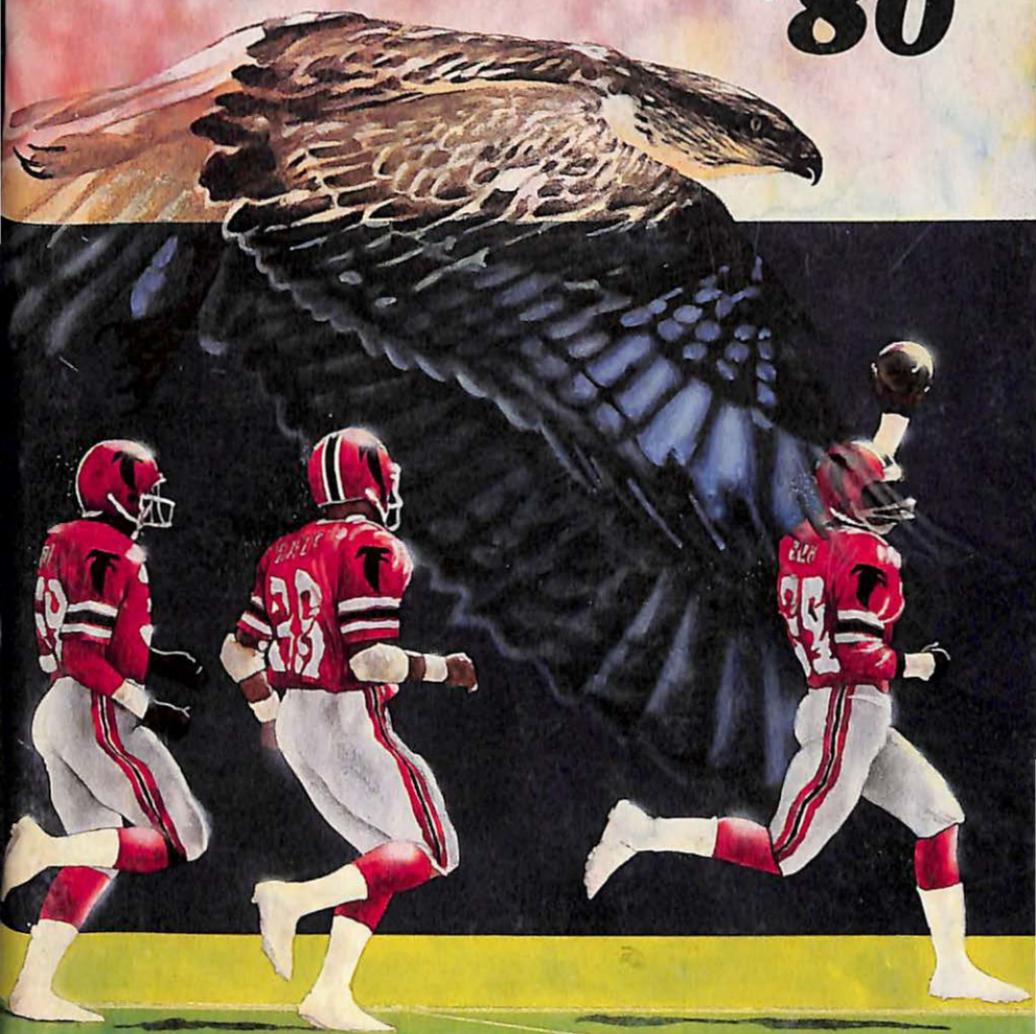


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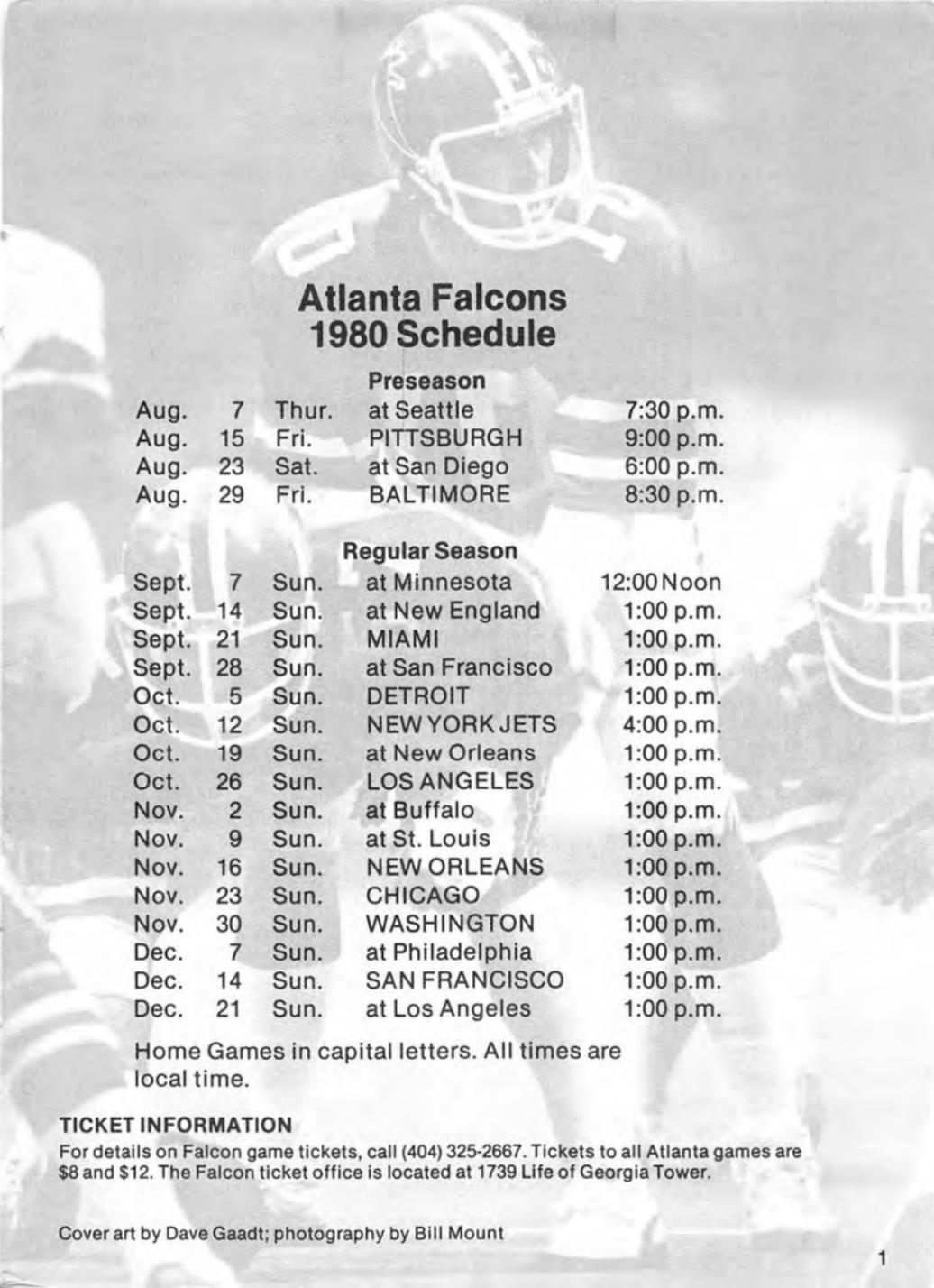
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## Atlanta Falcons 1980 Schedule

### Preseason

Aug. 7	Thur.	at Seattle	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 15	Fri.	PITTSBURGH	9:00 p.m.
Aug. 23	Sat.	at San Diego	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 29	Fri.	BALTIMORE	8:30 p.m.

### Regular Season

Sept. 7	Sun.	at Minnesota	12:00 Noon
Sept. 14	Sun.	at New England	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Sun.	MIAMI	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	Sun.	at San Francisco	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Sun.	DETROIT	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Sun.	NEW YORK JETS	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Sun.	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	Sun.	LOS ANGELES	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Sun.	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	Sun.	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 16	Sun.	NEW ORLEANS	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 23	Sun.	CHICAGO	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 30	Sun.	WASHINGTON	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 7	Sun.	at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	Sun.	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 21	Sun.	at Los Angeles	1:00 p.m.

Home Games in capital letters. All times are local time.

### TICKET INFORMATION

For details on Falcon game tickets, call (404) 325-2667. Tickets to all Atlanta games are \$8 and \$12. The Falcon ticket office is located at 1739 Life of Georgia Tower.

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## RANKIN M. SMITH, Chairman of the Board

Rankin Smith has proven he wants Atlanta and the Southeast to have a football winner.

First, he found people that he could rely on such as General Manager Eddie LeBaron and Leeman Bennett.

Next, he gave them the tools in the form of the Falcon Training Complex, regarded by most observers as the finest practice facility in the entire National Football League.

His football interests extend back to his childhood when he played the game at Bolles Academy in Jacksonville, Fla., before going to the University of Georgia, where he was one of the Bulldogs' biggest boosters. However, any thoughts of playing football at Georgia were forgotten with World War II as Smith spent the war years as an Air Force combat pilot in the Western Pacific.

His business career began as a debit agent in Hot Springs, Ark., for the Life Insurance Company of Georgia, and he eventually moved all the way to the presidency of the company.

His dream of becoming a part of the National Football League became a reality on June 30, 1965 when he was awarded the Atlanta franchise for \$8.5 million. Since that time, the Falcons have been foremost in his interests although his active role in the organization is not what it once was.

Finally, Smith wants a championship for the people of Atlanta.

"We owe it to our fans to play winning football, and hopefully, give them a championship," says Smith. "No fans in football deserve that more. That knowledge is now—and will continue to be—foremost in the minds of everyone connected with our organization."

Just as Smith has strong feelings for his Falcons, he has equally strong feelings for his city.

"I love the City and the State of Georgia," says Smith "I have tried to do what I can to help the institutions of our area."

Smith has been most generous with gifts to Atlanta institutions such as the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Fernbank Science Center, and local institutions of higher learning.

His pride for his family is reflected in the corporate name of the Falcons—The Five Smiths, Inc.—is in honor of his children: Rankin, Jr., 32, President of the Falcons; Mrs. Donald (Carroll Christine) Walraven, 31; Mrs. John O. (Dorothy Ann) Knox, 28; Taylor, 27, Administrative Assistant with the Falcons; and Nancy Karen, 22. There is also a new generation of which Smith is very proud, and that's his four grandchildren, John O. and Bryan Knox, ages 9 and 7, respectively, Caroline Smith, two years old, and Ryan Smith, 18 months. Smith is married to the former Charlotte Topping.



## RANKIN M. SMITH, JR., President



The era of Rankin Smith, Jr. as President of the Atlanta Falcons has been one of progress and stability. Now in his fourth year as President, Smith has overseen dramatic physical improvements as well as some high water marks in the club's history.

Since he assumed leadership of the club, the team has moved from the city-county owned Fulton Stadium offices to a new year round training complex, described by many people as the finest in the National Football League. The Falcons have made their only playoff appearance during his tenure.

Most recently the club moved its entire film operation under the club's umbrella, a progressive move for NFL teams. "It is something that appears insignificant from the outside, but it's another tool which provides us with a better opportunity of winning," comments Smith.

For Smith, the progress made by the Falcons in recent years is a dream come true. He has

worked in almost every capacity in the organization since beginning as a teenager at the club's inception in 1966.

It was his recommendation, along with Director of Personnel Tom Braatz, that supplied a list of available candidates for the vacant General Manager position in 1977. The list was headed by the name of Eddie LeBaron.

It was the first of many positive moves implemented by Smith, whose early football experience included playing as well as the administrative side. His playing experience came during high school when he played on two state championship finalist teams while at Lovett High School.

"Comparatively speaking, it was not a large playing background," says Smith. "However, it helped me learn the significance of instilling discipline and coaching."

"Much of success comes from the top," he continues. "The players need to have confidence in what is happening in the front office."

Smith attended the University of Georgia where he majored in business. Upon graduation he was employed by the Life of Georgia Insurance company. For the Falcons, his duties have included directing the program advertising sales, assisting in the bookkeeping and finance operation, working in the ticket office, and handling team travel.

"I feel that I know about football and the National Football League after spending half of my life in various capacities," says the 32-year old Smith.

"Our challenge remains the same as it has always been," says Smith. "We want to bring a championship to Atlanta and the Southeast. Our fans have been tremendous over the years."

Smith is married to the former Rebecca Robinson and they reside in Atlanta. The Smiths are the proud parents of a daughter, Caroline, two years old.

## EDDIE LEBARON, General Manager

The experienced hand of General Manager Eddie LeBaron gives direction to the Falcon organization for the fourth consecutive year. Certainly, his reputation as a leader grows daily for the man who was dubbed "the Little General" during his playing days.

With little fanfare, LeBaron has excelled in every endeavor. His most recent honors include his selection into the Collegiate Football Hall of Fame last February and his appointment to the prestigious NFL Competition Committee. Through each honor, LeBaron has maintained his quiet, professional manner.

Challenges started early for the California native when he was rejected by most major colleges on account of his 5-5, 135 pound frame. However, LeBaron was given an opportunity at College of the Pacific and responded by earning Little All-American honors three consecutive years and guiding the Tigers to an unbeaten 1948 season. LeBaron capped his collegiate career by quarterbacking the College All-stars to an upset victory over the NFL Champion Philadelphia Eagles.

During his college career, the first season of which was spent under the legendary Alonzo Stagg, LeBaron guided Pacific to a three year record of 28-2-3. He will be inducted into the College Hall of Fame in December.

Once again, LeBaron was regarded as too small when it came time for professional football, but when he retired in 1962 LeBaron had amassed 13,330 yards passing in an eleven year career. Most of that time was spent with the Washington Redskins, who honored LeBaron as the club's alumnus of the year in 1979, but he's also remembered as the man Tom Landry picked as his first quarterback for the expansion Dallas Cowboys franchise in 1960.

As impressive as his professional career developed, it could have been even more noteworthy had he not missed several years in order to serve in the Korean Conflict as a U.S. Marine officer. During the Korean Conflict LeBaron was honored on several occasions with medals for bravery.

While playing football, LeBaron continued to work on his law degree from George Washington University and opened a practice in Reno, Nev., at the conclusion of his career. Later he moved to Las Vegas, but during his 14 years as a lawyer, he always kept a hand in football.

Today he is playing for higher stakes, but the enthusiasm remains just as high as ever.

"It's hard to succeed in a job or profession if you lack enthusiasm," says LeBaron. "Successful people are doing what they enjoy, and I have always had a love for the game of football."

LeBaron and his wife, Doralee, have three sons, Edward Wayne III, 25, William, 24, and Richard, 13.



## LEEMAN BENNETT, Head Coach



Head Coach Leeman Bennett enters his fourth season with the Falcons with many accomplishments already to his credit. His first Falcon squad established a 14-game NFL record for fewest points allowed, limiting the opposition to just 129 points during the 1977 season.

During his second season, the Falcons compiled a 9-7 record and made the first playoff appearance in the club's history, advancing to the second round.

Last year was not so kind to Bennett or the Falcons as Atlanta slipped to a 6-10 mark, but the victories included wins over playoff bound Philadelphia, Tampa Bay, and San Diego.

Despite the disappointment, Bennett's enthusiasm and optimism has not wavered as the Falcons enter the 1980's.

Bennett's three year record is 22-24 in regular season play and 1-1 in post season competition, leaving him behind only Norm Van Brocklin's 37 coaching victories as head coach. During his head coaching career he has been recognized as the National Football Conference Coach of the Year by United Press International and the prestigious Kansas City 101 Club after guiding the Falcons to a 7-7 record in 1977. The 1978 season saw him selected the NFC Coach of the year by the Football News.

Prior to his first head coaching assignment, Bennett spent seven years as an assistant coach, beginning as offensive backfield coach in St. Louis in 1970. After two years with the Cardinals, he moved to Detroit in 1972 for a year, but left the Lions when close friend Chuck Knox was named head coach at Los Angeles.

Bennett spent four years as Rams receivers coach under Knox, and the Rams won the NFC Western Division during each of those seasons.

However, Knox is only one of the coaches who have influenced Bennett's coaching philosophy. His college coach, Blanton Collier, also helped mold his thinking during his years as a quarterback and defensive back for the Kentucky Wildcats from 1958-60. His coaching career began after graduation as a graduate assistant at Kentucky, but was interrupted temporarily by a two year Army stint in 1963-64.

Bennett returned to Kentucky as a full time assistant in 1965, moved to the University of Pittsburgh in 1966, spent two years at University of Cincinnati (1967-68), and completed his college apprenticeship at the U.S. Naval Academy in 1969 before joining the professional ranks.

"I have learned that the consistent winners in this league are the teams which have remained consistent in leadership," says Bennett. "A coach has to be consistent in the way he treats his players and the way he reacts to things."

Bennett is married to the former Patricia Parrott and they have two sons, Paul, 14, and Greg, 11.



Glanville



North



Raye



Shively

## Assistant Coaches

### **Jerry Glanville, Defensive Coordinator and Secondary**

Jerry Glanville enters his fourth season with the Falcons as the club's defensive secondary coach and his second year as defensive co-ordinator. During that time the Falcons have earned a reputation as one of the hardest hitting units in professional football while setting club and league records. The 1977 defensive unit limited opponents to a NFL record setting 129 points while setting a club record of 26 interceptions. A Detroit native, Glanville played guard and linebacker at Northern Michigan from 1961-63. His first college coaching assignment was also at Northern Michigan (1966) and the following year he moved to Western Kentucky (1967). In 1968, Glanville began a six year tenure at Georgia Tech in which the Yellow Jackets made three bowl appearances. He moved to professional football as a member of the Detroit Lions' staff and remained there until joining the Falcons. Glanville, 38, is married and he and his wife, Brenda, reside in North Atlanta.

### **John North, Offensive Backfield**

Veteran coach John North did an excellent job last season with the young corps of Falcon running backs and is beginning his 16th season of NFL coaching. A native of Gilliam, La., North attended Vanderbilt University, finishing in 1947. From there North moved to the professional ranks where he played three seasons with the Baltimore Colts (1947-50). He began his coaching career with Tennessee Tech (1954-55) and moved to Kentucky in 1956. During his six-year tenure with the Wildcats, North's players included current Falcon head coach Leeman Bennett and Atlanta assistant Doug Shively. North spent three years at Louisiana State (1962-64) before moving to the National Football League as an assistant at Detroit in 1965. In 1973 North moved to New Orleans as head coach of the Saints where he remained until 1975. After serving as a scout in 1976, North joined the Falcons in 1977. He and his wife Dell, have two children and two grandchildren.

### **Jimmy Raye, Receivers**

Jimmy Raye begins his first year with the Falcons as receiver coach. The 34-year old Raye comes to Atlanta from Detroit, where he tutored the Lions' offensive backs for two seasons. He began his professional coaching career at San Francisco in 1977. Prior to pro coaching, Raye spent five seasons as



**Stanley**



**Walsh**



**Wood**



**McDonnell**

a college assistant, first at his alma mater Michigan State and later at the University of Wyoming (1976). Raye began his coaching career after a successful playing career. While quarterback at Michigan State, the Fayetteville, N.C., native guided the Spartans to two Big Ten championships and national title. He was the Spartan quarterback in the widely heralded 10-10 tie with Notre Dame in 1966. Raye followed his college career with a professional stint as a defensive back for the Los Angeles Rams and Philadelphia Eagles before turning to coaching. Jimmy and his wife, Edwena, are the parents of two children, Robin, 13, and Jimmy III, 11.

### **Doug Shively, Linebackers**

The Falcon linebackers are once again in the capable hands of assistant coach Doug Shively, who is in his fourth year with the club. A Lexington, Ky., native, Shively is the son of former Kentucky Director of Athletics Bernie Shively and remained in his hometown to attend UK. While playing end for the Wildcats, Shively was a roommate and teammate of current Falcon head coach Leeman Bennett. After his playing career, Shively went to Virginia Tech in 1961 as an assistant coach and remained with the Gobblers until 1966. He returned to Kentucky in 1967 and remained with the Wildcats until 1970 when he joined head coach Hootie Ingram at Clemson. His last season as a college assistant was at North Carolina under Bill Dooley in 1973 before moving to the National Football League as a member of the New Orleans Saints staff under his former college coach John North. Shively remained with the Saints under Hank Stram before coming to Atlanta in 1977. He and wife, Patsy, have three children, Chip, 18, David, 17, and Kelly, 14.

### **Jim Stanley, Defensive Line**

Stanley comes to the Falcons this season after doing an excellent job with the New York Giant defensive line a year ago. Prior to the Giants, Stanley served six seasons as head coach at Oklahoma State University and led the Cowboys to their best record since joining Big Eight Conference two decades ago. Included in Stanley's accomplishments were two bowl victories, the 1974 Fiesta Bowl and the 1976 Tangerine Bowl. The 1976 team was co-champion of the Big Eight and compiled an overall 9-3 record. Stanley has served under capable head coaches throughout his career, beginning as a player under Paul "Bear" Bryant at Texas A&M 1955-57. He began his coaching career in 1959 at Amarillo High School and moved to Southern Methodist as an assistant in 1961. The next stop was Texas-El



**Braatz**



**Jobko**



**Jelacic**



**Riggie**

Paso in 1962 and the following season he began his association with Oklahoma State as Defensive Coordinator until 1968. In 1969 he moved to the Naval Academy as defensive coordinator. Then followed a one year stint with the Winnipeg Bombers of the CFL before returning of Oklahoma State in 1972. The Dunham, Ky., native is married to the former Sylvia Sullivan and they have four children, Rhonda, 23; Mark, 21; Starlyn, 18; and Matthew, 12.

### **Bill Walsh, Offensive Line**

Walsh is the veteran of the Falcon coaching staff, beginning his sixth season in Atlanta. The Philipsburg, N.J., native came to the Falcons as an assistant under Marion Campbell in 1975, and was the only former assistant retained when head coach Leeman Bennett assumed duties in 1977. In his 20 years as an NFL assistant coach, Walsh has worked for only one other team, the Kansas City Chiefs. While with the Chiefs Walsh worked with two Super Bowl teams, losing to the Green Bay Packers in 1967 and winning over the Minnesota Vikings in 1970. The heart of those championship Chief squads was the offensive line, headed by Ed Budde, Jim Tyrer, and Jack Rudnay, and molded by Walsh. Prior to joining the Chiefs, Walsh spent five years as a college assistant, first at his alma mater of Notre Dame (1955-58) and one other season at Kansas State (1959). Walsh enjoyed a successful playing career as an All-American college center at Notre Dame and a two-time All-Pro during his six year career with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Bill and his wife, Shirley, have six children: Mrs. Al (Sharon) Trivillina, 31; Patricia, 29; Cheryl, 23; Mike, 22; Kelly, 19; and Christine, 14.

### **Dick Wood, Quarterbacks**

Steve Bartkowski, Ken Stabler and Archie Manning are just three of the quarterbacks that Dick Wood has effectively tutored during his decade in the National Football League. As Wood begins his third year with the Falcons, he possesses a wealth of quarterback experience, both as a player and coach. His playing career began at Auburn University where he guided the War Eagles to an undefeated season in 1957. Upon graduation in 1960, Wood was drafted by the Baltimore Colts and served two years as an understudy to John Unitas. His other professional playing stops were San Diego (1962), Denver (1962), the New York Jets (1963-64), Oakland (1965), and Miami (1966). After his playing days, the Lanett, Ala. native, moved to Georgia as an assistant and later to Mississippi (1971-73). On the professional level, Wood has coached at Oakland (1969-70), Cleveland (1974), and



**Striegel**



**Cegelski**



**Rhea**

New Orleans (1976-77) as well as Atlanta. Dick and his wife, Peggy, have two children, Bart, 22, and Rhonda, 19.

### **Mike McDonnell, Administrative Ass't to Head Coach**

No member of the Falcon coaching staff knows or anticipates the needs of head coach Leeman Bennett better than his right hand man, Mike McDonnell. McDonnell worked with Bennett when the latter was an assistant with the Rams, and came to Atlanta with the Falcon head coach in 1977. In addition to helping Bennett with an array of administrative duties, McDonnell oversees the Falcons offseason weight training program. The Danville, Ill., native played college football at Drake University and later worked as a graduate assistant under Woody Hayes at Ohio State after graduating in 1974. While at Ohio State he received a Masters degree in athletic administration. In 1976 he joined the Rams to oversee special assignments for the club before moving to Atlanta in 1977.

### **Tom Braatz, Director of Player Personnel**

The drafting success of the Falcons in recent years can be traced to Director of Player Personnel Tom Braatz, whose watchful eye has resulted in excellent upper middle round selections such as William Andrews and Lynn Cain as well as solid number one choices as Don Smith and Mike Kenn. Given total freedom in recent years, Braatz has overseen several solid draft selections by the Falcons. Tom came to the Falcons in 1966, beginning as a personnel scout and assuming the director of player personnel duties two years later. Braatz also enjoyed an extensive playing career in the league after playing collegiately at Marquette University. He played with both the Washington Redskins and Dallas Cowboys and was a teammate of Falcon General Manager Eddie LeBaron at both stops. After a brief time as an arms demonstrator for the Ithica, N.Y. Gun Co. upon retirement in 1961, he returned to the NFL. He and his wife, Jeri, have two sons, Tommy, 18, and Jon, 13.

Serving as scouts under Braatz are Bill Jobko, a former Falcon player who oversees the club's pro scouting operation; Jon Jelacic, a former Oakland player and scout since 1968; Bob Riggle, whose Atlanta career was cut short by a knee injury and a scout since 1971; Bill Striegel, who joined the Falcons from United Scouting in 1978; and Bob Cegelski, who came to Atlanta in 1979.



**Zimmerman**



**Daniel**



**Shoop**

## **Jerry Rhea, Trainer**

The respect Jerry Rhea has among his peers was documented last year when he was selected as the Professional Trainer of the Year by the National Athletic Trainers Association. The well deserved award reflects the competent job that Rhea has done with the Falcons for the past 10 years since coming to Atlanta from Los Angeles, where he served as assistant trainer for the Rams. A native of Ennis, Texas, Rhea attended Texas A&M before beginning his career at Ennis High School in Ennis, Texas. During the past few years, Rhea has been an active lecturer at training seminars throughout the nation, and it was his efforts that spurred the drive for Licensure of all trainers in the state of Georgia. In addition to his regular season duties, Rhea oversees the team's off-season rehabilitation program. He and his wife, Beverly, have one son, John, 21. Rhea is assisted for the fifth consecutive season by former Furman University head trainer Jay Shoop, 32. Shoop attended East Tennessee State University, where he began his training career, and worked in summer camps of the Detroit Tigers as well as the Falcons before going to Furman. He and his wife, Anne, have a daughter, Farrah, three, and a son, James Lynn, one.

## **Whitey Zimmerman, Equipment Manager**

No member of the Falcon organization has seen more than equipment manager, Whitey Zimmerman, whose tenure is the longest of any club employee. Zimmerman has served with the Falcons since its inception in 1966, when he left his native St. Louis and the Football Cardinals. During his years with the Falcons he has overseen training camp, handled travel, as well as maintaining the club's heavy financial investment in equipment and uniforms. The responsibility leads to many long hours during the season for Zimmerman, who is often the first member to arrive at the Falcon complex each day and many times the last to leave. Zimmerman was born July 25, 1929 in St. Louis, Mo., and he and his wife, Shelia, have five children: Jerry, 27; Terri, 22; Larry, 19; Gregg, 15; and Scott, 12. Assisting Zimmerman for the 14th consecutive year is Horace Daniel. The native Atlantan was born May 7, 1938. He and his wife, Shirley, have two children, Kim 13, and Kennon 11.

# How The 1980 Falcons Were Built

Year	Draft	Trades	Free Agents
1969 (6-8)	C Jeff Van Note (11)		
1970 (4-8-2)			DT Mike Lewis
1971 (7-6-1)			
1972 (7-7)	DB Ray Easterling (9)		P John James
1973 (9-5)			DB Rolland Lawrence
1974 (3-11)	C Paul Ryczek (10)	RB Haskel Stanback (from Cincinnati)	DB Rick Byas
1975 (4-10)	QB Steve Bartkowski (1) LB Fulton Kuykendall (6) DE Jeff Merrow (11)*	WR Wallace Francis (from Buffalo)	WR Alfred Jenkins
1976 (4-10)	RB Bubba Bean (1) T Dave Scott (3) DB Frank Reed (8)* T Phil McKinnely (9)		LB Dewey McClain DE Jeff Yeates%
1977 (7-7)	T Warren Bryant (1A) DT Wilson Faumaina (1B) G R. C. Thielemann (2) DE Edgar Fields (3) WR Billy Ryckman (10)		QB June Jones DB Tom Moriarty LB Robert Pennywell LB Ron McCartney #
1978 (9-7)	T Mike Kenn (1) LB Brian Cabral (4) WR Dennis Pearson (5) WR Alfred Jackson (7) TE James Wright (7B)* DB Tom Pridemore (9) RB Ray Strong (10B)		K Tim Mazzetti DB Bob Glazebrook TE Lewis Gilbert*
1979 (6-10)	DE Don Smith (1) G Pat Howell (2) RB James Mayberry (3A) RB William Andrews (3B) RB Lynn Cain (4A)* DT Mike Zele (5) QB Mike Moroski (6)		C Chuck Correal LB Tony Daykin* QB Larry Fortner CB Jerome King* TE Russ Mikeska LB Joel Williams

\*Injured reserve at conclusion of 1979 season

#Waivers from Los Angeles

%Waivers from Buffalo

# Players



# William Andrews • 31



**RUNNING BACK • AUBURN • 2nd YEAR**  
**HT: 6-0 • WT: 200 • BORN: 12/25/55**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 3A round, 1979

**PRO:** Regarded by many observers as the drafting "coup" of last year, emerging from a third round draft selection to All-Rookie status. Had been chosen primarily for blocking ability, but powerful running style evident immediately in club record 167-yard

debut (3rd best debut in NFL history) against New Orleans. Became only third player in league history to gain 100 yards in first two games with 124-yard effort against Philadelphia. Finished year with 1,023 yards to become Falcon single season rushing leader and only 12th player in NFL history to reach 1,000 yard plateau during rookie season. 4.3 yards per attempt narrowly missed club single season rushing record of 4.4 yards per try. Three 100 yard games tied another club mark (3) for most 100-yard games in single season. Accomplishments even more impressive with long run of 23 yards for the season (vs. New Orleans in season opener). Missed one game (Oakland) due to knee injury suffered against Green Bay, but still carried 239 times. Also exceeded expectations as a pass receiver, catching 38 passes after only catching seven passes during entire college career. "I feel like the guy who buys a Cadillac and discovers that he gets 25 miles a gallon," says Bennett of Andrews. "I came to camp just wanting to make the team," says Andrews "However, early in practice I realized that I was as good as the other guy." Games 1979 (15).

**COLLEGE:** Injuries hampered collegiate career after brilliant prep career at Thomasville, Ga. where he rushed for 4,339 yards and 61 touchdowns. Best season was junior year when he gained 635 yards, including 142 yards in 25 carries in upset win over Georgia. Averaged 5.1 yards per carry as senior, but only carried 72 times.

**PERSONAL:** Marriage and education were the highlights of Andrews' off-season. Marriage to high school sweetheart followed the season and William then returned to Auburn to complete work on his distributive education degree. Born: Thomasville, Ga. Residence: Atlanta, Ga. Married (Lydia), one son.

## ANDREWS' PRO RECORD

Year Club	RUSHING					PASS RECEIVING				
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1979 Atlanta	239	1023	4.3	23	3	38	306	8.1	34	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>

## ANDREWS SINGLE GAME HIGHS

Yards Rushing—167 (9-2-79 vs. NO)	Receptions—8 (10-21-79 vs. San Francisco)
Rushing Attempts—30 (9-2-79 vs. NO)	Yards Receiving—50 (12-16-79 vs. San Francisco)
Longest Run—23 (9-2-79 vs. NO)	Longest Reception—34 (9-23-79 vs. Detroit)
TD Rushing—1 (3, last time, 11-25-79 vs. NO)	TD Receiving—1 (2, last time, 12-2-79 vs. San Diego)

# Steve Bartkowski • 10

QUARTERBACK • CALIFORNIA • 6th YEAR  
 HT: 6-4 • WT: 213 • BORN: 11/12/52



**OBTAINED:** Draft, 1st round, 1975

**PRO:** Second consecutive healthy season resulted in steady statistical improvement with personal highs and team records for most yards passing (2,502), touchdown passes (17), completions (203), and attempts (379). Also set single game passing yardage record twice, throwing for 312 yards in season opener at New Orleans and later passing for 326 yards against Denver. Enjoyed brilliant performance in 28-26 upset of San Diego with a 17 of 30 passing performance for 225 yards, including six-yard game winning toss with 20 seconds remaining. Missed two games (Los Angeles, away, & New Orleans, home) with bruised ribs. Pass completion percentage also increased for third straight year, reaching 53.6%. Enters season with 8,126 yards passing, only 363 yards shy of Bob Berry's career club record of 8,489 and just 10 touchdown passes shy of Berry's career record of 57. "I think Bart's progress is evident if you chart his year to year performance," says Bennett. "In tight games at New Orleans and San Diego, he was great." Four times during 1978 playoff season, had game winning or game-tying passes on final possession. Prior to '78 season, had missed 21 of possible 42 games (missed three games with elbow injury as a rookie in '76, last nine games of '76 with knee injury, first seven games of '77 with another injury to right knee). Benched first three games of '78 before winning starting job from June Jones and compiled 9-5 record as starter. Quarterbacked all of Falcon victories in '79. Passed for 1,662 yards as a rookie, earning Bert Bell Memorial Trophy as offensive rookie of the year as well as the Sporting News Rookie of the Year. Games: 1975 (11), 1976 (5), 1977 (8), 1979 (14).

**COLLEGE:** After making a choice between football and baseball, threw for 2,580 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior at Cal, prompting the Falcons to draft him as the first player selected in the 1975 selection. Atlanta obtained the right to draft him by trading tackle George Kunz to Baltimore.

**PERSONAL:** Rehabilitation dominated offseason time after a January knee injury while playing basketball. Father, Roman, played minor league baseball, and Bart also enjoyed outstanding baseball career at Cal before turning to football. Born: Des Moines, Iowa. Residence: Atlanta, Ga. Married (Sandi).

## BARTKOWSKI'S PRO RECORD

Year	Club	PASSING							RUSHING				
		Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	Int.	Avg. gain	TD	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long TD	
1975	Atlanta	255	115	1662	45.1	15	6.5	13	14	15	1.1	5	2
1976	Atlanta	120	57	677	47.5	9	5.5	2	8	-10	-1.3	2	1
1977	Atlanta	136	64	796	47.1	13	5.8	5	18	13	0.7	8	0
1978	Atlanta	369	187	2489	50.7	18	6.7	10	33	57	1.7	8	2
1979	Atlanta	379	203	2502	53.6	20	6.6	17	14	35	2.5	18	2
<b>TOTALS</b>		1259	626	8,126	49.7	75	6.5	47	87	110	1.3	18	7

PLAYOFF RECORD

Year	Club	PASSING							RUSHING				
		Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	Int.	AG	TD	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1978	Atlanta	55	26	338	47.3	5	6.1	3	2	3	1.5	3	0

BARTKOWSKI'S SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

Pass Attempts—43 (11-26-78 vs. New Orleans)	TD Passes—3 ( 9-2-79 vs. New Orleans;
Completions—23 (11-26-78 vs. New Orleans)	12-7-75 vs. Washington;
Yards—326 (9-16-79 vs. Denver)	12-2-79 vs. San Diego)
Percentage 75.0 (10-22-78 vs. San Francisco)	Interceptions—4 (12-4-77 vs. New England)
Longest Completion—73t (12-11-77 vs. Los Angeles)	Times Sacked—8 (12-4-77 vs. New England)



## Bubba Bean • 44

**RUNNING BACK** • **TEXAS A&M** • **4th YEAR**  
**HT: 5-11** • **WT: 195** • **BORN: 1/26/54**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 1st round, 1976

**PRO:** Has flashed brilliance but injuries have kept him on sidelines too often to fulfill promise. Carried less than 100 times last season, but averaged 4.5 yards per attempt. Highlights included 104 yard effort against Los Angeles before being sidelined with a knee injury that kept him out of next four games. Also had a 60 yard touchdown run against Tampa Bay to clinch Falcon victory. Came in professional ranks in impressive fashion, taking a 50-yard touchdown pass in first NFL game. Two games later gained 98 yards against Detroit, but was benched after five games upon 1976 midseason coaching change. Preseason knee injury kept him out of the entire 1977 season. Best year came in 1978 playoff drive with career high 707 yards. Started '79 strong with 65 yards in opener at New Orleans, but later beaten out by Cain for starting position. Regained position when Cain injured, but gave way to Haskel Stanback after knee injury in LA. 1,528 yards for career is sixth best on Falcon rushing list, only 84 yards less than Junior Coffey's fifth place total. Games: 1976 (14), 1977 (0, Injured Reserve), 1978 (15), 1979 (11).

**COLLEGE:** Bean was a four-year starter for Texas A&M, gaining 2,846 yards during his career. Obtained B.S. in Industrial Engineering.

**PERSONAL:** Bean annually returns to native Kirbyville, Tex., working as a builder of custom designed homes during the offseason. Born: Kirbyville, Tex. Residence: Kirbyville, Tex. Married (Kathy), two children (Nicki, Jerrett).

BEAN'S PRO RECORD

Year	Club	RUSHING					PASS RECEIVING				
		Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1976	Atlanta	124	428	3.5	30	2	16	148	9.3	50	1
1977	Atlanta	None					None				
1978	Atlanta	193	707	3.7	25	3	31	209	6.7	38	1
1979	Atlanta	88	393	4.5	60	1	12	137	11.4	49	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>405</b>	<b>1528</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>

Note: Passing Statistics include 1 for 1 for 49 yards vs. Houston (11--76) and 0 for 1 and one interception vs. Los Angeles (9-10-79).

**BEAN'S SINGLE GAME HIGHS**

Yards Rushing—104 (11-19-79 vs. LA)	Receptions—4 (9-24-78 vs. TB; 9-2-79 vs. NO)
Rushing Attempts—22 (9-19-76 vs. Detroit; 9-26-76 vs. Chicago)	Yards Receiving—61 (9-18-76 vs. LA)
Longest Run—60 (11-4-79 vs. TB)	Longest Receptions—50 (9-18-76 vs. LA)
TD Rushing—1 (last time vs. TB, 11-4-79)	TD Receiving—1 (last time 9-4-78 vs. Houston)

**Warren Bryant • 66**

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE • KENTUCKY • 4th YEAR**  
**HT: 6-6 • WT: 270 • BORN 11/11/55**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 1A round, 1977

**PRO:** Only self discipline separates Bryant from All-Pro status. Has ability to be excellent pass and run blocker, but must strive to reach top physical condition. Came off knee surgery for a healthy season. Plagued with penalties throughout campaign and must break bad habits says assistant coach Bill Walsh. Best efforts came in opener at New Orleans and Monday Night contest against Seattle. "Warren has a tendency to get lazy with his hands—to get them out and not get them back quick enough," explains Bennett. "Most of that can be alleviated with better conditioning. There's no reason he can't be the best offensive tackle in the NFL." Played every down as a rookie in 1977 when he earned NFL All-Rookie honors along with teammate R. C. Thielemann. Enjoyed good sophomore campaign until sustaining knee injury in the 13th week against New Orleans. Games: 1977 (14), 1978 (13), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Bryant played a vital role in Kentucky's football turnaround when he earned consensus All-American honors and was a three-time All-SEC selection.

**PERSONAL:** Warren provides headache for equipment personnel in trying to find shoes for his size 16-EEE feet. Born: Miami, Fla. Residence: Roswell, Ga. Single.



**Rick Byas • 38**

**CORNERBACK • WAYNE STATE • 7th YEAR**  
**HT: 5-9 • WT: 180 • BORN: 10/19/50**

**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1974

**PRO:** Missed last year's preseason and never caught up, playing the entire season bothered by an Achilles tendon injury. Resulted in an off-year for the three year starter, who won his job from Frank Reed in the fourth game of 1977 season. Lone interception came against Denver. Still played well on special teams. Blocked punt against San Francisco put Falcons ahead. The previous season, had two blocked punts. His block against Washington set up winning score in Atlanta's crucial 20-17 late season victory. Has never missed regular season game. Games: 1974 (14), 1975 (14), 1976 (14), 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (16).



**COLLEGE:** Byas became Wayne State's only NFL representative when his coach sent the Falcons some footage around the league, and he was signed as a free agent only a few days before the opening of training camp. Obtained B.S. in Education.

**PERSONAL:** Byas off-the-field interests have included construction business, painting and decorating, and most recently, the Health Club business. Also spent time as a little league softball coach. Born: Detroit, Mich. Residence: Detroit, Mich. Married (Schera), two children (Richard, Kyla).

#### BYAS' PRO RECORD

Year	Club	KICKOFF RETURNS				INTERCEPTIONS				
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1974	Atlanta	5	136	27.2	0			None		
1975	Atlanta	5	94	18.8	0			None		
1976	Atlanta	12	270	22.5	0			None		
1977	Atlanta			None		3	132	44.0	72	1
1978	Atlanta			None		2	37	18.5	32	0
1979	Atlanta			None		1	34	34.0	34	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1</b>

Note, Byas TD return vs. New Orleans (11-20-77), 72 yards.



