnati, Nov. 15, 1987, 23 attempts (AS)
- 112 — Haskel Stanback vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 24, 1978, 23 attempts
- 111 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 26, 1980, 20 attempts (AS)
- 111 — William Andrews vs. Washington, Nov. 30, 1980, 24 attempts (AS)
- 110 — Gerald Riggs vs. Chicago, Nov. 24, 1985, 30 attempts
- 109 — Gerald Riggs vs. Dallas, Sept. 21, 1986, 25 attempts
- 108 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Dec. 19, 1982, 24 attempts

- 108 — Gerald Riggs vs. St. Louis, Sept. 14, 1986, 29 attempts (AS)
- 107 — Sonny Collins vs. San Francisco, Nov. 14, 1976, 31 attempts
- 106 — Dave Hampton vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 26 attempts (AS)
- 105 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980, 18 attempts (AS)
- 104 — Bubba Bean vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 19, 1979, 17 attempts
- 104 — Cliff Austin vs. New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1986, 27 attempts
- 103 — Art Malone vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 1, 1972, 18 attempts (AS)
- 102 — Lynn Cain vs. Detroit, Oct. 5, 1980, 21 attempts (AS)
- 102 — John Settle vs. New Orleans, Sept. 11, 1988, 10 attempts (AS)
- 102 — MIKE ROZIER vs. Rams, Dec. 23, 1990, 21 attempts
- 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
- 172 — ANDRE RISON vs. San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990, 9 receptions (AS)
- 169 — Stacey Bailey vs. Dallas, Sept. 25, 1988, 4 receptions
- 161 — ANDRE RISON vs. Los Angeles Rams, Oct. 21, 1990, 5 receptions
- 159 — Stacey Bailey vs. Washington, Dec. 4, 1983, 9 receptions
- 158 — Stacey Bailey vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984, 7 receptions
- 154 — ANDRE RISON vs. New Orleans, Oct. 7, 1990, 10 receptions (AS)
- 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)
- 128 — ANDRE RISON vs. San Francisco, Sept. 23, 1990, 11 receptions
- 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
- 100 — ANDRE RISON vs. Cleveland, Dec. 16, 1990, 6 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
- 366 — CHRIS MILLER vs. New Orleans, Oct. 7, 1990, 23 of 44 (AS)
- 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
- 337 — CHRIS MILLER vs. San Francisco, Sept. 23, 1990, 25 of 41
- 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)

DOME OPENER

Unless plans change, the Falcons will be making their debut in the Georgia Dome in the third preseason weekend next summer. Tentative schedules call for the Philadelphia Eagles and Falcons to play on August 22 (Saturday night) in the inaugural event in the downtown Dome. The Eagles were also the first team the Falcons played back in the inaugural '66 season at Atlanta Stadium.

Longest Falcon Plays

Long Runs from Scrimmage (50 yards or more)

- 67 — MIKE ROZIER vs. Dallas, Dec. 30, 1990 (AS)
- 166 — 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)
- 160 — Jim Butler vs. Detroit, Dec. 8, 1968 (AS)
- 160 — Bubba Bean vs. Tampa Bay, Nov. 4, 1979 (AS)
- 57 — Gerald Riggs vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1984
- 56 — Dave Hampton vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
- 155 — Haskel Stanback vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
- 50 — Gerald Riggs vs. Kansas City, Dec. 8, 1985
- 150 — STEVE BROUSSARD vs. Cincinnati, Oct. 28, 1990 (AS)

Long Pass Completions (75 yards or more)

- 188 — Bob Berry to Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
- 186 — Steve Bartkowski to William Andrews vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982
- 84 — Bob Berry to Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971
- 182 — Randy Johnson to Ray Ogden vs. San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1967 (AS)
- 181 — Steve Bartkowski to Wallace Francis vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980 (AS)
- 176 — Steve Bartkowski to Floyd Hodge vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1983
- 175 — Tom Moore to Tommy McDonald vs. Baltimore, Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)
- 175 — CHRIS MILLER to ANDRE RISON vs. San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990 (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
- 53 — Greg Davis vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 18, 1990 (AS)
- 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)

- 1101 — Tom Pridemore vs. San Francisco, Sept. 20, 1981
- 190 — Ken Reaves vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 20, 1968
- 187 — Rolland Lawrence vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
- 182 — DEION SANDERS vs. Houston, Sept. 9, 1990
- 181 — Rolland Lawrence vs. San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973
- 177 — Lee Calland vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
- 173 — Jimmy Burson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 15, 1968 (AS)
- 172 — Rick Byas vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977

- t65 — Tom Hayes vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
- t62 — Bob Riddle vs. Minnesota, Dec. 4, 1966
- t61 — DEION SANDERS vs. Dallas, Dec. 30, 1990

Long Punt Returns (50 yards or more)

- t79 — DEION SANDERS vs. Cincinnati, Oct. 28, 1990 (AS)
- 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
- t76 — KEITH JONES vs. Dallas, Dec. 30, 1990 (AS)
- 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
- 50 — DEION SANDERS vs. Los Angeles Rams, Dec. 23, 1990 (AS)

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
- t65 — JESSIE TUGGLE vs. Houston, Sept. 9, 1990 (AS)
- 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)

ENGLAND'S "PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR"

England's **First Down** Magazine's readers voted Falcons Head Coach Jerry Glanville their 1990 NFL Personality of the Year. Richard Davis of the Magazine noted that "Coach Glanville was the near unanimous winner, far ahead of runner-up John Madden (CBS-TV), Ray Bentley (the Bills face-painting LB) and announcer Mick Luckhurst (Channel 4 host of NFL games).

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
1990	Greg Davis	0	40	40	22	33	106

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
1990	Chris Miller	388	222	57.2	2,735	17	14

RUSHING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Junior Coffey	199	722	3.6	37	4
1967	Junior Coffey	180	722	4.0	20t	4
1968	Jim Butler	94	365	3.9	60t	2
1969	Jim Butler	163	655	4.0	39	3
1970	Jim Butler	166	636	3.8	33	0
1971	Jim Butler	186	594	3.2	19	2
1972	Dave Hampton	230	995	4.3	56t	6
1973	Dave Hampton	263	997	3.8	25	3
1974	Dave Hampton	127	464	3.7	34	2
1975	Dave Hampton	250	1,002	4.0	22	5
1976	Bubba Bean	124	428	3.5	30	2
1977	Haskel Stanback	247	873	3.4	35	6
1978	Bubba Bean	193	707	3.7	25	3
1979	William Andrews	239	1,023	4.3	23	2
1980	William Andrews	265	1,308	4.9	33	4
1981	William Andrews	289	1,301	4.5	29	10
1982	William Andrews	139	573	4.1	19t	5
1983	William Andrews	331	1,567	4.7	27	7
1984	Gerald Riggs	353	1,486	4.2	57	13
1985	Gerald Riggs	297	1,719	4.3	50	10
1986	Gerald Riggs	343	1,327	3.9	31	9
1987	Gerald Riggs	203	875	4.3	44	2
1988	John Settle	232	1,024	4.4	62	7
1989	John Settle	179	689	3.8	20	3
1990	Mike Rozier	153	675	4.4	67	4

RECEIVING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Alex Hawkins	44	661	15.0	42	2
1967	Tommy McDonald	33	436	13.2	75	4
1968	Jerry Simmons	28	479	17.1	61	0
1969	Paul Flatley	45	834	18.5	71	6
1970	Jim Mitchell	44	650	14.8	51	6
1971	Art Malone	34	380	11.2	46	2
1972	Art Malone	50	585	11.7	57	2
1973	Jim Mitchell	32	420	13.1	50	0
1974	Ken Burrow	34	545	16.0	48	1
1975	Alfred Jenkins	38	767	20.2	68	6
1976	Alfred Jenkins	41	710	17.3	34	6
1977	Alfred Jenkins	39	677	17.4	73	4
1978	Wallace Francis	45	695	15.4	54	3
1978	Billy Ryckman	45	679	15.1	59	2
1979	Wallace Francis	74	1,013	13.7	42	8
1980	Alfred Jenkins	57	1,025	18.0	57	6
1981	William Andrews	81	736	9.1	70	2
1982	William Andrews	42	503	12.0	86t	2
1983	Billy Johnson	64	709	11.1	47t	4
1984	Stacey Bailey	67	1,138	17.0	61	6
1985	Billy Johnson	62	830	13.4	62t	5
1986	Charlie Brown	63	918	14.6	42	4
1987	Floyd Dixon	36	600	16.7	51t	5
1988	John Settle	68	570	8.4	27	1
1989	Shawn Collins	58	862	14.9	47	3
1990	Andre Rison	82	1,208	14.7	75t	10

INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Jerry Richardson	5	68	13.6	20	0

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1967	Ken Reaves	7	153	21.9	42	0
1968	Jim Burson	4	100	25.0	73t	1
1969	Rudy Redmond	5	50	10.0	32	0
1970	Ken Reaves	6	44	7.3	28	0
1971	Ken Reaves	6	43	7.2	31	0
1972	Tom Hayes	5	10	2.0	8	0
1973	Ray Brown	6	99	16.5	24	0
1974	Ray Brown	8	164	20.5	59t	1
1975	Rolland Lawrence	9	163	18.1	87t	1
1976	Rolland Lawrence	6	43	7.2	22	0
1977	Rolland Lawrence	7	138	19.7	36	0
1978	Rolland Lawrence	6	76	12.7	44	0
1979	Rolland Lawrence	6	120	20.0	38	0
1980	Al Richardson	7	139	19.9	52	0
1981	Tom Pridemore	7	221	31.6	101t	1
1982	Kenny Johnson	2	30	15.0	30	0
	Fulton Kuykendall	2	22	11.0	22	0
	Bobby Butler	2	0	0.0	0	0
1983	Tom Pridemore	4	56	14.0	25	0
	Bobby Butler	4	12	3.0	12	0
1984	Kenny Johnson	5	75	15.0	28	0
1985	Bobby Butler	5	- 4	- 0.8	0	0
1986	Bret Clark	5	94	18.8	34	0
1987	Bobby Butler	4	48	12.0	31	0
1988	Scott Case	10	47	4.7	12	0
1989	Deion Sanders	5	52	10.4	22	0
1990	Deion Sanders	3	153	51.0	61t	2

(5 players each had three interceptions)

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
1990	Scott Fulhage	70	2,913	41.6	59	0

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
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
1990	Deion Sanders	29	250	8.6	79t	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
1990	Deion Sanders	39	851	21.8	50	0

Falcons in Overtime

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- 1986: **Atlanta 23, Tampa Bay 20** - Mick Luckhurst's 34-yard FG as time expires set up his game-winning 34-yard kick with 6:29 elapsed.

Atlanta 10, San Francisco 10 - Sylvester Stamps races 39 yards with an Archer pass to tie the game with 1:27 remaining. Neither team is able to score, creating the first OT tie in Falcon history.

- 1985: **Philadelphia 23, Atlanta 17** - Mick Quick catches 99-yard TD from Ron Jaworski.

- 1984: **Detroit 27, Atlanta 24** - Eddie Murray kicks 48-yard field goal after Lions win toss.

- 1983: **Atlanta 47, Green Bay 41** - Kenny Johnson intercepts Lynn Dickey and returns pass 31 yards for winning score.

New York Giants 16, Atlanta 13 - Ali Haji-Sheikh kicks 30-yard field goal.

- 1981: **New York Giants 27, Atlanta 24** - Joe Danelo kicks 40-yard field goal after Falcons fumble on first play of second possession.

- 1980: **Atlanta 33, St. Louis 27** - Ray Strong rambles 21 yards for TD 4:42 into overtime.

Los Angeles Rams 20, Atlanta 17 - Frank Carrol kicks 23-yard field goal after Bartkowski fumbles on sack.

- 1979: **Atlanta 40, New Orleans 34** - James Mayberry catches desperation pass by Saints' punter Russell Erxleben who had chased errant snap into end zone.

Denver 20, Atlanta 17 - Jim Turner kicks 24-yard field goal after Tim Mazzetti misses 31-yarder with :22 in regulation.

- 1975: **Oakland 37, Atlanta 34** - George Blanda kicks 36-yard field goal with just :02 left in overtime.

OVERTIME GAMES

In 1974, overtime was voted in by the NFL owners. The rules call for a coin toss, called by the visiting team, and a three-minute intermission. One 15-minute period is the maximum for regular season time with two time outs allotted each team.

Falcons Honors

Falcon Player of the Year

1966 Tommy Nobis, LB
 1967 Junior Coffey, RB
 1968 Tommy Nobis, LB
 1969 Jim Butler, RB
 1970 Jim Mitchell, TE
 1971 Don Hansen, LB
 1972 Dave Hampton, RB
 1973 Bob Lee, QB
 1974 Ray Brown, S
 1975 Dave Hampton, RB
 1976 Claude Humphrey, DE
 1977 Rolland Lawrence, DB
 1978 Greg Brezina, LB
 1979 Wallace Francis, WR
 1980 Steve Bartkowski, QB
 1981 William Andrews, RB
 1982 Fulton Kuykendall, LB
 1983 William Andrews, RB
 1984 Gerald Riggs, RB
 1985 Gerald Riggs, RB
 1986 Bill Fralic, OG
 1987 Bill Fralic, OG
 1988 John Settle, RB
 1989 Chris Miller, QB
 1990 Andre Rison, WR

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)
 1990 Andre Rison (AP, 1st team)

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)

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)
- 1990 Andre Rison (UPI, 1st 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 Reeves, DB
- 1970 Claude Humphrey, DE
George Kunz, OT (2)
Tommy Nobis, LB (4)
- 1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (2)
- 1972 Tommy Nobis, LB (5)
Jim Mitchell, TE (2)
Claude Humphrey, DE (3)
- 1973 John Zook, DE
Nick Mick-Mayer, K
George Kunz, OT (3)
Claude Humphrey, DE (4)

- 1974 Jeff Van Note, C
Claude Humphrey, DE (5)
- 1975 Jeff Van Note, C (2)
John James, P
- 1976 John James, P (2)
- 1977 John James, P (3)
Claude Humphrey, DE (6)
Rolland Lawrence, DB
- 1979 Jeff Van Note, C (3)
- 1980 Mike Kenn, OT
Steve Bartkowski, QB
Jeff Van Note, C (4)
Alfred Jenkins, WR
William Andrews, RB
Junior Miller, TE
- 1981 Mike Kenn, OT (2)
Steve Bartkowski, QB (2)
Jeff Van Note, C (5)
Alfred Jenkins, WR (2)
William Andrews, RB (2)
Junior Miller, TE (2)
R.C. Thielemann, OG
- 1982 Mike Kenn, OT (3)
R.C. Thielemann, OG (2)
Jeff Van Note, C (6)
William Andrews, RB (3)
- 1983 William Andrews, RB (4)
Billy Johnson, PR
Mike Kenn, T (4)
R.C. Thielemann, OG (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)
- 1990 Andre Rison, WR

All NFL Team of 80's
Bill Fralic (2nd team)

* Did not participate due to injury.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Broussard — BREW sard
Favre — farve, rhymes with carve
Fulhage — FULL haig
Goode — rhymes with food
Pegram — pea grum

Rade — RAY dee
Rison — RYE zun
Rozier — row zeer
Ruether — RUTH er

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
1990	49,357	54,692	52,024
Totals	45,218	53,240	49,156

Top Home Crowds

Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
60,022	Dallas	1-4-81	27-30
59,257	Minnesota	10-30-77	7-14

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	1990	5-3	0-8	5-11
1978	7-1	2-6	9-7	Totals	79-112-2	55-125-3	134-229-5

(Falcons are 1-3 in playoffs, 1-1 at home and 0-2 on the road)

