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LOOKING AHEAD

With a Win vs. Atlanta...

- The **49ers** would improve to 47-30-1 all-time against the Falcons, including a 28-11 record at home. The team's current 46 wins against Atl., are the third-most in franchise history.
- The **Niners** would win their fourth consecutive game against the NFC South. This would mark their longest winning streak against the division since the 2001 season [W, 37-31 at Atl. (10/14/01); W, 28-27 vs. NO (11/11/01); W, 25-22 at Car. (11/18/01); W, 3-0 at NO (1/6/02)].
- San Francisco** would improve to 5-1 in games prior to the team's BYE Week, since 2010.

MOST WINS VS. OPPONENT IN FRANCHISE HISTORY

Team	Wins
1. Rams	65
2. Saints	48
3. Falcons	46
4. Lions	37
5. Bears	32

THE LAST TIMES THEY'VE MET

In their last two meetings, the 49ers and Falcons have matched up with dramatic endings.

- In 2013, the 49ers took on the Falcons in the team's final game at Candlestick Park. With the Falcons driving late in the game, it was LB **NaVorro Bowman** who came up big. CB **Tramaine Brock** broke up a Falcons QB Matt Ryan pass that Bowman intercepted and returned 89-yds. for the touchdown. The play gave the 49ers a 34-24 lead and the victory.



- The year prior, San Francisco defeated Atlanta, 28-24, in the 2012 NFC Championship. With the Falcons driving, it was a Bowman pass breakup late in the 4th Qtr. that sealed the victory which sent the Niners to Super Bowl XLVII.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Atlanta Falcons QB Matt Ryan on LB NaVorro Bowman...

"NaVorro's a great player. I think he's looked really, really good. He's gotten better as the year has gone on. I'm sure that he's feeling more like himself out there, but he's as good a linebacker as there is in this league. He's physical. Plays really, really well against the run. When they pressure with him, he's very good at blitzing and he's great in pass coverage. So, he's a tough player to go against."

Atlanta Falcons Head Coach Dan Quinn on the San Francisco 49ers...

"It's a really classy organization that has had tons of success. So, I was fortunate to be able to start my career there. Some really unique guys, from Bill Walsh to Terry Donahue, Bill McPherson and Steve Mariucci. There were all these unique guys where I went there and thought I knew some things about football and I got there and was like, man, I don't know anything about football."

Atlanta Falcons Defensive Coordinator Richard Smith on the 49ers running game/Running Backs Coach Tom Rathman...

"Hyde's a strong, physical runner that can break tackles and I've got a lot of respect for Tom Rathman. I worked there for 6 years with Tom and a couple of years in Detroit. Whoever their backs are, he'll have them ready to go. Not only running the ball, but also in pass protection. He's a really, really fine football coach."

GOLDEN NUGGETS

- K **Phil Dawson** has made 13 consecutive FGs on the season and at least one made FG in 5 straight games. Last week against StL, he connected on a 54-yd. FG, his 12th as a member of the 49ers, the most in franchise history.

MOST FGM FROM 50+ YDs., FRANCHISE HISTORY

Player	FGM
1. Phil Dawson	12
2. Joe Nedney	10
3. David Akers	9
4. Mike Cofer	5
5t. Tommy Davis	4
Ray Wersching	4

- Newly acquired 49ers RB **Pierre Thomas** has registered 1,123 total yds. (741 rush yds. & 382 rec. yds.) and 7 TDs (5 rush & 2 rec.) in 16 career games against the Falcons.
- WR **Anquan Boldin** has registered at least 1 TD receipt. in each of his past 4 meetings against Atl.
- In the last matchup between the 49ers and Falcons (12/23/13), CB **Tramaine Brock** intercepted Falcons QB Matt Ryan for the 7th INT of his career.