## Brian Cabral • 51

**LINEBACKER** • **COLORADO** • **2nd YEAR**  
**HT: 6-0** • **WT: 210** • **BORN: 6/23/56**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 4th round, 1978

**PRO:** Returned to club late in season last year after being cut in preseason and played with renewed desire and determination. Played extremely well on kickoff coverage teams. Missed entire rookie season with a knee injury. Returned to training camp last year but slowed with nagging injuries. "He played like he did before being hurt as a rookie when he returned to us last year," says Bennett. Games: 1978 (0, Injured Reserve), 1979 (3).

**COLLEGE:** Cabral had sights on his father's alma mater of Notre Dame, but signed with Colorado where he earned All-Big Eight honors for the Buffaloes.

**PERSONAL:** Cabral returned to Colorado during the offseason to complete work on his Master's degree. Previously given much time to the Georgia Special Olympics during the winter of rehabilitation. Born: Honolulu, Hawaii. Residence: Boulder, Col. Married (Becky) one child (Kyle).

# Lynn Cain • 21

**RUNNING BACK** • **SOUTHERN CAL** • **2nd YEAR**  
**HT: 6-1** • **WT: 205** • **BORN: 10/16/55**



**OBTAINED:** Draft, 4a round, 1979

**PRO:** Moved from a college fullback to a professional halfback with little trouble last season before year ended prematurely with a knee injury. 4.7 yards per carry average was a record pace for a Falcon back and three touchdowns at Oakland set a new club record. Most dazzling play came on 35-yard, second, third, & fourth effort TD run vs. Seattle on Monday Night when he gained pro high 99 yards. "The big difference is that at Southern Cal all I did was run up the middle," says Cain. "Last year I got a chance to go outside and see the things that the line does." Season ended with knee injury in 10th week against Tampa Bay. Also utilized as effective pass receiver with 15 catches for 181 yards and two touchdowns. Games: 1979 (10)

**COLLEGE:** Cain's 887 yards his senior season was the highest ever for a USC fullback. Gained 90 yards in 14 tries in Rose Bowl against Michigan. California Junior College Player of the Year in 1974 at East Los Angeles JC with 1,666 yards rushing and 5.1 average. Obtained B.A. in Communication.

**PERSONAL:** Because of his injury, Cain stayed in Atlanta during the off-season rehabilitating. Born: Los Angeles, Calif. Residence: Los Angeles, Calif. Single.

## CAIN'S PRO RECORD

Year	Club	RUSHING					PASS RECEIVING				
		Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1979	Atlanta	63	295	4.7	35	2	15	181	12.1	28	2

Note: Also had seven KO returns for 149 yards (21.3 yard avg.)

## CAIN'S SINGLE GAME BEST

Rushing—99 (10-29-79 vs. Seattle)	Receptions—6 (10-14-79 vs. Oakland)
Rushing Attempts—21 (11-5-79 vs. Tampa Bay)	Yards Receiving—110 (10-14-79 vs. Oakland)
Longest Run—35 (10-29-79 vs. Seattle)	Longest Receptions—28 (10-14-29 vs. Oakland)
TD Rushing—1 (10-29-79 vs. Seattle; 10-14-79 vs. Oakland)	TD Receiving—2 (10-14-79 vs. Oakland)





## Tony Daykin • 55

LINEBACKER • GEORGIA TECH • 4th YEAR  
HT: 6-1 • WT: 215 • BORN: 5/13/55

**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1979

**PRO:** Played backup role until sustaining a knee injury in season's 13th week against New Orleans. Had been claimed on waivers by Detroit before signing. Tough, dedicated player with desire to excel. Plays run very well and adequate pass defender. Could see

more playing time as Falcons go to 3-4 defensive scheme. Valuable contributor to Falcon special units. Came into NFL as 11th round Lion draft choice in 1977. Games: 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (11).

**COLLEGE:** Tony was a three-time letter winner at Tech and played in '77 North-South game. Served as captain in '76. Majored in Industrial Systems Engineering, graduating with honors.

**PERSONAL:** Tony saw the world early as the son of an Army officer. Spent offseason rehabilitating injured knee. Born: Taipei, Taiwan. Residence: Atlanta, Ga. Single.



## Ray Easterling • 32

SAFETY • RICHMOND • 8th YEAR  
HT: 6-0 • WT: 192 • BORN: 9/3/49

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 9th round, 1972

**PRO:** Was returning to form at free safety when injury to Frank Reed in 11th week forced move to strong safety for remainder of season. Play at strong safety improved weekly after alternating with Pridemore at free safety for most of season. Had missed almost

entire 1978 season with a dislocated elbow (second game at Los Angeles). Prior to injury played vital role in Falcon secondary that set team record 26 interceptions in '77. Games: 1972 (8), 1973 (1), 1974 (14), 1975 (14), 1976 (14), 1977 (14), 1978 (2), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Ray went to the University of Richmond as a walk on, but walked out as an All-American four years later. Received a B.A. in Business.

**PERSONAL:** Easterling's offseason is dominated by his church related work in his hometown of Richmond. Born: Richmond, Va. Residence: Richmond, Va. Married (Mary Ann).

### EASTERLING'S PRO RECORD

Year	Club	INTERCEPTIONS				TD
		No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	
1972-74	Atlanta			None		
1975	Atlanta	3	32	10.7	15	0
1976	Atlanta	3	33	11.0	19	0
1977	Atlanta	4	46	11.5	36	0
1978	Atlanta	1	1	1.0	1	0
1979	Atlanta	2	0	0.0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>

## Wilson Faumuina • 74

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE** • **SAN JOSE STATE** • **4th YEAR**  
**HT: 6-5** • **WT: 275** • **BORN: 8/11/54**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 1B round, 1977

**PRO:** Slowed by nagging knee injury and weight problem throughout '79 season. Played best in early contests against New Orleans and Philadelphia. Injured in second half vs. Eagles and never completely regained early season form. Still capable of being one of top defensive tacklers in league, but has not harnessed great talent. Last year was first as starter after spending first two seasons as "designated pass rusher" on 3-4 alignment. Can possibly play defensive end as well as tackle. Recorded 3½ sacks as a rookie, three in '78, and two sacks last season. "Wilson can be as good as he wants to be, but only he can determine the level," says Bennett. Games: 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (14).

**COLLEGE:** Faumuina was a terror for opposing quarterbacks while earning All-West Coast honors as junior and senior and third team All-American honors as senior.

**PERSONAL:** Faumuina came to the United States at age six with his mother from Samoa, where his father had been a Samoan Chieftan. Born: Samoan Islands. Residence: Los Angeles, Calif. Single.

Note: One pass interception for seven yards vs. New Orleans (11-26-78).



## Edgar Fields • 77

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE** • **TEXAS A&M** • **4th YEAR**  
**HT: 6-2** • **WT: 255** • **BORN: 3/10/54**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 3rd round, 1977

**PRO:** Earned starting job last season at defensive tackle after playing in backup role for majority of first two years. Once again expected to contend for starting job. Overcomes relative height disadvantage with outstanding quickness and good strength. Played vital role in Falcons' '78 playoff drive by stepping in for injured Jeff Merrow during final weeks at defensive end. Touchdown-saving tackle vs. Redskins on fake punt attempt may have been the difference in playoff drive of '78. Had two blocked punts as a rookie, including one to set up game's only touchdown in 7-0 victory at San Francisco in '77. Games: 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Started at Navarro Junior College before transferring to Texas A&M, where he was named to several All-American teams.

**PERSONAL:** Fields is not the only member of his family in the NFL. His cousin, Thomas Henderson, is a member of the San Francisco 49ers. Born: Austin, Tex. Residence: Roswell, Ga. Single.





## Wallace Francis • 89

**WIDE RECEIVER** • **ARKANSAS AM&N** • **8th YEAR**  
**HT: 5-11** • **WT: 190** • **BORN: 11/7/51**

**OBTAINED:** Trade, Buffalo, 1975.

**PRO:** Francis literally rewrote the Falcon record book last season when he set club records for most catches in a season (74), most yards receiving in a season (1,013), most touchdown catches in a season (8), and most catches in a single game (10). Yet, he did not make the NFC All-Pro team. "It's unfair," says Bennett. "A player gets a label early in his career, and older players who improve steadily throughout their career often do not get the recognition they deserve..." Francis was recognized by his teammates who voted him the 1979 team MVP. Few have waited longer than Francis for an opportunity. His first two years in the NFL were spent on the bench at Buffalo, playing behind Amhad Rashad and J.D. Hill. "I sincerely felt the only difference between them and me was they were born earlier," says Francis. Then came a trade to Atlanta and two seasons on the bench behind first Ken Burrow, then John Gilliam. Finally, Francis got his chance with the arrival of Bennett. He had 26 catches his first season as a starter in '77, improved to 45 in '78, and leap frogged to 74 last season. His biggest day came when he caught 10 passes for 108 yards against the Rams in Atlanta, but his most satisfying catch was a 6-yard game winner with 20 seconds remaining to give the Falcons a 28-26 upset at San Diego. "He's much faster than he's given credit for being," says GM Eddie LeBaron. "He's just so smooth." In 1978, he played a large role in the Falcon's playoff drive with a seven-catch, 153 yard performance against the Giants and a six-catch, 135 yard performance against the Eagles, including game winning 37-yard TD catch with 1:42 remaining. As a rookie, led AFC in kickoff returns with a 29.9 yard average. Games: 1973 (12), 1974 (14), 1975 (14), 1976 (14), 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Wallace excelled in track as well as football for awards at Arkansas AM&N. Obtained B.S. in Recreation.

**PERSONAL:** Francis formed his own public relation firm during the off-season. "I call it POPY," explains Wallace, "That is short for professional athletes preparing youth." Francis does his part by donating uncountable hours to the youth of Atlanta and also serves as the United Way spokesperson for the Falcons. Born: Franklin, La. Residence: Marietta, Ga. Married (Cheryl), one child (Ray).

### FRANCIS' PRO RECORD

Year	Club	KICKOFF RETURNS					RECEIVING				
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1973	Buffalo	23	687	29.9	101	2					
1974	Buffalo	37	947	25.6	78	0					
1975	Atlanta	14	265	18.9	32	0	13	270	20.8	67	4
1976	Atlanta	9	156	17.3	30	0	2	24	12.0	12	0
1977	Atlanta	1	22	22.0	22	0	26	390	15.0	32	1
1978	Atlanta			None			45	695	15.4	54	3
1979	Atlanta			None			74	1013	13.7	42	8
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>84</b>	<b>2077</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2392</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>16</b>

FRANCIS' PLAYOFF RECORD

Year	Club	RECEIVING			Long	TD
		No.	Yds.	Avg.		
1978	Atlanta	12	201	16.8	45	2

FRANCIS' SINGLE GAME HIGHS

Receptions—10 (12-9-79 vs. LA)	TD Receptions—2 ( 9-2-79 vs. New Orleans;
Yards Receiving—153 (10-1-78 vs. NY Giants)	11-19-79 vs. Los Angeles;
Longest Reception—671 (12-7-75 vs. Washington)	12-2-79 vs. San Diego)

## Lewis Gilbert • 88

**TIGHT END** • **FLORIDA** • **3rd YEAR**  
**HT: 6-4** • **WT: 225** • **BORN: 5/24/56**

**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1978

**PRO:** A leg injury kept Gilbert on injured reserve throughout the '79 season. Had signed as a free agent during midseason 1978, but played sparingly. Most action came on short yardage situations and special teams. Runs very well and worked hard during offseason on pass catching. Games: 1978 (4), 1979 (0 injured reserve).

**COLLEGE:** Lewis went to Florida as a fullback before being moved to tight end. Received a B.A. in Physical Education.

**PERSONAL:** Gilbert spent his offseason working out and playing basketball with the Falcon basketball team. Has also worked as a graduate assistant at his alma mater. Born: Naples, Fla. Residence: Norcross, Ga. Married (Claudia).



## Bob Glazebrook • 36

**DB/LB** • **FRESNO STATE** • **3rd YEAR**  
**HT: 6-1** • **WT: 200** • **BORN: 3/7/56**

**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1978

**PRO:** Played mostly safety last year, but can also play some linebacker. "He's got ability, but needs to improve his practice habits," says assistant coach Jerry Glanville. Has good strength, size, and quickness. Most action came in final game vs. San Francisco. Originally an 11th round draft choice by Oakland. Signed during midseason '78 by Falcons. Games: 1978 (8), 1979 (13).

**COLLEGE:** Bob remained in his hometown to attend Fresno State University.

**PERSONAL:** Glazebrook returned to Fresno State to complete work on his degree in physical education. Born: Fresno, Calif. Residence: Lawrenceville, Ga. Married (Sharon).





## Pat Howell • 64

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** • **SOUTHERN CAL** • **2nd YEAR**  
**HT: 6-5** • **WT: 253** • **BORN: 3/12/57**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 2nd round, 1979

**PRO:** Thrown into duty early when Thielemann sustained shoulder separation in season's second game. Still needs more playing experience as well as leg strength to start tapping potential. Pass blocking improved greatly with playing time, but drive blocking was shortcoming. Pulls extremely well due to great quickness and also does good job of blocking once he's outside. "The tools are there," says offensive line coach Walsh. "He's very coachable, hates to lose, and is willing to work." Starts came against Denver, Detroit, Washington, Green Bay, and San Francisco in season finale after Thielemann reinjured. Games: 1979 (15).

**COLLEGE:** Howell was All-Everything at USC, where he played the most minutes of any Trojan lineman in 1978. Among list of honors was 1st team AP All-American, American Football Coaches 1st Team, won Football Writers 1st team.

**PERSONAL:** Pat just missed earning role for Incredible Hulk in casting tryouts while at Southern Cal. Born: Fresno, Calif. Residence: Fresno, Calif. Married (Michelle).



## Alfred Jackson • 85

**WIDE RECEIVER** • **TEXAS** • **3rd YEAR**  
**HT: 5-11** • **WT: 176** • **BORN: 8/3/55**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 7A round, 1978

**PRO:** Statistics and playing time dipped from rookie season, but still possesses big play explosiveness. Averaged over 20 yards per catch as a rookie, but dropped to 14.3 during last season. Excellent speed, but still learning tricks of trade after spending college career with ground oriented Texas. Rookie year included two 100 yard receiving games with four catches for 113 yards at San Francisco and five catches for 102 yards at St. Louis. Biggest catch of career came at Superdome in '78 with TD grab of Big Ben Right for winning score against Saints with only 10 seconds remaining. Other professional TD came as rookie with five-yard catch at Tampa Bay. Only Falcon rookie to ever have two 100-yard pass receiving games in single season. Games: 1978 (14), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Because of teammate Earl Campbell, the Longhorns stayed on the ground for the most part, but Jackson still finished as the leading pass receiver in Texas history with 70 catches for 1,411 yards. Went to college as a defensive back.

**PERSONAL:** A January marriage and racquetball plus some real estate investments kept Jackson busy. College roommate of Oilers' Campbell and Raymond Clayborne of New England. Born: Cameron, Tex. Residence: Austin, Tex. Married (Sibyl).

**JACKSON'S PRO RECORD**

Year	Club	RECEIVING					KICKOFF RETURNS				
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.	TD
1978	Atlanta	26	526	20.2	71	2	11	225	20.5	30	0
1979	Atlanta	11	156	14.2	23	0	1	20	20.0	20	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>

Also Returned 11 punts in 1978 for 89 yards (8.1 avg.)

**JACKSON'S SINGLE GAME HIGHS**

Receptions—5 (12-17-78 vs. St. Louis)	Touchdowns—1 ( 9-24-78 vs. Tampa Bay;
Yards—113 (10-22-78 vs. San Francisco)	11-12-78 vs. New Orleans)
Long Gain—71 (10-22-78 vs. San Francisco)	

## June Jones • 14

**QUARTERBACK • PORTLAND STATE • 4th YEAR**  
**HT: 6-4 • WT: 200 • BORN: 2/19/53**

**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1977

**PRO:** Jones has proven to be a reliable backup over the past two years when Steve Bartkowski has been unable to play. Started twice last season (at Los Angeles and vs. New Orleans) when Bart injured. Quarterbacked club to wins over Houston (as a starter) and Los Angeles (in relief) in '78. Also had starts against Los Angeles (away) and Cleveland in '78. Threw two TD's against LA in 20-14 loss. Only other professional scoring pass, a 38-yard strike against Houston in '78. Needs to improve strength in throwing arm to complement savvy and knowledge of the game. Most impressive performance came in last year's preseason with 361 yards passing in just over one half against Green Bay. Games: 1977 (1), 1978 (7), 1979 (5).



**COLLEGE:** Jones attended Oregon and Hawaii before finding a home at Portland State where he passed for 3,518 yards and 25 touchdowns during his senior season. Received B.S. in Business.

**PERSONAL:** A variety of off-season interests included running several quarterback camps along with close friend, Bartkowski, basketball, refining his five handicap in golf, and hundreds of speaking engagements. Born: Portland, Oregon. Residence: Cumming, Ga. Married (Diane), two children (Jennifer, Kelli).

**JONES' PRO RECORD**

Year	Club	PASSING					RUSHING							
		Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	Avg.	TD	Int.	LG	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1977	Atlanta	1	1	-1	100.0	-1.00	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0
1978	Atlanta	79	34	394	43.0	5.0	1	4	38	10	-1	-0.1	17	0
1979	Atlanta	83	38	505	45.8	6.0	2	3	49	6	19	3.2	9	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>

**JONES' SINGLE GAME HIGHS**

Pass Attempts — 42 (11-25-79 vs. NO)	Longest Completion — 49 (11-19-79 vs. LA)
Completions — 18 (11-25-79 vs. NO)	
Yards Passing — 181 (11-19-79 vs. LA)	



# John James • 6

PUNTER • FLORIDA • 9th YEAR  
 HT: 6-3 • WT: 200 • BORN: 1/21/49

**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1972

**PRO:** Bounced back from a disappointing '78 season with a solid campaign last year when he average 39.7 yards per kick with an outstanding net average of 36.2 yards a punt. Only had four punts go into end zone during the season, and once again less than half of his punts were returned. Has had only three punts blocked during career in which he has kicked over 700 times for almost 30,000 yards. Last year was the first time in four seasons with less than 100 punts and the least since his second season (1973). Had set record of 109 punts in 1978 season. Distance is indicated by club record 75-yard punt against Oakland in 1975 while accuracy is documented by 36 in-20 kicks during past two seasons. Best game of '79 came against Tampa Bay with 43.3 yard average. Valuable weapon in establishing field position. In season opener against Houston in '78, James pinned the Oilers inside their 10-yard line four times while averaging 42.7 yards per kick. Against Chicago in '77, his punting was so impressive that the Bears eventually declined a penalty against the Falcons after a James punt went out of bounds at the 12-yard line. Was named to NFC Pro Bowl squad three successive seasons (1975-1977). Credits "poocher" punt for uncanny accuracy. "Good things can happen with the Pooch if you do it right," explains James. "Kick it in the corner and the guy can mishandle it. Or he can get hit right there. Or we can down it." About the worst thing is it can go into the end zone." Beat out well-established Billy Lothridge to earn job in '72 as a free agent. Games: 1972 (14), 1973 (14), 1974 (14), 1975 (14), 1976 (14), 1977 (14), 1978 (16) 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** James did not play high school or college football until his junior year when he answered coach Doug Dickey's plea to the student body for a punter. Received B.A. in Economics.

**PERSONAL:** John may be the busiest Falcon in the offseason when he works with a Gainesville bank, looks after his pecan farm, dabs in real estate, and tries to keep his golf handicap under 5. Born: Panama City, Fla. Residence: Gainesville, Fla. Married (Bunnie), three children (Helen, Matthew, and Scott).

## JAMES' PRO RECORD

Year	Club	No.	PUNTING			Blkd.
			Yards	Avg.	Long	
1972	Atlanta	61	2609	42.8	59	0
1973	Atlanta	63	2682	42.6	72	0
1974	Atlanta	96	3891	40.5	61	1
1975	Atlanta	89	3696	41.5	75	0
1976	Atlanta	101	4253	42.1	87	0
1977	Atlanta	105	4349	41.4	61	0
1978	Atlanta	109	4227	38.8	57	1
1979	Atlanta	83	3296	39.7	62	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>707</b>	<b>29003</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>3</b>

Note: Blocks vs. Los Angeles (11-10-74), Chicago (11-19-78), & N.Y. Giants (11-11-79).





## Mike Kenn • 78

OFFENSIVE TACKLE	•	MICHIGAN	•	3rd YEAR
HT: 6-6	•	WT: 257	•	BORN: 2/9/56

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 1st round, 1978

**PRO:** Borders on All-Pro after outstanding second season in which he played every play. Offseason weight program contributing factor to success along with rookie season that saw Kenn start every game. "He's quite close to becoming one of the elite tackles in the NFL," says Bennett. "If he can continue improvement of the first two years, he could be the best," echoes offensive line coach Bill Walsh. Assets include excellent balance, quick feet, and intelligence. Whistled for holding only three times last season. Enjoyed best performances of an outstanding season at New Orleans, vs. Green Bay, Tampa Bay, and at Los Angeles. Showed greatest improvement in drive blocking technique because of increased strength. Earned a place on Football Writers 1978 All-NFL Rookie squad two years ago. Games: 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Kenn earned All-America honors as a tackle at Michigan after going to school as a tight end. Obtained B.A. in General Studies.

**PERSONAL:** Spent offseason working in real estate, and finds enjoyment as a gourmet cook during leisure time. Born: Evanston, Ill. Residence: Oak Lawn, Ill. Married (Joannie).



## Fulton Kuykendall • 54

LINEBACKER	•	UCLA	•	6th YEAR
HT: 6-5	•	WT: 225	•	BORN: 6/10/53

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 6th round, 1975

**PRO:** The senior Falcon linebacker with retirement of Greg Brezina and one of the best in the National Football League according to Falcon coaches. "He has not received just recognition, but he's among the best," says head coach Leeman Bennett. Development was slowed because of injuries, but now coming into peak of his career. Started as a member of Falcon special team units, earning tag of "Captain Crazy" for kami-kazzee style of play. Earned starting job during second season, but missed second half of season with back injury. Next came a broken arm that sidelined him final nine games of '77 season. Has enjoyed relatively injury-free seasons past two years. Admiration comes from fellow coaches as well as Falcon staff. "He borders on the genius IQ," says Eagles' Dick Vermeil of his former UCLA standout. "He didn't need repetition like the other players. You told him how to do something once. He made virtually no mental mistakes." Falcon linebacker coach Doug Shively is more succinct, "Fulton plays every down like it's the last one." Came to Atlanta as part of George Kunz trade to Baltimore when Falcons obtained Colts sixth pick as well as rights for first choice in 1975 draft. Games: 1975 (14), 1976 (7), 1977 (5), 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Kuykendall was a lightly regarded high school running back before going to UCLA, where he completed his career as the Bruins' captain. Received Bachelor of Science in kinesiology.

**PERSONAL:** One of the most dedicated squad members, Fulton was a regular at the Falcon training complex. Enjoys racquetball and dealing in real estate. Born: Coronado, Calif. Residence: Roswell, Ga. Married (Sherri).

## Rolland Lawrence • 22

**CORNERBACK** • **TABOR** • **8th YEAR**  
**HT: 5-10** • **WT: 179** • **BORN: 3/24/51**

**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1973

**PRO:** One of the most versatile players in Falcon history, Lawrence enters the season as the tenth leading active NFL player in pass interceptions. Last year a typical season for Lawrence as he intercepted six passes for the fifth season in a row since becoming a starter. His career total of 36 is a Falcon club record along with his interception return yards (621). Just missed another club record in 1976 with 87 yard interception return against Oakland. Six times has intercepted two passes in one game. Also holds team marks in punt returns (106) and 745 return yards, and his 7.0 average rates third best in team history. Best season came during record setting year of 1977 when he intercepted seven passes and earned All-NFC honors. Season was even more remarkable considering he had three touchdown returns nullified because of penalties. Lawrence dedicated season to his mother, who died two days before '77 campaign began. Despite his size, Lawrence has now played in 102 consecutive regular season games as well as two playoff contests. "Once you get on the field, size is only a number," says Lawrence. "Oh, sometimes you get a Csonka or someone like that, but when you do, you just hit him in the kneecaps." Most outstanding performance came against pass-oriented San Diego when he intercepted a pass on the Falcon eight-yard line and made several other big plays in earning game ball for his performance. Games: 1973 (14), 1974 (14), 1975 (14), 1976 (14), 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (16).



**COLLEGE:** Lawrence is the only representative of tiny Tabor College (Hillsboro, Kan.) where he gained over 4,000 yards as a running back as well as playing in the secondary. Received B.S. in Physical Education.

**PERSONAL:** A large family that included 10 boys and four girls gave Lawrence an early feel for competition. Often misreferred to as Roland, Lawrence does have a brother by that name. His hobbies include golf, fast-pitch softball, and basketball. Offseason work included substitute teaching. Born: Franklin, Pa. Residence: Franklin, Pa. Single.

### LAWRENCE'S PRO RECORD

Year Club	INTERCEPTIONS					PUNT RETURNS				KICKOFF RETURNS				
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1973 Atlanta	1	81	81.0	81	0	None				3	71	23.7	28	0
1974 Atlanta	1	0	0.0	0	0	None				None				
1975 Atlanta	9	163	18.1	87 1	1	None				4	80	20.0	24	0
1976 Atlanta	6	43	7.2	22	0	376	7.0	24	0	21	521	24.8	36	0
1977 Atlanta	7	138	19.7	36	0	352	6.9	37	0	1	13	13.0	13	0
1978 Atlanta	6	76	12.7	44	0	17	17.0	17	0	None				
1979 Atlanta	6	120	20.0	38	0	None				None				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>87 1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>

## LAWRENCE'S PLAYOFF RECORD

Year	Club	No.	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	Atlanta	1	0	0.0	0	0

## LAWRENCE SINGLE GAME HIGHS

Interceptions—2 (6 times, last time, 10-30-78 vs. LA)	Longest Return—87 + (11-30-75 vs. Oakland)
Yards Interceptions—87 (11-30-75 vs. Oakland)	TD Interceptions—1 (11-30-75 vs. Oakland)

## Mike Lewis • 69

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE** • **ARKANSAS AM&N** • **11th YEAR**  
**HT: 6-4** • **WT: 260** • **BORN: 7/14/49**

**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1970



**PRO:** Former free agent now second to only Jeff Van Note in length of service with club. Long time starter before moving into reserve role last season. Durability and consistency have been Lewis trademarks. Has missed only seven games during entire career and just two (1976) since 1972. Excellent vs. the rush, playing key role in Falcons' success against the run over past three seasons. "He's a solid citizen," comments Bennett. "He'll play whatever role is necessary without any complaints and he'll get the job done." However, Lewis knows that he was fortunate to beat the odds as a free agent. "The first year is the toughest," says Mike. "That's when you've got to make the team and to make it you've got to have a good training camp." Yet, a good training camp did not guarantee security for Lewis, who was temporarily waived during his second season. "A couple of players got hurt and instead of letting me go, I was recalled and got another chance. You have to have those kind of breaks at the beginning if you are a free agent. After that, you make it on your own." Games: 1970 (14), 1971 (9), 1972 (14), 1973 (14), 1974 (14), 1975 (14), 1976 (12), 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Mike made a name for himself at Arkansas AM&N, but his fame came as a linebacker rather than a down lineman.

**PERSONAL:** Backgammon is Lewis' favorite offseason hobby along with basketball and movie going. Born: Houston, Tex. Residence: Atlanta, Ga. Married (Darlene), three children (Mikia, Michael and Damia).

## James Mayberry • 39

**RUNNING BACK** • **COLORADO** • **2nd YEAR**  
**HT: 5-11** • **WT: 210** • **BORN: 11/5/57**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 3A round, 1979



**PRO:** Playing time was limited due to emergence of Andrews, but was impressive when called upon. Only start came against Oakland when he gained 77 yards on 13 carries, including 55 yards in first half. Running style and build comparable to Cowboys' Robert Newhouse. Average per carry (4.3) same as Andrews with long gain of 21 yards vs. Raiders. Biggest moment of season came as special teams

member with overtime pass interception against New Orleans in season opener for game winning score. Other TD scored on eight yard run against Green Bay to insure Falcon victory. "We expect James to see more playing time this year based on his limited performance last season," says Bennett. Games: 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Mayberry's best season at Colorado came as a junior when he rushed for 1,299 yards, including seven 100 yard performances, and a 250-yard game against Oklahoma. Added 920 yards as a senior and scored 22 TDs in final two seasons.

**PERSONAL:** James returned to Colorado during the offseason to complete work on his degree. Born: Amarillo, Tex. Residence: Boulder, Col. Married (Juanda).

#### MAYBERRY'S PRO RECORD

Year	Club	RUSHING					RECEIVING				
		Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LD	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1979	Atlanta	45	193	4.3	21	1	7	48	6.9	19	0

Also had one pass interception for touchdown, vs. New Orleans (9:2-79)

#### MAYBERRY'S SINGLE GAME HIGHS

Yards Rushing—77 (10-14-79 vs. Oakland)	Receptions—4 (10-14-79 vs. Oakland)
Rushing Attempts—13 (10-14-79 vs. Oakland)	Yards Receiving—26 (10-14-79 vs. Oakland)
Longest Run—21 (10-14-79 vs. Oakland)	Longest Receptions—19 (10-14-79 vs. Oakland)
TD Rushing—1 (10-7-79 vs. GB)	TD Receiving—0

## Tim Mazzetti • 4

**PLACE KICKER** • **PENNSYLVANIA** • **3rd YEAR**  
**HT: 6-1** • **WT: 175** • **BORN: 2/1/56**

**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1978

**PRO:** Mazzetti has seen both sides of professional football during his brief career. As a free agent rookie in 1978, he did no wrong while kicking two game winning field goals and providing the point differential in five regular season games plus a wild card victory over Philadelphia. His regular season field goal percentage of 81.3 (13 of 16) was the best in the National Conference and third best in the NFL. However, last year proved to be not so easy as Mazzetti hit only 13 of 25 field goal tries and missed six extra points in 37 attempts. "Many place kickers who have gone on to be good NFL kickers suffered through slumps early in their careers," says Bennett. "Look at Mark Mosely. He was cut twice. We still believe Tim can be a good kicker in the National Football League." Best effort of '79 came against Green Bay with field goals of 23, 48 (a personal record), and 42 yards. Also kicked three field goals (24, 26, & 22) against Detroit before missing 47 yard effort on final play. Records during dazzling rookie season included most consecutive field goals without a miss (nine), best field goal percentage (81.3), and most field goals in one game (five, tying club mark). Had game winning field goals on final play at San Francisco and against Washington. Prior to coming to Falcons, Mazzetti had kicked for Eagles during '78 preseason and also had tryouts with New Orleans and Dallas. Originally, signed with Patriots in '77, but failed physical due to hernia. Games: 1978 (10), 1979 (16).



**COLLEGE:** Mazzetti's fame during college came as a star player for the Quaker's nationally ranked soccer team. Best effort for Penn football was 53-yard field goal. Obtained B.S. in Economics.

**PERSONAL:** Though born in America, Mazzetti moved to Brazil at age three and lived there until going to Pennsylvania. Was a member of the Brazilian National Junior Rugby team as a teenager. Speaks fluent Spanish. Excellent racquetball player and dart-thrower. Born: Greenwich, Conn. Residence: Lawrenceville, Ga. Single.

**MAZZETTI PRO RECORD**

**SCORING**

Year	Club	FG	FGA	PCT.	Lg	XP	XPA	Pct.	Points
1978	Atlanta	13	16	81.3	39	18	18	100.0	57
1979	Atlanta	13	25	52.0	48	31	37	83.8	70
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>127</b>

**MAZZETTI PLAYOFF RECORD**

Year	Club	FG	FGA	PCT.	LG	XP	XPA	Pct.	Points
1978	Atlanta	2	3	66.7	42	4	4	100.0	10

**FIELD GOAL ACCURACY**

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-Plus	Total	Pct.	
1978	0-0	8-9	5-7	0-0	0-0	13-16	81.3	
1979	0-0	9-11	1-6	3-7	0-1	13-25	52.0	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>0-0</b>	<b>17-20</b>	<b>6-13</b>	<b>3-7</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>26-41</b>	<b>63.4</b>

**MAZZETTI SINGLE GAME HIGHS**

Points—15 (10-30-78 vs. LA)	Longest Field Goal—48 (10-7-79 vs. GB)
Field Goals—5 (10-30-78 vs. LA)	Extra Points—4 (last time 12-16-79 vs. SF)



**Ron McCartney • 56**

**LINEBACKER** • **TENNESSEE** • **5th YEAR**  
**HT: 6-1** • **WT: 223** • **BORN: 7/29/54**

**OBTAINED:** Waivers, from Los Angeles, 1977

**PRO:** Knowledge of Falcon defensive system and ability to play any linebacking position is asset. Solid special teams player whose game performance exceeds practice play according to linebacking coach Doug Shively. Recovered three fumbles in '77 and

another in '78. Cut by Falcons during '78 preseason but resigned during season's second week. Originally a second round draft choice of Rams, but missed entire rookie year in '76 due to injuries. Games: 1976 (0, injured reserve), 1977 (14), 1978 (15), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** The Most Valuable Player selection in the 1975 Liberty Bowl highlighted Ron's career at Tennessee. Obtained B.S. in Transportation.

**PERSONAL:** Ron spent the offseason in Knoxville working as a speaker for Sports World Ministries. Born: Charleston, W.Va. Residence: Knoxville, Tenn. Single.

## Dewey McClain • 52

LINEBACKER • E. CENTRAL OKLA. • 5th YEAR  
HT: 6-3 • WT: 236 • BORN: 4/25/54



**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1976

**PRO:** Playing time should increase with retirement of Greg Brezina and shift to 3-4 alignment. Has played primarily in passing situations thus far. Best season came in 1978 when McClain recorded 7½ sacks and recovered two fumbles. Had 2½ sacks last season.

"Dewey makes the big play and has the athletic ability to make things happen," says Bennett. Came to Falcons as a free agent, and playing time has increased throughout career. Games: 1976 (14), 1977 (13), 1978 (16), 1979 (15).

**COLLEGE:** Dewey was a two sport star at East Central Oklahoma, earning letters in basketball as well as football. Obtained B.A. in History.

**PERSONAL:** Youth development receives the majority of McClain's off-season time. "I want to take time to help them just as people took time to help me," says Dewey. Born: Okmulgee, Okla. Residence: Atlanta, Ga. Married (Linda), two children (Leresha, Brandy).

## Phil McKinnely • 73

OFFENSIVE TACKLE • UCLA • 5th YEAR  
HT: 6-4 • WT: 250 • BORN: 6/8/54



**OBTAINED:** Draft, 9th round, 1976

**PRO:** McKinnely's playing time dropped last year with the return of Warren Bryant, but a rigorous offseason weight program could project him in Falcon picture. Had started last four games of '78 as well as two playoff contests after Bryant was injured. During '77, alternated with Brent Adams at left tackle entire season. "Phil has needed to improve his strength and he worked hard to do that during the offseason," says Bennett. Games: 1976 (14), 1977 (14), 1978 (14), 1979 (15).

**COLLEGE:** McKinnely had his choice of basketball or football before electing to play football at UCLA.

**PERSONAL:** Phil remained in Atlanta for the first time during the offseason and worked on improving his strength. Born: Oakland, Calif. Residence: Atlanta, Ga. Single.



## Jeff Merrow • 75

DEFENSIVE END • WEST VIRGINIA • 6th YEAR  
HT: 6-4 • WT: 250 • BORN: 7/11/53

OBTAINED: Draft, 11th round, 1975

**PRO:** Last season is very forgettable for Jeff, who missed virtually the entire year with foot injuries. Left in second quarter of season opener at New Orleans, tried comeback in sixth week vs. Green Bay and then went on injured reserve. "We missed Jeff's toughness last year," says Bennett. "He's the kind of guy who is willing to fight for what he wants and his personality is good for our entire defense." An offseason operation should help him return to form of first four pro seasons. Best season came in '77 when he tied for club lead in sacks with 10. Has started entire career. First came injury to Claude Humphrey that left him a rookie starter. Moved into lineup second year as Falcons traded John Zook to St. Louis. Played vital role on record setting defense of '77 before starting to encounter foot problems in '78. "The operation was a total success," says Jeff. "I really haven't felt this good since college." Games: 1975 (12), 1976 (14), 1977 (14), 1978 (14), 1979 (2).

**COLLEGE:** Nagging injuries dropped Merrow from a high draft choice to the 11th round, but he remained unperturbed. "What's ability? I see people with tons of ability and they can't play worth a flip," states Jeff.

**PERSONAL:** Boating at his lake front home and working crossword puzzles occupy Merrow's free time. Born: Akron, Ohio. Residence: Buford, Ga. Married (Lisa).



## Russ Mikeska • 87

TIGHT END • TEXAS A&M • 2nd YEAR  
HT: 6-3 • WT: 225 • BORN: 9/10/55

OBTAINED: Free Agent, 1979

**PRO:** Mikeska earned his way as the only free agent to make the Falcon squad in '79, playing primarily in short yardage situations. Only pass reception came in season finale against San Francisco. "Russ showed good blocking ability throughout the season," says Bennett. Was also a valuable member of Falcon special teams throughout the season. Games: 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Led Aggies in receiving while earning the Aggie Heart Award, given annually to the squad's hardest working member. Received a B.A. in Business Management.

**PERSONAL:** Mikeska returned to A&M during the offseason where he helped his alma mater as a part-time coach. Born: Temple, Tex. Residence: Temple, Tex. Single.

Year	Club	RECEIVING				
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1979	Atlanta	1	14	14.0	14	0
TOTALS		1	14	14.0	14	0

## Tom Moriarty • 45

**SAFETY** • **BOWLING GREEN** • **4th YEAR**  
**HT: 6-0** • **WT: 185** • **BORN: 4/7/53**

**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1977

**PRO:** "He's the best punt cover man in the National Football League," says assistant coach Jerry Glanville. Good straight line speed and excellent strength aid in great special teams play. "He's the best special teams player I've ever seen," says punter John James. Recovered blocked punt in '78 opener against Houston to provide winning points in 20-14 Atlanta victory. "Special teams are a part of the game where you can make things happen in a split second and change the trend of the game," says Tom. Also serves as backup safety. Games: 1977 (14), 1978 (14), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Although not drafted, Moriarty's all-out style of play earned him a tryout with the Dallas Cowboys upon graduation in 1976.

**PERSONAL:** Tom is not the only Moriarty in the National Football League, his brother, Pat, who played collegiately at Georgia Tech, is a member of the Cleveland Browns. Born: South Euclid, Ohio. Residence: South Euclid, Ohio. Married (Cindy), one child (Lindsey).



## Mike Moroski • 15

**QUARTERBACK** • **CAL-DAVIS** • **2nd YEAR**  
**HT: 6-4** • **WT: 200** • **BORN: 9/4/57**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 6th round, 1979

**PRO:** Playing time very limited during rookie season, but showed good mobility and strong arm in only extended appearance against Rams in Atlanta. Completed 8 of 14 attempts vs. LA and scored TD with three yard run. Also scrambled for 31 yards in three carries, but feels stats were misleading. "It's hard to get an accurate picture from that game," says Mike. "The score was not close and they were laying back. In truth, it was not a pressure situation." Only other '79 appearance also came against Rams in LA, subbing for June Jones for one play. "He had a big jump to make from Division II competition to NFL," says QB coach Dick Wood. "However, his progress was evident. He's very coachable and will get better with each playing opportunity." Games: 1979 (2).

**COLLEGE:** Completed 58 per cent of passing attempts as a senior, including 17 touchdown passes while throwing only nine interceptions. Average 8.2 yards per attempt and earned spot in '79 East-West Shrine Game. Obtained B.A. in Agricultural Economics.

**PERSONAL:** Mike spent the offseason completing work on his degree at Cal-Davis. Born: Novata, Calif. Residence: Novata, Calif. Single.



Year	Club	Att.	Comp.	PASSING				RUSHING					
				Yds.	Pct.	Int.	Gain	TD	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1979	Atlanta	15	8	97	53.5	0	6.5	0	3	31	10.3	19	1



## Dennis Pearson • 81

**WIDE RECEIVER • SAN DIEGO STATE • 3rd YEAR**  
**HT: 5-11 • WT: 177 • BORN: 2/9/55**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 5th round, 1978

**PRO:** Pearson's availability for '80 is doubtful after sustaining knee injury during Falcons' May mini-camp. Has served as backup receiver and top kickoff returner for past two seasons. His 26.7 yard kickoff return average as a rookie is best-ever for club. Also

holds record for club's longest kickoff return with 100-yard TD against St. Louis. Was expected to contest for more playing time at wide receiver until injury. Games: 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Played first three years at Washington State before transferring to San Diego State as a senior.

**PERSONAL:** Dennis spends most of his free time in helping youngsters in the Atlanta area during the season. Born: Seaside, Calif. Residence: Seattle. Single.