Falcon Draft Choices

1966

- Tommy Nobis, lb (1) Texas
- Randy Johnson, qb (15) Texas A&I
- Nick Rassas, s Notre Dame
- Jerry Jones, t Bowling Green
- Mike Dennis, rb Mississippi
- Phil Sheridan, te Notre Dame
- Ken Reaves, cb Norfolk State
- Bill Asbury, rb Kent State
- Bill Wolski, rb Notre Dame
- Martin Kahn, t N. Texas State
- Charlie Casey, wr Florida
- Bill Johnson, rb Suwanee
- Bill Goss, lb Tulane
- Bob Sanders, c N. Texas State
- Mike Bender, g Arkansas
- Steve Sloan, qb Alabama
- Ken Hollister, t Indiana
- Bob Collins, t South Carolina
- Steve Ecker, p Shippensburg State
- Tommy Tolleson, wr Alabama
- Jim Vining, g Rice
- Lurley Archambeau, c Toledo
- Doug Korver, c State Col. of Iowa
- Walt Mainer, cb-s Xavier
- Bob Riggie, s Penn. State

1967

- Choice traded to San Francisco
- Leo Carroll, de (31) San Diego State
- Jimmy Jordan, rb Florida
- Choice traded to Cleveland
- Bill Delaney, te Amer. Internat'l.
- Randy Matson, de Texas A&M
(from San Francisco)
- Choice traded to Baltimore
- Gene Snipes, wr Elizabeth City
(from Los Angeles)
- Martine Bercher, cb-s Arkansas
(from Baltimore)
- Corey Colehour, qb North Dakota
- Choice traded to Washington
- Bob Moten, wr Bishop, Tex.
- Dick Schafroth, t Iowa
- John Walker, lb Jackson State
- Bill Gentry, lb North Carolina State
- Sandor 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 Staniel, rb Miss. Valley
- Jeff Van Note, c Kentucky
- Denver Samples, de Texas-El Paso
- Harry Carpenter, g Tennessee State
- Billy Hunt, cb-s Kansas
- Jim Weatherford, s Tennessee

16. Ed Hughes, rb Texas Southern
17. Paul Williams, wr California

1970

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

1971

1. Joe Profit, rb (7) N.E. Louisiana
2. Ken Burrow, wr San Diego State
3. Leo Hart, qb Duke
4. Mike Potchad, dt Pittsburg State
5. Ray Jarvis, wr Norfolk State
6. Tom Hayes, cb San Diego State
- Ray Brown, s West Texas State
(from N.Y. Giants)
7. Wes Chesson, wr Duke
8. Dennis Havig, g Colorado
9. Alvin Griffin, wr Tuskegee
10. Faddie Tillman, de Boise State
11. Larry Shears, cb-s Lincoln, Mo.
12. Ronny Lowe, wr Fort Valley State
13. Dan Crooks, cb-s Wisconsin

14. Deryl Comer, te Texas
15. Wallace Clark, rb Auburn
16. Lindsey James, rb-te San Diego St.
17. Willie Martin, rb Johnson C. Smith

1972

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

1973

1. Choice traded to Houston
2. Greg Marx, dt (39) Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to San Diego through Oakland
4. Thomas Geredine, wr N.E. Mo. State
5. Choice traded to Washington
6. Nick Bebout, t Wyoming
7. George Campbell, cb Iowa St.
8. Tom Reed, g Arkansas
9. Russ Ingram, c Tex. Tech
10. Nick Mike-Mayer, k Temple
11. Byron Buelow, db LaCrosse, Wis.
12. Mike Samples, dt Drake
13. Chris Stecher, t Claremont-Mudd
14. John Madeya, qb Louisville
15. Tom Gage, db Lamar Tech
16. Rufus Ferguson, rb Wisconsin
17. Jim Hodge, wr Arkansas

1974

1. Traded choice and quarterback Bob Berry to Minnesota for veterans Bob Lee, a quarterback, and linebacker Lonnie Warwick.
2. Gerald Tinker, wr (44) Kent State
3. Kim McQuilken, qb Lehigh
Maurice Spencer, db N. Carolina Central
4. Vince Kendrick, rb Florida
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
Doug Payton, g Colorado
7. Mike Esposito, rb Boston College
8. Brent Adams, t Univ. Tenn/C'nooga
9. Brad Davis, rb LSU
10. Marshall Mills, wr West Virginia
11. Jeff Merrow, dt West Virginia
12. Alonza Pickett, t Texas Southern
13. Carl Russ, lb Michigan
14. Steve Robinson, dt Tuskegee
15. Jimmy Robinson, wr Georgia Tech
16. Steve Knutson, g Southern Cal.
17. Mitch Anderson, qb Northwestern

1976

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 McKinnely, t UCLA
10. No Selection

11. Chuck Brislin, t Mississippi State
12. Pat Bolton, k Montana State
13. Mike Williams, t Florida
14. Mark Husloen, 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
Wilson Faumuina, dt (20) San Jose State
2. R.C. Thielemann, og-c Arkansas
3. Edgar Fields, dt-de Texas A&M
4. Allan Leavitt, ks Georgia
5. Shelton Diggs, wr So. California
6. Keith Jenkins, db Cincinnati
7. No selection
8. Walter Packer, wr Mississippi State
9. John Maxwell, ot Boston College
Robert Speer, de Arkansas State
10. Billy Ryckman, wr Louisiana Tech
11. Dave Farmer, rb Southern California
12. 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
James Wright, te Texas Christian
8. David Adkins, lb Ohio St.
David Williams, db Tennessee-Martin
9. Tom Pridemore, db West Virginia
10. Ricky Patton, rb Jackson St.
Ray Strong, rb Nevada-Las Vegas
11. Milton "Scooter" Reed, db Baylor
12. Daria Butler, lb Oklahoma St.

1979

1. Don Smith, de (17) Miami
2. Pat Howell, og Southern California
3. James Mayberry, rb Colorado
William Andrews, rb Auburn
4. Lynn Cain, rb Southern California
Charles Johnson, db Grambling
5. Mike Zele, dt Kent State
6. Mike Moroski, qb Cal-Davis
7. Roger Westlund, ot Washington
8. Keith Miller, lb NE Oklahoma
9. Dave Parkin, db Utah State
10. Bruce Beekley, lb Oregon
11. Bill Leer, c Colorado St.
12. 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 Southern Illinois
5. Brett Miller, ot Iowa
6. Anthony Allen, wr Washington
7. Jeff Turk, db Boise State
8. John Rade, lb Boise State
9. Traded to Baltimore
10. Ralph Giacommaro, p Penn State

11. John Salley, db Wyoming
12. Allama Matthews, te Vanderbilt

1984

1. Rick Bryan, dt (9) Oklahoma
2. Scott Case, s Oklahoma
3. Thomas Benson, lb Oklahoma
4. Rodney McSwain, db Clemson
5. Rydell Malancon, lb LSU
6. Cliff Benson, te Purdue
7. Ben Bennett, qb Duke
8. Dan Ralph, dt Oregon
9. Kirk Dodge, lb Nevada-Las Vegas
10. Jeff Jackson, lb Auburn
11. Glenn Howe, t Southern Mississippi
12. Derrick Franklin, db Fresno State
13. Tommy Norman, wr Jackson State
14. Don Holmes, wr Colorado

*Supplemental Draft - June 5, 1984

1. Joey Jones, wr (9) Alabama
(Birmingham)
2. Mike McInnis, dt Ark-Pine Bluff
(Philadelphia)
3. Dennis Woodberry, db Southern Arkansas
(Birmingham)

1985

1. Bill Fralic, t (2) Pittsburgh
2. Mike Gann, de Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to Minnesota
4. Emile Harry, wr Stanford
5. Choice traded to St. Louis
6. Reggie Pleasant, cb Clemson
7. Choice traded to Cincinnati
8. Ashley Lee, s Virginia Tech
9. Ronnie Washington, lb N.E. Louisiana
10. Micah Moon, lb North Carolina
11. Brent Martin, c Stanford
12. John Ayres, cb Illinois
13. Ken Whisenhunt, te Georgia Tech

1986

- 1a. Tony Casillas, nt (2) Oklahoma
- 1b. Tim Green, lb (17) Syracuse
2. Traded to Washington in '85 for lb in '86
3. Traded earlier for qb Turk Schonert
4. Traded to L.A. Raiders for Bret Clark, s Nebraska
5. Traded to Philadelphia for lb Joel Williams
- 6a. Floyd Dixon, wr Stephen F. Austin
- 6b. Keith Williams, rb Missouri
7. Traded earlier to Philadelphia for lb Reggie Wilkes
8. Kevin Hudgens, dt Idaho State

9. Kevin Starks, te Minnesota
10. Tony Baker, rb East Carolina
11. Chris Hegg, qb Missouri
12. Steve Griffin, wr Purdue

1987

1. Chris Miller, qb (12) Oregon
2. Kenny Flowers, rb Clemson
3. Choice traded to Green Bay
4. Ralph Van Dyke, ot Southern Illinois
5. Mark Mraz, de Utah State
6. Paul Kiser, og Wake Forest
7. Michael Reid, lb Wisconsin
8. Curtis Taliaferro, 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.

1990

1. Steve Broussard, rb (20) Washington State
2. Darion Conner, lb Jackson State
3. Oliver Barnett, dl Kentucky
4. Reggie Redding, t Cal State-Fullerton
5. Mike Pringle, rb Cal State-Fullerton
6. Tory Epps, nt Memphis State
7. Darrell Jordan, lb Northern Arizona
8. Donnie Salum, lb Arizona
9. Chris Ellison, s Houston
10. Shawn McCarthy, p Purdue

LIONS THAT HAVE ROARED

Back in 1975, the Detroit Lions under Coach Rick Forzano had plenty of future NFL talent among the assistant coaches and players. No less than 10 of those men are still involved, including four who had gone on to become NFL Head Coaches. That group of assistant coaches included Head Coach Jerry Glanville (Oilers, now Falcons), Head Coach Joe Bugel (Cardinals), former Head Coach Raymond Berry (Patriots, now QB coach of Lions), and a back-up QB Sam Wyche (Head Coach Cincinnati). Also on that coaching staff were Fritz Shurmur (former Rams Def. Coordinator, now Cardinals), Jimmy Carr (now Falcons Def. backs coach after seven other NFL teams before), and Floyd Reese (now Asst. GM of Oilers). Among the players on that 7-7 Lions team (besides Wyche above) that are coaching are Greg Landry (Bears Offensive Coordinator), Dick Jauron (Packers Defensive backs Coach), and Charlie Sanders (Lions Receivers Coach).

Falcons Honor Roll (1966-1990)

- 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

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Badanek, Rick (RB), Maryland	1987-88
Bailey, Jim (DT), Kansas	1976-78
Bailey, Larry (DT), Pacific	1974
Bailey, Stacey (WR), Stanford	1982-90
Baker, Tony (RB), East Carolina	1986
Barnes, Gary (WR), Clemson	1966-67
Barnes, Lew (WR/KR), Oregon	1988
Barnett, Doug (C) Azusa Pacific	1987
Barnett, Oliver (DT), Kentucky	1990
Bartkowski, Steve (QB), California	1975-85
Bean, 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	1989-90
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
Bretlenstein, 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
Broussard, Steve (RB), Washington St.	1990
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	1988-90

Brunson, Mike (WR-RB), Arizona St.	1970
Bryan, Rick (DT), Oklahoma	1984-90
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	1981-90
Butler, Jim (RB), Edward Waters	1968-71
Byas, Rick (DB), Wayne St.	1974-80

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Cabral, Brian (LB), Colorado	1979
Cahill, Dave (DT), Northern Arizona	1969
Cain, Lynn (RB), USC	1979-84
Calland, Lee (CB), Louisville	1966-68
Camp, Reggie (DE), California	1988
Campbell, Scott (QB), Purdue	1986-90
Campbell, Sonny (RB), North Arizona	1970-71
Case, Scott (DB), Oklahoma	1984-90
Cash, Rick (DE), N.E. Missouri	1968
Casillas, Tony (DT), Oklahoma	1986-90
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	1989-90
Collins, Sonny (RB), Kentucky	1976
Condren, Glen (DT), Oklahoma	1969-72
Conner, Darion (LB), Jackson State	1990
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 (G), Penn St.	1979-80
Costello, Joe (LB), Central Connecticut ...	1986-88
Cottrell, Ted (LB), Delaware Valley	1969-70
Cotton, Marcus (LB), 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 1987-90
 Davis, Paul (LB), North Carolina 1981-82
 Daykin, Tony (LB), Georgia Tech 1979-81
 Dils, Steve (QB), Stanford 1988
 Dimry, Charles (DB), UNLV 1988-90
 Dixon, Floyd (WR), Stephen F. Austin 1986-90
 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
 Dulch, Steve (G), San Diego St. 1968
 Dukes, Jamie (RB), Florida State 1986-90
 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
 Epps, Tory (NT), Memphis State 1990
 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 1985-90
 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. 1989-90

- G -

Gaison, Blane (S), Hawaii 1981-84
 Gallagher, Frank (G), N. Carolina 1973
 Gann, Mike (DE), Notre Dame 1985-90
 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 1987-90
 Gotshalk, Len (T), Humboldt St. 1972-76
 Green, Tim (LB), Syracuse 1986-90
 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 1988-90
 Heck, Ralph (LB), Colorado 1966-68
 Heller, Ron (TE), Oregon St. 1969
 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
 Hinton, Chris (T), Northwestern 1990
 Hodge, Floyd (WR), Utah 1982-84
 Holly, Bob (QB), Princeton 1984-85
 Holmes, Rudy (DE), Drake 1974
 Hoover, Houston (T), Jackson State 1988-90
 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. 1989-90
 Hunter, Scott (QB), Alabama 1976-78
 Hutchinson, Tom (WR), Kentucky 1966

- J -

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, Tracy (RB), Clemson	1990
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	1989-90
Jordan, Brian (S), Richmond	1989-90

- K -

Kay, Rick (LB), Colorado	1977
Kendrick, Vince (RB), Florida	1974-75
Kenn, Mike (T), Michigan	1978-90
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
Koepfer, 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

- L -

Lamb, Ron (RB), South Carolina	1972
Landrum, Mike (TE), So. Miss.	1984
Lang, Gene (RB), LSU	1988-90
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
Lyles, Robert (LB), TCU	1990

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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, Secedrick (RB), Auburn	1977
McKinney, Phil (T), UCLA	1976-80
McMillon, Steve (CB) Wyoming	1989
McQuiken, Kim (QB), Lehigh	1974-77
Morrow, 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	1988-90
Miller, Brett (T), Iowa	1983-88
Miller, Chris (QB), Oregon	1987-90
Miller, Jim (G) Iowa	1971-72, 74
Miller, Junior (TE), Nebraska	1980-83
Milling, James (WR), Maryland	1988-90
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 (QB), Cal-Davis	1979-84
Morris, Larry (LB), Georgia Tech	1966
Mraz, Mark (DE), Utah State	1987
Musser, Neal (LB), N.C. State	1981-83

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

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Ogden, Ray (TE), Alabama	1967-68
Ortega, Ralph (LB), Florida	1975-78
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
Pringle, Mike (RB), Cal State-Fullerton	1990
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.	1983-90
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	1987-90
Reese, Guy (DT), SMU	1966
Rentroe, Gilbert (QB), Tenn. St.	1990
Richards, Bobby (DE), LSU	1966-67
Richardson, Al (LB), Georgia Tech	1980-85

Richardson, Jerry (CB-S), W. Texas St.	1966-67
Ridlehuber, Preston (RB), Georgia	1966
Riggle, Bob (S), Penn State	1966-67
Riggs, Gerald (RB), Arizona St.	1982-88
Rison, Andre (WR), Mich. St.	1990
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
Rozier, Mike (RB), Nebraska	1990
Rubke, Karl (DT), USC	1966-67
Ruether, Mike (C), Texas	1990
Rushing, Marion (LB), So. Illinois	1966-68
Russ, Carl (LB), Michigan	1975
Ryckman, Billy (WR), Louisiana Tech	1977-79
Ryzek, Paul (C), Virginia	1974-79

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Sabatino, Bill (DT), Colorado	1969
Sadowski, Troy (TE), Georgia	1990
Sandeman, Bill (T), Pacific	1967-73
Sanders, Bob (LB), N. Texas St.	1967
Sanders, Deion (CB), Florida St.	1989-90
Sanders, Eric (T), Nevada-Reno	1981-86
Scales, Charlie (RB), Indiana	1966
Schmidt, Turk (G-T), Long Beach St.	1969
Schonert, Roy (QB), Stanford	1986
Scott, Dave (T), Kansas	1976-82
Scully, John (C), Notre Dame	1981-90
Seay, Virgil (WR), Troy St.	1984
Settle, John (RB), Appalachian	1987-90
Sharp, Dan (TE), Texas Christian	1987
Shay, Jerry (DT), Purdue	1968-69
Shears, Larry (CB), Lincoln, Mo.	1971
Shelley, Elbert (S), Arkansas State	1987-90
Sherlag, Bob (WR), Memphis St.	1966
Shiner, Dick (QB), Maryland	1971-73
Sidle, Jimmy (TE-RB), Auburn	1986
Siemens, 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
Steinfort, Fred (PK), Boston College	1977-78
Stewart, Steve (LB), Minnesota	1978
Strahan, Art (DT), Texas Southern	1968
Strong, Ray (RB), Nevada/Las Vegas	1978-82
Suchy, Larry (CB), Mississippi College	1968
Sullivan, Jim (DE), Lincoln, Mo.	1970
Sullivan, Pat (QB), Auburn	1972-75
Szczeczko, Joe (DT), Auburn	1966-68

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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	1989-90
Thomas, Sean (DB), TCU	1985
Thompson, Woody (RB), Miami	1975-77
Tilleman, Mike (DT), Montana	1973-76
Tinker, Gerald (WR), Kent State	1974-75
Tippins, Ken (LB), MTSU	1990
Tolleson, Tommy (WR), Alabama	1966
Toloumu, David (RB), Hawaii	1982
Trayman, Wade (K), Frederick	1966-67
Tuggle, Jessie (LB), Valdosta State	1987-90
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 Note, 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	1988-90
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
Zeke, Mike (DT), Kent St.	1979-83
Zook, John (DE), Kansas	1969-75

FALCONS JOINED NFL IN '65

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.

