

# ATLANTA FALCONS

**CONFERENCE:** NFC  
**DIVISION:** South  
**STADIUM:** Georgia Dome  
**CAPACITY:** 71,228  
**SURFACE:** FieldTurf  
**COACH NAME:** Mike Smith  
**EXPERIENCE:** 1st  
**RECORD:** 0-0  
**PLAYOFF REC:** 0-0  
**WINNING%:** .000

2007 REC	HOME	AWAY	ATS	HOME ATS	AWAY ATS	FAV ATS	DOG ATS	O/U	DIV	CONF	GRASS	TURF
4-12	3-5	1-7	8-8	3-5	5-3	1-0	7-8	9-7	1-5	3-9	1-4	3-8

The Michael Vick scandal. A 4-12 record (8-8 against-the-spread) in 2007. The defection of their head coach. Are the Falcons now at rock bottom, or is there more misery ahead for their fans this season? Well, the Atlanta faithful will at least have some new players to watch this season, most notably rookie quarterback Matt Ryan. Selected with the third overall pick in the draft, the Boston College quarterback was handed a huge contract and will be given every chance to be the team's starter this season. The fact that Ryan's competition for the job are Chris Redman and Joey Harrington can only help his chances. Running back Michael Turner, a former second banana behind LaDainian Tomlinson in San Diego, was brought in as a free agent to bolster the team's running game, with Warrick Dunn getting released in the offseason. Turner should see plenty of carries as he tries to establish himself as a high-end back. Roddy White led the team with 1202 receiving yards and six touchdown catches last season, with tight end Alge Crumpler out of the picture (he was released) he'll be counted on to duplicate those numbers. The Falcons managed to score only 259 points last year (second worst in the NFC) and with a rookie QB at the helm that total likely won't be significantly improved. The Falcons' 414 points allowed was third worst in the conference and it doesn't look like the defensive unit will take a big step forward this year either. Consider the Falcons' campaign a success if they manage to top four wins.

BETTING OUTLOOK			
SB ODDS	+20000	TOTAL WINS	OVER 4½ (+50)
CONF. ODDS	+9000	3 YEAR ATS	23-25-0
DIV. ODDS	+1800	3 YEAR O/U	22-25-1
TO WIN MVP	MATT RYAN		+7500
TO WIN ROY	MATT RYAN		+550

2007 RANKINGS			
OFFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS FOR	16.19	29
	YARDS PER PLAY	4.88	21
	1ST DOWNS	15.5	30
	YARDS PER RUSH	3.95	20
	YARDS PER PASS	9.8	24
	RUSHING	95	26
	PASSING	205.81	18
	TOTAL YARDS	300.81	23
	TIME OF POSSESSION	28:43	29

DEFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS AGAINST	25.88	29
	YARDS PER PLAY	5.46	23
	1ST DOWNS	20	28
	YARDS PER RUSH	4.23	22
	YARDS PER PASS	10.88	22
	RUSHING	127.06	26
	PASSING	228.44	23
	TOTAL YARDS	355.5	29
	TURNOVERS	1.75	17

### 2007 STATS LEADERS

QUARTERBACK	G	COMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	Y/G	Y/A	TD	INT	Rat.
Joey Harrington	12	215	348	61.8	2215	184.6	6.4	7	8	77.2
Chris Redman	7	89	149	59.7	1079	154.1	7.2	10	5	90.4

  

RUSHING	GP	ATT	YARDS	YPC	TD	FUM	YPG
Warrick Dunn	16	228	718	3.1	4	2	45
Jerious Norwood	15	102	615	6	1	0	40.9
Artose Pinner	6	5	46	9.2	0	0	7.7

  

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YARDS	AVG	TD	YAC
Roddy White	16	83	1202	14.5	6	5.7
Michael Jenkins	15	53	532	10	4	3.8
Alge Crumpler	14	42	444	10.6	5	6.5
Laurent Robinson	15	37	437	11.8	1	3.6

  

KICKERS	GP	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	LONG
Morten Andersen	14	24	24	25	28	47

  

KICK RETURNS	KR	YDS	AVG	TD
Jerious Norwood	52	1317	25.3	0
Adam Jennings	17	428	25.2	0

  

PUNTERS	GP	PUNTS	YDS	AVG	IN20
Michael Koenen	16	88	3824	43.5	30

  