Year	Club	RECEIVING					KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
1978	Atlanta	5	71	14.2	17	0	25	662	26.7	100	1						
1979	Atlanta	7	119	17.9	40	0	30	577	19.2	29	0	12	115	9.6	60	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	

### PEARSON'S PLAYOFF RECORD

Year	Club	KICKOFF RETURN	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	Atlanta		4	107	26.8	36	0

### FALCONS ON THE ROAD

Seattle	Red Lion Inn	(202) 246-8600
San Diego	Islandia Hyatt	(704) 224-3541
Minnesota	Bloomington Marriott	(612) 854-7441
New England	Boston Marriott	(617) 969-1000
San Francisco	Dunfey, San Mateo	(415) 573-7661
New Orleans	Hyatt Regency	(504) 561-1234
Buffalo	Sheraton Inn-East	(716) 681-2400
St. Louis	Marriott Pavillion	(314) 421-1776
Philadelphia	Hyatt Cherry Hill	(609) 662-3131
Los Angeles	Newport Marriott	(714) 640-4000
Home Games	Falcon Inn	(404) 945-6751

## Robert Pennywell • 59

LINEBACKER • GRAMBLING • 4th YEAR  
HT: 6-1 • WT: 222 • BORN: 11/6/54



**OBTAINED:** Free Agent, 1977

**PRO:** Started every game during past two seasons at middle linebacker, demonstrating ability to make the big play. A 39-yard touchdown interception iced victory over 49ers in season finale. Returned pass interception 20 yards two years ago to insure win over Detroit. Received first chance to play in '77 when Fulton Kuykendall injured. Won starting job at middle linebacker in '78 training camp from Ralph Ortega and has started 32 consecutive regular season contests. Assets are excellent strength and tackling ability. Regarded as best tackler among Atlanta LB corps. Has demonstrated good ability to reach the quarterback with three sacks in '77 and 6½ in '78. Was originally a sixth round draft choice by 49ers in 1976, but sat out season after being cut in preseason. "I wasn't mentally prepared for the game any more," says Robert. "At that time I thought it was the best thing to do." Has returned two of three career pass interceptions for touchdowns. Games: 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Pennywell played under the famed Eddie Robinson at Grambling, where he led the team in tackles as a senior.

**PERSONAL:** Robert worked as a management trainee for a gourmet food services operation during the offseason. His cousin, Carlos, is a wide receiver for the New England Patriots. Born: Shreveport, La. Residence: Norcross, Ga. Married (Debra), one child (Ketria).

### PENNYWELL'S PRO RECORD

Year	Club	INTERCEPTIONS			Avg.	Long	TD
		No.	Yards				
1977	Atlanta	2	30	15.0	20	0	
1978	Atlanta			None			
1979	Atlanta	1	39	39.0	39	1	
TOTALS		3	69	23.0	39	2	

Note: Touchdowns vs. Detroit (11-13-77) and San Francisco (12-16-79)

## Tom Pridemore • 27

SAFETY • WEST VIRGINIA • 3rd YEAR  
HT: 5-10 • WT: 186 • BORN: 4/29/56



**OBTAINED:** Draft, 9th round, 1978

**PRO:** Consistent play wavered little from week to week. Enjoyed best game against Philadelphia when pass interception set up winning touchdown. Experience gained during past two seasons should help, particularly against the pass. Plays the run as well as any free safety in NFL, says secondary coach Jerry Glanville. Willingness to hit and tackle are assets, and only needs to improve overall vi-

sion of field to become one of better safeties in league. Excellent strength for size. Led secondary in tackles for second consecutive year. Pressed into starting duty as a rookie when regular Ray Easterling was injured in second game of season. Alternated with Easterling last year until injury of Reed. Also excels in punt coverage. Blocked punt in season opener against Houston in '78 was recovered in end zone for game winning score. Was selected AP Defensive Player of the Week in '78 for outstanding performance against Detroit when he made fourth down tackle at the goal line and then recorded a sack on a fourth down play at the Falcon 12-yard line. Games: 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Pridemore was the fifth all-time interception yardage leader when he completed his career at West Virginia. Obtained B.S. in Business Management.

**PERSONAL:** Ran for House of Delegates in West Virginia and will begin his term in January providing he wins November election. Born: Ansted, W. Va. Residence: Ansted, W. Va. Single

**PRIDEMORE'S PRO RECORD**

Year	Club	INTERCEPTIONS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1978	Atlanta	1	0	0.0	0	0	4	71	17.8	20	0
1979	Atlanta	2	20	10.0	0	0	9	111	12.3	21	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>



## Frank Reed • 28

**SAFETY** • **WASHINGTON** • **5th YEAR**  
**HT: 5-11** • **WT: 193** • **BORN: 5/13/54**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 8th round, 1976

**PRO:** Absence was severely felt after being injured in 11th game against the Giants. Has ability to be among best strong safeties in NFL. Provides excellent coverage of tight end and quickness helps on goal line situations. End zone interception against

Saints in New Orleans swung momentum to Falcons. Played cornerback first two years before moving to safety with trade of Ray Brown to Saints. Five fumble recoveries in 1978 tied club record. Ability to blitz reflected in two sacks against Rams on Monday Night TV in '78. Also recorded punt blocks against New Orleans in '77 and Tampa Bay in '78. "Frank has the ability and toughness to be a defensive leader," says Bennett. Games: 1976 (14), 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (11).

**COLLEGE:** Reed originally went to Washington as a receiver, but was moved to the secondary after his freshman season.

**PERSONAL:** Rehabilitation dominated Reed's offseason, but he finds silver lining in his misfortune. "Because of the injury, I'm probably entering the season in the best shape of my career." Four of the eleven children in Reed's family played college football. Born: Seattle, Wash. Residence: Decatur, Ga. Single.

REED'S PRO RECORD

Year	Club	INTERCEPTIONS			
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1976	Atlanta	3	48	16.0	0
1977	Atlanta			None	
1978	Atlanta	1	38	38.0	0
1979	Atlanta	2	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		6	86	24.3	0

REED'S SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS

Interceptions—1 (Six Times)      Longest Return—42 (9-18-76 vs. LA)  
 Yards Interceptions—42 (9-18-76 vs. LA)

## Billy Ryckman • 82

WIDE RECEIVER • LOUISIANA TECH • 4th YEAR  
 HT: 5-11 • WT: 172 • BORN: 2/28/55

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 10th round, 1977

**PRO:** Return of Alfred Jenkins cut Ryckman's playing time drastically last season, but he still made the most of his opportunities. Of his four receptions, two were good for touchdowns against Seattle on Monday Night. "The opportunities just did not present themselves last season for Billy, but there is still no finer pair of hands in the league," says Bennett. "We were very impressed with the way he maintained his spirit in what had to be a disappointing season for him." The previous season Ryckman had gained a starting berth when Jenkins sustained a broken collarbone and responded with 45 catches. His best day was an eight catch, 107 yard performance against Chicago, but his most dramatic catch was a diving reception against Washington to set up a game winning field goal against the Redskins. Also had a 59-yard game tying touchdown pass with less than a minute remaining to set up Atlanta victory at San Francisco in '78. Had three or more catches seven times two years ago. Only caught one pass as a rookie, but it was good for a touchdown during the '77 season finale against New Orleans. Has also been used as punt returner during past two years and his 339 yards is fourth on Falcon career list. "I'm so slow that it fools all those guys after chasing people like Rick Upchurch," explains Billy. Games: 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (14).



**COLLEGE:** As in the pros, Ryckman spent much of his time waiting for a chance behind the likes of Roger Carr (Baltimore) and Pat Tilley (Cardinals). As a senior he lead the nation in receiving with 77 catches for 1,382 yards.

**PERSONAL:** Ryckman's offseason activities over the past few years have included work as a mortician, a sand blaster, and a truck driver. Born: Lafayette, La. Residence: Norcross, Ga. Married (Patrice).

### RYCKMAN'S PRO RECORD

Year	Club	RECEIVING					PUNT RETURNS					
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1977	Atlanta	1	5	5.0	5	1	7	2	40	5.7	20	0
1978	Atlanta	45	679	15.1	59	2	28	17	227	8.1	38	0
1979	Atlanta	4	59	14.8	20	2	12	5	72	6.0	15	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>

### RYCKMAN'S PLAYOFF RECORD

Year	Club	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	FC	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1978	Atlanta	2	27	13.5	22	0	5	0	14	2.8	13	0

### RYCKMAN'S SINGLE GAME HIGHS

Receptions—8 (11-19-78 vs. Chicago)	Longest Reception—59 (10-22-78 vs. SF)
Yards Receiving—107 (11-19-78 vs. Chicago)	TD Receptions—2 (10-29-79 vs. Seattle)



## Paul Ryczek • 53

**CENTER** • **VIRGINIA** • **7th YEAR**  
**HT: 6-2** • **WT: 230** • **BORN: 6/25/52**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 10th round, 1974

**PRO:** Has been backup to All-Pro center Jeff Van Note for six years while handling all Falcon long snapping responsibilities. Only starting assignments came in final four games of 1976 season when Ryczek played key role on Falcons' 17-10 upset of Dallas Cowboys. Annually ranks as one of the top down-field coverage men on Falcon special team units. Has never missed a game. Games: 1974 (14), 1975 (14), 1976 (14), 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Paul, like his brother Dan, played at the University of Virginia where he was All-Atlantic Coast Conference. Obtained B.S. in Business.

**PERSONAL:** Ryczek is a regular entry in the annual Peachtree Road race and also captain of the Falcon basketball team during the offseason. Born: Mentor, Ohio. Residence: Roswell, Ga. Married (Carol), one child (Zachary).



## Dave Scott • 70

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** • **KANSAS** • **5th YEAR**  
**HT: 6-4** • **WT: 265** • **BORN: 12/26/53**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 3rd round, 1976

**PRO:** Still needs consistency to become one of the top offensive guards in the National Football League, but continues to show improvement yearly. Pass blocking has improved greatly and has potential to be a devastating run blocker. Excellent strength and bulk are attributes, but needs to improve finesse and agility. "He's developing into one of the finer guards in the NFL," says Bennett. "He comes off

the ball extremely well, and his experience has reduced his mistakes greatly." Enjoyed excellent games against Oakland, San Diego, and at Los Angeles, when the Falcons ran over his side for most of their 200 yards on the ground. Also enjoyed strong performance in 1978 against Dallas in playoff contest. "He's proven that he can excel against some of the top defensive units in football," says line coach Bill Walsh. "Now he has to learn that he can play that way week after week, regardless of the competition." Games: 1976 (13), 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Scott combined his size and quickness to earn All-American honors at the University of Kansas.

**PERSONAL:** Dave is an accomplished speaker and devotes the majority of his spare time during the offseason to youth and religious activities. Born: Hackensack, N.J. Residence: Decatur, Ga. Married (Clarice).

## Don Smith • 65

<b>DEFENSIVE END</b>	•	<b>MIAMI (FLA.)</b>	•	<b>2nd YEAR</b>
<b>HT: 6-5</b>	•	<b>WT: 248</b>	•	<b>BORN: 5/9/57</b>

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 1st round, 1979

**PRO:** Moved into starting lineup during season's second week when Merrow was lost with toe injury. Led club in sacks with nine, including single game high of three against Green Bay. Outstanding toughness and quickness should make him fixture in Falcon defensive front. "He's still learning, but no one in the NFL goes at his job with more effort," says Bennett. Played instrumental role in victory over Philadelphia with sack of Jaworski, and made pivotal play of Green Bay game with fumble causing sack of quarterback. Games: 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Durability and strong pass rush earned Smitty host of All-American honors at Miami: Never missed a game for Hurricanes while recording 17 sacks. Received a B.S. in Physical Education.

**PERSONAL:** Trap shooting and water skiing among hobbies. Father played professional baseball. Smith showed overall athletic ability while scoring 46 points in high school basketball game. Born: Oakland, Calif. Residence: Palm Harbor, Fla. Single.





## Haskel Stanback • 24

**RUNNING BACK** • **TENNESSEE** • **7th YEAR**  
**HT: 6-0** • **WT: 210** • **BORN: 3/19/52**

**OBTAINED:** Trade, Cincinnati, 1974

**PRO:** Although his playing time was reduced by improved depth in the backfield, Stanback again proved to be a valuable cog in the Falcon rushing game. He led the team in rushing TD's with five and averaged 5.6 yards on 36 attempts. His 55-yard touchdown

gallop against Detroit was the third longest scoring run in Falcon history, and his five scoring runs raised his career leading total 25. Enters seventh season as the second all-time leading rusher in Falcon history with 2,662 yards, ranking only behind Dave Hampton. Has also caught 98 career passes to place seventh on club's all-time receiving charts. "It was difficult not playing as much last year, but the guys in front of me were doing a good job," says Stanback. Stanback enjoyed his best season in 1977 when he rushed for 873 yards and had 30 catches for 261 yards. Biggest day of that season, and of career, was 129-yard effort against New Orleans in the season finale. Only other 100+ game came against Tampa Bay (1978) when he gained 112 yards on rain soaked field. Originally drafted in the fifth round of the 1974 draft by Cincinnati, but came to the Falcons in a preseason trade. Games: 1974 (13), 1975 (14), 1976 (14), 1977 (14), 1978 (15), 1979 (13).

**COLLEGE:** Stanback had the same nose for the end zone as he scored 20 touchdowns while rushing for 1,730 yards at Tennessee. His biggest day was a 133-yard performance against Alabama. Obtained B.A. in Business Transportation.

**PERSONAL:** Haskel spent the offseason in automobile sales for the second consecutive year. Born: Kannapolis, N.C. Residence: Marietta, Ga. Married (Doris).

### STANBACK'S PRO RECORD

Year	Club	RUSHING					PASS RECEIVING				
		Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1974	Atlanta	57	235	4.1	23	1	8	39	4.9	18	0
1975	Atlanta	105	440	4.2	26	5	14	115	8.2	14	0
1976	Atlanta	95	324	3.4	30	3	21	174	8.3	28	1
1977	Atlanta	247	873	3.4	35	6	30	261	8.7	36	0
1978	Atlanta	188	588	3.1	26	5	12	108	9.0	20	0
1979	Atlanta	36	202	5.6	55t	5	13	89	6.8	22	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>728</b>	<b>2662</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>55t</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>

### STANBACK'S PLAYOFF RECORD

Year	Club	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1978	Atlanta	25	120	4.8	14	0	2	7	3.5	7	0

### STANBACK'S SINGLE GAME HIGHS

Yards Rushing—129 (12-18-77 vs. NO)	Receptions—6 (10-31-76 vs. NO)
Rushing Attempts—27 (10-23-77 vs. Chicago; 10-2-77 vs. NYG)	10-2-77 vs. NYG
Longest Run—55t (9-23-79 vs. Detroit)	Yards Receiving—71 (10-31-76 vs. NO)
TD Rushing—2 (last time, 12-16-79 vs. SF)	Longest Reception—36 (9-25-77 vs. Washington)
	TD Receiving—1 (10-31-76 vs. NO)

## Ray Strong • 25

**FULLBACK** • **NEVADA-LAS VEGAS** • **3rd YEAR**  
**HT: 5-9** • **WT: 184** • **BORN: 5/7/56**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 10B round, 1978

**PRO:** A knee injury kept Strong on the injured reserve list until midseason. Played primarily special teams upon return. Was team's fourth leading rusher as a rookie with 99 yards, but carried only twice last season. Best professional performance came in '78 vs. Chicago with 24 yards on six carries. Sustained knee injury in NFC Wildcard game against Philadelphia in '78. Games: 1978 (14), 1979 (6).

**COLLEGE:** Strong averaged 5.9 yards per carry as a senior at UNLV while rushing for 843 yards and 416 yards in pass receiving.

**PERSONAL:** Ray relaxed during the offseason by playing softball. Born: Berkeley, Calif. Residence: Hayward, Calif. Married (Janine), two children (Tanasha, Raymond).



### STRONG'S PRO RECORD

Year	RUSHING					RECEIVING					KICKOFF RETURNS				
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	30	99	3.2	14	2	7	56	8.0	21	0	3	50	16.7	23	0
1979	2	7	3.5	4	0	1	6	6.8	6	0	15	343	22.9	33	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>

## R. C. Thielemann • 68

**GUARD** • **ARKANSAS** • **4th YEAR**  
**HT: 6-4** • **WT: 250** • **BORN: 8/12/55**

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 2nd round, 1977

**PRO:** Shoulder separation slowed Thielemann's development after the best start of his career. Injured in the season's second game against Philadelphia after a brilliant performance in the opener at New Orleans. Upon his return five weeks later, Thielemann was forced to wear a shoulder brace, but was still reinjured in the 15th week against Los Angeles. Nevertheless, size, speed, and strength should make him a premier lineman. Makes few mental errors as football savvy and quickness are strengths. Still needs to improve drive blocking, but progress should come with added strength when healthy. Most outstanding performance came against Chargers' Wilbur Young in Falcons' 28-26 upset of San Diego. Also played extremely well at New Orleans and Philadelphia before being injured. Played remainder of season without full maneuverability, but still enjoyed strong performance against Tampa Bay and Chargers. "R. C. has some of the things you don't teach—strength, balance, and desire," says offensive line coach Bill Walsh. Remains one of strongest players on squad, bench pressing over 425 pounds. Played every down as a rookie in '77 when he was named to the NFL All-Rookie team.



Missed only one half with sore knee (Cincinnati) during second season before shoulder injury. Games: 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (11).

**COLLEGE:** Thielemann was a two-time All-Southwest Conference player, first as a guard during his junior season and then as a center as a senior.

**PERSONAL:** Most of offseason time spent rehabilitating, but also found time to devote many hours as a coach for Georgia Special Olympics. Born: Houston, Tex. Residence: Norcross, Ga. Single.



## Jeff Van Note • 57

<b>CENTER</b>	•	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	•	<b>12th YEAR</b>
<b>HT: 6-2</b>	•	<b>WT: 247</b>	•	<b>BORN: 2/7/46</b>

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 11th round, 1969

**PRO:** Van Note was at the peak of his game last year while earning All-NFC honors for the third time in career. Enjoyed a very consistent season with best performances coming at New Orleans, at Philadelphia, vs. Green Bay, at Los Angeles, at San Diego, and in finale vs. San Francisco. "He's a ready made product," says offensive line coach Bill Walsh. Especially noted for outstanding downfield blocking, where hustle and desire obvious. "Downfield blocking is just wanting to be there," says head coach Leeman Bennett. "It's what often separates a Jeff Van Note from average offensive linemen." Despite success, Van Note is always studying different methods to handle and operate against defense. "About the only thing he needs is still more strength in his legs, and he's working on that," says Walsh. Other All-Pro years came in 1974 and 1975. Only injury killed post season honor chances in 1976 when out last four games with knee injury. Those four games the only games missed by Van Note since 1970. Spent first year of career with Huntsville of the Continental Professional League while making conversion from college linebacker to professional center. Games: 1969 (1), 1970 (14), 1971 (14), 1972 (14), 1973 (14), 1974 (14), 1975 (14), 1976 (10), 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Van Note never played offense while at Kentucky although he went there as a running back. His entire career was spent at linebacker. Received B.S. in Political Science.

**PERSONAL:** Van Note returned to his native Kentucky for the offseason to workout and contemplate his future plans following his playing days. Born: South Orange, N.J. Residence: Louisville, Ky. Married (Dee), three children (Beau, Ben, Blaine).

### FUTURE SUPER BOWLS

Super Bowl XV	Jan. 25, 1981	Superdome, New Orleans
Super Bowl XVI	Jan. 24, 1982	Silverdome, Pontiac
Super Bowl XVII	Jan. 30, 1983	Rose Bowl, Pasadena

## Joel Williams • 58

LINEBACKER • WISCONSIN-LaCROSSE • 2nd YEAR  
HT: 6-0 • WT: 215 • BORN: 12/13/56

**OBTAINED:** Waivers, Miami, 1979

**PRO:** Joined Falcons prior to regular season and impressed coaches with play in late season. Played extensively during final three games, catching Bennett's eye. "Joel has great athletic ability, maybe as much as any linebacker on our squad," states Bennett. Could be a big key as Falcons move to 3-4 alignment more in '80. Signed as a free agent by Dolphins and waived on final cut prior to regular season. Excellent special teams member. Games: 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Williams left his native Florida for Wisconsin where he was a four-year starter. Received B.S. in Business.

**PERSONAL:** Joel was no stranger to the National Football League since he grew up next to the Dolphin training camp at Biscayne. Born: Miami, Fla. Residence: Norcross, Ga. Single.



## James Wright • 83

TIGHT END • TEXAS CHRISTIAN • 3rd YEAR  
HT: 6-3 • WT: 240 • BORN: 9/1/56

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 7B round, 1978

**PRO:** Injuries have prevented any rapid development by Wright during first two professional seasons. Last season was completely lost with a training camp knee injury. His progress as a rookie was retarded by nagging ankle injury sustained in season opener against Houston. "We still have not been able to get an accurate evaluation of James because of his injuries," says Bennett. Games: 1978 (13), 1979 (0, injured reserve).

**COLLEGE:** Wright played two seasons at Texas Christian, where he caught 27 passes while being used primarily as a blocker. Received a B.S. in Psychology.

**PERSONAL:** Nicknamed "Cornbread." Very interested in working with youth development. Born: Fort Hood, Tex. Residence: Brenham, Tex. Married (Glenda).



### WRIGHT'S PRO RECORD

Year	Club	RECEIVING					KICKOFF RETURNS				
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1978	Atlanta	2	26	13.0	18	0	2	31	15.5	31	0
1979	Atlanta	Injured Reserve									
<b>TOTALS</b>		2	26	13.0	18	0	2	31	15.5	31	0



## Jeff Yeates • 79

DEFENSIVE END • BOSTON COLLEGE • 9th YEAR  
HT: 6-3 • WT: 248 • BORN: 8/3/51

**OBTAINED:** Waivers, Buffalo, 1976

**PRO:** Has turned into defensive stalwart since coming to Falcons on waivers from Buffalo during 13th week of '76 season. Moved into starting lineup with retirement of Claude Humphrey after fourth game of '77 season and has not missed a starting call since.

Possibly best Falcon defensive lineman vs. the rush. Has versatility to play either end or tackle. "There is not a tougher man on our team," says Bennett. "Jeff runs out there for introductions, and you don't see how he can do it, but no one gets the job done better when they line up." During playoff campaign of '78, Yeates twice made clutch tackles vs. New Orleans to enable the Falcons to get the football for game winning drives. Tied Falcon team record of five fumble recoveries last season. A fourth round draft choice by Buffalo in 1973. Games: 1973 (0, injured reserve), 1974 (10), 1975 (13), 1976 (5—3 Buffalo, 2 Atlanta), 1977 (14), 1978 (16), 1979 (16).

**COLLEGE:** Yeates earned All-East honors while playing in the middle of the defensive line at Boston College. Received B.S. in Business Management.

**PERSONAL:** Yeates moved his permanent residence to Atlanta during the offseason and was a regular during the offseason conditioning program. Born: Buffalo, N.Y. Residence: Roswell, Ga. Married (Sue), two children (Tracy, Gretchen).



## Mike Zele • 63

DEFENSIVE TACKLE • KENT STATE • 2nd YEAR  
HT: 6-3 • WT: 236 • BORN: 7/3/56

**OBTAINED:** Draft, 5th round, 1979

**PRO:** Played very sparingly until final game of the season against San Francisco. Was impressive in limited performances and could be a sleeper for '80 campaign. "He doesn't impress you until he's on the field," observes Stanley. "He finds a way to get the

job done." Special team stalwart during '79 season. Improved strength should aid play. Games: 1979 (13).

**COLLEGE:** Ulcerative colitis slowed Zele's career at Kent State, but he still earned two-time All-MAC honors. Led the MAC in tackles-for-losses during senior season with 19 and finished career with 55 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

**PERSONAL:** Returned to Kent State during offseason to complete work on his business management degree. Born: Euclid, Ohio. Residence: Euclid, Ohio. Single.

Several veteran players joined the Falcons during the 1979 regular season, but did not play.

## Late Season Additions

**Chuck Correal** • **OC** • **Penn State**

**HT: 6-3** • **WT: 247** • **Born: 5/17/56**

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Signed for last three games of '79, but did not play. Will try to contend for backup position and long snapping duty. An eighth round draft choice of Eagles in 1979. Was starting center at Penn State in his final two seasons. Awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship in addition to National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award. Was an outstanding student in Middle East history. Born: Uniontown, Pa. Residence: Norcross, Ga. Married (Debbie).

**Larry Fortner** • **QB** • **Miami, Ohio**

**HT: 6-4** • **WT: 212** • **Born: 12/24/55**

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Signed with Falcons for final game of '79 season, replacing R. C. Thielemann on roster. Was drafted in the 12th round by Dolphins in '79, but released during training camp. Led Miami of Ohio to 18-3 record during junior and senior seasons, including Mid-American championship in 1977. Was selected team's MVP. Was responsible for 45 touchdowns in three seasons—27 passing and 18 running—and established Redskin records of 554 attempts, 227 completions, and 3,667 yards passing and 4,588 yards total offense. One of ten children. Once cleared 6-9 in high jump. Born: Huntington, W. Va. Residence: Lorain, Ohio. Single.

**Jerome King** • **DB** • **Purdue**

**HT: 5-10** • **WT: 173** • **Born: 1/4/55**

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Signed with Falcons prior to eleventh week, but injured knee during first day of practice. Spent remainder of year on injured reserve. Had begun '79 season as free agent for St. Louis. Was three year starter at cornerback for Boilermakers, intercepting four passes. Also returned 42 punts for 213 yards. One of many candidates for Falcon secondary. Starred on club's off-season basketball squad. Born: Jersey City, N.J. Residence: Norcross, Ga. Single.



Miller



Curry



Jones

## 1980 Draft Choices

**Junior Miller** • **TE** • **Nebraska**

HT: 6-4 • WT: 235 • Born: 11/26/57 • D1

"The best pure tight end since Riley Odoms and Russ Francis," according to Falcon Scouts . . . 4.6 speed for 40 . . . holds Cornhusker TE records for most single-season catches (33), game, season, career yardage, and most TD's by a tight end in a season . . . 13 of 61 college receptions were for touchdowns . . . averaged 18.4 yards per catch for career . . . also gained 79 yards on seven rushing attempts . . . good natural strength (power cleans 297 pounds) . . . best game of college career vs. Kansas State (five catches, 124 yards, one touchdown) . . . had 70-yard TD grab vs. Penn State . . . AP 1st team All-American . . . UPI 1st Team . . . NEA 1st Team . . . Football Coaches 1st Team . . . Football Writers 1st Team . . . Sporting News 1st Team . . . also on AP All-American strength team . . . scored every third time he caught ball in '79 (seven TD's on 21 catches) . . . Idol is Billy Joe DuPree . . . Kansas Coach Don Fambrough after Miller caught two 44-yard TD passes . . . "It was so amazing watching him outrun our defensive backs. It looked like a bunch of gnats chasing an elephant downfield . . . and the elephant was winning." Also highly regarded as blocker . . . Born: Nov. 26, 1957 . . . Midland, TX.

**Buddy Curry** • **LB** • **North Carolina**

HT: 6-3 • WT: 221 • Born: 6/4/58 • D2

"Size and style of play very similar to Fulton Kuykendall," according to scouting report . . . great range . . . drops very well against the pass . . . can play both inside and outside linebacking spots . . . All-ACC Academic selection . . . AP Honorable Mention A-A . . . His 12 career interceptions are the most by any LB in North Carolina history . . . Sports Illustrated Player of the Week for 14 tackles, two interception performances against Pittsburgh . . . greatest attribute is consistency . . . Was also All-ACC as a sophomore and Tar Heels' Defensive MVP in '77 Liberty Bowl . . . Had 21 tackle performance, one interception vs. N.C. State . . . started as a collegian since sixth game of freshman season . . . father (Jessel) played basketball at Kentucky . . . led Tar Heels in tackles for three consecutive years . . . Born: June 4, 1958 . . . Danville, VA.



Laughlin



Hipp



Vassar

**Earl Jones      •      CB      •      Norfolk State**

**HT: 6-0      •      WT: 178      •      Born: 7/19/57      •      D3**

Size and speed could make him an immediate asset Falcon Secondary . . . has 4.6 speed in 40 . . . ran for Norfolk State 400 and 800 meter relay teams . . . played safety first two years in college before moving to cornerback . . . also played two years of college basketball . . . had 10 career interceptions, including four as senior . . . one TD interception . . . had 171 tackles for career with 71 pass deflections . . . "He has the speed to cover well, but we will have to wait until camp to see how he compares," says coach Leeman Bennett . . . also valuable special teams player, blocking two punts as senior . . . will graduate with a chemistry major . . . participated in Black College All-Star game . . . Born July 19, 1957 . . . Tuscaloosa, Ala.

**Jim Laughlin      •      LB      •      Ohio State**

**HT: 6-0      •      WT: 212      •      Born: 7/5/58      •      D4A**

Came from obscurity to All-Big 10 honors during senior season . . . played sparingly during first three seasons at fullback, tight end, and linebacker . . . earned starting job as senior and led Buckeyes to Big 10 Championship and Rose Bowl berth . . . named UPI All-Big 10 and Chicago Tribune All-Conference . . . projected as outside linebacker where speed is asset . . . served as Buckeye Co-Captain during '79 season . . . very knowledgeable and smart player . . . won NCAA scholarship in business administration . . . honor student . . . scouts predict could be very valuable on special teams while challenging for squad berth . . . "He's a very instinctive player who showed great athletic ability when he got an opportunity to play," says scout Bobby Riggle . . . also played baseball for Buckeyes . . . finance major . . . Born . . . July 5, 1958 . . . Lyndhurst, OH.

**I. M. Hipp      •      RB      •      Nebraska**

**HT: 5-9      •      WT: 192      •      Born: 2/15/56      •      D4B**

The all-time Cornhusker leading rusher with 3,040 yards after going to Nebraska as a walk-on player . . . slowed as a senior with "turf toe" after rushing for over 1,000 yards as a sophomore and junior . . . only Husker to ever rush for back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons . . . had three 200-yard, ten 100-yard games during college career . . . great acceleration and balance . . .



Johnson



Davis



Smith

career best was 254 yard (school record) performance against Indiana on 28 attempts . . . full name is Isaiah Moses Walter Hipp . . . "can be better than Billy Sims when he's not hurt," praises Cornhusker and Falcon teammate Junior Miller . . . great leg strength . . . 915 pounds on leg sled . . . also has 31" vertical jump . . . was most valuable player in '80 Japan Bowl with 82 yards and one TD on 13 carriers . . . has 4.5 speed in 40 . . . Born: Feb. 15, 1956 . . . Chapin, S.C.

**Brad Vassar • LB • Pacific**

**HT: 6-1 • WT: 218 • Born: 4/24/57 • D5A**

Tremendous defensive instinct led to selection as UPI 1st team All-West Coast despite not playing in highly-publicized conference (PCAA) . . . was 3rd team All-American on College and Pro Football Newsweekly . . . AP honorable mention as a junior and senior . . . transferred to Pacific from UCLA where he started as a freshman vs. Ohio State in 1976 Rose Bowl . . . had 13 tackles in '80 East-West Shrine Game . . . PCAA Defensive Player of the Week vs. Utah State when he had 23 tackles . . . had 22 stops vs. Arizona State as a junior before sustaining knee injury that took him out of last six games of season . . . boa constrictor for a pet . . . projected as a middle linebacker . . . Therapeutic Recreation major . . . Born: April 24, 1957 . . . Sonora, CA.

**Kenny Johnson • FS • Mississippi State**

**HT: 5-10 • WT: 169 • Born: 1/7/58 • D5B**

Overcomes limited size with toughness and willingness to hit . . . leading tackler for Mississippi State as senior with 69 solo stops and 44 assists . . . also deflected 10 passes . . . finished career as all-time leading pass interceptor for Bulldogs with 13 . . . also utilized as a punt returner with a long of 37 yards against Alabama in 1978 . . . participated in Senior Bowl . . . best game last year against Mississippi, 15 solo tackles and four assists . . . "gets excellent jump on ball," says scout Bill Striegel . . . majored in education . . . Born: Jan. 7, 1958 . . . Moss Point, Miss.

**Mike Davis • S • Colorado**

**HT: 6-1 • WT: 213 • Born: 12/1/57 • D6**

Moved to strong safety as a senior where tackling ability earned him All-America honorable mention . . . led Buffalo defensive backs in tackles as a senior with 58 . . . was also main punt returner, returning a school record 84



**Richardson**



**Keller**



**Bellamy**

kicks during career ... had excellent junior season ... excellent athletic ability ... good body control ... fluid ... strong point is pass defense ... also above average against run ... was wishbone quarterback in high school, rushing for 32 touchdowns ... has 4.65 speed in 40 ... majored in physical education ... Born: Dec. 1, 1957 ... Bryan, TX ... six pass interceptions for career.

**Mike Smith • WR • Grambling**

**HT: 5-10 • WT: 194 • Born: 4/28/58 • D7**

Reminds scouts of Sammy White of Vikings ... not a burner, but runs good patterns and has soft hands ... also runs well after catch ... "very nifty receiver with good feel for openings," says scout Jon Jelacic ... also capable of handling punts and kickoffs ... was leading receiver at Grambling as a junior with 25 catches for 241 yards and three touchdowns, including 56-yard TD grab ... had 22 catches as a senior, but yardage improved to 313 ... finished as fifth leading receiver in Southwestern Athletic Conference ... played behind Robert Woods, of the Houston Oilers as a freshman and sophomore ... Born: April 28, 1958 ... Bastrop, LA.

**Al Richardson • LB • Georgia Tech**

**HT: 6-2 • WT: 206 • Born: 9/23/57 • D8**

Recovered from severe knee surgery as a freshman to anchor Georgia Tech defense during past two seasons ... winner of 1979 Brian Piccolo Award in the Atlantic Coast Conference, given to the league's most courageous athlete ... had 60 tackles as senior, including eight tackles for 56 yards of losses ... was Tech's Most Valuable Defensive Player as a junior when he had 68 tackles ... nine stops were for losses totaling 38 yards and also recovered five fumbles ... would have been selected much higher if not for serious knee injury in 1975 game vs. Georgia ... sat out all of '76 season and played sparingly in '77 ... tried as wide receiver in '77 before being moved back to linebacker ... majored in Industrial Management ... Born: Sept. 23, 1957 ... Miami, FL.

**Glen Keller • C • West Texas State**

**HT: 6-3 • WT: 230 • Born: 12/30/56 • D9**

Selected primarily for excellent snapping ability ... consistently snaps .7 to .8 seconds on long snaps ... above average strength ... bench presses nearly 400 pounds ... very intense player, who could make a valuable contribution to Falcons special teams ... does not have great athletic ability



Babb



Q. Jones

... but regarded as very accurate snapper and tough blocker ... played entire final two seasons without one bad long snap ... was selected All-Missouri Valley Conference as a senior by the Associated Press ... second team All-MVC by United Press International ... played vital role on Buffalo's MVC conference championship squad ... Born: Dec. 30, 1956 ... Irving, TX.

**Walt Bellamy** • **S** • **V.M.I.**

HT: 5-11 • WT: 195 • Born: 4/7/58 • D10

"Bright, tough and disciplined," says Bobby Riggle ... played free safety in college, but will be moved to strong safety in training camp ... "will take a challenge" continues Riggle ... earned All-Southern Conference honors as a senior ... one of best collegiate performances was 17-tackle game against Georgia as a junior ... led Keydets in tackles during junior year with 122 stops ... also was leading tackler as senior with 124 stops (77 solos and 47 assists) ... had four interceptions during career ... economics major ... Born: April 7, 1958 ... Philadelphia, PA.

**Mike Babb** • **S** • **Oklahoma**

HT: 6-1 • WT: 193 • Born: 7/3/57 • D11

Versatility is indicated by the fact that he played all four secondary positions during career at Oklahoma ... had 105 career tackles and seven interceptions during career ... excellent leader ... very intelligent ... team player ... "very similar to Tom Pridemore in ability and style of play," says Falcon Coach Leeman Bennett ... biggest play of college career was recovery of onside kick vs. Ohio State to set up winning field goal in classic Sooner victory ... Born: July 3, 1957 ... Ada, OK.

**Quinn Jones** • **RB** • **Tulsa**

HT: 6-1 • WT: 215 • Born: 9/4/56 • D12

Developed late in senior season to catch eye of Falcon scouts ... averaged 5.1 yards for career ... missed nine games as a junior with knee injury, but came on strong as senior ... gained 475 yards on only 82 carries for 5.8 yards per carry average ... career best was 103 yards on 18 carries against Arkansas State before sustaining knee injury ... "He caught our eye when we went to Tulsa to look at some other players after the season," says LeBaron ... powerful legs and good acceleration ... originally went to college as a tight end ... Born: Sept. 4, 1956 ... Warner, TX.

# Falcon Draft Choices

## 1966

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

## 1967

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

## 1968

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

## 1969

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

16. Ed Hughes, rb . . . . . Texas Southern
17. Paul Williams, wr . . . . . California

**1970**

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

**1971**

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

16. Lindsey James, rb-te . . . . . San Diego St.
17. Willie Martin, rb . . . . . Johnson C. Smith

**1972**

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

**1973**

1. Choice traded to Houston
2. Greg Marx, dt . . . . . Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to San Diego through  
Oakland
4. Thomas Geredine, wr . 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 . . . . . Kent State
3. Kim McQuilken, qb . . . . . Lehigh  
Maurice Spencer, db . . . . . N. Carolina  
Central
4. Vince Kendrick, rb . . . . . Florida
5. Henry Childs, te . . . . . Kansas State
6. Monroe Eley, rb . . . . . Ariz. State
7. Doyle Orange, rb . . . . . Southern Miss.
8. 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 . 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 . . . . . 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. Selection
11. Chuck Brislin, t . . . . . Mississippi State
12. Pat Bolton, k . . . . . Montana State

13. Mike Williams, t. . . . . Florida
14. Mark Husfloen, de Washington State
15. Ron Olson, db. . . . . Washington
16. Pat Curto, lb. . . . . Ohio State
17. Tony Green, db. . . . . Texas Tech

**1977**

1. WARREN BYRANT, ot . . . . . Kentucky ▶  
Wilson Faumuina, dt. 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 . . . . . Southern 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 . . . . . 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. . . . . 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 . . . . . Nebraska
2. Buddy Curry, lb . . . . . North Carolina
3. Earl Jones, cb . . . . . Norfolk State
4. Jim Laughlin, lb. . . . . Ohio State  
I. M. Hipp, rb . . . . . Nebraska
5. Brad Vassar, lb. . . . . Pacific  
Kenny Johnson, db Mississippi State
6. Mike Davis, db . . . . . Colorado
7. Mike Smith, wr. . . . . Grambling
8. Al Richardson, lb . . . . . Georgia Tech
9. Glen Keller, c. . . . . West Texas State
10. Walt Bellamy, db . . . . . V.M.I.
11. Mike Babb, db . . . . . Oklahoma
12. Quinn Jones, rb . . . . . Tulsa



## Atlanta Fulton County Stadium

**Ground Breaking:** April 15, 1964

**Approximate Cost:** \$14,250,000

**Access:** Located adjacent to  
Interstate 75-85 North-South  
and I-20 East-West

**Capacity:** 60,763

**Lower Level:** 25,623

**Club Level:** 2,796

**Upper Level:** 25,800

**Field Level:** 4,942

**Ground Level:** 1,602

**Parking Capacity:** 4,000 Parking  
Spaces

**Construction:** Construction: Lower  
level consists of poured in place  
concrete. Club and Upper levels  
are basic steel construction with  
pre-cast concrete in seating areas.