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 seven Super Bowls and nine of the last ten.

SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS

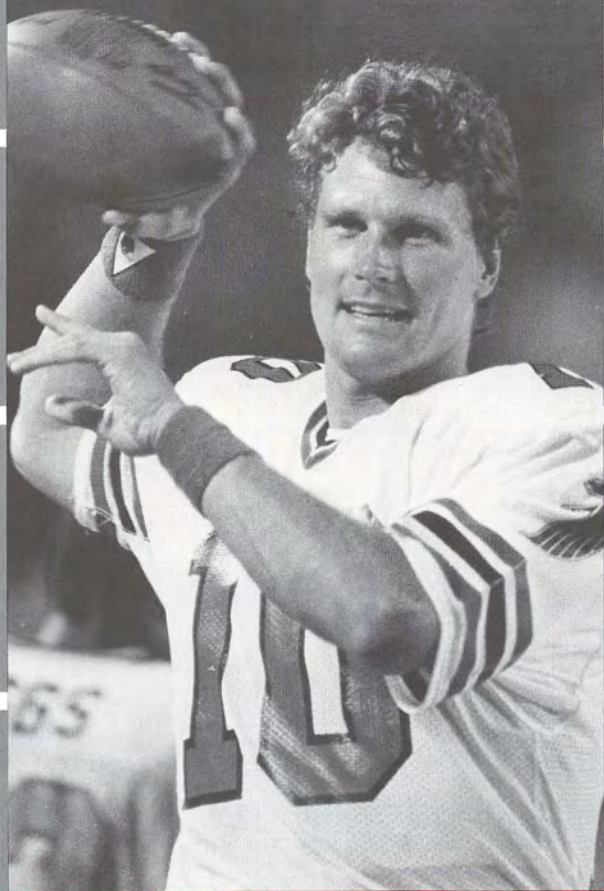
- 1966 I—Green Bay, 35; Kansas City, 10—at Los Angeles, CA
- 1967 II—Green Bay, 33; Oakland, 14—at Miami, FL
- 1968 III—New York Jets, 16; Baltimore, 7—at Miami, FL
- 1969 IV—Kansas City, 23; Minnesota, 7—at New Orleans, LA
- 1970 V—Baltimore, 16; Dallas, 13—at Miami, FL
- 1971 VI—Dallas, 24; Miami 3—at 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—New York 20, Buffalo 19—at Tampa, FL
- 1991 XXVI—At Minneapolis, MN, January 26, 1992

POSTSEASON

Saturday, Dec. 28
Sunday, Dec. 29
Saturday, Jan. 4
Sunday, Jan. 5
Sunday, Jan. 12
Sunday, Jan. 26
Sunday, Feb. 2

AFC/NFC First Round Playoffs (ABC)
AFC/NFC First Round Playoffs (CBS; NBC)
AFC/NFC Second Round Playoffs (CBS; NBC)
AFC/NFC Second Round Playoffs (CBS; NBC)
AFC/NFC Championship Games (CBS; NBC)
Super Bowl XXVI, Minneapolis, MN (CBS)
AFC/NFC Pro Bowl, Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, Hawaii (ESPN)

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	7	0	.562	309	286
Falcons vs. Cincinnati	2	5	0	.285	120	162
Falcons vs. Cleveland	1	8	0	.111	125	239
Falcons vs. Dallas	5	9	0	.357	243	335
Falcons vs. Denver	3	4	0	.429	161	186
Falcons vs. Detroit	5	16	0	.238	398	488
Falcons vs. Green Bay	7	9	0	.437	276	377
Falcons vs. Houston	5	2	0	.714	207	145
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	11	35	2	.239	632	1086
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	25	18	0	.581	940	759
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	8	1	.466	292	299
Falcons vs. Pittsburgh	1	8	0	.111	156	287
Falcons vs. Phoenix	4	9	0	.307	269	325
Falcons vs. San Diego	2	1	0	.667	76	36
Falcons vs. San Francisco	18	29	1	.391	747	1001
Falcons vs. Seattle	0	4	0	.000	87	122
Falcons vs. Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	139	176
Falcons vs. Washington	3	10	1	.250	239	342
Totals	135	232	5	.358	6253	8213

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 Peppler	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)
Jerry Glanville	5-11-0 (1990)

* Released after three games in 1968

® Released after five games in 1976

Released after eight games in 1974

+ Retired after 12 games in 1989

135-232-5

(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, 9-7
 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)
 1990-Bears, 30-24 (A)
 (Points-Falcons 309, Bears 286)

ATLANTA vs. CINCINNATI

Bengals lead series, 5-2
 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)
 1990-Falcons, 38-17 (H)
 (Points-Bengals 162, Falcons 120)

ATLANTA vs. CLEVELAND

Browns lead series, 8-1
 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)
 1990-Browns, 13-10 (A)
 (Points-Browns 239, Falcons 125)

ATLANTA vs. DALLAS

Cowboys lead series, 9-5
 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)
 1990-Falcons, 26-7 (H)
 (Points-Cowboys 335, Falcons 243)

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, 16-5
 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)
 1990-Lions, 21-14 (A)
 (Points-Lions 488, Falcons 398)

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, 5-2
 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)
 1990-Falcons, 47-27 (H)
 (Points-Falcons 207, Oilers 145)

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, 35-11-2
 1966-Rams, 19-14 (A)
 1967-Rams, 31-3 (A)
 Rams, 20-3 (LA)
 1968-Rams, 27-14 (LA)
 Rams, 17-10 (A)
 1969-Rams, 17-7 (LA)
 Rams, 38-6 (A)
 1970-Tie, 10-10 (LA)
 Rams, 17-7 (A)
 1971-Tie, 20-20 (LA)
 Rams, 24-16 (A)

1972-Falcons, 31-3 (A)
 Rams, 20-7 (LA)
 1973-Rams, 31-0 (LA)
 Falcons, 15-13 (A)
 1974-Rams, 21-0 (LA)
 Rams, 30-7 (A)
 1975-Rams, 22-7 (LA)
 Rams, 16-7 (A)
 1976-Rams, 30-14 (A)
 Rams, 59-0 (LA)
 1977-Falcons, 17-6 (A)
 Rams, 23-7 (LA)
 1978-Rams, 10-0 (LA)
 Falcons, 15-7 (A)
 1979-Rams, 20-14 (LA)
 Rams, 34-13 (A)
 1980-Falcons, 13-10 (A)
 Rams, 20-17 (LA) OT
 1981-Rams, 37-35 (A)
 Rams, 21-16 (LA)
 1982-Falcons, 34-17 (A)
 1983-Rams, 27-21 (LA)
 Rams, 36-13 (A)
 1984-Falcons, 30-28 (LA)
 Rams, 24-10 (A)
 1985-Rams, 17-6 (LA)
 Falcons, 30-14 (A)
 1986-Falcons, 26-14 (A)
 Rams, 14-7 (LA)
 1987-Falcons, 24-20 (A)
 Rams, 33-0 (LA)
 1988-Rams, 33-0 (A)
 Rams, 22-7 (LA)
 1989-Rams, 31-21 (A)
 Rams, 26-14 (LA)
 1990-Rams, 44-24 (A)
 Falcons, 20-13 (H)
 (Points-Rams 1086, Falcons 632)

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, 25-18
 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)

1990-Falcons, 28-27 (H)
 Saints, 10-7 (A)
 (Points-Falcons 940, Saints 759)

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

Eagles lead series, 8-7-1
 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)
 1990-Eagles, 24-23 (H)
 (Points-Eagles 299, Falcons 292)
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ATLANTA vs. PITTSBURGH

Steelers lead series, 8-1
 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)
 1990-Steelers, 21-9 (A)
 (Points-Steelers 287, Falcons 156)

ATLANTA vs. PHOENIX

Cardinals lead series, 9-4
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)
1990-Cardinals, 24-13 (H)
(Points-Cardinals 325, Falcons 269)

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, 29-18-1
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)
1990-49ers, 19-13 (A)
49ers, 45-35 (H)
(Points-49ers 1001, Falcons 747)

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

Bucs lead series, 5-4
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)
1990-Buccaneers, 23-17 (TB)
(Points-Buccaneers, 176, Falcons 139)

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)

Falcons on Prime Time TV (7-11)

Nov. 30, 1970 (Monday)	Miami 20 Atlanta 7 at Atlanta (54,036) Larry Csonka gains 109 yards to pace Dolphin victory	Next Week (6-12) 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
Oct. 28, 1990 (Sunday Night)	Atlanta 38 Cincinnati 17 at Atlanta (53,214) Sanders sets new club record with 79 yard TD Punt Return	Pittsburgh 21 Atlanta 9

SUPER BOWL SITES

Super Bowl XXVI	- Minneapolis Metrodome, January 26, 1992
Super Bowl XXVII	- Pasadena Rose Bowl, January 31, 1993
Super Bowl XXVIII	- Atlanta Georgia Dome, January 30 or February 6, 1994
Super Bowl XXIX	- Miami Joe Robbie Stadium, January/February, 1995
Super Bowl XXX	- Phoenix (tentative), 1996

NFC Playoffs
Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 13
 December 24, 1978
 Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 49,447

After a less than scintillating first half, Steve Bartkowski turned it on for the final 30 minutes. He completed 13 of 20 for 193 yards and two touchdowns, both scoring aeriels coming with less than five minutes remaining. His primary target was Wallace Francis, who scored the winning touchdown with 1:39 remaining on a 37-yard strike. He set up Bartkowski's first TD to Jim Mitchell at the 4:56 mark with a 49-yard reception down to the Eagles' 26-yard line. Francis finished the day with six catches for 135 yards. The first half was mostly a defensive struggle with teams exchanging punts eight times. The Falcons fumbled the ball away twice. One resulted in the Eagles' lone score, while the other came just 15 yards from paydirt. After leading 6-0 at halftime, Philadelphia took advantage of a shanked 17-yard punt by John James, driving 60 yards on eight plays early in the third period to take a 13-0 lead.

Philadelphia.....	6	0	7	0	13
Atlanta.....	0	0	0	14	14

Phil. — Carmichael, 13 pass from Jaworski (Kick failed)
 Phil. — Montgomery, 1 run (Michel kick)
 Atl. — Mitchell, 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
 Atl. — Francis, 37 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

	Falcons	Eagles
First Downs	14	15
Net Yards Gained	298	217
Rushing Yardage	75	53
Passing Yardage	223	164
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	32/18/2	35/19/0
Punts	7-33.1	9-33.7
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	3/2
Penalties	6/63	5/60

Rushing

Falcons — Stanback 16-58, Bean 9-14, Bartkowski 2-3
 Eagles — Hogan 14-31, Montgomery 16-19 — 1td,
 Jaworski 1-3, Campfield 1-0

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 32-18-2-243-2td-2sk
 Eagles — Jaworski 35-19-0-190-1td-3sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-135-1td, Bean 4-44, Mitchell 3-35-1td, Stanback 2-7, Pearson 1-13, Ryckman 1-5, Jackson 1-4
 Eagles — Smith 7-108, Carmichael 5-45-1td, Osborne 3-15, Middlebrook 1-11, Pane 1-10, Hogan 1-6, Montgomery 1-(-5)

NFC Playoffs
Dallas 27, Atlanta 20
 December 30, 1978
 Texas Stadium, 60,338

A week earlier, it was a supreme second half effort which moved Atlanta one notch further in the playoffs. This week, the Falcons were shut out after intermission at which time they held a 20-13 lead. Bubba Bean had gained 60 yards in the first half, including a 14-yard scoring run, while Steve Bartkowski threw a touchdown to Wallace Francis. Tim Mazzetti rounded out the Falcons' efforts with a pair of field goals. Dallas' fortunes appeared to take a turn for the worse late in the first half when Roger Staubach left the game with an injury. Danny White came on, however, to bring Dallas from behind. He threw a tying TD pass in the third period to tight end Jackie Smith. Early in the fourth period, John James shanked a punt from the 20-yard line, allowing the Cowboys to drive in from 30 yards out in six plays.

Atlanta.....	7	13	0	0	20
Dallas.....	10	3	7	7	27

Dal. — Septien, 34 FG
 Atl. — Bean, 14 run (Mazzetti kick)
 Dal. — Laidlaw, 13 run (Septien kick)
 Atl. — Mazzetti, 42 FG
 Dal. — Septien, 48 FG
 Atl. — Francis, 17 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
 Atl. — Mazzetti, 22 FG
 Dal. — Smith, 2 pass from White (Septien kick)
 Dal. — Laidlaw, 1 run (Septien kick)

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	16	26
Net Yards Gained	216	369
Rushing Yardage	164	148
Passing Yardage	52	221
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	23/8/3	37/17/1
Punts	6-37.5	3-36.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	6/3
Penalties	7/69	7/65

Rushing

Falcons — Bean 17-72-1td, Stanback 9-62, Franklin 8-24, Esposito 2-6
 Cowboys — Laidlaw 17-66-2td, Dorsett 14-65, White 3-(-4), Dupree 1-20, Staubach 1-3, D. Pearson 1-(-2)

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 23-8-3-95-1td-5sk
 Cowboys — White 20-10-1-127-1td-1stk, Staubach 17-7-0-105-0td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-66-1td, Ryckman 1-22, Esposito 1-7
 Cowboys — Dupree 5-59, D. Pearson 4-75, Smith 3-38-1td, Hill 3-36, Laidlaw 1-15, Dorsett 1-9

NFC Playoffs Dallas 30, Atlanta 27

January 4, 1981
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 60,022

For the first three periods, it appeared as if Atlanta would move onward in the playoffs. It led Dallas 24-10 entering the final stanza and even held a 27-17 lead with five minutes left to play. But Danny White teamed up three times with Drew Pearson on a five-play, 62-yard scoring drive, the last play being a 14-yard TD strike. The Cowboys stopped Atlanta on four straight plays after the ensuing kickoff, and White drove his team 70 yards in six plays, securing the win with a 23-yard strike to Pearson with just 52 seconds to play.

