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# TRAINING CAMP

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2026 AT&T  
ATLANTA FALCONS TRAINING CAMP  
WHERE TO GO

HOW TO GET TO IBM PERFORMANCE FIELD IN FLOWERY BRANCH

**FROM THE SOUTH:** Take I-85 north. Exit to the left on I-985 toward Gainesville. Take Exit 12 (Spout Springs Road). Turn left off the exit ramp onto Spout Springs Road. Go under I-985, travel 1/4 mile and turn right on Thurmond Tanner Road. Proceed on Thurmond Tanner Road for about one mile to the stoplight, then turn right on Atlanta Highway (Ga. 13). Go about a mile on Atlanta Highway (which becomes Falcon Parkway) past the Wrigley Plant on the left and back over I-985. IBM Performance Field will be on the left (4400 Falcon Parkway).  
**FROM THE NORTH:** Take I-985 south to Exit 12 (Spout Springs Road). Turn right off the exit ramp onto Spout Springs Road. From here, use the same directions as above.

WHERE TO PARK

Training Camp parking is free and available at several designated lots. New for 2026 camp, general parking is no longer available at the Hog Mountain Sports Complex unless you have an ADA permit. Complimentary shuttles will be provided to transport all guests from the designated parking lots directly to the pedestrian entry gate. Parking is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. All lots open two hours before practice begins and close 90 minutes after it ends.

Lots available for general parking on 7/31 & 8/1 practices only:  
Christ Place Church | 3428 Atlanta Hwy, Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
ETI Lighting | 4873 Thurmon Tanner Pkwy, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Lots available for general parking starting 8/3 through 8/7, and 8/10 through 8/12:  
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# TRAINING CAMP FAQs

## THE 411 AT IBM PERFORMANCE FIELD



AT&T helps millions around the globe connect with leading entertainment, business, mobile and high speed internet services. We're proud to help keep Atlanta Falcons fans connected at the 2026 Training Camp in Flowery Branch.

The Atlanta Falcons are excited to welcome fans back to their training complex in Flowery Branch to host nine open practices during the 2026 AT&T Atlanta Falcons Training Camp this summer. The first open practice on July 31 is reserved for season ticket members, while all other fans will be able to get their first look of the team on August 1 at IBM Performance Field at 9:15 a.m. Nine of this year's open practices will be held at IBM Performance Field, with the open practice on August 8 occurring at Lanier High School.

"We're incredibly excited to host the Atlanta Falcons Saturday Night Lights open practice here at Lanier," said Lanier High School Head Football Coach Tyler Maloof. "Sugar Hill is an awesome, supportive community, and events like this really show what makes this place special. It's a great opportunity for Falcons fans to see the team up close while also getting a feel for what a game at The Ranch is like. Gwinnett County is the best football in the country, and we're proud to be part of that, while also competing in one of the toughest regions in the state. We're

also excited to open our season in the Corky Kell + Dave Hunter Classic at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, which is a huge experience for our kids. We hope everyone comes out and enjoys a great night of football at The Ranch!"

Additionally, there will be two joint practices from August 19-20 in Indianapolis with the Colts. This year's open practices are free to attend for a limited number of fans, and tickets can be acquired by [clicking here!](#)

Back at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Falcons fans will have the opportunity to witness the team in action as Atlanta hosts the Denver Broncos in Week 1 of the preseason on August 14 before heading to Indianapolis for the second preseason game against the Colts on August 22. Following the preseason finale in Miami against the Dolphins on August 28, the Falcons will kick off the regular season in Pittsburgh on September 13 before the season's home opener against the Carolina Panthers on September 20. For more information on tickets, [please click here!](#)



### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE TEAM IS PRACTICING OUTDOORS ON THE DAY I PLAN TO COME WATCH PRACTICE?

Follow the @AtlantaFalcons on Twitter at Twitter.com/AtlantaFalcons and check the Atlanta Falcons website ([www.AtlantaFalcons.com](http://www.AtlantaFalcons.com)) for continual AT&T Training Camp updates. Practice times are subject to change without notice.

### DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATED ROSTER SO I KNOW WHO ALL THE PLAYERS ARE WHEN WATCHING TRAINING CAMP?

The current Atlanta Falcons roster can be found at [www.AtlantaFalcons.com/roster](http://www.AtlantaFalcons.com/roster) or by downloading the Atlanta Falcons mobile app and clicking Team in the navigation panel.

### WHERE CAN I FIND A LIST OF DAILY ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRAINING CAMP?

Check the lists of daily activities related to the 2026 AT&T Atlanta Falcons Training Camp at [AtlantaFalcons.com](http://AtlantaFalcons.com).

### WHERE WILL FANS PARK DURING TRAINING CAMP?

New for 2026 camp, general parking is no longer available at the Hog Mountain Sports Complex unless you have an ADA permit. For a list of free designated parking lots, please visit the Atlanta Falcons website ([www.AtlantaFalcons.com/training-camp](http://www.AtlantaFalcons.com/training-camp)).

Complimentary shuttles will be provided to transport all guests from the designated parking lots directly to the pedestrian entry gate. All parking lots are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Lots will open two hours before practice begins and close 90 minutes after it ends.

### IS PARKING AVAILABLE FOR FANS WITH DISABILITIES?

Fans with ADA parking permits may park at the Hog Mountain Sports Complex. Permits must be properly displayed for law enforcement officials to grant entry. After parking, an ADA-accessible shuttle will transport fans to the ADA Entrance at the Training Camp East Gate. A designated seating area will be available for fans with disabilities inside the venue.

### WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO TRAINING CAMP?

For your comfort, please feel free to bring the following items to training camp:

- Hats
- Jackets
- Rain gear
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Binoculars
- Blankets
- Umbrellas
- Lawn chairs
- Strollers
- Small, personal coolers (No larger than 15 x 12 x 11 inches; 5 pounds)
- Non-alcoholic beverages
- Light snacks

Shirts and shoes are required. Please refrain from wearing any type of distracting or inappropriate apparel.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE

- Weapons of any kind
- Alcoholic beverages
- Pets (only service animals are allowed)
- Camcorders, drones, professional cameras/tripods
- Large backpacks and bags
- Large coolers (No larger than 15 x 12 x 11

- inches; 5 pounds)
- Anything deemed inappropriate by security

### MAY I BRING MY CAMERA TO TRAINING CAMP?

Still cameras with lenses under 6" and without flash attachments are permitted for use during all training camp workouts at IBM Performance Field. No flash photography of any type will be permitted at any time. No audio or video recording devices are allowed, including camcorders. **Videotaping during practice is strictly prohibited.**

### ARE BACKPACKS AND BAGS ALLOWED AT PRACTICE?

For the safety and enjoyment of all fans attending Falcons practices, backpacks and large bags over 8.5" wide by 13" long by 5' deep are NOT permitted at training camp. All backpacks, bags and purses will be inspected upon entry into IBM Performance Field. Individuals who refuse to have a backpack, bag or purse inspected will be denied entry.

### WILL THE FALCONS PROVIDE TOURS OF IBM PERFORMANCE FIELD DURING TRAINING CAMP?

Because of the large number of fans expected to attend the 2026 AT&T Atlanta Falcons Training Camp, we are unable to provide tours of the team's headquarters.

### WHERE CAN I PURCHASE MERCHANDISE?

The Official Falcons Retail Trailer will be located in the main IBM Performance Field parking lot.

### WHERE CAN I BUY CONCESSIONS?

Food and beverage items will be available for purchase at each practice session with food trucks available throughout IBM Performance Field.

### IS THERE AN ATM ON SITE?

There are no ATMs available to the general public at IBM Performance Field. Please plan accordingly.

### IS THERE ANY COVERED SEATING?

Limited covered seating will be available for fans and fans needing ADA accessible seating at the top of the fan viewing hill.

### WHERE ARE FIRST-AID SERVICES LOCATED?

Authorized medical personnel from the Falcons and Grady EMS will be available one hour prior to each practice through 30 minutes following each session at first-aid stations at IBM Performance Field.

### WHERE DO I GO IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Questions regarding all aspects of training camp may be directed to Falcons staff members at IBM Performance Field.

### WHAT IS THE SMOKING POLICY?

For the comfort and health of all fans, IBM Performance Field is a smoke-free environment. There is NO smoking allowed anywhere on the grounds or inside the buildings at Flowery Branch.

### WHAT SAFETY MEASURES ARE IN PLACE?

For your safety, Atlanta Falcons security, along with the Flowery Branch Police Department and other local law enforcement officials, will be present. We will also conduct bag inspections at the gate prior to entry. If there is a clear and imminent threat of dangerous weather, IBM Performance Field will be evacuated with no re-entry as practice will move inside.



# ATLANTA'S TRAINING CAMP REVISITED

BY CRAIG SAGER II

Rookies, new arrivals in the form of free agents and returning veterans will be experiencing an offseason tradition that has predated each Atlanta Falcons season since the city was awarded an NFL franchise by the National Football League on June, 30, 1965 when they check in for this year's AT&T Atlanta Falcons Training Camp. The franchise has progressed and the league has doubled its size since Atlanta became its 15th team six decades ago; and while the technology, drills, equipment, film and personnel looks much different today, training camp continues to serve its critical role in laying the groundwork and preparing the Falcons for the season ahead.

## ATLANTA'S ROOTS

The first-ever Atlanta Falcons training camp took place on July 2, 1966 nearly a year to the date that Atlanta was awarded a franchise. The newly-formed Atlanta Falcons checked in at the Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, N.C. for this first-ever training camp. According to the coverage at the time, 130 players showed up, including a whopping 42 players that Atlanta selected in the 1966 Expansion Draft. Team founder and then-owner Rankin Smith had hired Vince Lombardi's defensive backs coach Norb Hecker to oversee the team.

"No, the facilities certainly aren't ideal. The boys have been very good about adjusting to the situation, though," Hecker told the Charlotte News according to excerpts from Matt Winkeljohn's book 'Tales from the Atlanta Falcons Sideline'. "There are no gripes, and the spirit has been very good."

The local news covered the first offseason and stressed the need for better facilities moving forward. This reality ultimately led the Falcons to move their camp to East Tennessee State University the following year where they would stay for the next four offseasons. That same Black Mountain facility used to host Atlanta's 1966 training camp is still around today and serves as a YMCA and training center. The team trekked to Furman University for training camp for the next several offseasons (1971-78) before holding camp in-state for the first time.

In order to hold training camp within Georgia's borders, the Falcons opened a state-of-the-art training camp site in Suwanee in 1978—making them one of the first teams in the NFL to have a year-round practice facility. The franchise trained at this facility from 1979-98. This was the stomping grounds for names like Steve Bartkowski, William Andrews, Jeff Van Note and Tommy Nobis. The features included a 100-room hotel that was referred to as 'the Falcon Inn' and also had a restaurant, an office building that operated as team headquarters and a health club.

Miami Dolphins head coach Don Shula stayed at the Falcon Inn with his team when they came up for

a scrimmage and the Chicago Bears even came to the site during the winter for playoff preparations when the Midwest winter temperatures dropped too low.

## BRAND NEW ENVIRONMENT

In 1998, Atlanta moved back to Furman University and would stay there until 2005. Meanwhile, in 2000 a brand new facility was built in Flowery Branch to house the headquarters. The training camp stayed in South Carolina until the 2005 season when Flowery Branch offered the opportunity to at last take root.

This move was the culmination of a two-year quest to lure the Falcons to the Hall County site and was finalized late in 1999.

"We heard 'no' probably about 10 times on why we wouldn't be suitable," said Dennis Bergin, who served as Flowery Branch city manager at the time. "There were better than 40 locations the Falcons were considering and initially we were perceived to be one of the least likely places as the team's headquarters," said Bergin, now Lula's City Manager. "It was monumental that we were able to bring the Falcons here because there were so many other communities that were out there fighting just like we were to come to that point."

The move to Flowery Branch has also been more convenient for Falcons fans to turn out and witness the team up-close each year at training camp.

"This decision [to locate to Flowery Branch] was driven by our desire to bring Falcons training camp closer to our fans and families and to allow more of them to participate in this exciting event," said Falcons owner Arthur M. Blank following the final year at Furman. "We will make it more convenient for our players' families to visit and watch practice and for our support staff to do their jobs. It will also allow our coaches and staff to go home at night to be with their families."

Flowery Branch gave Atlanta the preeminent facilities to host its training camp and set a new standard for its NFL competitors as the first team in the league to have its own (on-site) dormitories for training camp. Finding new ways to innovate and raise the bar continues to underscore what the Atlanta Falcons are about. The latest round of upgrades to headquarters were completed in 2024 and included a newly-renovated team locker room, dining room and strength and conditioning spaces. Those early days are ancient history now and the Falcons organization has found its home right off Falcon Parkway and Hog Mountain where the scrupulously-groomed gridiron landscapes and spacious real estate form the pinnacle of facilities and honor the legacy of all those that have come before.







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# 2026 ATLANTA FALCONS SCHEDULE



## 8.14 BRONCOS

7:00 PM EDT MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM

FOX5 ATLANTA

In the first preseason game of the season the Falcons will face the reigning AFC West champion, Denver Broncos. The Broncos are coming off their first trip to the AFC Championship since winning Super Bowl 50 in 2016. Quarterback Bo Nix is entering his third season leading the offense after throwing for a career-high 3,931 yards last season under fourth-year head coach Sean Payton. Since leaving the Saints, Payton has led the Broncos to the playoffs in back-to-back seasons (2024-25) and added former first-round wide receiver Jaylen Waddle to his offense in the offseason.



## 8.22 @ COLTS

1:00 PM EDT LUCAS OIL STADIUM

FOX5 ATLANTA

The Falcons will continue their preseason in Indianapolis as they take on a Colts team that is hoping to regain its early-2025 form. Behind the resurgence of quarterback Daniel Jones, the Colts amassed an 8-2 record before ultimately losing the final seven games of the season, with Jones sidelined after suffering a torn Achilles tendon in Week 14. Jonathan Taylor will return to command the backfield after rushing for 1,585 yards and a league-high 18 touchdowns. After trading Michael Pittman Jr. to the Steelers in the offseason, Alec Pierce and Josh Downs return as the team's top options at receiver.



## 8.28 @ DOLPHINS

7:00 PM EDT HARD ROCK STADIUM

FOX5 ATLANTA

In Atlanta's final preseason game, the Falcons will take on the new-look Miami Dolphins. Miami made a lot of changes in the offseason, starting at the top by dismissing Mike McDaniel from head coaching duties following a 7-10 season. The Dolphins also welcomed in a new signal caller in Malik Willis, who will be without previous top-wideout Jaylen Waddle who was traded to Denver. First-year head coach Jeff Hafley will get to utilize the team's top running back in De'Von Achane, who after rushing for 1,350 yards and eight touchdowns last season signed a four-year extension with the team.



## 9.13 @ STEELERS

1:00 PM EDT ACRISURE STADIUM

FOX

Atlanta kicks off the regular season in the Steel City as the Falcons face 42-year-old Aaron Rodgers who will be starting in his 22nd, and final, NFL season. Pittsburgh parted ways with longtime head coach Mike Tomlin (2007-25) in the offseason, and brought in Mike McCarthy who will reunite with Rodgers following their days in Green Bay. On offense, receiver DK Metcalf will be joined by first-year Steeler Michael Pittman Jr. who the team traded for this offseason. Defensively, 2021 Defensive Player of the Year and eight-time Pro Bowl selection T.J. Watt returns for his 10th year with the team.



## 9.20 PANTHERS

1:00 PM EDT MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM

FOX

The Falcons' first home game of the season will be played against their division rivals, the Carolina Panthers. With an 8-9 record in 2025, Carolina sat atop the NFC South and will once again be led by Bryce Young under center in the fourth year of his career. Young passed for more than 3,000 yards for the first time in his career in 2025, and will look to continue his growth while throwing to 2025 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year Tetairoa McMillan, who recorded 70 receptions for 1,014 yards and seven touchdowns as a rookie.



## 9.24 @ PACKERS

8:15 PM EDT LAMBEAU FIELD

prime video

In the first of three-straight prime-time games for Atlanta, the Falcons will travel to Green Bay to face the Packers on Thursday Night Football. The Packer offense will be led by Jordan Love, who is entering his sixth season in the league, with top receiving options Jayden Reed and Christian Watson both returning after signing contract extensions in the offseason. Green Bay will be without three-time first-team All-Pro linebacker Micah Parsons to start the season, but will welcome back tight end Tucker Kraft whose 2025 breakout season was cut short due to an ACL tear.



## 10.5 @ SAINTS

8:15 PM EDT CAESARS SUPERDOME

ESPN

The storied rivalry between the Saints and Falcons will hit the airwaves on Monday Night Football as the Falcons look to get the better of their division rivals in prime time. New Orleans will be led by second-year quarterback Tyler Shough, who led all rookie signal callers last season with an average of 216.7 yards per game. On the receiving end, Chris Olave had the best season of his career in 2025 after recording career highs in receptions (100), receiving yards (1,163) and receiving touchdowns (nine). Jordyn Tyson was selected with the eighth-overall pick in the 2026 NFL Draft to bolster the receiving corps.



## 10.11 RAVENS

8:20 PM EDT MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM

NBC

A missed field goal on the last play of the regular season was the only thing standing between the Ravens and their seventh playoff appearance in eight years. Following the departure of Super Bowl-winning head coach John Harbaugh after 18 years with the franchise, the Ravens hired former Los Angeles Chargers defensive coordinator Jesse Minter to fill the role. Despite these changes, the offense returns two-time NFL MVP Lamar Jackson and five-time Pro Bowl running back Derrick Henry while the defense returns two-time first-team All-Pro safety Kyle Hamilton, keeping the Ravens as competitive as ever under the Minter regime.



## 10.18 BEARS

1:00 PM EDT MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM

FOX

The Bears went from worst to first in the NFC North and are looking to continue their success in Ben Johnson's second year as head coach. Chicago used its first-round pick in the 2026 NFL Draft to select safety Dillon Thieneman out of Oregon to fill the void left by the departure of Kevin Byard, who led the league last season with seven interceptions. Now entering his third year in the league, Caleb Williams had the best season of his young career in 2025, and will have returning pass catchers Rome Odunze, Luther Burden III and Colston Loveland to keep the ball rolling.



## 10.25 49ERS

1:00 PM EDT MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM

FOX

After missing the playoffs in 2024, the Kyle Shanahan-led 49ers returned to their winning ways last season and made the playoffs for the fourth time in five seasons. 2025 NFL Comeback Player of the Year Christian McCaffrey led the team in both rushing yards (1,202) and receiving yards (924) while scoring 17 total touchdowns. Though the team may be without two-time first-team All-Pro tight end George Kittle to start the season, they signed former Tampa Bay wide receiver Mike Evans who left the Buccaneers as the franchise leader in receiving yards (13,052) and receiving touchdowns (108).



## 11.1 @ BUCCANEERS

1:00 PM EST RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM

FOX

After failing to win the NFC South for the first time since 2020, the Buccaneers will be looking to retake the title in Todd Bowles' fifth year as head coach. Tampa Bay will be without franchise cornerstone Mike Evans, who left in free agency for the 49ers, but return second-year wide receiver Emeka Egbuka after he recorded 63 receptions for 938 yards and six touchdowns as a rookie. Under center, Baker Mayfield will suit up for his ninth season in the league after going 343-of-543 passing for 3,693 yards and 26 touchdowns in his third season leading the Buccaneer offense.



## 11.8 BENGALS

9:30 AM EST BERNABÉU

NETWORK

The Falcons travel overseas for the second time in as many years to take on the Bengals in Madrid as part of the NFL's 2026 International Games. Former first-team All-Pro defensive end Trey Hendrickson left for the division rival Ravens during the offseason after racking up 61 sacks during his time in Cincinnati, but the Bengals traded for three-time Pro Bowl defensive lineman Dexter Lawrence II to fill the void. On offense, Joe Burrow returns for his seventh season under center, and will have Tee Higgins and two-time first-team All-Pro selection Ja'Marr Chase as his top pass catchers.



## 11.15 CHIEFS

1:00 PM EST MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM

FOX

Last season, Kansas City missed the playoffs for the first time since 2014 after making it to five of the last six Super Bowls. Two-time NFL MVP Patrick Mahomes suffered a torn ACL in Week 15 of last season, but is on track to return in 2026 as one of the league's most captivating players. He'll have a new weapon on offense as the Chiefs signed Super Bowl LX MVP Kenneth Walker III in the offseason to handle the rushing workload. On defense, Kansas City spent the sixth-overall pick in the 2026 NFL Draft on cornerback Mansoor Delane to bolster the defense.



## 11.29 @ VIKINGS

1:00 PM EST U.S. BANK STADIUM

FOX

Atlanta will travel to Minnesota after its bye week to face the Vikings and potentially a new signal caller for the team. In his first season as the starting quarterback, J.J. McCarthy appeared in 10 games and went 140-of-243 passing for 1,632 yards and 11 touchdowns. Minnesota and fifth-year head coach Kevin O'Connell signed former first-overall pick and Arizona Cardinal Kyler Murray in the offseason, creating a quarterback competition to determine who gets to throw to two-time first-team All-Pro wide receiver Justin Jefferson. Despite having to play with three different quarterbacks, Jefferson was able to reach 1,000 receiving yards for a sixth-straight season in 2025.



## 12.6 LIONS

1:00 PM EST MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM

FOX

In Week 13, the Falcons will play host to Dan Campbell and the Lions. Campbell led Detroit to the playoffs in back-to-back years (2023-24) for the first time since the mid-90s, and helped claim the franchise's first playoff victory since 1991 in 2023. Despite missing the playoffs in 2025, the Lions are ready to return to form with players like two-time first-team All-Pro wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown and three-time Pro Bowl running back Jahmyr Gibbs leading the way on offense. On defense, two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Aidan Hutchinson returns after recording a career-high 14.5 sacks last season.



## 12.13 @ BROWNS

1:00 PM EST HUNTINGTON BANK FIELD

FOX

Kevin Stefanski will return to the city where he twice received AP NFL Coach of the Year honors to face his former team. The Browns have a diverse quarterback room vying for the starting role heading into the season, with two 2025 draft picks in Dillon Gabriel and Shedeur Sanders competing against veteran Deshaun Watson. Whoever wins the job will have 2026 draft picks KC Concepcion and Denzel Boston to target. The Browns will be without two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year Myles Garrett following his trade to the Rams, but return five-time Pro Bowl cornerback Denzel Ward in the secondary.



## 12.20 @ COMMANDERS

1:00 PM EST NORTHWEST STADIUM

FOX

After an electric 2024 season fueled by the emergence of rookie quarterback Jayden Daniels, the Commanders took a step back in 2025 and finished with a 5-12 record with Daniels injured throughout the season. Now healthy, the young signal caller heads into the 2026 season with two-time Pro Bowl selection Terry McLaurin on the receiving end. Washington did not re-sign six-time first-team All-Pro linebacker Bobby Wagner after he became the third player in NFL history to reach 2,000 career combined tackles, but used the seventh-overall pick in the 2026 NFL Draft to select former first-team All-American Sonny Styles to fill the void.



## TBD BUCCANEERS

TBD EST MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM

TBD

In the first of three-straight divisional matchups, the Falcons will play host to the Buccaneers down the home stretch of the season. The Tampa Bay defense will undoubtedly look different this year without former first-team All-Pro linebacker Lavonte David, who spent his entire 14-year career with the Bucs. However, the team will welcome back its longtime anchor on the defensive line in Vita Vea. Alongside the veteran will be rookie Rueben Bain Jr. who was selected with the 15th-overall pick in the 2026 NFL Draft. While at the University of Miami, Bain received the Ted Hendricks Award, given to the nation's top defensive end.



## 1.3 SAINTS

1:00 PM EST MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM

FOX

The Saints haven't made the playoffs since 2020, and are hoping to break that streak this season. New Orleans signed former Jaguars running back Travis Etienne who in 2025 rushed for 1,107 yards and seven touchdowns to pair with veteran Alvin Kamara in the backfield. After nine seasons with the Saints, Kamara holds the franchise record for career rushing yards with 7,250. On the defensive side of the ball, the team has yet to re-sign eight-time Pro Bowl defensive end Cameron Jordan, but used the 42nd-overall pick in the 2026 NFL Draft to select former first-team All-SEC defensive tackle Christen Miller.



## TBD @ PANTHERS

TBD EST BANK OF AMERICA STADIUM

TBD

The Falcons will close out the season with a trip to Charlotte to face Dave Canales' Panthers in his third year as the franchise's head coach. After a seven-year playoff drought, the Panthers managed to break through and reach the Wild Card round in 2025, falling just short to the Los Angeles Rams 34-31. This season in the Carolina backfield, Chuba Hubbard will return for his sixth season with the team alongside former second-round pick Jonathon Brooks who missed the entire 2025 season due to injury. After recording a career-high five interceptions last season, Jaycee Horn returns to command the secondary.



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# FALCONS OFFSEASON TIMELINE

**JANUARY 10**

Atlanta hired Matt Ryan as president of football.

The Falcons hired Kevin Stefanski as head coach.

**JANUARY 17**

**JANUARY 19**

The Falcons retained Jeff Ulbrich as defensive coordinator.

The Falcons hired Bill Callahan as offensive line coach.

**JANUARY 20**

**JANUARY 22**

Atlanta hired Tommy Rees as offensive coordinator, retained Michael Pitre as running backs coach and named Jacqueline Roberts as manager of coaching operations.

The Falcons hired Craig Aukerman as special teams coordinator, Robert Prince as wide receivers coach and Bob Quinn as senior advisor to the head coach.

**JANUARY 26**

**JANUARY 29**

Atlanta named Ian Cunningham as general manager.

The Falcons hired Michael Bearden as the team's coaching fellow/offensive assistant.

**JANUARY 30**

**JANUARY 31**

Atlanta hired Alex Van Pelt as quarterbacks coach.

Tanner Engstrand was named passing game coordinator and Tokunbo Abanikanda was promoted to director of scouting.

**FEBRUARY 1**

**FEBRUARY 6**

Matt Jones was named assistant offensive line coach.

The Falcons promoted John Timu to outside linebackers coach and named Ricky Manning as assistant defensive backs/nickels coach.

**FEBRUARY 10**

**FEBRUARY 12**

The Falcons named Chase Clackburn as assistant special teams coach.

Jordan Reid was hired as assistant quarterbacks coach.

**FEBRUARY 19**

**FEBRUARY 27**

The Falcons hired Patrick Toney as defensive passing game coordinator.

The Falcons hired Troy Kruchten as defensive quality control coach.

**MARCH 8**



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MARCH 12

The Falcons signed LB Cameron Thomas, LB Christian Harris, K Nick Folk, TE Austin Hooper, P Jake Bailey and WR Jahan Dotson. DT LaCale London re-signed with the team.

Atlanta signed QB Tua Tagovailoa, C Corey Levin, DT Chris Williams and LB Channing Tindall.

MARCH 13

MARCH 16

The Falcons signed DE Da'Shawn Hand, LB Azeez Ojulari and LB Samson Ebukam.

Atlanta signed WR Olamide Zaccheaus.

MARCH 17

MARCH 20

The Falcons acquired S Sydney Brown in a trade with the Eagles.

The Falcons signed QB Trevor Siemian.

MARCH 25

MARCH 26

Atlanta signed RB Brian Robinson Jr. and RB Tyler Goodson.

The Falcons re-signed LB DeAngelo Malone and signed CB Darnay Holmes. The Falcons hired Jeff Scott as assistant general manager.

APRIL 1

APRIL 10

The Falcons signed OT Jawaan Taylor and exercised the fifth-year option for RB Bijan Robinson.

The Falcons drafted CB Avieon Terrell (48th overall) and WR Zachariah Branch (79th overall).

APRIL 24

APRIL 25

Atlanta drafted LB Kendal Daniels (134th overall), DT Anterio Thompson (208th overall), LB Harold Perkins Jr. (215th overall) and T Ethan Onianwa (231st overall).

The Falcons signed LB Harold Perkins Jr., T Ethan Onianwa, LB Kendal Daniels and WR Zachariah Branch to rookie contracts. The Falcons signed CB Darren Hall. Atlanta signed 14 undrafted free agents; QB Jack Strand, G Kam Dewberry, C James Brockermeyer, T Riley Mahlman, WR Le'Meke Brockington, WR Vinny Anthony II, DT Carlos Allen Jr., CB Malcolm DeWalt IV, TE Jack Velling, DE CJ Nunnally, LS Philip Florenzo, RB Cash Jones and WR Keelan Marion.

MAY 7

MAY 14

Atlanta signed CB Avieon Terrell and DT Anterio Thompson to rookie contracts.

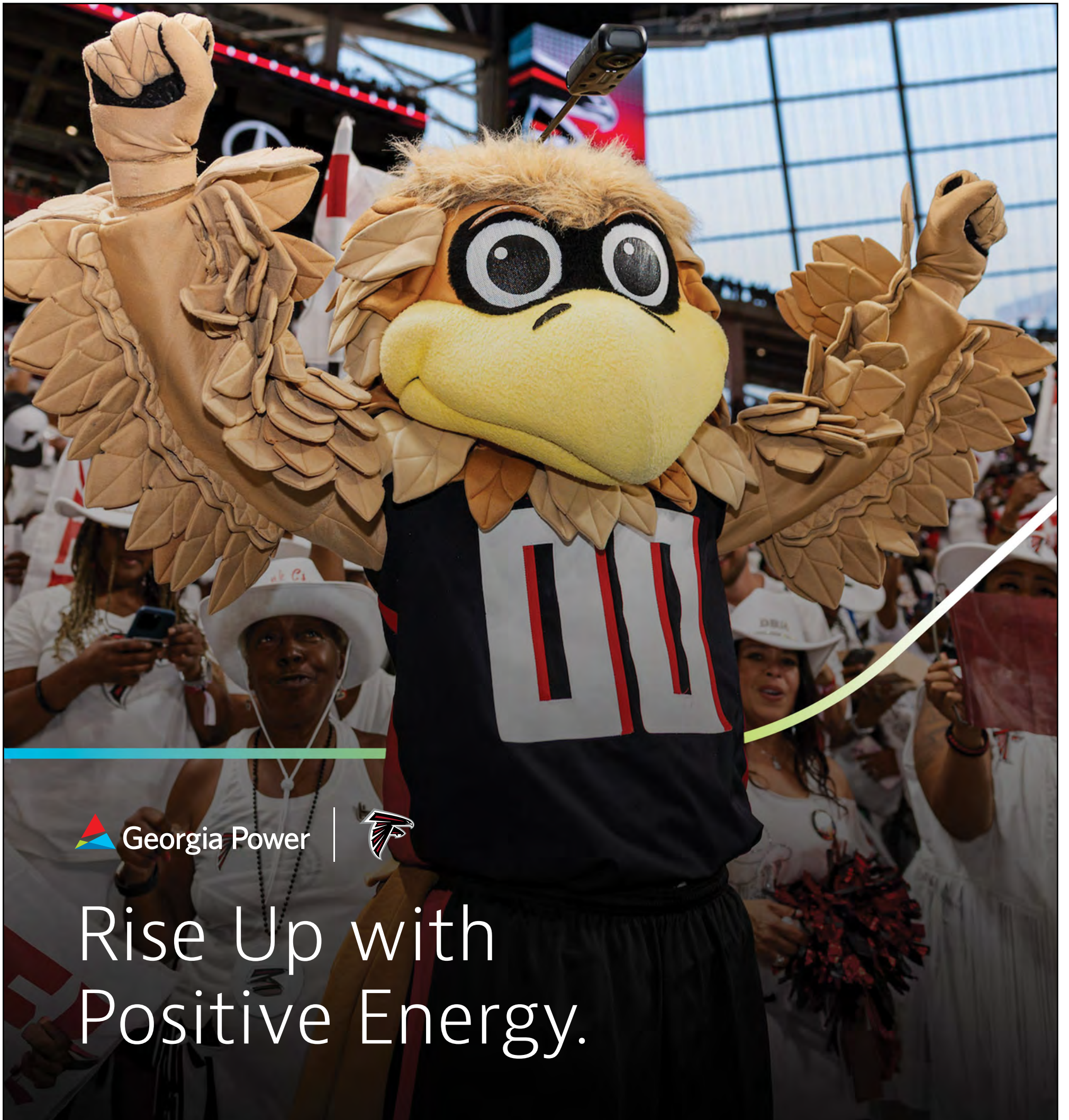
The Falcons traded for OT Wanya Morris from the Kansas City Chiefs.