**Turf:** Bermuda Grass Field

**Concession Facilities:** 33 concession  
stands (20 lineal feet per stand).

**Rest Room Facilities:** 46

**Lighting:** Over 200 foot candles over  
most of the field.

# Atlanta Falcons 1980 Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College	Games in '79
31	Andrews, William	RB	6-0	200	2	12/25/55	Auburn	15
10	Bartkowski, Steve	QB	6-4	213	6	11/12/52	California	14
44	Bean, Bubba	RB	5-11	195	4	1/26/54	Texas A&M	11
66	Bryant, Warren	T	6-6	270	4	11/11/55	Kentucky	16
38	Byas, Rick	S	5-9	180	7	10/19/50	Wayne St.	16
51	Cabral, Brian	LB	6-0	209	2	6/23/56	Colorado	3
21	Cain, Lynn	RB	6-1	205	2	10/16/55	Southern California	10
61	*Correal, Chuck	C	6-3	247	2	5/17/56	Penn State	0
55	Daykin, Tony	LB	6-1	215	4	5/13/55	Georgia Tech	11
32	Easterling, Ray	S	6-0	192	8	9/3/49	Richmond	16
77	Ellenbogen, William	G	6-4	250	4	12/8/50	Virginia Tech	
74	Faumuina, Wilson	DT	6-5	275	4	8/11/54	San Jose St.	14
77	Fields, Edgar	DT	6-2	255	4	3/10/54	Texas A&M	16
89	Francis, Wallace	WR	5-11	190	8	11/7/51	Arkansas AM&N	16
88	*Gilbert, Lewis	TE	6-4	225	2	5/24/56	Florida	0
36	Glazebrook, Bob	S-CB	6-1	200	3	3/7/56	Fresno St.	13
64	Howell, Pat	G	6-5	253	2	3/12/57	Southern California	15
85	Jackson, Alfred	WR	5-11	176	3	8/3/55	Texas	12
6	James, John	P	6-3	200	9	1/21/49	Florida	16
84	Jenkins, Alfred	WR	5-10	155	5	1/25/52	Morris Brown	16
14	Jones, June	QB	6-4	200	4	2/19/53	Portland St.	5
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-6	257	3	2/9/56	Michigan	16
54	Kuykendall, Fulton	LB	6-5	225	6	6/10/53	UCLA	16
22	Lawrence, Rolland	CB	5-10	179	8	3/24/51	Tabor	16
69	Lewis, Mike	DT	6-4	261	10	7/14/49	Arkansas AM&N	13
39	Mayberry, James	RB	5-11	210	2	11/5/57	Colorado	16
4	Mazzetti, Tim	K	6-1	175	3	2/1/56	Pennsylvania	16
56	McCartney, Ron	LB	6-1	220	4	7/29/54	Tennessee	16
52	McClain, Dewey	LB	6-3	236	5	4/25/54	E. Central Univ.	15
73	McKinnely, Phil	T	6-4	248	5	7/8/54	UCLA	15
75	Morrow, Jeff	DE	6-4	230	6	7/11/53	West Virginia	2
87	Mikeska, Russ	TE	6-3	225	2	9/10/55	Texas A&M	16
45	Moriarty, Tom	S	6-0	185	4	4/7/53	Bowling Green	16
15	Moroski, Mike	QB	6-4	200	2	9/4/57	California-Davis	2
81	Pearson, Dennis	WR	5-11	177	3	2/9/55	San Diego St.	16
59	Pennywell, Robert	LB	6-1	222	5	11/6/54	Grambling	16
27	Pridemore, Tom	S	5-10	186	3	4/29/56	West Virginia	16
28	Reed, Frank	DB	5-11	193	5	5/13/54	Washington	11
82	Ryckman, Billy	WR	5-11	172	4	2/28/55	Louisiana Tech	14
53	Rycek, Paul	C	6-2	230	7	6/25/52	Virginia	16
70	Scott, Dave	T	6-4	285	5	12/26/53	Kansas	16
65	Smith, Don	DE	6-5	248	2	5/9/57	Miami	16
24	Stanback, Haskel	RB	6-0	210	7	3/19/52	Tennessee	13
25	Strong, Ray	RB	5-9	184	3	5/7/56	Nevada/Las Vegas	6
17	Szaro, Rich	K	5-11	205		3/7/48	Harvard	
68	Thielemann, R. C.	G	6-4	247	4	8/12/55	Arkansas	11
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	247	12	2/7/46	Kentucky	16
58	Williams, Joel	LB	6-0	215	2	12/13/56	Wisconsin-LaCrosse	16
83	*Wright, James	TE	6-3	240	2	9/1/56	Texas Christian	0
79	Yeates, Jeff	DE	6-3	248	8	8/3/51	Boston College	16
63	Zeke, Mike	DT	6-3	236	2	7/3/56	Kent State	13

\*Correal active for 3 games, but did not play; Gilbert and Wright missed '79 season due to injuries.

# Rookie Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birth-date	College	How Acq.
8	Adams, William	K	5-10	150	5/5/58	Texas Tech	FA
95	Allen, Aldrich	LB	6-0	235	9/28/57	Grambling	FA
12	Appleby, David	P	5-9	184	5/25/58	Texas A&M	FA
30	Babb, Mike	DB	6-2	202	7/3/57	Oklahoma	D11
18	Banks, Sammy	WR	5-6	170	5/28/57	Morehouse	FA
34	Barden, Ricky	CB	5-9	185	6/6/58	North Carolina	FA
48	Barnes, Stephen	DB	6-1	198	2/2/57	T. C. U.	FA
21	Becker, Dave	DB	6-1	193	1/6/57	Iowa	FA
23	Bell, Bruce	CB	6-0	175	9/22/54	N. Texas St.	FA
43	Bellamy, Walt	S	5-11	195	4/7/58	V. M. I.	D10
94	Bergeland, Nate	DT	6-4	250	10/21/58	St. Olaf	FA
72	Bones, Ronald	LB	6-3	235	1/9/58	Texas	FA
31	Braman Mark	DB	6-1	195	2/14/57	Michigan	FA
47	Burrell, Donald	CB	6-0	193	8/2/56	Mississippi St.	FA
93	Butler, Randy	WR	6-0	175	6/28/58	Louisville	FA
35	Clemons, Dennis	CB	5-11	183	3/28/58	Cal. St.	FA
46	Coleman, David	S	5-11	175	5/10/58	Tenn. St.	FA
46	Copney, Jerry	RB	5-10	186	1/4/56	Utah St.	FA
61	Crossen, David	LB	6-2	215	3/22/57	Wisc/Madison	FA
50	Curry, Buddy	LB	6-3	221	6/4/58	North Carolina	D2
29	Davis, Mike	S	6-1	213	12/1/57	Colorado	D6
26	Edwards, Keith	S	5-11	197	2/12/58	Minnesota	FA
40	Futrell, Al	CB	6-0	185	10/23/58	T. C. U.	FA
41	Gaffney, Warren	S	6-1	198	9/7/56	Florida	FA
91	Griffin, Darrel	WR	6-0	177	9/29/59	Tulane	FA
63	Herman, Charles	G	6-3	250	10/7/58	Arkansas	FA
40	Higgins, Michael	RB	6-1	200	7/16/57	Kansas	FA
34	Hipp, Isaiah	RB	5-11	201	2/15/56	Nebraska	D4b
97	James, Tim	C	6-3	240	11/7/56	Elon	FA
37	Johnson, Kenny	S	5-10	176	1/7/58	Mississippi St.	D5b
20	Jones, Earl	CB	6-0	178	7/19/57	Norfolk St.	D3
35	Jones, Quinn	RB	6-1	215	9/4/56	Tulsa	D12
67	Keller, Glen	C	6-3	230	12/30/56	W. Texas St.	D9
92	King, Ricky	WR	6-1	175	3/31/57	Lincoln	FA
7	Langley, Hoppy	K	6-0	185	1/30/58	Mississippi	FA
62	Laughlin, Jim	LB	6-0	212	7/5/58	Ohio St.	D4a
26	McDougald, James	RB	5-9	200	12/4/56	Wake Forest	FA
44	McMillan, Alfonzo	DB	6-0	205	9/27/56	SW Okla. St.	FA
80	Miller, Junior	TE	6-4	235	11/26/57	Nebraska	D1
42	Miller, Nathaniel	CB	5-10	184	3/21/58	Cameron	FA
71	Mindlin, Jeremy	DT	6-3	245	5/9/57	F. S. U.	FA
42	Mitchell, Roscoe	RB	5-10	195	2/27/58	Ft. Valley St.	FA
67	Molini, James	DE	6-4	238	10/20/58	Iowa	FA
11	Portela, Jorge	K	5-9	184	11/6/58	Auburn	FA
72	Prohaska, Philip	G	6-3	264	6/9/57	Temple	FA
98	Richardson, Al	LB	6-2	206	9/23/57	Georgia Tech	D8
48	Smith, Lovie	S	6-0	185	5/8/58	Tulsa	FA
90	Smith, Mike	WR	5-10	194	4/28/58	Grambling	D7
16	Smith, Reggie	WR	5-4	168	7/15/56	N. C. Central	FA
71	Stein, Marty	G	6-3	260	2/28/57	Minnesota	FA
86	Sweeney, Bryan	WR	6-0	185	6/22/57	Texas A&T	FA
99	Vassar, Brad	LB	6-1	218	4/24/57	Pacific	D5a

# Falcons Honors

## FALCON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1966—Tommy Nobis, linebacker. 1967—Junior Coffey, running back. 1968—Tommy Nobis. 1969—Jim Butler, running back. 1970—Jim Mitchell, tight end. 1971—Don Hansen, linebacker. 1972—Dave Hampton, running back. 1973—Bob Lee, quarterback. 1974—Ray Brown, Safety. 1975—Dave Hampton. 1976—Claude Humphrey. 1977—Rolland Lawrence. 1978—Greg Brezina. 1979—Wallace Francis, wide receiver.

## ALL-PRO

1967—Tommy Nobis, linebacker, Associated Press first team. 1971—Claude Humphrey, defensive end, Newspaper Enterprise Association, first team. 1972—Humphrey, Associated Press, Pro Football Weekly, Football News, Newspaper Enterprise Association, Football Digest, Professional Football Writers Association, first teams. George Kunz, tackle, Newspaper Enterprise Association, first team. 1973—Humphrey, Associated Press, Pro Football Weekly, Professional Football Writers Association, Football News, Computer Kick-Off, first teams. Nick Mike-Mayer, Pro Football Weekly, first team. Mike Tilleman, defensive tackle, National Star News Service, first team. 1974—Humphrey, Newspaper Enterprise Association. Rolland Lawrence, Associated Press, Pro Football Writers Association.

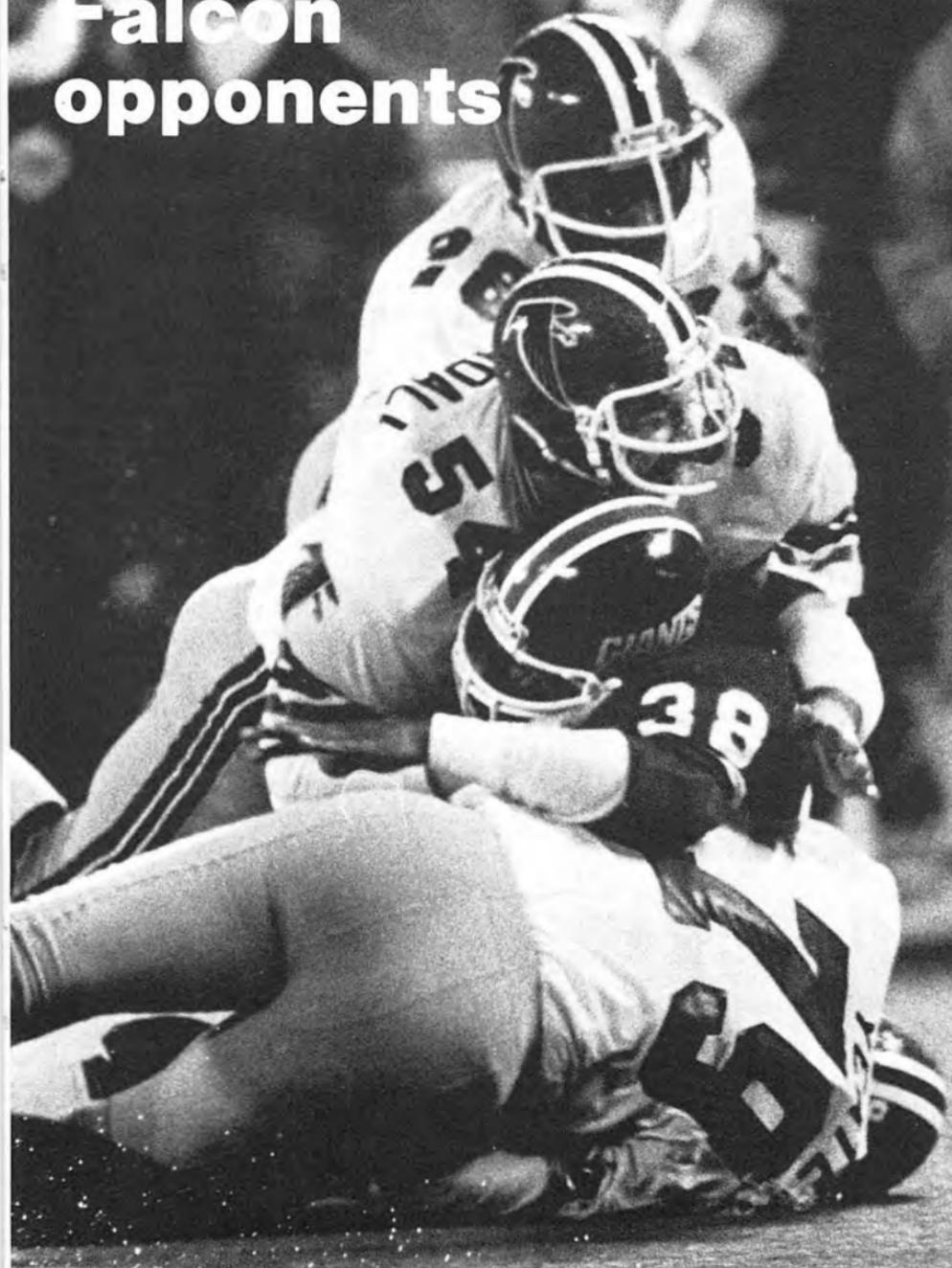
## ALL-NATIONAL CONFERENCE

1970—Claude Humphrey, defensive end, United Press International, first team. 1971—Humphrey, UPI, first team. 1972—Humphrey, UPI, Associated Press, The Sporting News, Football Digest, Football News, first teams. John James, punter, All-NFC Rookie Team, Pro Football Weekly, Football Digest, first teams. Dennis Havig, guard, UPI, Football Digest All-Rookie team, first team. Willie Germany, safety, All-Rookie team, Football Digest, first team. 1973—Humphrey, Pro Football Weekly, UPI, The Sporting News, Associated Press, UPI, first teams. Kunz, Pro Football Weekly, UPI, first team. Nick Mike-Mayer, kicker, Pro Football Weekly, The Sporting News, Associated Press, first teams. 1977—John James, The Sporting News, Rolland Lawrence, UPI, The Sporting News.

## PRO BOWL

Jan. 22, 1967—Tommy Nobis, linebacker. Jan. 21, 1968—Tommy Nobis. Jan. 19, 1969—Tommy Nobis. Jan. 18, 1970—Jim Butler, running back. Added to West squad: Bob Berry, quarterback; Greg Brezina, linebacker; Bob Etter, kicker; George Kunz, tackle; Jim Mitchell, tight end; Ken Reaves, cornerback. Jan. 24, 1971—Claude Humphrey, defensive end; Kunz, Mitchell, Nobis. Jan. 20, 1974—John Zook, defensive end; Nick Mike-Mayer, kicker; Kunz, Humphrey. Jan. 20, 1975—Jeff Van Note, center; Humphrey. Jan. 26, 1976—Van Note, John James, punter. Jan. 17, 1977—John James, punter. Jan. 23, 1978—John James, punter; Claude Humphrey, defensive end; Rolland Lawrence, defensive back. Jan. 26, 1980—Jeff Van Note, center.

# Falcon opponents



**Game #1****MINNESOTA  
VIKINGS**

Sept. 7—12:00 Noon—Metropolitan  
Stadium

**Team Colors:** Purple, White and Gold  
**Telephone:** (612) 920-4805

**President:** Max Winter  
**Vice President-General Manager:**  
Mike Lynn

**Administrative Coordinator:**  
Harley Peterson  
**Coordinator-Football Operations:**  
Jerry Reichow

**Director of Player personnel:**  
Frank Gilliam  
**Director of Scouting:** Ralph Kohl  
**Director of Public Relations:**  
Merrill Swanson (612-473-4407)

**Director of Communications:**  
Jeff Diamond (612-546-5004)

**Stadium:** Metropolitan Stadium  
(48,446)

**Playing Surface:** Grass  
**Press Box Telephone:** (612) 854-4040,  
Ext. 288

**Coach:** Bud Grant (122-59-5,  
Fourteenth Year)

**1979 RESULTS:** San Francisco W 28-22;  
Chicago L 26-7; Miami L 27-12; Green Bay  
W 27-21; Detroit W 13-10; Dallas L 36-20;  
New York Jets L 14-7; Chicago W 30-27;  
Tampa Bay L 12-10; St. Louis L 37-7; Green  
Bay L 19-7; Detroit W 14-7; Tampa Bay W  
23-22; Los Angeles L 27-21; Buffalo W 10-3;  
New England L 27-23.

**1979 CLUB LEADERS**

**Rushing** —Ricky Young, 708  
**Passing** —Tommy Kramer,  
566-315-3397-23TD-24I  
**Receiving**—Ahmad Rashad, 80-1156-9  
**Scoring** —Rick Danmeier, 87

**MINNESOTA SERIES NOTES:** Vikings have won  
last three meetings . . . First Minnesota meeting  
since 38-0 Viking win in 1975 . . . Fran Tarkenton  
quarterbacked Vikings to 14-7 victory in most re-  
cent game in 1977 in Atlanta . . . Vike defense has  
limited Falcons to touchdown or less in six of last  
eight meetings . . . Most memorable Atlanta victory  
in 1973 as Falcons upset undefeated Vikings  
20-14 on Nov. 19 behind passing of Bob  
Lee . . . Falcons also claimed thrilling 21-20 vic-  
tory in '67 on strength on two Tommy Nobis pass  
interceptions . . . Scott Hunter was starting QB for  
Falcons in last game.

**Game #2****NEW ENGLAND  
PATRIOTS**

Sept. 14—1:00 PM—Schaefer  
Stadium

**Team Colors:** Red, Blue, &  
White  
**Telephone:** (617) 543-7911, 262-1776

**President:** William H. Sullivan, Jr.  
**General Manager:**

Frank (Bucko) Kilroy  
**Ass't General Manager:**  
Patrick Sullivan  
**Executive Dir. of Player Personnel:**  
Darryl Stingley

**Director, College Scouting:**  
Mike Holovak  
**Director, Pro Scouting:**  
Bill McPeak

**Dir. Media Relations:**  
Tom Hoffman (617-769-0152)

**Asst Dir., Media Relations:**  
Claudia Smith  
**Season Tickets-Promotions Manager:**  
Miceal Chamberlain

**Stadium:** Schaefer (61,297)  
**Playing Surface:** Super Turf  
**P.B. Telephone:** (617) 543-7911

**Coach:** Ron Erhardt (9-7, one year)

**1979 RESULTS:** Pittsburgh L (OT) 16-13; NY  
Jets W 56-3; Cincinnati W 29-14; San Diego  
W 27-21; Green Bay L 27-14; Detroit W  
24-17; Chicago W 27-7; Miami W 28-13;  
Baltimore L 31-26; Buffalo W 26-6; Denver L  
45-10; Baltimore W 50-21; Buffalo L (OT)  
16-13; Miami L 39-24; NY Jets L 27-26; Min-  
nesota W 27-23.

**1979 CLUB LEADERS**

**Rushing** —Sam Cunningham, 563  
**Passing** —Steve Grogan,  
423-206-3286-28TD-20I  
**Receiving**—Harold Jackson, 45-1013-7  
**Scoring** —Jon Smith, 115

**NEW ENGLAND SERIES NOTES:** Third regular  
season meeting . . . Pats won at Schaefer in '72  
21-20 on missed Atlanta extra point . . . Late New  
England score in fourth quarter on 33-yard pass  
from Grogan to Morgan provided NE win in '77 at  
Atlanta . . . Bartkowski suffered career high four  
interceptions in '77 contest . . . Pats' Smith had  
FGs of 36, 32, and 29 yards . . . Wallace Francis  
scored only Falcon TD on 15-yard pass from Bart-  
kowski . . . Falcons have played only Jets and  
Chiefs less than Patriots during regular season  
play.

## Game #3

# MIAMI DOLPHINS

Sept. 21—1:00 PM—Atlanta-Fulton  
County Stadium

**Team Colors:** Aqua and Orange

**Telephone:** (305) 379-1851

**Managing General Partner:**

Joseph Robbie

**Vice President-General Manager:**

J. Michael Robbie

**Vice President—Head Coach:**

Don Shula

**Director of Player Personnel:**

Chuck Connor

**Director of Scouting:** Bill Davis

**Director of Public Relations:**

Bob Kearney (305-757-0495)

**Publicity Director:**

Charlie Callahan (305-274-0563)

**Stadium:** Orange Bowl (75,449)

**Playing Surface:** Grass

**Coach:** Don Shula (112-44-1,

Tenth Year; overall 185-69-5)

**1979 RESULTS:** Buffalo W 9-7; Seattle W 19-10; Minnesota W 27-12; Chicago W 31-16; New York Jets L 33-27; Oakland L 13-3; Buffalo W 17-7; New England L 28-13; Green Bay W 27-7; Houston L 9-6; Baltimore W 19-0; Cleveland L 30-24; Baltimore W 28-24; New England W 39-24; Detroit W 28-10; New York Jets L 27-24.

### 1979 CLUB LEADERS

**Rushing** —Larry Csonka, 837

**Passing** —Bobb Griese,  
310-176-2160-14TD-16)

**Receiving** —Nat Moore, 48-840-6

**Scoring** —Uwe von Schamann, 99

**MIAMI SERIES NOTES:** Only third meeting of series and first since 1974... Dolphins first appearance in Atlanta since 1970... Miami 20-7 winner in '70 and 24-7 in '74... Griese quarterbacked Dolphins in both previous games while Bob Berry was QB in '70 and Bob Lee and Pat Sullivan quarterbacked Atlanta in '74... Don Nottingham star of '74 contest with three touchdowns rushing... Shula coach of both Dolphin teams... Van Brocklin coached Falcons in '70 game with Marion Campbell coach in '75... Teams have met four times in preseason competition (2-2), but not since 1972.

## Games #4 & 15

# SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS

Sept. 28—1:00 PM—Candlestick Park

Dec. 14—1:00 PM—Atlanta-Fulton  
County Stadium

**Team Colors:** Forty Niner Gold and  
Scarlet

**Telephone:** (415) 365-3420

**President:** Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr.

**Head Coach-General Manager:**

Bill Walsh

**Vice President for Administration:**

John Ralston

**Director of Player Personnel:**

John McVay

**Public Relations Director:**

George Heddleston

(415-593-9710)

**Assistant Public Relations Director:**

Brian Billick (415-341-2325)

**Business Manager:** Keith Simon

**Stadium:** Candlestick Park (61,246)

**Playing Surface:** Grass

**Press Box Telephone:** (415) 467-3103

**Coach:** Bill Walsh (2-14, Second  
Year)

**1979 RESULTS:** Minnesota L 28-22; Dallas L 21-13; Los Angeles L 27-24; New Orleans L 30-21; San Diego L 31-9; Seattle L 35-24; New York Giants L 32-16; Atlanta W 20-15; Chicago L 28-27; Oakland L 23-10; New Orleans L 31-20; Denver L 38-28; Los Angeles L 26-20; St. Louis L 13-10; Tampa Bay W 23-7; Atlanta L 31-21.

### 1979 CLUB LEADERS

**Rushing** —Paul Hofer, 615

**Passing** —Steve DeBerg,  
578-347-3652-17TD-11)

**Receiving** —Paul Hofer, 58-662-2

**Scoring** —Ray Wersching, 92

**SAN FRANCISCO SERIES NOTES:** 49ers ended year ranked first in NFC passing... DeBerg setting NFL records (578 attempts) (347 completions) for the season... DeBerg's 53 passing attempts at Atlanta last year was most ever by an opposing quarterback against the Falcons... 49ers won first five games of series, but Atlanta holds a 12-10 series advantage since 1969... Atlanta's highest point total, 31, came on strength of 305 passing performance by Bartkowski in 1975... Falcons largest margin of victory 31-9 in Atlanta in '75... Niners biggest win 49-14 at SF in '72... series 15-12 SF.

**Game #5****DETROIT LIONS**

Oct. 5—1:00 PM—Atlanta-Fulton  
County Stadium

**Team Colors:** Honolulu Blue & Silver  
**Telephone:** (313) 335-4131

**President-Owner:**

William Clay Ford

**Executive V.P./General Manager:**

Russell Thomas

**Dir. of Football Operations-**

**Head Coach:** Monte Clark

**Administrative Ass't to Director of**

**Football Operations:** Tim Rooney

**Director of Marketing Services-**

**Business Manager:** Lyall Smith

**Director of Public Relations:**

Don Kremer (313-625-4035)

**Publicity Assistant:**

Brian Muir (313-852-8274)

**Stadium:** Pontiac Silverdome (80,638)**Playing Surface:** Astro Turf

**Coach:** Monte Clark (9-23, 3rd Year;  
overall 19-29)

**1979 RESULTS:** Tampa Bay L 16-31;  
Washington L 27-24; NY Jets L 31-10; At-  
lanta W 24-23; Minnesota L 13-10; New  
England L 24-17; Green Bay L 24-16; New  
Orleans L 17-7; Chicago L 35-7; Tampa Bay  
L 16-14; Minnesota L 14-7; Chicago W 20-0;  
Philadelphia L 44-7; Miami L 28-10; Green  
Bay L 18-13.

**1979 CLUB LEADERS**

Rushing —Dexter Bussey, 625

Passing —Jeff Komlo,  
368-183-2238-11TD-23I

Receiving—Fred Scott 62-929-5

Scoring —Benny Ricardo, 55

**DETROIT SERIES NOTES:** Two teams have met  
annually with exception of two years (1970 & 1975)  
... Lions won first nine games before Falcons  
took 17-6 decision in '77 ... Falcons also won in  
'78 with only shutout ever recorded by Atlanta in  
Fulton-County Stadium ... Lions reversed trend  
with 24-23 victory last year ... The loss left At-  
lanta winless at Detroit in seven tries ... Game  
decided when last play field goal by Atlanta sailed  
wide left ... Four times final winning Lion margin  
has been a field goal or less ... Falcons' largest  
margin of victory 14-0 in '78 ... Lions' 31-6 in '73.

**Game #6****NEW YORK JETS**

Oct. 12—4:00 PM—Atlanta-Fulton  
County Stadium

**Team Colors:** Kelly Green & White  
**Telephone:** (212) 421-6600

**Chairman of the Board:** Leon Hess

**President:** Jim Kensil

**Administrative Manager:**

Steve Gutman

**Director of Public Relations:**

Frank Ramos (212-831-8919)

**Ass't. Dir. of Public Relations:**

Ed Wisneski (212-595-8571)

**Director of Player Personnel:**

Mike Hickey

**Pro Personnel Coordinator:**

Jim Royer

**Stadium:** Shea Stadium (60,000)**Playing Surface:** Grass

**Coach:** Walt Michaels (19-27, 4th  
Year)

**1979 RESULTS:** Cleveland L (OT) 25-22;  
New England L 56-3; Detroit W 31-1; Buf-  
falo L 46-31; Miami W 33-27; Baltimore L  
10-8; Minnesota W 14-7; Oakland W 28-19;  
Houston L (OT) 27-24; Green Bay W 27-22;  
Buffalo L 14-12; Chicago L 23-13; Seattle L  
30-7; Baltimore W 30-17; New England W  
27-26; Miami W 27-24.

**1979 CLUB LEADERS**

Rushing —Clark Gaines, 905

Passing —Richard Todd,  
334-171-2660-16TD-22I

Receiving—Derrick Gaffney, 32-534-1

Scoring —Kevin Long, 42

**NEW YORK SERIES NOTES:** Played only one time  
previously ... Falcons winning in 1973 28-20 at  
Shea ... Victory was last of seven during club's  
record winning streak ... Two clubs have played  
on three previous occasions (1972, 1975, and 1977)  
in Atlanta during preseason competition ...  
Kansas City Chiefs only other team Falcons have  
played just once ... Quarterback match-ups in '73  
meeting were Joe Namath for Jets and Bob Lee  
for Falcons ... Lee's 47-yard TD strike to Louis  
Neal provided turning point ... Teams last met  
during 1978 preseason at Giants Stadium ... Four  
o'clock starting time due to TV conflict with N.Y.  
Giants. ... Game is not scheduled for national  
television.

## Games #7 & #11

# NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Oct. 19—1:00 PM—Louisiana  
Superdome

Nov. 16—1:00 PM—Atlanta-Fulton  
County Stadium

**Team Colors:** Old Gold, Black and  
White

**Telephone:** (504) 587-3034

**President:** John W. Mecom, Jr.

**General Manager:** Steve Rosenbloom

**Vice President/Player Personnel:**

Harry Hulmes

**Director of Professional Personnel:**

Ernie Hefferle

**Director of Player Personnel:**

Bob Whitman

**Director of Public Relations:**

Jerry Wynn (504-283-7523)

**Assistant Public Relations Director:**

Greg Suit (504-283-4637)

**Stadium:** Louisiana Superdome  
(71,330)

**Playing Surface:** Astro Turf

**Press Box Telephone:** (504) 587-3104

**Coach:** Dick Nolan (15-17, 3rd Year;  
Overall 72-72-5)

**1979 RESULTS:** Atlanta L 40-34; Green Bay  
L 28-19; Philadelphia L 26-14; San Fran-  
cisco W 30-21; New York Giants W 24-14;  
Los Angeles L 35-17; Tampa Bay W 42-14;  
Detroit W 17-7; Washington W 14-10;  
Denver L 10-3; San Francisco W 31-20;  
Seattle L 38-24; Atlanta W 37-6; Oakland L  
42-35; San Diego L 35-0; Los Angeles W  
29-14.

### 1979 CLUB LEADERS

Rushing —Chuck Muncie, 1,198

Passing —Archie Manning,

420-252-3169-15TD-201

Receiving—Wes Chandler, 65-1069-6

Scoring —Garó Yepremian, 75

**NEW ORLEANS SERIES NOTES:** Intense rivalry  
has seen five of last seven meetings decided by  
touchdown or less. . . . Falcons' 62-7 win in '73 is  
most points in a single game for Atlanta. . . .  
Saints' biggest win came with 37-6 decision in  
Atlanta last year. . . . Falcons won nine conse-  
cutive games from 1969 through 1973. . . . Four  
of last six meetings decided in final minutes. . . .  
Saints claimed late 21-20 victory at NO in '77. . . .  
Falcons scored with :10 (Big Ben) and :05 remain-  
ing for a pair of 20-17 victories in '78. . . . Falcons  
scored on James Mayberry pass interception to  
win 40-34 in NO last year.

## Games #8 & #16

# LOS ANGELES RAMS

Oct. 26—1:00 PM—Atlanta-Fulton  
County Stadium

Dec. 21—1:00 PM—Anaheim Stadium

**Team Colors:** Royal Blue, Gold and  
White

**Telephone:** (213) 585-5400

**President:** Gerogia Rosenbloom

**Vice President & General Manager:**

Don Klosterman

**Vice President, Administration:**

Jack Teele

**Assistant General Manager;**

Jack Faulkner

**Director of Public Relations:**

Jerry Wilcox (714-894-0920)

**Assistant Director of Public**

**Relations:** Geno Effler

(714-750-5365)

**Stadium:** Anaheim Stadium

**Playing Surface:** Grass

**Coach:** Ray Malavasi (21-11, Third  
Year; Overall 26-20).

**1979 RESULTS:** Oakland L 24-17; Denver W  
13-9; San Francisco W 27-24; Tampa Bay L  
21-6; St. Louis W 21-0; New Orleans W  
35-17; Dallas L 30-6; San Diego L 40-16;  
New York Giants L 20-14; Seattle W 24-0;  
Chicago L 27-23; Atlanta W 20-14; San  
Francisco W 26-20; Minnesota (OT) W  
27-21; Atlanta W 34-13; New Orleans L  
29-14.

### 1979 CLUB LEADERS

Rushing —Wendell Tyler, 1109

Passing —Pat Haden,

290-163-1854-11TD-141

Receiving—Preston Dennard, 43-766-4

Scoring —Frank Corral, 75

**LOS ANGELES SERIES NOTES:** Last year first  
time since 1976 teams have not split. . . . All four  
Atlanta wins have come at home. . . . Both ties in  
series at Los Angeles (1970 & 1971). . . . LA 59-0 win  
Dec., 1976 is worst defeat in Falcon history. . . .  
Falcon field goals have twice provided margin of  
victory. . . . Mike-Myer's five FGs accounted for all  
points in 15-13 win in '73. . . . Tim Mazzetti's five for  
five FG performance resulted in all scoring in 15-7  
Atlanta win Oct. 30, 1978. . . . Four different QBs  
have quarterbacked each Falcon win. . . . Bob Berry  
in '72, Bob Lee in '73, Scott Hunter in '77, and  
Jones in '78. . . . Biggest Atlanta margin victory  
31-3 in 1972.

## Game #9

# BUFFALO BILLS

Nov. 2—1:00 PM—Rich Stadium

**Team Colors:** Scarlet Red, Royal Blue and White

**Telephone:** (716) 648-1800

**President:** Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.

**Vice President/Administration:** Stew Barber

**Vice President:** Patrick J. McGroder, Jr.

**Vice President/Football Operations-Head Coach:** Chuck Knox

**Director of College Scouting:** Norm Pollom

**Director of Pro Scouting:** Doug Hafner

**Vice President-Public Relations:** L. Budd Thalman (716-662-9502)

**Assistant Public Relations Director:** Mike Shaw (716-754-8843)

**Stadium:** Rich Stadium (80,020)

**Playing Surface:** Astro Turf

**Press Box Telephone:** (716) 648-5455

**Coach:** Chuck Knox (12-20, Third year; (69-40-1 overall))

**1979 RESULTS:** Miami L 9-7; Cincinnati W 51-24; San Diego L 27-19; New York Jets W 46-31; Baltimore Colts W 31-13; Chicago L 7-0; Miami L 17-7; Baltimore L 14-13; Detroit W 20-17; New England L 26-6; New York Jets W 14-12; Green Bay W 19-12; New England (OT) W 16-13; Denver L 19-16; Minnesota L 10-3; Pittsburgh L 28-0.

### 1979 CLUB LEADERS

Rushing —Curtis Brown, 574

Passing —Joe Ferguson, 458-238-3572-14TD-15I

Receiving—Frank Lewis, 54-1082-2

Scoring —Nick Mike-Mayer, 77

**BUFFALO SERIES NOTES:** Bills lead series 2-0... Last contest between Falcons and Bills was in 1977 when Buffalo defeated Atlanta 3-0... Was last time Falcons have been shutout entering '80 season... Bills 17-6 victory in Atlanta derailed Falcon playoff hopes... Bills upset on strength of 137 yards rushing by D. J. Simpson... Simpson also had 138 yards rushing in '77 contest... Joe Ferguson Bills' QB in both contest... Bob Lee quarterbacked Falcons in '78 while Scott Hunter was QB in '77... Jeff Yeates and Wallace Francis former Bills.

## Game #10

# ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Nov. 9—1:00 PM—Busch Memorial Stadium

**Team Colors:** Cardinal Red, White, & Black

**Telephone:** (314) 421-0777

**Managing General Partner:** William V. Bidwell

**Vice President-Operations:** Joe Sullivan

**Ass't Director of Operations:** Larry Wilson

**Vice President-Administration:** Bing Devine

**Director of Player Personnel:** George Boone

**Media Coordinator:** Kay Burnett

**Director Community Relations:** Adele Harris

**Assistant:** Marty Igel (314-291-1748)

**Stadium:** Busch Memorial (51,392)

**Playing Surface:** Astro Turf

**Telephone:** (314) 421-0777, Ext. 50

**Coach:** Jim Hanifan (0-0, first year)

**1979 RESULTS:** Dallas L 21-22; NY Giants W 27-14; Pittsburgh L 24-21; Washington L 17-7; Los Angeles L 21-0; Houston W 24-17; Philadelphia L 24-20; Dallas L 22-13; Cleveland L 38-20; Minnesota W 37-7; Washington L 30-28; Philadelphia L 16-13; Cincinnati L 34-28; San Francisco W 13-10; NY Giants W 29-20; Chicago L 42-6.

### 1979 CLUB LEADERS

Rushing —Otis Anderson, 1605

Passing —Jim Hart, 379-195-2218-9TD-20I

Receiving—Pat Tilley, 57-938-6

Scoring —Anderson, 60

**ST. LOUIS SERIES NOTES:** Falcons only win in six games series came in 1966 in Atlanta... Was one of two Falcon wins during club's first year... Atlanta has not won in St. Louis in three tries (1968, 1975, 1978)... Cardinals' 32-10 upset victory in 1973 eliminated Falcons from playoff picture in next to last week of season... '73 contest was last meeting in Atlanta... '78 victory paced by Hart's 333 yards passing and two TDs... Hart also had two rushing TDs in that game... Falcons' Dennis Pearson set club KO return record with 100 yard scoring return.

## Game #12

# CHICAGO BEARS

Nov. 23—1:00 PM—Atlanta-Fulton  
County Stadium

**Team Colors:** Orange, Navy Blue and  
White

**Telephone:** (312) 663-5100

**President:** George Halas

**Executive Vice President/General**

**Manager:** Jim Finks

**Vice President:** Ed McCaskey

**Assistant to General Manager:**

Bill McGrane

**Director, College Scouting:**

Jim Parmer

**Director, Pro Scouting:**

Bill Tobin

**Public Relations Director:**

Ted Haracz (312-945-6208)

**Assistant Public Relations Director:**

Patrick McCaskey (312-281-9009)

**Stadium:** Soldier Field (57,979)

**Playing Surface:** Astro Turf

**Coach:** Neill Armstrong (17-15, Third  
Year)

**1979 RESULTS:** Green Bay W 6-3; Min-  
nesota W 26-7; Dallas L 24-20; Miami L  
31-16; Tampa Bay L 17-13; Buffalo W 7-0;  
New England L 27-7; Minnesota L 30-27;  
San Francisco W 28-27; Detroit W 35-7; Los  
Angeles W 27-23; New York Jets W 23-13;  
Detroit L 20-0; Tampa Bay W 14-0; Green  
Bay W 15-14; St. Louis W 42-6. NFC  
PLAYOFF: Philadelphia L 27-17

### 1979 CLUB LEADERS

Rushing —Walter Payton, 1610

Passing —Mike Phipps,  
255-134-1535-9TD-8I

Receiving—Brian Baschnagel, 30-452-2

Scoring —Walter Payton, 96

**CHICAGO SERIES NOTES:** Bear victory in '78  
broke five game Atlanta winning streak dating to  
1972 ... Bears have not played in Atlanta since  
1974 ... Since 46 point outburst by Falcons in '73  
neither team has scored more than 16 points in a  
game ... Payton totals are 23 for 86 in '76, 24 for  
69 yards in '77, and 20 for 34 yards in '78 ... John  
James suffered one of three career blocked punts  
in '78 game ... QBs for Bears during last Atlanta  
visit were Bobby Douglas and Gary Huff while Bob  
Lee quarterbacked Falcons.

## Game #13

# WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Nov. 30—1:00 PM—Atlanta-Fulton  
County Stadium

**Team Colors:** Burgundy & Gold

**Telephone:** (703) 471-9100

**President:** Edward Bennett Williams

**First Vice President:** Jack Kent Cooke

**Executive Ass't to the President:**

Bobby Mitchell

**General Manager:** Bobby Beathard

**Player Personnel Director:**

Mike Allman

**Director of Pro Scouting:**

Kirk Mee

**Director of Public Relations:**

Joe Blair (301-589-6883)

**Ass't Dir. of Public Relations:**

Charles Taylor (703-476-4677)

**Stadium:** Robert F. Kennedy (55,031)

**Playing Surface:** Grass (PAT)

**Coach:** Jack Pardee (18-14, Third  
Year; Overall 38-37)

**1979 RESULTS:** Houston L 29-27; Detroit W  
27-24; NY Giants W 27-0; St. Louis W 17-7;  
Atlanta W 16-7; Philadelphia L 28-17;  
Cleveland W 13-9; Philadelphia W 14-7;  
New Orleans L 14-10; Pittsburgh L 38-7; St.  
Louis W 30-28; Dallas W 34-20; NY Giants L  
14-6; Green Bay W 38-14; Cincinnati W  
28-14; Dallas L 35-34.

### 1979 CLUB LEADERS

Rushing —John Riggins, 1153

Passing —Joe Theismann,  
395-233-2797-20TD-13I

Receiving—Danny Buggs,\* 46-631-1

Scoring —Mark Moseley, 114

\*Traded to Tampa Bay

**WASHINGTON SERIES NOTES:** Four con-  
secutive year two teams have met ... Last year's  
Redskin hero Danny Buggs in 16-7 Redskin victory  
traded to Tampa Bay during offseason ... Three  
of past four games have gone to final minute ...  
Moseley kicked game winning FG with :05 remain-  
ing in '75 ... Falcons' rally died at Skin 17 with  
less than two minutes to go in 10-6 game of  
'77 ... Mazzetti game winning field goal after time  
had expired provided Falcons playoff berth in '78.

Game #14

## PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Dec. 7—1:00 PM—Philadelphia  
Veterans Stadium

**Team Colors:** Kelly Green, Silver  
and White

**Telephone:** (215) 463-2500

**President:** Leonard H. Tose

**General Manager:** Jim Murray

**Business Manager:** Jim Borden

**Director of Public Relations:**  
Jim Gallagher (215-279-7989)

**Public Relations Assistant:**  
Chick McElrone (215-463-0984)

**Director of Player Personnel:**  
Carl Peterson

**Stadium:** Philadelphia Veterans  
Stadium (71,464)

**Playing Surface:** Astro Turf

**Press Box Telephone:** (215) 463-2902

**Coach:** Dick Vermeil (30-33, 5th Year)

**1979 RESULTS:** New York Giants W 23-17;  
Atlanta L 14-10; New Orleans W 26-14; New  
York Giants W 17-13; Pittsburgh W 17-14;  
Washington W 28-17; St. Louis W 24-20;  
Washington L 17-7; Cincinnati L 37-13;  
Cleveland L 24-19; Dallas W 31-21; St.  
Louis W 16-13; Green Bay W 21-10; Detroit  
W 44-7; Dallas L 24-17; Houston W 26-20.  
**NFC PLAYOFFS:** Chicago W 27-17, Tampa  
Bay L 24-17.