Dallas.....	3	7	0	20	30
Atlanta.....	10	7	7	3	27

Atl. — Mazzetti, 38 FG
Atl. — Jenkins, 60 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal. — Septien, 38 FG
Dal. — Dupree, 5 pass from White (Septien kick)
Atl. — Cain, 1 run (Mazzetti kick)
Atl. — Andrews, 5 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal. — Newhouse, 1 run (Septien kick)
Atl. — Mazzetti, 34 kick
Dal. — Pearson, 14 pass from White (Septien kick)
Dal. — Pearson, 23 pass from White (Kick failed)

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	18	22
Net Yards Gained	349	422
Rushing Yardage	86	112
Passing Yardage	285	310
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	33/18/1	40/25/1
Punts	4-36.0	4-38.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/1
Penalties	4/48	6/72

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 14-43, Cain 13-43-1td
Cowboys — Dorsett 10-51, Newhouse 6-31-1td, White 4-1, P. Pearson 1-11, D. Pearson 1-9, Dupree 1-5, Newsome 1-4

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 33-18-1-320-2td-4sk
Cowboys — White 39-25-1-322-3td-1sk, Springs 1-0-0-0-0td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-66, Jenkins 4-155-1td, Miller 3-48, Cain 2-20, Andrews 2-19-1td, Jackson 1-12
Cowboys — D. Pearson 5-90-2td, Dorsett 5-40, Hill 4-53, P. Pearson 4-51, Springs 3-39, Dupree 3-29-1td, Johnson 1-20

NFC Playoffs Minnesota 30, Atlanta 24

January 9, 1983
Hubert Humphrey Metrodome, 60,560

The Falcons' special teams were outstanding. On first possession Paul Davis blocked a punt which Doug Rogers recovered in the end zone for a TD. Minnesota added two field goals and a touchdown to lead 13-7 at half, before the special unit struck again, this time kicker Mick Luckhurst scoring on a 17-yard run with a pitch from holder Mike Moroski to take a 14-13 lead. A few moments later safety Bob Glazebrook intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards for a score, giving the Falcons a 21-13 lead. The roof caved in, however, at that point with the Vikings rallying for 17 points while all Atlanta could muster the rest of the way would be three.

Atlanta.....	7	0	14	3	24
Minnesota.....	3	10	3	14	30

Atl. — Rogers, fumble recovery (Luckhurst kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 33 FG
Min. — White, 36 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 30 FG
Atl. — Luckhurst, 17 run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl. — Glazebrook, 35 interception (Luckhurst kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 39 FG
Min. — McCullum, 11 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Atl. — Luckhurst 41, FG
Min. — Brown, 5 run (Danmeier kick)

	Falcons	Vikings
First Downs	14	24
Net Yards Gained	235	378
Rushing Yardage	120	125
Passing Yardage	115	253
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	23/9/2	34/20/1
Punts	5-42.6	5-32.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	4/0
Penalties	7/98	10/84

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 11-48, Riggs 9-38, Cain 3-17, Luckhurst 1-17-1t
Vikings — Brown 23-81-1td, Nelson 4-24, Kramer 8-13, Galbreath 6-10, S. White 1-(-3)

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 23-9-2-134-0td-3sk
Vikings — Kramer 34-20-1-253-2td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Jenkins 2-52, Hodge 2-29, Riggs 2-16, Kreple 1-18, Cain 1-14, Jackson 1-5
Vikings — Senser 6-81, McCullum 4-51-1td, Galbreath 3-14, White 2-61-1td, LeCount 2-24, Young 2-13, Brown 1-9

Falcons' Historical Calendar

The Start June 30, 1965	The NFL awards a franchise to 41-year-old Rankin M. Smith, Executive Vice President of Life Insurance Company of Georgia, for \$8.5 million. At the time there were 14 NFL franchises in existence, 8 AFL clubs. Officially, Atlanta became the 23rd professional football club in existence, the 15th in the NFL prior to the merger of the Leagues.
Officially Titled Aug. 20, 1965	"Five Smiths, Inc.," is registered as the corporate name for the Atlanta franchise. It is so named for Rankin Smith's five children: Rankin, Jr., Carol Christine, Dorothy Ann, Taylor, and Nancy Karen.
Stockholders Aug. 24, 1965	The listed stockholders of the franchise included: Lindsey Hopkins, Jr., Howard Dobbs, Jr., Cody Laird, Jr., I. M. Sheffield III, Dorothy Laird Williams, W. Barrett Howell, and M. E. Kilpatrick.
The Nickname Aug. 29, 1965	"Falcons" was suggested by many with a schoolteacher from Griffin, Georgia, being singled out because of her reasons. Miss Julia Elliott said: "the Falcon is proud and dignified, with great courage and fight. It never drops its prey. It is deadly and has a great sporting tradition." A logo was designed by Wayland Moore Studios.
You Need Players Sept. 9, 1965	Halfback Bob Paremore and split end Gary Barnes, who had been in the NFL with the Cardinals and Bears, were the first two players to sign with the Falcons.
The First Draft Nov. 27, 1965	With the first pick in the entire draft, the Falcons chose Outland Trophy winning Linebacker Tommy Nobis from the University of Texas. After being drafted also by Houston of the AFL, he chose the Falcons on Dec. 14 and signed a contract. As the Falcons got two choices in each of the first five rounds, QB Randy Johnson of Texas A&I was the other first round pick by Atlanta. All told the Falcons gained 25 players in the 20 round draft, the last one being defensive back Bob Riddle from Penn State. Nobis is the club's Director of Marketing; while Riddle served 21 years as a team scout.
A 54-day Ticket Blitz Nov. 1-Dec. 24, 1965	In seven weeks, the Falcons sold 45,000 season tickets surpassing the previous NFL best of 26,000 by Minnesota. Those tickets sold for \$6, with club level seats costing \$10 a game.
The Head Coach Jan. 26, 1966	Norb Hecker, 39, left the Green Bay staff of Vince Lombardi to accept the job as the Falcons first head coach. He was with Lombardi seven years as they won three world titles and four conference titles. Gene Cronin, the Director of Player Personnel, deserves the distinction of being the first member of the Falcon organization named by Mr. Smith.
Supplemental Draft Feb. 16, 1966	Allotted three picks from each of the 14 other NFL teams, the Falcons added 42 more players. Each team, who had a 40-man roster, placed 11 available for the Falcons to select from. Among those picks was their first leading rusher (Junior Coffey from Green Bay), their first leading receiver (Alex Hawkins from Baltimore), and a defensive captain (Bill Jobko from Minnesota).
Head for the Mountains March 26, 1966	A YMCA Camp, Blue Ridge Assembly on Black Mountain, N.C. (near Asheville) is selected as the first summer training camp home.

The Merger Occurs June 8, 1966	The AFL and NFL agree to merge with a Championship Game to be played. The teams would not actually begin playing regular season games until 1970. Atlanta was assigned to the NFL's Western Conference, Coastal Division, with the Los Angeles Rams, Baltimore Colts, and San Francisco 49ers.
The First Practice July 2, 1966	Training Camp opened with some 130 players checking in for physicals and their chance to be an NFL player. One of the camp's visitors was Rev. Billy Graham, who lived just a few miles from the Blue Ridge Assembly. All told, 66 rookies reported with the vets checking in on July 9.
The First Game Aug. 1, 1966 (Preseason)	Before 26,072 at Atlanta Stadium, Philadelphia claims a 9-7 win over the Falcons. Trivia fans might want to note that QB Dennis Claridge passed one yard to Tom Wilson for the Falcons first ever touchdown (second quarter) to provide a 7-6 halftime lead.
Champions of the South Aug. 19, 1966	Falcons defeat their AFL rivals, the Miami Dolphins, 27-17, to lay claim to the championship of the South.
The First Victory Aug. 27, 1966 (Preseason)	In the fifth and final preseason game, the Falcons defeated San Francisco, 24-17, before 21,780 fans in Columbia, S.C. Rookie QB Randy Johnson made his first start and passed to Alex Hawkins for the clinching TD.
This Game Is For Real Sept. 11, 1966	The Los Angeles Rams handed the Falcons a 19-14 loss before 54,418 at Atlanta Stadium. The Rams of George Allen were led by QB Roman Gabriel (294 yards). After a 16-0 lead, Atlanta rallied to make it 16-14 before a third quarter Ram FG ended the scoring. Pre-game ceremonies included Commissioner Pete Rozelle, Governor Carl Sanders, and Mayor Ivan Allen. Falcon RB Ernie Wheelwright ran for 91 yards and caught a pass for 25 more to lead the offense.
The First Points Sept. 11, 1966	It was the second quarter when QB Randy Johnson hit Gary Barnes for a 53-yard touchdown to officially score the first points for the Atlanta Falcons.
The First Broadcasters 1966	Atlanta's WAGA-TV televised the Falcons game in that inaugural year with Ed Thilenius (U. of Georgia Announcer) and WQXI Radio broadcasting with Jack Hurst (Ga. Tech Announcer). The analyst was former player and coach Johnny Sauer.
The First Official Win Nov. 30, 1966	After nine straight losses, the Falcons claimed one for the W column at Yankee Stadium (62,746), 27-16. Former Giant Ernie Wheelwright scored two TD's receiving and ran for 51 more yards as QB Randy Johnson hit for a trio of TD's.
Tying an NFL Record With A 1st HOME Win Dec. 11, 1966	The Falcons tied an NFL record for an expansion team (Minnesota) by winning a third game. This victim was the St. Louis Cardinals, 16-10, before 57,169. The second win had been at Minnesota with Bobby Riggie returning an interception 62 yards for a touchdown.
A General Manager Jan. 31, 1967	Frank E. Wall was promoted to GM after serving as Vice-President and Treasurer.
The First Trade Mar. 14, 1967	Falcons deal away first round draft choice to San Francisco for wide receiver Bernie Casey, tackle Jim Wilson and defensive end Jim Norton.
A New Summer Home July 18, 1967	Falcons shift training camp to East Tennessee State University, Johnson City at the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains.

A Wild Opening Sept. 17, 1967	About the time the National Anthem was finished, the Colts and Falcons started scoring. First, the Colts went the length of the field (88 yards Unitas to Mackey) and the Falcons countered with a club record 99-yard kickoff return to tie the game. The 38-31 Colt win also featured two more scoring plays over 50 yards (77 int TD by the Falcons Lee Calland and 55 TD catch by Colts Jimmy Orr).
Atlanta's First All-Pro Dec. 15, 1967	Linebacker Tommy Nobis was named to the AP all-pro team, a Falcon first. This honor followed his Rookie of the Year performance in 1966 (Bert Bell Award and Pro Football Writers Association).
A Defensive Gem Jan. 30, 1968	The Falcons (choosing 3rd in the Draft) select a defensive end from Tennessee State. After six selections to the Pro Bowl, Claude Humphrey proved to be one of the great Falcons of all-time.
Jersey Change May 13, 1968	Stripes are added to the sleeves of the jerseys, replacing the team emblem.
A New Regime Oct. 1, 1968	Norm Van Brocklin, formerly head coach of Vikings, is named to replace Norb Hecker after three games of season. Two weeks later, his Falcons beat New York, 24-21, in first meeting between Van Brocklin and his former QB, Fran Tarkenton.
Starting On the Right Foot Sept. 21, 1969	Falcons win first season opener ever, beating 49ers, 24-12, before home fans. Rookie Tight End Jim Mitchell scored two TD's and club set team record with 229 yards rushing.
Farewell to an Original Oct. 29, 1969	Running Back Junior Coffey, the last of the 42 original expansion draftees, is traded to the New York Giants.
Point Parade Nov. 21, 1969	Falcons roll up 48 points to win by 17 over Bears. The 518 yards of offense saw Randy Johnson throw for four TD's and Harmon Wages score on a 48-yard run.
The Triple Play Dec. 7, 1969	Harmon Wages had a game to remember in this 45-17 rout of the Saints. The second year back threw for a TD in the first quarter (16 yards to Flatley), then caught a pass for a TD in the second quarter (88 yards), and then ran for a TD in the fourth quarter (66 yards).
Three Straight Wins and Six for the Year 1969	Falcons close season by ending Viking 12 game win streak in 10-3 game as Claude Humphrey scores only TD of game (24 fumble return). The team finished 6-8-1, their best record ever.
Management Shifts Jan. 6, 1970	Rankin M. Smith becomes Chairman of the Board, with Frank Wall taking over the duties and title of President. Coach Van Brocklin adds title of General Manager to his list of duties.
Champs of the South Look Ready to Go Sept. 12, 1970	With a 20-17 conquest of southern rival Miami, the Falcons close with the finest preseason (4-1) in the club's five-year history.
A Passing Feat Sept. 27, 1970	In Week Two at Green Bay, QB Bob Berry sets club records with the Franchise's first 300-yard passing game (28-44 for 302), but Packers rally for 27-24 win.

Cannonball Explodes Oct. 4, 1970	Jim "Cannonball" Butler, just one week after Berry's passing record, sets a new club rushing record in the home opener against the 49ers. The seven-year veteran set two club records that day. One was for most yards (127 on 17 carries), the other was for most fumbles (4).
Fit to Be Tied Nov. 8-15, 1970	On the road at Los Angeles and Philadelphia, Falcons chalk up back to back ties, 10-10 and 13-13, for record that still stands.
The Early Birds Get the Tickets Nov. 22, 1970	All seats were sold out 25 days in advance, a Falcon record, as the rival L.A. Rams come to town. Both Ram touchdowns were scored by the defense in a 17-7 Falcon loss.
National TV! Nov. 30, 1970	Over 30 million Monday Night TV viewers saw their first game from Atlanta as the Miami Dolphins came to town with ABC-TV. Larry Csonka (108) and Mercury Morris (76) ran away with a 20-7 Miami victory.
Inflation Hits Jan. 3, 1971	For the first time in team history, ticket prices go from \$6 to \$7.50, ending a five-year status quo.
A Third Summer Home Feb. 4, 1971.	Falcons elect to move summer training camp to Furman University in Greenville, S.C. and announce it will open on July 19.
A Hall of Famer Feb. 23, 1971.	Coach Norm Van Brocklin is elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
You Can't Win Them All Unless You Win the Opener Sept. 19, 1971	For a third straight year, Falcons open up with a victory. This home opener saw the Falcons defeat the division rival 49ers, 20-17.
Catch This Act Oct. 3 and Dec. 19, '71	Rookie sensation Ken Burrow made more yardage receiving in one game than any NFC receiver, and he wrote his name in the club record book TWICE. He had 190 yards at Detroit and duplicated that feat at New Orleans. All of this was done playing the final 11 games with a broken wrist.
A Winning Season Dec. 19, 1971	In dramatic fashion with 40 seconds left, the Falcons score to beat New Orleans, 24-20, to finish the season at 7-6-1, thus giving them the first winning season in club history.
A Coast to Coast Win Nov. 22, 1971	Falcons win their first Nationally televised game with a 28-21 triumph over Green Bay in Atlanta. Atlanta had 77 plays to the Packers 33, outgaining them 386-143, as Monday Night TV televised the action.
A Busy Day At The Office Feb. 1, 1972	Van Brocklin makes four trades dealing away six veterans then uses top picks for Clarence Ellis (Notre Dame DB) and acquired pick for Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan (Auburn QB).
Ups and Downs July 15, 1972	Ellis and Sullivan go to participate in College All-star game in Chicago. Ellis injures knee and requires surgery, Sullivan earns Most Valuable Player honors.
Bring in the Cavalry Aug. 31, 1972	Falcons trade with Green Bay for running back Dave Hampton, a 1,000-yard runner in 1971. Falcons gave up lineman Malcolm Snider.
A Jinx Is Ended With a 1-2 Punch Oct. 1, 1972	After 10 unsuccessful tries, Falcons finally defeat the L.A. Rams, in humiliating fashion, 31-3 at Atlanta Stadium. Hampton and Art Malone set a club record by each running for over 100 yards (161 Hampton and 103 Malone).