JUNE 11

JUNE 23

The Falcons signed TE Kyle Pitts to a three-year contract extension.





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ARIZONA CARDINALS

PRESEASON:

Hall of Fame Game 8/6: Carolina Panthers  
Week 1 8/13: at Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 2 8/22: Dallas Cowboys  
Week 3 8/28: at Green Bay Packers

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: at Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 2 9/20: Seattle Seahawks  
Week 3 9/27: at San Francisco 49ers  
Week 4 10/4: at New York Giants  
Week 5 10/11: Detroit Lions  
Week 6 10/18: at Los Angeles Rams  
Week 7 10/25: Denver Broncos  
Week 8 11/1: at Dallas Cowboys  
Week 9 11/8: at Seattle Seahawks  
Week 10 11/15: Los Angeles Rams  
Week 11 11/22: at Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 12 11/29: Washington Commanders  
Week 13 12/6: Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 14: BYE  
Week 15 12/20: New York Jets  
Week 16 12/27: at New Orleans Saints  
Week 17 1/3: Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 18 (TBD): San Francisco 49ers

BALTIMORE RAVENS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 2 8/22: at Minnesota Vikings  
Week 3 8/28: Washington Commanders

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: at Indianapolis Colts  
Week 2 9/20: New Orleans Saints  
Week 3 9/27: at Dallas Cowboys (Rio de Janeiro)  
Week 4 10/4: Tennessee Titans  
Week 5 10/11: at Atlanta Falcons  
Week 6 10/18: at Cleveland Browns  
Week 7 10/25: Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 8 11/1: at Buffalo Bills  
Week 9 11/5: Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 10 11/16: Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 11 11/22: at Carolina Panthers  
Week 12 11/29: at Houston Texans  
Week 13: BYE  
Week 14 12/13: Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 15 12/20: at Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 16 12/27: Cleveland Browns  
Week 17 12/31: at Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 18 (TBD): Pittsburgh Steelers

BUFFALO BILLS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: Carolina Panthers  
Week 2 8/22: at Cleveland Browns  
Week 3 8/27: Pittsburgh Steelers

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13 at Houston Texans  
Week 2 9/17: Detroit Lions  
Week 3 9/27: Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 4 10/4: New England Patriots  
Week 5 10/12: at Los Angeles Rams  
Week 6 10/18: at Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 7: BYE  
Week 8 11/1: Baltimore Ravens  
Week 9 11/9: at Minnesota Vikings  
Week 10 11/15: at New York Jets  
Week 11 11/22: Miami Dolphins  
Week 12 11/26: Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 13 12/6: at New England Patriots  
Week 14 12/13: at Green Bay Packers  
Week 15 12/19: Chicago Bears  
Week 16 12/25: at Denver Broncos  
Week 17 1/3: at Miami Dolphins  
Week 18 (TBD): New York Jets

CAROLINA PANTHERS

PRESEASON:

Hall of Fame Game 8/6: at Arizona Cardinals  
Week 1 8/15: at Buffalo Bills  
Week 2 8/21: at Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 3 8/28: Houston Texans

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: Chicago Bears  
Week 2 9/20: at Atlanta Falcons

Week 3 9/27: at Cleveland Browns  
Week 4 10/4: Detroit Lions  
Week 5: BYE  
Week 6 10/18: at Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 7 10/25: Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 8 10/29: at Green Bay Packers  
Week 9 11/8: Denver Broncos  
Week 10 11/15: at New Orleans Saints  
Week 11 11/22: Baltimore Ravens  
Week 12 11/30: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 13 12/6: at Minnesota Vikings  
Week 14 12/13: New Orleans Saints  
Week 15 12/20: Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 16 (TBD): at Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 17 1/3: Seattle Seahawks  
Week 18 (TBD): Atlanta Falcons

CHICAGO BEARS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: Cleveland Browns  
Week 2 8/22: at Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 3 8/29: at Tennessee Titans

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: at Carolina Panthers  
Week 2 9/20: Minnesota Vikings  
Week 3 9/28: Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 4 10/4: New York Jets  
Week 5 10/11: at Green Bay Packers  
Week 6 10/18: at Atlanta Falcons  
Week 7 10/22: New England Patriots  
Week 8 11/2: at Seattle Seahawks  
Week 9 11/8: Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 10: BYE  
Week 11 11/22: New Orleans Saints  
Week 12 11/26: at Detroit Lions  
Week 13 12/6: Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 14 12/13: at Miami Dolphins  
Week 15 12/19: at Buffalo Bills  
Week 16 12/25: Green Bay Packers  
Week 17 1/3: Detroit Lions  
Week 18 (TBD): at Minnesota Vikings

CINCINNATI BENGALS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/13: Detroit Lions  
Week 2 8/22: Chicago Bears  
Week 3 8/28: at Philadelphia Eagles

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 2 9/20: at Houston Texans  
Week 3 9/27: at Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 4 10/4: Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 5 10/11: at Miami Dolphins  
Week 6: BYE  
Week 7 10/25: at Baltimore Ravens  
Week 8 11/1: Tennessee Titans  
Week 9 11/8: at Atlanta Falcons (Madrid)  
Week 10 11/15: Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 11 11/23: at Washington Commanders  
Week 12 11/29: New Orleans Saints  
Week 13 12/6: at Cleveland Browns  
Week 14 12/13: Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 15 12/20: at Carolina Panthers  
Week 16 (TBD): at Indianapolis Colts  
Week 17 12/31: Baltime Ravens  
Week 18 (TBD): Cleveland Browns

CLEVELAND BROWNS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: at Chicago Bears  
Week 2 8/22: Buffalo Bills  
Week 3 8/27: New England Patriots

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: at Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 2 9/20: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 3 9/27: Carolina Panthers  
Week 4 10/1: Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 5 10/11: at New York Jets  
Week 6 10/18: Baltimore Ravens  
Week 7 10/25: at Tennessee Titans  
Week 8 11/1: at Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 9 11/8: at New Orleans Saints  
Week 10 11/15: Houston Texans  
Week 11: BYE  
Week 12 11/29: Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 13 12/6: Cincinnati Bengals

Week 14 12/13: Atlanta Falcons  
Week 15 12/20: at New York Giants  
Week 16 12/27: at Baltimore Ravens  
Week 17 1/3: Indianapolis Colts  
Week 18 (TBD): at Cincinnati Bengals

DALLAS COWBOYS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: at Seattle Seahawks  
Week 2 8/22: at Arizona Cardinals  
Week 3 8/28: New Orleans Saints

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: at New York Giants  
Week 2 9/20: Washington Commanders  
Week 3 9/27: Baltimore Ravens (Rio de Janeiro)  
Week 4 10/4: at Houston Texans  
Week 5 10/8: Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 6 10/18: at Green Bay Packers  
Week 7 10/26: at Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 8 11/1: Arizona Cardinals  
Week 9 11/8: at Indianapolis Colts  
Week 10 11/15: San Francisco 49ers  
Week 11 11/22: Tennessee Titans  
Week 12 11/26: Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 13 12/7: at Seattle Seahawks  
Week 14: BYE  
Week 15 12/20: at Los Angeles Rams  
Week 16 12/27: Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 17 1/3: New York Giants  
Week 18 (TBD): at Washington Commanders

DENVER BRONCOS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/14: at Atlanta Falcons  
Week 2 8/21: Green Bay Packers  
Week 3 8/28: Minnesota Vikings

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/14: at Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 2 9/20: Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 3 9/27: Los Angeles Rams  
Week 4 10/4: at San Francisco 49ers  
Week 5 10/11: at Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 6 10/15: Seattle Seahawks  
Week 7 10/25: at Arizona Cardinals  
Week 8 11/1: Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 9 11/8: at Carolina Panthers  
Week 10: BYE  
Week 11 11/22: Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 12 11/27: at Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 13 12/6: Miami Dolphins  
Week 14 12/13: at New York Jets  
Week 15 12/20: at Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 16 12/25: Buffalo Bills  
Week 17 (TBD): at New England Patriots  
Week 18 (TBD): Los Angeles Chargers

DETROIT LIONS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/13: at Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 2 8/22: Washington Commanders  
Week 3 8/29: at Indianapolis Colts

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: New Orleans Saints  
Week 2 9/17: at Buffalo Bills  
Week 3 9/27: New York Jets  
Week 4 10/4: at Carolina Panthers  
Week 5 10/11: at Arizona Cardinals  
Week 6: BYE  
Week 7 10/25: Green Bay Packers  
Week 8 11/1: Minnesota Vikings  
Week 9 11/8: at Miami Dolphins  
Week 10 11/15: New England Patriots (Munich)  
Week 11 11/22: Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 12 11/26: Chicago Bears  
Week 13 12/6: at Atlanta Falcons  
Week 14 12/13: Tennessee Titans  
Week 15 12/20: at Minnesota Vikings  
Week 16 12/28: New York Giants  
Week 17 1/3: at Chicago Bears  
Week 18 (TBD): at Green Bay Packers

GREEN BAY PACKERS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/13: at Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 2 8/21: at Denver Broncos  
Week 3 8/28: Arizona Cardinals

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: at Minnesota Vikings  
Week 2 9/20: at New York Jets  
Week 3 9/24: Atlanta Falcons  
Week 4 10/4: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 5 10/11: Chicago Bears  
Week 6 10/18: Dallas Cowboys  
Week 7 10/25: at Detroit Lions  
Week 8 10/29: Carolina Panthers  
Week 9 11/8: at New England Patriots  
Week 10 11/15: Minnesota Vikings  
Week 11: BYE  
Week 12 11/25: at Los Angeles Rams  
Week 13 12/6: at New Orleans Saints  
Week 14 12/13: Buffalo Bills  
Week 15 12/20: Miami Dolphins  
Week 16 12/25: at Chicago Bears  
Week 17 1/4: Houston Texans  
Week 18 (TBD): Detroit Lions

HOUSTON TEXANS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/13: Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 2 8/20: Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 3 8/28: at Carolina Panthers

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: Buffalo Bills  
Week 2 9/20: Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 3 9/27: at Indianapolis Colts  
Week 4 10/4: Dallas Cowboys  
Week 5 10/11: at Tennessee Titans  
Week 6 10/18: at Jacksonville Jaguars (London)  
Week 7 10/25: New York Giants  
Week 8: BYE  
Week 9 11/8: at Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 10 11/15: at Cleveland Browns  
Week 11 11/19: Indianapolis Colts  
Week 12 11/29: Baltimore Ravens  
Week 13 12/6: at Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 14 12/13: at Washington Commanders  
Week 15 12/20: Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 16 12/24: at Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 17 1/4: at Green Bay Packers  
Week 18 (TBD): Tennessee Titans

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/13: at New England Patriots  
Week 2 8/22: Atlanta Falcons  
Week 3 8/29: Detroit Lions

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: Baltimore Ravens  
Week 2 9/20: at Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 3 9/27: Houston Texans  
Week 4 10/4: at Washington Commanders (London)  
Week 5 10/11: at Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 6 10/18: Tennessee Titans  
Week 7 10/25: at Minnesota Vikings  
Week 8 11/1: at Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 9 11/8: Dallas Cowboys  
Week 10 11/15: Miami Dolphins  
Week 11 11/19: at Houston Texans  
Week 12 11/29: New York Giants  
Week 13: BYE  
Week 14 12/13: at Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 15 12/20: at Tennessee Titans  
Week 16: Cincinnati Bengals (TBD)  
Week 17 1/3: at Cleveland Browns  
Week 18 (TBD): Jacksonville Jaguars

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: at New Orleans Saints  
Week 2 8/21: Carolina Panthers  
Week 3 8/28: Tampa Bay Buccaneers

REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: Cleveland Browns  
Week 2 9/20: at Denver Broncos  
Week 3 9/27: New England Patriots  
Week 4 10/4: at Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 5 10/11: Philadelphia Eagles (London)  
Week 6 10/18: Houston Texans (London)  
Week 7: BYE  
Week 8 11/1: Indianapolis Colts  
Week 9 11/5: at Baltimore Ravens  
Week 10 11/15: at Tennessee Titans



Week 11 11/22: at New York Giants  
Week 12 11/29: Tennessee Titans  
Week 13 12/6: at Chicago Bears  
Week 14 12/14: Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 15 12/20: at Houston Texans  
Week 16 12/27: at Dallas Cowboys  
Week 17 (TBD): Washington Commanders  
Week 18 (TBD): at Indianapolis Colts

## KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: Los Angeles Rams  
Week 2 8/22: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 3 8/28: Seattle Seahawks

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/14: Denver Broncos  
Week 2 9/20: Indianapolis Colts  
Week 3 9/27: at Miami Dolphins  
Week 4 10/4: at Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 5: BYE  
Week 6 10/18: Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 7 10/25: at Seattle Seahawks  
Week 8 11/1: at Denver Broncos  
Week 9 11/8: New York Jets  
Week 10 11/15: at Atlanta Falcons  
Week 11 11/22: Arizona Cardinals  
Week 12 11/26: at Buffalo Bills  
Week 13 12/3: at Los Angeles Rams  
Week 14 12/13: at Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 15 12/21: New England Patriots  
Week 16 12/27: San Francisco 49ers  
Week 17 (TBD): at Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 18 (TBD): Las Vegas Raiders

## LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/13: Arizona Cardinals  
Week 2 8/20: at Houston Texans  
Week 3 8/27: San Francisco 49ers

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: Miami Dolphins  
Week 2 9/20: at Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 3 9/27: at New Orleans Saints  
Week 4 10/4: Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 5 10/11: at New England Patriots  
Week 6 10/18: Buffalo Bills  
Week 7 10/25: Los Angeles Rams  
Week 8 11/1: at New York Jets  
Week 9 11/8: at San Francisco 49ers  
Week 10 11/15: Seattle Seahawks  
Week 11 11/22: at Denver Broncos  
Week 12 11/29: at Cleveland Browns  
Week 13: BYE  
Week 14 12/13: Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 15 12/20: Denver Broncos  
Week 16 12/27: Tennessee Titans  
Week 17 1/3: at Arizona Cardinals  
Week 18 (TBD): at Kansas City Chiefs

## LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/13: at Houston Texans  
Week 2 8/20: San Francisco 49ers  
Week 3 8/27: Los Angeles Rams

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: Arizona Cardinals  
Week 2 9/20: Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 3 9/27: at Buffalo Bills  
Week 4 10/4: at Seattle Seahawks  
Week 5 10/11: Denver Broncos  
Week 6 10/18: at Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 7: BYE  
Week 8 11/1: at Los Angeles Rams  
Week 9 11/8: Houston Texans  
Week 10 11/16: at Baltimore Ravens  
Week 11 11/22: New York Jets  
Week 12 11/29: New England Patriots  
Week 13 12/6: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 14 12/13: at Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 15 12/17: San Francisco 49ers  
Week 16 12/27: at Miami Dolphins  
Week 17 (TBD): Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 18 (TBD): at Denver Broncos

## LOS ANGELES RAMS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: at Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 2 8/22: New Orleans Saints

Week 3 8/27: at Los Angeles Chargers

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/10: San Francisco 49ers (Melbourne)  
Week 2 9/21: New York Giants  
Week 3 9/27: at Denver Broncos  
Week 4 10/4: at Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 5 10/12: Buffalo Bills  
Week 6 10/18: Arizona Cardinals  
Week 7 10/25: at Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 8 11/1: Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 9 11/8: at Washington Commanders  
Week 10 11/15: at Arizona Cardinals  
Week 11: BYE  
Week 12 11/25: Green Bay Packers  
Week 13 12/3: Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 14 12/13: at San Francisco 49ers  
Week 15 12/20: Dallas Cowboys  
Week 16 12/25: at Seattle Seahawks  
Week 17 (TBD): at Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 18 (TBD): Seattle Seahawks

## MIAMI DOLPHINS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/14: at Washington Commanders  
Week 2 8/22: New York Giants  
Week 3 8/28: Atlanta Falcons

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: at Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 2 9/20: at San Francisco 49ers  
Week 3 9/27: Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 4 10/4: at Minnesota Vikings  
Week 5 10/11: Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 6: BYE  
Week 7 10/25: at New York Jets  
Week 8 11/1: New England Patriots  
Week 9 11/8: Detroit Lions  
Week 10 11/15: at Indianapolis Colts  
Week 11 11/22: at Buffalo Bills  
Week 12 11/29: New York Jets  
Week 13 12/6: at Denver Broncos  
Week 14 12/13: Chicago Bears  
Week 15 12/20: at Green Bay Packers  
Week 16 12/27: Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 17 1/3: Buffalo Bills  
Week 18 (TBD): at New England Patriots

## MINNESOTA VIKINGS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: at New York Giants  
Week 2 8/22: Baltimore Ravens  
Week 3 8/28: at Denver Broncos

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: Green Bay Packers  
Week 2 9/20: at Chicago Bears  
Week 3 9/27: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 4 10/4: Miami Dolphins  
Week 5 10/11: at New Orleans Saints  
Week 6: BYE  
Week 7 10/25: Indianapolis Colts  
Week 8 11/1: at Detroit Lions  
Week 9 11/9: Buffalo Bills  
Week 10 11/15: at Green Bay Packers  
Week 11 11/22: at San Francisco 49ers (Mexico City)  
Week 12 11/29: Atlanta Falcons  
Week 13 12/6: Carolina Panthers  
Week 14 12/10: at New England Patriots  
Week 15 12/20: Detroit Lions  
Week 16 (TBD): Washington Commanders  
Week 17 1/3: at New York Jets  
Week 18 (TBD): Chicago Bears

## NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/13: Indianapolis Colts  
Week 2 8/22: Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 3 8/27: at Cleveland Browns

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/9: at Seattle Seahawks  
Week 2 9/20: Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 3 9/27: at Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 4 10/4: at Buffalo Bills  
Week 5 10/11: Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 6 10/18: New York Jets  
Week 7 10/22: at Chicago Bears  
Week 8 11/1: at Miami Dolphins

Week 9 11/8: Green Bay Packers  
Week 10 11/15: at Detroit Lions (Munich)  
Week 11: BYE  
Week 12 11/29: at Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 13 12/6: Buffalo Bills  
Week 14 12/10: Minnesota Vikings  
Week 15 12/21: at Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 16 12/27: at New York Jets  
Week 17 (TBD): Denver Broncos  
Week 18 (TBD): Miami Dolphins

## NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 2 8/22: at Los Angeles Rams  
Week 3 8/28: at Dallas Cowboys

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: at Detroit Lions  
Week 2 9/20: at Baltimore Ravens  
Week 3 9/27: Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 4 10/5: Atlanta Falcons  
Week 5 10/11: Minnesota Vikings  
Week 6 10/18: at New York Giants  
Week 7 10/25: Pittsburgh Steelers (Paris)  
Week 8: BYE  
Week 9 11/8: Cleveland Browns  
Week 10 11/15: Carolina Panthers  
Week 11 11/22: at Chicago Bears  
Week 12 11/29: at Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 13 12/6: Green Bay Packers  
Week 14 12/13: at Carolina Panthers  
Week 15 12/20: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 16 12/27: Arizona Cardinals  
Week 17 1/3: at Atlanta Falcons  
Week 18 (TBD): Tampa Bay Buccaneers

## NEW YORK GIANTS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: Minnesota Vikings  
Week 2 8/22: at Miami Dolphins  
Week 3 8/28: at New York Jets

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: Dallas Cowboys  
Week 2 9/21: at Los Angeles Rams  
Week 3 9/27: Tennessee Titans  
Week 4 10/4: Arizona Cardinals  
Week 5 10/11: at Washington Commanders  
Week 6 10/18: New Orleans Saints  
Week 7 10/25: at Houston Texans  
Week 8: BYE  
Week 9 11/8: at Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 10 11/12: Washington Commanders  
Week 11 11/22: Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 12 11/29: at Indianapolis Colts  
Week 13 12/6: San Francisco 49ers  
Week 14 12/13: at Seattle Seahawks  
Week 15 12/20: Cleveland Browns  
Week 16 12/28: at Detroit Lions  
Week 17 1/3: at Dallas Cowboys  
Week 18 (TBD): Philadelphia Eagles

## NEW YORK JETS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/14: Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 2 8/21: at Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 3 8/28: New York Giants

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: at Tennessee Titans  
Week 2 9/20: Green Bay Packers  
Week 3 9/27: at Detroit Lions  
Week 4 10/4: at Chicago Bears  
Week 5 10/11: Cleveland Browns  
Week 6 10/18: at New England Patriots  
Week 7 10/25: Miami Dolphins  
Week 8 11/1: Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 9 11/8: at Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 10 11/15: Buffalo Bills  
Week 11 11/22: at Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 12 11/29: at Miami Dolphins  
Week 13: BYE  
Week 14 12/13: Denver Broncos  
Week 15 12/20: at Arizona Cardinals  
Week 16 12/27: New England Patriots  
Week 17 1/3: Minnesota Vikings  
Week 18 (TBD): at Buffalo Bills

## PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: at Baltimore Ravens  
Week 2 8/22: at New England Patriots  
Week 3 8/28: Cincinnati Bengals

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: Washington Commanders  
Week 2 9/20: at Tennessee Titans  
Week 3 9/28: at Chicago Bears  
Week 4 10/4: Los Angeles Rams  
Week 5 10/11: at Jacksonville Jaguars (London)  
Week 6 10/18: Carolina Panthers  
Week 7 10/26: Dallas Cowboys  
Week 8 11/1: at Washington Commanders  
Week 9 11/8: New York Giants  
Week 10: BYE  
Week 11 11/22: Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 12 11/26: at Dallas Cowboys  
Week 13 12/6: at Arizona Cardinals  
Week 14 12/13: Indianapolis Colts  
Week 15 12/19: Seattle Seahawks  
Week 16 12/24: Houston Texans  
Week 17 1/3: at San Francisco 49ers  
Week 18 (TBD): at New York Giants

## PITTSBURGH STEELERS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/13: Green Bay Packers  
Week 2 8/21: New York Jets  
Week 3 8/27: at Buffalo Bills

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: Atlanta Falcons  
Week 2 9/20: at New England Patriots  
Week 3 9/27: Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 4 10/1: at Cleveland Browns  
Week 5 10/11: Indianapolis Colts  
Week 6 10/18: at Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
Week 7 10/25: at New Orleans Saints (Paris)  
Week 8 11/1: Cleveland Browns  
Week 9: BYE  
Week 10 11/15: at Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 11 11/22: at Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 12 11/27: Denver Broncos  
Week 13 12/6: Houston Texans  
Week 14 12/14: at Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 15 12/20: Baltimore Ravens  
Week 16 (TBD): Carolina Panthers  
Week 17 1/3: at Tennessee Titans  
Week 18 (TBD): at Baltimore Ravens

## SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/13: Tennessee Titans  
Week 2 8/20: at Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 3 8/27: at Las Vegas Raiders

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/10: at Los Angeles Rams (Melbourne)  
Week 2 9/20: Miami Dolphins  
Week 3 9/27: Arizona Cardinals  
Week 4 10/4: Denver Broncos  
Week 5 10/11: at Seattle Seahawks  
Week 6 10/19: Washington Commanders  
Week 7 10/25: at Atlanta Falcons  
Week 8: BYE  
Week 9 11/8: Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 10 11/15: at Dallas Cowboys  
Week 11 11/22: Minnesota Vikings (Mexico City)  
Week 12 11/29: Seattle Seahawks  
Week 13 12/6: at New York Giants  
Week 14 12/13: Los Angeles Rams  
Week 15 12/17: at Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 16 12/27: at Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 17 1/3: Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 18 (TBD): at Arizona Cardinals

## SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/15: Dallas Cowboys  
Week 2 8/23: at Tennessee Titans  
Week 3 8/28: at Kansas City Chiefs

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/9: New England Patriots  
Week 2 9/20: at Arizona Cardinals  
Week 3 9/27: at Washington Commanders  
Week 4 10/4: Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 5 10/11: San Francisco 49ers  
Week 6 10/15: at Denver Broncos

Week 7 10/25: Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 8 11/2: Chicago Bears  
Week 9 11/8: Arizona Cardinals  
Week 10 11/15: at Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 11: BYE  
Week 12 11/29: at San Francisco 49ers  
Week 13 12/7: Dallas Cowboys  
Week 14 12/13: New York Giants  
Week 15 12/19: at Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 16 12/25: Los Angeles Rams  
Week 17 1/3: at Carolina Panthers  
Week 18 (TBD): at Los Angeles Rams

## TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/14: at New York Jets  
Week 2 8/22: Kansas City Chiefs  
Week 3 8/28: at Jacksonville Jaguars

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: at Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 2 9/20: Cleveland Browns  
Week 3 9/27: Minnesota Vikings  
Week 4 10/4: Green Bay Packers  
Week 5 10/8: at Dallas Cowboys  
Week 6 10/18: Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 7 10/25: at Carolina Panthers  
Week 8 11/1: Atlanta Falcons  
Week 9 11/8: at Chicago Bears  
Week 10: BYE  
Week 11 11/22: at Detroit Lions  
Week 12 11/30: Carolina Panthers  
Week 13 12/6: Los Angeles Chargers  
Week 14 12/13: at Baltimore Ravens  
Week 15 12/20: New Orleans Saints  
Week 16 (TBD): at Atlanta Falcons  
Week 17 (TBD): Los Angeles Rams  
Week 18 (TBD): at New Orleans Saints

## TENNESSEE TITANS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/13: at San Francisco 49ers  
Week 2 8/23: Seattle Seahawks  
Week 3 8/29: Chicago Bears

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: New York Jets  
Week 2 9/20: Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 3 9/27: at New York Giants  
Week 4 10/4: at Baltimore Ravens  
Week 5 10/11: Houston Texans  
Week 6 10/18: at Indianapolis Colts  
Week 7 10/25: Cleveland Browns  
Week 8 11/1: at Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 9: BYE  
Week 10 11/15: Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 11 11/22: at Dallas Cowboys  
Week 12 11/29: at Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 13 12/6: Washington Commanders  
Week 14 12/13: at Detroit Lions  
Week 15 12/20: Indianapolis Colts  
Week 16 12/27: at Las Vegas Raiders  
Week 17 1/3: Pittsburgh Steelers  
Week 18 (TBD): at Houston Texans

## WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

### PRESEASON:

Week 1 8/14: Miami Dolphins  
Week 2 8/22: at Detroit Lions  
Week 3 8/28: at Baltimore Ravens

### REGULAR SEASON:

Week 1 9/13: at Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 2 9/20: at Dallas Cowboys  
Week 3 9/27: Seattle Seahawks  
Week 4 10/4: Indianapolis Colts (London)  
Week 5 10/11: New York Giants  
Week 6 10/19: at San Francisco 49ers  
Week 7: BYE  
Week 8 11/1: Philadelphia Eagles  
Week 9 11/8: Los Angeles Rams  
Week 10 11/12: at New York Giants  
Week 11 11/23: Cincinnati Bengals  
Week 12 11/29: at Arizona Cardinals  
Week 13 12/6: at Tennessee Titans  
Week 14 12/13: Houston Texans  
Week 15 12/20: Atlanta Falcons  
Week 16 (TBD): at Minnesota Vikings  
Week 17 (TBD): at Jacksonville Jaguars  
Week 18 (TBD): Dallas Cowboys





Atlanta rewarded its top wideout this offseason as Drake London signed a four-year contract extension to keep him with the Falcons long term. As the focal point of the aerial attack, London is a physical, dependable target who can win contested catches and move the chains. In 12 games last season, he recorded 68 receptions for 919 yards and seven touchdowns. Across his four seasons as a Falcon, London has totaled 309 receptions for 3,961 yards and 22 touchdowns as one of the league's most dynamic pass catchers. First-year Falcon Jahan Dotson was signed during the offseason. The former first-round pick played two seasons apiece for the Commanders and Eagles, and has totaled 121 receptions for 1,519 yards and 12 touchdowns across 63 career games.

## WIDE RECEIVER

The offensive line enters a season of transition under legendary new position coach Bill Callahan, who first joined the NFL in 1995 and is considered one of the best OL coaches in the league. While stalwarts left tackle Jake Matthews, left guard Matthew Bergeron and center Ryan Neuzil return, the unit faces major adjustments. Four-time Pro Bowl guard Chris Lindstrom anchors the group, but he must build chemistry with a new partner on the right side following the retirement of longtime offensive tackle Kaleb McGary. Veteran signee Jawaan Taylor steps into the tackle spot with seven years of NFL experience after spending the past three years in Kansas City. He'll be joined by former Chiefs teammate Wanya Morris, who Atlanta traded for this June to add depth at the position.

## OFFENSIVE LINE

The Falcons re-acquired veteran pass catcher Olamide Zaccheaus in March on a two-year contract, marking his second stint with Atlanta. Originally an undrafted free agent for the Falcons in 2019, Zaccheaus has recorded 188 receptions for 2,311 yards and 15 touchdowns across his seven seasons in the league between the Falcons, Eagles, Commanders and Bears. To add depth at the position, Atlanta drafted Zachariah Branch in the third round of the 2026 NFL Draft with the 79th-overall pick out of the University of Georgia, where he set the program's single season reception record with 81 in the 2025 season, along with a career-high 811 receiving yards and six receiving touchdowns. Bolstering the wide receiver corps are returning Falcons Chris Blair, Casey Washington and Dylan Drummond.

## WIDE RECEIVER

The Atlanta Falcons completely overhauled their special teams unit by signing 18-year veteran kicker Nick Folk and punter Jake Bailey. Folk remains one of the league's most reliable options, coming off a spectacular 2025 season with the New York Jets when he made 28-of-29 field goals, tying for a league-high 96.6% of field goals made. Even in his age-40 season, Folk never lost a step and went seven-of-eight on field goals of 50-plus yards. Bailey was brought in to handle punting duties for Atlanta after three seasons in Miami (2023-25). A former fifth-round pick in the 2019 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots, Bailey received first-team All-Pro honors following the 2020 season, and was named to the Pro Bowl that same season.