### 1979 CLUB LEADERS

**Rushing** —Wilbert Montgomery, 1,512

**Passing** —Ron Jaworski,  
374-190-2669-18TD-12I

**Receiving**—Harold Carmichael, 52-872-11

**Scoring** —Tony Franklin, 105

**PHILADELPHIA SERIES NOTES:** Falcons have won last two contests, including 14-10 Monday Night TV decision last year . . . Most memorable Atlanta victory came in '78 NFC Wild Card game as Atlanta took 14-13 win . . . Bartkowski to Wallace Francis for 37-yard TD with 1:42 remaining . . . Francis also caught 4th quarter game winner last year . . . Three of four Atlanta victories have come in Philadelphia . . . Total points for eight-game series are 142 for Atlanta, 141 for Philadelphia . . . Biggest Philly win 38-7 in '67 . . . Largest Falcon margin of victory 44-27 in '73 behind QB Bob Lee . . . Series' only tie came in 1970 at Philadelphia.



# Series Results vs. '80 Opponents

## Series Results vs. Rams

(4-21-2)

1966	Atlanta	14	LOS ANGELES	19	H
1967	Atlanta	3	LOS ANGELES	31	H
1967	Atlanta	3	LOS ANGELES	20	A
1968	Atlanta	14	LOS ANGELES	27	A
1968	Atlanta	10	LOS ANGELES	17	H
1969	Atlanta	7	LOS ANGELES	17	A
1969	Atlanta	6	LOS ANGELES	38	H
1970	Atlanta	10	Los Angeles	10	A
1970	Atlanta	7	LOS ANGELES	17	H
1971	Atlanta	20	Los Angeles	20	A
1971	Atlanta	16	LOS ANGELES	24	H
1972	ATLANTA	31	Los Angeles	3	H
1972	Atlanta	7	LOS ANGELES	20	A
1973	Atlanta	0	LOS ANGELES	31	A
1973	ATLANTA	15	Los Angeles	13	H
1974	Atlanta	0	LOS ANGELES	21	A
1974	Atlanta	7	LOS ANGELES	30	H
1975	Atlanta	7	LOS ANGELES	22	H
1975	Atlanta	7	LOS ANGELES	16	H
1976	Atlanta	14	LOS ANGELES	30	H
1976	Atlanta	0	LOS ANGELES	59	A
1977	ATLANTA	17	Los Angeles	6	H
1977	Atlanta	7	LOS ANGELES	23	A
1978	Atlanta	0	LOS ANGELES	10	A
1978	ATLANTA	15	Los Angeles	7	H
1979	Atlanta	14	LOS ANGELES	20	A
1979	Atlanta	13	LOS ANGELES	34	H

## Series Results vs. 49'ers

(12-15-0)

1966	Atlanta	7	SAN FRANCISCO	44	H
1967	Atlanta	7	SAN FRANCISCO	38	A
1967	Atlanta	28	SAN FRANCISCO	34	H
1968	Atlanta	13	SAN FRANCISCO	28	A
1968	Atlanta	12	SAN FRANCISCO	14	H
1969	ATLANTA	24	San Francisco	12	H
1969	ATLANTA	21	San Francisco	7	A
1970	ATLANTA	21	San Francisco	20	H
1970	Atlanta	20	SAN FRANCISCO	24	A
1971	ATLANTA	20	San Francisco	17	H
1971	Atlanta	3	SAN FRANCISCO	24	A
1972	Atlanta	14	SAN FRANCISCO	49	H
1972	Atlanta	0	SAN FRANCISCO	20	A
1973	Atlanta	9	SAN FRANCISCO	13	H
1973	ATLANTA	17	San Francisco	3	A
1974	Atlanta	10	SAN FRANCISCO	16	H
1974	Atlanta	0	SAN FRANCISCO	27	A
1975	ATLANTA	17	San Francisco	3	A
1975	ATLANTA	31	San Francisco	9	H
1976	Atlanta	0	SAN FRANCISCO	15	A
1976	ATLANTA	21	San Francisco	16	H
1977	ATLANTA	7	San Francisco	0	A
1977	Atlanta	3	SAN FRANCISCO	10	H
1978	ATLANTA	20	San Francisco	17	A
1978	ATLANTA	21	San Francisco	10	H
1979	Atlanta	15	SAN FRANCISCO	20	A
1979	ATLANTA	31	San Francisco	21	H

## Series Results vs. Redskins

(1-6-1)

1966	Atlanta	20	WASHINGTON	33	A
1967	Atlanta	20	Washington	20	H
1969	Atlanta	20	WASHINGTON	27	A
1972	Atlanta	13	WASHINGTON	24	A
1975	Atlanta	27	WASHINGTON	30	H
1977	Atlanta	6	WASHINGTON	10	A
1978	ATLANTA	20	Washington	17	H
1979	Atlanta	7	WASHINGTON	16	H

## Series Results vs. Bears

(7-4-0)

1966	Atlanta	6	CHICAGO	23	A
1967	Atlanta	14	CHICAGO	23	H
1968	ATLANTA	16	Chicago	13	A
1969	ATLANTA	48	Chicago	31	H
1970	Atlanta	14	CHICAGO	23	H
1972	ATLANTA	37	Chicago	21	A
1973	ATLANTA	46	Chicago	6	H
1974	ATLANTA	13	Chicago	10	H
1976	ATLANTA	10	Chicago	0	A
1977	ATLANTA	16	Chicago	10	A
1978	Atlanta	7	CHICAGO	13	A

**Series Results vs. Lions****(2-10-0)**

1966	Atlanta	10	DETROIT	28	A
1967	Atlanta	3	DETROIT	24	A
1968	Atlanta	7	DETROIT	24	H
1969	Atlanta	21	DETROIT	27	A
1971	Atlanta	38	DETROIT	41	A
1972	Atlanta	23	DETROIT	26	H
1973	Atlanta	6	DETROIT	31	A
1975	Atlanta	14	DETROIT	17	H
1976	Atlanta	10	DETROIT	24	A
1977	ATLANTA	17	Detroit	6	H
1978	ATLANTA	14	Detroit	0	H
1979	Atlanta	23	DETROIT	24	A

**Series Results vs. Saints****(15-7-0)**

1967	Atlanta	24	NEW ORLEANS	27	A
1969	ATLANTA	45	New Orleans	17	H
1970	ATLANTA	14	New Orleans	3	A
1970	ATLANTA	32	New Orleans	14	H
1971	ATLANTA	28	New Orleans	6	H
1971	ATLANTA	24	New Orleans	20	A
1972	ATLANTA	21	New Orleans	14	A
1972	ATLANTA	36	New Orleans	20	H
1973	ATLANTA	62	New Orleans	7	A
1973	ATLANTA	14	New Orleans	10	H
1974	Atlanta	13	NEW ORLEANS	14	A
1974	Atlanta	3	NEW ORLEANS	13	H
1975	ATLANTA	14	New Orleans	7	H
1975	Atlanta	7	NEW ORLEANS	23	A
1976	Atlanta	0	NEW ORLEANS	30	A
1976	ATLANTA	23	New Orleans	20	H
1977	Atlanta	20	NEW ORLEANS	21	A
1977	ATLANTA	35	New Orleans	7	H
1978	ATLANTA	20	New Orleans	17	H
1978	ATLANTA	20	New Orleans	17	H
1979	ATLANTA	40	New Orleans	34	A
1979	Atlanta	6	NEW ORLEANS	37	H

**Series Results vs. Cardinals****(1-5-0)**

1966	ATLANTA	16	St. Louis	10	H
1968	Atlanta	12	ST. LOUIS	17	H
1971	Atlanta	9	ST. LOUIS	26	H
1973	Atlanta	10	ST. LOUIS	32	H
1975	Atlanta	20	ST. LOUIS	23	A
1978	Atlanta	21	ST. LOUIS	42	A

**Series Results vs. Oilers****(3-1-0)**

1972	ATLANTA	20	Houston	10	H
1976	Atlanta	14	HOUSTON	20	H
1978	ATLANTA	20	Houston	14	H

**Series Results vs. Eagles****(3-3-1)**

1966	Atlanta	20	PHILADELPHIA	23	A
1967	Atlanta	7	PHILADELPHIA	38	H
1969	ATLANTA	27	Philadelphia	3	A
1970	Atlanta	13	Philadelphia	13	A
1973	ATLANTA	44	Philadelphia	27	A
1976	Atlanta	13	PHILADELPHIA	14	H
1979	ATLANTA	14	Philadelphia	10	A

**Series Results vs. Vikings****(4-6)**

1966	ATLANTA	20	Minnesota	13	A
1967	ATLANTA	21	Minnesota	20	H
1968	Atlanta	7	MINNESOTA	47	A
1969	ATLANTA	10	Minnesota	3	A
1970	Atlanta	7	MINNESOTA	37	H
1971	Atlanta	7	MINNESOTA	24	H
1973	ATLANTA	20	Minnesota	14	A
1974	Atlanta	10	MINNESOTA	23	A
1975	Atlanta	0	MINNESOTA	38	A
1977	Atlanta	7	MINNESOTA	14	H

**Series Results vs. Patriots****(0-2)**

1972	Atlanta	20	NEW ENGLAND	21	A
1977	Atlanta	10	NEW ENGLAND	16	H

**Series Results vs. Dolphins****(0-2)**

1970	Atlanta	7	MIAMI	20	H
1974	Atlanta	7	MIAMI	42	A

**Series Results vs. Jets****(1-0)**

1973	ATLANTA	28	New York	20	A
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**Series Results vs. Bills****(0-2)**

1973	Atlanta	6	BUFFALO	17	H
1977	Atlanta	0	BUFFALO	3	A

# 1979 in Review



## Game 1

### Atlanta 40, New Orleans 34

Louisiana Superdome, 70,940

In what may be the most exciting game in the history of the franchise, the Falcons opened the season with a dramatic filled 40-34 overtime victory over the Saints before a capacity crowd in the Superdome. Offense ruled the day as quarterback Steve Bartkowski passed for a club record 312 yards while rookie fullback made his NFL debut with a team record 167 yards rushing. The two teams combined for nearly 1,200 yards total offense, but it was a special teams play that eventually decided the contest. With the Saints preparing for their third punt of the overtime, the snap sailed over kicker Russell Erxleben's head. Erxleben recovered the ball in the end zone, but his desperation pass was caught by James Mayberry, who scored the game winning touchdown.

Atlanta . . . . . 0 20 7 7 6-40

New Orleans. . . 7 21 3 3 0-34  
N.O. - Harris 5 pass from Manning (Erxleben Kick)

N.O. - Chandler 40 pass from Muncie (Erxleben Kick)

Atl. - FG Mazzetti 27

Atl. - Jenkins 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti Kick)

N.O. - Muncie 69 run (Erxleben Kick)

Atl. - Francis 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti Kick)

N.O. - Muncie 4 run (Erxleben Kick)

Atl. - FG Mazzetti 43

N.O. - FG Erxleben 37

Atl. - Francis 21 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti Kick)

Atl. - Andrews 4 run (Mazzetti Kick)

N.O. - FG Erxleben 38

Atl. - Mayberry 6 interception return

	Falcons	Saints
First downs	35	24
Net yards gained	552	509
Rushing yardage	257	185
Passing yardage	295	324
Passes - Comp. - had Int.	38-22-1	31-19-2
Punts	4-36.0	4-37.7
Fumbles - lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties	7-84	3-27

#### Rushing

Falcons - Andrews 30 for 167, Bean 14 for 75, Bartkowski 2 for 19, Stanback 1 for 6

Saints - Muncie 21 for 158, Galbreath 10 for 27

#### Passing

Falcons - Bartkowski 22 of 38 for 312, 1 TD.  
Saints - Manning 14 of 29 for 284, 1 TD; Muncie 1 of 1 for 40, 1 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons - Jenkins 6 for 124, Francis 5 for 65, Bean 4 for 50, Andrews 3 for 22, Jackson 2 for 38, Pearson 1 for 10, Mitchell 1 for 3.

Saints - Chandler 6 for 205, Harris 5 for 68, Childs 4 for 51.

## Game 2

### Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 10

Veterans Stadium, 66,935

The Falcons arrived in Philadelphia to play their second revengeful opponent in as many games. Philadelphia took a first-quarter 3-0 lead on a 35-yard Tony Franklin field goal, but Atlanta answered in the second quarter with a 78-yard drive and a Bartkowski one-yard TD run. During Philadelphia's next possession, they drove 89 yards with Jaworski scoring from 3 yards out. The half ended with the Eagles leading Atlanta 10-7. After a scoreless third quarter, the Falcons scored in the fourth on a 12-yard TD pass from Bartkowski to Wallace Francis to give Atlanta a 14-10 lead, the final score. Even though it was mostly a defensive battle throughout the game, there were two offensive standouts. For Philadelphia, Harold Carmichael caught nine passes for 127 yards and appeared to be open the entire afternoon. Atlanta's surprise rookie, William Andrews, rushed 24 times for 121 yards for a 5 yard average per attempt and his second 100-yard game, thus becoming one of only three players to rush for 100 yards in his first two NFL games.

Atlanta . . . . . 0 7 0 7-14  
Philadelphia. . . . 3 7 0 0-10

Phil. - FG Franklin 35

Atl. - Bartkowski 1 run (Mazzetti Kick)

Phil. - Jaworski 3 run (Franklin Kick)

Atl. - Francis 12 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti Kick)

	Falcons	Eagles
First downs	14	16
Net yards gained	247	241
Rushing yardage	145	57
Passing yardage	102	184
Passes-Comp-Int	16-10-1	37-16-2
Punts	5-42.2	5-33.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties	2-41	6-46

#### Rushing

Falcons - Andrews 24 for 121, Bean 8 for 23, Bartkowski 1 for 1

Eagles - Montgomery 15 for 43, Barnes 6 for 7, Jaworski 2 for 7, Harris 4 for 0, Carmichael 1 for 0.

#### Passing

Falcons - Bartkowski 10 of 16 for 123, 1 TD  
Eagles - Jaworski 16 of 37 for 213, 0 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons - Francis 3 for 44, Pearson 2 for 47, Jenkins 2 for 21, Bean 2 for 8, Andrews 1 for 3.

Eagles - Carmichael 9 for 127, Smith 4 for 59, Fitzkee 1 for 12, Spagnola 1 for 10, Kreplie 1 for 5.

## Game 3

### Denver 20, Atlanta 17

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 57,577

Bartkowski was brilliant against Denver's Orange Power defense, completing 20 of 29 passes for a club record 326 yards and two touchdowns, but Atlanta's running game suffered with only 56 total yards. Throughout the afternoon, the lead changed hands, with Denver taking the lead in the third quarter 17-10. Atlanta came back to tie the game 17-17 on a 22-yard TD pass from Bartkowski to Wallace Francis with 1:57 remaining in regulation time. The Broncos had to give up the football with 45 seconds remaining. Bartkowski and Francis moved Atlanta to the 13-yard line on two quick passes. Mazzetti went in for the game-winning field goal with 22 seconds left to play. The 31-yarder was wide right, and it meant overtime once again for Atlanta.

Overtime—Denver won the toss and elected to receive. They drove the ball from their own 28-yard line to the Atlanta 7, and Jim Turner's 24-yard attempt was good.

Denver . . . . . 7 3 7 0 3—20  
Atlanta . . . . . 0 10 0 7 0—17

Den.—Weese 10 run (Turner Kick)

Atl.—Andrews 3 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti Kick)

Den.—FG Turner 24

Atl.—FG Mazzetti 25

Den.—Weese 1 run (Turner Kick)

Atl.—Francis 22 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti Kick)

Den.—FG Turner 24

	Falcons	Broncos
First downs	19	18
Net yards gained	382	369
Rushing yardage	56	168
Passing yardage	326	201
Passes-Comp-Int	29-20-0	22-13-1
Punts	4-42-5	5-39-2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties	6-55	5-25

#### Rushing

Falcons—Andrews 20 for 41, Bean 5 for 14, Patton 3 for 1.

Broncos—Jensen 9 for 52, Weese 8 for 39, Preston 6 for 32, Canada 4 for 27, Lytle 8 for 16, Armstrong 2 for 7, Keyworth 5 for 2, Odoms 1 for -7.

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 20 of 29 for 326, 2 TD.

Broncos—Weese 13 of 22 for 215, 0 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Francis 8 for 138, Jenkins 5 for 129, Andrews 5 for 35, Pearson 1 for 19, Mitchell 1 for 5.

Broncos—Moses 5 for 99, Upchurch 3 for 39, Lytle 3 for 16, Dolbin 1 for 45, Keyworth 1 for 16.

## Game 4

### Detroit 24, Atlanta 23

Pontiac Silverdome, 56,249

The passing of rookie Jeff Komlo and a 2-TD fourth quarter rally by the Lions left the Falcons with a close and costly loss. The Lions drove the ball 77 yards on their first possession, and Scott scored on a 15 yard pass from Komlo. The third quarter belonged to the Falcons when Komlo fumbled a snap from the center on his own four yard line, and Jeff Yeates recovered for Atlanta. Three plays later Bartkowski scored from the one to tie the game at 10-10. The defense held Detroit scoreless, while Atlanta's Tim Mazzetti chalked up 6 more third-quarter points with field goals from 26 and 22 yards to give Atlanta a 16-10 lead going into the final period. Detroit scored two quick touchdowns in the fourth, but Haske Stanback, saw daylight around the right end for 55 yards and a Falcon TD. The Falcons had one more chance with 5 seconds remaining, but Mazzetti's 47-yard attempt was wide.

Detroit . . . . . 7 3 0 14—24  
Atlanta . . . . . 0 3 13 7—23

Det.—Scott 15 pass from Komlo (Ricardo Kick)

Atl.—FG Mazzetti 24

Det.—FG Ricardo 20

Atl.—Bartkowski 1 run (Mazzetti Kick)

Atl.—FG Mazzetti 26

Atl.—FG Mazzetti 22

Det.—Blue 13 pass from Komlo

Det.—Kane 26 run (Ricardo Kick)

Atl.—Stanback 55 run (Mazzetti Kick)

	Falcons	Lions
First downs	11	22
Net yards gained	270	400
Rushing yardage	144	151
Passing yardage	126	249
Passes-Comp-Int	25-12-1	36-19-0
Punts	8-44-6	8-38-4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties	2-34	5-44

#### Rushing

Falcons—Stanback 3 for 64, Cain 11 for 36, Andrews 7 for 22, Mayberry 5 for 20, Bartkowski 1 for 1, Bean 1 for 1.

Lions—Bussey 15 for 64, Kane 6 for 35, Robinson 9 for 25, Hill 1 for 15, Komlo 3 for 12, Gaines 1 for 2, King 1 for -2.

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 12 of 25 for 158, 0 TD.

Lions—Komlo 19 of 35 for 289, 2 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Francis 3 for 50, Jenkins 2 for 37, Stanback 2 for 4, Andrews 1 for 34, Pearson 1 for 13, Mayberry 1 for 9, Cain 1 for 6, Bean 1 for 5.

Lions—Thompson 4 for 55, Hill 3 for 61, Scott 3 for 55, Blue 3 for 54, G. Washington 3 for 28, Bussey 2 for 23, Robinson 1 for 13.

## Game 5

### Washington 16, Atlanta 7

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 56, 819

The Falcons returned home to host the Washington Redskins in week five of the season, hoping to turn things around and get back on the winning track, but the visit from the Redskins proved disastrous. Joe Theismann, and Danny Buggs handed Atlanta its third defeat in a row, hitting on 19 of 26 passes for 233 yards. The Washington defense held Atlanta scoreless the entire afternoon except for a single TD by William Andrews from two yards out in the first quarter. Bartkowski had his worst day of the season, completing only 6 of 26 attempts and being sacked 3 times by the Redskins defenders. The revenge-minded Redskins came into Atlanta smelling victory, remembering last year's closing-second defeat at the hands of Falcons, which eliminated them from playoff contention.

Washington	3	10	3	0-16
Atlanta	7	0	0	0-7

Wash.—FG Moseley 45

Atl.—Andrews 2 run (Mazzetti Kick)

Wash.—FG Moseley 53

Wash.—Riggins 1 run (Moseley Kick)

Wash.—FG Moseley 37

	Falcons	Redskins
First downs	14	20
Net yards gained	156	359
Rushing yardage	70	131
Passing yardage	86	228
Passing-Comp-Int	26-6-3	26-19-1
Punts	6-37.5	2-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0

#### Rushing

Falcons—Andrews 15 for 59, Bean 7 for 11.  
Redskins—Riggins 18 for 56, Hardeman 5 for 26, Harmon 5 for 25, Malone 14 for 18, Theismann 6 for 6.

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 6 of 26 for 105, 0 TD.  
Redskins—Theismann 19 of 26 for 233, 0 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Cain 3 for 39, Francis 2 for 53, Jenkins 1 for 13.

Redskins—Buggs 10 for 134, Harmon 2 for 36, McDaniel 2 for 30, Hardeman 2 for 9, Warren 1 for 14, Fugett 1 for 6, Riggins 1 for 4.

## Game 6

### Atlanta 25, Green Bay 7

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 56, 184

After three losses in as many weeks, the Falcons defense enjoyed its finest hour while handing the Green Bay Packers a 25-7 defeat. The punting of John James (46.0 yard average) kept Green Bay's backs against their own goal line all afternoon, and the defense, led by Fulton Kuykendall with seven solo tackles, and a team high 8 sacks, held the Packers to only seven points. Falcon kicker Tim Mazzetti was in his 1978 form as he hit from 23, 48 and 42 yards on four field goal attempts. The offense was consistent, as Bart completed 14 of 29 passes for 144 yards and a touchdown pass to Alfred Jenkins on Atlanta's first offensive possession. William Andrews ran well before sustaining a third quarter injury against the Packer defense, averaging 4.6 yards per carry, but the day belonged to special teams and the swarming Falcon defense as Atlanta defeated Green Bay 25-7 and brought their record to 3-3.

Atlanta	10	5	3	7-25
Green Bay	0	7	0	0-7

Atl.—Jenkins 9 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Atl.—FG Mazzetti 23

Atl.—Lewis tackled Whitehurst in end zone for safety

Atl.—FG Mazzetti 48

G.B.—Smith 11 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)

Atl.—FG Mazzetti 42

Atlanta—Mayberry 8 run (Mazzetti kick)

	Atlanta	Green Bay
First downs	19	17
Net yards gained	286	275
Rushing yardage	152	117
Passing yardage	134	158
Passes-Comp-Int	29-14-0	30-13-2
Punts	4-46.0	3-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties	7-40	7-57

#### Rushing

Falcons—Andrews 13 for 60, Mayberry 13 for 49, Bean 12 for 35, Cain 3 for 8.

Packers—Atkins 12 for 79, Whitehurst 3 for 23, Middleton 4 for 12, Smith 4 for 4, Simpson 1 for 1.

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 14 of 29 for 144, 1 TD.

Packers—Whitehurst 13 of 30 for 209, 1 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Francis 5 for 50, Jenkins 3 for 43, Jackson 2 for 18, Andrews 2 for 17, Pearson 1 for 17, Bean 1 for 1.

Packers—Thompson 4 for 93, Lofton 3 for 44, Coffman 2 for 32, Smith 2 for 26, Atkins 2 for 14.

## Game 7

### Oakland 50, Atlanta 19

Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum,  
52,900

With Atlanta's surprise third-round draft choice and leading rusher, William Andrews, out with a sprained ankle, the Falcons suspected offensive problems, but not in the form of six turnovers. The brightest spot of the long afternoon was rookie, Lynn Cain, who scored a club record three touchdowns for the day and caught six passes for 110 yards. Although the Atlanta offense clicked for 434 net yards, it was not enough to nullify the six turnovers. The Raiders cashed in on those and the hot hand of Ken Stabler for 50 points to hand the Falcons their worst defeat since 1976.

<b>Oakland</b> .....	10	9	10	21—50
<b>Atlanta</b> .....	0	0	12	7—19

Oak.—FG Breech 40

Oak.—Van Eeghen 1 run (Breech kick)

Oak.—FG Breech 30

Oak.—Hawkins 20 pass from Stabler (kick failed)

Oak.—Van Eeghen 6 run (Breech kick)

Atl.—Cain 26 pass from Bartkowski (kick failed)

Oak.—FG Breech 47

Atl.—Cain 18 pass from Bartkowski (kick failed)

Oak.—Brunson 8 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

Oak.—Hayes 52 interception return (Breech kick)

Oak.—Van Eeghen 1 run (Breech kick)

Atl.—Cain 3 run (Mazzetti kick)

	Falcons	Raiders
First downs	27	25
Net yards gained	434	347
Rushing yardage	121	156
Passing yardage	313	191
Passes-Comp-Int	44-25-3	23-17-0
Punts	2-39.5	3-33.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	3-0
Penalties	9-125	10-128

#### Rushing

Falcons—Mayberry 13 for 77, Cain 4 for 29, Bean 4 for 12, Jones 1 for 3.

Raiders—Van Eeghen 18 for 56, Hawkins 8 for 54, Jensen 8 for 37, Russell 3 for 9, Stabler 1 for 0, Matthews 1 for 0, Plunkett 1 for 0.

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 20 of 35 for 260, 2 TD; Jones 5 of 9 for 75, 0 TD.

Raiders—Stabler 16 of 22 for 186, 2 TD; Plunkett 1 of 1 for 16, 0 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Cain 6 for 110, Francis 6 for 55, Jenkins 5 for 85, Mayberry 4 for 26, Jackson 3 for 46, Pearson 1 for 13.

Raiders—Martini 6 for 57, Casper 4 for 62, Chester 4 for 45, Brunson 2 for 18, Hawkins 1 for 20.

## Game 8

### San Francisco 20, Atlanta 15

Candlestick Park, 33,952

The Falcons remained on the West coast in preparation for their game against the winless 49ers. Atlanta led at the half 9-7. Both offenses sputtered early in the third quarter, but San Francisco scored on a Paul Hofer run late in the period to again take the lead. Atlanta came back early in the fourth on a blocked punt by Frank Reed, and Lawrence took it in from the 41, but Mazzetti's second point-after attempt was blocked to give Atlanta a 15-14 advantage. The 49ers, on the passing of Steve DeBerg, drove 70 yards in their next possession for another Hofer touchdown run, and the final score 20-15. Atlanta had a final opportunity to score when on fourth and seven at the 50-yard line, James faked a punt and passed over the middle to Bob Glazebrook for 20 yards and another first down, but that last hope drive was halted as Williams intercepted a Bartkowski pass on the 49er 22.

<b>San Francisco</b> ...	7	0	7	6—20
<b>Atlanta</b> .....	0	9	0	6—15

S.F.—Solomon 56 run (Wersching kick)

Atl.—FG Mazzetti 23

Atl.—Jenkins 7 pass from Bartkowski (kick failed)

S.F.—Hofer 2 run (Wersching kick)

Atl.—Lawrence returned block punt 41 (kick failed)

S.F.—Hofer 3 run (kick failed)

	Falcons	49ers
First downs	13	22
Net yards gained	213	397
Rushing yardage	94	160
Passing yardage	119	237
Passes-Comp-Int	28-14-1	38-25-1
Punts	6-37.3	5-29.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties	1-5	2-15

#### Rushing

Falcons—Cain 11 for 58, Andrews 12 for 36, Bartkowski 3 for 0

49ers—Solomon 2 for 68, Hofer 10 for 33, Jackson 13 for 29, Simpson 10 for 21, DeBerg 3 for 9.

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 13 of 27 for 126, 1 TD; James 1 of 1 for 20, 0 TD

49ers—DeBerg 24 of 37 for 245, 0 TD; Montana 1 of 1 for -8, 0 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Andrews 6 for 41, Francis 5 for 71, Glazebrook 1 for 20, Mitchell 1 for 7, Jenkins 1 for 7.

49ers—Hofer 7 for 84, Solomon 4 for 40, Shumann 4 for 39, Bruer 4 for 33, Jackson 3 for 7, Elliott 1 for 29, MacAfee 1 for 13, Francis 1 for 8.

## Game 9

### Seattle 31, Atlanta 28

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 52,566

The Falcons took an early 7-0 lead on Lynn Cain's 35-yard run. Tom Pridemore blocked a Seahawk punt and Rick Byas returned it 30 yards for Atlanta's second score and a 14-0 lead. But, Seattle came back with three downs, in the second quarter to take a 21-14 lead. Early in the fourth, Billy Ryckman, entered the game for a 17-yard touchdown catch, and Atlanta was within three, 24-21. Seattle countered with a touchdown to set up a thrilling, but disappointing, finish. Ryckman again answered the call for Atlanta, with 51 seconds remaining, on a 20-yard touchdown catch from Bartkowski. Mazzetti's on-side kick was recovered by Pridemore at the Atlanta 45, and Bartkowski completed a 42-yard pass to Wallace Francis at the 13-yard line. The Falcons' hopes were dashed on the next play when Bartkowski tried to hit Russ Mikeska in the end zone, but was intercepted.

Seattle . . . . .	0	21	3	7-31
Atlanta . . . . .	7	7	0	14-28

All.—Cain 35 run (Mazzetti kick)

All.—Byas 40 fumble return (Mazzetti kick)

Sea.—Zorn 34 run (Herrera kick)

Sea.—Smith 4 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Sea.—Doornink 8 run (Herrera kick)

Sea.—FG Herrera 24

All.—Ryckman 13 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti Kick)

Sea.—Doornink 26 run (Herrera kick)

All.—Ryckman 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti Kick)

	Falcons	Seahawks
First downs	19	19
Net yards gained	315	411
Rushing yardage	153	205
Passing yardage	162	206
Passes-Comp-Int	26-16-2	26-14-0
Punts	5-37.2	1-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-4
Penalties	7-67	5-25

#### Rushing

Falcons—Cain 13 for 99, Andrews 11 for 50, Mayberry 2 for 4.

Seahawks—Doornink 21 for 122, Smith 17 for 48, Zorn 7 for 41, Weaver 1 for -6

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 16 of 26 for 186, 2 TD.

Seahawks—Zorn 13 of 25 for 197, 1 TD, Weaver 1 of 1 for 9, 0 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Cain 5 for 26, Andrews 3 for 19, Francis 2 for 59, Ryckman 2 for 27, Jenkins 2 for 24, Jackson 1 for 14, Mitchell 1 for 7.

Seahawks—Largent 6 for 127, Peets 2 for 15, McCullum 1 for 26, Herrera 1 for 20, Green 1 for 9, Smith 1 for 4, Doornink 1 for 3, Raible 1 for 2.

## Game 10

### Atlanta 17, Tampa Bay 14

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 55,150

As the surprising NFC Central Division leading Tampa Bay Buccaneers came into Atlanta, the Falcons were hoping to break a three-game losing streak. Their hopes became reality, as they handed the Bucs their third defeat in an impressive 17-14 victory. It was a defensive show most of the afternoon, as Tampa Bay took a 7-3 lead into the locker room at the half. The third quarter was scoreless, but early in the fourth Atlanta scored on a 4-yard pass from Bartkowski to Jim Mitchell and took a 10-7 edge. With 1:39 remaining to play, the Falcons' Bubba Bean went wide left for 60 yards and another Falcon TD. Williams answered with a 69-yard drive and a 12-yard scoring pass to Giles, but the Falcons still remained on top 17-14 as Easterling recovered O'Donoghue's on-side kick with 22 seconds remaining. Yet, even this day had disappointment as Lynn Cain sustained a season ending knee injury.

Atlanta . . . . .	0	3	0	14-17
Tampa Bay . . . . .	7	0	0	7-14

T.B.—Bell 1 run (O'Donoghue kick)

All.—FG Mazzetti 30

All.—Mitchell 4 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

All.—Bean 60 run (Mazzetti kick)

T.B.—Giles 12 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

	Falcons	Buccaneers
First downs	18	13
Net yards gained	263	263
Rushing yardage	212	69
Passing yardage	51	194
Passes-Comp-Int	19-10-1	21-11-1
Punts	6-43.3	7-43.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties	5-42	5-53

#### Rushing

Falcons—Bean 3 for 67, Cain 21 for 65, Andrews 15 for 49, Mayberry 3 for 16, Bartkowski 4 for 15.

Bucs—Bell 13 for 41, Eckwood 9 for 31, J. Davis 2 for 4, Mucker 1 for -2, Williams 1 for -5.

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 10 of 19 for 77, 1 TD.

Bucs—Williams 11 for 21 for 198, 1 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Mitchell 3 for 19, Andrews 3 for 13, Jenkins 2 for 29, Francis 2 for 16.

Bucs—Mucker 3 for 68, Owens 2 for 76, Hagins 2 for 17, J. Davis 1 for 15, Giles 1 for 12, Ragsdale 1 for 6, Eckwood 1 for 4.

## Game 11

### New York 24, Atlanta 3

Giants Stadium, 60,860

Two interceptions, 2 fumbled punt returns, 14 penalties for 122 yards, and had a punt blocked tell the story. The first half was scoreless for Atlanta, as the Giants' Jackson returned a blocked punt 47 yards and Danelo kicked a 42-yard field goal, both in the second period, and New York led at the half 10-0. Early in the third quarter, Atlanta had first and goal on the seven and could only manage three points on a Mazzetti 23-yard field goal. A fumbled punt return and a pass interference call helped, the Giants add seven more points for a 17-3 lead. In the fourth quarter a roughing-the-kicker penalty kept a Giant scoring drive alive, and Phil Simms tossed a 35-yard TD pass to seal the victory. The long afternoon saw Atlanta convert on only three of 16 third down attempts and gave the Giants a record six first downs by penalty. In addition to the game, the Falcons also lost quarterback Steve Bartkowski in the second half with a hip bruise.

New York . . . . . 0 10 7 7-24  
Atlanta . . . . . 0 0 3 0-3

N.Y.—T. Jackson 47 blocked kick return (Danelo kick)

N.Y.—FG Danelo 42

Atl.—FG Mazzetti 23

N.Y.—Taylor 1 run (Danelo kick)

N.Y.—Shirk 35 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)

	Falcons	Giants
First downs	16	15
Net yards gained	249	220
Rushing yardage	120	76
Passing yardage	129	144
Passes-Comp-Int	32-13-2	33-14-0
Punts	9-30.7	6-41.8
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	5-4
Penalties	14-122	7-60

#### Rushing

Falcons—Andrews 11 for 73, Bean 15 for 42, Strong 1 for 4, Stanback 1 for 2, Jones 1 for 0, Mayberry 1 for 1.

Giants—Kotar 16 for 52, Johnson 7 for 21, Simms 1 for 9, Taylor 3 for 6.

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 9 of 24 for 94, 0 TD, Jones 4 of 8 for 84, 0 TD.

Giants—Simms 14 of 32 for 155, 1 TD; Dean 0 of 1 for 0, 0 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Jenkins 6 for 105, Francis 3 for 44, Bean 3 for 20, Mitchell 1 for 9.

Giants—Shirk 4 for 64, Robinson 4 for 31, Perkins 2 for 31, Seales 2 for 9, Gray 1 for 13, Kotar 1 for 7.

## Game 12

### Los Angeles 20, Atlanta 14

Los Angeles Coliseum 54,097

June Jones received his first start of the season, but fell victim to several costly penalties as the Falcons dropped a Monday Night Contest to the Rams. The loss ended Atlanta's hopes for a playoff bid and came despite one of their most impressive offensive performances of the season. The Ram defense was ranked first in the NFC against the rush, but Atlanta gained over 200 yards on the ground. Bubba Bean was spectacular in gaining 104 yards before leaving the game in the third quarter with a knee injury. William Andrews added another 80, but the Falcons' only two scores came on touchdown passes from Jones to Wallace Francis. The loss left the Falcons with a 4-8 record.

Los Angeles . . . . . 7 7 0 6-20  
Atlanta . . . . . 0 0 7 7-14

L.A.—Dennard 29 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)

L.A.—Waddy 40 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)

Atl.—Francis 15 pass from Jones (Mazzetti kick)

L.A.—Bryant 11 run (kick failed)

Atl.—Francis 33 pass from Jones (Mazzetti kick)

	Falcons	Rams
First downs	19	18
Net yards gained	336	339
Rushing yardage	201	179
Passing yardage	135	160
Passes-Comp-Int	25-11-2	22-9-1
Punts	5-36.4	5-41.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties	6-56	7-40

#### Rushing

Falcons—Bean 17 for 104, Andrews 16 for 80, Jones 2 for 14, Strong 1 for 3.

Rams—Tyler 21 for 111, Bryant 17 for 63, Dennard 1 for 9, Ferragamo 2 for 4.

#### Passing

Falcons—Jones 11 of 24 for 181, 2 TD, Moroski 0 of 1 for 0, 0 TD.

Rams—Ferragamo 9 of 22 for 171, 2 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Francis 5 for 84, Bean 2 for 62, Jenkins 2 for 25, Andrews 1 for 5, Mitchell 1 for 5.

Rams—Dennard 4 for 82, Nelson 4 for 49, Waddy 1 for 40.

### Game 13

## New Orleans 37, Atlanta 6

Atlanta Stadium, 42,815

Long awaited revenge finally came to the Saints as they thoroughly dominated play during a day-long rainfall that drenched the 42,000-plus crowd. For the Falcons, there were simply no bright spots. New Orleans scored 24 points before the Falcons were able to get on the board on William Andrews' two-yard run. June Jones threw 42 passes, just two short of the club record, but accounted for just 135 yards on the slippery turf. The victory was the first by the Saints over the Falcons since Nov. 20, 1977. The Falcons had won four consecutive games, three of the victories coming in the final seconds. The Saints moved at will throughout the day behind the passing of Archie Manning, who passed for 276 yards.

New Orleans	7	20	0	10-37
Atlanta	0	6	0	0-6

N.O.—Strachan 2 run (Yepremian kick)  
 N.O.—Muncie 14 run (Yepremian kick)  
 N.O.—Galbreath 1 run (Yepremian kick)  
 N.O.—FG Yepremian 23  
 Atl.—Andrews 2 run (kicked failed)  
 N.O.—FG Yepremian 44  
 N.O.—Childs 27 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)  
 N.O.—FG Yepremian 21

	Falcons	Saints
First downs	13	18
Net yards gained	237	415
Rushing yardage	102	139
Passing yardage	135	276
Passes-Comp-Int	42-18-1	33-16-0
Punts	8-39.6	8-36.3
Fumbles-Lost	6-5	3-2
Penalties	11-87	8-70

#### Rushing

Falcons—Stanback 5 for 55, Andrews 12 for 43, Mayberry 1 for 2, Jones 2 for 2.  
 Saints—Muncie 14 for 61, Galbreath 11 for 26, Manning 1 for 20, Wilson 4 for 20, Strachan 4 for 10, Holmes 2 for 2.

#### Passing

Falcons—Jones 18 of 42 for 165, 0 TD.  
 Saints—Manning 14 of 31 for 264, 1 TD; Scott 2 of 2 for 12, 0 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Francis 6 for 58, Stanback 3 for 36, Jenkins 3 for 36, Andrews 3 for 11, Mitchell 2 for 18, Strong 1 for 6.  
 Saints—Chandler 6 for 103, Childs 3 for 117, Harris 2 for 36, Galbreath 2 for 6, Holmes 1 for 6, Owens 1 for 6, Muncie 1 for 2.

### Game 14

## Atlanta 28, San Diego 26

San Diego Stadium, 50,198

In what may have been the most stunning upset of the entire 1979 NFL season, the Falcons beat the playoff bound Chargers 28-26 behind the passing of Steve Bartkowski and running of William Andrews. Bartkowski passed for 225 yards and three touchdowns, including a game winner to Wallace Francis with just 20 seconds remaining. Andrews was virtually unstoppable to the Chargers as he gained 131 yards on 21 attempts to move closer to a 1,000 yards season during his rookie year. Nevertheless, the victory did not come easy. After the Falcons led most of the game, San Diego took a late fourth quarter lead on a two yard touchdown run. A safety on a quarterback sack appeared to give the Chargers victory, but Atlanta then rallied as Bartkowski guided a long yard drive, culminating with the seven yard loss to Francis.

Atlanta	7	7	7	7-28
San Diego	7	3	7	9-26

Atl.—Stanback 1 run (Mazzetti kick)  
 S.D.—Bauer 1 run (Wood kick)  
 S.D.—FG Wood 35  
 Atl.—Andrews 11 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)  
 S.D.—Floyd 19 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)  
 Atl.—Francis 31 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)  
 S.D.—Williams 2 run (Wood kick)  
 S.D.—Safety, Bartkowski tackled by Young  
 Atl.—Francis 6 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

	Falcons	Chargers
First downs	22	22
Net yards gained	375	410
Rushing yardage	153	86
Passing yardage	222	324
Passes-Comp-Int	30-17-1	38-28-1
Punts	3-37.0	5-28.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties	5-55	7-60

#### Rushing

Falcons—Andrews 21 for 131, Stanback 9 for 23, Bartkowski 2 for —1.  
 Chargers—Fouts 5 for 42, C. Williams 12 for 33, Thomas 5 for 6, Owens 2 for 4, Bauer 2 for 1.

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 17 of 30 for 225, 3 TD.  
 Chargers—Fouts 28 of 38 for 338, 1 TD.

#### Receiving

Falcons—Francis 6 for 90, Jenkins 4 for 79, Andrews 4 for 38, Stanback 2 for 9, Ryckman 1 for 9.  
 Chargers—Joiner 8 for 99, Thomas 6 for 60, Jefferson 5 for 103, C. Williams 4 for 29, Floyd 3 for 37, Owens 1 for 7, Mitchell 1 for 3.