An "Unofficial" 1,000 Dec. 17, 1972	Dave Hampton technically was the club's first 1,000-yard rusher. At Kansas City, the veteran running back scampered around end for his 1,000th yard. However, his next carry was a six-yard loss and his final carry a one-yard gain. Thus, he ended at 995, never officially getting his name in the Falcon record book.
The First 50 Dec. 17, 1972	RB Art Malone became the first Falcon to ever catch 50 passes in a season, leading the club for a second consecutive season.
Trade Time Jan. 22, 1973 May 14, 1973	Falcons swap #1 pick in draft for DT Mike Tilleman, who led the NFL in 1972 with 14 sacks at Houston. QB Bob Lee and LB Lonnie Warwick come from Minnesota for QB Bob Berry and a #1 pick.
Lighting Up the Scoreboard Sept. 16, 1973	Opening against New Orleans, Falcons smash 35 team records en route to 62-7 victory.
General Lee Takes Charge Oct. 14, 1973	QB Bob Lee gets first start and responds with leadership en route to 46-6 rout of Chicago Bears.
Getting a Kick Out of It Nov. 4, 1973	Falcons come from 10-0 deficit to upset rival Rams behind club record five field goals from Nick Mike-Mayer.
Big Finish Nov. 11, 1973	With 24 fourth quarter points, Falcons break 20-20 tie to wallop Eagles, 44-27.
Monday Night Madness Nov. 19, 1973	Unbeaten Vikings (9-0) come to town to face surging Falcons (five in a row) before national audience. No Falcon fan is disappointed as club responds to challenge with 20-14 win for 6th straight.
7 + 1 = 8 Nov. 25, 1973	With seventh straight win (over Jets, 28-20) Falcons win eighth game for most ever in a season.
"Hard-Luck" Hampton and the "So Close" Falcons 1973	After missing by five yards for a 1,000-yard season last year, Dave Hampton comes even closer this year. Needing 87 yards in the finale, he gets just 84 and finishes three yards shy of the magic number. The Falcons are equally close, finishing 9-5 for their most wins and best record ever, but losing out for the playoffs by one game.
An Original Streaker Spring, 1974	Ken Reaves, an original member of the Atlanta Falcons since 1966, is part of a trade with the Saints. Reaves had played in all 112 games consecutively, setting a club record with 29 pass interceptions.
A Coaching Change Nov. 5/6, 1974	After a 2-6 start, Norm Van Brocklin is fired as Head Coach/General Manager and defensive coordinator Marion Campbell is elevated to the Head coaching post.
Trading for the Future Jan. 27, 1975	In order to obtain the rights to the number one pick in the college draft, the Falcons send offensive tackle George Kunz and a draft choice to Baltimore. Falcons also got a 6th round pick (and took LB Fulton Kuykendall).
The Future is Here Jan. 28, 1975	With that top choice, the Falcons select all-America QB Steve Bartkowski from California.
A Managerial Move Feb. 26, 1975	Pat Peppler is named Falcons General Manager.

Hooray for Hampton Dec. 21, 1975	Running Back Dave Hampton becomes first Falcon to gain 1,000 yards rushing (1,002) with 61 in final game vs. Green Bay.
A Big Catch May 5, 1976	Wide Receiver John Gilliam, who played out his option after nine years (350 catches) is signed.
A Coaching Change Oct. 11, 1976	After 1-4 start, Pat Peppler takes over as interim Head Coach for Marion Campbell.
A Come-From-Behind Sweet Upset Nov. 21, 1976	By scoring all 17 points in the 4th quarter, the Falcons rally for 17-10 upset of playoff-bound Cowboys.
"O" My Dec. 5, 1976	Rams pour it on in 59-0 whitewashing of Falcons.
Front Office Moves Feb. 1-3, 1977	Former NFL quarterback Eddie LeBaron is named General Manager, with Rankin M. Smith, Jr. assuming the title of Club President. Two days later, Leeman Bennett, a Rams assistant becomes fifth Head Coach in club history.
A Positive Start Sept. 18, 1977	Bennett's debut is a sweet 17-6 win over the rival Rams before 55,956 in Atlanta. Scott Hunter fills in for injured Bartkowski and defeats a Joe Namath-led Ram squad.
Zero Hour Nov. 27, 1977	In shutout of Bucs, Falcons set club record by allowing just 78 total yards. It is also the second 0 performance by the defense on the season, also a club first.
NFL Record! 1977 Defense	With 35-7 final win over Saints, Falcons establish new NFL modern day record for 14-game season by allowing just 129 points all year as club finishes 7-7.
Ground Breaking Apr. 3, 1978	Construction of a new year-round training facility begins in Suwanee to give Falcons NFL's finest complex.
A New Look Aug. 19, 1978	Falcons unveil new uniforms.
First Home Shutout Oct. 15, 1978	By holding the Lions to just 22 yards rushing, the Falcons post their first shutout at home, 14-0.
June Jones and the Gritz Blitz Go National Oct. 30, 1978	In their first national TV game in four years, the Falcons lose Bartkowski in 2nd quarter. Enter June Jones, kicker Tim Mazzetti's five field goals, and the hard-hitting Gritz Blitz defense and you have a 15-7 Rams upset.
"Big Ben Right" Nov. 12, 1978	With 2:23 remaining the Falcons were trailing 17-6 at their own 20-yard line. An 80-yard march made it 17-13 with 59 seconds left. With 19 seconds left, Bartkowski threw 57 yards into a cluster where Alfred Jackson caught a pass deflected by Wallace Francis and the Falcons clock struck victory.

A Second Chance Dec. 9, 1978	With no time remaining Tim Mazzetti missed a 37-yard FG against the Redskins. A penalty gave him a second chance and he nailed a 32-yard FG that was to end up later being a playoff clinching kick.
Clinching a Playoff Berth the Easy Way Sat., Dec. 15, 1978	When Redskins lose to Bears, Falcons are ensured their first Playoff berth. The next day, LA beat Green Bay to give the Falcons a home field game.
Dealing the Wild Card Dec. 24, 1978	With two TD's in the final eight minutes, the Falcons overcame the rainy weather to win their Playoff game over the Eagles, 14-13. The Christmas Eve present to the fans was not complete until the Eagles missed a 34-yard FG in the final seconds. Merry Christmas!
Valiant Underdogs Dec. 30, 1978	As 14-point underdogs in Texas Stadium, the Falcons came ready to win. They jumped out to a 20-13 halftime lead and knocked QB Roger Staubach unconscious just before the half. The home-team Cowboys regained the lead 27-20 as the Falcons marched for a tying score. With 4th-and-1 at the Cowboy 32, the Falcons came up inches short and never got the ball back.
William Who? Sept. 2, 1979	Third-round draft choice William Andrews made his NFL debut memorable with a club-record 167 yard effort in a 40-34 overtime win at the Superdome. Each team gained over 500 yards offense before Falcons won with special teams interception TD.
Bart's Barrage & The Lost Coin Toss Sept. 16, 1979	Steve Bartkowski set a new club record by passing for 326 yards (20 of 29) vs. Denver in Atlanta. A missed Falcon field goal meant another overtime game. Unfortunately, the visiting Broncos won the coin toss, received, and drove for the winning FG without Bartkowski ever getting a chance to rally the Falcons.
Easy As 1,2,3 Oct. 14, 1979	Rookie RB Lynn Cain set a club record by scoring three touchdowns in a game in loss to Raiders.
Adding Up the Totals Dec. 16, 1979	Records were broken for the season by William Andrews with 1,023 yards, by Wallace Francis with 74 catches for 1,013 yards and by Steve Bartkowski with 2,502 yards (203-379).
Atlanta Air Force Sept. 21, 1980	Steve Bartkowski set a new club record by passing for 332 yards vs. Dolphins. A blocked Falcon field goal led to a winning Dolphin field goal with 32 seconds remaining in 20-17 loss. The 1-2 Falcons have lost by one and three points but are ready to take off flying through the NFL.
The Bigger They Are, The Harder They Fall Sept. 28/ Oct. 5, 1980	Undefeated opponents fall on successive weekends to the Falcons. First, the 49ers are upset 20-17 at Candlestick, then with a record-breaking 34-point first half, the Lions fall, 43-28.
Steve's Heroics Oct.-Nov., 1980	Bartkowski was hot and the Falcons caught fire. First, he had a club-tying 4 TD game vs. Saints, then a 54-yard TD on 4th and 11 with 1:15 left to beat the Rams, then two weeks later a club record 378-yard game in win over St. Louis in overtime.
How the West Was Won Dec. 14, 1980	Bartkowski's 28th, 29th and 30th TD passes, Andrews' sixth 100-yard game and a rugged defense led to a 35-10 rout of the 49ers and the Falcons had earned their first-ever NFC Western Division Title. The win was the Falcons 9th straight and 12th of the season, both club bests.

Heartbreak in Georgia Jan. 5, 1981	Leading 24-10 heading into the 4th quarter, Falcons end up on short end of 30-27 score as Cowboys rally for 20 points in Atlanta Fulton County Stadium before record 60,022 fans.
Aloha Feb. 1, 1981	Record six Falcons selected to Pro Bowl as Bartkowski passes for new high 178 yards (55 TD to Alfred Jenkins) to lead NFC to 21-7 win.
They Can't Win If They Don't Score Sept. 6, 1981	Falcons defense sets tone with first-ever shutout in season opening 27-0 win over New Orleans. For good measure, the defense even scored a TD of their own with a fumble recovery.
You Had To See It To Believe It, Folks Sept. 13, 1981	Green Bay Packer fans were enjoying a 17-0 lead after three quarters, but no one knew what was in store next. In a nine-minute span, the Falcons erupted for an NFL record tying 31 points (4 TD's, 1 FG) to win 31-17.
Good News, Bad News Sept. 20, 1981	Atlanta fans were treated to a 34-17 thumping of the rival 49ers (soon to be Super Bowl bound) and the fastest start in club history, 3-0. The Falcons had now won 12 of the last 13 regular season games and 14 of last 15. Tommy Pridemore even set a club record with a 101-yard interception return. The bad news: three starters were lost in a five-minute span (LB Joel Williams, DE Jeff Merrow and T Warren Bryant).
Who Was That Guy? Oct. 11, 1981	Despite scoring 35 points and gaining 349 yards, Falcons lost to Rams, 37-35, as Leroy Irvin set an NFL record by returning six punts for 207 yards (75 and 84 yard TDs).
2 + 2 = 4 Oct. 18, 1981	William Andrews and Alfred Jenkins each gained over 100 yards receiving and each scored two touchdowns as Steve Bartkowski set a club mark with 4 TD passes in 41-20 rout of St. Louis.
Dueling QB's Nov. 15, 1981	Steve Bartkowski rewrites Falcon record book with 33 of 50 for 416-yard performance. Terry Bradshaw is equal to the task with 5 TD passes as Steelers win 34-20.
Numbers To Remember 1981 Season	The team will look back on seven losses of five points or less as to why they were 7-9. The defeats were by 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, and 5 points. Individually, records were set by Steve Bartkowski (3,830 yards), William Andrews (81 catches), Alfred Jenkins (1,358 yards, 13 TDs-3 in one game), and Mick Luckhurst (114 points). A team high seven Falcons are picked for the Pro Bowl.
No More Tickets May 17, 1982	Season ticket sales are halted after reaching a club record 57,500.
It's Never Over 'Til It's Over Sept. 12, 1982	With the Giants leading, 14-7, and deep in Falcon territory in the 4th quarter, the season opener wasn't going as planned. However, Bob Glazebrook returned a fumble for a club-record 91 yards and then Mick Luckhurst won the game with 58 seconds remaining for a 17-14 Falcon triumph.
Striking Out Sept. 21, 1982	NFL Players Association calls a strike after two games and players walk out. Eight games were missed, seven cancelled, in strike that lasted until Nov. 17 (57 days).
Back on Track Nov. 21, 1982	In first game after strike, William Andrews gains 207 yards (119 rush, 88 rec.) and rookie Gerald Riggs scores his first two NFL TD's in 34-17 win over Rams. Falcons are 2-1 and thinking playoffs in short season.
Way To Go, Alfred Nov. 28, 1982	Alfred Jenkins gets his 306th career catch to set club mark. However, a 67-yard Johnson punt return TD is called back and a tying FG sailed wide as Falcons lost to St. Louis, 23-20.

The Jinx Is Broken Oct. 7, 1984	For the first time in 19 long years, the Falcons won at Los Angeles. It wasn't easy, of course, as Mick Luckhurst had to kick a 37-yard FG as time expired after Bartkowski completed two fourth-down passes to keep the winning drive alive. Cain rushed for three TD's also in 30-28 win to set club mark.
A Catchy Record Dec. 2, 1984	Receiver Alfred Jackson broke the club record with 11 catches for 193 yards vs. San Francisco in 35-17 loss.
Landing A Big One April 30, 1985	Pitt's 280-pound offensive lineman, Bill Fralic, was selected by Falcons as second choice in entire NFL draft.
"White Shoes" Is #1 Sept. 8, 1985	Billy "White Shoes" Johnson becomes the NFL's all-time career punt returner with 58 yards against Detroit.
Bull's eye Sept.-Oct., 1985	Kicker Mick Luckhurst sets club record for consecutive field goals with 10 and then adds to it until streak runs out at 17 vs. Dallas.
A Sudden Ending Nov. 10, 1985	Trailing 17-0 after three quarters, Falcons rallied to tie 17-17 and had a chance to win on final play of regulation when FG sailed wide. In OT, Eagles Ron Jaworski hit Mike Quick for an equally quick record tying 99-yard TD.
Running Wild Nov. 1985	Gerald Riggs set club record for career rushing TDs, tied record for single game TDs, and had a club record five consecutive 100 yard rushing games.
Waiving Bye-Bye Nov. 27, 1985	Steve Bartkowski is released after five weeks on injured reserve and is claimed by Washington for final two weeks.
Determined Gerald Dec. 22, 1985	With 158 yards in the 16-10 win over New Orleans, Gerald Riggs had a club best 9 100-yard games and a season record 1,719 yards to lead the entire NFC.
Ins and Outs Dec. 23-24, 1985	Eddie LeBaron, V-P and chief executive officer, is dismissed, while Dan Henning is given a one-year contract extension. Henning then hires former Falcon head coach Marion Campbell as defensive coordinator.
Picking and Choosing April 29, 1986	Using some draft picks and trading others for players, the Falcons landed eight players (five starters) as a result of this one day's selection process. Drafted were Lombardi Trophy winner, Tony Casillas, LB Tim Green, WR Floyd Dixon, and RB Keith Williams. Coming in trades were starters LB Reggie Wilkes, LB Joel Williams, S Bret Clark and QB Turk Schonert.
A Record Start Sept. 1986	The Falcons came out roaring with four straight wins over New Orleans, St. Louis, Dallas and Tampa Bay for the best-ever start in club history. The Cowboy game featured a 10-point rally with a game-winning FG with 20 seconds left and the Buc game featured a 20-7 come-from-behind win with an overtime FG the decider. Gerald Riggs ran for a touchdown in each game to tie a club mark. The opener also featured the return of William Andrews after a two-year layoff following knee surgery.
Leading the Way Oct. 12, 1986	In a game that featured the return of QB Steve Bartkowski to Atlanta (as an LA Ram), the Falcons rolled to a 26-14 win to up their mark to 5-1. The next week, the Falcons fought to an overtime tie with the 49ers to stay atop the Western Division.