## KICKER/PUNTER

Kyle Pitts remains one of the NFL's most physically imposing matchup nightmares, and is entering his sixth season with Atlanta. Across his NFL career, he has totaled 284 receptions for 3,579 yards and 15 touchdowns, including a career-high five touchdowns in 2025. To fully maximize the personnel room the Falcons brought back a familiar, incredibly reliable veteran face in Austin Hooper, and his full decade of NFL experience, to complement the presence of Charlie Woerner. Together, this versatile collective gives the coaching staff excellent schematic flexibility to execute heavy, physical rushing packages without sacrificing any down-field passing utility. Pitts' unique athletic profile allows him to split out wide as a receiver, while Hooper's veteran presence provides an excellent safety valve across the middle.

## TIGHT END

All eyes will be on Atlanta's quarterback room, which now features a pair of lefties in third-year Falcon Michael Penix Jr. and Tua Tagovailoa. Penix started in nine games last year in a season cut short by an ACL injury, and was 166-of-276 passing for 1,982 yards and nine touchdowns. Tagovailoa started 14 games for the Miami Dolphins last season and passed for 2,660 yards and 20 touchdowns. Across his six seasons in Miami, he threw for 18,166 yards and 120 touchdowns, leading the league in passing yards in 2023 with 4,624. Whoever earns the signal caller spot will have a plethora of weapons at their disposal. Veteran Trevor Siemian and undrafted free agent Jack Strand bring depth at the position.

## QUARTERBACK

2025 first-team All-Pro selection Bijan Robinson remains the undisputed centerpiece of the rushing game and will be expected to shoulder the bulk of the workload. Last season, Robinson had 287 carries for 1,478 yards and seven touchdowns. Selected with the eighth-overall pick in the 2023 NFL Draft, Robinson has rushed for 3,910 yards and 25 touchdowns, along with 198 receptions for 1,738 yards and nine touchdowns in his career. Brian Robinson Jr. joined Atlanta in the offseason after one season in San Francisco, and has rushed for 2,729 yards and 17 touchdowns across his four-year career, including a three-year stint with the Commanders. Nathan Carter returns for his second year in the Atlanta backfield along with first-year Falcon Tyler Goodson after a three-year stint with the Colts.

## RUNNING BACK

# DEPTH





The departure of Kaden Elliss in free agency freed up space for youth and experience to prosper. In his first season with Atlanta, Divine Deablo made 73 total tackles (38 solo) and a career-high five tackles for loss after four years in Las Vegas, and will be looked upon to step up at the position. Atlanta signed former Houston Texans linebacker Christian Harris in the offseason to bolster the position. In four seasons he has recorded 206 total tackles (129 solo), 14 tackles for loss and 13 passes defended. The Falcons selected Kendal Daniels (fourth round) and Harold Perkins Jr. (sixth round) in the 2026 NFL Draft, giving the Falcons youth at the position. Both will be looked upon to contribute early in their careers.

## INSIDE LINEBACKER

A former fourth-round pick (109th overall) in the 2024 NFL Draft, Brandon Dorlus returns for his third season on Atlanta's defensive line. After appearing in just two games as a rookie, Dorlus saw action in 15 games (nine starts) in 2025 and recorded career highs in total tackles (27), tackles for loss (11), quarterback hits (11) and sacks (8.5). He'll be joined by LaCale London who returns for his fourth season with the team. The former undrafted free agent had the best season of his career in 2025, recording career highs in total tackles (30), tackles for loss (seven), sacks (five) and quarterback hits (four). Veterans Samson Ebukam and Da'Shawn Hand provide experience while Carlos Allen Jr. brings depth to the position.

## DEFENSIVE LINE

Atlanta's cornerback room centers around former second-team All-Pro selection A.J. Terrell Jr., who anchors the secondary with his elite coverage skills and veteran poise. The Falcons drafted his brother Avieon in the second round (48th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft, creating a dynamic, highly anticipated family duo in the secondary. 2025 fourth-round pick Billy Bowman Jr. returns after a strong rookie campaign that was cut short by injury. Last season, he recorded 26 total tackles (15 solo), two passes defended, one forced fumble and one interception in just six games. Veteran Mike Hughes returns for his fourth season in Atlanta's secondary and ninth in the league, and will be joined by C.J. Henderson and Cobee Bryant who provide depth at the position.

## CORNERBACK

Atlanta's defensive line enters the 2026 season looking to build on its disciplined play under defensive coordinator Jeff Ulbrich in his second season with the team. Former third-round pick (75th overall) in the 2023 NFL Draft Zach Harrison returns for his fourth season anchoring the defensive line. Across three seasons in Atlanta, he has recorded 81 total tackles (33 solo), 12 tackles for loss, 11 quarterback hits, 8.5 sacks and two forced fumbles. Atlanta acquired Maason Smith in a trade with Jacksonville to bolster the position. In his two seasons with the Jaguars, Smith recorded 32 total tackles (14 solo), four passes defended, three sacks and three tackles for loss. LaCale London and Da'Shawn Hand bring depth to the position.

## DEFENSIVE LINE

Atlanta has athleticism and depth at the linebacker position. Jalon Walker, who the Falcons selected with the 15th-overall pick in the 2025 NFL Draft, had a strong rookie season, recording 36 total tackles (24 solo), 5.5 sacks, five tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. James Pearce Jr. will again be a key factor in the group. Pearce, who was selected 26th overall in the 2025 NFL Draft, was featured in all 17 games last season and made 26 total tackles (17 solo), 10.5 sacks and 10 tackles for loss. The Falcons signed Azeez Ojulari in the offseason to bolster the position. Through five NFL seasons, he has recorded 113 total tackles (61 solo), 22 tackles for loss and 22 sacks.

## OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

Three-time second-team All-Pro selection Jessie Bates III is one of the league's premier safeties and provides Atlanta with elite processing and exceptional ball-hawking skills. His stabilizing, veteran presence allows the rest of the secondary to play fast and aggressive. Since joining Atlanta in 2023, Bates has started in all 17 games each season. Alongside him is rising star Xavier Watts, a former third-round pick (96th overall) in the 2025 NFL Draft. A recipient of the Bronko Nagurski Trophy (2023), Watts recorded 96 total tackles (59 solo) and 11 passes defended last season, and led all rookies with five interceptions while establishing himself in Atlanta's secondary. DeMarcco Hellams returns for his fourth year to provide depth for Atlanta along with second-year Falcon Jammie Robinson.

## SAFETY

With some new weapons to feature in the return game, the Falcons do return Natrone Brooks who first joined the Falcons as an undrafted free agent in 2023. Last season, Brooks returned 15 kickoffs for a career-high 288 yards, an average of 19.2 yards per return. The Falcons drafted the speedy Zachariah Branch in the third round (79th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft out of the University of Georgia. While Branch will also be featured in Atlanta's aerial attack, the former Jet Award winner offers elite skill in the return game. In his lone season at UGA, Branch recorded 180 punt return yards and 205 kickoff return yards. The Falcons signed undrafted free agent Vinny Anthony II who offers straight-line speed and elite vision.

## PUNT RETURNER/KICK RETURNER



# MAJOR OFFSEASON CHANGES PREPARE FALCONS FOR THRILLING 2026

BY CRAIG SAGER II



First-year Atlanta Falcons head coach Kevin Stefanski and a roster of experienced and emerging talent are on a mission in 2026 to make a return to the postseason. Since the conclusion of the final game of last season, Atlanta has rebuilt its front office with moves such as naming Matt Ryan the new president of football and hiring Ian Cunningham as new general manager. The team restructured the front office while also overhauling the coaching staff with 18 new coaches, signing over a dozen free agents that will be competing or filling major roles this season and using the draft to bring in the first class of rookies selected under the new leadership.

Every offseason is critical in preparing for the slate ahead, but 2026 stands apart with so many unique factors. Prior to 2026, there have been only two other times in the history of the franchise that Atlanta had to replace the head coach and general manager in the same offseason. In both previous cases, the 2008 and 2021 offseasons, Atlanta was coming off 4-12 finishes the year before. This time around, the new tandem of Stefanski and Cunningham will inherit a four-game winning streak that left last year's team one-win shy of a playoff berth and division title at 8-9.

## TEAM SYNCHRONIZATION

With all of the changes and new opportunities that came with them, there has been an all-encompassing evaluation underpinning the work this offseason. Getting all sides of the organization, from the front office to the coaches and players, to understand the goals and get on the same page is a key element that Stefanski spoke candidly about early on in April and May. Understanding that players are at differing points of their careers and an almost entirely new coaching staff is in place, he made a point to ensure each coach understands what the evaluation process must look like in order for the group as a whole to benefit most of all.

"I think as coaches, as position coaches, you want your room, your positioning to perform well, and you certainly look at it globally in that regard," Stefanski explained during OTAs. "For us as coaches and us as teachers, we focus on each individual player, and all of our players are in different points of their career and maybe it's dealing with injury or dealing with a new system or whatever it might be. So that's

the part of the challenge for us as coaches, is getting the best version of our players. So there's not a number of, hey, we need you to be this percentage and a drill. This is really an all-encompassing evaluation...I know we play [our season] in September, but we want to make sure that we're doing our job throughout this offseason program again to just get the best version of our players."

The all-encompassing evaluation process has occurred as new terminology and systems are being introduced to the players. The result has made every rep of practice feel less like a routine and more like an intentional rehearsal for the regular season. The expression of this mindset has been heard around camp headquarters this offseason and is rooted by the objective to be building "calluses, not blisters".

The message has been received by the players and shows the mindset that Stefanski wants the coaching staff and players to operate in.

"I think that mentality guides how we work. It guides how our guys work in the weight room. It guides how our guys work out on the field. It guides how they push each other in this building. The idea here is football's hard, and it's competitive as hell, and we love working towards that goal for Sundays. But we're always going to be mindful of whatever we're doing is in a safe, fun environment in this offseason program. And I think the guys have done just that. They're working like crazy. They're pushing each other. We're going to make sure that everything that we do, whether in the weight room, on the field, in the meeting rooms, is intentional about getting better at something. Even the small things: fundamentals and techniques. As boring as that can be to talk about, we're going to make sure that we never lose sight of that in this off-season program."

## NEW FACES

Atlanta's free agency strategy saw the primary usage of one-year contracts to boost the overall depth and increase competition. Through the addition of veteran free agents and signings of undrafted free agents, the Falcons bolstered positional groups across the board and created an opportunity for players to contribute and compete.

"That's very important," said Cun-

ningham after free agency. "Giving guys a chance to come here, compete, play meaningful snaps to potentially help them in their career, but also most importantly, help us this season. That definitely went into some of the decision making and quite frankly, just the limited cap space that we had, we had to be strategic with some of those moves."

The Falcons added high-upside players with their first two picks of the 2026 NFL Draft—taking cornerback Avieon Terrell and wide receiver Zachariah Branch. From there, the team spent the next three picks with an aim at boosting the front seven—taking linebackers Kendal Daniels and Harold Perkins Jr. and defensive tackle Anterio Thompson—before adding offensive lineman Ethan Onianwa with the team's final pick.

## FLYING FAR AND WIDE

Atlanta's 2026 regular season starts on Sunday, Sept. 13 with a trip to Pittsburgh where Stefanski and the Dirty Birds will take on the Steelers and the team's first-year head coach Mike McCarthy. The action continues Week 2 on Sept. 20 with Atlanta's much-anticipated 2026 home opener against the visiting Carolina Panthers and their third-year head coach Dave Canales. After hosting Carolina, Atlanta will have a quick turnaround and road trip to Green Bay for Thursday Night Football and this starts a run of three consecutive prime-time games. The Sept. 24 trip to Green Bay is followed by a Monday Night Football showdown with the Saints on Oct. 5 and then a Sunday Night Football battle with Baltimore at home on Oct. 11—the start of a three-game home stretch. The Bears and 49ers will visit Mercedes-Benz Stadium for Week 6 and Week 7, respectfully, and then Atlanta starts off November with a Week 8 trip to Tampa Bay followed by a trip overseas to Madrid to take on the Cincinnati Bengals Sunday, Nov. 8. Upon returning from Spain, the Falcons will host the Kansas City Chiefs on Nov. 15 before arriving at the team's Week 11 bye. Atlanta is then on the road for three of its next four games coming off the bye—taking a Week 12 trip to Minnesota, hosting the Lions in Week 13 and then returning to the road for battles with Cleveland in Week 14 and Washington in Week 15. After this, the Falcons will have three-straight NFC South games left to close the regular season. This includes home games against the Bucs and Saints before the finale in Carolina, and gives Atlanta an opportunity to finish strong and seize control of the division's fate.





# STEFANSKI'S STAFF IS SET AFTER BUSY OFFSEASON

BY CRAIG SAGER II

Following an eighth-straight losing season, owner Arthur Blank was ready to push the button on the organization's third head-coaching change since 2020, setting in motion the committee that brought in two-time AP NFL Coach of the Year Kevin Stefanski to get the Falcons back on track. After making the decision to part with Atlanta's old regime, the offseason began with vacancies stretching across the coaching staff. In the three months that followed, the Falcons succeeded in constructing a highly motivated staff by retaining several coaches and bringing in a total of 18 new hires to complete the 23-man staff.

After being hired as president of football on Jan. 10, Matt Ryan laid out what Atlanta was looking for in a candidate during his introductory press conference. With the assistance of ZRG Partners and Sportsology Group, a committee that included Ryan, Blank, President and CEO Greg Beadles and Vice President of Executive Strategy for AMBSE Josh Blank used the in-depth reference work gathered from scores of interviews with former colleagues and players of each candidate to ultimately land on Stefanski. The committee met with Stefanski for a second-round of interviews at the home of Blank on Jan. 17. After an hour-and-a-half interview, they broke for dinner—which included a steak-and-potato bar—and informed Stefanski that he had won the job.

"I would say more important than anything was the reference work that we did," said Ryan. "And as impressive as Kevin is, and as much as I enjoyed the conversations that we had, the reference work, not only by myself, but the entire research committee of going through and talking to former players, talking to former coaches, talking to different people around the league that knew Kevin from different stops along the way, it all started to line up. And I really think that was the biggest thing. The feeling that we were getting was matching up with the reference work that we were doing. And so that was more where I felt like things started to align."

Prior to being named the 20th head coach in Atlanta Falcons history, Stefanski most recently served as head coach of the Cleveland Browns. While there, he was named AP Coach of the Year in 2020 after leading the Browns to the playoffs for the first time since 2002 and their first playoff win since 1994 with an 11-5 record. He won his second AP Coach of the Year award in 2023 when the Browns made the playoffs and finished 11-6. Since moving back to Cleveland in 1999, the Browns have made the playoffs just three times and two of the three came with Stefanski at the helm. Before Cleveland, Stefanski was a long-time member of the Minnesota Vikings organization—holding various positions including assistant to the

head coach, tight ends coach, running backs coach, quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator.

## COME TOGETHER

The work to build the staff began immediately and Stefanski joined Ryan on Jan. 27—10 days after he was first hired—for an introductory press conference that came right in the critical stages of the franchise's complete overhaul of the coaching staff. Stefanski experienced a similar challenge when building a brand new staff when he was named a first-year head coach for the Cleveland Browns in 2020 and he embraced this opportunity to build his new staff in Atlanta. At his introductory press conference, Stefanski described the process like putting a puzzle together and stressed the importance of the entire staff prioritizing the development of each and every player.

"We're putting a staff together that I'm very, very excited about," said Stefanski. "Putting a staff together is like a puzzle. All those pieces matter. There's some really big pieces, but all the pieces matter. I'm excited about some of the pieces we've put together already...every role, every job on a coaching staff matters because it's our job to develop our football players."

With so many positions to fill, a few major hires were made before the introductory press conference, continuing into February and early March before the staff was completed at last.

## PIECE BY PIECE

Stefanski added the first major piece of the puzzle by retaining defensive coordinator Jeff Ulbrich—one of the five coaches returning from last year's staff and the architect behind last year's defensive turnaround campaign. The following day, Stefanski added Bill Callahan to coach the offensive line—reuniting the two coaches after their time in Cleveland. Five more positions were filled on Jan. 22, including Tommy Rees as offensive coordinator. Rees and Stefanski are familiar coaching partners that are comfortable in the head coach and coordinator dynamic after Stefanski passed the headset to Rees to call plays this past year in Cleveland. Nick Jones and Michael Pitre were retained, with Jones return-

ing to his post as assistant offensive line coach and Pitre coming back to lead running backs again. Dave Huxtable returns as a senior defensive assistant and Jacqueline Roberts joined the organization as manager of coaching operations.

The third coordinator position was filled on Jan. 26 with the addition of Craig Aukerman to serve as special teams coordinator. Before January concluded, Bob Quinn was brought on as senior advisor to the head coach. Additionally, three coaches were retained with Nate Ollie (defensive line), Justin Hood (secondary) and Kevin Koger (tight ends). It was a homecoming for Robert Prince—who was hired to be the wide receivers coach after previously spending the 2004-06 seasons on the Falcons staff. Michael Bearden was added on Jan. 30 in the role of coaching fellow and Atlanta's new quarterbacks coach Alex Van Pelt was announced on January 31. Van Pelt worked with Stefanski as his offensive coordinator in Cleveland from 2020-23 and reunites after stints with the Patriots (2024) and Rams (2025).

On Feb. 1, Tokunbo "Tumbo" Abanikanda was promoted to director of scouting and Tanner Engstrand was hired as the passing game coordinator. Atlanta hired Matt Jones to serve as assistant offensive line coach on Feb. 6 and then on Feb. 10, Barrett Rudd was retained to coach inside linebackers while John Timu was retained and promoted—moving up from defensive assistant (2024-25) to outside linebackers coach. Additionally, Ricky Manning was added to be an assistant defensive backs/nickels coach and reunites with Ulbrich after working together with the Jets.

Four more positions were filled before the end of the month with Chase Blackburn brought in as assistant special teams coach, Shawn Heinlen as director of college scouting, Parkview graduate Jordan Reid brought in as assistant quarterbacks coach and Patrick Toney named defensive passing game coordinator on Feb. 27. The final pieces were put into place in early March with Kevin Winston's homecoming and appointment to vice president of player affairs. Finally, on March 8, Troy Kruchten was named defensive quality control coach.





# FALCONS FIND GM OF THE FUTURE IN IAN CUNNINGHAM

BY CRAIG SAGER II



The Atlanta Falcons began a top-down restructuring of the organization the night after last season's final game by opening up the position of head coach and general manager. Those changes left vacancies at both positions for just the third offseason in the 61-year history of the franchise. After these departures on Jan. 4, the Falcons moved quickly to restructure the organization ahead of the hiring process. The day after the dismissal of Raheem Morris and Terry Fontenot, Greg Beadles was elevated to president and CEO of the franchise. Beadles succeeded Rich McKay—who moved over to CEO of AMB Sports and Entertainment (AMBSE) after serving in the role of CEO since 2011. Beadles started his career with the Atlanta Falcons as an intern in 1995 and gained comprehensive experience during his ascent to the top of the ladder—including the last three years spent as president of the Falcons prior to his current title. As president and CEO of the Atlanta Falcons, Beadles oversees all the business operations of the organization and collaborates closely with the president of football—a position filled on Jan. 10 when the Falcons reunited with Matt Ryan to fill the front office role. With Ryan in place, a committee was ready to lead the search for a new head coach and general manager.

Filling either role can be an arduous process and ensuring that the two hires share similar visions is an added, yet vital challenge. Coincidentally, with Ryan now in an executive position, he had an opportunity to lead the committee after being a player the last two times Atlanta had both a first-year head coach and general manager in the same season. The first such instance came in 2008 during Ryan's rookie season (Mike Smith, Thomas Dimitroff) and again when Ryan was entering his 14th-year and final season with the Atlanta Falcons in 2021 when both positions were again opened and filled (Arthur Smith, Terry Fontenot). Fast forward to 2026 and the now-retired Ryan would be leading the search for the next general manager in one of the most pivotal offseasons since the team drafted their future franchise star in 2008.

The work to hire a head coach and general manager began concurrently, but the carousel for each position was vastly different. The 10 NFL head coaching changes during the 2026 offseason tied the all-time league record for most coaching changes in a single offseason. By contrast, the front office carousel was relatively quiet outside of the Falcons organization. The only other general manager change was settled on Jan. 9 when

the Miami Dolphins hired Green Bay Packers Vice President of Player Personnel Jon-Eric Sullivan. This left the Falcons with the league's only GM vacancy and gave the committee an opportunity to find the best possible fit.

## OUR NEW GM

Atlanta wrapped up its search on Jan. 29 and announced the hiring of Ian Cunningham to be the team's next GM. Cunningham had built an exceptionally strong resume since first joining the league in 2008 as a player personnel assistant for the Baltimore Ravens. A standout offensive lineman from the University of Virginia, Cunningham joined the Ravens after getting released by the Kansas City Chiefs as an undrafted free agent. It was here that his ascent began.

Both Ryan and Cunningham began their NFL journeys in 2008 with the two actually crossing paths in college when Ryan's Boston College moved from the Big East into the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2005 to set up the first meeting with Virginia since 1963. This was before Ryan solidified the starting job and Cunningham was playing limited snaps at center that season before taking over the starting guard role. There was a third important figure from that 2005 game that helped Cunningham beat out all of the other candidates. That individual was Ryan Poles, a friend and former Boston College teammate of Ryan, who worked alongside Cunningham in Chicago as GM for the entirety of his four-year stint.

## IAN'S RESUME

After spending the 2008-16 seasons in Baltimore, Cunningham's next stop was Philadelphia from 2017-21. While there, he served in various capacities for the Eagles during that time and after experiencing a Super Bowl victory with the Ravens in 2012, Cunningham was a part of a second Super Bowl victory in 2017 during his first year

in Philly. He spent the 2017-18 seasons as director of college scouting before climbing to assistant director of player personnel (2019-20) and later director of player personnel (2021).

Cunningham became a Chicago Bear in 2022 and served as assistant general manager for the next four years. In his last season with the franchise in 2025, the Bears claimed the NFC North title for the first time since 2018.

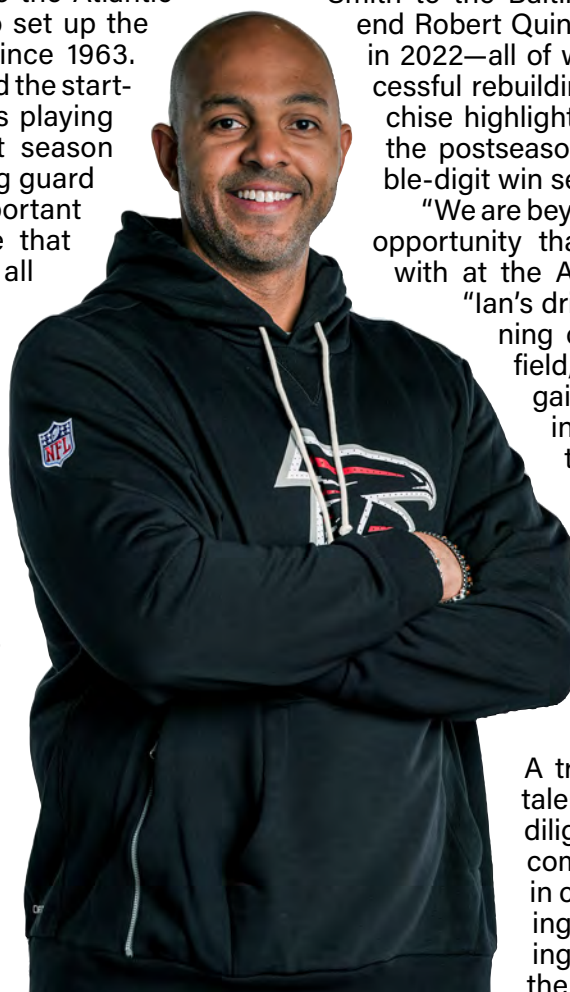
"I think that was one of the biggest selling points for us on Ian, was his experience in all areas of scouting," said Ryan. "He touched it all, and I think from the general manager position and understanding what those positions go through and what the expectations for them are, was very important to us through that process."

Cunningham's success in rebuilding the Chicago Bears was exactly what the Falcons wanted to have heading into this year's process. In Chicago, he was instrumental in pulling off several big trades, including sending linebacker Roquan Smith to the Baltimore Ravens and defensive end Robert Quinn to the Philadelphia Eagles in 2022—all of which helped achieve a successful rebuilding of the storied Bears franchise highlighted by Chicago's first trip to the postseason since 2020 and first double-digit win season since 2018.

"We are beyond proud of the well-earned opportunity that Ian has been presented with at the Atlanta Falcons," said Poles.

"Ian's drive to build and foster a winning culture, both on and off the field, is infectious. The Falcons gain one of the hardest-working, most genuine, and loyal teammates and leaders in our industry. I am blessed and fortunate to have had the opportunity to partner with Ian over the last four years, and I cherish the memories and first-hand perspective that I had as he positively influenced our entire organization.

A trusted leader, a tremendous talent evaluator, an incredibly diligent worker, and an excellent communicator, those traits pale in comparison to the human being that Ian is and the endearing qualities that he will bring to the Falcons."





# THE PEACH STATE PASSERS

BY MAX WOLBORSKY

The quarterback position is not only considered the most important position on a football field, but has always been recognized as one of the most difficult positions to play in all of sports. The Falcons have had a long-storied history of quarterbacks to play for the organization, including names such as Steve Bartkowski (1975-85), Michael Vick (2001-06), all the way to Matt Ryan (2008-21) who is arguably the greatest player to ever don the Falcon jersey. Entering the 2026 season, Atlanta has a blend of young talent and experienced veterans making up the quarterback room as they look to command the offense.

Following the departure of veteran quarterback Kirk Cousins in the offseason, Atlanta's quarterback room has been revamped with new talent and experience across the board.

The focal point of Atlanta's quarterback room is the duo of third-year signal-caller Michael Penix Jr. and six-year veteran and former Miami Dolphin Tua Tagovailoa. Veteran Trevor Siemian and rookie Jack Strand out of Minnesota State-Moorhead round out the rest of the quarterback room, giving the Dirty Birds a variety of experience under center.

## TAKING THE NEXT LEAP

Penix will be entering his third season in Atlanta after he led the offense through nine games last season before suffering an ACL injury. The left-handed passer was a premier college quarterback at both Indiana and Washington. Penix played a major role in the Huskies' success during his senior year in 2023, leading the team to an undefeated regular season and the College Football Playoff National Championship game in addition to earning the 2023 Maxwell Award, given to college football's best all-around player. Across that same season, Penix led the country in passing yards (4,903) and ranked third in passing touchdowns (36). In 48 career games over a six-year collegiate career, Penix threw for a total of 13,741 yards and 96 touchdowns and finished in the top-20 all-time for most career passing yards.

Atlanta selected Penix with the eighth-overall pick in the 2024 NFL Draft and gave him the keys to the offense last season. As a rookie, he spent the season as the Falcons' backup before starting the final three

games of the season and eventually earning the starting job over Cousins entering the 2025 season. Dating back to early last season, Penix became the second-ever Falcon quarterback to throw for 200 or more yards in his first four NFL starts, joining former Falcon signal-caller Mike Moroski. Over his short professional career thus far, Penix has thrown for 2,757 yards and 12 touchdowns with a completion percentage of 59.6%, and has added two touchdowns on the ground. Before missing the final seven games of the 2025 season, Penix totaled 1,982 passing yards along with nine passing touchdowns while completing 60.1% of his passes in nine games. Known for his strong arm and pocket passing ability, Penix seeks to take another leap into stardom this season and has the supporting cast around him to take the Falcons to new heights.

## FROM THE 808 TO THE 404

Tagovailoa enters the 2026 season with a fresh start in Atlanta after spending the first six seasons of his career with the Miami Dolphins. The Dolphins drafted Tagovailoa with the fifth-overall pick in the 2020 NFL Draft out of Alabama where the Hawaii-native spent three seasons in college with the Crimson Tide. As a true freshman in Tuscaloosa, Tagovailoa burst onto the national scene in the 2018 College Football Playoff National Championship game against the Georgia Bulldogs, replacing Jalen Hurts to start the second half after trailing 13-0. Tagovailoa etched his name in Crimson flame and in the Alabama football history books when he threw a 41-yard touchdown strike to DeVonta Smith in overtime to lift the Crimson Tide over the Bulldogs, 26-23 in Mercedes-Benz Stadium. In three seasons at Alabama, two as the starting quarterback, Tagovailoa accounted for 7,442 passing yards and 87 passing touchdowns while completing 69.3% of his passes. He led the Crimson Tide to a second CFP National Championship appearance in 2019, and finished his collegiate career as the program's all-time leader in career passing touchdowns.

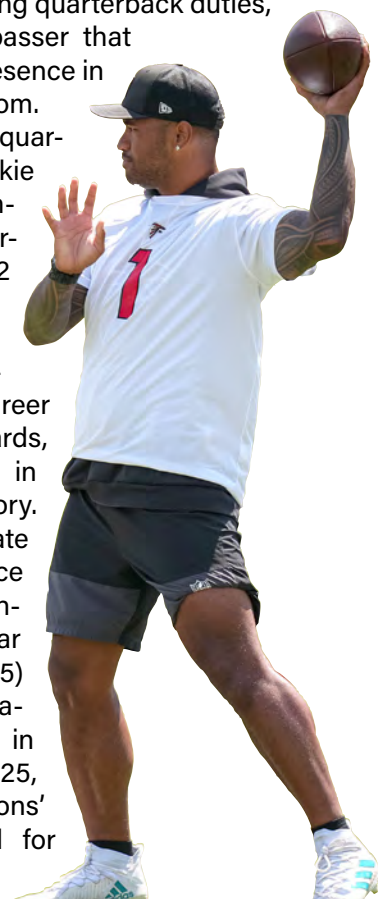
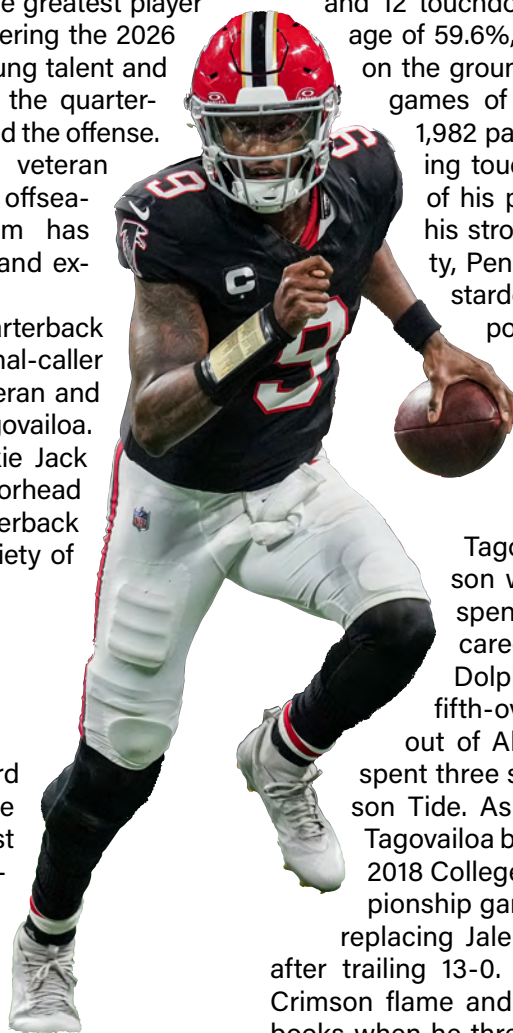
During his tenure in Miami, Tagovailoa led the Dolphins to two postseason appearances (2022-23) and holds a 44-32 record as a starting quarterback in the NFL. His best season came in 2023 when he threw for a league-high 4,624 yards along with 29 touchdowns, earning him the first Pro Bowl nod of

his career. Across his six seasons in the league, he has gone 1,647-of-2,421 passing for 18,166 yards and 120 touchdowns. In the offseason, Tagovailoa signed a one-year contract to be in Atlanta for the 2026 season and brings his heralded efficiency and top-notch accuracy to the locker room.

## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Siemian was selected by the Denver Broncos in the seventh round (250th overall) of the 2015 NFL Draft out of Northwestern and was tasked with following in the footsteps of Hall of Fame quarterback Peyton Manning the season after he led the Broncos to their third Super Bowl victory. Siemian became Denver's starter in 2016 and helped lead the Broncos to a 9-7 record, just barely missing the playoffs. Siemian has been a part of five different franchises since then, including the Minnesota Vikings (2018), New York Jets (2019 and 2023), New Orleans Saints (2020-21), Chicago Bears (2022) and the Tennessee Titans (2024-25) before finding a new home this year in Atlanta. Over his 11-year professional career, he has thrown for 7,751 yards and 44 touchdowns while completing 58.5% of his passes. Though he may not be in the mix for starting quarterback duties, Siemian is another passer that provides a veteran presence in the Falcons' locker room.

Rounding out the quarterback room is rookie Jack Strand out of Minnesota State-Moorhead. He has 42 games of experience at the NCAA Division II level where he finished his collegiate career with 13,161 passing yards, ranking 10th all-time in NCAA Division II history. His decorated collegiate career includes twice receiving NSIC Offensive Player of the Year honors (2023 and 2025) and he holds every major passing record in Dragon history. In 2025, Strand set the Dragons' single-season record for passing touchdowns with 42.







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# DRAFT DAY DELIGHTS

BY HAYDEN GILBERT

Once again, the Falcons will be welcoming a group of high-end rookies to Flowery Branch as the team hopes that they will be Atlanta's next stars and lead the franchise into the future. New general manager Ian Cunningham and head coach Kevin Stefanski spent their first spring together with a shared goal of drafting the necessary pieces to return to the playoffs, and beyond. For the first time since 2012, the Falcons did not have a first-round draft pick. Even with the absence of a first-round pick in this year's draft, Atlanta had no trouble finding the next group of players to take the team to new heights.

## YOUNG AND HUNGRY

Atlanta's first pick in the 2026 NFL Draft was the 48th-overall selection in the second round. With that pick, the Falcons took cornerback Avieon Terrell out of Clemson University. An Atlanta native and a graduate of Westlake High School, he is the younger brother of current Falcon cornerback and former first-round pick, A.J. Terrell Jr. This will be the first time the two brothers have played together on a competitive team. The younger Terrell was seen by many as one of the top talents at his position heading into the draft, and his selection provides Atlanta with another reliable option in what is already a strong secondary. Collegiately, he played three seasons with the Tigers and recorded 125 total tackles (90 solo), 25 passes defended, nine tackles for loss, eight forced fumbles, four sacks, three interceptions and three fumble recoveries. He received first-team All-ACC honors in 2025 after recording 48 total tackles (30 solo), 4.5 tackles for loss and nine passes defended along with career highs in sacks (three) and forced fumbles (five).

The Falcons drafted one of the fastest players in the draft, Zachariah Branch, out of the University of Georgia with the 79th-overall pick in the third round. Branch is a former track star and ran a 4.35 40-yard dash at the

combine, the fastest by a receiver the Falcons have drafted since selecting Rondel Mendez (4.24) in the seventh round of the 1999 NFL Draft. While at UGA, Branch set the program's single season record for receptions in 2025, hauling in 81 for 811 yards and six touchdowns. The Bulldogs used Branch as a bit of a gadget player with most of his catches coming within a few yards of the line of scrimmage, but the combine showed he has the ability to develop a deeper route tree. Before his lone season at UGA, Branch spent two seasons at the University of Southern California where he totaled 78 receptions for 823 yards and three touchdowns. His contributions aren't just as a pass

catcher, but also as an elite return man. During his freshman season in 2023 he received first-team All-America honors and the Jet Award, given to the nation's top return specialist, after averaging 20.8 yards per punt return and 18.4 yards per kickoff return.

## BIG SWINGS

With the Falcons' fourth-round draft pick (134th overall), the front office took a swing on one of the highest-upside players in the draft in Kendal Daniels out of Oklahoma. Daniels is an anomaly, standing at 6-foot-5 and weighing 242 pounds, and played a hybrid role between safety and linebacker for the Sooners last season. Daniels will make the transition to linebacker for the Falcons, bringing another versatile athlete to the second level of defense. His physical profile is very unique, giving him the ability to be effective in all three phases of the game.

Across his 2025 season with Oklahoma, he recorded 53 total tackles (28 solo), nine tackles for loss,

three passes defended and one fumble recovery. He played his 2021-24 seasons at Oklahoma State, and in 2022 earned second-team All-Big 12 honors and was named Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year after redshirting his first season with the Cowboys.

With their first pick in the sixth-round (208th overall) Atlanta selected Anterio Thompson out of the University of Washington, giving the Falcons another high-upside player that may have been the most athletically gifted defensive lineman in the draft. He ran a 4.73 40-yard dash at the Washington Pro Day, which would have been the fastest time among all defensive tackles at the combine. Across the 2025 season with the Huskies, he recorded 30 total tackles (17 solo) and two passes defended, and set career highs in tackles for loss (2.5) and sacks (1.5).

## RAVENOUS ROOKIES

The second of two sixth-round picks by Atlanta was used to select linebacker Harold Perkins Jr. out of Louisiana State University with the 215th-overall pick. A former five-star recruit, Perkins played four seasons of collegiate football for the Tigers and made an immediate impact as a freshman in 2022. That season, he received first-team All-SEC honors after recording 72 total tackles (39 solo) and career highs in tackles for loss (13), sacks (7.5) and forced fumbles (four). He received second-team All-SEC honors the following year after recording 13 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks, five passes defended, three forced fumbles and a career-high 75 total tackles (43 solo). An extremely interesting prospect, Perkins will look to develop into a true three-down player.

The final pick by the Falcons in the 2026 NFL Draft was used to select Ethan Onianwa in the seventh round (231st overall) out of The Ohio State University. With the retirement of Kaleb McGary, Onianwa could fill an important role for Atlanta as the 6-foot-7, 331-pound tackle could be utilized to shore up the position. Prior to spending the 2025 season with the Buckeyes, Onianwa played four seasons (2021-24) with the Rice Owls.







# FALCON FIREPOWER

BY MAX WOLBORSKY

The 2026 Atlanta Falcons offense includes tons of talent looking to make an immediate impact in the new season. With a handful of playmakers littered all over the field, and a new offensive coordinator in Tommy Rees, first-year head coach Kevin Stefanski will look to maximize the potential of an offense that has the capability to be a dangerous unit on the field.

Rees comes to Atlanta following a two-year stint in Cleveland with Stefanski, serving as the team's tight ends coach and pass game specialist in his first season in 2024 before being promoted to offensive coordinator ahead of the 2025 season. Stefanski gave play-calling duties to Rees by Week 10 of last season, following the team's bye week. This play-calling system will remain in Atlanta as the young offensive mind will take over an offense with tons to prove.

"Tommy will call plays," said Stefanski. "That's a setup that I'm very, very comfortable with. I think he's an outstanding football coach. He's young, but I don't know if you always measure experience just in years. I think he's had unbelievable experiences in his young career. He's somebody that I trust. We see the game similarly, but we also push each other because we're different. So, Tommy will head up that offensive staff. I'm excited about some of the people we've been able to bring in already to this group, and I have the utmost confidence in Tommy."

Before his time with the Browns, Rees spent a season in Tuscaloosa under Nick Saban as Alabama's offensive coordinator and spent the six seasons before that at his alma mater in South Bend, serving as Notre Dame's quarterbacks coach (2017-19) and eventually ascended to become the program's offensive coordinator (2020-22).

## B-ROBs ALL-AROUND

Some of the talent Rees has to work with is second to none, as Falcons running back Bijan Robinson is coming off his best season since he entered the league in 2023. Robinson was drafted with the eighth-overall pick in the 2023 NFL Draft and has become widely regarded as one of the best, if not the best running back in the league in his short career. So far in three seasons, Robinson's accolades include two Pro Bowl selections along with first-team All-Pro honors (RB) and second-team All-Pro honors (all purpose) last season when he led the NFL in scrimmage yards with 2,298, setting the franchise's all-time record for scrimmage yards in a season. In what was his most productive

season in the NFL thus far, Robinson recorded a career-high 1,478 rushing yards along with seven rushing touchdowns while also being a weapon in the passing game, recording career highs in receptions (79) and receiving yards (820) while tying his career high of four receiving touchdowns.

His lateral quickness and versatility are what set him apart from the rest, constantly proving that he is not only one of the hardest players in the NFL to tackle, but one of the best offensive weapons in the game today. Following the departure of Tyler Allgeier in free agency, the Falcons signed veteran running back Brian Robinson after a season in San Francisco to maintain a one-two punch in the backfield. Including his three seasons in Washington (2022-24), Robinson has recorded 2,729 rushing yards and 17 rushing touchdowns across his four-year career.

## RIISING UP TO THE OCCASION

Including Robinson, the pass catchers for the Falcons will look to build off a strong 2025 campaign, with 6-foot-4 wideout Drake London leading the way heading into his fifth season. Over the course of four seasons, London has recorded 309 receptions for 3,961 receiving yards and 22 touchdowns in 62 games, solidifying himself as the clear-cut No. 1 wide receiver in Atlanta. In early June, Atlanta awarded its top wideout with a four-year contract extension, keeping him with the organization for the foreseeable future. The Southern Cal-product turned in another productive season a year ago, totaling 68 receptions for 919 yards and seven touchdowns in 12 games.

London leads a new-look receiving corps in 2026 as the Falcons welcome back Olamide Zaccheaus and add new faces in Jahan Dotson and rookie Zachariah Branch, who was selected in the third round (79th overall) of the

2026 NFL Draft out of Georgia. Branch is a dynamic playmaker in the open field and provides an immediate boost in a position of need for Atlanta. In his lone season at Georgia, Branch led the SEC in receptions, recording 81 with the Bulldogs, setting the school's record for single season receptions.

Entering his sixth season, Kyle Pitts is coming off his best year since his rookie season as the 6-foot-6, 250-pound tight end recorded over 900 receiving yards for the second time in his career. Pitts recorded career highs in both receptions and touchdowns, hauling in 88 passes and finding the end zone five times. Pitts' large frame makes him a matchup nightmare for defenses, and also makes the tight end one of the most versatile players on the team as the Falcons have the ability to line him up almost anywhere on the field. Charlie Woerner and Austin Hooper round out the tight end room, giving the Falcons two exceptional blockers at the position.

## PROTECTING THE STARS

Pro Bowl offensive linemen Jake Matthews and Chris Lindstrom bring the experience into a young offense as the two of them have combined for 19 years of NFL experience, all with the Falcons. Along with left guard Matthew Bergeron, the 2025 Falcons offensive line led the rushing game to top-10 finishes in both rushing yards (2,138) and rushing yards per game (125.8), both ranking eighth in the league. The team welcomed back starting center Ryan Neuzil for his fifth season in Atlanta and also brought in offensive tackle Jawaan Taylor after spending three seasons in Kansas City where he helped lead the Chiefs to victory in Super Bowl LIX.

The entire offense will revolve around the quarterback position as a pair of lefties headline the quarterback room in Michael Penix Jr. and veteran Tua Tagovailoa. Penix, the younger option for the Falcons offense, is known for his impressive arm strength and ability to get the ball down the field, while Tagovailoa brings vital experience to the group as the veteran looks for a second chance at a starting role in Atlanta.







Atlanta's defense is heading into the 2026 season with more continuity than nearly any group on the team, and are led by defensive coordinator Jeff Ulbrich who is back for his second year calling the shots on the defensive side of the ball. The 2025 Falcons, under Ulbrich, recorded the second-most sacks in the league with 57, setting a new franchise record for the most sacks in a single season, breaking the previous record of 55 that was set in 1997. The team also totaled 16 interceptions across the 2025 season, the most since 2014.

The team returns much of the core from last year's unit, with a good mix of productive veterans who bring a high floor and a handful of high-end young players whose continued development will set the ceiling for how good the defense can be. The expectation is that the defense will once again be great, with the potential to become one of the most elite defensive units in the entire NFL.

## FEROCIOUS FRONT SEVEN

The defensive line has a tremendously high ceiling as recent draft picks begin to hit their primes. 2024 fourth-round draft pick (109th overall) Brandon Dorlus had a breakout 2025 season. After appearing in only two games as a rookie, he played in 15 games last season, starting in nine. Across his second season he recorded 27 total tackles (15 solo), 8.5 sacks and 11 tackles for loss. Those 8.5 sacks are the most by a Falcon interior defensive lineman since Rodrick Coleman had 10.5 sacks in 2005. In addition to Dorlus, LaCale London had a strong 2025 season, making 30 total tackles (17 solo) and five sacks in his age-28 season. It was his best year of professional football so far, having recorded a combined 13 tackles (six solo) and zero sacks in his previous five seasons.

There is great potential throughout the rest of the position group. Zach Harrison was having a breakout season a year ago, recording 4.5 sacks in only seven games before a knee injury ended his season early. The Falcons also added rookie defensive tackle Anterio Thompson out of Washington with one of their sixth-round picks in the 2026 NFL Draft. Though he may take

time to develop into a high-end player, he could have a role as a depth piece early on.

The edge rushers will once again be led by the pair of high-end second-year players in Jalon Walker and James Pearce Jr. They recorded a combined 16 sacks across their rookie seasons, along with 25 quarterback hits and 15 tackles for loss. Pearce also became the first Falcon since the 2016 season to reach double-digit sacks. If both can take a step forward in year two, they have the ability to become one of the most dominant pairings across the league.

In addition to the team's 2025 rookies, the Falcons added Azeez Ojulari in March of 2026. The Georgia native and UGA graduate has been extremely productive when on the field. He missed all but three games in 2025 with a hamstring injury, but in 2024 recorded six sacks in only 11 games. Along with the veterans, rookie sixth-round pick (215th overall) Harold Perkins Jr. will look to make an early impact.

At linebacker, Divine Deablo will be back after a strong 73-tackle campaign. When healthy, he was one of the most impactful players on the team. Deablo missed four games last year with a broken forearm, and in the 13 games he played, the Falcons went 8-5.

The free-agent signings of Channing Tindall and Christian Harris certainly bolsters the linebacker position for the Falcons. Tindall has yet to reach his full potential but remains a high-upside player who was a third-round pick (102nd overall) by the Miami Dolphins in the 2022 NFL Draft for a reason. Harris was a major piece of the Texans' defense over the past four years. His best season to date came in 2023 when he recorded 101 total tackles (65 solo). If he can regain that high-end form from his sophomore year, he will be an impactful player in the Falcons' front seven.

## DOMINANT DEFENSIVE BACKS

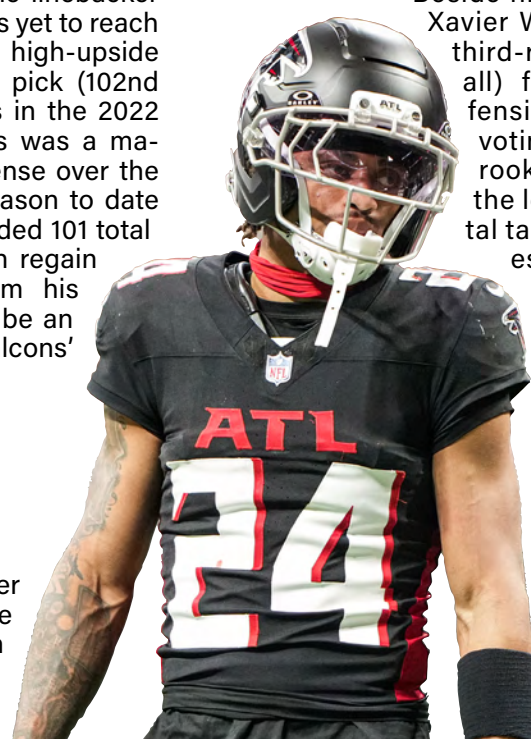
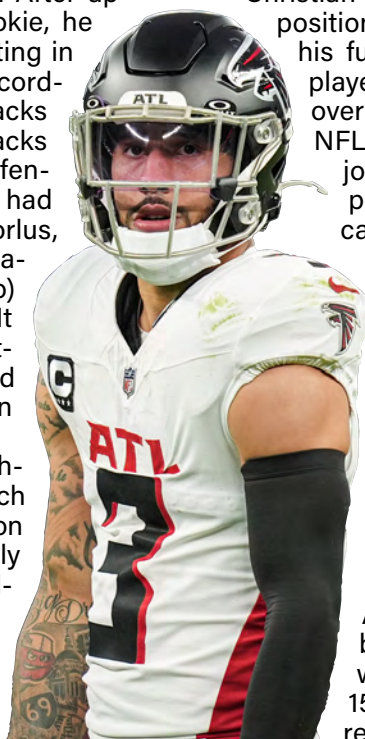
At cornerback, former All-Pro A.J. Terrell Jr. will be back for his seventh season with Atlanta. He started 15 games last season and recorded 68 total tackles

(49 solo) with 12 passes defended. The team's other starting cornerback for most of last year, Mike Hughes, will return after signing a three-year contract extension in 2025 to remain with the team long term. Hughes didn't lose a step at age 28, and finished the 2025 season with 51 total tackles (40 solo) and seven passes defended.

One of the biggest offseason additions is 2026 second-round draft pick (48th overall) Avieon Terrell. The younger Terrell will look to immediately make an impact and compete for playing time. The Falcons remain hopeful that Billy Bowman Jr. can make his return as soon as possible after suffering a torn Achilles tendon last season. The former fourth-round pick (118th overall) in the 2025 NFL Draft appeared in six games as a rookie and recorded 26 total tackles (15 solo), two passes defended, 1.5 sacks, one tackle for loss, one forced fumble and one interception. His recovery during the offseason has gone well, and the potential for an early return still remains.

Safety may be the defense's strongest position, headlined by the team's veteran leader in Jessie Bates III who is coming off his third second-team All-Pro selection in 2025. Bates recorded 98 total tackles (57 solo) last season, along with six passes defended and three interceptions.

Beside him was rookie breakout Xavier Watts. The former 2025 third-round pick (96th overall) finished fourth in Defensive Rookie of the Year voting as one of the best rookie defensive backs in the league, recording 96 total tackles (59 solo), 11 passes defended, and five interceptions. Those five interceptions tied for second in the league and were two more than the next closest rookie. Together in year one, Bates and Watts formed a dynamic duo as one of the best safety pairings in the league, setting the stage for what will be another strong outing for Atlanta's defense in the upcoming season.





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# FAST. TIMELESS. AUTHENTIC.

BY FRED MITCHELL

For the Atlanta Falcons, jerseys have always been more than fabric, colors and logos. They represent identity, generations of fans, and the city they proudly represent. As the Falcons continue building toward the future, their uniforms remain a powerful reflection of who they are and where they come from. This philosophy is especially evident with the release of their 2026 uniforms.

From the moment players step onto the field, the Falcons' uniforms tell a story. They honor decades of franchise history while embodying the spirit of Atlanta, a city known for innovation, resilience, creativity and confidence.

## POWERFUL PALETTE

The Falcons have long been recognized as one of the NFL's most visually distinctive franchises. The iconic red, black and white color palette has become synonymous with Atlanta football. Whether worn at Mercedes-Benz Stadium or on the road, the uniforms have always stood out.

The red jerseys celebrate the energy and passion that have defined Falcons football for decades. Vibrant and unmistakably Atlanta, they provide a visual connection to some of the franchise's most memorable moments. Most recently, the team moved away from wearing red at home, opting primarily for black. However, of the franchise's 17 winning seasons, 13 have featured red in the uniform rotation.

"Red is a loud color. Red pops from across the room, from across the field, from across the stadium," said Larry Luk, the Falcons' vice president of creative. "On-field red is just going to tie into what we expect Falcons football to look like."

The white uniforms offer a clean, classic appearance. Simple yet powerful, they highlight the franchise's commitment to tradition while maintaining a modern edge. The contrast between the white uniforms and the Falcons' iconic helmet creates a timeless look that never goes out of style.

"The new uniforms fit the same as the throwbacks. They are not as tight as our old ones," said cornerback A.J. Terrell Jr. "Everything feels like it's meant to be."

The pants bring back one of the Falcons' most recognizable looks with silver stripes running down the sides. This time, the organization leaned even further into silver as a key design element.

"It's all a celebration of silver as a third color that I don't think we have addressed as obviously or as

deliberately until now," Luk said. "It brings the whole uniform together when you look at the silver elements existing throughout."

Another noticeable change comes in the jersey numbers. The Falcons have returned to a more traditional design that is easier for fans, media members and broadcasters to read from a distance.

"What we realized is we like this classic aesthetic," Luk explained. "It was something that was echoed from equipment, from leaders in the room, from marketing, from broadcast, from players. This needs to look and feel like football, forever."

## HEADSTRONG HEADGEAR

The helmets also feature subtle but meaningful updates. The Falcons have replaced the brushed nickel facemask with a traditional silver finish, creating a cleaner and more consistent appearance. The change also helps ensure greater uniformity during production. Additionally, the helmet now features a low-gloss shell finish that gives it a sharper and more refined look on the field.

"That gloss really reflects the halo board above," Luk explained. "We wanted to go with this low-gloss because the photos and videos featured our Falcon logo in all of its glory."

What makes the Falcons' jerseys unique is their ability to balance innovation with heritage. While trends across professional sports continue to evolve, Atlanta has embraced modern design without abandoning the elements that fans have loved for decades. That balance reflects the city itself. Atlanta has become a cultural powerhouse with an influence that extends far beyond sports. The Falcons proudly carry that identity every time they take the field.

## A CITY CONNECTED

The connection between the team and the city is especially evident on game day. Thousands of fans fill Mercedes-Benz Stadium wearing red, black and white, creating a shared experience that brings people together

from all walks of life. For a few hours, everyone is united by the same passion. Current players understand the significance of donning the Falcon uniform. Every athlete who puts it on becomes part of a larger story that stretches across decades. From franchise legends to today's stars, generations of players have contributed to the legacy represented by those colors.

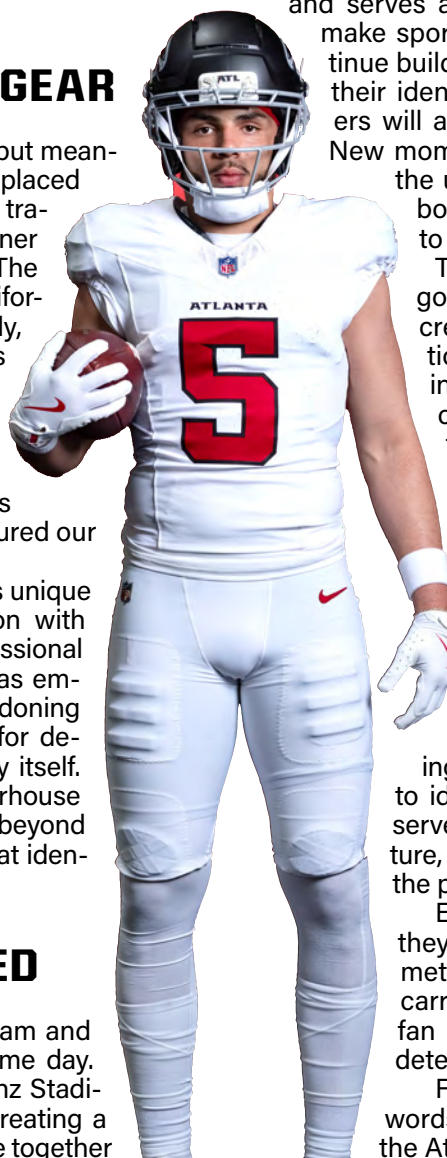
Fans often remember specific moments through the uniforms worn during them. A game-winning touchdown. A division title. A playoff run. The uniform becomes attached to memories that last a lifetime and serves as a reminder of the emotions that make sports meaningful. As the Falcons continue building for the future, the importance of their identity remains unchanged. New players will arrive. New chapters will be written. New moments will be created. Through it all, the uniform will remain a constant symbol of the franchise and its connection to Atlanta.

The best uniforms do more than look good. They inspire confidence. They create tradition. They connect generations. They provide a sense of belonging for players and fans alike. The Falcons' uniforms accomplish each of those goals. They are fast, reflecting the speed and athleticism required to compete at the highest level. They are timeless, honoring the traditions and history that define the franchise. Most importantly, they are authentic, representing the city of Atlanta and the people who proudly support their team.

In a league filled with constant change, some things remain enduring. The Atlanta Falcons' commitment to identity is one of them. The uniforms serve as a bridge between past and future, connecting legendary moments with the promise of what comes next.

Every time the Falcons take the field, they carry more than a logo on their helmets and colors on their jerseys. They carry the pride of a city, the passion of a fan base, and the legacy of a franchise determined to soar.

Fast. Timeless. Authentic. Those words are more than a slogan. They are the Atlanta Falcons.







# RYAN RISES TO THE OCCASION

BY SETH ELLERBEE

Before he led the Falcons for 14 seasons (2008-21), became the franchise's all-time leading passer (59,735 yards) and was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player (2016) after leading Atlanta to its second Super Bowl appearance, Matthew Thomas Ryan was a mildly recruited quarterback out of William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia, Pa.

Growing up in nearby Exton, there was no 'Matty Ice' when Ryan made the transition to Boston College (2003-07), where he would set the Eagle's single-season passing record of 4,507 yards. Ryan (9,313) finished his collegiate career as the program's third leading passer in school history, finishing only behind Glenn Foley (10,039) and Doug Flutie (10,579).

The glimpses of greatness were there, and the Atlanta Falcons saw it leading up to the 2008 NFL Draft.

## AND SO IT BEGINS

Ryan scored a 32 on the Wonderlic exam, the highest score for a quarterback in his draft class alongside Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm. Come draft night in Radio City Music Hall, the Falcons used their first-round pick (third overall) in the 2008 NFL Draft to select Ryan and changed the course of the franchise's history forever.

What began with Ryan's selection turned into a multi-staged career with the organization, culminating with him being named as the president of football on Jan. 10, 2026.

"I think it's just another great resource to have," said Falcons guard Chris Lindstrom, who played alongside Ryan from 2019-21. "I think Matt is probably the greatest Falcon ever. He's obviously very smart, a league MVP, and having his eyes, opinion and experience is always a value, and he was an incredible teammate. So just having him around is great, and the competitor that he is, is awesome. So, I feel super fortunate, and I think we all are to have Matt around."

Lindstrom, a native of Dudley, Mass. and an alumnus of Boston College (2015-18), had much respect for Ryan, and that might be an understatement.

A life-long Boston College fan, Lindstrom grew up watching Ryan lead the Eagles on Saturdays before going out in the yard and trying to emulate his hero with multi-colored leaves falling to the ground as fall gave way to winter in the Northeast.

There was no way for the 10-year-old Lindstrom to know that he would eventually suit up alongside Ryan in Flowery Branch, with their lockers side-by-side.

"I definitely didn't bark at him. That's for sure," Lindstrom said. "That wouldn't have gone well. But yeah, it was funny. As a young guy, I was very fortunate. I was Matt's locker mate, so I always made sure my stuff was never in Matt's window of space, but it's great still having him around. And he's awesome as somebody I looked up to growing up in the Boston area and obvi-

ously went to Boston College, following that. And so, now to be here and to have watched his career and how amazing it's been is great, and he is awesome in what he's doing now."

## PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES

The duties for the president of football involve the top-to-bottom operation of anything that touches the grass. Ryan oversees all aspects of football for the organization like oversight of the head coach and general manager positions, reporting directly to Atlanta Falcons Owner and Chairman Arthur M. Blank while working with Falcons President and Chief Executive Officer Greg Beadles to ensure alignment of the entire business and football areas of the organization.

Six months into his new gig, after stints as a football analyst for CBS and The NFL Today pre-game show, Ryan is as hands on as ever.

"For our president to be down here and throwing a ball and doing all that stuff, I think that's the (coolest) thing in the world," Drake London told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "I think it's really, really cool. And then, too, just to hear from him. I mean, he's played with literally the greats who have come through here."

Several former teammates of Ryan's are still on the team in Olamide Zaccheaus (WR), Jake Matthews (LT), A.J. Terrell (CB), Austin Hooper (TE) and Kyle Pitts (TE) along with Lindstrom.

## UNDER RYAN'S WING

A key heading into the upcoming season lies right in Ryan's wheelhouse, with a quarterback competition between Michael Penix Jr. and Tua Tagovailoa, who signed with the organization on a one-year contract in March of 2026.

And no, Ryan won't be suiting up to take on the younger guys, even though he might want to. But his oversight of the situation could only benefit the organization and each player, individually. His approach to competition, in any facet, remains unchanged.

"He still talks the same," Pitts said. "He's very rash. That won't ever change. That's Matt. But he's just in a different role. He's still the same person. I feel like he's wrapping me tighter under his wing from a different perspective as a front office guy now. But he just has a different role."

Penix started in nine games last season, missing the last seven games due to injury, and was 166-of-276 passing for 1,982 yards with nine touchdowns and three interceptions. While he didn't get a full season

to showcase his developments as a signal caller, he now has the opportunity to further develop alongside the experienced Tagovailoa and under Ryan's oversight. Tagovailoa started 14 games for the Miami Dolphins last season and passed for 2,660 yards and 20 touchdowns, completing 67.7% of his passes.

On the field, what Ryan did in Atlanta has been unmatched. Aside from his many Falcons records, including his 367 passing touchdowns which leads the franchise, he currently sits ninth all-time in career passing yards in NFL history with 62,792.

In the Atlanta community, Ryan's impact has been felt across the city. He was the Falcons' nomination for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award in 2016 after partnering with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and also co-founded the ATL: Advance the Lives organization, which aims to alleviate the structural barriers to Black youth success and fight against systemic barriers by collaborating with after school programs and local organizations.