## Game 15

### Los Angeles 34, Atlanta 13

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 49,236

The Falcons entered the game with high hopes of another upset after their stunning conquest of San Diego, but a 28-point second quarter by the visitors ended any Atlanta dreams as Los Angeles clinched a record seventh straight NFC West championship. The Falcons fell behind early, but had an opportunity pull into a 7-7 tie when placekicker Tim Mazzetti missed his sixth extra point of the season. Then the Rams, behind the running of Wendell Tyler, exploded in the second quarter. For the Falcons, the only solace could be gained from the play of rookie Mike Moroski, who capped a late touchdown drive with a three-yard run, and wide receiver Wallace Francis, who set his fourth club record of the season. The 10 catches by Francis, good for 108 yards, broke the existing record of most catches in a single game by a Falcon. The two losses to Los Angeles marked the first time since 1976 that the Falcons had failed to split with the Rams.

Los Angeles	.....	0	28	3	3-34
Atlanta	.....	0	6	0	7-13

L.A.—Tyler 5 run (Corral kick)  
 Atl.—Stanback 2 run (Kick failed)  
 L.A.—Waddy 25 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)  
 L.A.—Youngblood 34 int return (Corral kick)  
 L.A.—Bryant 4 run (Corral kick)  
 L.A.—FG Corral 18  
 L.A.—FG Corral 24  
 Atl.—Moroski 2 run (Mazzetti kick)

	Falcons	Rams
First downs	24	15
Net yards gained	347	348
Rushing yardage	108	171
Passing yardage	239	177
Passes-Comp-Int	41-24-2	15-10-2
Punts	3-39.0	2-37.5
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	0-0
Penalties	8-85	3-24

#### Rushing

Falcons—Stanback 11 for 33, Moroski 3 for 31, Andrews 13 for 28, Mayberry 4 for 16, James 1 for 0

Rams—Tyler 18 for 138, Bryant 9 for 23, McCutcheon 2 for 5, Jodat 4 for 3, E. Hill 2 for 2

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 16 of 27 for 179, 0 TD; Moroski 8 of 14 for 97, 0 TD

Rams—Ferragamo 10 of 15 for 188, 1 TD

#### Receiving

Falcons—Francis 10 for 108, Stanback 4 for 31, Jackson 3 for 40, Jenkins 2 for 46, Andrews 2 for 18, Mitchell 1 for 14, Ryckman 1 for 13, Mayberry 1 for 6

Rams—Dennard 3 for 62, D. Hill 2 for 71, Bryant 2 for 1, Waddy 1 for 25, Nelson 1 for 17, Tyler 1 for 12

## Game 16

### Atlanta 31, San Francisco 21

Atlanta Stadium, 37,211

The long and disappointing season ended on a positive note as the Falcons defeated San Francisco 31-21, despite an opposing player record 53 passes by 49er QB Steve DeBerg. Rookie William Andrews was the star of the day as he gained 63 yards to set a new Falcon single season rushing record of 1,043 yards, but it was the Falcon defensive unit that sealed the victory. Robert Pennywell intercepted a DeBerg pass late in the fourth quarter and returned it 39 yards and a TD. Quarterback Steve Bartkowski also moved into the record book as his seven yard TD pass to Jim Mitchell gave Bart 18 scoring passes for the season, a new Falcon record. Alfred Jenkins, also caught three passes to run his consecutive game receiving streak to 57 games entering the 1980 season.

Atlanta	.....	3	7	7	14-31
San Francisco	...	7	7	7	0-21

Atl.—FG Mazzetti 22

S.F.—McAfee 11 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

Atl.—Stanback 1 run (Mazzetti kick)

S.F.—Hofer 6 run (Wersching kick)

Atl.—Stanback 6 run (Mazzetti kick)

S.F.—Hofer 35 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

Atl.—Mitchell 7 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Atl.—Pennywell 39 interception return (Mazzetti kick)

	Falcons	49ers
First downs	20	28
Net yards gained	263	449
Rushing yardage	111	106
Passing yardage	152	343
Passes-Comp-Int	28-18-2	53-29-1
Punts	6-39.8	4-32.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-2
Penalties	9-53	7-66

#### Rushing

Falcons—Andrews 19 for 63, Bean 2 for 19, Stanback 6 for 19, Mayberry 3 for 10, Bartkowski 1 for 0

49ers—Hofer 14 for 77, Jackson 5 for 14, Simpson 2 for 12, Elliott 1 for 9, DeBerg 4 for 3, Francis 2 for 0, Bruer 1 for -9

#### Passing

Falcons—Bartkowski 18 of 28 for 187, 1 TD

49ers—DeBerg 29 of 53 for 345, 2 TD

#### Receiving

Falcons—Andrews 4 for 50, Mitchell 4 for 31, Jenkins 3 for 48, Francis 3 for 28, Stanback 2 for 9, Mikeska 1 for 14, Mayberry 1 for 7

49ers—Hofer 9 for 130, Clark 5 for 69, Shumann 4 for 47, Jackson 4 for 34, MacAfee 3 for 33, Solomon 1 for 16, Francis 1 for 8, Bruer 1 for 6, Elliott 1 for 2

## 1979 Team Statistics

FALCONS		OPPONENTS		NET YARDS RUSHING		NET YARDS PASSING	
(W) 40	NEW ORLEANS	34	A	70,940	2200	2159	
(W) 14	PHILADELPHIA	10	A	55,935	Avg. Per Game	139.3	136.9
(L) 17	DENVER	20	H	57,677	Total Rushes	500	554
(L) 23	DETROIT	24	A	56,249	NET YARDS PASSING	2726	3596
(L) 7	WASHINGTON	16	H	56,819	Avg. Per Game	170.4	224.8
(W) 25	GREEN BAY	7	H	56,184	Tackled/Yards Lost	54/398	29/203
(L) 19	OAKLAND	50	A	52,900	Gross Yards	3124	3799
(L) 15	SAN FRANCISCO	20	A	33,952	Attempts/Completions	478/250	484/268
(L) 28	SEATTLE	31	H	52,566	Pct. of Completions	52.3	55.4
(W) 17	TAMPA BAY	14	H	55,150	Had Intercepted	23	15
(L) 3	N.Y. GIANTS	24	A	60,860	PUNTS/AVERAGE	84/39.2	73/35.9
(L) 44	LOS ANGELES	20	A	54,097	NET PUNTING AVERAGE	36.2	33.4
(L) 6	NEW ORLEANS	37	H	42,815	PENALTIES/YARDS	102/943	98/823
(W) 28	SAN DIEGO	26	A	50,198	FUMBLES/BALLS LOST	32/20	33/21
(L) 13	LOS ANGELES	34	H	49,236	TOUCHDOWNS	38	47
(W) 31	SAN FRANCISCO	21	H	37,211	Rushing	15	27
					Passing	19	17
					Returns	4	3
					TOTAL POINTS	300	388

		ATL	OPP	SCORE BY QUARTERS						
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		303	311	ATLANTA	34	89	59	111	6	300
Rushing		125	109	OPP	79	156	57	93	3	388
Passing		151	177							
Penalty		27	25							
Third-down Made/Att.		82/221	110/255							
Third-down Efficiency		37.1	43.1							
TOTAL NET YARDS		4926	5755							
Avg. Per Game		307.9	359.7							
Total Plays		1032	1127							
Avg. Per Play		4.8	5.1							

## 1979 Individual Statistics

RUSHING											
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD						
Andrews	239	1023	4.3	23	3	Cain	15	181	12.1	28	2
Bean	88	393	4.5	60	1	Stanback	13	89	6.8	22	0
Cain	63	295	4.7	35	2	Bean	12	137	11.4	49	0
Stanback	36	202	5.6	55	5	Jackson	11	156	14.2	23	0
Mayberry	45	193	4.3	21	1	Pearson	7	119	17.0	40	0
Bartkowski	14	35	2.5	18	2	Mayberry	7	48	6.9	19	0
Moroski	3	31	10.3	19	1	Ryckman	4	59	14.8	20	2
Jones	6	19	3.2	9	0	Mikeska	1	14	14.0	14	0
Strong	2	7	3.5	4	0	Galazebrook	1	20	20.0	20	0
Patton	3	1	0.3	2	0	Strong	1	6	6.0	6	0
James	1	0	0.0	0	0	Atlanta Total	250	3124	12.5	57	19
Atl. Total	500	2200	4.4	60	15	Opp. Total	268	3799	14.2	64	17
Opp. Total	554	2159	3.9	69	27						

RECEIVING						INTERCEPTIONS					
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Francis	74	1013	13.7	42	8	Lawrence	6	120	20.0	38	0
Jenkins	50	858	17.2	57	3	Easterling	2	0	0.0	0	0
Andrews	38	306	8.1	34	2	Reed	2	0	0.0	0	0
Mitchell	16	118	7.4	14	2	Pridemore	2	20	10.0	20	0
						Pennywell	1	39	39.0	39	1
						Byas	1	34	34.0	34	0
						Mayberry	1	6	6.0	6	1
						Atlanta Total	15	224	14.9	39	2
						Opp. Total	23	362	15.7	54	2

### KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Pearson	30	577	19.2	29	0
Strong	15	343	22.9	33	0
Pridemore	9	111	12.3	21	0
Cain	7	149	21.3	33	0
Stanback	6	106	17.7	24	0
Mayberry	4	49	12.3	16	0
Byas	1	19	19.0	19	0
Jackson	1	20	20.0	20	0
Atlanta Total	73	1374	18.8	33	0
Opp. Total	62	1331	21.5	89	0

### PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Pearson	12	10	115	9.6	60	0
Ryckman	12	5	72	6.0	15	0
McClain	1	0	2	2.0	2	0
Glazebrook	1	0	-1	-1.0	0	0
Atlanta Total	26	15	186	7.2	60	0
Opp. Total	41	26	259	6.3	31	0

### FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Tot.
Mazzetti	0-0	9-11	1-6	3-7	0-1	13-25
Opp.	1-1	7-8	6-9	5-7	1-4	20-29

### SCORING

Player	Tdr	Tdp	TdrPat	FG	Saf	TP
Mazzetti	0	0	0	31	13	0
Francis	0	8	0	0	0	48
Andrews	3	2	0	0	0	30
Stanback	5	0	0	0	0	30
Cain	2	2	0	0	0	24
Jenkins	0	3	0	0	0	18
Bartkowski	2	0	0	0	0	12
Mayberry	1	0	1	0	0	12
Ryckman	0	2	0	0	0	12
Mitchell	0	2	0	0	0	12
Lawrence	0	0	0	0	0	6
Pennywell	0	0	0	0	0	6
Byas	0	0	1	0	0	6
Bean	1	0	0	0	0	6
Moroski	1	0	0	0	0	6
Lewis	0	0	1	0	0	2
All Total	15	19	4	31	13	300
Opp Total	27	17	3	41	19	388

### PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Tb	In 20	Lg	Blk.
James	83	3296	39.7	4	12	62	1
All Total	84	3296	39.2	4	12	62	1
Opp Total	73	2621	35.9	11	14	52	1

### PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp	Yds.	Pct.	Avg.	TD	Int.	Pct. Int.	LG	Lost Att.
Bartkowski	379	203	2502	53.6	6.60	17	4.49	20	5.28	57 39/286
Jones	83	38	505	45.8	6.08	2	2.41	3	3.61	49 13/110
Moroski	15	8	97	53.3	6.47	0	0.00	0	0.00	23 2/0/12
Jones	1	1	20	100.0	20.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	20 0/0
All Total	478	250	3124	52.3	6.54	19	4.00	23	4.81	57 54/408
Opp. Total	484	268	3799	55.4	7.85	17	3.94	15	3.10	64 29/203

### FALCONS COACHING HISTORY

(73-125-4)		
1966-68	Norb Hecker#	4-26-1
1968-74	Norm Van Brocklin%	37-49-3
1974-76	Marion Campbell	6-19-0
1976	Pat Peppier	3- 6-0
1977-1979	Leeman Bennett	23-25-0

#Released after three games in 1968

% Released after eight games in 1974

† Released after five games in 1976



## **Training Complex**

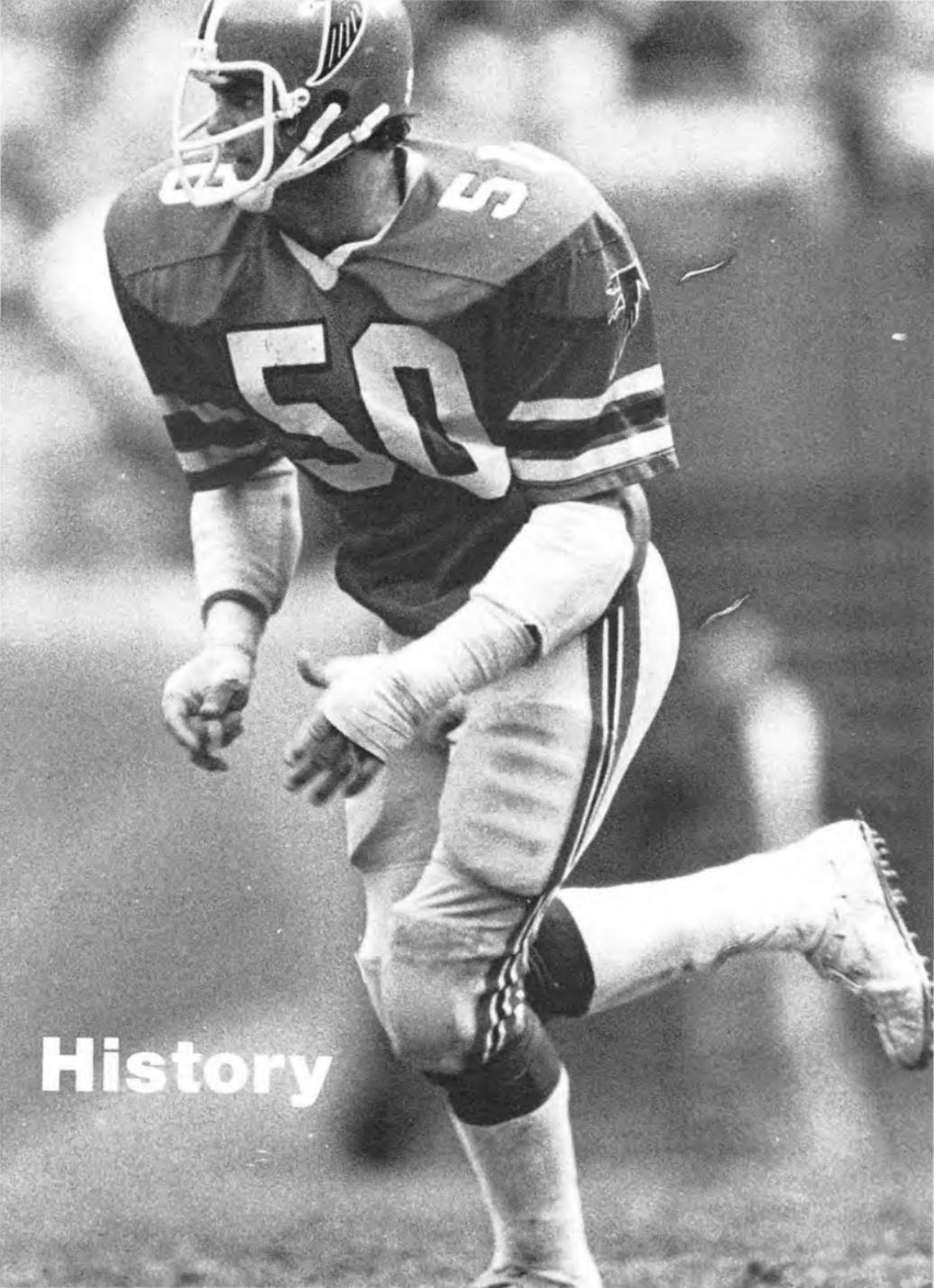
The Falcons are now in their third year at the Falcon Training Complex, which was completed in August of 1978. The Complex is the year round home of the Falcon players, coaches and administrative personnel.

The 28,000 square foot building is located in Suwanee, Ga., and includes three practice fields, locker room facilities, weight room, players lounge, press working room, player meeting rooms, and all administrative offices.

Construction on the facility began April 3, 1978 and was completed less than five months later. Prior to completion of the Falcon complex, the club trained at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., and practiced at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium where the administrative offices were housed.

Adjacent to the practice facility is the Falcon Conference Center, where the players are housed during training camp. Also on the facility grounds is the Complex, a public health club and racquetball club that is available for player use.

In order to reach the Falcon Training Complex from Downtown Atlanta or Hartsfield Airport, simply take I-85 North to Exit 44. The Falcon Complex is located to the left of the Interstate and may be seen from the highway.



**History**

# 14 YEAR ROSTER

Absher, Dick (LB), Maryland	1967-68	Faumina, Wilson (DT), San Jose St.	1977-79
Acks, Ron (LB), Illinois	1968-71	Ferguson, Jim (C), USC	1969
Adams, Bob (TE), Pacific	1976	Fields, Edgar (DT), Texas A&M	1977-79
Adams, Brent (T), UT at C'nooga	1975-78	Fitzgerald, Mike (CB-S), Iowa State	1967
Allen, Grady (LB), Texas A&M	1969-72	Fittley, Paul (WR), Northwestern	1968-69
Anderson, Taz (TE), Georgia Tech	1966-67	Francis, Wallace (WR)	
Andrews, William (RB), Auburn	1979	Arkansas AM&N	1975-79
Auer, Joe (RB), Georgia Tech	1968	Franklin, George (RB), Texas A&I	1978
Bailey, Jim (DT), Kansas	1976-78	Freeman, Mike (CB-S), Fresno St.	1968-70
Bailey, Larry (DT), Pacific	1974	Fritsch, Ted (C), St. Norbert	1972-74
Barnes, Gary (WR), Clemson	1966-67	Gallagher, Frank (G), N. Carolina	1973
Bartkowski, Steve (QB), California	1975-79	Garcia, Jim (DE), Purdue	1968
Bean, Bubba (RB), Texas A&M	1976-79	George, Steve (DT), Houston	1976
Bebout, Nick (T), Wyoming	1973-75	Geredine, Thomas (WR), NE Missouri St.	1973-74
Bell, Bill (PK), Kansas	1971-72	Germany, Willie (S), Morgan St.	1972
Belton, Willie (RB), Maryland St.	1971-72	Gilbert, Lewis (TE), Florida	1978-79
Benson, Duane (LB), Hamline	1972-73	Gilliam, John (WR), South Carolina St.	1976
Berry, Bob (QB), Oregon	1968-72	Gipson, Paul (RB), Houston	1969-70
Bleick, Tom (S), Georgia Tech	1967	Glass, Glenn (WR), Tennessee	1966
Bosley, Bruce (G), W. Virginia	1969	Glazebrook, Bob (DB), Fresno St.	1978-79
Bowling, Andy (LB), Virginia Tech	1967	Gotshalk, Len (T), Humboldt St.	1972-76
Bramlett, John (LB), Memphis St.	1971	Goodwin, Doug (RB), Maryland St.	1968
Breitenstein, Bob (G-T), Tulsa	1969-70	Grimm, Dan (G-C), Colorado	1966-68
Brett, Walt (G), Montana	1976	Halverson, Dena (LB), Washington	1970
Brezina, Greg (LB), Houston	1968-69, 71-79	Hampton, Dave (RB), Wyoming	1972-75
Brown, Ray (S), W. Texas State	1971-78	Hansen, Don (LB), Illinois	1969-75
Brunson, Mike (WR-RB), Arizona St.	1970	Harmon, Tom (G), Gus. Adolphus	1967
Bryant, Charles (RB), Allen	1969	Harris, Bill (RB), Colorado	1968
Bryant, Warren (T), Kentucky	1978-79	Hart, Leo (QB), Duke	1971
Burke, Vern (WR), Oregon St.	1966	Hawkins, Alex (WR), South Carolina	1966-67
Burrow, Ken (WR), San Diego St.	1971-75	Havig, Dennis (G), Colorado	1972-75
Burson, Jimmy (CB-S), Auburn	1968	Hayes, Tom (CB), San Diego St.	1971-75
Butler, Jim (RB), Edward Waters	1968-71	Heck, Ralph (LB), Colorado	1966-68
Byas, Rick (DB), Wayne St.	1974-79	Herron, Mack (RB), Kansas St.	1975
Cabral, Brian (LB), Colorado	1979	Hetteima, Dave (T), New Mexico	1970
Cahill, Dave (DT), Northern Arizona	1969	Hilton, Roy (DE), Jackson St.	1975
Cain, Lynn (RB), USC	1979	Holmes, Rudy (DE), Drake	1974
Calland, Lee (CB), Louisville	1966-68	Howell, Pat (G), USC	1979
Campbell, Sonny (RB), North Arizona	1970-71	Hudlow, Floyd (CB-S), Arizona	1967-68
Cash, Rick (DE), N. E. Missouri	1968	Hughes, Bob (DE), Jackson St.	1967-69
Cavness, Grady (CB), Texas-E. Paso	1970	Humphrey, Claude (DE), Tenn. St.	1968-74, 76-78
Cerne, Joe (C), Northwestern	1968	Hunter, Scott (QB), Alabama	1976-78
Childs, Henry (TE), Kansas St.	1974	Hutchinson, Tom (WR), Kentucky	1966
Chesson, Wes (WR), Duke	1971-73	Jackson, Alfred (WR), Texas	1978-79
Claridge, Dennis (QB), Nebraska	1966	Jackson, Ernie (CB), Duke	1978
Coffey, Junior (RB), Washington	1966-67, 69	Jackson, Larron (G), Missouri	1975-76
Coddill, Gail (WR), Washington St.	1969-70	James, John (F), Florida	1972-79
Coia, Angelo (WR), USC	1966	Jenke, Noel (LB), Minnesota	1972
Collins, Sonny (RB), Kentucky	1976	Jenkins, Alfred (WR), Morris Brown	1975-79
Condren, Glen (DT), Oklahoma	1969-72	Jarvis, Ray (WR), Norfolk St.	1971-72
Cook, Ed (G), Notre Dame	1966-67	Jobko, Bill (LB), Ohio St.	1966
Cope, Jim (LB), Ohio	1976	Johnson, Randy (QB), Texas A&I	1966-70
Cordill, Olie (WR), Memphis St.	1968	Johnson, Rudy (RB), Nebraska	1966
Correal, Chuck (C), Penn. St.	1979	Jones, Bob (WR), San Diego St.	1969
Cottrell, Ted (LB), Delaware Valley	1969-70	Jones, Bob (DB), Virginia Union	1975-76
Crowe, Larry (DB), Tex. Southern	1975	Jones, Jerry (DT), Bowling Green	1966
Dabney, Carlton (DT), Morgan St.	1968	Jones, June (QB), Portland St.	1977-79
Davis, Brad (RB), LSU	1975	Kay, Rick (LB), Colorado	1977
Daykin, Tony (LB), Georgia Tech	1979	Kendrick, Vince (RB), Florida	1974-75
Dodd, Al (WR), N. W. Louisiana St.	1973-74	Kenn, Mike (T), Michigan	1978-79
Donohoe, Mike (TE),		Kindle, Gregg (G), Tennessee St.	1976
San Francisco	1966, 1970-71	Kirouac, Lou (G-K), Boston College	1966-67
Duich, Steve (G), San Diego St.	1968	Koeper, Rich (T), Oregon State	1966
Dunaway, Dave (WR), Duke	1968	Kuechenberg, Rudy (LB), Indiana	1971
Dunn, Perry Lee (RB), Mississippi	1966-68	Kunz, George (T), Notre Dame	1969-74
East, Ron (DT), Montana St.	1976	Kupp, Jake (G), Washington	1967
Easterling, Ray (S), Richmond	1972-79	Kuykendall, Fulton (LB), UCLA	1975-79
Eber, Rick (WR), Tulsa	1968	Lamb, Ron (RB), S. Carolina	1972
Eley, Monroe (RB), Arizona St.	1975-78	Lavan, Al (S), Colorado St. U.	1969-70
Ellis, Clarence (CB), Notre Dame	1972-74	Lawrence, Kent (WR), Georgia	1970
Enderle, Dick (G), Minnesota	1969-71	Lawrence, Roland (DB), Tabor	1973-79
Esposito, Mike (RB), Boston College	1976-79	Ledbetter, Monte (WR), N. W. Louisiana	1969
Etter, Bob (K), Georgia	1968-69	Lee, Bob (WR), Minnesota	1969
Farmer, Karl (WR), Pittsburgh	1976-77	Lee, Bob (QB), Pacific	1973-74

Lee, Dwight (RB), Michigan St.	1968
Lemmerman, Bruce (QB), San Fernando Valley	1968-69
Lens, Greg (DT), Trinity, Texas	1970-71
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
Mabra, Ron (DB), Howard	1975-76
Mack, Red (WR), Notre Dame	1966
Mallory, John (S), W. Virginia	1967
Malone, Art (RB), Arizona St.	1970-74
Mankins, Jim (RB), Florida St.	1967
Manning, Rosie (T), N.E. Oklahoma	1972-75
Marchewski, Frank (C), Minnesota	1966-68
Marshall, Randy (DE), Linfield.	1970-71
Marshall, Rich (DT), Stephen F. Austin	1966
Martin, Billy (TE), Georgia Tech	1966-67
Marx, Greg (DT), Notre Dame	1973
Matlock, John (C), Miami	1970-71
Matthews, Henry (RB), Michigan St.	1973
Maurer, Andy (G), Oregon	1970-73
Mazberry, James (RB), Colorado	1979
Mazzetti, Tim (K), Pennsylvania	1978-79
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.	1976-79
McCrary, Greg (TE), Clark	1975-77
McDermott, Gary (RB), Tulsa	1969
McDonald, Tommy (WR), Oklahoma	1967
McGee, Molly (RB), Rhode Island	1974
McInnis, Hugh (TE), So. Mississippi	1966
McIntyre, Secedrick (RB), Auburn	1977
McKinney, Phil (T), UCLA	1976-79
McQuicken, Kim (QB), Lehigh	1974-77
Merrow, Jeff (DE), W. Virginia	1975-79
Mialik, Larry (TE), Wisconsin	1972-74
Mike-Mayer, Nick (K), Temple	1973-77
Mikeska, Russ (TE), Texas A&M	1979
Mitch, Jim (G), Iowa	1971-72, 74
Mitchell, Ken (LB), Nevada-Las Vegas	1973-74
Mitchell, Jim (TE), Prairie View	1969-79
Montgomery, Marv (T), USC	1978
Moore, Tom (RB), Vanderbilt	1967
Moriarty, Tom (S), Bowling Green	1977-79
Moroski, Mike (QB), Cal-Davis	1979
Morris, Larry (LB), Georgia Tech	1966
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
Ogden, Ray (TE), Alabama	1967-68
Ortega, Ralph (LB), Florida	1975-78
Palmer, Dick (LB), Kentucky	1974
Patton, Ricky (RB), Jackson St.	1978
Pearson, Dennis (WR), San Diego St.	1978-79
Pennywell, Robert (LB), Grambling	1977-79
Piper, Scott (WR), Arizona	1976
Plummer, Tony (S), Pacific	1971-73
Poage, Ray (TE), Texas	1971
Pridemore, Tom (S), West Virginia	1978-79
Pritchett, Billy Ray (RB), W. Texas St.	1976-77
Prolit, Joe (RB), N.E. Louisiana	1971-73
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	1976-79
Reed, Oscar (RB), Colorado State U.	1975
Reese, Guy (DT), SMU	1966
Richards, Bobby (DE), LSU	1966-67
Richardson, Jerry (CB-S), W. Texas St.	1966-67
Ridlehuber, Preston (RB), Georgia	1966
Riggie, Bob (S), Penn State	1966-67

Roberts, Gary (G), Purdue	1970
Roberts, Guy (LB), Maryland	1976
Rubke, Karl (DT), USC	1966-67
Rushing, Marion (LB), So. Illinois	1966-68
Russ, Carl (LB), Michigan	1975
Ryckman, Billy (WR), Louisiana Tech.	1977-79
Ryczek, Paul (C), Virginia	1974-79
Sabatino, Bill (DT), Colorado	1969
Sandeman, Bill (T), Pacific	1967-73
Sanders, Bob (LB), N. Texas St.	1967
Scales, Charlie (RB), Indiana	1966
Schmidt, Roy (G-T), Long Beach St.	1969
Scott, Dave (T), Kansas	1976-79
Shay, Jerry (DT), Purdue	1968-69
Shears, Larry (CB), Lincoln, Mo.	1971
Sherlag, Bob (WR), Memphis St.	1966
Shiner, Dick (QB), Maryland	1971-73
Sidie, Jimmy (TE-RB), Auburn	1966
Sieminski, Chuck (DT), Penn State	1966-67
Silvestri, Carl (CB-S), Wisconsin	1966
Simmons, Jerry (WR), Bethune-Cookman	1967-69
Simon, Jim (G-T), Miami	1966-68
Sloan, Steve (QB), Alabama	1966-67
Small, John (DT), Citadel	1970-72
Smith, Don (DE), Miami	1979
Smith, Ralph (TE), Mississippi	1969
Smith, Ron (CB-WR), Wisconsin	1966-67
Smith, Royce (G), Georgia	1974-76
Snider, Malcolm (G), Stanford	1969-71
Snyder, Todd (WR), Ohio U.	1970-72
Sobocinski, Phil (C), Wisconsin	1968
Spiller, Phil (S), Cal. State-L.A.	1968
Spiva, Andy (LB), Tennessee	1977
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), Tex. Southern	1968
Strong, Ray (RB), Nevada/Las Vegas	1978-79
Suchy, Larry (CB), Mississippi College	1968
Sullivan, Jim (DE), Lincoln, Mo.	1970
Sullivan, Pat (QB), Auburn	1972-75
Szczecko, Joe (DT), Auburn	1966-68
Talbert, Don (T), Texas	1966-68
Ten Napel, Garth (LB), Texas A&M	1978
Thielemann, R. C. (G-C), Arkansas	1977-79
Thompson, Woody (RB), Miami	1975-77
Tillemann, Mike (DT), Montana	1973-76
Tinker, Gerald (WR), Kent State	1974-75
Tolleson, Tommy (WR), Alabama	1966
Traynham, Wade (K), Frederick	1966-67
Van Note, Jeff (C), Kentucky	1969-79
Vinyard, Kenny (K), Texas Tech	1970
Wages, Harmon (RB), Florida	1968-71, 73
Walker, Chuck (DT), Duke	1972-75
Walker, Cleo (LB), Louisville	1971
Warwick, Lonnie (LB), Tenn. Tech	1973-74
Washington, Joe (RB), Illinois St.	1973
Waskiewicz, Jim (C), Wichita St.	1969
Weatherford, Jim (S), Tennessee	1969
Weatherley, Jim (C), None	1976
Wheelwright, Ernie (RB), So. Illinois	1966-67
Whitlow, Bob (C), Arizona	1966
Williams, Joel (LB), Wis./LaCrosse	1979
Williams, Sam (DE), Michigan St.	1966-67
Wilson, Jim (C), Georgia	1967
Windauer, Bill (DT), Iowa	1976
Winkler, Randy (G), Tarleton St.	1966-67
Woiski, Bill (RB), Notre Dame	1966
Wood, Bo (DE), N. Carolina	1967
Wright, James (TE), Texas Christian	1978-79
Wright, John (WR), Illinois	1968
Wright, Nate (S), San Diego St.	1969
Yeates, Jeff (DT), Boston College	1976-79
Zele, Mike (DT), Kent St.	1979
Zook, John (DE), Kansas	1969-75

# Year-By-Year Leaders

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

## PASSING

Year	Player	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
1966	Randy Johnson	295	129	43.7	1,795	12	21
1967	Randy Johnson	288	142	49.3	1,620	10	21
1968	Bob Berry	153	81	52.9	1,433	7	13
1969	Bob Berry	124	71	57.3	1,087	10	2
1970	Bob Berry	269	156	58.0	1,806	18	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

## RUSHING

Year	Player	Att.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Junior Coffey	199	722	3.6	37	4
1967	Junior Coffey	180	722	4.0	+20	4
1968	Jim Butler	94	365	3.9	+60	2
1969	Jim Butler	163	655	4.0	39	3
1970	Jim Butler	166	636	3.8	33	0
1971	Jim Butler	186	594	3.2	19	2
1972	Dave Hampton	230	995	4.3	+56	6
1973	Dave Hampton	263	997	3.8	25	3
1974	Dave Hampton	127	464	3.7	34	2
1975	Dave Hampton	250	1002	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	1023	4.3	23	2

## RECEIVING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Alex Hawkins	44	661	15.0	42	2
1967	Tommy McDonald	33	436	13.2	+75	4
1968	Jerry Simmons	28	479	17.1	61	0
1969	Paul Flatley	45	834	18.5	+71	6
1970	Jim Mitchell	44	650	14.8	51	6
1971	Art Malone	34	380	11.2	+46	2
1972	Art Malone	50	585	11.7	+57	2
1973	Jim Mitchell	32	420	13.1	50	0
1974	Ken Burrow	34	545	16.0	48	1
1975	Alfred Jenkins	38	767	20.2	68	6
1976	Alfred Jenkins	41	710	17.3	34	5
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	1013	13.7	42	8

### INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Jerry Richardson	5	68	13.6	20	0
1967	Ken Reaves	7	153	21.9	42	0
1968	Jim Burson	4	100	25.0	+ 73	1
1969	Rudy Redmond	5	50	10.0	32	0
1970	Ken Reaves	6	44	7.3	28	0
1971	Ken Reaves	6	43	7.2	31	0
1972	Tom Hayes	5	10	2.0	8	0
1973	Ray Brown	6	99	16.5	24	0
1974	Ray Brown	8	164	20.5	+ 59	1
1975	Rolland Lawrence	9	163	18.1	+ 87	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

### PUNTING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	Bld.
1966	Billy Lothridge	73	2968	40.7	60	0
1967	Billy Lothridge	87	3801	43.7	62	0
1968	Billy Lothridge	75	3324	44.3	70	0
1969	Billy Lothridge	69	2846	41.2	57	0
1970	Billy Lothridge	76	2944	38.7	59	0
1971	Billy Lothridge	44	1639	37.3	58	1
1972	John James	61	2609	42.8	58	0
1973	John James	63	2682	42.6	72	0
1974	John James	96	3891	40.5	61	1
1975	John James	89	3696	41.5	75	0
1976	John James	101	4253	42.1	67	0
1977	John James	105	4349	41.4	61	0
1978	John James	109	4227	38.8	57	1
1979	John James	83	3269	39.7	62	1

### PUNT RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Ron Smith	11	80	7.3	23	0
1967	Ron Smith	20	92	4.6	26	0
1968	Jim Burson	11	56	5.1	17	0
1969	John Mallory	13	42	3.2	15	0
1970	John Mallory	17	203	11.9	+ 75	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

### KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Ron Smith	43	1013	23.6	80	0
1967	Ron Smith	39	976	25.0	+ 99	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	100	1
1979	Dennis Pearson	30	577	19.2	29	0

# Falcons Statistical History

## Greatest Falcon Performances

### RUSHING YARDAGE

- 167—William Andrews vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 30 attempts
- 161—Dave Hampton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972, 29 attempts (AS)
- 135—Dave Hampton vs. St. Louis, Sept. 21, 1975, 23 attempts
- 131—William Andrews vs. San Diego, Dec. 2, 1979, 21 attempts
- 129—Haskel Stanback vs. New Orleans, Dec. 18, 1977, 22 attempts (AS)
- 127—Jim Butler vs. San Francisco, Oct. 4, 1970, 17 attempts (AS)
- 123—Woody Thompson vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977, 24 attempts
- 121—William Andrews vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1979, 24 attempts
- 117—Junior Coffey vs. Cleveland, Oct. 30, 1966, 17 attempts (AS)
- 114—Jim Butler vs. New Orleans, Oct. 24, 1971, 20 attempts (AS)
- 112—Haskel Stanback vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 24, 1978, 23 attempts
- 107—Sonny Collins vs. San Francisco, Nov. 14, 1976, 31 attempts (AS)
- 106—Dave Hampton vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 26 attempts (AS)
- 104—Bubba Bean vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 19, 1979, 17 attempts
- 103—Art Malone vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972, 18 attempts (AS)
- 101—Dave Hampton vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975, 25 attempts (AS)
- 100—Sonny Collins vs. Seattle, Nov. 7, 1976, 17 attempts

### PASSING YARDAGE

- 326—Steve Bartkowski vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 20 of 29 (AS)
- 312—Steve Bartkowski vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 22 of 38
- 309—Bob Berry vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 13 of 23
- 305—Steve Bartkowski vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 19 of 37 (AS)
- 302—Bob Berry vs. Green Bay, Sept. 27, 1970, 28 of 44
- 301—Bob Berry vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 26, 1971, 15 of 22
- 282—Bob Berry vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 3, 1968, 15 of 26 (AS)
- 281—Steve Bartkowski vs. Washington, Dec. 7, 1975, 14 of 26 (AS)
- 269—Bob Berry vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971, 18 of 27
- 269—Scott Hunter vs. Washington, Sept. 25, 1977, 16 of 33
- 266—Steve Bartkowski vs. New Orleans, Nov. 26, 1978, 23 of 43 (AS)
- 263—Randy Johnson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1967, 14 of 34 (AS)
- 260—Steve Bartkowski vs. Oakland, Oct. 14, 1979, 20 of 35
- 257—Steve Bartkowski vs. St. Louis, Dec. 19, 1978, 16 of 32
- 256—Steve Bartkowski vs. San Francisco, Oct. 22, 1978, 15 of 20

### RECEIVING YARDAGE

- 190—Ken Burrow vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 6 receptions
- 190—Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971, 8 receptions
- 153—Wallace Francis vs. New York Giants, Oct. 1, 1978, 7 receptions
- 152—Alfred Jenkins vs. Washington, Sept. 25, 1977, 7 receptions
- 147—Alfred Jenkins vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 7 receptions (AS)
- 144—Alex Hawkins vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1966, 9 receptions
- 143—Jim Mitchell vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 26, 1971, 4 receptions
- 138—Wallace Francis vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 8 receptions (AS)
- 129—Alfred Jenkins vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 5 receptions (AS)
- 124—Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 6 receptions
- 120—Wes Chesson vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 5, 1972, 7 receptions
- 120—Paul Flatley vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 14, 1969, 4 receptions
- 113—Alfred Jackson vs. San Francisco, Oct. 22, 1978, 4 receptions
- 113—Paul Flatley vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 28, 1969, 6 receptions

- 110—Paul Gipson vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 22, 1970, 5 receptions (AS)
- 110—Lynn Cain vs. Oakland, Oct. 14, 1979, 6 receptions
- 109—Jim Mitchell vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 1, 1974, 7 receptions (AS)
- 108—Wallace Francis vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 9, 1979, 10 receptions (AS)
- 108—Billy Ryckman vs. Chicago, Nov. 19, 1978, 8 receptions
- 106—Alfred Jenkins vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975, 4 receptions
- 106—Alfred Jenkins vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 6 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—Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Nov. 2, 1975, 4 receptions
- 102—Alfred Jenkins vs. Houston, Nov. 28, 1976, 5 receptions
- 102—Alfred Jackson 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)

## **Longest Falcon Plays**

### **LONG RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE (50 yards or more)**

- t66—Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
- 65—Ernie Wheelwright vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 11, 1966 (AS)
- t60—Jim Butler vs. Detroit, Dec. 8, 1968 (AS)
- t60—Bubba Bean vs. Tampa Bay, Nov. 4, 1979 (AS)
- 56—Dave Hampton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
- t55—Haskel Stanback vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979

### **LONG PASS COMPLETIONS (75 yards or more)**

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

### **LONG PUNTS (60 yards or more)**

- 75—John James vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
- 72—John James vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
- 70—Billy Lothridge vs. Cleveland, Oct. 27, 1968
- 67—John James vs. New Orleans, Oct. 31, 1976 (AS)
- 62—John James vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 12, 1976 (AS)
- 62—John James vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 4, 1976
- 62—Billy Lothridge vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
- 62—Billy Lothridge vs. Green Bay, Oct. 6, 1968 (AS)

### **LONG FIELD GOALS (45 yards or more)**

- 52—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. San Francisco, Oct. 28, 1973
- 49—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Minnesota, Nov. 19, 1973 (AS)
- 49—Kenny Vinyard vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1971 (AS)
- 48—Tim Mazzetti vs. Green Bay, Oct. 7, 1979 (AS)
- 48—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Detroit, Oct. 1, 1973
- 48—Wade Traynham vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
- 47—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1974 (AS)
- 47—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Green Bay, Dec. 15, 1974 (AS)
- 47—Lou Kirouac vs. Washington, Oct. 9, 1966
- 47—Lou Kirouac vs. St. Louis, Dec. 11, 1966 (AS)
- 46—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. San Francisco, Oct. 7, 1973 (AS)
- 46—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 3, 1976 (AS)
- 45—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1973
- 45—Wade Traynham vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 3, 1967
- 45—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Chicago, Sept. 26, 1976

### LONG INTERCEPTION RETURNS (60 yards or more)

- t90—Ken Reaves vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 20, 1968
- t87—Rolland Lawrence vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
- 81—Rolland Lawrence vs. San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973
- t77—Lee Calland vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
- t73—Jimmy Burson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 15, 1968 (AS)
- t72—Rick Byas vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977
- t65—Tom Hayes vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
- t62—Bob Riggle vs. Minnesota, Dec. 4, 1966