M*A*S*H Dec. 5, 1982	Some 18 players from both squads limped off or were carried from the field in brutal 34-27 Falcon win at Mile High Stadium. A safe Mick Luckhurst became the first Falcon kicker to ever make two 50-plus yard field goals in the same game.
A National Clinch Dec. 19, 1982	With a powerful 17-7 win over the Super Bowl Champion 49ers before a national Sunday Night audience, the Falcons become third NFC team to clinch a playoff berth as they up record to 5-2. Team controlled ball for 43 minutes to 17 for 49ers and ran the ball 57 times for 223 yards.
Indoor Playoffs Jan. 9, 1983	Falcons journeyed to Minnesota's Metrodome for the opening round Playoff game and led 7-3 after one quarter and 21-16 after three quarters, but Vikings rallied for 30-24 win. In an oddity, all 24 Falcon points were scored by the special teams (blocked punt for TD, pass to Luckhurst for TD, and FG) and the defense (Glazebrook TD interception).
Changing of The Guard Jan. 14-Feb. 1, 1983	Leeman Bennett is released after six seasons and Dan Henning, from the World Champion Washington Redskins, is hired as the sixth head coach in Falcon history.
A Happy Debut Sept. 4, 1983	At Soldier Field, Falcons come from behind twice to defeat Bears, 20-17, to open on successful note for Coach Henning.
Road Warriors Sept. 18, 1983	On the road at Detroit, Falcons romp 30-14 for Henning's second straight road win. Andrews carried a club record 32 times (150 yards), with Bartkowski hitting his 10th 300 game (366) and adding to his streak of 107 passes without an interception.
Broken Streaks Oct. 9-Oct. 16 1983	Alfred Jenkins 4th longest receiving streak in NFL history stopped at 103 games vs. Rams and Steve Bartkowski's streak of 197 consecutive passes without an interception ends vs. New Orleans.
"Big Ben" Chimes Again Nov. 20, 1983	Trailing 24-21, Bartkowski lofts desperation pass 42 yards to five-yard line where ball is deflected to stumbling Billy Johnson, who fights into end zone for 28-24 upset win.
A Two-Time Hero Nov. 27, 1983	Kenny Johnson became only the 12th player in NFL history to score two TD's in the same game with interceptions. His first one put the Falcons ahead of Green Bay, 41-34, but the Pack came back to force overtime. With another chance to be the hero, Johnson returned an interception 31 yards to win the game.
Stats to Remember Dec. 18, 1983	William Andrews sets new club record with 331 rushes for 1,567 yards. Steve Bartkowski has third 3,000-yard season and sets mark with 63.4% completion rate and just 1.1% interception rate (5 in 432), while C Jeff Van Note starts his 200th game as a Falcon.
Surgery for William Aug. 21, 1984	Falcon all-time leading rusher, William Andrews, injures knee ligaments, cartilage and nerve in practice session and is out indefinitely.
A New Leader Sept. 2, 1984	Gerald Riggs gets the starting call and sets new club records with 35 attempts for 202 yards in 36-28 opening win at the Superdome in New Orleans.
Point Parade Sept. 9, 1984	K Mick Luckhurst becomes the club's all-time leading scorer with his 271st career point.

**Injured
Quarterbacks**
Nov. 23, 1986

At Candlestick Park, the 49ers Joe Montana made his third start after back surgery that some said would sideline him for the season or even his career. Meanwhile, the Falcons had a new starter in Turk Schonert as Dave Archer was lost for the year in the previous week's 13-10 loss to the Super Bowl champion Bears. Both completed 21 passes with only six yards difference, but the 49ers prevailed 20-0.

A Note of Thanks
Dec. 14, 1986

It was Jeff Van Note day at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium as the 18-year veteran center was honored after 246 games. With all his family present, he was presented gifts including a vintage 1957 Chevy (symbolic of his #57 and being a classic). Mick Luckhurst extended his club record to 117 consecutive PAT's.

**Falcons Get
Their Man**
April 28, 1987

When it came time for the Falcons to make their No. 1 selection (13th overall) on draft day '87, they took no time at all in choosing a player they coveted from the beginning; namely, Oregon QB Chris Miller. The last time the birds used their top pick on a QB was in 1975 when Steve Bartkowski fit the bill.

**Super Bowl
Champs Go Down,
Johnson's
Records
Adding Up**
Sept. 20, 1987

After being drubbed 48-10 at Tampa Bay in the season opener the Falcons rebound to defeat the eventual World Champion Washington Redskins 21-20 in front of over 50,000 fans at Fulton-County. QB Scott Campbell made his first start in two years (and first in a Falcon uniform) replacing Dave Archer and completed 17-34 passes for 271 yards and two TD's to supply the offensive spark. Billy "White Shoes" Johnson added another milestone to his brilliant career by becoming the NFL's all-time leading punt returner, registering his 259th lifetime return.

Strike Two!!
Sept. 22, 1987

The NFL Players Association walks off the job for the second time in five years but only one game is cancelled. The League's owners decide to continue with replacement players. "Regulars" report back to work 24 days later but still not in time for the League's mandatory limit and miss another game.

Play (Hard) Ball!!
Oct. 4-18, 1987

The NFL goes along with its idea to compete with replacement players while the union walks the picket line. The Falcons are forced to play against strikebreaking "veterans" at home in all three games such as Ernest Jackson, Mike Webster, Nolan Cromwell and 1988 Pro Bowlers Joe Montana, Roger Craig and Charles White (League's leading rusher). Atlanta drops close contests against Pittsburgh and San Francisco but dumps the L.A. Rams 24-20 despite trailing 17-0 at halftime.

**Record Breaking
Session By Riggs
Spells Doomsday
For Dallas**
Dec. 6, 1987

Gerald Riggs becomes the club's all-time leading rusher surpassing William Andrews with a five-yard run in the third quarter at Dallas giving the six-year pro from Arizona State a career total of 5,987 yards. Riggs finishes up the day with 119 yards to help the Falcons break a seven-game losing streak and knock the Cowboys out of the playoffs for the second straight year with a 21-10 victory in Texas Stadium.

**Crowning
Achievements**
Dec. 27, 1987

Rick Donnelly and Sylvester Stamps claim a pair of NFL individual titles because of what they did and didn't do against the Lions in the season finale. Donnelly goes toe-to-toe with Detroit's Jim Arnold and wins the League's punting title with a 44.03 average. The Lions kick away from dangerous return man Stamps and he maintains his NFL lead without actually fielding a KOR all day to end the year with a League-best 27.5 average.

**"Five Seasons
Rolled Into One"
1987 Season**

That's how Falcons Head Coach Marion Campbell summed up the 1987 campaign. It's not too far fetched when you consider: a total of 114 players donned a Falcon jersey (including replacement players) and a combined 26 players missed 145 games due to injuries...some 46 players were credited with at least one tackle on defense, while 27 players caught a pass and 22 ran from scrimmage...there were 17 players who returned a kick with 16 others who scored...and would you believe five different quarterbacks started a game, or how about five different starters at free safety, or five who started at H-Back, or five who punted...

**Falcons Hammer
Super Bowl
Champs at Home
Sept. 18, 1988**

Atlanta handed Super Bowl XXIII Champion 49ers their second worst defeat of the entire year 34-17 behind a potent offense and opportunistic defense. Touchdown runs by rookie James Primus (29 yds.) and Gerald Riggs (3 yds.) were complemented by Chris Miller's 1-yard bootleg for a score to end the first half as the upstart Falcons built a 21-3 lead at intermission and never looked back. The birds defense picked off three Joe Montana passes, and four total, and Robert Moore's 47 yard interception return for a score in the beginning of the 4th quarter put the exclamation point on a total team win. Riggs finished with 115 yards rushing and the Falcons could boast they have beaten the last two World Champions in back-to-back seasons.

**Bombs Away!
Oct. 30, 1988**

Young leader QB Chris Miller engineered a come-from-behind victory over eventual NFC East winning Eagles on the road behind some strong arm tactics. The former No. 1 pick threw scoring tosses of 19 and 17 yards to keep the score close. Then, trailing 24-20 with 9:20 left on the clock, Miller split two Eagle defenders and hit a striding Michael Haynes with a perfect 49-yard TD strike for the game winner (which snapped the Falcons five-game losing streak). It was the first time Miller passed for three TD's in a game in his short NFL career and marked a victorious return to Philadelphia for ex-Eagle coach Marion Campbell.

**Stingy "D"
Nov. 6 - Dec. 18,
1988**

The improving Falcon defense was among the best in the NFL during the second half of the '88 season. Atlanta's "baby boomers" (average age of 25) allowed only six touchdowns over the final seven games (three via pass) to rise to 11th place (tie) in the League in points allowed (19.7 per contest). The stingy unit was second in the League in points allowed over the last half of the season surrendering an average of 12 points per outing. Marion Campbell's crew was 7th in total takeaways with 38 in 1988 including 24 interceptions, which trailed only Vikings, Bears and Eagles.

**Making a Case
for Himself
Nov. 6-27, 1988**

CB Scott Case laid claim to a spot in the Pro Bowl by being named NFC Defensive Player of the Month for November. Case intercepted five passes (two each vs. Packers and Raiders), registered a forced fumble and QB sack and made 20 tackles with nine passes defended to help the Falcons to a 3-1 record during the month.

**Bruce Sacks
Award
Nov. 23, 1988**

Rookie OLB Aundray Bruce was honored as the NFC's Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the Falcons 12-6 victory over the Raiders. Bruce recorded two sacks, an interception, one forced fumble and one recovered fumble, two QB hurries and four tackles. The NFL's No. 1 draft pick sacked Raider QB Steve Beuerlein, which caused him to fumble, and Bruce recovered at LA's 12-yard line with 6:12 remaining in the game. The Falcons went on to score the winning touchdown and nail down their third victory in four games. Bruce's interception came while he was covering former Auburn teammate Bo Jackson 30-yards downfield.

Settling for a Place in History Dec. 18, 1988	RB John Settle put his name in the League's record book by becoming the first free agent in NFL history since the 1970 merger to gain 1000 yards in a season as he rushed for 66 yards against the Saints to finish with 1024. Paul Lowe (Chargers) and Clem Daniels (Raiders) of the AFL were the only other undrafted players to accomplish the feat (in 1963 and 1965). The former Appalachian State star was fourth in the NFL in total yards (1594) and the club leader in receptions with 68 as he garnered his first trip to the Pro Bowl.
A Case of a Perfect 10 Dec. 18, 1988	CB Scott Case picked off his 10th pass of the year against the Saints to finish atop the NFL charts. Case set a new Falcon record for interceptions in a season eclipsing the old mark of nine by Roland Lawrence in 1975. The Oklahoma product stole seven passes in the second half of the season when the young Falcons defense began to jell.
Pro Bowl Bonanza 1988 season	Three Falcon players were voted to the NFC-AFC Pro Bowl for the first time since 1983. G Bill Fralic missed an opportunity to start his third straight game because of a knee problem. Case and Settle were voted in by their peers for the first time and helped the NFC win as Settle scored on a 1-yard TD run and Case held his own against the League's best receivers.
Two for One April, 1989	The Falcons ended up with two number one draft picks as Ken Herock selected CB Deion Sanders with the 5th overall pick, then later traded with Cincinnati to get the 27th pick and take WR Shawn Collins. Both would go on to earn all-Rookie NFL recognition.
Prime Time Scores Twice 1989	Deion "Prime Time" Sanders ends his lengthy Sept. contract holdout and reports to camp. He takes a Friday practice and Saturday walk through and puts on the football pads for the first time in seven months in the season opener vs. the Rams. In the first quarter, Deion returns a punt 68 yards for a touchdown. After hitting a home run for the New York Yankees earlier that week, it makes him the only modern day athlete to hit a HR and score a TD in the same week.
Herschel and GA Homecoming Sept. 17, 1989	Heisman trophy winning Herschel Walker returns to Homecoming, his native Georgia, for his first NFL game. The hometown Falcons spoil his party, but the sellout crowd enjoys a 27-21 Atlanta win over the Cowboys and Herschel.
Tragedy Nov.-Dec., 1989	Rookie offensive lineman, Ralph Norwood, is killed Nov. 24 in a single car accident in Gwinnett County on the day after Thanksgiving...Less than a month later, TE Brad Beckman is killed as a passenger in an auto accident on I-85 in Gwinnett County.
I Resign Nov. 28, 1989	Head Coach Marion Campbell announces his resignation after 12 games (3-9), leaving assistant Head Coach Jim Hanifan to take over for the final four games.
Good Job Dec. 1989	Guard Bill Fralic goes to a fourth consecutive Pro Bowl (the only guard in the NFL to do so). Rookie WR Shawn Collins leads all NFL rookies and sets a club rookie mark with 58 catches, while fellow rookie Deion Sanders gains post-season recognition by leading all rookie DB's with five thefts and gaining over 1,000 yards in returns.
Glanville Accepts Jan. 14, 1990	Former Falcons assistant and Houston Oilers head coach Jerry Glanville accepts the offer to become the Falcons Head Coach. The 48-year old returns to the team he helped to three playoffs and an NFC West title as defensive coordinator of the "Grits Blitz."

A First Feb. 27, 1990	Canadian All-Star QB Gilbert Renfro signs a free agent contract after four seasons with the Toronto Argonauts. The Tennessee State alum becomes the first black QB in Atlanta Falcons history.
Back in Black March 20, 1990	The Falcons announce plans for their 25th Anniversary season that include going back to their original black jerseys of 1966. In addition black helmets are unveiled along with the 25th logo patches for the uniforms.
Showstopping Trade April 20, 1990	With the number one pick overall in the Draft, the Falcons deal with the Colts for six-time Pro Bowl lineman, Chris Hinton, all-rookie WR Andre Rison, and next year's #1 pick.
That's Super! May 23, 1990	Falcons owner Rankin Smith leads the way in securing Super Bowl XXVIII for the City of Atlanta at the NFL Owners Meeting in Dallas.
Perfect! Aug., 1990	With a 45-14 rout of the New England Patriots, the Falcons close their first-ever undefeated preseason at 4-0, setting a TV viewing record in the process.
Heroes of the Heart Sept. 7, 1990	Coach Glanville and the Chambers Development Company team for a charity concert. Performers Gary Morris, Jerry Jeff Walker, and Kris Kristofferson come to Lakewood to kick off the opening Texas weekend.
Opening Day Sept. 9, 1990	Houston, Jerry Glanville's former team, comes to town to face the new black-clad Falcons. With the defense scoring three touchdowns, the Falcons win in a rout, 47-27, before sellout crowd.
Reunion Oct. 14, 1990	Over 120 former Falcons return for the Alumni 25th Anniversary dinner-dance at the Ritz-Carlton in Buckhead. The Falcons also had honorary alumni as captains at every home game in '90.
National TV Oct. 28, 1990	With a national TV audience watching for the first time since 1984, the Falcons storm the Cincinnati Bengals, 38-17. The prime time viewers see "Prime Time" Deion Sanders set a club record with a 79-yard punt return TD in what was TNT's highest rated game of the season.
Happy Ending Dec. 30, 1990	With the Dallas Cowboys coming to town, needing a win to secure a playoff berth, the Falcons close out with a second straight win and a 26-7 romp behind a club-record 68-yard run by Mike Rozier. The Falcons donated 2,000 tickets from the sellout to the USO for servicemen to attend.
What a Catch 1990 Season	WR Andre Rison sets a club mark with 82 pass receptions en route to a Pro Bowl berth.
Improvement 1990 Season	The Falcons led the NFL with a 3.3 per carry rush defense as the improving Birds moved up in over 20 statistical categories from the previous season.
Two-Timer Jan. 30, 1991	Deion Sanders becomes both an Atlanta Brave and an Atlanta Falcon as he signs a baseball contract. He's the first to play two sports in the same city in 30 years.
Stock Sale March 28, 1991	A pair of Atlanta businessmen join the Board of Directors by acquiring 6% each of the outstanding stock of the company. John P. Imlay, Jr., 54, and attorney Tom Watson Brown, 58, join the team.