"It's lovely to have somebody that knows the Falcon way, the ultimate leader," Terrell said. "I'm just glad that he's a part of the program now, and the organization is able to have his input on things and know what it looks like to get us to a [championship]. I'm super glad with that."





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BY GRAHAM DAVID

## ARTHUR M. BLANK

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Arthur M. Blank, a co-founder of The Home Depot corporation and the owner of the Atlanta Falcons and Atlanta United, is recognized as a successful businessman and community leader. Blank's Family of Businesses includes the Falcons, United, Atlanta Drive GC of the TGL, the PGA TOUR Superstore, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, upcoming teams in the WTGL and NWSL and three ranches in Montana. He is also well known for his philanthropy as his Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation has donated more than \$1 billion to community causes since its founding in 1995. The recipient of the Sports Business Journal's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2024, Blank was inducted into the Falcons Ring of Honor in 2024 and was the ESPN 2021 Sports Philanthropist of the Year.

## GREG BEADLES

**PRESIDENT AND CEO**

Greg Beadles is a longtime member of the Falcons organization that has worked his way up diligently, beginning as an intern after graduating with a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University and a master's degree from Georgia State. He enters his 32nd year with the Falcons, fourth year as President and first as CEO after earning the title in January of 2026. Beadles has held numerous roles with the Falcons and AMBSE, including being part of the finance team that orchestrated the transfer of ownership of the Falcons from the Rankin Smith Family to Arthur M. Blank in 2001. His direct experience with team and facility operations compliments a deep understanding of business and the importance of strong values.

## MATT RYAN

**PRESIDENT OF FOOTBALL**

After four years away from the franchise, Matt Ryan made his return to the Falcons when it was announced he would assume the position of president

of football on Jan. 10, 2026. After commanding Atlanta's offense for 14 years on the field, Ryan now oversees all aspects of Falcons football off the field, including oversight of the head coach and general manager positions, reporting directly to Atlanta Falcons Owner and Chairman Arthur M. Blank while collaborating with Falcons President and CEO Greg Beadles. Ryan, the franchise's all-time leading passer (59,735), studied the league at both a micro and macro level, and with nearly two decades of experience in and around the NFL has achieved an understanding of how sustainable, successful organizations are constructed and operated.

## IAN CUNNINGHAM

**GENERAL MANAGER**

A member of two Super Bowl winning front offices, Ian Cunningham was announced as the general manager of the Atlanta Falcons on Jan. 29, 2026. He previously spent four years (2022-25) serving as assistant general manager of the Chicago Bears, highlighted by the team's NFC North title in 2025. Cunningham spent five seasons (2017-21) with the Philadelphia Eagles, serving as director of college scouting (2017-18), assistant director of player personnel (2019-20) and director of player personnel (2021), and was present when the team captured its first Super Bowl victory in 2017. Cunningham began his NFL front office career with the Baltimore Ravens, and after five seasons (2008-12) as a player personnel assistant, including the Ravens' Super Bowl victory in 2012, served as an area scout.

## KEVIN STEFANSKI

**HEAD COACH**

The Atlanta Falcons set the course for the franchise's future with the hiring of two-time AP NFL Coach of the Year Kevin Stefanski, who was announced as the team's 20th head coach in franchise history on Jan. 17, 2026. Stefanski joined Atlanta after serving as head coach of the Cleveland Browns for six seasons (2020-25) and in 2020 led the team to the playoffs for the first time since 2002 and their first playoff win since

1994. During his tenure in Cleveland, his teams were consistently one of the best running units across the league with three top-six finishes in average rushing yards per game. Prior to his time with the Browns, Stefanski spent 14 seasons with the Minnesota Vikings where he ascended from assistant to the head coach to offensive coordinator.

## TOMMY REES

**OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR**

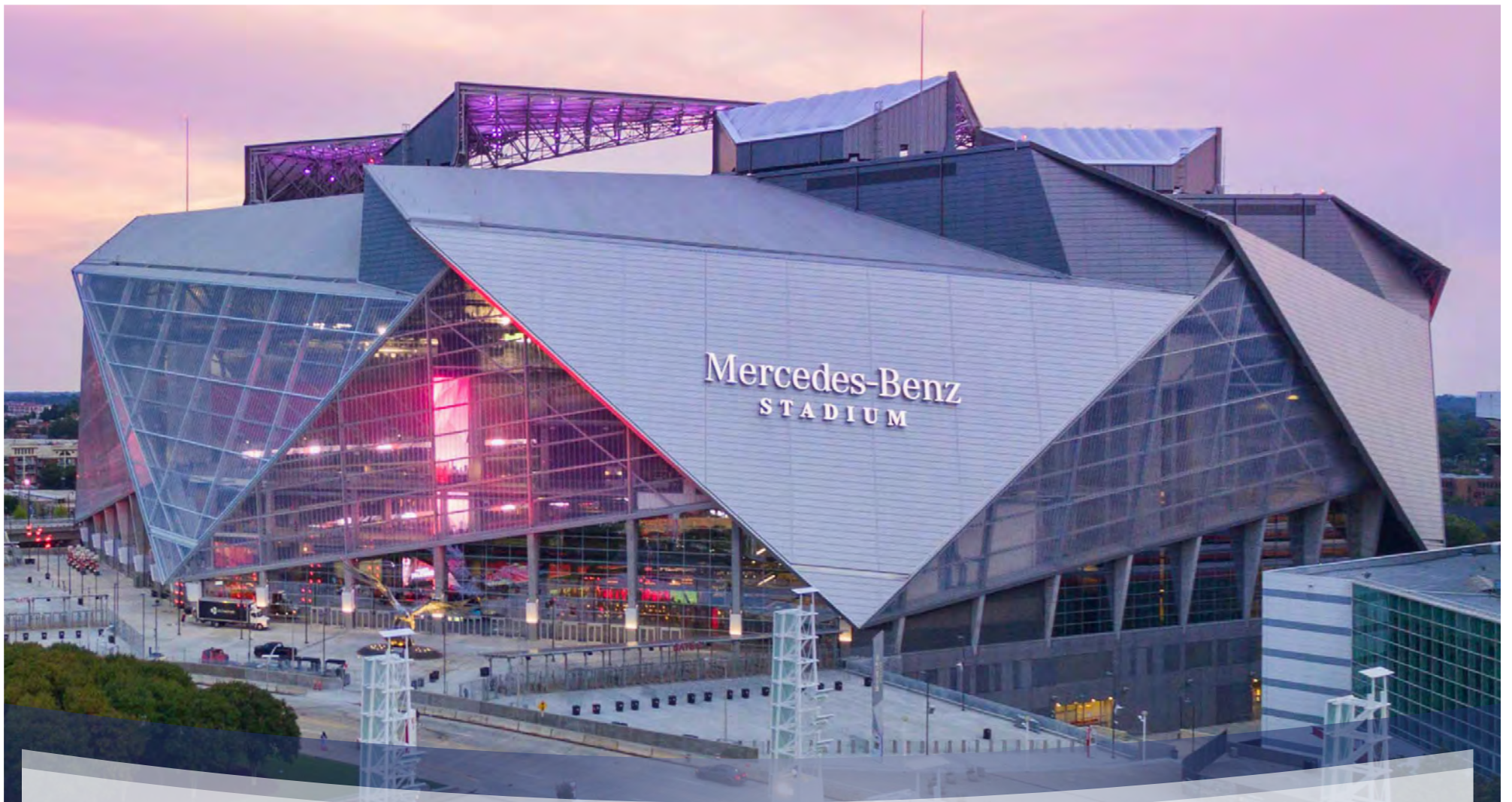
Following in the footsteps of head coach Kevin Stefanski, Tommy Rees was announced as the Atlanta Falcons offensive coordinator on Jan. 22, 2026 after two seasons with the Cleveland Browns (2024-25). Rees began his tenure in Cleveland as the team's pass game specialist and tight ends coach before taking over as offensive coordinator in 2025. He spent the 2023 season in collegiate football with the University of Alabama, serving as the Crimson Tide's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach en route to an SEC Championship and an appearance in the College Football Playoff. Rees spent six seasons at Notre Dame (2017-22), starting as the quarterbacks coach (2017-19) before ascending to the Fighting Irish's offensive coordinator (2020-22).

## JEFF ULBRICH

**DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR**

Jeff Ulbrich enters his second season as the Atlanta Falcons defensive coordinator, previously serving as the interim head coach for the New York Jets at the end of the 2024 season following four years as the defensive coordinator. Across the 2021-24 seasons, Ulbrich's defense was the only unit in the league to rank in the top five of total defense in each of the last three seasons. Across those three seasons, his defense ranked first in total defense (305.7 yards per game), first in passing defense (183.5 yards per game), fifth in tackles for loss (269), eighth in sacks (136) and ninth in scoring defense (21.1 points per game). He previously served on Atlanta's coaching staff (2015-20) as a linebackers coach, assistant head coach and interim defensive coordinator.





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The Atlanta Falcons are no strangers to playing overseas, previously playing in four games of the NFL International Games. However, this year marks just the second time in league history that a regular-season game will take place in Madrid, Spain, with the Falcons set to host the Cincinnati Bengals in Week 9 on November 8 at the Bernabéu, home of La Liga's Real Madrid.

The first regular-season game played in Spain came during the 2025 season, when the Miami Dolphins defeated the Washington Commanders, 16-13, in overtime. This year, it's the Falcons turn to take to Spain in a season that will feature a record-breaking nine international regular-season games.

"We are truly honored and deeply grateful for the opportunity to host the Cincinnati Bengals at the Bernabéu, one of the world's most iconic venues," said Falcons President and CEO Greg Beadles. "This matchup represents a unique opportunity to connect with fans in Spain, and we sincerely appreciate the NFL's continued commitment to growing the game on a global stage. With the 2026 FIFA World Cup on the horizon, we are thankful for the opportunity to begin building meaningful connections with Spanish supporters who will also experience our great city of Atlanta on the world stage."

## RECORD-SETTING SEASON

The NFL's continuous efforts to expand its appeal outside of the United States will be on full display this season, with an all-time high nine international games scheduled to be played throughout the season. The 2025 season was a landmark season for international interest as well, with a then-record seven games played outside of the country. In addition to the first-ever game hosted in Ireland, a Week 4 matchup between Pittsburgh and Minnesota that the Vikings claimed 24-21 in Dublin's Croke Park, the Falcons played in the first-ever regular-season game in Berlin, Germany in a Week 10 matchup versus the Indianapolis Colts at the Berlin Olympic Stadium.

In 2026, Australia and France will join the list of international host countries for the first time in league history. Following the first game of the season be-

tween the New England Patriots and defending Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks on Wednesday, September 9, the San Francisco 49ers and Los Angeles Rams will face off that Thursday at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in Australia. With a total capacity of 100,024, it is the largest stadium in the southern hemisphere. Come Week 7, the New Orleans Saints will host the Pittsburgh Steelers in Paris, France at the Stade de France, the country's largest stadium and host of the French national soccer team.



## PREMIER TEAMS, PREMIER VENUE

As the seventh game of the 2026 NFL International Games, the Bengals and Falcons matchup in Madrid will come during the halfway mark of the season. With the second-largest seating capacity among football (soccer) stadiums in Spain, a potential 83,186 fans will flock to the Bernabéu for the premier matchup between Atlanta and Cincinnati, creating a one-of-a-kind gameday environment for all in attendance.

"The passion for the NFL in Spain is at an all-time high, and welcoming the Atlanta Falcons to Madrid for a regular-season game is a historic moment for our growing fanbase," NFL Country Manager Rafa de los Santos said when the game's location was originally announced. "I'm sure the Falcons will enjoy competing in such an iconic stadium as the Bernabéu, in

one of the world's great sporting capitals, Madrid, and that fans will once again experience firsthand the intensity, speed, and talent that make the NFL unique."

The Bernabéu is one of the world's most famous soccer venues, hosting prestigious events such as the final of the European Cup/UEFA Champions League in 1957, 1969, 1980 and 2010. In 2018, it hosted the second leg of the 2018 Copa Libertadores Finals, making it the only stadium to host both competitions' finals. It was also the first European stadium to host the finals of the European Nation's Cup (1964) and the FIFA World Cup (1982).

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Falcons fans looking to partake in the international gameday buzz will be able to take full advantage of the Falcons Fan Travel, the official travel program of the team, which has put together a package to bring as many Falcons faithful to Madrid as possible. Die hard fans looking to make the trip will not only be treated to watching their beloved Dirty Birds take the field in a high-profile game, but will also be treated with an unforgettable international fan experience.

Through Falcons Fan Travel, fans will get to enjoy authentic Spanish culture, attend exclusive fan events, and explore the many wonders that Madrid has to offer. In addition, fans will be able to partake in a meet-and-greet with Falcons legends Jessie Tuggle and Ovie Mughelli. Tuggle played his entire NFL career (1987-2000) with the Falcons as a linebacker, receiving second-team All-Pro honors in 1998 in addition to five Pro Bowl appearances (1992, 1994-95, 1997-98). He was inducted into the Atlanta Falcons Ring of Honor in its inaugural class in 2004. Mughelli played fullback for Atlanta from 2007-11, earning second-team All-Pro honors and a Pro Bowl nomination in 2010.

"Our players are incredibly appreciative of the chance to compete in such a historic setting, and we are committed to delivering a game that reflects the Bernabéu's rich tradition," said Beadles. "We are grateful to the NFL for entrusting us with a role in the league's international growth, and we look forward to creating an unforgettable experience for fans around the world."





# THE RISE CONTINUES FOR FLAG FOOTBALL

BY HAYDEN GILBERT

The Atlanta Falcons and the state of Georgia have been at the forefront of the development of flag football as it continues its ascension as one of the fastest growing sports not just in the state, but in the world. This growth is evident not just in the recent recommendation for flag football to become an official NCAA championship sport, but also in flag football's inclusion in the 2028 Summer Olympics, which will be hosted in Los Angeles, Calif.

A major part of the sport's growth across the state lies within the contributions of the Atlanta Falcons alongside the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation's financial support, with the foundation offering grant funding to schools looking to support their existing programs, or schools determined to establish a new program. This year, a total of 323 schools will receive such grant funding, a testament to the commitment by the Falcons and Blank to see the sport develop into the best it can be.

"Over the past several years, introducing and growing girls flag football across Georgia has been a priority for the Atlanta Falcons and the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation," said Atlanta Falcons President and CEO Greg Beadles. "We are honored to continue our support for girls flag football through this grant opportunity at the high school level, our annual college showcase at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, year-round camps and clinics, and the inaugural Atlanta Falcons Girls Flag Football Week held recently at IBM Performance Field in Flowery Branch. We are thrilled to see the continued growth of the sport throughout our state and wish all schools the best of luck in the upcoming season."

## HOMEGROWN

Since its introduction as a sanctioned sport in Georgia for the 2020 season, the Georgia High School Association alone has seen the

addition of over 300 teams, a number that has quickly risen, growing the sport from two divisions during its inaugural year to five for the 2025 season.

What began as a pilot program for 19 high schools in Gwinnett County back in 2018 has expanded into one of Georgia's premier sports seasons. After five years since becoming the fourth state in the nation to sanction girls flag football as an official high school sport, the GHSA had approximately 8,500 girls competing in flag football across the 2025 season.

Heading into the 2026 season, 27 Georgia high schools will offer flag football to their student athletes for the first time through the grant funding provided by the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. These programs include Barrow Arts and Sciences Academy, Bradwell Institute, Cairo, Chattahoochee County, Cherokee Bluff, Community Christian Academy, Creekside Christian Academy, Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit, CrossPointe Christian Academy, Dominion Christian Schools, East Laurens, Flowery Branch, Franklin County, Griffin Christian, Liberty County, Lumpkin County, Mountain Area Christian Academy, North Georgia Christian Academy, North Hall, Notre Dame Academy, Pelham, Pickens County, Statesboro STEAM Academy, Terrell County, Utopian Academy, Victory Baptist School and Webster County.

## A NEW TRADITION

The growth of flag football warrants celebration for all participating athletes, who now have more opportunities to showcase their talents than ever before. As time goes on, traditions will be established, and the Atlanta Falcons were a crucial part of instilling one of the newest traditions with the introduction of the inaugural Atlanta Falcons Girls Flag Football Week, which took place this past February. The weeklong celebration brought together the state's top high school girls flag football athletes at IBM Performance Field in Flowery Branch and featured a Girls Flag Football Clinic which gave all registered players specialized training with access to Falcons legends and local

coaches. The event culminated with the 2026 GACA Girls Flag Football All-Star Game, which featured handpicked players competing in a four-team tournament at the Falcons' indoor facility.

"The Falcons have been committed to growing girls flag football in Georgia for years, and this week is a chance to celebrate the athletes and the momentum behind the sport," said Atlanta Falcons Senior Director of Community Relations Amanda Dinkel. "We're excited to host these events at our facility and continue shining a light on the opportunities being created for girls across the state."

## A DAY OF THEIR OWN

The milestones kept coming for flag football as the GHSA announced in February that the state championship schedule would be altered ahead of the 2026 season. Formerly, the flag football state championships were held alongside tackle football, with each title game for the girls being played in the mornings ahead of the tackle state title matches. After working together with Mercedes-Benz Stadium, the GHSA announced that the upcoming season will grant flag football its very own state championship day, exclusive to just flag football, with each of this year's state championships being played on Tuesday, Dec. 8, all at the prestigious Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

"We have been working on this since December when we were at Mercedes-Benz Stadium for these past championships," said GHSA Executive Director Dr. Tim Scott. "We were able to ask them when we could work it in, and they ended up giving us a date of Dec. 8. It is pretty cool because we've always had the girls in the morning and then the boys later in the day, but now with flag football we'll start at 12 o'clock that day and then play flag football all day long."

With flag football being given its own day of competition, the spotlight sharpens on the ever-growing sport and allows athletes to play on a stage of their own, with the eyes of the sports world upon them like never before. With more established flag football programs throughout the state than ever before, the sky truly is the limit for girls looking to compete not just at the high school level, but beyond.



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# TIMELESS COMPETITION IN THE NFC SOUTH

BY MAX WOLBORSKY

Many divisions in the National Football League are filled with heated rivalries and storied franchises, but few are filled with the consistent competition to go along with it like the NFC South. Since its creation in 2002, all four organizations including the Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers, New Orleans Saints and Tampa Bay Buccaneers have reached the Super Bowl at least once, and have each won the NFC South at least four times with New Orleans and Tampa Bay leading the way with seven division titles. Carolina added its sixth last season and its first since 2015, while Atlanta will be gunning for its first division title since winning the NFC Championship in 2016.

Heading into the 2026 season, each franchise has added new pieces to bolster its roster with the division growing stronger each and every season.

## NEW LOOK IN NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans is heading into the new year with hopeful aspirations following a 6-11 finish a season ago. The Saints are seeking the organization's first double-digit win season since 2020, when Hall of Fame quarterback Drew Brees was leading an explosive New Orleans offense. This season, while the Saints don't have Brees on the roster, fans in New Orleans have begun to get excited about the future with the young talent they have added over the last few seasons. Former Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Kellen Moore entered his first season as the team's head coach in 2025, becoming the 19th coach in the franchise's history. Though it was a rough start to the tenure, there is tons of hope in New Orleans as Moore will enter his second season as the second-youngest head coach in the league behind the Buffalo Bill's Joe Brady.

Quarterback Tyler Shough enters his first season as a full-time starter after being selected in the second round with the 40th-overall pick of the 2025 NFL Draft. In 11 games last season, the rookie out of Louisville threw for 2,384 yards and 10 touchdowns while completing over 67% of his passes. Shough took over the starting role last season in Week 9, when he started his first matchup against the Los Angeles Rams and never looked back, leading the organization to a 5-4 record including a four-game win-streak in mid-December. This season, the Saints brought in some key additions including veteran running back Travis Etienne Jr. to pair with longtime Saints star Alvin Kamara to add a new one-two punch in the backfield. Linebacker Kaden Elliss found his way back to New Orleans following a three-year stint (2023-25) in Atlanta. Elliss makes his return to the organization that drafted him and where he spent the first four seasons (2019-22) of his career. New Orleans added some help

in the 2026 NFL Draft as well, selecting Arizona State wideout Jordyn Tyson with the eighth-overall pick to pair with veteran receiver Chris Olave. Along with Tyson, Georgia defensive lineman Christen Miller was picked in the second round (42nd overall), adding an immediate boost to the team's front seven.

## 'YOUNG' AND EMERGING STARS

The Carolina Panthers are coming off one of the best seasons the franchise has seen in quite some time, winning eight games for the first time since the 2017 season. In his second season at the helm a year ago, head coach Dave Canales led a much improved Panthers team that made the postseason for the first time since 2017 under former head coach Ron Rivera. Quarterback Bryce Young made huge strides in his third season, posting career highs in passing touchdowns (23) and completion percentage (63.6%) while throwing for his first 3,000-yard season in his young career.

Wide receiver Tetairoa McMillan played a huge role in the passing game for Carolina last season and is looking to take on an even bigger role heading into his second season. As a rookie, McMillan led the team in multiple receiving categories, registering 70 receptions for 1,014 yards and seven receiving touchdowns while establishing himself as Young's favorite target and the clear-cut top receiving option in Carolina. The organization also added major defensive pieces in the offseason, including the signings of linebackers Jaelan Phillips and Devin Lloyd to provide instant help to Carolina's defense. After allowing 35 sacks last season, Carolina selected Georgia offensive tackle Monroe Freeling in the first round (19th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft to add a new face to the offensive line. The Panthers will be looking to build off what was a promising season a year ago with hopes of taking another step forward.

## TAMPA BAY BACK ON TRACK

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers came just short of winning their fifth-straight NFC South title last season, finishing with a 8-9 record and barely missing the playoffs. Todd Bowles enters his fifth season as the Buccaneers' head coach, bringing in a new offensive coordinator in Zac Robinson to help lead the offense after two seasons in Atlanta. The offense will look a little different in 2026 as the organization's all-time leading receiver Mike Evans (13,052 yards) has moved on from Tampa Bay after spending the first 12

years of his career with the team following him signing a contract with the San Francisco 49ers in free agency. While Evans is gone, Emeka Egbuka emerged onto the scene in his rookie season and led the team in receptions (63), receiving yards (938) and receiving touchdowns (six).

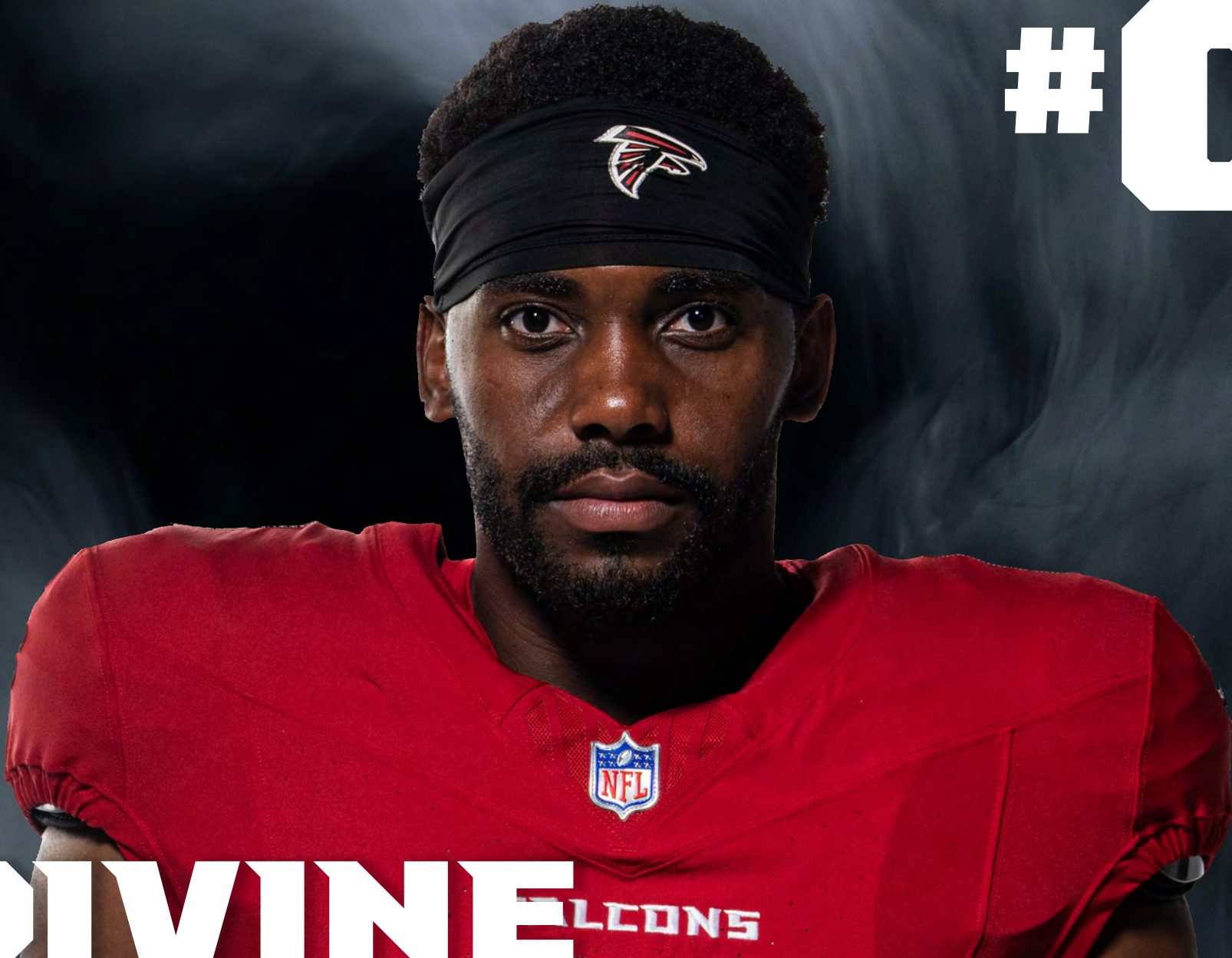
Quarterback Baker Mayfield still has weapons around him in a talented Tampa Bay offense that includes running backs Bucky Irving and Kenneth Gainwell, wideouts Chris Godwin and Jalen McMillan and tight end Cade Otton. On defense, the roster still features tons of talent following longtime Buccaneers linebacker Lavonte David announcing his retirement. The Bucs drafted Rueben Bain Jr. out of Miami with their first-round selection (15th overall) in the 2026 NFL Draft to bolster the front-seven alongside Vita Vea. The Buccaneers added some help from Detroit in free agency, signing linebackers Alex Anzalone and Al-Quadin Muhammad from the Lions. Safety Antoine Winfield Jr. commands the secondary in the back end of the defense, and recorded 93 total tackles (53 solo) and two interceptions last season.

## THE STEFANSKI-ERA BEGINS

It's a new dawn in Atlanta as the Kevin Stefanski-era is underway for the Falcons with many fans around the city excited for what's to come in the new year. Running back Bijan Robinson and wide receiver Drake London are budding offensive superstars that look to carry a majority of the offensive workload once again in 2026. Robinson had a career season in total yards last year, amassing 1,478 rushing yards and 820 receiving yards in his third season in the league. London continued to be the top receiving option in Atlanta, recording another strong season with 68 receptions for 919 yards, finding the end zone seven times. Tight end Kyle Pitts is coming off his most-productive year since his rookie season after recording 928 receiving yards and five touchdowns. Quarterback Michael Penix Jr. will look to take a major leap as he recovers from last year's season-ending injury, and will have veteran talent in the quarterback room alongside him with the signing of Tua Tagovailoa.

On the opposite side of the ball, defensive coordinator Jeff Ulbrich has a great mix of veteran and young talent to work with that features a talented secondary in cornerback A.J. Terrell Jr. and safety Jessie Bates III. The Falcons' 2025 draft class has proved it can make a significant impact on the defensive side of the ball with linebackers Jalon Walker and James Pearce Jr. playing key roles entering their second seasons, setting up Atlanta for a return to the top of the division with aspirations of staying there for the long haul.



A portrait of Divine Deablo, an Atlanta Falcons player, wearing a red jersey and a black headband with the Falcons logo. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is dark and smoky.

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# DIVINE DEABLO

**POSITION: ILB**

**HEIGHT: 6-3**

**WEIGHT: 223**

**AGE: 27**

**COLLEGE:**  
**VIRGINIA TECH**

After spending the first four seasons of his career with the Las Vegas Raiders, Divine Deablo was signed by Atlanta to a two-year deal in March of 2025. Across his first season in Atlanta, he started in 13 games and totaled 73 combined tackles, and set career highs in tackles for loss (five) and passes defended (seven). Drafted in the third round (80th overall) by the Raiders, he accumulated 288 total tackles (166 solo), 10 tackles for loss, six quarterback hits, six passes defended and two sacks across 54 games. In 2023, Deablo set career highs in games started (15), total tackles (106) and solo tackles (65). He played five years of collegiate football at Virginia Tech from 2016-20, appearing in 51 games with 39 starts. He finished his collegiate career with 206 total tackles, 117 solo tackles, 0.5 sacks, six interceptions, 11 passes defended, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.





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TUA

TAGOVAILOA

**POSITION: QB**  
**HEIGHT: 6-1**  
**WEIGHT: 225**  
**AGE: 28**  
**COLLEGE:**  
**ALABAMA**

After six seasons with the Miami Dolphins, Tua Tagovailoa joined Atlanta to bolster the quarterback room. Across his tenure in Miami, he recorded 1,647 completions for 18,166 yards and 120 touchdowns, with a 68% completion percentage. His best year came during the 2023 season when he threw for a league-high 4,624 yards along with 29 touchdowns, earning him his first Pro Bowl appearance. In 2024, Tagovailoa's 72.9% completion percentage led the league as he completed 291 passes for 2,867 yards and 19 touchdowns. Before being selected as the fifth-overall pick in the 2020 NFL Draft, Tagovailoa spent his collegiate days playing for the University of Alabama where he led the Crimson Tide to a College Football Playoff National Championship in 2018 after entering the game in the second half. Through three seasons at Alabama, he totaled 474 completions for 7,442 yards and 87 touchdowns.



A portrait of Jessie Bates III, a professional football player for the Atlanta Falcons. He is wearing a red Falcons jersey with the NFL logo on the collar and a white headband with the Falcons logo. He has a beard and is looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and smoky.

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# JESSIE BATES III

**POSITION: S**

**HEIGHT: 6-1**

**WEIGHT: 210**

**AGE: 29**

**COLLEGE:  
WAKE FOREST**

Last year saw Jessie Bates earn second-team All-Pro honors for the second time as a Falcon. Across the season, he recorded 98 total tackles, a career-high two quarterback hits and three interceptions, with one returned 34 yards for a touchdown. Going into his ninth season, Bates spent five years (2018-22) with the Cincinnati Bengals where he had 479 tackles, 14 interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and earned second-team All-Pro honors in 2020. In March of 2023, Bates signed a four-year deal with the Falcons and has been an instrumental player on the defensive side of the ball ever since. During the 2023 season he played in all 17 games, totaling a career-high 132 tackles and six interceptions, along with 11 passes defended and three forced fumbles. He earned second-team All Pro honors and was selected to his first Pro Bowl that same year.