### LONG PUNT RETURNS (50 yards or more)

- t77—Tom McCauley vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
- t75—John Mallory vs. Minnesota, Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
- t72—Gerald Tinker vs. New Orleans, Sept. 29, 1974
- 60—Dennis Pearson vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
- 57—Ray Brown vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1973
- 57—Al Dodd vs. Chicago, Oct. 13, 1974 (AS)

### LONG KICKOFF RETURNS (50 yards or more)

- t100—Dennis Pearson, vs. St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978
- t99—Ron Smith vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
- 82—Jim Butler vs. Green Bay, Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)
- 80—Ron Smith vs. Chicago, Nov. 27, 1966
- 61—Jim Butler vs. Washington, Nov. 23, 1969
- 59—Gerald Tinker vs. San Francisco, Sept. 22, 1974 (AS)
- 58—Willie Belton vs. Cleveland, Oct. 31, 1971

### LONG FUMBLE RETURNS (50 yards or more)

- t74—Jim Weatherford vs. San Francisco, Oct. 19, 1969
- t60—Tom Hayes vs. Oakland, Dec. 5, 1971 (AS)
- t50—Jim Mitchell vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975 (AS)

## Single Game Individual Records

### SCORING

<b>Most Points</b> . . . . .	18	Lynn Cain vs. Oakland, 10/14/79
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	24	Dan Reeves, Dallas, 11/5/67 (4 TD)
	24	Roy Jefferson, Pittsburgh, 11/3/68 (4 TD) (AS)
<b>Most Touchdowns</b> . . . . .	3	Lynn Cain vs. Oakland, 10/14/79
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	4	Dan Reeves, Dallas, 11/5/67 (4 TD)
	4	Roy Jefferson, Pittsburgh, 11/3/68 (4 TD) (AS)
<b>Most Points After Touchdown</b>		
<b>Attempted</b> . . . . .	8	Nick Mike-Mayer vs. New Orleans 9/16/73
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	8	Don Chandler, Green Bay, 10/23/66
	8	Tom Dempsey, Los Angeles, 12/4/76
<b>Most Points After Touchdown</b> . . . .	8	Nick Mike-Mayer vs. New Orleans 9/16/73
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	8	Don Chandler, Green Bay, 10/23/66
<b>Most Field Goals Attempted</b> . . . . .	5	Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Los Angeles 11/4/73 (AS)
	5	Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Chicago 9/26/76

	5	Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Chicago 10/23/77
	5	Tim Mazzetti vs. Los Angeles 10/30/78
vs. Falcons	7	Jim Bakken, St. Louis, 12/11/66 (AS)
	7	Jim Bakken, St. Louis, 12/9/73 (AS)
Most Field Goals	5	Nick Mike-Mayer vs. Los Angeles 11/4/73 (AS)
	5	Tim Mazzetti vs. Los Angeles 10/30/78
vs. Falcons	7	Jim Bakken, St. Louis 12/9/73 (AS)

### RUSHING

Most Touchdowns Rushing	2	17 Times. Last time Haskel Stanback vs. San Francisco 12/16/79 (AS)
vs. Falcons	3	Don Nottingham, Miami, 11/3/74
	3	Chuck Foreman, Minnesota, 11/9/75
	3	Lawrence McCutcheon, Los Angeles, 12/4/76
	3	Mark Van Eeghen, Oakland, 10/14/79
Most Attempts	31	Sonny Collins vs. San Francisco 11/14/76 (107 yds) (AS)
vs. Falcons	33	Lydell Mitchell, Baltimore, 11/17/74 (151 yds)
Most Yards Gained	167	William Andrews vs. New Orleans 9/2/79 (30 att)
vs. Falcons	191	Greg Pruitt, Cleveland, 10/17/76 (26 att) (AS)
Highest Average Gain	9.10	Art Malone vs. San Francisco 12/10/72 (10-91)
vs. Falcons	10.4	Delvin Williams, San Francisco, 12/14/75 (10-104) (AS)

### PASSING

Most Passes Attempted	44	Bob Berry vs. Green Bay 9/27/70 (28 comp)
vs. Falcons	53	Steve DeBerg vs. San Francisco 12/16/79 (29 comp) (AS)
Most Passes Completed	28	Bob Berry vs. Green Bay, 9/27/70 (44 Att)
vs. Falcons	29	Steve DeBerg vs. San Francisco 12/16/79 (53 Att) (AS)
Highest Pass Percentage (20 Att.)	76.2	Bob Berry vs. San Francisco 9/19/71 (21-16) (AS)
	76.2	Bob Berry vs. Green Bay 11/22/71 (21-16) (AS)
vs. Falcons	85.0	John Unitas, Baltimore 11/12/67 (20-17) (AS)
	85.0	John Brodie, San Francisco 9/29/70
Most Yards Gained	326	Steve Bartkowski vs. Denver 9/16/79 (29-20) (AS)
vs. Falcons	401	John Unitas, Baltimore, 9/17/67 (32-22)

<b>Most Touchdown Passes</b> . . . . .	4	Randy Johnson vs. Chicago 11/16/69 (AS)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	4	Frank Ryan, Cleveland, 1966 (AS)
	4	John Unitas, Baltimore, 11/12/67 (AS)
	4	Ken Stabler, Oakland, 11/30/75 (AS)
<b>Most Passes Had Intercepted</b> . . . .	5	Kim McQuilken vs. Minnesota 11/9/75
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	5	Bob Berry, Minnesota 12/4/66
	5	Archie Manning, New Orleans, 9/16/73

#### RECEIVING

<b>Most Yards Gained</b> . . . . .	190	Ken Burrow vs. Detroit 10/3/71 (6)
	190	Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans 12/19/71 (8)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	205	Wes Chandler vs. New Orleans 9/2/79 (6)
<b>Most Touchdown Passes</b> . . . . .	2	19 Times. Last time, Wallace Francis vs. San Diego 12/2/79
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	4	Roy Jefferson, Pittsburgh, 11/3/68 (AS)
<b>Most Pass Receptions</b> . . . . .	10	Wallace Francis vs. Los Angeles 12/9/79 (108 yds) (AS)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	11	Dick Witcher, San Francisco 12/10/67 (186 yds) (AS)
	11	Roy Jefferson, Pittsburgh 11/3/68 (199 yds) (AS)
	11	Alvin Maxson, New Orleans 10/5/75 (71 yds) (AS)

#### INTERCEPTIONS

<b>Most Interceptions</b> . . . . .	2	26 Times. Last time, Rolland Lawrence vs. L.A., 10/30/78
<b>Most Yards Gained Interceptions</b>	90	Ken Reaves vs. Los Angeles 10/20/68 (1 Int)
<b>Most Touchdown Interceptions.</b> . .	1	16 times. Last time, Robert Pennywell vs. San Francisco 12/16/79 (AS)

#### PUNTING AND PUNT RETURNS

<b>Most Punts</b> . . . . .	11	John James vs. Washington 12/10/78 (AS)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	10	Eight Times. Last Time, Mike Bragg, Washington, 12/10/78 (AS)
<b>Highest Punting Average</b> (4 punts) . . . . .	50.0	Billy Lothridge vs. Baltimore 9/17/67 (4)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	50.8	Dave Chapple, Los Angeles, 11/4/73 (5)

<b>Most Punt Returns</b> . . . . .	8	Rolland Lawrence vs. San Francisco 10/9/77
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	9	Ralph McGill, San Francisco, 10/29/72 (AS)
<b>Most Fair Catches</b> . . . . .	3	Dennis Pearson vs. Detroit 9/23/79
	3	Billy Ryckman vs. Los Angeles 10/30/78 (AS)
	3	Billy Ryckman vs. Chicago 11/19/78
	3	Jimmy Burson vs. Los Angeles 10/20/68
	3	Jimmy Burson vs. San Francisco 12/15/68 (AS)
	3	Ray Brown vs. Houston 12/3/72 (AS)
	3	Ray Brown vs. New Orleans 12/16/73 (AS)
<b>Most Yards Gained Punt Returns</b> . . . . .	108	Al Dodd vs. Chicago 10/13/74 (6 ret)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	109	Ralph McGill, San Francisco 10/29/72 (AS)
<b>Highest Average (3 returns)</b> . . . .	26.0	Ray Brown vs. Philadelphia 11/11/73 (4)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	24.33	Chuck Latourette, St. Louis, 11/24/68
<b>Most Punt Returns for Touchdowns</b> . . . . .	1	Tom McCauley vs. New Orleans 10/25/70 (AS)
	1	John Mallory vs. Minnesota 12/20/70 (AS)
	1	Gerald Tinker vs. New Orleans 9/29/74
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	1	Donny Anderson, Green Bay, 10/23/66
	1	Manfred Moore, San Francisco, 11/24/74
<b>Most Kickoff Returns</b> . . . . .	7	Ron Smith vs. Green Bay 10/23/66
	7	Ron Smith vs. Baltimore 11/12/67 (AS)

## Team Single Game

### SCORING

<b>Fewest Points</b> . . . . .	0	13 Times. Last time vs. Buffalo, October 16, 1977 (3-0)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	0	5 Times. Last time vs. Detroit, October 15, 1978 (14-0) (AS)
<b>Most Points</b> . . . . .	62	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	59	Los Angeles, Dec. 4, 1976
<b>Most Points, Both Teams</b> . . . . .	90	Atlanta (33) vs. Pittsburgh (57), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
<b>Fewest Points, Both Teams</b> . . . . .	3	Atlanta (0) vs. Buffalo (3), Oct. 16, 1977 (3-0)
<b>Largest Margin of Victory</b> . . . . .	55	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973 (62-7)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . .	59	vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 4, 1976 (59-0)

<b>Smallest Point Margin in Victory</b> . . . 1	vs. Minnesota, Oct. 29, 1967 (21-20) (AS)
1	vs. San Francisco, Oct. 4, 1970 (21-20) (AS)
1	vs. Green Bay, Oct. 22, 1972 (10-9)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . . 1	New England, Sept. 24, 1972 (21-20)
1	Philadelphia, Oct. 3, 1976 (14-13) (AS)
1	New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977 (21-20)
1	Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979 (24-23)
<b>Most Points, First Half</b> . . . . . 31	vs. Chicago, Sept. 17, 1972
<b>Most Points, Second Half</b> . . . . . 38	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
<b>Most Points, One Quarter</b> . . . . . 24	vs. Chicago, Sept. 17, 1972
24	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
24	vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1973
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . . 28	Minnesota, Sept. 14, 1968
<b>Most Points, Both Teams, One Quarter</b> . . . . . 41	Atlanta (20) vs. New Orleans (21), Sept. 2, 1979 (2Q)
<b>Most Points, Each Quarter</b> . . 1st: 14	4 Times. Last time vs. Cleveland, Oct. 31, 1971
2nd: 24	vs. New Orleans Sept. 16, 1973
3rd: 21	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
21	vs. Chicago, Oct. 14, 1973 (AS)
4th: 24	vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1973
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . . 1st: 24	Philadelphia, Oct. 8, 1967 (AS)
2nd: 28	Minnesota, Sept. 14, 1968
2nd: 28	St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978
3rd: 21	Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
21	Green Bay, Oct. 6, 1968 (AS)
21	Miami, Nov. 3, 1974
4th: 24	Los Angeles, Nov. 19, 1967 (AS)
<b>Most Points, Both Teams, Each Quarter</b> . . . . . 1st: 34	Atlanta (13) vs. Oakland (21), Nov. 30, 1975
2nd: 41	Atlanta (20) vs. New Orleans (21), Sept. 2, 1979
3rd: 35	Atlanta (14) vs. Pittsburgh (21), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
4th: 31	Atlanta (24) vs. Philadelphia (7), Nov. 11, 1973
<b>Most Touchdowns</b> . . . . . 8	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . . 8	Green Bay, Oct. 23, 1966
8	Los Angeles, Dec. 4, 1976
<b>Most Touchdowns, Both Teams</b> . 12	Atlanta (5) vs. Pittsburgh (7), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
<b>Most PATS</b> . . . . . 8	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . . 8	Green Bay, Oct. 23, 1966
<b>Most PATS, Both Teams</b> . . . . . 10	Atlanta (6) vs. Chicago (4), Nov. 16, 1969 (AS)
10	Atlanta (5) vs. Detroit (5), Oct. 3, 1971
<b>Most FGs Attempted</b> . . . . . 6	vs. San Francisco, Oct. 7, 1973 (AS)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> . . . . . 7	St. Louis, Dec. 11, 1966 (AS)
7	St. Louis, Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)

<b>Most FGs Attempted, Both Teams</b> .....	10	Atlanta (3) vs. St. Louis (7), Dec. 11, 1966 (AS)
<b>Most FGs</b> .....	5	vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 4, 1973 (AS) vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 30, 1978
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	6	St. Louis, Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)
<b>Most FGs, Both Teams</b> .....	7	Atlanta (5) vs. Los Angeles (2), Nov. 4, 1973 (AS)

### FIRST DOWNS

<b>Most First Downs</b> .....	35	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	33	Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
<b>Fewest First Downs</b> .....	2	vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 23, 1973
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	7	Green Bay, Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)
<b>Most First Downs, Both Teams</b> ..	59	Atlanta (35) vs. New Orleans (24), Sept. 2, 1979
<b>Fewest First Downs, Both Teams</b>	14	Atlanta (5) vs. Minnesota (9), Dec. 21, 1969 (AS)
<b>Most First Downs, Rushing</b> .....	19	vs. New Orleans, Oct. 24, 1971 (AS)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	19	Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
.....	19	Los Angeles, Dec. 4, 1976
<b>Fewest First Downs, Rushing</b> .....	0	vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 1, 1974 (AS)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	1	Los Angeles, Sept. 18, 1977 (AS)
<b>Most First Downs, Passing</b> .....	17	New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	18	Washington, Dec. 7, 1975 (AS)
<b>Fewest First Downs, Passing</b> .....	0	vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 23, 1973
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	1	New Orleans, Oct. 15, 1972
.....	1	St. Louis, Dec. 9, 1973
<b>Most First Downs, Penalty</b> .....	4	9 Times. Last time vs. Oakland, Oct. 14, 1979
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	6	San Francisco, Dec. 6, 1970 New York Giants, Nov. 11, 1979

### NEW YARDS GAINED

<b>Most Yards Gained</b> .....	552	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979 (257-R, 295-P)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	595	Baltimore, Nov. 12, 1967 (169-R, 426-P) (AS)
<b>Fewest Yards Gained</b> .....	44	vs. San Francisco, Oct. 23, 1976 (83-R, —39-P)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	78	Tampa Bay, Nov. 27, 1977 (62-R, 16-P)
<b>Most Yards Gained, Both Teams</b> ..	1,061	Atlanta (552) vs. New Orleans (509), Sept. 2, 1979
<b>Fewest Yards, Gained, Both Teams</b> .....	253	Atlanta (155) vs. San Francisco (97) Nov. 6, 1977 (AS)

### RUSHING

<b>Most Attempts</b> .....	58	vs. Tampa Bay, Nov. 27, 1977
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	64	Minnesota, Nov. 9, 1975
<b>Fewest Rushing Attempts</b> .....	14	vs. Dallas, Nov. 5, 1967
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	15	New Orleans, Oct. 24, 1971 (AS)

<b>Most Rushing Attempts, Both Teams</b> . . . . .	105	Atlanta (43) vs. Oakland (62), Nov. 30, 1975
<b>Fewest Rushing Attempts, Both Teams</b> . . . . .	49	Atlanta (18) vs. Denver (31), Oct. 18, 1970
<b>Most Yards Gained</b> . . . . .	297	vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
vs. Falcons . . . . .	299	Chicago, Nov. 27, 1966
<b>Fewest Yards Gained</b> . . . . .	19	vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 1, 1974 (AS)
vs. Falcons . . . . .	58	New Orleans, Oct. 24, 1971 (AS)
<b>Most Yards Gained Rushing, Both Teams</b> . . . . .	436	Atlanta (150) vs. Oakland (286), Nov. 30, 1975
<b>Fewest Yards Gained, Both Teams</b> . . . . .	164	Atlanta (56) vs. Baltimore (108), Dec. 1, 1968
	164	Atlanta (67) vs. New England (97), Dec. 4, 1977
<b>Most Touchdowns</b> . . . . .	5	vs. San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973
vs. Falcons . . . . .	7	Los Angeles, Dec. 4, 1976
<b>Most Touchdowns Rushing, Both Teams</b> . . . . .	7	Atlanta (0) vs. Los Angeles (7), Dec. 4, 1976

#### PASSING

<b>Most Passes Attempted</b> . . . . .	44	vs. Green Bay, Sept. 27, 1970 (28 comp)
	44	vs. New Orleans, Nov 26, 1978 (23 comp) (AS)
vs. Falcons . . . . .	53	San Francisco, Dec. 16, 1979 (29 comp) (AS)
<b>Fewest Passes Attempted</b> . . . . .	9	vs. Chicago, Sept. 17, 1972
	9	vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
	9	vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 23, 1973
vs. Falcons . . . . .	8	Green Bay, Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)
<b>Most Passes Attempted, Both Teams</b> . . . . .	88	Atlanta (39) vs. San Francisco (49), Dec. 14, 1975 (AS)
<b>Fewest Passes Attempted, Both Teams</b> . . . . .	21	Atlanta (9) vs. Chicago (12), Sept. 17, 1972
<b>Most Passes Completed</b> . . . . .	28	vs. Green Bay, Sept. 27, 1970 (44-Att)
vs. Falcons . . . . .	29	Washington, Oct. 15, 1967 (42-Att) (AS)
	29	San Francisco, Dec. 16, 1979 (53-Att) (AS)
<b>Most Passes Completed, Both Teams</b> . . . . .	47	Atlanta (18) vs. Washington (29), Oct. 15, 1967 (AS)
	47	Atlanta (18) vs. San Francisco (29), Dec. 16, 1979 (AS)
<b>Fewest Passes Completed, Both Teams</b> . . . . .	10	Atlanta (6) vs. Minnesota (4), Dec. 21, 1969 (AS)
	10	Atlanta (6) vs. Chicago (4), Sept. 17, 1972

	10	Atlanta (8) vs. St. Louis (2), Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)
<b>Most Yards Gained</b> .....	362	vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975 (AS)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	426	Baltimore, Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)
<b>Most Yards Gained, Both Teams</b> .....	623	Atlanta (291) vs. Pittsburgh (332), Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
<b>Fewest Yards Gained</b> .....	-39	vs. San Francisco, Oct. 23, 1976
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	9	St. Louis, Dec. 9, 1973 (AS)
<b>Fewest Yards Passing, Both Teams</b> .....	37	Atlanta (-39) vs. San Francisco (76), Oct. 23, 1976
<b>Most Times Tackled Attempting Passes</b> .....	11	vs. St. Louis, Nov. 24, 1968
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	9	vs. New York Giants, Oct. 2, 1977
<b>Most Times Tackled Attempting Passes, Both Teams</b> .....	13	Atlanta (11) vs. St. Louis (2), Nov. 24, 1968
	13	Atlanta (10) vs. Detroit (3), Dec. 8, 1968
<b>Most Touchdown Passes, Game</b> ...	4	vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
	4	vs. Chicago, Nov. 16, 1969 (AS)
	4	vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
	4	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	6	Cleveland, Oct. 30, 1966 (AS)
<b>Most Touchdown Passes, Both Teams</b> .....	7	Atlanta (1) vs. Cleveland (6), Oct. 30, 1966 (AS)
	7	Atlanta (3) vs. Pittsburgh (4), Nov. 3, 1968 (AS)
<b>Most Passes Had Intercepted</b> .....	6	vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	6	New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
<b>Most Passes Had Intercepted, Both Teams</b> .....	8	Atlanta (3) vs. Denver (5), Nov. 23, 1975 (AS)

#### PUNTING

<b>Most Punts</b> .....	12	vs. Washington, Dec. 10, 1978 (AS)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	10	8 Times, Last Time, vs. Washington, Dec. 10, 1978
<b>Fewest Punts</b> .....	1	vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	1	By many teams

#### PUNT RETURNS

<b>Most Punt Returns</b> .....	8	vs. Chicago, Oct. 13, 1974 (AS)
	8	vs. San Francisco, Oct. 23, 1976
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	9	San Francisco, Oct. 29, 1972 (AS)
<b>Most Fair Catches</b> .....	3	Six Times
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	6	Minnesota, Nov. 28, 1971
<b>Most Yards Gained</b> .....	137	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 29, 1974
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	118	San Francisco, Nov. 24, 1974

<b>Most Touchdowns</b> .....	1	vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
	1	vs. Minnesota, Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
	1	vs. New Orleans, Sept. 29, 1974
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	1	Green Bay, Oct. 23, 1966
	1	San Francisco, Nov. 24, 1974

#### KICKOFF RETURNS

<b>Most Returns</b> .....	10	vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	8	New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
	8	San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973
<b>Most Yards Gained</b> .....	209	vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1966 (AS)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	242	San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973

#### FUMBLES

<b>Most Fumbles</b> .....	7	vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 28, 1969
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	5	Five teams
<b>Most Fumbles Lost</b> .....	5	vs. New Orleans, Oct. 15, 1972
	5	vs. New Orleans, Oct. 10, 1976

#### PENALTIES

<b>Most Penalties</b> .....	17	vs. San Francisco, Nov. 5, 1978
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	13	Cleveland, Sept. 17, 1978
<b>Fewest Penalties</b> .....	1	Six times. Last time vs.
		San Francisco, Oct. 21, 1979
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	0	Minnesota, Nov. 28, 1971
<b>Most Yards</b> .....	143	vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 15, 1970
		(9 pen.)
<b>vs. Falcons</b> .....	135	Los Angeles, Nov. 19, 1970
		(11 pen) (AS)

## Individual Season Records

#### SCORING

<b>Most Points</b> .....	112	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973 (34 PATS, 26 FG)
<b>Most Touchdowns</b> .....	11	Eddie Ray, 1973 (9-r, 2-p)
<b>Most Points After Touchdown Attempted</b> .....	37	Tim Mazzetti, 1979
<b>Most Points After Touchdown</b> .....	34	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
<b>Most Goals Attempted</b> .....	38	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
<b>Most Field Goals</b> .....	26	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

#### RUSHING

<b>Most Attempts</b> .....	263	Dave Hampton, 1973
<b>Most Yards Gained</b> .....	1023	William Andrews, 1979
<b>Highest Average Gain (100 Attempts)</b> .....	4.43	Art Malone, 1972 (180-798)
<b>Most Touchdowns, Rushing</b> .....	9	Eddie Ray, 1973

#### PASSING

<b>Most Passes Attempted</b> .....	379	Steve Bartkowski, 1979 (203 Completions)
<b>Most Passes Completed</b> .....	203	Steve Bartkowski, 1979 (379 Attempts)

<b>Highest Pass Completion</b>		
Percentage (140 Attempts) . . .	60.2	Bob Berry, 1971 (226-136)
<b>Most Yards Gained Passing</b> . . .	2502	Steve Bartkowski, 1979
<b>Most Touchdowns Passing</b> . . . . .	17	Steve Bartkowski, 1979
<b>Fewest Passes Had Intercepted</b>		
(140 Attempts) . . . . .	3	Scott Hunter, 1977 (151 Attempts)
<b>Most Passes Had Intercepted</b> . . . . .	21	Randy Johnson, 1966
	21	Randy Johnson, 1967

### PASS RECEIVING

<b>Most Pass Receptions</b> . . . . .	74	Wallace Francis, 1979 (1013 yards)
<b>Most Yards Gained Receiving</b> . . . . .	1013	Wallace Francis, 1979 (74 receptions)
<b>Highest Average Gain</b> . . . . .	22.5	Ken Burrow, 1971
<b>Most Touchdown Passes</b> . . . . .	8	Wallace Francis, 1979

### INTERCEPTIONS

<b>Most Interceptions</b> . . . . .	9	Rolland Lawrence, 1975
<b>Most Yards Gained Intercepting</b> . . . . .	164	Ray Brown, 1974
<b>Most Interception Touchdowns</b> . . . . .	2	Tom Hayes, 1973

### PUNTING

<b>Most Punts</b> . . . . .	109	John James, 1978
<b>Highest Punting Average</b>		
(35 punts) . . . . .	44.32	Billy Lothridge, 1968 (75)

### PUNT RETURNS

<b>Most Punt Returns</b> . . . . .	54	Rolland Lawrence, 1976
<b>Most Fair Catches</b> . . . . .	17	Billy Ryckman, 1978
<b>Most Yards Gained</b> . . . . .	376	Rolland Lawrence, 1976
<b>Highest Average Punt Returner</b>		
(14 Returns) . . . . .	13.92	Gerald Tinker, 1974 (14)
<b>Most Punt Returns for</b>		
Touchdowns . . . . .	1	Tom McCauley, 1970
	1	John Mallory, 1970
	1	Gerald Tinker, 1974

### KICKOFF RETURNS

<b>Most Kickoff Returns</b> . . . . .	43	Ron Smith, 1966
<b>Most Yards Gained Kickoff</b>		
Returns . . . . .	1013	Ron Smith, 1966 (43 Returns)
<b>Highest Average Kickoff</b>		
Returns . . . . .	26.7	Dennis Pearson, 1978 (25 returns)
<b>Most Kickoff Returns for</b>		
Touchdowns . . . . .	1	Ron Smith, 1967
	1	Malcolm Snider, 1969
	1	Dennis Pearson, 1978

### Team Season

<b>Most Games Won</b> . . . . .	9	(1973, 1978)
<b>Fewest Games Won</b> . . . . .	1	(1967)
<b>Most Games Without Defeat</b> . . . . .	9	(1973)
<b>Most Consecutive Games Without</b>		
Defeat . . . . .	7	(1973)
<b>Most Consecutive Victories</b> . . . . .	7	(1973)

## SCORING

Most Points	318	(1973)
Most Touchdowns	38	(1979)
Most PATs	34	(1973)
Most FGs Attempted	38	(1973)
Most FGs	26	(1973)
Most Points Allowed	437	(1966)
Fewest Points Allowed	129	(1977)
Fewest Touchdowns Allowed	15	(1977)
Most Touchdowns Allowed	53	(1967)

## FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs	303	(1979)
Fewest First Downs	174	(1968, 1974)
Most First Downs, Rushing	125	(1979)
Fewest First Downs, Rushing	68	(1967)
Most First Downs, Passing	151	(1979)
Fewest First Downs, Passing	80	(1977)
Most First Downs, Penalty	31	(1978)
Fewest First Downs, Penalty	9	(1968)
Fewest First Downs Allowed	192	(1977)
Most First Downs Allowed	311	(1979)
Most First Downs Allowed, Rushing	143	(1976)
Fewest First Downs Allowed, Passing	76	(1977)
Most First Downs, Allowed, Passing	177	(1979)

## NET YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained	4926	(1979)
Fewest Yards Gained	2800	(1974)
Fewest Net Yards Allowed	3242	(1977)
Most Yards Allowed	5755	(1979)

## RUSHING

Most Rushing Attempts	582	(1977)
Fewest Rushing Attempts	344	(1967)
Most Yards Gained	2200	(1979)
Fewest Yards Gained	1303	(1967)
Highest Avg. Gain	4.5	(1969)
Most Touchdowns	18	(1973)
Fewest Yards Allowed	1722	(1970)
Most Yards Allowed	2579	(1976)
Fewest Touchdowns Allowed	5	(1977)
Most Touchdowns Allowed	27	(1979)

## PASSING

Most Passes Attempted	478	(1979)
Fewest Passes Attempted	282	(1969)
Most Passes Completed	250	(1979) (478-Att)
Fewest Passes Completed	140	(1977) (297-Att)

<b>Most Yards Gained Passing</b>		
(Net) .....	2726	(1979)
<b>Fewest Yards Gained</b>		
(Net) .....	1307	(1974)
<b>Most Times Tackled</b>		
Attempting Passes .....	70	(1968)
<b>Fewest Times Tackled</b>		
Attempting Passes .....	31	(1971)
<b>Most Touchdown Passes</b>	20	(1969)
<b>Fewest Touchdown Passes</b>	4	(1974)
<b>Fewest Net Yards</b>		
Allowed .....	1384	(1977)
<b>Most Net Yards Allowed</b>	3596	(1979)
<b>Most Sacks</b>	47	(1978)
<b>Fewest Touchdowns</b>		
Allowed .....	9	(1971, 1977)
<b>Most Touchdowns</b>		
Allowed .....	31	(1967)

### INTERCEPTIONS

<b>Most Passes Intercepted</b>	26	(1977) (Opp. att 320)
<b>Fewest Passes Intercepted</b>	12	(1978) (Opp. att 444)
<b>Most Yards Gained</b>	528	(1973) (22 Int.)
<b>Most Touchdowns</b>	2	(1967, 1968, 1973, 1977, 1979)

### PUNTING

<b>Most Punts</b>	110	(1978)
<b>Fewest Punts</b>	60	(1971)
<b>Highest Punting Avg.</b>	44.32	(1968)

### PUNT RETURNS

<b>Most Punt Returns</b>	60	(1976)
<b>Most Fair Catches</b>	25	(1978)
<b>Fewest Fair Catches</b>	3	(1974)
<b>Most Yards Gained</b>	635	(1974)
<b>Most Touchdowns</b>	2	(1970)

### KICKOFF RETURNS

<b>Most Kickoff Returns</b>	82	(1966)
<b>Most Yards</b>	1737	(1966)
<b>Highest Avg.</b>	25.0	(1971)
<b>Most Touchdowns</b>	1	(1967, 1969)

### FUMBLES

<b>Most Fumbles</b>	42	(1972, 1978)
<b>Fewest Fumbles</b>	20	(1967)
<b>Most Fumbles Lost</b>	24	(1974)
<b>Fewest Fumbles Lost</b>	9	(1977)

### PENALTIES

<b>Most Penalties</b>	130	(1978) (1083 Yards)
<b>Fewest Penalties</b>	63	(1968) (659 Yards) (1969) (601 Yards)

<b>Most Yards Penalized</b> .....	1083	(1978) (130 Penalties)
<b>Fewest Yards Penalized</b> .....	593	(1973) (65 Penalties)

## Consecutive Streaks

<b>Most Games Scoring</b> .....	26	Bill Bell, 1971-72
<b>Most Consecutive Game Scoring Touchdowns</b> .....	4	Jim Mitchell, 1975
	4	Dave Hampton, 1975
<b>Most Consecutive Points After Touchdown</b> .....	47	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-75
<b>Most Consecutive Game Field Goals</b> .....	8	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
<b>Most Consecutive Field Goals</b> ..	9	Tim Mazzetti, 1978
<b>Most Consecutive Games Rushing Touchdowns</b> .....	2	11 Times. Last time Dave Hampton, 1975
<b>Most Consecutive Passes Completed</b> .....	10	Randy Johnson vs. Detroit (6), 11/9/69; vs. Chicago (4) 11/16/69
vs. Falcons .....	12	John Unitas, Baltimore, 11/12/67 (AS)
<b>Most Consecutive Games TD Passes</b> .....	8	Bob Berry, 1970
<b>Most Consecutive Passes Attempted, None Intercepted</b>	113	Bob Berry, 1969
<b>Most Consecutive Games Pass Receptions</b> .....	57	Alfred Jenkins, 1975-79
<b>Most Consecutive Games Touchdown Passes</b> .....	6	4 Times. Last time, Alfred Jenkins, 1976
<b>Most Consecutive Games Passes Intercepted</b> .....	4	Ken Reaves (Last 3 games 1970, 1st Game, 1971)

# Individual Career Records

## SCORING

<b>Most Points</b> .....	1.	270	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
	2.	186	Jim Mitchell, 1969-79 (28 Pass, 1 Run, 2 Rets)
	3.	156	Haskel Stanback, 1974-77 (25 Run, 1 Pass)
<b>Most Touchdowns</b> .....	1.	31	Jim Mitchell, 1969-79 (1 Run, 28 Pass, 2 Rets)
	2.	26	Haskel Stanback, 1974-79 (25 Run, 1 Pass)
	3.	24	Art Malone, 1970-74 (18 Run, 6 Pass)
<b>Most Points After Touchdown Attempted</b> .....	1.	105	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
	2.	64	Bill Bell, 1971-72
	3.	56	Tim Mazzetti, 1978-
<b>Most Points After Touchdown</b> .....	1.	102	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
	2.	60	Bill Bell, 1971-72
	3.	50	Bob Etter, 1968-69
<b>Most Field Goals Attempted</b>	1.	104	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
	2.	51	Bill Bell, 1971-72
		51	Bob Etter, 1968-69
<b>Most Field Goals</b> .....	1.	56	Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
	2.	29	Bill Bell, 1971-72
	3.	26	Bob Etter, 1968-69
		26	Tim Mazzetti, 1978-

## RUSHING

<b>Most Attempts</b> .....	1.	885	Dave Hampton, 1972-76
	2.	728	Haskel Stanback, 1974-
	3.	609	Jim Butler, 1968-71
<b>Most Yards Gained</b> .....	1.	3490	Dave Hampton, 1972-76
	2.	2662	Haskel Stanback, 1974-
	3.	2250	Jim Butler, 1968-71
<b>Most Games Over 100 Yards</b> .....	1.	7	Dave Hampton, 1972-76
<b>Highest Average Gain (100 Attempts per season)</b> .....	1.	4.0	Art Malone, 1970-74 (532-2118)
	2.	3.9	Dave Hampton, 1972-76 (885-3490)
	3.	3.8	Junior Coffey, 1966-67, 69 (428-1612)
<b>Most Touchdowns Rushing</b> .....	1.	25	Haskel Stanback, 1974-
	2.	18	Art Malone, 1970-74
	3.	17	Dave Hampton, 1972-76

## PASSING

<b>Most Passes Attempted</b> . . .	1.	1279	Steve Bartkowski, 1975- (626 comp)
	2.	1049	Bob Berry, 1968-72 (598 completions)
	3.	904	Randy Johnson, 1966-70 (435 completions)
<b>Most Passes Completed</b> . . .	1.	626	Steve Bartkowski, 1975- (1279 attempts)
	2.	598	Bob Berry, 1968-72 (1049 attempts)
	3.	435	Randy Johnson, 1966-70 (904 attempts)
<b>Highest Passing Percentage (140 Attempts per season)</b>	1.	57.0	Bob Berry, 1968-72 (1049-598)
	2.	49.7	Steve Bartkowski, 1975- (1259-626)
	3.	49.3	Bob Lee, 1973-74 (402-198)
<b>Most Yards Passing</b> . . . . .	1.	8489	Bob Berry, 1968-72
	2.	8126	Steve Bartkowski, 1975-
	3.	5538	Randy Johnson, 1966-70
<b>Most Games 300 Yards or More Passing</b> . . . . .	1.	3	Steve Bartkowski, 1975-
	2.	3	Bob Berry, 1968-72
	3.	0	None
<b>Most Touchdown Passes</b> . .	1.	57	Bob Berry, 1968-72
	2.	47	Steve Bartkowski 1975-
	3.	34	Randy Johnson, 1966-70
<b>Fewest Passes had Intercepted (140 Attempts per season)</b>	1.	22	Bob Lee, 1973-74 (402 attempts)
	2.	56	Bob Berry, 1968-72 (1049 attempts)
	3.	56	None
<b>Most Passes Had Intercepted</b> . . . . .	1.	65	Randy Johnson, 1966-70
	2.	62	Steve Bartkowski, 1975-
	3.	56	Bob Berry, 1968-72

## PUNTING

<b>Most Punts</b> . . . . .	1.	707	John James, 1972-
	2.	424	Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
	3.	16	Bill Bell, 1971-72
<b>Highest Punting Average</b> . . .	1.	41.3	Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
	2.	41.0	John James, 1972-
	3.	36.1	Bill Bell, 1971-72

## PUNT RETURNS

<b>Most Punt Returns</b> . . . . .	1.	107	Rolland Lawrence, 1973-
	2.	61	Ray Brown, 1971-77
	3.	47	Billy Ryckman, 1977-
<b>Most Yards Gained Punt Returns</b> . . . . .	1.	745	Rolland Lawrence, 1973-
	2.	540	Ray Brown, 1971-77
	3.	413	Al Dodd, 1973-74

**Highest Average Punt**

Returns	1.	11.8	Al Dodd, 1973-74 (35)
	2.	8.9	Ray Brown, 1971-77 (61)
	3.	6.9	Rolland Lawrence (105)

**Most Punt Returns for Touchdowns**

1.	1	Tom McCauley, 1969-70
	1	John Mallory, 1969-70
	1	Gerald Tinker, 1974

**KICKOFF RETURNS**

Most Kickoff Returns	1.	82	Ron Smith, 1966-67
	2.	77	Jim Butler, 1968-71
	3.	55	Dennis Pearson, 1978-

**Most Yards Gained Kickoff Returns**

1.	1989	Ron Smith, 1966-67 (82 Returns)
2.	1860	Jim Butler, 1968-71 (77 Returns)
3.	1239	Dennis Pearson, 1978 (55 Returns)

**Highest Average Kickoff Returns (20 or more returns)**

1.	24.3	Ron Smith, 1966-67 (82 Returns)
2.	24.2	Jim Butler, 1968-71 (77 Returns)
3.	24.1	Gerald Tinker, 1974-75 (42 Returns)

**Most Touchdowns**

1.	1	Ron Smith, 1966-67
	1	Malcolm Snider, 1969-72
	1	Dennis Pearson, 1978

**PASS RECEIVING**

Most Pass Receptions	1.	305	Jim Mitchell, 1969-1979
	2.	170	Alfred Jenkins, 1975-
	3.	160	Wallace Francis, 1975-

**Most Yards Gained**

1.	4348	Jim Mitchell, 1969-1979
2.	3040	Alfred Jenkins, 1975-
3.	2668	Ken Burrow, 1971-75

**Most Touchdown Passes**

1.	28	Jim Mitchell, 1969-1979
2.	21	Ken Burrow, 1971-75
3.	19	Alfred Jenkins, 1975-

**INTERCEPTIONS**

Most Interceptions	1.	36	Rolland Lawrence, 1973-
	2.	31	Ray Brown, 1971-77
	3.	29	Ken Reaves, 1966-75

**Most Yards Gained, Interceptions**

1.	621	Rolland Lawrence, 1973-
2.	574	Ray Brown, 1971-77
3.	501	Rolland Lawrence, 1973-

**Most Touchdowns, Interceptions**

1.	2	Ray Brown, 1971-77
	2	Tom Hayes, 1971-75
	2	Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
	2	Robert Pennywell, 1977-

# Year-by-Year Scores

1966 (3-11)

## Seventh Place, Eastern Conference

Coach: Norb Hecker

	Atl.	Opp.	
Los Angeles	14	19	(L) 54,418
at Philadelphia	10	23	(L) 54,049
at Detroit	10	28	(L) 47,615
Dallas	14	47	(L) 56,990
at Washington	20	33	(L) 50,116
San Francisco	7	44	(L) 54,788
at Green Bay	3	56	(L) 48,623
Cleveland	17	49	(L) 57,235
Baltimore	7	19	(L) 58,850
at New York Giants	27	16	(W) 62,746
at Chicago	6	23	(L) 44,777
at Minnesota	20	13	(W) 37,117
St. Louis	16	10	(W) 57,169
Pittsburgh	33	57	(L) 56,229

1967 (1-12-1)

## Fourth Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norb Hecker

	Atl.	Opp.	
at Baltimore	31	38	(L) 56,715
at San Francisco	7	38	(L) 30,207
at Green Bay	0	23	(L) 49,467
Philadelphia	7	38	(L) 53,868
Washington	20	20	(T) 56,538
at Detroit	3	24	(L) 50,601
Minnesota	21	20	(W) 52,859
at Dallas	7	37	(L) 54,751
Baltimore	7	49	(L) 58,850
Los Angeles	3	31	(L) 56,871
at New Orleans	24	17	(L) 83,437
at Los Angeles	3	20	(L) 46,395
San Francisco	28	34	(L) 51,798
Chicago	14	23	(L) 54,107

1968 (2-12)

## Fourth Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norb Van Brocklin (2-9) Norm Hecker (0-3)

	Atl.	Opp.	
at Minnesota	7	47	(L) 45,563
Baltimore	20	28	(L) 50,428
at San Francisco	13	28	(L) 27,471
Green Bay	7	38	(L) 58,850
New York Giants	24	21	(W) 49,962
at Los Angeles	14	27	(L) 54,443
at Cleveland	7	30	(L) 67,723
Pittsburgh	21	41	(L) 47,727
Los Angeles	10	17	(L) 53,979
at Chicago	16	13	(W) 44,214
at St. Louis	12	17	(W) 43,246
at Baltimore	0	44	(L) 60,238
Detroit	7	24	(L) 49,437
San Francisco	12	14	(L) 44,977

1969 (6-8)

## Third Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norb Van Brocklin

	Atl.	Opp.	
San Francisco	24	12	(W) 45,940
at Los Angeles	7	17	(L) 58,031
Baltimore	14	21	(L) 57,806
Dallas	17	24	(L) 54,633
at San Francisco	21	7	(W) 28,684
at Green Bay	10	28	(L) 50,861
Los Angeles	6	38	(L) 58,850
at Detroit	21	27	(L) 53,242
Chicago	48	31	(W) 53,722
at Washington	20	27	(L) 50,345
at Baltimore	6	13	(L) 60,238
New Orleans	45	17	(W) 51,021
at Philadelphia	27	3	(W) 60,658
Minnesota	10	3	(W) 52,872