PUNT RETURNS	PR	YDS	AVG	TD
Adam Jennings	30	186	6.2	0

  

DEFENSE	GP	TAK	SACK	IR	FR
Keith Brooking	16	110	2	0	1
Michael Boley	16	102	3	2	0
Lawyer Milloy	16	90	0	2	0
Demorrio Williams	16	77	0	2	0
DeAngelo Hall	16	70	0	5	1
John Abraham	16	32	10	0	0
Chris Crocker	14	55	1	3	1

2008 DRAFT			
PICK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
3	Matt Ryan	QB	Boston College
21	Sam Baker	OT	USC
37	Curtis Lofton	LB	Oklahoma
68	Chevis Jackson	CB	LSU
84	Harry Douglas	WR	Louisville
98	Thomas DeCoud	S	California
138	Robert James	OLB	Arizona State
154	Kroy Biermann	OLB	Montana
172	Thomas Brown	RB	Georgia
212	Wilrey Fontenot	CB	Arizona
232	Keith Zinger	TE	LSU

### 2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LINE		FINAL SCORE		W/L
			OPEN	CLOSE	TEAM	OPP	
Sun, Sep 7	1:00 PM	Detroit					
Sun, Sep 14	4:05 PM	at Tampa Bay					
Sun, Sep 21	1:00 PM	Kansas City					
Sun, Sep 28	1:00 PM	at Carolina					
Sun, Oct 5	1:00 PM	at Green Bay					
Sun, Oct 12	1:00 PM	Chicago					
Bye							
Sun, Oct 26	1:00 PM	at Philadelphia					
Sun, Nov 2	4:15 PM	at Oakland					
Sun, Nov 9	1:00 PM	New Orleans					
Sun, Nov 16	1:00 PM	Denver					
Sun, Nov 23	1:00 PM	Carolina					
Sun, Nov 30	4:05 PM	at San Diego					
Sun, Dec 7	1:00 PM	at New Orleans					
Sun, Dec 14	1:00 PM	Tampa Bay					
Sun, Dec 21	1:00 PM	at Minnesota					
Sun, Dec 28	1:00 PM	St. Louis					

### 2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE	RES	LINE	ATS	O/U	RES
at Minnesota	3-24	L	3.0	L	35.5	U
at Jacksonville	7-13	L	10.0	W	34.5	U
Carolina	20-27	L	4.0	L	38.5	U
Houston	26-16	W	2.5	W	39.5	U
at Tennessee	13-20	L	7.5	W	41.0	U
NY Giants	10-31	L	4.5	L	43.5	U
at New Orleans	16-22	L	7.5	W	42.5	U
San Francisco	20-16	W	-3.5	W	37.0	U
at Carolina	20-13	W	3.5	W	35.5	U
Tampa Bay	7-31	L	3.0	L	35.5	0
Indianapolis	13-31	L	13.5	L	42.0	0
at St. Louis	16-28	L	3.0	L	41.0	0
New Orleans	14-34	L	4.0	L	44.0	0
at Tampa Bay	3-37	L	12.5	L	37.5	0
at Arizona	27-30	L	11.0	W	43.5	0
Seattle	44-41	W	1.0	W	38.5	0

ROSTER CHANGES			
ADDITIONS		DELETIONS	
A. Stepanovich, C	N. Turnbull, DB	A. Crumpler, TE	J. Elliott, WR
B. Hartsock, TE	R. Moore, DT	B. Leftwich, QB	L. Sanders, CB
C. Williams, WR	S. Fraser, DE	C. Crocker, S	M. Wilkins, LB
E. Coleman, S	V. Hutchins, DB	C. Anderson, TE	O. Lowe, CB
J. Elam, K		D.A. Hall, CB	R. Coleman, DT
K. Moorehead, DT		D. Williams, LB	W. Dunn, RB
M. Turner, RB		D. Blakley, TE	W. Gandy, T

- ### TRENDS
- ATL is 0-8 ATS in L8 games vs. good passing teams.
  - ATL is 1-11 ATS in L13 road games vs. poor rush def.
  - ATL is 2-16 ATS in L18 home games after home win.
  - ATL is 8-24 ATS vs. 24+ PPG scoring teams since '92.
  - The FAV is 11-2 ATS in L13 games of STL-ATL series.
  - The FAV is 12-4 ATS in ATL-TB series since '95.
  - The UNDER is 16-7 in the CAR-ATL series since '96.