Preseason Results

1966 (1-4)

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

1967 (2-2-1)

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

1968 (1-4)

Washington at Tampa (42,180)	14-16
N.Y. Giants at Nashville (14,555)	13-17
N.Y. Jets at Birmingham (27,406)	12-27
N.O. at Atlanta (49,832)	16-10
Miami at Miami (36,122)	13-19

1969 (2-4)

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

1970 (4-1)

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

1971 (3-2)

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

1972 (1-4)

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

1973 (2-3)

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

1974 (4-2)

Philadelphia at Philadelphia (15,379)	23-7
Oakland at Berkeley (34,319)	16-28
Cincinnati at Grant Field (44,127)	7-13
Houston at Houston (27,116)	10-6
Baltimore at Atlanta (50,085)	23-7
Denver at Denver (43,253)	20-14

1975 (3-3)

Washington Redskins at Washington (18,444)	16-14
Baltimore at Lincoln, Neb. (43,097)	10-3
Oakland at Atlanta (39,878)	7-22
N.Y. Jets at Atlanta (34,387)	13-16
Buffalo at Tampa, Fla. (41,212)	14-16
Philadelphia at Atlanta (28,675)	17-14

1976 (2-4)

Washington at Atlanta (38,808)	10-17
Cleveland at Stillwater, Okla. (24,227)	7-31
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, Fla. (11,342)	3-17
New England at Atlanta (23,495)	17-28
Baltimore at Atlanta (24,986)	21-7
Green Bay at Milwaukee, Wisc. (54,989)	26-7

1977 (3-3)

St. Louis at St. Louis (24,667)	3-0
N.Y. Jets at Atlanta (28,954)	2-17
Denver at Atlanta (21,239)	2-10
Tampa Bay at Orlando (31,123)	30-21
Kansas City at Kansas City (22,748)	24-16
New England at New England (41,346)	10-29

1978 (2-2)

New York Jets at New York (31,480)	20-17
Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh (46,444)	7-13
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,306)	7-24
Washington at Washington (29,487)	10-7

1979 (0-4)

New England at Atlanta (53,228)	14-37
St. Louis at St. Louis (39,705)	17-42
Washington at Atlanta (52,478)	6-16
Green Bay at Green Bay (55,416)	35-45

1980 (1-3)	
Seattle at Seattle (59,555)	10-14
Pittsburgh at Atlanta (55,695)	14-17
San Diego at San Diego (47,184)	9-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (42,983)	51-35

1981 (2-3)	
Cleveland at Canton, O. (23,921)	10-24
Oakland at Oakland (42,697)	16-17
New York Jets at Atlanta (51,163)	21-20
Minnesota at Minnesota (42,908)	19-20
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (53,688)	27-7

1982 (2-2)	
Minnesota at Atlanta (49,831)	20-17
Baltimore at Phoenix (56,748)	3-34
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,175)	24-21
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (62,933)	0-34

1983 (2-2)	
Washington at Atlanta (46,052)	13-10
Denver at Denver (73,199)	10-21
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (57,237)	6-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (37,420)	10-7

1984 (1-3)	
Minnesota at Minnesota (51,693)	6-37
New Orleans at New Orleans (58,502)	21-31
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (29,610)	52-21
Denver at Atlanta (30,988)	13-24

1985 (2-2)	
Washington at Atlanta (30,574)	14-17

Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (34,040)	23-17
Green Bay at Milwaukee (49,703)	24-28
Miami at Atlanta (32,768)	19-17

1986 (2-2)	
New York Giants at Atlanta (25,445)	31-24
Atlanta at Tampa Bay (28,797)	20-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (33,637)	21-27
Atlanta at Washington (52,619)	21-29

1987 (1-3)	
Buffalo at Atlanta (31,166)	19-14
Kansas City at Kansas City (39,164)	10-13
Cleveland at Atlanta (35,960)	3-23
New England at New England (59,129)	13-14

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

1990 (4-0)	
Washington at Chapel Hill, N.C. (52,036)	31-27
Cincinnati at Atlanta (43,472)	34-17
Green Bay at Milwaukee (51,069)	17-14
New England at New England (24,106)	45-14

HONORARY SPECIAL TEAMS CAPTAINS

Coach Glanville, whose special teams usually rank among the NFL's best, also selects "honorary" captains to address that unit. Among the captains last year were heavyweight boxing Champion and Atlanta-native Evander Holyfield, singer/actor Kris Kristofferson, circus star Angel Wallenda who lost a leg to cancer, cowboy movie star and 'man in black' Lash Larue, entertainer "Mr. T," country singer Jerry Jeff Walker, recording artist Billy Swan, Atlanta-native country singer Travis Tritt, actor Alan Autry ('Bubba' from In the Heat of the Night TV show), and pro wrestler Zeus. The '92 season list was being planned at press time.

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
	<u>204</u>	<u>437</u>	

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
	<u>170</u>	<u>389</u>	

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
	<u>206</u>	<u>261</u>	

1967 (11-12-1)

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
	<u>175</u>	<u>422</u>	

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
	<u>276</u>	<u>268</u>	

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
	<u>274</u>	<u>277</u>	

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
	269	274	

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
	111	271	

1976 (4-10)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell (1-4)
Pat Pepler (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
	172	312	

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
	318	224	

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
	240	289	

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
	179	129	

1978 (9-7)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
NFC Wildcard Team

Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Att.	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		Att.	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		Att.	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		Att.	Opp.	
9-2	at New Orleans	40	34ot	(W) 70,840
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) 52,800
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	8	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		Att.	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		Att.	Opp.	
9-4	at Chicago	20	17	(W) 60,165
9-11	New York Giants	13	16ot	(L) 52,850
9-18	at Detroit	30	14	(W) 54,622
9-25	at San Francisco	20	24	(L) 57,814
10-2	Philadelphia	24	28	(L) 50,621
10-9	New Orleans	17	19	(L) 51,654
10-16	at L.A. Rams	21	27	(L) 50,404
10-23	at N.Y. Jets	27	21	(W) 46,878
10-30	New England	24	13	(W) 47,546
11-6	at New Orleans	10	27	(L) 67,062
11-14	L.A. Rams	13	36	(L) 31,203
11-20	San Francisco	28	24	(W) 32,782
11-27	Green Bay	47	41ot	(W) 35,688
12-4	at Washington	21	37	(L) 52,074
12-10	at Miami	24	31	(L) 56,725
12-18	Buffalo	31	14	(W) 31,015
		370	389	

1984 (4-12)

Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

Date	At.	Opp.		
9-2	at New Orleans	36 28	(W)	66,652
9-9	Detroit	24 27ot	(L)	49,878
9-16	at Minnesota	20 27	(L)	53,955
9-23	Houston	42 10	(W)	45,248
9-30	at San Francisco	5 14	(L)	57,990
10-7	at Los Angeles	30 28	(W)	47,832
10-14	N.Y. Giants	7 19	(L)	50,268
10-22	Los Angeles	10 24	(L)	52,861
10-28	at Pittsburgh	10 35	(L)	55,971
11-5	at Washington	14 27	(L)	51,301
11-11	New Orleans	13 17	(L)	40,590
11-18	Cleveland	7 23	(L)	28,280
11-25	at Cincinnati	14 35	(L)	44,678
12-2	San Francisco	17 35	(L)	29,644
12-9	at Tampa Bay	6 23	(L)	33,808
12-16	Philadelphia	26 10	(W)	15,582
		281	382	

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 23ot	(L)	63,694
11-17	L.A. Rams	30 14	(W)	29,960
11-24	at Chicago	0 36	(L)	65,790
12-1	L.A. Raiders	24 34	(L)	20,585
12-8	at Kansas City	10 38	(L)	18,199
12-15	Minnesota	14 13	(W)	14,167
12-22	at New Orleans	16 10	(W)	37,717
		282	452	

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)	46,463
9-21	at Dallas	37 35	(W)	62,880
9-28	at Tampa Bay	23 20ot	(W)	38,950
10-5	Philadelphia	0 16	(L)	57,104
10-12	L.A. Rams	26 14	(W)	51,662
10-19	San Francisco	10 10ot	(T)	55,306
10-26	at L.A. Rams	7 14	(L)	56,993
11-2	at New England	17 25	(L)	60,597
11-9	N.Y. Jets	14 28	(L)	53,476
11-16	Chicago	10 13	(L)	55,520
11-23	at San Francisco	0 20	(L)	58,747
11-30	at Miami	20 14	(W)	53,762
12-7	Indianapolis	23 28	(L)	30,397
12-14	New Orleans	9 14	(L)	39,994
12-21	at Detroit	20 6	(W)	35,255
		280	280	

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
		279	437	267

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These 36 young ladies were selected from a group of more than 200 hopefuls last spring. They will perform at all 1991 Falcon home games. The group is also available for personal appearances. For appearance information, you may call Ginger Poole at 303-0425.



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 14th season for the Falcons here, with Training Camp operating here for a 13th consecutive year.

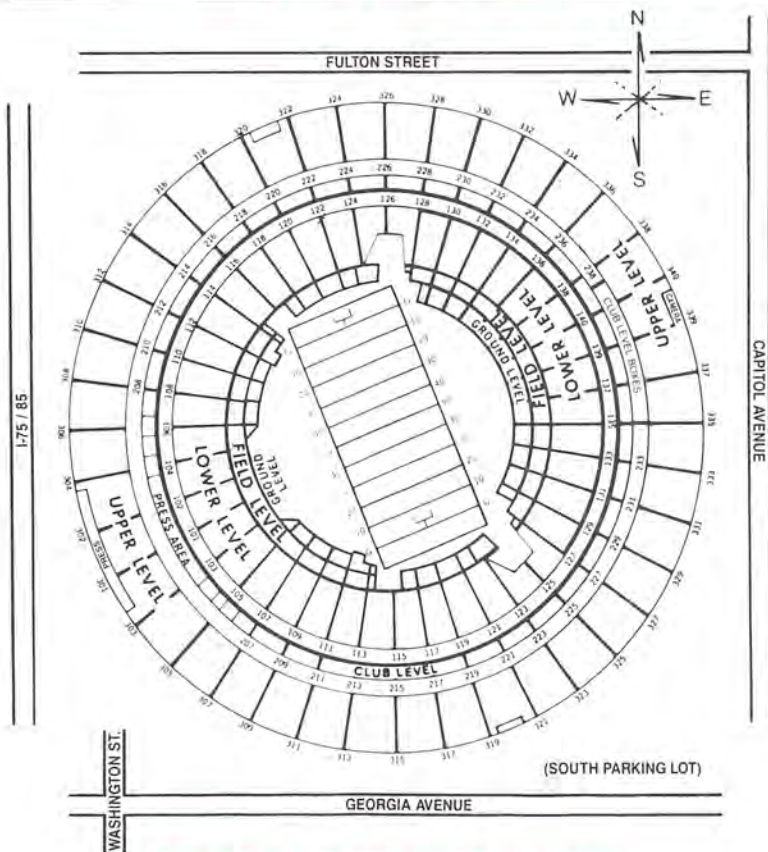
Included in the spacious 28,060 square-foot, two-story, red-brick building are the locker-room facilities, a training and rehabilitation room, a renovated weight room, the equipment room, player meeting rooms, coaches offices, scouting room, film/video library and all the club's administrative offices (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 or 1-800-326-4000. Tickets can be charged on VISA, MasterCard, or American Express. 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 Center, including Turtle's Records and Tape Stores, Sound Warehouse, Coconuts, and Tower Records, or go to Gate G at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

Ticket prices for 1991 are \$24 for upper and lower levels and \$18 for field level seats.

NFL PERSONNEL FACTS

Waivers

The waiver system is a procedure by which player contracts or NFL rights to players are made available by a club to other clubs in the League. During the procedure the 27 other clubs either file claims to obtain the players or waive the opportunity to do so—thus the term “waiver.” Claiming clubs are assigned players on a priority based on the inverse of won-and-lost standing. The claiming period normally is 10 days during the offseason and 24 hours from early July through December. In some circumstances, another 24 hours is added on to allow the original club to rescind its action (known as a recall of a waiver request) and/or the claiming club to do the same (known as withdrawal of a claim). If a player passes through waivers unclaimed and is not recalled by the original club, he becomes a free agent. All waivers from July through December are no recall and no withdrawal. Under the Collective Bargaining Agreement, from February 1 through October 16, any veteran who has acquired four years of pension credit may, if about to be assigned to another club through the waiver system, reject such assignment and become a free agent. On Sept. 17, 1991, priority on waiver claiming is based on current standings.

Active List

The Active List is the principal status for players participating for a club. It consists of all players under contract, including option, who are eligible for preseason, regular season, and postseason games. In 1991, teams will be permitted to open training camp with no more than 80 players under contract and thereafter must meet a series of mandatory roster reductions prior to the season opener. Teams will be permitted to dress up to 45 players for each regular season and postseason game during the 1991 season; in addition, each club will have an Inactive List of two players. Maximum roster limits and dates for 1991 are:

August 20 active list of 60 players, 4 p.m.

August 26 active list of 45 players (plus two-player Inactive List), Final 47, Noon

In addition to the Active List limits described above, there also is an overall roster limit of 80 players that is applicable to players on a club's Active, Inactive, or Exempt Lists, and any players on Reserve as Injured, Physically Unable to Perform, Non-Football Illness/Injury, and Suspended.

Practice Squad

Will consist of five rookie or first-year players and will begin on August 27, after waivers clear from the final 47-player cut. All players will have cleared Waivers before being signed. They are eligible to practice with the team, but must sign a full contract before playing in a game. An activation move is not required for a practice player to move to the regular roster. Any NFL team can sign a player off any other team's practice roster.

Reserve List

The Reserve List is a status for players who, for reasons of injury, retirement, military service, or other circumstances, are not immediately available for participation with a club. Players on Reserve/Injured after the final cut date are not eligible to practice or return to the Active List until six regular-season games have been played.

Each club will have five free activations for players placed on Reserve/Injured after the final cutdown. Players also can be returned to the club's Active List if they clear Procedural Recall waivers. Any player placed on Reserve/Injured prior to or concurrent with the final cutdown may not return to the club nor practice with the team that year. Clubs participating in postseason competition will be granted an additional activation for each postseason game, provided they have exhausted all previous activations.

Players in the category of Reserve/Retired/Did Not Report, or Reserve/Veteran Free Agent Asked to Re-Sign may not be reinstated during the period from 30 days before the end of the regular season through the postseason.

Trades

Unrestricted trading between the AFC and NFC is allowed in 1991 through October 8, after which trading of player contracts/rights will end until January 27, 1992.

Tie-Breaking Procedures

The following procedures will be used to break standing ties for postseason playoffs and to determine regular-season schedules.

To Break a Tie Within a Division

If, at the end of the regular season, two or more clubs in the same division finish with identical won-lost-tied percentages, the following steps will be taken until a champion is determined.

Two Clubs

1. Head-to-head (best won-lost-tied percentage in games between the clubs).
2. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the division.
3. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the conference.
4. Best won-lost-tied percentage in common games, if applicable.
5. Best net points in division games.
6. Best net points in all games.
7. Strength of schedule.
8. Best net touchdowns in all games.
9. Coin toss.

Three or More Clubs

(Note: If one team wins multiple-team tiebreaker to advance to playoff round, remaining teams revert to step 1 of applicable two-club format, i.e., either in division tiebreaker or Wild Card tiebreaker. If two teams in a multiple-team tie possess superior marks in a tiebreaking step, this pair of teams revert to top of applicable two-club format to break tie. One team advances to playoff round, while other returns to original group and step 1 of applicable tiebreaker).

1. Head-to-head (best won-lost-tied percentage in games among the clubs).
2. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the division.
3. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the conference.
4. Best won-lost-tied percentage in common games.
5. Best net points in division games.
6. Best net points in all games.
7. Strength of schedule.
8. Best net touchdowns in all games.
9. Coin toss.

To Break a Tie for the Wild Card Team

If it is necessary to break ties to determine the three Wild Card clubs from each conference, the following steps will be taken.

1. If the tied clubs are from the same division, apply division tiebreaker.
2. If the tied clubs are from different divisions, apply the following steps.

Two Clubs

1. Head-to-head, if applicable.
2. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the conference.
3. Best won-lost-tied percentage in common games, minimum of four.
4. Best average net points in conference games.
5. Best net points in all games.
6. Strength of schedule.
7. Best net touchdowns in all games.
8. Coin toss.