#4

**JAHAN** FALCONS

**DOTSON**

**POSITION: WR**  
**HEIGHT: 5-11**  
**WEIGHT: 184**  
**AGE: 26**  
**COLLEGE:**  
**PENN STATE**

Jahan Dotson signed with the Atlanta Falcons in March of 2026, and brings four years of NFL experience to the receiving corps. The former 16th-overall pick in the 2022 NFL Draft spent two seasons with the Washington Commanders where he recorded 84 receptions for 1,041 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was then traded to the Philadelphia Eagles in 2024, and across two seasons totaled 37 receptions for 478 yards and one touchdown, helping the team achieve a Super Bowl LIX victory. Dotson played collegiate football for the Penn State Nittany Lions, and totaled 183 receptions for 2,757 yards and 25 touchdowns across four seasons (2018-21). He was awarded first-team All-Big Ten honors in 2021 after recording career highs in receptions (91), receiving yards (1,182) and receiving touchdowns (12). To this day, he remains second in program history in receptions and receiving touchdowns, and ranks fourth in receiving yards.





#5

**DRAKE** FALCONS

**LONDON**

**POSITION: WR**

**HEIGHT: 6-4**

**WEIGHT: 215**

**AGE: 24**

**COLLEGE: USC**

One of the Falcons' premier pass catchers, Drake London enters his fifth year in the NFL after signing a four-year extension with the Falcons this offseason. Across the 2025 season, he recorded 68 receptions for 919 yards and seven touchdowns in just 12 games. In 2024, London had his best season yet, setting career highs in receptions (100), receiving yards (1,271) and touchdowns (nine). During his rookie season in 2022, London played in all 17 games and set a franchise rookie record with 72 receptions for 866 yards and four touchdowns. He became the first rookie in franchise history to have five or more receptions in five consecutive games. In 2021, London was named Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year and was USC's first player to record at least 15 receptions in numerous games. In 27 games, he totaled 160 receptions for 2,153 yards and 15 touchdowns for the Trojans.



A portrait of Nick Folk, a man with short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey with the NFL logo and "FALCONS" visible. The background is dark and smoky.

# #6

# NICK FOLK

**POSITION: K**

**HEIGHT: 6-1**

**WEIGHT: 225**

**AGE: 41**

**COLLEGE: ARIZONA**

Nick Folk joins the Atlanta Falcons with more years of NFL experience than any other player on the roster. Drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the sixth round of the 2007 NFL Draft, he immediately made his impact on the league as a rookie, making 26-of-31 field goals while making the Pro Bowl and being named to the PFWA All-Rookie Team. After three years with the Cowboys, Folk joined the New York Jets in 2010 and spent seven-consecutive seasons with the team. During his tenure, including the 2025 season in which he was reunited with the Jets, Folk made 203-of-242 field goals and is currently the franchise's second all-time leading scorer with 835 points. After one season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2017), Folk joined the New England Patriots and in 2021 was the league's co-leader in points scored with 150, tying the Las Vegas Raiders' Daniel Carlson.





#7

# BIJAN ROBINSON

**POSITION: RB**  
**HEIGHT: 5-11**  
**WEIGHT: 215**  
**AGE: 24**  
**COLLEGE: TEXAS**

The 2023 eighth-overall pick, Bijan Robinson continued his ascension last season as one of the league's most dynamic playmakers. In 2025, he recorded career highs in rushing yards (1,478), receptions (79) and receiving yards (820), while adding seven touchdowns on the ground and four through the air. His 2,298 scrimmage yards were the 12th-most recorded by any player in a single season in NFL history. In his rookie season, he tallied 214 carries for 976 yards and four rushing touchdowns, while adding 58 receptions for 487 yards and four receiving touchdowns. In his second season, Robinson set career highs in attempts (304) and rushing touchdowns (14), while adding 1,456 rushing yards, 61 receptions, 431 receiving yards and a receiving touchdown. Before his professional career, he played 31 games in three seasons at the University of Texas where he recorded 539 carries for 3,410 yards and 33 touchdowns.





#8

KYLE

FALCONS

PITTS SR.

**POSITION: TE**

**HEIGHT: 6-6**

**WEIGHT: 250**

**AGE: 25**

**COLLEGE: FLORIDA**

Kyle Pitts, the highest-drafted tight end in NFL history, lived up to the hype his rookie season (2021) becoming the second rookie tight end in NFL history to post over 1,000 receiving yards, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Mike Ditka who accomplished the feat in 1961. He also became the first rookie tight end to be named to the Pro Bowl since Jeremy Shockey in 2002. Over five seasons with the Falcons, Pitts has played in 78 games, recording 284 receptions for 3,579 yards and 15 touchdowns. In 2025, he recorded a career high in touchdowns with five and earned second-team All-Pro honors. In his three seasons at the University of Florida, he posted 100 receptions for 1,492 yards and 18 touchdowns through 32 games. In his junior season, Pitts was a unanimous first-team All-American and won the Mackey Award, given to the top tight end in college football.





#9

# MICHAEL PENIX JR.

**POSITION: QB**

**HEIGHT: 6-3**

**WEIGHT: 220**

**AGE: 26**

**COLLEGE:  
WASHINGTON**

The Falcons used their 2024 first-round pick to select Michael Penix Jr. out of the University of Washington. Throughout his rookie year, Penix totaled 61 completions for 775 yards and three touchdowns along with one rushing touchdown in five games. In 2025, Penix started nine games and recorded 166 completions for 1,982 yards and nine touchdowns, along with one rushing touchdown. Penix played six seasons of college football at Washington (2022-23) and Indiana (2018-21). He played in 49 games, completing 1,067-of-1,685 passes (63.3%) for 13,741 yards and 96 touchdowns. In 2023 he earned the Maxwell Award, was named a team captain and finished second in Heisman Trophy voting. Penix led the Huskies to the 2023 College Football Playoff National Championship after posting an undefeated 14-0 record and a Pac-12 Championship. In the semifinal against Texas, he was named the Sugar Bowl MVP after completing 29-of-38 passes for 430 yards and two touchdowns.



A portrait of Jalon Walker, a Black man with a large, curly afro and a beard, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

#11

# JALON WALKER

**POSITION: OLB**

**HEIGHT: 6-2**

**WEIGHT: 245**

**AGE: 22**

**COLLEGE: GEORGIA**

The 15th-overall pick by the Atlanta Falcons in the 2025 NFL Draft, Jalon Walker appeared in 15 games across his rookie season, recording 5.5 sacks, 36 total tackles (24 solo), five tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. His 5.5 sacks were the second-most amongst all rookies. He played three seasons of collegiate football at the University of Georgia (2022-24), totaling 89 total tackles (56 solo), 12.5 sacks, three passes defended and one forced fumble while appearing in 43 games for the Bulldogs. In 2024, he recorded 60 total tackles (37 solo), 11 tackles for loss, 6.5 sacks, two passes defended and two fumble recoveries across 14 games, earning him the Butkus Award, given to the nation's top linebacker. That same season, he totaled seven quarterback pressures, three sacks and a fumble recovery against Texas, earning him SEC Defensive Player of the Week honors.



A portrait of Avieon Terrell, a young man with dark curly hair and a red headband, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. The background is dark and smoky.

# #12

# AVIEON

# TERRELL

**POSITION: CB**

**HEIGHT: 5-11**

**WEIGHT: 180**

**AGE: 21**

**COLLEGE: CLEMSON**

The Atlanta Falcons spent their second-round pick (48th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft on Avieon Terrell, pairing him with his brother A.J. in the secondary. An Atlanta, Ga. native, Terrell played his prep football career at Westlake High School before his collegiate days at Clemson University. With the Tigers, he recorded 125 total tackles (90 solo), 25 passes defended, nine tackles for loss, eight forced fumbles, four sacks, three interceptions and three fumble recoveries across three seasons (2023-25). In his 2024 season, he received second-team All-ACC honors after totaling career highs in total tackles (58), solo tackles (45), tackles for loss (4.5), interceptions (two), passes defended (12), forced fumbles (three) and passes defended (12). In his final season at Clemson, he was named to the All-ACC first team after logging career highs in forced fumbles (five) and sacks (three) while matching his career high of 4.5 tackles for loss.





#14

# OLAMIDE ZACCHEAUS

**POSITION: WR**

**HEIGHT: 5-8**

**WEIGHT: 194**

**AGE: 28**

**COLLEGE: VIRGINIA**

Olamide Zaccheaus returns to Atlanta after previously signing with the Falcons as an undrafted free agent in 2019. He spent four seasons (2019-22) with the team, recording 94 receptions for 1,328 yards and eight touchdowns. He spent the 2023 season with the Philadelphia Eagles, totaling 10 receptions for 164 yards and two touchdowns. Zaccheaus then signed with the Washington Commanders for the 2024 season, and recorded a career-high 45 receptions for 506 yards and three touchdowns. Last season, he joined the Chicago Bears and logged 39 receptions for 313 yards and two touchdowns. Collegiately, he played for the Virginia Cavaliers (2015-18). Across his four seasons, he totaled 250 receptions for 2,753 yards and 22 touchdowns, in addition to 551 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns. As a senior in 2018, he earned first-team All-ACC honors after recording career highs in receptions (93), receiving yards (1,058) and receiving touchdowns (nine).





#15

# BRIAN ROBINSON

**POSITION: RB**  
**HEIGHT: 6-1**  
**WEIGHT: 225**  
**AGE: 27**  
**COLLEGE:**  
**ALABAMA**

Brian Robinson joins a talented Atlanta backfield after spending the 2025 season with the San Francisco 49ers. A third-round draft pick (98th overall) by the Commanders in the 2022 NFL Draft, Robinson spent three years (2022-24) leading the Washington backfield where he recorded 2,329 rushing yards and 15 rushing touchdowns, along with 65 receptions for 587 yards and five touchdowns through the air. In his lone season with San Francisco, he rushed the ball 92 times for 400 yards and two touchdowns. Robinson played collegiately at the University of Alabama where he was a two-time College Football Playoff National Champion (2017, 2020). During his five years with the Crimson Tide (2017-21), he recorded 2,704 rushing yards and 29 rushing touchdowns, along with 52 receptions for 446 yards and two touchdowns. He was awarded first-team All-SEC honors in 2021 after posting career highs in rushing yards (1,343) and rushing touchdowns (14).





#16

JAKE

FALCONS

BAILEY

**POSITION: P**

**HEIGHT: 6-2**

**WEIGHT: 212**

**AGE: 28**

**COLLEGE:**  
**STANFORD**

Jake Bailey signed with the Falcons in March of 2026 after previously playing for the New England Patriots (2019-22) and Miami Dolphins (2023-25). A fifth-round pick (163rd overall) by New England, his 36 punts inside the 20-yard line as a rookie set a Patriots franchise record. Bailey earned first-team All-Pro honors in 2020 in addition to being named to the Pro Bowl, while his 45.6 net punt average led the NFL and was the best single-season net punt average in Patriots history. Across his entire NFL career, Bailey has punted 394 times for 18,257 yards (46.3 avg.) and a 41.1 net average, and has landed 165 punts inside the 20-yard line. Collegiately, he punted for the Stanford Cardinal (2015-18). He received second-team All-Pac-12 honors during the 2017-18 seasons, and holds the record for longest punt in school history with an 84-yard boot against California.



A portrait of Zachariah Branch, a wide receiver for the Atlanta Falcons. He is wearing a red Falcons jersey with the number 17, a white headband with the Falcons logo, and a gold chain. He has a large afro and is smiling.

# #17

# ZACHARIAH BRANCH

**POSITION: WR**

**HEIGHT: 5-10**

**WEIGHT: 180**

**AGE: 22**

**COLLEGE: GEORGIA**

A third-round pick (79th overall) by the Falcons in the 2026 NFL Draft, Zachariah Branch joins a talented Atlanta receiving corps and special teams unit. He spent the first two seasons of his collegiate career at the University of Southern California (2023-24) where he received first-team All-America and first-team All-Pac-12 honors as a receiver and kick returner. Across those seasons, he totaled 78 receptions for 823 receiving yards and three touchdowns, along with 406 punt return yards, one punt returned for a touchdown, 547 kickoff return yards and one kickoff returned for a touchdown. He was the recipient of the Jet Award in 2023, given to the nation's best return specialist. He transferred to the University of Georgia for the 2025 season when he totaled 81 receiving yards and six receiving touchdowns, along with 180 punt return yards and 205 kick-off return yards. His 81 receptions set the program record for single-season receptions.



#18

JACK

FALCONS

STRAND

**POSITION: QB**

**HEIGHT: 6-5**

**WEIGHT: 240**

**AGE: 21**

**COLLEGE: MINNESOTA  
STATE-MOORHEAD**

Following the 2026 NFL Draft, Jack Strand signed with the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent. He played collegiately for Minnesota State-Moorhead, playing four seasons with the Dragons (2022-25). During his tenure with the program, he appeared in 42 games and went 1,247-of-1,953 passing (63.9%) for 13,161 yards and 126 touchdowns. He currently ranks 10th all-time in NCAA Division II history in passing yardage. During his 2025 season, he earned Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Offensive Player of the Year honors and led the NSIC in passing yards (3,546). That same season, he set the MSUM single-season record with 42 passing touchdowns, and set the NSIC career records in pass completions, passing yards and passing touchdowns. He finished his career with the Dragons as the program's all-time leader in completions, touchdown passes, passing yards and total offensive yards (13,216).



A portrait of Chris Blair, a wide receiver for the Atlanta Falcons. He is wearing a red Falcons jersey with the NFL logo on the V-neck and a red headband with the Falcons logo. He has a serious expression and is looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and smoky.

# #19

# CHRIS BLAIR

FALCONS

**POSITION:** WR

**HEIGHT:** 6-2

**WEIGHT:** 215

**AGE:** 28

**COLLEGE:**

**ALCORN STATE**

The Falcons signed Chris Blair in 2023, and in 2024 the wideout recorded his first-ever NFL reception, a 17-yard catch against the Giants. In 2023 he appeared in 12 games for the D.C. Defenders of the XFL, recording 26 receptions for 594 receiving yards and three touchdowns. A Louisville, Miss. native, Blair attended Louisville High School where he helped the Wildcats to an undefeated record en route to a 2013 Class 3A state championship and earned Class 3A All-State honors as a junior. Blair attended Hinds Community College for two seasons (2016-17) and recorded 16 receptions for 218 yards and three touchdowns. He transferred to Alcorn State where he played two seasons (2018-19), catching 87 passes for 1,460 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns in 26 games. During Blair's senior season, he ranked sixth in the FCS with an average of 21.1 yards per catch.





A.J.

WOODS

**POSITION: CB**  
**HEIGHT: 5-11**  
**WEIGHT: 195**  
**AGE: 25**  
**COLLEGE:**  
**PITTSBURGH**

After going undrafted following the 2024 NFL Draft, A.J. Woods spent time within the Washington Commanders (2024), Philadelphia Eagles (2024) and Denver Broncos' (2025) organizations before signing with the Atlanta Falcons last season. He became a Super Bowl champion when the Eagles bested the Kansas City Chiefs 40-22 in Super Bowl LIX. He played collegiately at the University of Pittsburgh, and spent five seasons (2019-23) with the Panthers. Across his collegiate career, he recorded 105 total tackles (70 solo), 25 passes defended, seven tackles for loss, four interceptions, two sacks and one forced fumble. In 2021 he helped lead the Panthers to their first-ever ACC Championship following a 45-21 victory over the Wake Forest Demon Deacons. As a junior in 2022, he led Pittsburgh in passes defended with 14. A native of Germantown, Md., Woods attended Northwest High School where he helped the Jaguars earn a Maryland 4A Regional Final berth.





#21

MIKE

FALCONS

HUGHES

**POSITION: CB**

**HEIGHT: 5-10**

**WEIGHT: 190**

**AGE: 29**

**COLLEGE: UCF**

Mike Hughes is entering his ninth NFL season and fourth season with the Falcons. He was selected by the Vikings with the 30th-overall pick in the 2018 NFL Draft, and spent three years in Minnesota before one-year stints on the Chiefs and Lions. In 2024, Hughes set career highs with the Falcons with 15 games started, 66 total tackles and four tackles for loss. Hughes played three seasons of college football at UCF (2017), Garden City (Kan.) Community College (2016) and North Carolina (2015). He earned first-team All-American Athletic Conference honors at cornerback and second-team All-AAC as a return specialist at UCF in 2017. In three years at the collegiate level, he totaled 107 tackles (87 solo), 17 passes defended, one forced fumble and six interceptions. Hughes attended New Bern High School in North Carolina, and quarterbacked the program to a 16-0 record and a 4A state title as the game's MVP.





# #22

# CLARK PHILLIPS III

**POSITION: CB**  
**HEIGHT: 5-9**  
**WEIGHT: 185**  
**AGE: 24**  
**COLLEGE: UTAH**

Clark Phillips III is entering his fourth season in the NFL after being selected in the fourth round (113th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft by the Falcons. He missed most of last season due to injury, but in 2024 logged career highs in total tackles (35), forced fumbles (two) and tackles for loss (three) while also recording his first interception and fumble recovery. In his rookie season, he appeared in 11 games and recorded 27 total tackles (22 solo), five passes defended and one tackle for loss. Phillips played three seasons (2020-22) at Utah where he totaled 112 tackles (84 solo), 21 passes defended, nine interceptions, five tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery in 31 games. He was named second-team All-Pac-12 in 2021, first-team All-Pac-12 in 2022, a unanimous All-American in 2022 and Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year in 2022.





#23

# DEMARCCO HELLAMS

**POSITION:** S  
**HEIGHT:** 6-1  
**WEIGHT:** 203  
**AGE:** 26  
**COLLEGE:**  
**ALABAMA**

DeMarcco Hellams returned to Atlanta's secondary in 2025 after missing all of the 2024 season and recorded 10 total tackles and his first-ever fumble recovery across 11 games. He was selected in the seventh round (224th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft, and appeared in 15 games (four starts) as a rookie, recording 40 total tackles (25 solo), one tackle for loss and one quarterback hit. He played four seasons (2019-22) of college football at Alabama. During his sophomore year in 2020, Hellams recorded 62 tackles (36 solo), three passes defended, two tackles for loss and one sack. In his junior season in 2021, he made 87 tackles (54 solo), three tackles for loss, three passes defended and three interceptions. In his senior season in 2022, he made 108 tackles (67 solo), three tackles for loss, one sack, seven passes defended, one interception, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.





# #24

# A.J.

# TERRELL JR.

**POSITION: CB**  
**HEIGHT: 6-1**  
**WEIGHT: 200**  
**AGE: 27**  
**COLLEGE: CLEMSON**

A.J. Terrell Jr. is heading into his seventh season in the NFL and seventh year starting in the Falcons' secondary. He was selected by Atlanta with the 16th-overall pick in 2020. Starting in 93 games for the Falcons, Terrell has recorded 381 total tackles (282 solo), 14 tackles for loss, one sack, six forced fumbles, one fumble recovery, 61 passes defended and six interceptions. He was named second-team All-Pro in the 2021 season. Terrell played three seasons (2017-19) at Clemson and posted 103 total tackles (73 solo), 14 passes defended, six interceptions (returned for a total of 160 yards, including a 44-yard touchdown), four tackles for loss and two forced fumbles in 44 games (30 starts) for the Tigers. Terrell was named third-team All-ACC in 2018 and first-team All-ACC in 2019. The Atlanta, Ga. native attended Westlake High School where he was named the Class 7A Player of the Year by the Coaches Association.



A portrait of Tyler Goodson, a Black man with a beard and long dreadlocks, wearing a black Atlanta Falcons headband and a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and smoky.

# #25

# TYLER GOODSON

**POSITION: RB**  
**HEIGHT: 5-9**  
**WEIGHT: 197**  
**AGE: 25**  
**COLLEGE: IOWA**

The 2026 season will be a homecoming for Tyler Goodson, as the Suwanee, Ga. native played his prep football career at North Gwinnett High School. As a senior, he earned all-state, all-region and all-county accolades after recording 159 carries for 1,180 yards and 25 touchdowns. He played three seasons of college football for the University of Iowa (2019-21), and totaled 533 carries for 2,551 yards and 18 touchdowns on the ground, along with 70 receptions for 565 yards and one touchdown through the air. His best season for the Hawkeyes came in 2021, when he set career highs in rushing yards (1,151), receptions (31) and receiving yards (247). He signed with the Green Bay Packers as an undrafted free agent in 2022 before heading to Indianapolis in 2023. Over three seasons with the Colts, Goodson totaled 264 rushing yards, one rushing touchdown, 19 receptions, 103 receiving yards and one receiving touchdown.





# #26

# C.J.

# HENDERSON

**POSITION: CB**

**HEIGHT: 6-1**

**WEIGHT: 205**

**AGE: 27**

**COLLEGE: FLORIDA**

A former first-round pick (ninth overall) in the 2020 NFL Draft by the Jaguars, C.J. Henderson spent the entirety of his rookie season and two games of the 2021 season with the team. During his tenure, he recorded 44 total tackles (33 solo), six passes defended, one forced fumble, one tackle for loss and one interception. He was traded to Carolina in September of 2021, and through the 2023 season appeared in 39 games for the Panthers and recorded 128 total tackles (106 solo), 10 passes defended, five tackles for loss, two interceptions and one forced fumble and fumble recovery. Henderson played his collegiate career at the University of Florida (2017-19), and was a two-time second-team All-SEC selection in 2017-18 before earning first-team All-SEC honors in 2019. As a Gator, he recorded 93 total tackles (66 solo), 22 passes defended, eight tackles for loss, four sacks and six interceptions, returning two for touchdowns.





#27

# JAMES PEARCE JR.

**POSITION:** ED  
**HEIGHT:** 6-5  
**WEIGHT:** 243  
**AGE:** 22  
**COLLEGE:**  
**TENNESSEE**

The Falcons traded up in the 2025 NFL Draft to select James Pearce Jr. in the first round (26th overall) out of the University of Tennessee. As a rookie, he recorded 26 total tackles (17 solo), 10 tackles for loss, five passes defended, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery en route to being named to the PFWA All-Rookie Team. In addition, his 10.5 sacks set the franchise record for sacks as a rookie, passing previous record-holder Mike Pitts (seven). As a Volunteer, he appeared in 39 games over three seasons (2022-24), totaling 71 total tackles (44 solo), 19.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, two passes defended and one interception. Pearce earned back-to-back first-team All-SEC honors in his sophomore and junior seasons, and was a 2024 Chuck Bednarik Award semifinalist. In 2023, he logged a career-high 10 sacks and earned first-team All-SEC honors from both the AP and coaches.





# #28

# MIKE FALCONS FORD JR.

**POSITION: CB**

**HEIGHT: 6-0**

**WEIGHT: 199**

**AGE: 30**

**COLLEGE: SOUTHEAST  
MISSOURI STATE**

Veteran cornerback Mike Ford Jr. returns to Atlanta's secondary after recording 19 total tackles (12 solo) during his 2025 campaign. Before his first season with the Falcons in 2022, Ford spent three seasons with the Detroit Lions and one season with the Denver Broncos. Across his eight seasons in the league, he has totaled 130 total tackles (102 solo), two tackles for loss, one quarterback hit, six passes defended, two fumble recoveries and one interception. He set a career high in total tackles (28) during his first season with the Browns in 2023. Ford played three seasons (2015-17) of collegiate football at Southeast Missouri State University, and recorded 113 total tackles (81 solo), 33 passes defended, seven interceptions, 10 tackles for loss and five sacks for the Redhawks. He earned second-team All-Ohio Valley honors in 2016. He attended Marquette Catholic High School in Alton, Ill., and earned first-team all-conference honors on both offense and defense.



A portrait of Sydney Brown, a defensive back for the Atlanta Falcons. He is wearing a red Falcons jersey with the number 29, a black beanie with the Falcons logo, and a red jersey with the NFL logo. The background is dark and smoky.

# #29

# SYDNEY BROWN

**POSITION: DB**

**HEIGHT: 5-10**

**WEIGHT: 211**

**AGE: 26**

**COLLEGE: ILLINOIS**

A third-round pick (66th overall) in the 2023 NFL Draft by Philadelphia, Sydney Brown joins the Atlanta secondary after three seasons with the Eagles (2023-25). During his tenure in Philadelphia, he totaled 86 total tackles (55 solo), five passes defended, one tackle for loss and two interceptions, returning one 99 yards for a touchdown during his rookie season in 2023. The following season he helped lead the Eagles to their Super Bowl LIX championship with a 40-22 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. He spent his collegiate days at the University of Illinois where he played five seasons with the Fighting Illini (2018-22). Across his career he totaled 320 total tackles (187 solo), 16 passes defended, 10 interceptions, 10 tackles for loss, four forced fumbles, two sacks, two interceptions returned for touchdowns and one fumble recovered for a touchdown. As a senior in 2022, he was awarded first-team All-Big Ten honors.





#30

# DARNAY HOLMES

**POSITION:** CB  
**HEIGHT:** 5-9  
**WEIGHT:** 198  
**AGE:** 27  
**COLLEGE:** UCLA

Darnay Holmes began his NFL career in New York after being selected in the fourth round (110th overall) by the Giants in the 2020 NFL Draft. He spent four seasons (2020-23) with the organization, recording 115 total tackles (89 solo), 18 passes defended, four interceptions, three tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and a half sack. Holmes then signed with the Las Vegas Raiders and spent two seasons (2024-25) with the team, registering 49 total tackles (27 solo), three passes defended, two tackles for loss and one sack. He played collegiately at UCLA, and spent three seasons with the Bruins (2017-19). As a freshman, he led the team with three interceptions along with 39 total tackles (29 solo) and three passes defended. He was named honorable mention All-Pac-12 during his sophomore and junior seasons, leading the team each year in interceptions with three and two, respectively.





#31

# XAVIER WATTS

**POSITION:** S  
**HEIGHT:** 6-0  
**WEIGHT:** 203  
**AGE:** 24  
**COLLEGE:**  
**NOTRE DAME**

Xavier Watts joined the Falcons after Atlanta selected him in the third round (96th overall) of the 2025 NFL Draft out of Notre Dame. He became the first Falcons rookie since Deion Sanders (1989) to record five interceptions in a season, leading all rookies, and finished his inaugural campaign with 96 total tackles (59 solo), 11 passes defended and one fumble recovery. He spent five seasons with the Fighting Irish (2020-24) and appeared in 55 games, recording 188 total tackles (117 solo), nine tackles for loss, 18 passes defended, 1.5 sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and 13 interceptions. He was a two-time consensus first-team All-American (2023-24), with his 13 interceptions across those two seasons being the most by any FBS player during that span. In 2024, Watts was a team captain, and ranked second in the nation in interceptions with six, including a 100-yard pick-six.



A portrait of Cash Jones, a young man with brown hair and a mustache, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. The jersey has the NFL logo and "FALCONS" visible. The background is dark and textured.

# #32

# CASH JONES

**POSITION: RB**

**HEIGHT: 5-11**

**WEIGHT: 195**

**AGE: 24**

**COLLEGE: GEORGIA**

Cash Jones joined the Atlanta Falcons backfield as an undrafted free agent following the 2026 NFL Draft following a five-year collegiate career at the University of Georgia (2021-25) where he was a walk-on. With the Bulldogs, Jones was a two-time College Football Playoff National Champion (2021-22) and played for three SEC championship teams (2022, 2024-25). In the 2022 season, he scored the first touchdown of his collegiate career and added two rushes for 44 yards and two receptions for 11 yards. The following season, he once again reached the end-zone on the ground, caught his first touchdown pass and rushed for a career-high 161 yards. As a junior in 2024, he stepped up in the receiving game and recorded career highs in receptions (24), receiving yards (275) and receiving touchdowns (four). Jones played his prep football career at Brock High School in Texas, and set the school's career rushing yard record as a senior.





# #33

# BILLY BOWMAN JR.

**POSITION: CB**  
**HEIGHT: 5-10**  
**WEIGHT: 194**  
**AGE: 23**  
**COLLEGE:**  
**OKLAHOMA**

Billy Bowman Jr. joined the Falcons after Atlanta selected him in the fourth round (118th overall) of the 2025 NFL Draft out of Oklahoma. As a rookie, he appeared in six games and recorded 26 total tackles (15 solo), two passes defended, one interception and one forced fumble. He played four seasons of collegiate football with the Sooners, appearing in 47 games (41 starts) while recording 199 total tackles (122 solo), 10 tackles for loss, 14 passes defended, three fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles and 11 interceptions. In 2024, Bowman started all 12 games for the Sooners, was named to the All-SEC third team and was a recipient of Oklahoma's Don Key Award. In 2023 he started in all 13 games for the Sooners, and his six interceptions led the Big 12 while his 238 interception return yards and three interceptions returned for touchdowns led all of FBS.





# #34

# JAMMIE ROBINSON

**POSITION: SAF**

**HEIGHT: 5-11**

**WEIGHT: 195**

**AGE: 25**

**COLLEGE:**

**FLORIDA STATE**

A fifth-round selection (145th overall) in the 2023 NFL Draft by the Carolina Panthers, Jammie Robinson now finds a new home in the NFC South with the Atlanta Falcons. During his rookie season in Carolina, he recorded 17 total tackles (11 solo) in 15 games, starting in two of them. In 2024, Robinson saw action in six games with the Panthers and recorded three total tackles (two solo). He had stints with the Arizona Cardinals (2024), Kansas City Chiefs (2025) and Detroit Lions (2025) before signing to Atlanta's practice squad in November of 2025. Robinson split his collegiate career between the University of South Carolina (2019-20) and Florida State University (2021-22). In his two seasons with the Gamecocks, he recorded 136 total tackles (93 solo), eight passes defended, 3.5 tackles for loss and two interceptions. With the Seminoles, he was a two-time first-team All-ACC selection and received second-team All-America honors in 2022.





#35

# NATRONE BROOKS

**POSITION: CB**

**HEIGHT: 5-11**

**WEIGHT: 175**

**AGE: 26**

**COLLEGE: SOUTHERN  
MISSISSIPPI**

Natrone Brooks was signed as an undrafted free agent in 2023 and logged his first career stats in 2024, five total tackles and one pass defense. Last season, Brooks appeared in all 17 games for Atlanta, recording 10 total tackles (eight solo) and two passes defended while handling kick return duties. He played collegiately at Copiah-Lincoln Community College from 2018-19 and Southern Mississippi from 2020-22. At Copiah-Lincoln, Brooks recorded 59 tackles (45 solo), 11 passes defended, seven tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks, two interceptions, one fumble recovery and one blocked kick in 19 games. In his first year at Southern Mississippi, Brooks registered 39 tackles (25 solo), four tackles for loss, seven passes defended and one interception. In 2021, he tallied 18 tackles (11 solo), two tackles for loss, eight passes defended and one interception. In 2022, Brooks recorded 29 tackles (18 solo), three passes defended, four tackles for loss, two interceptions and one fumble recovery.