1970 (4-8-2)

## Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norb Van Brocklin

	Atl.	Opp.	
at New Orleans	14	3	(W) 77,042
at Green Bay	24	27	(L) 56,263
San Francisco	21	20	(W) 58,850
at Dallas	0	13	(L) 53,611
at Denver	10	24	(L) 50,705
New Orleans	32	14	(W) 58,850
Chicago	14	23	(L) 58,850
at Los Angeles	10	10	(T) 67,232
at Philadelphia	13	13	(T) 55,425
Los Angeles	7	17	(L) 58,850
Miami	7	20	(L) 54,036
at San Francisco	20	24	(L) 41,387
Pittsburgh	27	16	(W) 54,162
Minnesota	7	37	(L) 57,992

1971 (7-6-1)

## Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norb Van Brocklin

	Atl.	Opp.	
San Francisco	20	17	(W) 56,990
at Los Angeles	20	20	(T) 57,895
at Detroit	38	41	(L) 54,418
St. Louis	9	26	(L) 58,850
Los Angeles	16	24	(L) 58,850
New Orleans	28	6	(W) 58,850
at Cleveland	31	14	(W) 76,825
at Cincinnati	9	6	(W) 59,604
New York Giants	17	21	(L) 58,850
Green Bay	28	21	(W) 58,850
at Minnesota	7	24	(L) 49,784
Oakland	24	13	(W) 58,850
at San Francisco	3	24	(L) 44,582
at New Orleans	24	20	(W) 75,954

1972 (4-8-2)

## Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norb Van Brocklin

	All.	Opp.		
at Chicago	37	21	(W)	55,701
at New England	20	21	(L)	60,999
Los Angeles	31	3	(W)	58,850
Detroit	23	26	(L)	58,850
at New Orleans	21	14	(W)	66,294
at Green Bay (Mil)	10	9	(W)	47,967
San Francisco	14	49	(L)	58,850
at Los Angeles	7	20	(L)	75,018
New Orleans	36	20	(W)	58,850
at Washington	13	24	(L)	53,039
Denver	23	20	(W)	58,850
Houston	20	10	(W)	58,850
at San Francisco	0	20	(L)	61,214
Kansas City	14	17	(L)	58,850

1973 (9-5)

## Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norb Van Brocklin

	All.	Opp.		
at New Orleans	62	7	(W)	66,428
at Los Angeles	0	31	(L)	64,528
at Detroit	6	31	(L)	45,519
San Francisco	9	13	(L)	58,850
Chicago	46	6	(W)	58,850
at San Diego	41	0	(W)	41,527
at San Francisco	17	3	(W)	56,825
Los Angeles	15	13	(W)	58,850
at Philadelphia	44	27	(W)	63,114
Minnesota	20	14	(W)	58,850
at New York Jets	28	20	(W)	61,327
Buffalo	6	17	(L)	58,850
St. Louis	10	32	(L)	58,850
New Orleans	14	10	(W)	58,850

1974 (3-11)

## Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norb Van Brocklin (2-6)

Marion Campbell (1-5)

	All.	Opp.		
Dallas	0	24	(L)	57,322
San Francisco	0	16	(L)	47,686
at New Orleans	13	14	(L)	62,273
at New York Giants	14	7	(W)	50,415
Chicago	3	10	(W)	47,835
New Orleans	3	13	(L)	47,127
at Pittsburgh	17	24	(L)	48,094
at Miami	7	42	(L)	64,399
at Los Angeles	0	21	(L)	70,056
Baltimore	7	17	(L)	41,278
at San Francisco	0	17	(L)	45,435
Los Angeles	7	30	(L)	18,648
at Minnesota	10	23	(L)	47,105
Green Bay	10	3	(W)	10,020

1975 (4-10)

## Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell

	All.	Opp.		
at St. Louis	20	23	(L)	42,172
Detroit	14	17	(L)	45,218
New Orleans	14	7	(W)	29,444
at San Francisco	17	3	(W)	44,043
at Los Angeles	7	22	(L)	64,843
Cincinnati	14	21	(L)	45,811
at New Orleans	7	23	(L)	49,342
at Minnesota	0	38	(L)	43,751
Los Angeles	7	16	(L)	44,595
Denver	35	21	(W)	28,686
at Oakland (OT)	34	37	(L)	50,860
Washington	27	30	(L)	52,809
San Francisco	31	9	(W)	38,501
at Green Bay	13	22	(L)	56,267

1976 (4-10)

## Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell (1-4)

Pat Peppler (3-6)

	All.	Opp.		
Los Angeles	14	30	(L)	53,607
at Detroit	10	24	(L)	50,840
at Chicago	10	0	(W)	41,029
Philadelphia	13	14	(L)	45,535
at New Orleans	0	30	(L)	51,521
Cleveland	17	20	(L)	33,364
at San Francisco	0	15	(L)	50,240
New Orleans	23	20	(W)	34,127
at Seattle	13	30	(L)	57,985
San Francisco	21	16	(W)	20,058
Dallas	17	10	(W)	54,992
at Houston	14	20	(L)	25,838
at Los Angeles	0	59	(L)	57,366
Green Bay	20	24	(L)	23,436

1977 (7-7)

## Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Leeman Bennett

	All.	Opp.		
Los Angeles	17	6	(W)	55,956
at Washington	6	10	(L)	55,031
New York Giants	17	3	(W)	46,374
at San Francisco	7	0	(W)	38,009
at Buffalo	0	3	(L)	27,348
at Chicago	16	10	(W)	49,407
Minnesota	7	14	(L)	59,257
San Francisco	3	10	(L)	46,577
Detroit	17	6	(W)	47,451
at New Orleans	20	21	(L)	43,135
at Tampa Bay	17	0	(W)	43,592
New England	10	16	(L)	57,911
at Los Angeles	7	23	(L)	52,574
New Orleans	35	7	(W)	36,895

1978 (9-7)

## Second Place, NFC Western Division

## NFC Wildcard Team

Coach: Leeman Bennett

	Att.	Opp.			
Houston	10	14	(W)	57,328	
at Los Angeles	0	10	(L)	46,201	
Cleveland	16	24	(L)	56,648	
at Tampa Bay	9	14	(L)	58,072	
New York Giants	23	20	(W)	47,765	
at Pittsburgh	7	31	(L)	48,202	
Detroit	14	0	(W)	51,172	
at San Francisco	20	17	(W)	34,133	
Los Angeles	15	7	(W)	57,250	
San Francisco	21	10	(W)	55,488	
New Orleans	20	17	(W)	70,323	
at Chicago	7	13	(L)	46,022	
New Orleans	20	17	(W)	55,121	
at Cincinnati	7	37	(L)	25,601	
Washington	20	17	(W)	54,178	
at St. Louis	21	42	(L)	40,022	

1979 (6-10)

## Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Leeman Bennett

	Att.	Opp.			
at New Orleans	40	34	(W)	70,940	
at Philadelphia	14	10	(W)	55,935	
Denver	17	20	(L)	57,677	
at Detroit	23	24	(L)	56,249	
Washington	7	16	(L)	56,819	
Green Bay	25	7	(W)	56,184	
at Oakland	19	50	(L)	52,900	
at San Francisco	15	20	(L)	33,952	
Seattle	28	31	(L)	52,566	
Tampa Bay	17	14	(W)	55,150	
at New York Giants	3	24	(L)	60,860	
at Los Angeles	14	20	(L)	54,097	
New Orleans	6	37	(L)	42,815	
at San Diego	28	26	(W)	50,198	
Los Angeles	13	34	(L)	49,236	
San Francisco	31	21	(W)	37,211	

## Falcons vs. The NFL

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Falcons vs. Baltimore	0	8	0	.000	92	229
Falcons vs. Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	6	20
Falcons vs. Chicago	7	4	0	.636	227	173
Falcons vs. Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	30	64
Falcons vs. Cleveland	1	4	0	.200	88	137
Falcons vs. Dallas	1	6	0	.143	75	182
Falcons vs. Denver	2	2	0	.500	85	85
Falcons vs. Detroit	2	10	0	.166	186	272
Falcons vs. Green Bay	4	7	0	.363	150	258
Falcons vs. Houston	2	1	0	.666	54	44
Falcons vs. Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	14	17
Falcons vs. Los Angeles	4	21	2	.160	264	585
Falcons vs. Miami	0	2	0	.000	14	62
Falcons vs. Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	109	233
Falcons vs. New England	0	2	0	.000	30	37
Falcons vs. New Orleans	15	7	0	.681	501	378
Falcons vs. New York Giants	5	2	0	.714	125	112
Falcons vs. New York Jets	1	0	0	1.000	28	20
Falcons vs. Oakland	1	2	0	.333	77	100
Falcons vs. Philadelphia	4	3	1	.571	142	141
Falcons vs. Pittsburgh	1	4	0	.200	105	169
Falcons vs. St. Louis	1	5	0	.166	88	150
Falcons vs. San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	69	26
Falcons vs. San Francisco	12	15	0	.444	392	511
Falcons vs. Seattle	0	2	0	.000	41	61
Falcons vs. Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.666	43	28
Falcons vs. Washington	1	6	1	.142	133	177

# Preseason Records

1966 (1-4)	
Philadelphia at Atlanta (26,072)	7-9
St. Louis at St. Louis (34,303)	10-20
N.Y. Giants at Nashville (20,945)	7-14
Cleveland at Atlanta (48,548)	3-42
San Francisco at Columbia (21,780)	24-17

1967 (2-2-1)	
N.Y. Giants at Ithaca (20,000)	10-10
Miami at Miami (50,822)	27-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (52,240)	34-31
Minnesota at Cleveland (1st game of doubleheader) (64,236)	3-16
N.O. at New Orleans (67,486)	14-27

1968 (1-4)	
Washington at Tampa (42,180)	14-16
N.Y. Giants at Nashville (14,455)	13-17
N.Y. Jets at Birmingham (27,406)	12-27
N.O. at Atlanta (49,832)	16-10
Miami at Miami (36,122)	13-19

1969 (2-4)	
Philadelphia at Portland (21,625)	13-7
Boston at Boston (24,084)	34-16
Washington at Atlanta (56,990)	7-24
N.O. at New Orleans (69,898)	17-21
K.C. at Kansas City (37,273)	10-14
Green Bay at Canton (17,411)	24-38

1970 (4-1)	
N.Y. Jets at Winston-Salem (19,700)	33-7
Washington at Washington (35,186)	13-21
Kansas City at Atlanta (56,990)	22-17
Buffalo at Buffalo (30,869)	10-7
Miami at Miami (50,259)	20-17

1971 (3-2)	
Kansas City at K.C. (37,403)	10-12
Denver at Memphis (22,474)	27-10
Buffalo at Atlanta (53,090)	35-24
New England at Foxboro (48,631)	45-35
San Diego at San Diego (32,555)	14-21

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

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
Atlanta 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)	28-7

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

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

# Falcon Red Letter Date

1964

**April 15**—Ground is broken for Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

1965

**June 30**—Rankin M. Smith, 41-year-old Executive Vice President of Life Insurance Company of Georgia, is awarded NFL franchise for approximately \$8.5 million. **Aug. 20**—"Five Smiths, Inc.," so named for Smith's five children, is registered as corporate name for team. **Aug. 24**—Stockholders are listed as Lindsey Hopkins, Jr., Howard Dobbs, Jr., Cody Laird, Jr., I. M. Sheffield, III, Dorothy Laird Williams, W. Barrett Howell, and M. E. Kilpatrick. **Aug. 29**—Miss Julia Elliott, Griffin, Ga., school teacher is notified that her suggested nickname of the "Falcons" has been chosen to name the team. **Sept. 9**—Bob Paremora of Florida A&M and Gary Barnes of Clemson are the first players signed. **Nov. 27**—Tommy Nobis, All-American linebacker from Univ. of Texas, and quarterback Randy Johnson of Texas A&I are co-first round choices. **Dec. 24**—When season ticket sales reach 45,000, ticket sales are stopped.

1966

**Jan. 26**—Norb Hecker, a member of Vince Lombardi's staff at Green Bay, is named head coach. **Feb. 15**—Expansion draft finds Falcons selecting 42 players, three each from the 14 established teams. **March 26**—YMCA camp near Asheville, N.C., Blue Ridge Assembly, is named site of Falcons' first training camp. **June 8**—The NFL-AFL Merger announced. **June 14**—Frank Wall is named Vice President & Treasurer. **July 2**—Training Camp opens. **Aug. 1**—Falcons lose 9-7 to Philadelphia in first preseason game. **Sept. 11**—Los Angeles defeats Falcons 19-14 in first regular season game. A 53-yard pass from quarterback Randy Johnson to wide receiver Gary Barnes nets Atlanta its first touchdown. **Nov. 30**—Atlanta defeats New York Giants 27-16 for its first victory. **Dec. 11**—Falcons defeat St. Louis, 16-10, for first Atlanta Stadium victory.

1967

**Jan. 31**—Frank Wall elevated to role of General Manager. **July 18**—Training camp site shifts to Johnson City, Tenn., and campus of East Tennessee State Univ. **Dec. 15**—Tommy Nobis named All-Pro, thus becoming Atlanta's first player to be honored.

1968

**Jan. 22**—Tom Braatz is promoted from scout to Director of Player Personnel. **May 13**—Team emblem is replaced on sleeve of jerseys by stripes. **Oct. 1**—Norm Van Brocklin is named head coach, replacing Norb Hecker.

1969

**Sept. 21**—Falcons win first seasonal opener, beating San Francisco, 21-7. **Oct. 29**—Running back, Junior Coffey, last of the 42 original expansion draftees, is traded to N. Y. Giants. **Dec. 21**—Atlanta defeats Minnesota, 10-7, stopping Vikings 12-game winning streak and giving Falcons 6-8-1 record, best in club history.

## 1970

**Jan. 6**—Frank Wall raised to rank of team president, Rankin M. Smith to Chairman of the Board, and Van Brocklin adds title of General Manager. **Sept. 12**—Team concludes finest preseason (4-1) of its history with 20-17 conquest of Miami.

## 1971

**Jan. 3**—For first time in team history, ticket prices are raised. Most seats increase in price \$6.00 to \$7.50. **July 19**.—Furman University in Greenville, S.C., becomes the third home of Falcons' training camp. **Oct. 25**—Van Brocklin is given new multi-year contract. **Dec. 19**—Falcons post first winning season in history (7-6-1) after wide receiver Ken Burrow pulls in winning touchdown pass from quarterback Bob Berry in 24-20 victory over New Orleans.

## 1972

**Oct. 1**—Running back Dave Hampton scores two touchdowns and rushes for team record 161 yards as Falcons defeat Los Angeles, 31-3, for club's first victory ever over the Rams. Teammate Art Malone also rushes for 103 yards, marking first time in Atlanta's seven-year history that two backs have gained 100 yards or more rushing in one game.

## 1973

**May 14**—Falcons trade Bob Berry and a number one draft choice to Minnesota for veterans Bob Lee and Lonnie Warwick. **Sept. 16**—Smashing 35 team records, Falcons defeat New Orleans, 62-7, in season opener. **Nov. 4**—Nick Mike-Mayer kicks five field goals as Atlanta defeats Los Angeles, 15-13. **Nov. 17**—Falcon winning streak reaches a club record seven games with defeat of N.Y. Jets, 28-20.

## 1974

**Nov. 5**—Norm Van Brocklin fired as Head Coach/General Manager. **Nov. 6**—Marion Campbell, Atlanta's defensive coordinator, is named Head Coach.

## 1975

**Jan. 9**—Marion Campbell signed to new contract as head coach. **Jan. 27**—Falcons trade offensive tackle George Kunz and a draft choice to Baltimore for the number one pick in 1975 NFL draft. Atlanta also got Colts' sixth choice (used on Fulton Kuykendall). **Jan. 28**—Steve Bartkowski selected as No. 1 draft choice in the country. **Feb. 26**—Pat Pepler is named Falcon General Manager. **Dec. 21**.—Running back Dave Hampton becomes only Falcon to every gain 1,000 yards in season with 61 yards against Green Bay in final game of the year.

## 1976

**Oct. 11**—Marion Campbell is fired as head coach, and Pat Pepler named as interim head coach.

## 1977

**Feb. 1**.—Eddie LeBaron is named General Manager, while Rankin M. Smith, Jr., is named President of the Club. **Feb. 3**—Leeman Bennett named Falcon

Head Coach. **Nov. 27**—Falcons limit Tampa Bay to only 78 yards in a 17-0 victory to establish a club record for fewest yards allowed in a single game. **Dec. 18**—Falcons defeat New Orleans 35-7, thus limiting opponents to 129 points for the season, a modern-day record for a 14-game season.

### 1978

**Apr. 3**.—Ground broken for construction of new year-round training facility in Suwanee, Ga. **Aug. 19**—Falcons unveil new uniforms, which are currently worn by team. **Oct. 15**—Falcons record first ever shoutout in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium with 14-0 defeat of Detroit. **Oct. 30**—Tim Mazzetti kicks five field goals to give Falcons 15-7 Monday Night victory over Los Angeles. **Dec. 16**—Falcons clinch first ever playoff berth when Chicago defeats Washington. Atlanta had beaten Redskins 20-17 previous week to move into playoff position. **Dec. 24**—Steve Bartkowski throws two touchdown passes in final eight minutes to spark 14-13 Atlanta victory over Philadelphia in NFC Wildcard Playoff Game. **Dec. 30**—Falcons lose closely-contested playoff contest 27-20 at Dallas after leading 20-13 at halftime.

### 1979

**Sept. 2**—William Andrews establishes new club single game rushing record with 167 yard performance at New Orleans as offensive records fall in 40-34 Atlanta overtime win. **Sept. 16**—Steve Bartkowski establishes new club single game passing record with 326 yards (20 of 29) against Denver, but Broncos win 20-17 in overtime. **Oct. 14**—Lynn Cain becomes first Falcon player to ever score three touchdowns in a single game as catches two touchdown passes and rushes for another score against Oakland. **Dec. 16**—Andrews establishes new Falcon single season rushing record of 1,023 yards as he gains yards in 31-21 victory over 49ers.



*Rookie William Andrews receives congratulations from O. J. Simpson after breaking Falcon Rushing Record during Simpsons' final game.*

# 1980 Playoff Pairings and Priority

1. **First Round**—Wild cards play each other. Home clubs will be the clubs with the best won-lost percentage in the regular season. If tied in record, apply all applicable divisional tie-breakers.

2. **Other Rounds**—Sites for the AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs and the AFC and NFC Championship Games are determined by the won-lost records of the divisional champions.

## Division Ties

If, at the end of the regular season, two or more clubs in the same division finish with the best won-lost-tied percentage, 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 two clubs remain tied after a third club is eliminated during any step, tie-breaker reverts to Step One of two-club format.)

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.

## Wild Card Ties

If necessary to break ties to determine the two Wild Card clubs from each conference, the following steps will be taken:

1. If all 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 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.

### Three or More Clubs

(Note: If two clubs remain tied after third or other clubs eliminated, tie-breaker reverts to Step One of applicable two-club format.)

1. Head-to-head sweep (applicable only if one club has defeated each of the others or one club has lost to each of the others.)
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 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.

# 1980 AFC SCHEDULES

	BALTIMORE COLTS
Sept 7—at New York Jets	
Sept 14—PITTSBURGH	
Sept 21—at Houston	
Sept 28—NEW YORK JETS	
Oct 5—at Miami	
Oct 12—at Buffalo	
Oct 19—NEW ENGLAND	
Oct 26—ST. LOUIS	
Nov 2—at Kansas City	
Nov 9—CLEVELAND	
Nov 16—at Detroit	
Nov 23—at New York	
Nov 30—BUFFALO	
Dec 7—at Cincinnati	
Dec 14—MIAMI	
Dec 21—KANSAS CITY	

	BUFFALO BILLS
Sept 7—MIAMI	
Sept 14—NEW YORK JETS	
Sept 21—at New Orleans	
Sept 28—OAKLAND	
Oct 5—at San Diego	
Oct 12—BALTIMORE	
Oct 19—at Miami	
Oct 26—NEW ENGLAND	
Nov 2—ATLANTA	
Nov 9—at New York Jets	
Nov 16—at Cincinnati	
Nov 23—PITTSBURGH	
Nov 30—at Baltimore	
Dec 7—LOS ANGELES	
Dec 14—at New England	
Dec 21—at San Francisco	

	CINCINNATI BENGALS
Sept 7—TAMPA BAY	
Sept 14—at Miami	
Sept 21—PITTSBURGH	
Sept 28—HOUSTON	
Oct 5—at Green Bay	
Oct 12—at Pittsburgh	
Oct 19—MINNESOTA	
Oct 26—at Houston	
Nov 2—SAN DIEGO	
Nov 9—at Oakland	
Nov 16—at Buffalo	
Nov 23—at Cleveland	
Nov 30—at Kansas City	
Dec 7—BALTIMORE	
Dec 14—at Chicago	
Dec 21—CLEVELAND	

	CLEVELAND BROWNS
Sept 7—at New England	
Sept 15—HOUSTON (Mon)	
Sept 21—KANSAS CITY	
Sept 28—at Tampa Bay	
Oct 5—DENVER	
Oct 12—at Seattle	
Oct 19—GREEN BAY	
Oct 26—PITTSBURGH	
Nov 3—CHICAGO (Mon)	
Nov 9—at Baltimore	
Nov 16—at Pittsburgh	
Nov 23—CINCINNATI	
Nov 30—at Houston	
Dec 7—NEW YORK JETS	
Dec 14—at Minnesota	
Dec 21—at Cincinnati	

	DENVER BRONCOS
Sept 7—at Philadelphia	
Sept 14—DALLAS	
Sept 21—SAN DIEGO	
Sept 29—at New England (Mon)	
Oct 5—at Cleveland	
Oct 13—WASHINGTON (Mon)	
Oct 19—KANSAS CITY	
Oct 26—at New York Giants	
Nov 2—HOUSTON	
Nov 9—at San Diego	
Nov 16—NEW YORK JETS	
Nov 23—SEATTLE	
Dec 1—at Oakland (Mon)	
Dec 7—at Kansas City	
Dec 14—OAKLAND	
Dec 21—at Seattle	

	HOUSTON OILERS
Sept 7—at Pittsburgh	
Sept 15—at Cleveland (Mon)	
Sept 21—BALTIMORE	
Sept 28—at Cincinnati	
Oct 5—SEATTLE	
Oct 12—at Kansas City	
Oct 19—TAMPA BAY	
Oct 26—CINCINNATI	
Nov 2—at Denver	
Nov 9—NEW ENGLAND (Mon)	
Nov 16—at Chicago	
Nov 23—at New York Jets	
Nov 30—CLEVELAND	
Dec 4—PITTSBURGH (Thurs)	
Dec 11—at Green Bay	
Dec 21—MINNESOTA	

	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
Sept 7—OAKLAND	
Sept 14—SEATTLE	
Sept 21—at Cleveland	
Sept 28—SAN DIEGO	
Oct 5—at Oakland	
Oct 12—HOUSTON	
Oct 19—at Denver	
Oct 26—DETROIT	
Nov 2—BALTIMORE	
Nov 9—at Seattle	
Nov 16—at San Diego	
Nov 23—at St. Louis	
Nov 30—CINCINNATI	
Dec 7—DENVER	
Dec 14—at Pittsburgh	
Dec 21—at Baltimore	

	MIAMI DOLPHINS
Sept 7—at Buffalo	
Sept 14—CINCINNATI	
Sept 21—at Atlanta	
Sept 28—NEW ORLEANS	
Oct 5—BALTIMORE	
Oct 12—at New England	
Oct 19—BUFFALO	
Oct 27—at New York Jets (Mon)	
Nov 2—at Oakland	
Nov 9—at Los Angeles	
Nov 16—SAN FRANCISCO	
Nov 20—SAN DIEGO (Thurs)	
Nov 30—at Pittsburgh	
Dec 8—NEW ENGLAND (Mon)	
Dec 14—at Baltimore	
Dec 20—NEW YORK JETS (Sat)	

	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
Sept 7—CLEVELAND	
Sept 14—ATLANTA	
Sept 21—at Seattle	
Sept 29—DENVER (Mon)	
Oct 5—at New York Jets	
Oct 12—MIAMI	
Oct 19—at Baltimore	
Oct 26—at Buffalo	
Nov 2—NEW YORK JETS	
Nov 9—at Houston (Mon)	
Nov 16—LOS ANGELES	
Nov 23—BALTIMORE	
Nov 30—at San Francisco	
Dec 8—at Miami (Mon)	
Dec 14—BUFFALO	
Dec 21—at New Orleans	

	NEW YORK JETS
Sept 7—BALTIMORE	
Sept 14—at Buffalo	
Sept 21—SAN FRANCISCO	
Sept 28—at Baltimore	
Oct 5—NEW ENGLAND	
Oct 12—at Atlanta	
Oct 19—SEATTLE	
Oct 27—MIAMI (Mon)	
Nov 2—at New England	
Nov 9—BUFFALO	
Nov 16—at Denver	
Nov 23—HOUSTON	
Nov 30—at Los Angeles	
Dec 7—at Cleveland	
Dec 14—NEW ORLEANS	
Dec 20—at Miami (Sat)	

	OAKLAND RAIDERS
Sept 7—at Kansas City	
Sept 14—at San Diego	
Sept 21—WASHINGTON	
Sept 28—at Buffalo	
Oct 5—KANSAS CITY	
Oct 12—SAN DIEGO	
Oct 20—at Pittsburgh (Mon)	
Oct 26—SEATTLE	
Nov 2—MIAMI	
Nov 9—CINCINNATI	
Nov 17—at Seattle (Mon)	
Nov 23—at Philadelphia	
Dec 1—DENVER (Mon)	
Dec 7—DALLAS	
Dec 14—at Denver	
Dec 21—at New York Giants	

	PITTSBURGH STEELERS
Sept 7—HOUSTON	
Sept 14—at Baltimore	
Sept 21—at Cincinnati	
Sept 28—CHICAGO	
Oct 5—at Minnesota	
Oct 12—CINCINNATI	
Oct 20—OAKLAND (Mon)	
Oct 26—at Cleveland	
Nov 2—GREEN BAY	
Nov 9—at Tampa Bay	
Nov 16—CLEVELAND	
Nov 23—at Buffalo	
Nov 30—MIAMI	
Dec 4—at Houston (Thurs)	
Dec 14—KANSAS CITY	
Dec 22—at San Diego (Mon)	

	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS
Sept 7—at Seattle	
Sept 14—OAKLAND	
Sept 21—at Denver	
Sept 28—at Kansas City	
Oct 5—BUFFALO	
Oct 12—at Oakland	
Oct 19—NEW YORK GIANTS	
Oct 26—at Dallas	
Nov 2—at Cincinnati	
Nov 9—DENVER	
Nov 16—KANSAS CITY	
Nov 20—at Miami (Thurs)	
Nov 30—PHILADELPHIA	
Dec 7—at Washington	
Dec 13—SEATTLE (Sat)	
Dec 22—PITTSBURGH (Mon)	

	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS
Sept 7—SAN DIEGO	
Sept 14—at Kansas City	
Sept 21—NEW ENGLAND	
Sept 28—at Washington	
Oct 5—at Houston	
Oct 12—CLEVELAND	
Oct 19—at New York Jets	
Oct 26—at Oakland	
Nov 2—PHILADELPHIA	
Nov 8—KANSAS CITY	
Nov 17—OAKLAND (Mon)	
Nov 23—at Denver	
Nov 27—at Dallas (Thurs)	
Dec 7—NEW YORK GIANTS	
Dec 13—at San Diego (Sat)	
Dec 21—DENVER	



# 1980 NFC SCHEDULES

 <p><b>ATLANTA FALCONS</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—at Minnesota Sept. 14—at New England Sept. 21—MIAMI Sept. 28—at San Francisco Oct. 5—DETROIT Oct. 12—NEW YORK JETS Oct. 19—at New Orleans Oct. 26—LOS ANGELES Nov. 2—at Buffalo Nov. 9—at St. Louis Nov. 16—NEW ORLEANS Nov. 23—CHICAGO Nov. 30—WASHINGTON Dec. 7—at Philadelphia Dec. 14—SAN FRANCISCO Dec. 21—at Los Angeles</p>	 <p><b>CHICAGO BEARS</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—at Green Bay Sept. 14—NEW ORLEANS Sept. 21—MINNESOTA Sept. 28—at Pittsburgh Oct. 6—TAMPA BAY (Mon.) Oct. 12—at Minnesota Oct. 19—DETROIT Oct. 26—at Philadelphia Nov. 3—at Cleveland (Mon.) Nov. 9—WASHINGTON Nov. 16—HOUSTON Nov. 23—at Atlanta Nov. 27—at Detroit (Thanks.) Dec. 7—GREEN BAY Dec. 14—CINCINNATI Dec. 20—at Tampa Bay (Sat.)</p>	 <p><b>DALLAS COWBOYS</b></p> <p>Sept. 8—at Washington (Mon.) Sept. 14—at Denver Sept. 21—TAMPA BAY Sept. 28—vs. Green Bay (Mke.) Oct. 5—NEW YORK GIANTS Oct. 12—SAN FRANCISCO Oct. 19—at Philadelphia Oct. 26—SAN DIEGO Nov. 2—at St. Louis Nov. 9—at New York Giants Nov. 16—ST. LOUIS Nov. 23—WASHINGTON Nov. 27—SEATTLE (Thanks.) Dec. 7—at Oakland Dec. 15—at Los Angeles (Mon.) Dec. 21—PHILADELPHIA</p>	 <p><b>DETROIT LIONS</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—at Los Angeles Sept. 14—vs. Green Bay (Mke.) Sept. 21—ST. LOUIS Sept. 28—MINNESOTA Oct. 5—at Atlanta Oct. 12—NEW ORLEANS Oct. 19—at Chicago Oct. 26—at Kansas City Nov. 2—SAN FRANCISCO Nov. 9—at Minnesota Nov. 16—BALTIMORE Nov. 23—at Tampa Bay Nov. 27—CHICAGO (Thanks.) Dec. 7—at St. Louis Dec. 14—TAMPA BAY Dec. 21—GREEN BAY</p>
 <p><b>GREEN BAY PACKERS</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—CHICAGO Sept. 14—DETROIT (Mke.) Sept. 21—at Los Angeles Sept. 28—DALLAS (Mke.) Oct. 5—CINCINNATI Oct. 12—at Tampa Bay Oct. 19—at Cleveland Oct. 26—MINNESOTA Nov. 2—at Pittsburgh Nov. 9—SAN FRANCISCO (Mke.) Nov. 16—at New York Giants Nov. 23—at Minnesota Nov. 30—TAMPA BAY (Mke.) Dec. 7—at Chicago Dec. 14—HOUSTON Dec. 21—at Detroit</p>	 <p><b>LOS ANGELES RAMS</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—DETROIT Sept. 11—at Tampa Bay (Thurs.) Sept. 21—GREEN BAY Sept. 28—at New York Giants Oct. 5—SAN FRANCISCO Oct. 12—at St. Louis Oct. 19—at San Francisco Oct. 26—at Atlanta Nov. 2—NEW ORLEANS Nov. 9—MIAMI Nov. 16—at New England Nov. 24—at New Orleans (Mon.) Nov. 30—NEW YORK JETS Dec. 7—at Buffalo Dec. 15—DALLAS (Mon.) Dec. 21—ATLANTA</p>	 <p><b>MINNESOTA VIKINGS</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—ATLANTA Sept. 14—PHILADELPHIA Sept. 21—at Chicago Sept. 28—at Detroit Oct. 5—PITTSBURGH Oct. 12—CHICAGO Oct. 19—at Cincinnati Oct. 26—at Green Bay Nov. 2—at Washington Nov. 9—DETROIT Nov. 16—TAMPA BAY Nov. 23—GREEN BAY Nov. 30—at New Orleans Dec. 7—at Tampa Bay Dec. 14—CLEVELAND Dec. 21—at Houston</p>	 <p><b>NEW ORLEANS SAINTS</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—SAN FRANCISCO Sept. 14—at Chicago Sept. 21—BUFFALO Sept. 28—at Miami Oct. 5—ST. LOUIS Oct. 12—at Detroit Oct. 19—ATLANTA Oct. 26—at Washington Nov. 2—at Los Angeles Nov. 9—PHILADELPHIA Nov. 16—at Atlanta Nov. 24—LOS ANGELES (Mon.) Nov. 30—MINNESOTA Dec. 7—at San Francisco Dec. 14—at New York Jets Dec. 21—NEW ENGLAND</p>
 <p><b>NEW YORK GIANTS</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—at St. Louis Sept. 14—WASHINGTON Sept. 22—at Philadelphia (Mon.) Sept. 28—LOS ANGELES Oct. 5—at Dallas Oct. 12—PHILADELPHIA Oct. 19—at San Diego Oct. 26—DENVER Nov. 2—at Tampa Bay Nov. 9—DALLAS Nov. 16—GREEN BAY Nov. 23—at San Francisco Nov. 30—ST. LOUIS Dec. 7—at Seattle Dec. 13—at Washington (Sat.) Dec. 21—OAKLAND</p>	 <p><b>PHILADELPHIA EAGLES</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—DENVER Sept. 14—at Minnesota Sept. 22—NEW YORK GIANTS (Mon.) Sept. 28—at St. Louis Oct. 5—WASHINGTON Oct. 12—at New York Giants Oct. 19—DALLAS Oct. 26—CHICAGO Nov. 2—at Seattle Nov. 9—at New Orleans Nov. 16—at Washington Nov. 23—OAKLAND Nov. 30—at San Diego Dec. 7—ATLANTA Dec. 14—ST. LOUIS Dec. 21—at Dallas</p>	 <p><b>ST. LOUIS CARDINALS</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—NEW YORK GIANTS Sept. 14—at San Francisco Sept. 21—at Detroit Sept. 28—PHILADELPHIA Oct. 5—at New Orleans Oct. 12—LOS ANGELES Oct. 19—at Washington Oct. 26—at Baltimore Nov. 2—DALLAS Nov. 9—ATLANTA Nov. 16—at Dallas Nov. 23—KANSAS CITY Nov. 30—at New York Giants Dec. 7—DETROIT Dec. 14—at Philadelphia Dec. 21—WASHINGTON</p>	 <p><b>SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—at New Orleans Sept. 14—ST. LOUIS Sept. 21—at New York Jets Sept. 28—ATLANTA Oct. 5—at Los Angeles Oct. 12—at Dallas Oct. 19—LOS ANGELES Oct. 26—TAMPA BAY Nov. 2—at Detroit Nov. 9—vs. Green Bay (Mke.) Nov. 16—at Miami Nov. 23—NEW YORK GIANTS Nov. 30—NEW ENGLAND Dec. 7—NEW ORLEANS Dec. 14—at Atlanta Dec. 21—BUFFALO</p>
 <p><b>TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS</b></p> <p>Sept. 7—at Cincinnati Sept. 11—LOS ANGELES (Thurs.) Sept. 21—at Dallas Sept. 28—CLEVELAND Oct. 6—at Chicago (Mon.) Oct. 12—GREEN BAY Oct. 19—at Houston Oct. 26—at San Francisco Nov. 2—NEW YORK GIANTS Nov. 9—PITTSBURGH Nov. 16—at Minnesota Nov. 23—DETROIT Nov. 30—vs. Green Bay (Mke.) Dec. 7—MINNESOTA Dec. 14—at Detroit Dec. 20—CHICAGO (Sat.)</p>	 <p><b>WASHINGTON REDSKINS</b></p> <p>Sept. 8—DALLAS (Mon.) Sept. 14—at New York Giants Sept. 21—at Oakland Sept. 28—SEATTLE Oct. 5—at Philadelphia Oct. 13—at Denver (Mon.) Oct. 19—ST. LOUIS Oct. 26—NEW ORLEANS Nov. 2—MINNESOTA Nov. 9—at Chicago Nov. 16—PHILADELPHIA Nov. 23—at Dallas Nov. 30—at Atlanta Dec. 7—SAN DIEGO Dec. 13—NEW YORK GIANTS (Sat.) Dec. 21—at St. Louis</p>		

# 1979 NFL Standings

## 1979 NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	11	5	0	.688	371	313
Philadelphia	11	5	0	.688	339	282
Washington	10	6	0	.625	348	295
N.Y. Giants	6	10	0	.375	237	323
St. Louis	5	11	0	.312	307	358

### Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Los Angeles	9	7	0	.562	323	309
New Orleans	8	8	0	.500	370	360
Atlanta	6	10	0	.375	300	388
San Francisco	2	14	0	.125	308	416

### Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Tampa Bay	10	6	0	.625	273	237
Chicago	10	6	0	.625	306	249
Minnesota	7	9	0	.438	259	337
Green Bay	5	11	0	.312	246	316
Detroit	2	14	0	.125	219	365

### Wild Card Game

Philadelphia 27, Chicago 17

### Divisional Playoffs

Los Angeles 21, Dallas 19  
Tampa Bay 24, Philadelphia 17

### Championship Game

Los Angeles 9, Tampa Bay 0

## 1979 AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Miami	10	6	0	.625	341	257
New England	9	7	0	.562	411	326
N.Y. Jets	8	8	0	.500	337	383
Buffalo	7	9	0	.438	268	279
Baltimore	5	11	0	.312	271	351

### Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
San Diego	12	4	0	.750	411	246
Denver	10	6	0	.625	289	262
Seattle	9	7	0	.562	378	372
Oakland	9	7	0	.562	365	337
Kansas City	7	9	0	.438	238	262

### Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Pittsburgh	12	4	0	.750	416	262
Houston	11	5	0	.688	362	331
Cleveland	9	7	0	.562	359	352
Cincinnati	4	12	0	.250	337	421

### Wild Card Game

Houston 13, Denver 7

### Divisional Playoffs

Houston 17, San Diego 14  
Pittsburgh 34, Miami 14

### Championship Game

Pittsburgh 27, Houston 13

# 1980 Falcon Radio Network

The Atlanta Falcons 80 station network ranks among the top five in the National Football League and WGST is serving as the flagship station of the network for the fifth consecutive year. This year's network also reaches over six states.

The Falcon radio team consists of Bob Neal as the play-by-play announcer with former Falcon Harmon Wages serving as the color commentator.

Below is a list of stations on the 1980 falcon/WGST Network. For information regarding the Falcon broadcasts in your area, consult your newspapers listings or contact Carol Webster, network coordinator, at (404) 231-0920.

## 1980 WGST/Atlanta Falcons Football Network

(as of July 15, 1980)

Market	Station	Frequency	Market	Station	Frequency
Atlanta	WGST-AM	920	Milledgeville	WMVG-AM	1450
Albany	WALG-AM	1590	Millen	WGSR-AM	
Americus	WISK-AM	1319	McRae	WDAX-AM	
Athens	WGAU-AM	1340	Montezuma	WMNZ-AM	
	WNGC-FM	95.5	Moultrie	WMGA-AM	1130
Augusta	WGUS-AM	1380	Macon	WMAZ-AM	
Bainbridge	WAZA-AM	1360	McDonough	WZAL-AM	
Blakely	WBBK-AM		Newnan	WCOH-AM	
Bremen	WWCC-AM		Rome	WLAQ-AM	1410
Brunswick	WMOG-AM	1490	Reidsville	WTNL-AM	
Cairo	WGRA-AM		Springfield	WGEC-AM	
Canton	WCHK-AM		Sandersville	WSNT-AM	
Conyers	WCGA-AM		Savannah	WWSA-AM	
Cochran	WVMG-AM		Soperton	WYOK-AM	
Claxton	WCLA-AM		Sylvania	WSYL-AM	1490
Columbus	WRCC-AM	1420	Sylvester	WRSB-AM	
Cornelia	WCON-AM		Statesboro	WPTB-AM	
Cordele	WFAV-FM		Tifton	WWGS-AM	
	WMJM-AM		Thomaston	WTGA-AM	
Cumming	WSNE-AM		Thomson	WTHQ-AM	1530
Douglas	WOKA-AM		Warner Robins	WQCK-AM	
Dalton	WTTI-AM	1530	Washington	WLOV-AM	
	WBLJ-AM			WLOV-FM	
Donalsonville	WGMM-FM		Waynesboro	WWGA-AM	
Eastman	WUFF-AM	1260	Waycross	WAYX-AM	1230
Eatonton	WXPO-AM	1520			
Elberton	WSGC-AM		<b>North Carolina</b>		
Fitzgerald	WBHB-AM	1240	Salisbury	WSAT-AM	
Gainesville	WDUN-AM	1240			
Glennville	WKIG-AM	106.3	<b>South Carolina</b>		
Hazelhurst	WVOH-AM		Greenville	WMRB-AM	1490
Hawkinsville	WCEH-AM	103.9	Aiken	WAKN-AM	
Hinesville	WGML-AM				
Homerville	WBTY-FM		<b>Tennessee</b>		
Jasper	WYYZ-AM		Chattanooga	WDEF-AM	
Jackson	WJGA-AM		Nashville	WSM-AM	1260
Jesup	WLOP-AM	1370			
LaFayette	WLFA-AM		<b>Alabama</b>		
Louisville	WPEH-AM	1420	Opelika	WJHO-AM	1400
LaGrange	WEAG-AM		Birmingham	WCRT-AM	1260
Griffin	WKED-AM				
Madison	WYTH-AM		<b>Florida</b>		
Manchester	WFDR-AM		Miami	WIOD-AM	
	WFDR-FM		Jacksonville	WEXI-AM	



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