1991 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 (First Weekend)

1. Atlanta at Kansas City 12:00
2. Cincinnati at Denver 2:00
3. Dallas at Cleveland 1:00
4. Los Angeles Raiders at Houston 3:00
5. Miami at Buffalo 4:00
6. Minnesota at Chicago 3:00
7. New England at Indianapolis 3:00
8. Philadelphia at Green Bay 12:00
9. Phoenix at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
10. San Diego at Pittsburgh 4:00
11. Seattle at New Orleans 12:00
12. Tampa Bay at New York Jets 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 1

13. Detroit at Washington 8:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

14. San Francisco at New York Giants 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 (Second Weekend)

15. Chicago at Tampa Bay 1:00
16. Cleveland at New England 1:00
17. Denver at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
18. Green Bay at Detroit 1:00
19. Indianapolis at Miami 1:00
20. Los Angeles Rams at New York Giants 1:00
21. Minnesota at Atlanta 1:00
22. New Orleans at Kansas City 12:00
23. New York Jets at Seattle 1:00
24. Phoenix at Philadelphia 1:00
25. Pittsburgh at Buffalo 1:00
26. San Diego at San Francisco 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 8

27. Houston at Cincinnati 8:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

28. Washington at Dallas 8:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 (Third Weekend)

29. Atlanta at San Diego 1:00
30. Buffalo at New York Jets 4:00
31. Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00
32. Indianapolis at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
33. Miami at Detroit 1:00
34. New England at Pittsburgh 1:00
35. New York Giants at Chicago 12:00
36. Philadelphia at Dallas 12:00
37. Phoenix at Washington 1:00
38. San Francisco at Minnesota 12:00
39. Seattle at Denver 2:00
40. Tampa Bay at Green Bay 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 15

41. Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans 7:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

42. Kansas City at Houston 8:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (Fourth Weekend)

43. Buffalo at Tampa Bay 4:00
44. Cleveland at New York Giants 1:00
45. Detroit at Indianapolis 12:00
46. Green Bay at Miami 1:00
47. Houston at New England 1:00
48. Los Angeles Raiders at Atlanta 1:00
49. Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco 1:00
50. Minnesota at New Orleans 12:00
51. Pittsburgh at Philadelphia 1:00
52. San Diego at Denver 2:00
53. Seattle at Kansas City 3:00
54. Washington at Cincinnati 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 22

55. Dallas at Phoenix 5:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

56. New York Jets at Chicago 8:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (Fifth Weekend)

OPEN DATE: 4 AFC CENTRAL TEAMS

57. Chicago at Buffalo 1:00
58. Green Bay at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
59. Indianapolis at Seattle 1:00
60. Kansas City at San Diego 1:00
61. Miami at New York Jets 4:00
62. New England at Phoenix 1:00
63. New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00
64. New York Giants at Dallas 12:00
65. San Francisco at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
66. Tampa Bay at Detroit 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 29

67. Denver at Minnesota 7:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

68. Philadelphia at Washington 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 (Sixth Weekend)

OPEN DATE: 4 NFC WEST TEAMS

69. Dallas vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee 12:00
70. Denver at Houston 12:00
71. Miami at New England 1:00
72. Minnesota at Detroit 1:00
73. New York Jets at Cleveland 1:00
74. Philadelphia at Tampa Bay 1:00
75. Phoenix at New York Giants 4:00
76. San Diego at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
77. Seattle at Cincinnati 1:00
78. Washington at Chicago 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 6

79. Pittsburgh at Indianapolis 7:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

80. Buffalo at Kansas City 8:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

(Seventh Weekend)

OPEN DATE: 4 AFC CENTRAL AND 2 AFC FIFTH PLACE TEAMS

81. Cincinnati at Dallas 12:00
82. Cleveland at Washington 1:00
83. Houston at New York Jets 4:00
84. Indianapolis at Buffalo 1:00
85. Miami at Kansas City 3:00
86. New Orleans at Philadelphia 1:00
87. Phoenix at Minnesota 12:00
88. San Diego at Los Angeles
Rams 1:00
89. San Francisco at Atlanta 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 13

90. Los Angeles Raiders at
Seattle 4:30

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

91. New York Giants at
Pittsburgh 9:00

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 (Eighth Weekend)

92. Chicago at Green Bay 6:30

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

OPEN DATES: 4 NFC EAST TEAMS

93. Atlanta at Phoenix 1:00
94. Cleveland at San Diego 1:00
95. Detroit at San Francisco 1:00
96. Houston at Miami 1:00
97. Kansas City at Denver 2:00
98. Los Angeles Rams at
Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
99. Minnesota at New England 1:00
100. New York Jets at
Indianapolis 12:00
101. Seattle at Pittsburgh 1:00
102. Tampa Bay at New Orleans 12:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

103. Cincinnati at Buffalo 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

(Ninth Weekend)

OPEN DATE: 4 AFC EAST TEAMS

104. Chicago at New Orleans 12:00
105. Cincinnati at Houston 12:00
106. Dallas at Detroit 4:00
107. Denver at New England 1:00
108. Green Bay at Tampa Bay 1:00
109. Los Angeles Rams at
Atlanta 1:00
110. Minnesota at Phoenix 2:00
111. Pittsburgh at Cleveland 1:00
112. San Diego at Seattle 1:00
113. San Francisco at
Philadelphia 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 27

114. Washington at New York
Giants 8:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

115. Los Angeles Raiders at
Kansas City 8:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

(Tenth Weekend)

OPEN DATE: 4 AFC WEST TEAMS

116. Atlanta at San Francisco 1:00
117. Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00
118. Detroit at Chicago 12:00
119. Green Bay at New York Jets 1:00
120. Houston at Washington 1:00
121. Miami at Indianapolis 4:00
122. New England at Buffalo 1:00
123. New Orleans at
Los Angeles Rams 1:00
124. Phoenix at Dallas 12:00
125. Tampa Bay at Minnesota 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 3

126. Pittsburgh at Denver 6:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

127. New York Giants at
Philadelphia 9:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

(Eleventh Weekend)

128. Atlanta at Washington 1:00
129. Buffalo vs. Green Bay at
Milwaukee 12:00
130. Dallas at Houston 12:00
131. Detroit at Tampa Bay 1:00
132. Indianapolis at New York
Jets 1:00
133. Kansas City at Los Angeles
Rams 1:00
134. Los Angeles Raiders at
Denver 2:00
135. New York Giants at Phoenix 2:00
136. Philadelphia at Cleveland 1:00
137. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 1:00
138. San Francisco at
New Orleans 12:00
139. Seattle at San Diego 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 10

140. New England at Miami 8:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

141. Chicago at Minnesota 8:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

(Twelfth Weekend)

142. Chicago at Indianapolis 1:00
143. Cincinnati at Philadelphia 1:00
144. Dallas at New York Giants 4:00
145. Denver at Kansas City 12:00
146. Los Angeles Rams at Detroit 4:00
147. Minnesota at Green Bay 12:00
148. New Orleans at San Diego 1:00
149. New York Jets at
New England 1:00
150. Phoenix at San Francisco 1:00
151. Seattle at Los Angeles
Raiders 1:00
152. Tampa Bay at Atlanta 1:00
153. Washington at Pittsburgh 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 17

154. Cleveland at Houston 7:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

155. Buffalo at Miami 9:00

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
(Thirteenth Weekend)**

156. Buffalo at New England 1:00

157. Dallas at Washington 1:00

158. Denver at Seattle 1:00

159. Detroit at Minnesota 12:00

160. Houston at Pittsburgh 1:00

161. Indianapolis vs. Green Bay at
Milwaukee 12:00

162. Kansas City at Cleveland 1:00

163. Los Angeles Raiders at
Cincinnati 1:00

164. Miami at Chicago 12:00

165. New York Giants at
Tampa Bay 1:00

166. Philadelphia at Phoenix 2:00

167. San Diego at New York Jets 4:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 24

168. Atlanta at New Orleans 7:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25169. San Francisco at
Los Angeles Rams 6:00**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
(Fourteenth Weekend)
(Thanksgiving Day)**

170. Chicago at Detroit 12:30

171. Pittsburgh at Dallas 3:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**OPEN DATE: 2 NFC FIFTH PLACE TEAMS**

172. Cleveland at Indianapolis 1:00

173. Green Bay at Atlanta 1:00

174. Kansas City at Seattle 1:00

175. New England at Denver 2:00

176. New Orleans at
San Francisco 1:00

177. New York Giants at Cincinnati 4:00

178. New York Jets at Buffalo 1:00

179. Tampa Bay at Miami 1:00

180. Washington at Los Angeles
Rams 1:00**SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 1**181. Los Angeles Raiders at
San Diego 5:00**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

182. Philadelphia at Houston 8:00

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
(Fifteenth Weekend)**

183. Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams 1:00

184. Buffalo at Los Angeles
Raiders 1:00

185. Denver at Cleveland 1:00

186. Green Bay at Chicago 12:00

187. Indianapolis at New England 1:00

188. New Orleans at Dallas 12:00

189. New York Jets at Detroit 4:00

190. Philadelphia at New York
Giants 1:00

191. Pittsburgh at Houston 12:00

192. San Diego at Kansas City 12:00

193. San Francisco at Seattle 1:00

194. Washington at Phoenix 2:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 8

195. Minnesota at Tampa Bay 8:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

196. Cincinnati at Miami 9:00

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
(Sixteenth Weekend)**

197. Kansas City at San Francisco 1:00

198. Tampa Bay at Chicago 11:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

199. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 1:00

200. Dallas at Philadelphia 1:00

201. Detroit at Green Bay 12:00

202. Houston at Cleveland 1:00

203. Los Angeles Rams at
Minnesota 12:00

204. Miami at San Diego 1:00

205. New England at New York
Jets 1:00206. New York Giants at
Washington 4:00

207. Phoenix at Denver 2:00

208. Seattle at Atlanta 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 15

209. Buffalo at Indianapolis 8:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16210. Los Angeles Raiders at
New Orleans 8:00**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
(Seventeenth Weekend)**

211. Green Bay at Minnesota 3:00

212. Houston at New York Giants 12:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

213. Atlanta at Dallas 12:00

214. Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00

215. Denver at San Diego 1:00

216. Detroit at Buffalo 1:00

217. Indianapolis at Tampa Bay 1:00

218. Kansas City at Los Angeles
Raiders 1:00

219. New England at Cincinnati 1:00

220. New Orleans at Phoenix 2:00

221. New York Jets at Miami 1:00

222. Washington at Philadelphia 4:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 22223. Los Angeles Rams at
Seattle 5:00**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**

224. Chicago at San Francisco 6:00

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 and The Omni

4. Anticipated Cost

- Estimated total cost of \$214 million, including land (\$175 million construction budget)

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, Olympics, basketball games and NCAA 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.

7. Construction and Design

- Heery International, Scott Braley, chief architect
- Beers, Inc., lead construction management firm, Chuck Winstead, project manager
- Barton-Malow Company
- Holder Construction Company
- H. J. Russell Construction Co., Inc.
- Total jobs created: 1,880

8. Marketing and Leasing

- Dennis Berkholtz, director
- 203 Luxury suites (over 150 already leased) 10 years
- 5,672 Club level seat leases (over 2,000 leased) 10 years

9. Dome Management

- Daniel Graveline, executive director
- Khalil Johnson, general manager



This artist captures what a completed Dome will look like against a 1990 Atlanta.

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.

May 1, 1991 - Completion of frame and concrete ring beam at top.

Fall, 1991 - The roof goes on.

WHAT DISTINGUISHES THE GEORGIA DOME?

- World's 1st large-scale CABLE-SUPPORTED dome. Clear span of over 850 feet. Not inflated bubble-top like other domes.
- World's largest CABLE-SUPPORTED dome. Teflon-coated fiberglass roof (375,000 square foot) held together with five miles of bridge cable arranged in hyperbolic paraboloids.
- Largest stadium to use "tensegrity," first demonstrated at Olympic Park in Seoul, Korea, in 1986.

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 of '90.

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.

The exact date for Super Bowl XXVIII has not been set by the NFL.



Rankin Smith (right) shows Commissioner Tagliabue plans for the Georgia Dome where Super Bowl XXVIII will be played.

Falcons Radio Team

For a seventh consecutive season, WSB Radio in Atlanta will put together a Falcons radio network. All games are broadcast live, including a pregame tailgate show and a postgame show. The 50,000-watt "Sports Voice of the South," WSB-AM (750) has a network now covering seven states and 70 stations.

WSB's broadcast team will again feature the team of veterans Larry Munson and Jeff Van Note. In his fourth Falcon season, play-by-play man Munson is a veteran of over 25 years of Georgia Bulldogs football after stints with the Atlanta Braves, Vanderbilt, Nashville Vols baseball, and Wyoming. Van Note also returns for a fourth year of Falcons football after an 18-year playing career, longest in Falcon history. The six-time Pro Bowl center from the University of Kentucky will also take over most of the pregame show this fall.

Here's a tentative WSB Radio Network from May for the 70 stations in seven states who will carry the Falcons 1991 games:

STATE	CITY	STATION	FREQ.	STATE	CITY	STATION	FREQ.
Alabama	Albertville	WAVU-AM	630	Ga. (cont)	Louisville	WPEH-FM	92.1
	Alexander City	WDLK-AM	1450			WPEH-AM	1420
		WZLM-FM	97.3		Lyons	WBBT-AM	1340
	Anniston	WDNG-AM	1450		Macon	WMAZ-AM	940
	Cullman	WKUL-FM	92.1		Madison	WYTH-AM	1250
	Fort Payne	WFPA-AM	1400		Milledgeville	WMVG-AM	1450
	Mobile	WKRQ-AM	710		Moultrie	WMTM-FM	93.9
	Montgomery	WLWI-AM	740		Newnan	WCOH-AM	1400
	Opelika	WJHO-AM	1400		Perry	WPGA-AM	980
	Tuscaloosa	WNPT-AM	1280		Rome	WKCX-FM	97.7
Florida	Tuscumbia	WVNA-AM	1590		Savannah	WBMQ-AM	630
	Ft. Walton Bch	WNUE-AM	1400		Statesboro	WWNS-AM	1240
	Gainesville	WGGG-AM	1230		Swainsboro	WGKS-FM	98.3
	Panama City Bch	WILN-FM	105.9			WJAT-AM	800
Georgia	Albany	WGPC-AM	1450		Thomaston	WTGA-FM	95.3
	Americus	WISK-AM	1390			WTGA-AM	1590
	Athens	WRFC-AM	960		Thomasville	WSTT-AM	730
	Atlanta	WSB-AM	750			WSTT-FM	107.1
	Augusta	WGAC-AM	580		Thomson	WTWA-AM	1240
	Blakely	WBBK-AM	1260		Tifton	WWGS-AM	1430
		WDKZ-FM	93.1		Toccoa	WNEG-AM	630
	Brunswick	WMOG-AM	1490		Valdosta	WVLD-AM	1450
	Carrollton	WPPI-AM	1330		Washington	WLOV-AM	1370
	Claxton	WCLA-AM	1470			WLOV-FM	100.1
		WCLA-FM	107.1	N. Carolina	Concord	WEGO-AM	1410
	Columbus	WRCG-AM	1420		Fayetteville	WFLB-AM	1490
	Dalton	WLSQ-AM	1430		Salisbury	WSAT-AM	1280
	Donalsonville	WGMK-FM	106.3	S. Carolina	Camden	WPUB-FM	94.3
	Dublin	WXLJ-AM	1230		Columbia	WOMG-AM	1320
	Eastman	WUFF-FM	92.1		Greenville	WPCI-AM	1490
		WUFF-AM	710		Seneca	WBFM-FM	98.1
	Fitzgerald	WBHB-AM	1240		Spartanburg	WSPA-AM	950
		WDUN-AM	550	Tennessee	Chattanooga	WDEF-AM	1370
	Griffin	WHIE-AM	1320		Clarksville	WDXN-AM	540
	Homerville	WBTU-FM	105.5		Cleveland	WBAC-AM	1340
	Jesup	WLOP-AM	1370		Oak Ridge	WATO-AM	1290
		WIFO-FM	105.5	Virginia	Lebanon	WLVR-AM	1380
	LaGrange	WLAG-AM	1240				

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