#36

# MALCOLM DEWALT IV

**POSITION: CB**  
**HEIGHT: 6-2**  
**WEIGHT: 190**  
**AGE: 24**  
**COLLEGE: AKRON**

Malcolm DeWalt IV joins the Atlanta Falcons secondary after signing as an undrafted free agent following the 2026 NFL Draft. He spent the first year of his collegiate career (2022) playing for the Snow College Badgers in Ephraim, Utah before joining the Butte College Roadrunners in Oroville, Calif. for the 2023 season. DeWalt spent the final two seasons of his college career playing for the University of Akron (2024-25). In his first season with the Zips, he appeared in 11 games and recorded seven total tackles (three solo), three passes defended and one fumble recovery. In 2025, DeWalt saw action in 12 games and recorded 58 total tackles (40 solo), 2.5 tackles for loss, one forced fumble and two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown. His high school career was played on the opposite end of the country, as DeWalt played prep football at Olympic High School in Bremerton, Wash.





#37

# COBEE BRYANT

**POSITION: CB**

**HEIGHT: 6-0**

**WEIGHT: 180**

**AGE: 24**

**COLLEGE: KANSAS**

After four seasons of collegiate football at the University of Kansas, Cobee Bryant joined the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent following the 2025 NFL Draft. Across his rookie season, he recorded 10 total tackles (eight solo), one tackle for loss and one pass defense in seven games. He appeared in 47 games for the Jayhawks, and recorded 128 total tackles (107 solo), 11 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, 22 passes defended, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, 13 interceptions and two pick-sixes. Bryant was the first Jayhawk in Big 12 history to be named first-team All-Big 12 in three-straight seasons (2022-24). In 2024, he was a unanimous first-team All-Big 12 defensive back, and recorded 37 total tackles (26 solo), four tackles for loss, a half sack, seven passes defended, one forced fumble and four interceptions. In 2023, his four interceptions tied for the team lead.





#38

# NATHAN CARTER

**POSITION: RB**

**HEIGHT: 5-10**

**WEIGHT: 202**

**AGE: 24**

**COLLEGE: MICHIGAN  
STATE**

Following a collegiate career split between the University of Connecticut (2020-22) and Michigan State University (2023-24), Nathan Carter joined the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent following the 2025 NFL Draft. As a rookie, he recorded nine rushing attempts for 60 yards. As a Huskie he redshirted his first year before appearing in 17 games for UConn, totaling 190 attempts for 983 rushing yards and three touchdowns, in addition to 24 receptions for 166 receiving yards. Carter then transferred to Michigan State for the final two years of his collegiate career. As a Spartan, he appeared in 24 games and rushed the ball 301 times for 1,297 yards and nine touchdowns, while adding 40 receptions for 276 yards and two touchdowns through the air. In 2024, Carter led the Spartans with a career-high five rushing touchdowns, and ranked second on the team in carries (116) and rushing yards (499).





#40

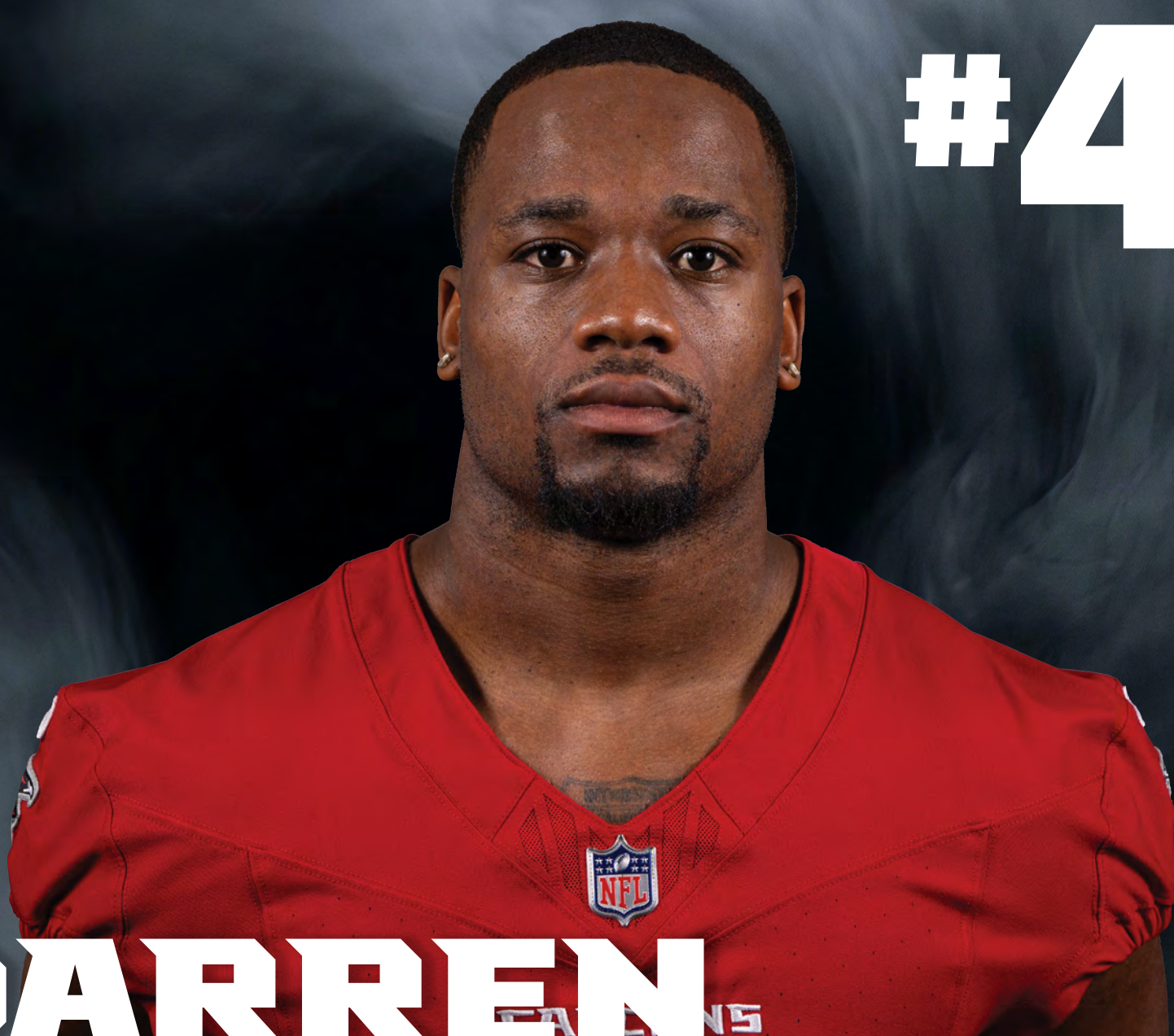
JD

BERTRAND

**POSITION:** ILB  
**HEIGHT:** 6-1  
**WEIGHT:** 230  
**AGE:** 26  
**COLLEGE:**  
**NOTRE DAME**

JD Bertrand has recorded two passes defended, 58 total tackles, 29 solo tackles and two tackles for loss across two seasons after Atlanta selected him with the 143rd-overall pick of the 2024 NFL Draft. Bertrand attended Blessed Trinity High School in Georgia where he won back-to-back state championships in 2017 and 2018. He played college football at Notre Dame (2019-23) and appeared in 50 games for the Fighting Irish, totaling 266 tackles (154 solo), 24 tackles for loss, six sacks and two forced fumbles. Bertrand redshirted his true freshman season. In 2021 he had 101 total tackles (63 solo), seven tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and one pass defense. In 2022, Bertrand recorded 82 tackles (45 solo), nine tackles for loss, two sacks and three passes defended. In 2023, he had 76 tackles (41 solo), eight tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks, five passes defended and one forced fumble.



A portrait of Darren Hall, a Black male with a short beard and mustache, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. He is looking directly at the camera against a dark, textured background. The jersey has the NFL shield logo at the collar and the word 'FALCONS' partially visible on the left chest.

# #41

# DARREN HALL

**POSITION:** CB

**HEIGHT:** 6-0

**WEIGHT:** 190

**AGE:** 26

**COLLEGE:**

**SAN DIEGO STATE**

Originally drafted by Atlanta in the fourth round (108th overall) of the 2021 NFL Draft, Darren Hall rejoined the Falcons in May of 2026. Across his first two seasons in Atlanta (2021-22), he recorded 72 total tackles (50 solo), six passes defended, three tackles for loss and one forced fumble and fumble recovery. Hall appeared in 17 games for the Arizona Cardinals across the 2024-25 seasons and registered 22 total tackles (nine solo). He played his collegiate football career at San Diego State University and spent four seasons (2017-20) with the Aztecs. He recorded 135 total tackles (102 solo), 25 passes defended, 8.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, three forced fumbles and six interceptions in addition to one fumble recovered for a touchdown. Following his 2020 season, Hall earned first-team All-Mountain West honors after recording a career-high three interceptions, returning one for a touchdown.



A portrait of Daveren Rayner, a Black man with a beard and a black headband, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. The background is dark and smoky.

# #42

# DAVEREN RAYNER

**POSITION: LB**

**HEIGHT: 6-2**

**WEIGHT: 217**

**AGE: 24**

**COLLEGE:  
KENTUCKY**

Following rookie minicamp, the Falcons signed former Kentucky linebacker Daveren Rayner. Before his days as a Wildcat, Rayner spent three seasons of collegiate football at Northern Illinois University (2020-22). As a Huskie, he appeared in 22 games and recorded 127 total tackles (64 solo), 8.5 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks and three passes defended. He then transferred to the University of Kentucky where he played three seasons (2023-25), appearing in 29 games. With the Wildcats, Rayner tallied 112 total tackles (57 solo), 12.5 tackles for loss, six passes defended, two sacks and two interceptions. In the 2025 season he was second on the team in total tackles (69), ranked third in tackles for loss (6.5) and tied for second on the team with two interceptions. Rayner played his prep football career at Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis, Ind., where he was a two-time All-Marion selection.



A portrait of Malik Verdon, a young man with dark, curly hair and a goatee, smiling. He is wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey with the NFL logo on the V-neck. The background is a dark, textured grey.

# #43

# MALIK VERDON

**POSITION:** ILB  
**HEIGHT:** 6-4  
**WEIGHT:** 218  
**AGE:** 23  
**COLLEGE:**  
**IOWA STATE**

Joining the Falcons as an undrafted free agent in 2025, Malik Verdon will look to make an impact in 2026 after missing his rookie season. He played four years of collegiate football at Iowa State (2021-24), and recorded 134 total tackles (68 solo), seven tackles for loss, 10 passes defended, two forced fumbles, three interceptions and one sack across 27 games. In 2024, he earned second-team All-Big 12 accolades and set career highs in total tackles (76), solo tackles (35), tackles for loss (four), sacks (one), passes defended (five) and forced fumbles (two). In that same season, he set a career high for tackles in a single game, registering 13 in a 20-19 rivalry win against Iowa. In 2023 he appeared in 10 games for Iowa State, and recorded 47 total tackles (26 solo), two interceptions, one tackle for loss and four passes defended. He played prep football at Hamilton High School in Ohio.



A portrait of Troy Andersen, a man with dark hair and a light beard, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. The jersey has the NFL logo and "FALCONS" visible. The background is dark and textured.

# #44

# TROY ANDERSEN

**POSITION: ILB**

**HEIGHT: 6-4**

**WEIGHT: 245**

**AGE: 27**

**COLLEGE:**  
**MONTANA STATE**

Troy Anderson returns for his fifth year with the Falcons after missing the entirety of the 2025 season. Following a season-ending injury in 2023, he returned in 2024 and recorded 47 total tackles and snagged his first career interception, which he returned 47 yards for a touchdown. In Andersen's rookie season in 2022, he recorded 69 total tackles (40 solo), three tackles for loss, one pass defense and one forced fumble. He recorded 12 tackles in his first career start against the 49ers in 2022, which is second-most by a Falcons player in their first career start since 2000. He spent four seasons at Montana State where he played linebacker, running back and quarterback. He was named first-team All-Big Sky in 2018 playing quarterback for the Bobcats. He grew up in Dillion, Mt., where he helped lead Beaverhead County High School to the Class A state championship in 2016.



A portrait of Christian Harris, a Black man with long dreadlocks, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey and a black headband with the Falcons logo. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is dark and smoky.

# #45

# CHRISTIAN HARRIS

**POSITION: LB**  
**HEIGHT: 6-2**  
**WEIGHT: 232**  
**AGE: 25**  
**COLLEGE:**  
**ALABAMA**

Christian Harris joins the Atlanta Falcons after spending the first four years of his NFL career in Houston (2022-25). A third-round pick (75th overall) in the 2022 NFL Draft by the Texans, he appeared in 46 games and recorded 206 total tackles (129 solo), 14 tackles for loss, 13 passes defended, two forced fumbles and one interception. Harris played his collegiate career at the University of Alabama (2019-21) and helped lead the Crimson Tide to a 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship victory, a 52-24 defeat over the Ohio State Buckeyes. During his tenure in Tuscaloosa, he appeared in 41 games and recorded 221 total tackles (126 solo), 27 tackles for loss, 10 sacks, six passes defended, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and one interception. His best season came in 2021, when he set career highs in tackles for loss (12.5), sacks (5.5), passes defended (three) and forced fumbles (two).





# #46

# PHILIP FALCONS

# FLORENZO

**POSITION: LS**

**HEIGHT: 6-2**

**WEIGHT: 240**

**AGE: 23**

**COLLEGE: CLEMSON**

Philip Florenzo joins the Atlanta Falcons special teams unit after a five-year collegiate career (2021-25) at Clemson University where he joined the football program as a walk-on. He made his debut for the Tigers in 2021, and took over long snapping duties in 2022. That same season, he was an All-ACC Academic Team selection. The following season in 2023, Florenzo snapped in all 13 games and recorded five total tackles (two solo) and a fumble recovery en route to his second-consecutive selection to the All-ACC Academic Team. During the 2024 season he appeared in 13 of Clemson's 14 games, as the Tigers did not punt a single time in their matchup against The Citadel. He once again was named to the All-ACC Academic Team. Florenzo played his prep football career at Loyola Blakefield Preparatory School in Towson, Md., and also played on the school's lacrosse team.



A portrait of Joshua Simon, a Black male with a short beard and mustache, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. He is looking directly at the camera against a dark, textured background. The number 47 is displayed in large white text in the top right corner.

# #47

# JOSHUA SIMON

**POSITION: TE**

**HEIGHT: 6-4**

**WEIGHT: 240**

**AGE: 25**

**COLLEGE:**

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

After playing six seasons of collegiate football between the Western Kentucky (2019-22) and South Carolina (2023-24) programs, Joshua Simon joined the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent in 2025. Across his collegiate career, he recorded 154 receptions for 1,921 yards with 24 touchdowns. During his last season with the Gamecocks in 2024, he set career highs in receptions (40), receiving yards (519) and touchdowns (seven). He became the only tight end in school history to lead the team in all three categories, and was named to the All-SEC fourth team following the season. While at Western Kentucky, Simon totaled 86 receptions for 1,146 yards and 16 touchdowns. His 16 career touchdowns became the most in school history by a tight end, and in 2022 he was named second-team All-Conference USA. He played his prep football career at Crestwood High School in Sumter, S.C.





# BRALEN TRICE

**POSITION: ED**

**HEIGHT: 6-4**

**WEIGHT: 274**

**AGE: 25**

**COLLEGE:  
WASHINGTON**

Bralen Trice returns for his third season with the Falcons to bolster the defense. After spending five years with the Washington Huskies, he was drafted by the Falcons in the third round of the 2024 NFL Draft. Trice played in 40 games with the Huskies, starting in 29. In those 40 games, Trice accumulated 101 tackles, 29 tackles for loss and 18 sacks in three seasons. The Phoenix-native recorded 49 tackles in 2023, leading the Huskies in sacks with seven on the year. Trice was rewarded with first-team All-Pac-12 honors. He was one of two Washington Huskies selected by Atlanta in the 2024 NFL Draft along with quarterback Michael Penix Jr. Trice was a huge part of the Huskies national championship run where they made the College Football Playoff semifinals against the Texas Longhorns in the Sugar Bowl. He recorded five total tackles, three tackles for loss and two sacks against the third-seeded Longhorns.



A portrait of Liam McCullough, a man with a beard and short dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey with the NFL logo and the word "FALCONS" visible. The background is a dark, textured grey.

# #49

# LIAM

FALCONS

# MCCULLOUGH

**POSITION: LS**

**HEIGHT: 6-2**

**WEIGHT: 245**

**AGE: 29**

**COLLEGE:**  
**OHIO STATE**

Liam McCullough is set to resume long snapping duties for the Falcons for the fifth-straight season. He played in all 17 games of the 2024-25 seasons, and snapped for every field goal, punt and point after in 2023, helping Younghoe Koo (700) pass Mick Luckhurst (558) for the third-most points in team history. McCullough spent his college career at Ohio State where he snapped in 55 games and was a finalist for the Patrick Mannelly Award which goes to the top long snapper in the country. He was also Academic All-Big Ten all four years at Ohio State. McCullough grew up in Columbus, Ohio and attended Worthington Kilbourne High School where he became the number one ranked long snapper in the country by 247Sports. He would be invited to play in the U.S. Army All-American game and would follow his brother, Roen, to Ohio State who also snapped for the Buckeyes.



A portrait of DeAngelo Malone, a Black man with short dreadlocks, smiling. He is wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey with the NFL logo on the chest. He has visible tattoos on his neck and arms. The background is dark and smoky.

# #50

# DEANGELO MALONE

**POSITION:** OLB

**HEIGHT:** 6-3

**WEIGHT:** 235

**AGE:** 26

**COLLEGE:** WESTERN  
KENTUCKY

DeAngelo Malone is coming into his fifth season playing for his hometown team. Malone grew up in Ellenwood, Ga. and went to Martin Luther King Jr. High School for three years, where he earned first-team All-State honors, before transferring to Cedar Grove High School for his senior year. At Cedar Grove he helped lead the Saints to a 13-2 record and a Class 3A State Championship. Malone has spent his entire NFL career with Atlanta, recording 59 total tackles, seven tackles for loss and three sacks. Malone played collegiately at Western Kentucky, playing five seasons for the Hilltoppers. While in Bowling Green, Malone became the all-time sack leader in Western Kentucky history when he recorded 34 sacks and was second all-time in tackles for loss with 60. He was a three-time first-team All-Conference USA selection and earned two Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year awards.





#51

AZEELZ ALCONS

OJULARI

**POSITION: OLB**

**HEIGHT: 6-3**

**WEIGHT: 240**

**AGE: 25**

**COLLEGE: GEORGIA**

Azeez Ojulari joins the Atlanta Falcons after stints with the New York Giants (2021-24) and the Philadelphia Eagles (2025). A second-round pick (50th overall) by the Giants in the 2021 NFL Draft, Ojulari set career highs in total tackles (49), tackles for loss (eight), quarterback hits (13), sacks (eight), tackles for loss (eight) and passes defended (two) as a rookie. Across his four seasons in New York, he recorded 107 total tackles (59 solo), 37 quarterback hits, 22 sacks, 21 tackles for loss, four forced fumbles, three passes defended and three fumble recoveries. He appeared in three games for the Eagles in 2025 and was placed on the injured reserve list in November due to a hamstring injury. Ojulari played collegiate football for the University of Georgia (2018-20), where he was a second-team All-SEC selection in 2020. In his two seasons as a starter, he led the Bulldogs in sacks with 14.





#52

# SAMSON EBUKAM

**POSITION: DE**

**HEIGHT: 6-3**

**WEIGHT: 245**

**AGE: 31**

**COLLEGE: EASTERN  
WASHINGTON**

Samson Ebukam brings nine years of NFL experience to Atlanta's defense. A former fourth-round pick (125th overall) by Los Angeles, he spent four seasons (2017-20) with the Rams. He appeared in 64 games (35 starts) with the franchise and recorded 150 total tackles (95 solo), 28 quarterback hits, 16 tackles for loss, 14 sacks, six passes defended, six forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries, returning one for a touchdown. He also registered one interception returned for a touchdown. Ebukam then played two years (2021-22) with the San Francisco 49ers and recorded 74 total tackles (42 solo), 24 quarterback hits, 12 tackles for loss and 9.5 sacks. He then joined the Indianapolis Colts where in 2023 he led the team with a career-high 9.5 sacks. Ebukam played collegiate football at Eastern Washington University (2013-16) where he was a first-team All-Big Sky and FCS All-America selection in 2016.



A portrait of a young Black man with long dreadlocks, wearing a red headband and a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and smoky.

# #53

# KENDAL DANIELS

**POSITION: LB**  
**HEIGHT: 6-5**  
**WEIGHT: 242**  
**AGE: 23**  
**COLLEGE:**  
**OKLAHOMA**

The Atlanta Falcons used their fourth-round pick (134th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft to select Kendal Daniels out of the University of Oklahoma. In his lone season with the Sooners, Daniels played a hybrid position between linebacker and safety and recorded 53 total tackles (28 solo), nine tackles for loss, three passes defended and one fumble recovery. Across the 2021-24 seasons, Daniels played for Oklahoma State University and appeared in 41 games for the Cowboys. He redshirted in 2021, and received second-team All-Big 12 honors and was named the Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year in 2022 after recording 71 total tackles (45 solo), 6.5 tackles for loss, five passes defended, three interceptions and one forced fumble. He totaled a career-high 105 total tackles (62 solo) and two fumble recoveries in 2023, and a career-high 5.5 sacks, seven passes defended and 10.5 tackles for loss in the 2024 season.



A portrait of Brandon Dorlus, an Atlanta Falcons defensive lineman. He is wearing a red Falcons jersey with the number 54 on the shoulders and a red headband with the Falcons logo. He has dreadlocks and a goatee. The background is dark and smoky.

# #54

# BRANDON DORLUS

**POSITION: DL**

**HEIGHT: 6-3**

**WEIGHT: 295**

**AGE: 25**

**COLLEGE: OREGON**

After being selected in the fourth round (109th overall) of the 2024 NFL Draft, Brandon Dorlus appeared in two games as a rookie and recorded three total tackles. In 2025 he set career highs in total tackles (27) and tackles for loss (11), and recorded a career-high 8.5 sacks, ranking second among all interior defensive linemen in the league and first in the NFC. He played collegiately for the Oregon Ducks, and finished with All-Pac-12 honors three times in 2020-21 and 2023. He played in 58 games while at Oregon and tallied 108 total tackles, 28 tackles for loss and 12 sacks. In his senior season, he led the team with a career-high five sacks and helped lead them to the Pac-12 Championship game. Dorlus attended Deerfield Ridge High School in Florida for his junior and senior years of high school and Calvary Christian for his freshman and sophomore years.





#55

# CHANNING TINDALL

**POSITION: LB**

**HEIGHT: 6-2**

**WEIGHT: 236**

**AGE: 26**

**COLLEGE: GEORGIA**

Channing Tindall signed with the Falcons in March of 2026 after spending the 2025 season with the Arizona Cardinals when he saw action in seven games and recorded eight total tackles (four solo). A former third-round pick (102nd overall) by Miami, Tindall spent three seasons (2022-24) with the Dolphins, appearing in 44 games and registering 16 total tackles (eight solo). He spent four seasons (2018-21) playing collegiate football for the University of Georgia and helped lead the Bulldogs to a 2021 College Football Playoff National Championship following a 33-18 defeat over the Alabama Crimson Tide. Tindall appeared in 50 games for the Bulldogs and recorded 108 total tackles (54 solo), 16 tackles for loss, 12 sacks and one forced fumble. In his final season with UGA, he logged career highs in total tackles (67), tackles for loss (7.5) and sacks (5.5), earning him second-team All-SEC honors.





# #56

# HAROLD

# PERKINS JR.

**POSITION: LB**  
**HEIGHT: 6-0**  
**WEIGHT: 223**  
**AGE: 21**  
**COLLEGE: LSU**

The Atlanta Falcons used their sixth-round pick (215th overall) in the 2026 NFL Draft to select Har-old Perkins Jr. out of Louisiana State University. Perkins spent four seasons (2022-25) with the Ti-gers, appearing in 43 games and registering 220 total tackles (113), 35.5 tackles for loss, 17 sacks, 10 passes defended, eight forced fumbles and five interceptions. During his first season in 2022 Perkins logged 72 total tackles (39 solo), 13 tackles for loss, and a career-high 7.5 sacks and four forced fumbles, earning him first-team All-SEC honors while being named a Freshman All-Amer-ican. He received second-team All-SEC honors as a sophomore in 2023 after recording a tackle for loss in 10-consecutive games across the season. After a shortened 2024 season due to injury, he returned in 2025 and received third-team All-SEC honors after registering 56 total tackles (26 solo), eight tackles for loss, four sacks and a career-high three interceptions.



A portrait of Kam Dewberry, a Black male with short, curly brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey with the NFL logo and the word "FALCONS" visible. The background is dark and smoky.

# #61

# KAM DEWBERRY

**POSITION: G**  
**HEIGHT: 6-4**  
**WEIGHT: 332**  
**AGE: 22**  
**COLLEGE:**  
**ALABAMA**

Kam Dewberry signed with the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent following the 2026 NFL Draft. He spent his senior season (2025) of collegiate football at the University of Alabama and appeared in 14 games (13 starts) for the Crimson Tide at left guard. Prior to his time in Tuscaloosa, Dewberry spent three seasons (2022-24) playing at Texas A&M University. With the Aggies, he appeared in 32 games and earned Freshman All-America honors from the Athletic in 2022 in addition to winning the Aggie Offensive Top Newcomer Award that same season. He played his prep football career at Atascocita High School in Humble, Texas, where he was rated as a four-star recruit. He was selected as a 2022 Under Armour All-American and was a Polynesian Bowl selection that same year. In 2019, Dewberry earned MaxPreps Sophomore All-America honors after being named to the all-district first team.



A portrait of Corey Levin, a man with a beard and brown hair, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. The jersey has the NFL logo and "FALCONS" visible. The background is dark and smoky.

# #62

# COREY LEVIN

**POSITION: C/G**

**HEIGHT: 6-4**

**WEIGHT: 307**

**AGE: 31**

**COLLEGE: TENNESSEE-  
CHATTANOOGA**

Corey Levin signed with the Falcons in March of 2026. A Dacula, Ga. native, he played his prep football career at Dacula High School where he was a team captain and made the Gwinnett County All-Star team. He played his collegiate football career at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (2012-16). After redshirting the 2012 season, he became a member of the Southern Conference All-Freshman Team after starting at left tackle in 11 games. He was a third-team All-America selection in 2014 and was given the Jacobs Blocking Award, recognizing him as the top offensive lineman in the Southern Conference. He was a first-team All-America selection in both the 2015-16 seasons. Levin was drafted in the sixth round of the 2017 NFL Draft (217th overall) by the Tennessee Titans before reuniting with the team in 2021 after stints with the Denver Broncos, Chicago Bears, New England Patriots and New York Jets.



A portrait of Chris Lindstrom, a man with short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey with the NFL logo on the collar. The background is dark and smoky.

# #63

# CHRIS LINDSTROM

**POSITION:** G  
**HEIGHT:** 6-4  
**WEIGHT:** 310  
**AGE:** 29  
**COLLEGE:** BOSTON COLLEGE

Chris Lindstrom has become a household name, developing into one of the top guards in the league since being drafted 14th overall by the Falcons in the 2019 NFL Draft. Since 2022, he has made the Pro Bowl and been a second-team All-Pro selection every year, and has started all 105 games he has appeared in since entering the league. In 2025, he allowed just one sack in 1,086 offensive snaps. Lindstrom played at Shepherd Hill High School in Dudley, Mass. where his father served as head coach. Lindstrom stayed close to home and enrolled at Boston College where he saw action in 50 games. He earned All-ACC honors twice and was named a second-team All-American by the Athletic. During his junior year, he led the Eagles in career starts (36) and career games played (38). In 2018, Lindstrom didn't allow a single sack and earned All-ACC first-team honors for his dominant play.



A portrait of Ryan Neuzil, a man with a full brown beard and mustache, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. He is looking directly at the camera against a dark, smoky background. The number 64 is displayed in large white text in the top right corner.

# #64

# RYAN

FALCONS

# NEUZIL

**POSITION: OL**

**HEIGHT: 6-3**

**WEIGHT: 305**

**AGE: 28**

**COLLEGE: APPALACHIAN  
STATE**

Ryan Neuzil signed with the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent in 2021, and made his NFL debut in 2022 in a Week 9 matchup against the Los Angeles Chargers, recording four snaps on special teams. Across five seasons in Atlanta, he has appeared in 60 games with 29 starts. Neuzil played collegiate football at Appalachian State (2016-20) and transitioned to play center before earning the starting job at left guard. With the Mountaineers, he was a two-time first-team All-Sun Belt selection and finished his collegiate career with 44-straight starts at left guard. During his four seasons at Appalachian State, the Mountaineers ranked seventh (2020), 16th (2019), 14th (2018) and 22nd (2017) in rushing yards per game, while ranking 40th (2020), 13th (2019), 21st (2018) and second (2017) in sacks allowed per game. Neuzil played his prep football career at Braden River High School in Bradenton, Fla.





# MATTHEW BERGERON

**POSITION:** OL  
**HEIGHT:** 6-5  
**WEIGHT:** 315  
**AGE:** 26  
**COLLEGE:**  
**SYRACUSE**

Matthew Bergeron was drafted 38th overall by the Falcons in the second round of the 2023 NFL Draft. In his rookie campaign, he started all 17 games, and played in a team-high 1,129 offensive snaps, all while adjusting to the guard position after spending an overwhelming majority of his collegiate career at tackle. In 2024, he blocked for a Falcons offense that ranked sixth in the league with 369.82 yards per game. Last season, he blocked for an offensive line that had the fifth-lowest sack percentage (4.6%) and ranked fourth in sacks allowed (26). Bergeron is a native of Thetford Mines, Quebec, Canada, where he was named Athlete of the Year in 2018 and became the first player in the city's history to receive an NCAA Division I football scholarship, to Syracuse. He earned an All-ACC honorable mention in 2021 and second-team All-ACC honors as a senior in 2022.





#66

# JAMES BROCKERMEYER

**POSITION: C**  
**HEIGHT: 6-3**  
**WEIGHT: 295**  
**AGE: 23**  
**COLLEGE: MIAMI**

The Atlanta Falcons signed James Brockermeyer as an undrafted free agent following the 2026 NFL Draft. Across his collegiate career, he played for the University of Alabama (2021-23), Texas Christian University (2024) and the University of Miami (2025). With the Crimson Tide, Brockermeyer appeared in 16 games on the offensive line. He then transferred to TCU for the 2024 season where he made 12 starts and was named All-Big 12 honorable mention after allowing just one sack and eight quarterback pressures over the course of the season. In 2025, he again entered the transfer portal and made his way to the Hurricanes. With Miami, Brockermeyer saw action in 16 games and was a third-team All-ACC selection in addition to being named a first-team All-American. He played his prep football career at All Saints Episcopal School in Fort Worth, Texas, and was rated as the nation's top center by ESPN, PrepStar and 247Composite.





#67

# BRANDON WALTON

**POSITION: OL**

**HEIGHT: 6-5**

**WEIGHT: 300**

**AGE: 28**

**COLLEGE: FLORIDA  
ATLANTIC**

Brandon Walton joins the Atlanta Falcons with six years of NFL experience. After going undrafted in the 2020 NFL Draft, he signed with the Buffalo Bills and spent time on the team's practice squad. During the 2021 season, Walton spent camp with the Pittsburgh Steelers before finding his way to Tampa Bay where he would make the final roster for the Buccaneers in 2022. He made his NFL debut with the team in Week 1 of the regular season, and appeared in a career-high 11 games for the Bucs with two starts at left tackle. Walton then spent the 2024-25 seasons with the Carolina Panthers, and saw action in four games. He spent his collegiate football career at Florida Atlantic University where he played four seasons (2016-19) with the Owls. He was a member of two Conference USA Championship teams in addition to earning first-team All-C-USA honors as a senior.





#68

KYLE

FALCONS

HINTON

**POSITION: OL**

**HEIGHT: 6-2**

**WEIGHT: 315**

**AGE: 28**

**COLLEGE:**  
**WASHBURN**

Kyle Hinton was selected in the seventh round of the 2020 NFL Draft by Minnesota, and made his NFL debut as a reserve at left tackle for the Vikings in Week 18 of the 2022 NFL season. He was signed by the Atlanta Falcons in 2023 and played in 16 games, starting one. He appeared in all 17 games for the Falcons in the 2024-25 seasons, contributing on offense and special teams with two starts last season. He spent three seasons at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. where he started in 34 games at left tackle. At Washburn, Hinton received all-region honors in 2018 and 2019, All-America honors three times and was a four-time All-MIAA offensive line selection. A two-sport athlete, Hinton also excelled on Washburn's track and field team. He played both offensive and defensive line at Liberty High School in Peoria, Ariz., where he was a three-time academic all-district selection.



A portrait of Jack Nelson, a young man with short brown hair and a light beard, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. The jersey has the NFL logo and "FALCONS" visible. The background is a dark, textured blue.

#69

JACK

FALCONS

NELSON

**POSITION: OL**

**HEIGHT: 6-7**

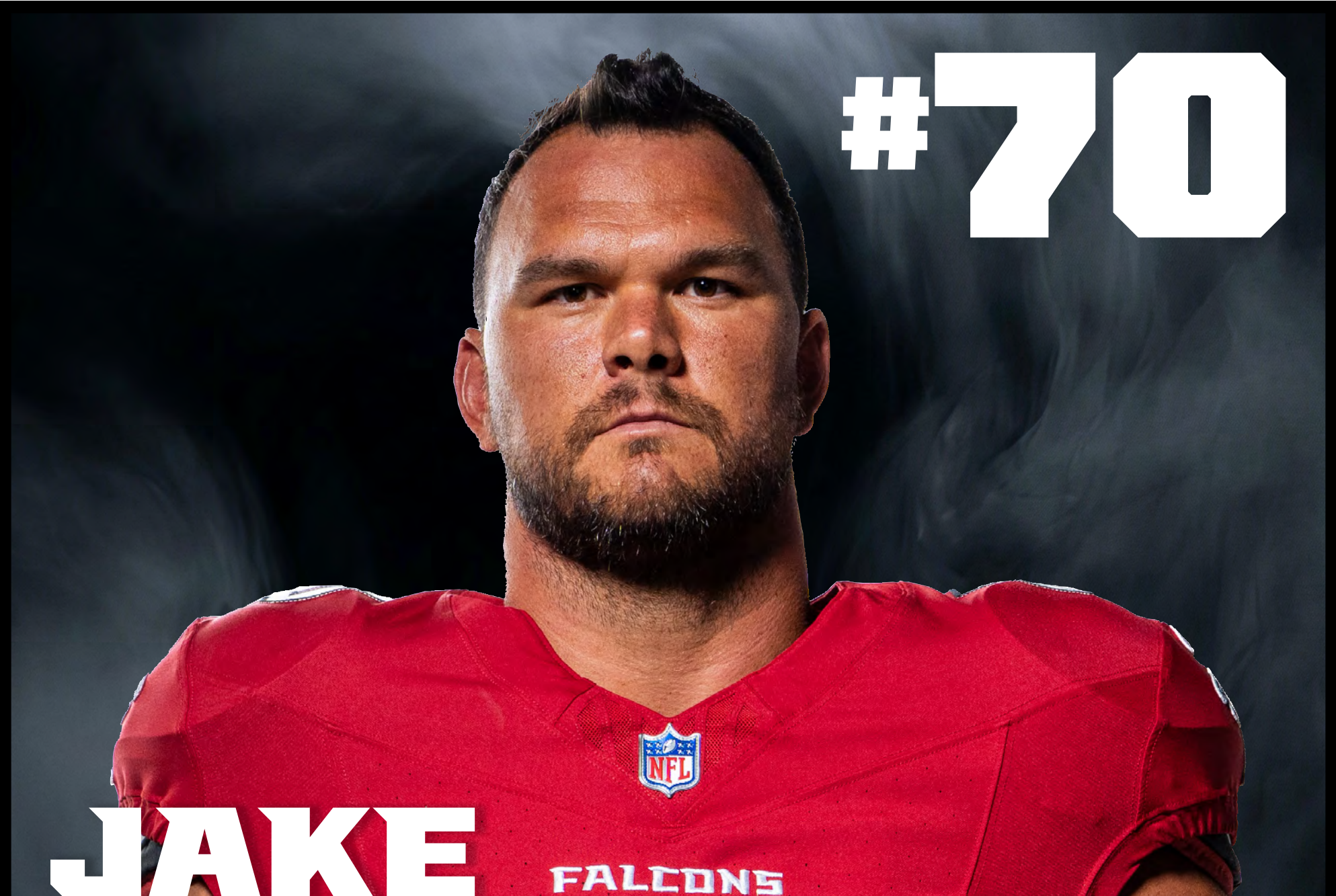
**WEIGHT: 314**

**AGE: 24**

**COLLEGE:**  
**WISCONSIN**

The Atlanta Falcons selected Jack Nelson in the seventh round (218th overall) in the 2025 NFL Draft. As a rookie, he appeared in 10 games. He played five years of collegiate football with the Wisconsin Badgers (2020-24) but was redshirted in 2020, appearing in one game against Michigan. In 2021, he earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors after starting in all 13 games for Wisconsin at right guard. In 2022 Nelson once again earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors, starting in all 12 games this time at left tackle. He remained at left tackle for the 2023 season, and started all 13 games for a Wisconsin offensive line that led the Big Ten in third down conversions (44.2%). Nelson played his prep football career at Stoughton High School in Stoughton, Wis., and was a three-time Badger South first-team all-conference selection, in addition to Badger South Lineman of the Year.





#70

**JAKE**

FALCONS

**MATTHEWS**

**POSITION: T**

**HEIGHT: 6-5**

**WEIGHT: 310**

**AGE: 34**

**COLLEGE:**  
**TEXAS A&M**

Atlanta drafted Jake Matthews with the sixth-overall pick in the 2014 NFL Draft and he has been a staple of the offensive line ever since, earning a spot on the NFC's Pro Bowl roster in 2018. Going into his 13th season with the Falcons, Matthews is the longest-tenured player on the roster. In 2023, Matthews broke Matt Ryan's franchise record of 154 consecutive starts when he notched his 155th against the Saints. He has since increased that record to 195, which leads the NFL. A former first-team All-District and All-Greater Houston honoree, Matthews has been anchoring offensive lines since his days at Elkins High School in Texas where he earned High School All-America honors from USA Today, Parade and SuperPrep in 2009. Matthews went on to play college football at Texas A&M, and as a senior was a consensus All-American, a unanimous All-SEC first-team selection, and received the Bobby Bowden Award.





#71

# JAWAAN TAYLOR

**POSITION: OT**

**HEIGHT: 6-5**

**WEIGHT: 312**

**AGE: 28**

**COLLEGE: FLORIDA**

Following four seasons (2019-22) with the Jacksonville Jaguars and three seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs (2023-25), Jawaan Taylor signed with the Atlanta Falcons in April of 2026. A second-round selection (35th overall) by the Jaguars in the 2019 NFL Draft, Taylor was part of an offensive line that helped running back Leonard Fournette gain 1,674 yards from scrimmage. Taylor was named to the PFWA All-Rookie Team that same season. The following year, he helped lead the way for running back James Robinson who recorded the most yards from scrimmage (1,414) and second-most rushing yards (1,070) by an undrafted rookie in NFL history. In his first season with the Chiefs, Taylor helped anchor the offensive line en route to a Super Bowl LVIII victory, a 25-22 defeat over the San Francisco 49ers. Taylor played three seasons (2016-18) of collegiate football for the University of Florida Gators.





#72

# MICHAEL JERRELL

**POSITION: OL**

**HEIGHT: 6-5**

**WEIGHT: 309**

**AGE: 26**

**COLLEGE: FINDLAY**

A sixth-round pick (207th overall) in the 2024 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks, Michael Jerrell returns for his second season with the Atlanta Falcons after being traded for in August of 2025. He made his Falcons debut in Week 6 against the Buffalo Bills. As a rookie, he appeared in 10 games with the Seahawks with three starts at right tackle. Jerrell played his collegiate football career at the University of Findlay where he spent six years (2018-23) with the Oilers. Across his career, he was a three-time first-team All-GMAC selection (2021 Spring, 2022-23) and in 2023 was named the GMAC Offensive Lineman of the Year. During the 2022 season, he blocked for an offense that scored 28.3 points per game and rushed for 154 yards per game. The following season, he and the Oilers' offensive line allowed just 17 sacks on the season, the third-fewest in the GMAC.





#73

# LAYDEN ROBINSON

**POSITION:** OL  
**HEIGHT:** 6-3  
**WEIGHT:** 311  
**AGE:** 25  
**COLLEGE:**  
**TEXAS A&M**

A former fourth-round pick (103rd overall) by the New England Patriots in the 2024 NFL Draft, Layden Robinson joined the Atlanta Falcons in May of 2026. During his rookie season with the Patriots, Robinson appeared in 13 games with 11 starts. He spent a stint of the 2025 season on the Las Vegas Raiders' practice squad. He played collegiate football at Texas A&M University, and spent five seasons (2019-23) with the Aggies. He started all 10 games of the 2021 season for Texas A&M, and received second-team All-SEC honors. As a senior in 2023, Robinson started in all 11 games he appeared in and again received second-team All-SEC honors. He played his prep football career in Manvel, Texas at Manvel High School where he was a unanimous selection for first-team 11-5A All-District honors. He was also a finalist for the Houston UIL Offensive Player of the Year award.



A portrait of Andrew Stueber, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and textured.

#74

# ANDREW STUEBER

**POSITION:** OL  
**HEIGHT:** 6-7  
**WEIGHT:** 320  
**AGE:** 26  
**COLLEGE:**  
**MICHIGAN**

After a stint on the Atlanta Falcons' practice squad in 2024, Andrew Stueber rejoined the team in November of 2025. A former seventh-round selection (245th overall) in the 2022 NFL Draft by the Patriots, he spent time on New England's practice squads across the 2022-23 seasons. He saw action in seven games of the 2024 season with the Cincinnati Bengals. Stueber played his collegiate football career at the University of Michigan where he played for four seasons with the Wolverines (2017-18, 2020-21). In his final season with the team, he helped lead a Michigan offensive line that received the Joe Moore Award, given to the top offensive line in the nation. That same season, he received first-team All-Big Ten honors and was a second-team All-American. Stueber played his prep football career at Darien High School in Connecticut, and helped lead the program to the Connecticut Class LL state championship in 2015 and 2016.





#75

# ETHAN ONIANWA

**POSITION: T**  
**HEIGHT: 6-7**  
**WEIGHT: 331**  
**AGE: 23**  
**COLLEGE:**  
**OHIO STATE**

The Atlanta Falcons used their seventh-round pick (231st overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft to select Ethan Onianwa out of The Ohio State University. Across his lone season with the Buckeyes, Onianwa appeared in 13 games and recorded 173 offensive and special teams snaps. Prior to his time at Ohio State, he played four seasons (2021-24) for Rice University. He started in 23-consecutive games at right tackles across the 2022-23 seasons before switching to left tackle in 2024. In 2022, he appeared in 13 games for the Owls and finished third on the team with 860 offensive snaps. Over the course of the 2023 season, he started all 13 games and tied for the team high in offensive snaps with 836. He received AAC All-Academic honors in 2024. Born in Flint, Mich., Onianwa played his prep football career at Cinco Ranch High School in Katy, Texas.





#76

RILEY

FALCONS

MAHLMAN

**POSITION: T**

**HEIGHT: 6-8**

**WEIGHT: 318**

**AGE: 23**

**COLLEGE:**  
**WISCONSIN**

After going undrafted in the 2026 NFL Draft, Riley Mahlman signed with the Atlanta Falcons in May of 2026. He played five years (2021-25) of collegiate football at the University of Wisconsin. In his second season with the Badgers, Mahlman saw action in seven games and allowed just one sack. In 2023, he started all 13 games at right tackle and helped the Badger offense rush for 314 yards in the season opener against Buffalo. The following season Mahlman blocked for an offensive line that allowed just 13 sacks on the season, the fewest across the Big Ten. In his final season, Mahlman allowed just three sacks across 318 pressures. From 2022-25, he earned Academic All-Big Ten honors each year. He played his prep football career at Lakeville South High School in Minnesota where he was a two-time Academic All-State selection in addition to earning first-team All-Metro honors as a senior.





#79

# CARLOS ALLEN JR.

**POSITION: DT**

**HEIGHT: 6-1**

**WEIGHT: 295**

**AGE: 23**

**COLLEGE: HOUSTON**

The 2026 season will be a homecoming for Carlos Allen Jr. after signing with the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent. He played his prep football career at Frederick Douglass High School in Atlanta where he earned first-team all-region honors as a senior. Allen then played collegiately for Kennesaw State University (2021-23) before transferring to the University of Houston (2024-25) for his final two years. As an Owl, he recorded 48 total tackles with 11.5 tackles for loss across 24 games. With the Cougars, Allen's 84.4 run defense grade (PFF) in 2024 led all Big 12 interior defenders and ranked eighth among Power Four interior defenders. In his final season, he earned second-team All-Big 12 honors after starting in a single-season high 13 games on the defensive line, and led all FBS interior linemen with 80 tackles. Allen also earned Academic All-Big 12 honors that same season.



A portrait of Wanya Morris, a Black man with long dreadlocks, wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey, a diamond necklace, and hoop earrings. He is looking directly at the camera against a dark, smoky background.

# #79

# WANYA MORRIS

**POSITION:** OL  
**HEIGHT:** 6-6  
**WEIGHT:** 307  
**AGE:** 25  
**COLLEGE:**  
**OKLAHOMA**

A former third-round pick (92nd overall) in the 2023 NFL Draft by Kansas City, Wanya Morris joined the Falcons after being traded for this June. Morris spent three seasons with the Chiefs (2023-25), and saw action in 43 games with 16 starts on the offensive line. He helped lead Kansas City to a Super Bowl LVIII victory as a rookie, besting the San Francisco 49ers 25-22. In 2024, Morris lined up as a tight end in a Week 2 matchup against the Cincinnati Bengals and scored the first touchdown of his career, a 1-yard reception from Patrick Mahomes. He played collegiately for four seasons, splitting his time between the University of Oklahoma (2021-22) and the University of Tennessee (2019-20). As a senior with the Sooners, Morris earned second-team All-Big 12 honors in 2022. His arrival in Atlanta is a homecoming as the Georgia native played prep football at Grayson High School.



A portrait of Dylan Drummond, a man with short, dark, curly hair and a light beard, smiling. He is wearing a red Atlanta Falcons jersey with the NFL logo on the V-neck and the word 'FALCONS' on the chest. He is also wearing a gold chain necklace. The background is dark and smoky.

#80

DYLAN

FALCONS

DRUMMOND

**POSITION: WR**

**HEIGHT: 6-0**

**WEIGHT: 190**

**AGE: 26**

**COLLEGE: EASTERN  
MICHIGAN**

An undrafted free agent in 2023, Dylan Drummond spent time with the Detroit Lions and New York Giants practice squads before joining Atlanta in January of 2025. In his first season with the Falcons, he logged his first offensive stats with seven receptions for 42 yards across nine games in addition to contributing on special teams. He played collegiate football at Eastern Michigan University (2018-22), recording 183 receptions for 2,028 yards and 14 touchdowns. He had his best outing in 2021, setting career highs in receptions (64), receiving yards (704) and touchdowns (six). During his final season in 2022, Drummond totaled 33 receptions for 525 yards and three touchdowns in 10 games. He played prep football at Cuyahoga Heights High School in Ohio, and finished his career as the school's leader in single-season receiving yards (1,051), receptions (190), touchdowns (41) and defensive touchdowns (four).





#81

# AUSTIN HOOPER

**POSITION: TE**  
**HEIGHT: 6-4**  
**WEIGHT: 254**  
**AGE: 31**  
**COLLEGE:**  
**STANFORD**

A former third-round pick (81st overall) by Atlanta in the 2016 NFL Draft, Austin Hooper returns to the Falcons to bolster the tight end position with 10 years of NFL experience. Hooper previously played for Atlanta during the 2016-19 seasons, and recorded 214 receptions for 2,244 yards and 16 touchdowns. In 2019, he set career highs in receptions (75), receiving yards (787) and receiving touchdowns (six) en route to his second Pro Bowl nod, the first coming in 2018. Hooper then joined the Cleveland Browns and across two seasons (2020-21) totaled 84 receptions for 780 yards and seven touchdowns. He then played one season apiece with the Tennessee Titans (2022) and Las Vegas Raiders (2023) before joining the New England Patriots for two seasons (2024-25). Collegiately, Hooper played for the Stanford Cardinal (2013-15) and across 27 games recorded 74 receptions for 937 yards and eight touchdowns. He received first-team All-Pac-12 honors in 2015.





# #84

# JACK VELLING

**POSITION: TE**

**HEIGHT: 6-5**

**WEIGHT: 245**

**AGE: 24**

**COLLEGE:**

**MICHIGAN STATE**

Following the 2026 NFL Draft, Jack Velling signed with the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent. He spent the first two years (2022-23) of his collegiate football career at Oregon State University. As a sophomore, he set career highs in receptions (29) and receiving yards (438), and set the Oregon State single-season record for touchdowns by a tight end with eight (also a career high), earning him second-team All-Pac-12 honors. Velling then transferred to Michigan State University for the final two years (2024-25) of his collegiate career. As a Spartan, he totaled a career-high 36 receptions across both seasons, and finished his Michigan State tenure with 770 receiving yards and four touchdowns. Velling played his prep football career at Seattle Prep School in Washington where he was a three-time all-league selection. As a senior, he recorded 57 receptions for 838 yards and four touchdowns in just eight games.





#85

# KEELAN MARION

**POSITION: WR**

**HEIGHT: 6-0**

**WEIGHT: 195**

**AGE: 23**

**COLLEGE: MIAMI**

Keelan Marion returned to the state of Georgia after signing as an undrafted free agent following the 2026 NFL Draft. He played his prep football career at Grayson High School in Loganville, Ga. before playing two seasons (2021-22) of collegiate football at the University of Connecticut. With the Huskies, he handled punt return duties as a freshman and across two seasons recorded 32 receptions for 563 yards and six touchdowns. Marion then transferred to Brigham Young University (2023-24) and was the Cougars' primary kick returner. Acting as a gadget player, Marion recorded one receiving touchdown, five rushing touchdowns and two kickoffs returned for a touchdown while at BYU in addition to receiving first-team All-America and second-team All-Big 12 honors in 2024. During his lone season at the University of Miami (2025) he recorded career highs in receptions (57) and receiving yards (746), and handled kick returner duties for the Hurricanes.



A portrait of Vinny Anthony II, a wide receiver for the Atlanta Falcons. He is wearing a red Falcons jersey with the NFL shield logo on the V-neck. He has a short beard and is looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and smoky.

# #86

# VINNY ANTHONY II

**POSITION:** WR  
**HEIGHT:** 6-0  
**WEIGHT:** 190  
**AGE:** 22  
**COLLEGE:**  
**WISCONSIN**

The Atlanta Falcons signed Vinny Anthony II as an undrafted free agent following the 2026 NFL Draft. He played his collegiate football career at the University of Wisconsin and spent four seasons (2022-25) with the Badgers. As a receiver, Anthony recorded 80 receptions for 1,162 yards and five touchdowns, adding 10 rushes for 63 yards and two rushing touchdowns. His best season through the air came in 2024 when he totaled career highs in receptions (39), receiving yards (672) and receiving touchdowns (four). Anthony also acted as the team's kick returner, and logged 42 kick returns for 1,075 return yards and one kick returned for a touchdown. He set career highs in 2025 with 446 kick return yards and scored his first-career kickoff return for a touchdown. That same season, his 27.9-yard kickoff return average was second-best across the Big Ten. Anthony earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2023 and 2024.





#88

LE'MEKE

BROCKINGTON

**POSITION:** WR  
**HEIGHT:** 6-0  
**WEIGHT:** 195  
**AGE:** 24  
**COLLEGE:**  
**MINNESOTA**

Le'Meke Brockington signed with the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent following the 2026 NFL Draft. He played collegiate football at the University of Minnesota where he spent five seasons (2021-25) with the Golden Gophers. After redshirting in the 2021 season, he played in all 13 games (four starts) of the 2022 season and recorded 11 receptions for 203 yards and one touchdown. After an injury shortened his 2023 season, Brockington returned in 2024 and played in 13 games (11 starts) for the Golden Gophers and totaled 18 receptions for 282 yards and one touchdown. His best collegiate season came in 2025, when he recorded career highs in receptions (46), receiving yards (484) and receiving touchdowns (four). His 46 receptions and 484 receiving yards led the team, while his four receiving touchdowns tied for second. Brockington played his prep football career at Colquitt County High School in Moultrie, Ga.





#89

# CHARLIE WOERNER

**POSITION: TE**

**HEIGHT: 6-5**

**WEIGHT: 250**

**AGE: 28**

**COLLEGE: GEORGIA**

The 2024 season was a homecoming for Charlie Woerner, as the Tiger, Ga. native played his prep football career at Rabun County High School before playing four years at the University of Georgia. While at UGA, he appeared in 53 games and recorded 34 receptions for 376 yards and one touchdown. He caught his first touchdown during his senior year. Woerner was named to the SEC Football Leadership Council, in addition to being named to the First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll. He was drafted in the sixth round of the 2020 NFL Draft by San Francisco. In his four seasons with the 49ers (2020-23), he appeared in 65 regular-season games with seven starts, catching 11 passes for 120 yards, averaging 10.9 yards per reception. Last season, Woerner started in a career-high 13 games for the Falcons, and recorded a career-high eight receptions for 48 receiving yards.





#90

# DA'SHAWN HAND

**POSITION:** DT  
**HEIGHT:** 6-3  
**WEIGHT:** 302  
**AGE:** 30  
**COLLEGE:**  
**ALABAMA**

Da'Shawn Hand signed with the Atlanta Falcons in March of 2026 and brings eight years of NFL experience to the defense. A fourth-round pick (114th overall) by the Detroit Lions in the 2018 NFL Draft, Hand was named to the PFWA All-Rookie Team after recording 27 total tackles (22 solo), four tackles for loss, three sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. He later spent time within the Indianapolis Colts (2021), Tennessee Titans (2021-22), Miami Dolphins (2023-24) and Los Angeles Chargers' (2025) organizations. Hand had a storied collegiate career while playing for the University of Alabama (2014-17). During his time with the Crimson Tide, he recorded 71 total tackles (30 solo), 15 tackles for loss, 10 sacks, and one forced fumble and fumble recovery. With Alabama, he was a two-time College Football Playoff national champion (2015 and 2017) and received second-team All-SEC honors in the 2016-17 seasons.



A portrait of Chris Williams, a Black man with a beard, wearing a black headband and a red Atlanta Falcons jersey. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background is a dark, textured grey.

# #91

# CHRIS WILLIAMS

**POSITION: DL**

**HEIGHT: 6-2**

**WEIGHT: 298**

**AGE: 27**

**COLLEGE: WAGNER**

The Falcons bolstered the defensive side of the ball by signing Chris Williams in March of 2026. Williams' professional football career began in Indianapolis when in 2020 he signed as an undrafted free agent with the Colts. He saw action in 13 games with the franchise, and recorded six total tackles (three solo) and one quarterback hit. In 2024, Williams made his way to Chicago as part of a trade with the Cleveland Browns. With the Bears, he appeared in 31 games across the 2024-25 seasons and recorded 37 total tackles (23 solo), nine quarterback hits, four sacks and four tackles for loss. Williams played his collegiate football career at Wagner College, and spent four seasons (2016-19) with the Seahawks. He appeared in 42 games (27 starts) and registered 105 total tackles (41 solo), 22 tackles for loss, six sacks, three forced fumbles, three blocked kicks, one fumble recovery and one pass defense.





# #92

# MAASON SMITH

**POSITION:** DL  
**HEIGHT:** 6-5  
**WEIGHT:** 306  
**AGE:** 23  
**COLLEGE:** LSU

The Atlanta Falcons acquired Maason Smith in April of 2026 in a trade with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Smith, a former second-round pick (48th overall) in the 2024 NFL Draft, spent two seasons with the Jaguars before joining the Falcons. He appeared in 24 games (seven starts) and recorded 32 total tackles (14 solo), four passes defended, four quarterback hits, three tackles for loss and three sacks. Smith played collegiately for Louisiana State University, and spent three seasons (2021-23) with the Tigers. In his first year with LSU, he appeared in nine games and recorded 19 total tackles (13 solo), five tackles for loss and four sacks in addition to being named to the Freshman All-America Team and the All-SEC Freshman Team. After tearing his ACL in the opening game of the 2022 season, Smith returned in 2023 and recorded 28 total tackles (nine solo), 4.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks.





# LACALE LONDON

**POSITION: DL**

**HEIGHT: 6-3**

**WEIGHT: 297**

**AGE: 28**

**COLLEGE:**

**WESTERN ILLINOIS**

LaCale London returns to the Falcons after signing with Atlanta in 2023. That same season, London appeared in seven games with the Falcons, totaling 13 tackles (six solo), two tackles for loss and one fumble recovery. In 2025, he recorded career highs in games played (13), starts (five), total tackles (30) and tackles for loss (seven) while also logging his first-career pass defense and forced fumble. Before his time in Atlanta, he showcased his talents with the St. Louis Battlehawks, making an impact in 10 games with 33 total tackles (15 solo), five tackles for loss, three sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. London's collegiate journey began at Iowa Central Community College, where he totaled six sacks in six games. Transitioning to Western Illinois for two seasons, London recorded 68 tackles (43 solo), 17 tackles for loss, 7.5 sacks, seven passes defended, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.





# #95

## ROSS FALCONS

# BLACKLOCK

**POSITION: DT**  
**HEIGHT: 6-4**  
**WEIGHT: 305**  
**AGE: 27**  
**COLLEGE: TCU**

The Atlanta Falcons added to the defensive side of the ball by signing Ross Blacklock in May of 2026. A second-round selection (40th overall) by the Houston Texans in the 2020 NFL Draft, Blacklock spent two seasons with the franchise and recorded 36 total tackles (24 solo), eight quarterback hits, three tackles for loss, two passes defended, two sacks and one forced fumble. He was traded to the Minnesota Vikings in 2022, and would later have stints with the Jacksonville Jaguars (2023), Indianapolis Colts (2023), Tennessee Titans (2023) and New York Giants (2024). Blacklock played collegiate football at Texas Christian University (2016-19), and in 2017 helped lead the Horned Frogs to their first-ever berth in the Big 12 Championship. He earned Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and Freshman All-America honors that same season. After missing the 2018 season due to injury, he returned in 2019 and received first-team All-Big 12 honors.





#96

**ZACH**

FALCONS

**HARRISON**

**POSITION: DL**

**HEIGHT: 6-5**

**WEIGHT: 270**

**AGE: 24**

**COLLEGE:**  
**OHIO STATE**

Zach Harrison was drafted by the Falcons in the third round (75th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft. Across his three seasons in Atlanta, he has amassed 81 total tackles (33 solo), 12 tackles for loss, eleven quarterback hits, 8.5 sacks and four passes defended. In just seven games in 2025, he recorded career highs in sacks (4.5), tackles for loss (five) and forced fumbles (two). During his four seasons with Ohio State, Harrison appeared in 46 games, making 28 starts. His impressive college career stats include 106 total tackles (63 solo), 26 tackles for loss, 13 sacks, 11 passes defended, five forced fumbles and one interception. In his senior year in 2022, Harrison's performance was exceptional, amassing 34 total tackles, eight tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, four passes defended, three forced fumbles and one interception. His efforts earned him a first-team All-Big Ten selection.



# #98



# ANTERIO

# THOMPSON

**POSITION: DT**

**HEIGHT: 6-4**

**WEIGHT: 310**

**AGE: 23**

**COLLEGE:**  
**WASHINGTON**

The Atlanta Falcons used their sixth-round pick (208th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft to select Anterio Thompson out of the University of Washington. In his lone season with the Huskies, Thompson recorded 30 total tackles (17 solo) and two passes defended, and set career highs in tackles for loss (2.5) and sacks (1.5). His collegiate career began in 2022 at Iowa Western Community College, where he registered 32 total tackles and six sacks in 12 games. He then transferred to the University of Iowa for the 2023 season, and tied for third in the FBS with two blocked kicks. Thompson transferred to Western Michigan University the following year to play the 2024 season with the Broncos. In his lone season with the program, he recorded a career-high 34 total tackles (18 solo) along with two passes defended, 1.5 tackles for loss and one sack.





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# CAMERON THOMAS

**POSITION: DE**

**HEIGHT: 6-4**

**WEIGHT: 265**

**AGE: 25**

**COLLEGE:**

**SAN DIEGO STATE**

A former third-round pick (87th overall) in the 2022 NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals, Cameron Thomas signed with the Atlanta Falcons in March of 2026. Thomas played two seasons (2022-23) in Arizona, and recorded 40 total tackles (20 solo), seven quarterback hits, six tackles for loss, three sacks, two passes defended and one fumble recovered for a touchdown. After spending a portion of the 2024 season with the Kansas City Chiefs, Thomas joined the Browns and would remain in Cleveland through the 2025 season. With Cleveland, he appeared in 22 games and recorded 39 total tackles (13 solo), eight quarterback hits, five tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks. Thomas played four seasons (2018-21) of collegiate football at San Diego State University. He thrice received first-team All-Mountain West honors (2019-21) and was the Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year in 2021 when he recorded a career-high 11.5 sacks.