



The Fan-atic



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The Boys from the South

By Joe Cooper

The NFC South has proven time and time again to be a tough division. Since realignment, the Falcons became the first team to beat the Green Bay Packers at home during a playoff game. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers won a Super Bowl and the Carolina Panthers put up a good showing in last year's Super Bowl.

By building teams that not only play with ability but play with heart. The South has a no quit attitude. Take a look at your own Atlanta Falcons.

You see, the Falcons never quit. They played the entire game, the entire season. Not once did they throw up their hands in and say why go on. Can this be attributed to coaching? Of course a part of it is coaching. A legacy from the Dan Reeves coached team of never giving up has carried over and is a part of Jim Mora's regime as well. But it was more than coaching, it was the size of the valentine beating inside each of our player's chests

that wouldn't allow them to quit.

Now add that never say die attitude with a big helping of Michael Vick, mix in some Rich McKay magic and a dash of Coach Mora's West Coast Offense and you have a recipe for a successful 2006 campaign.

The remaining teams in the NFC South are also retooling and it will not be an easy year for our beloved birds, but it does mean that we as fans will be subjected to some of the best football in the NFL.



This NFC South will be headlined by Michael Vick but it will be the defenses that will define the South. Tampa Bay and Carolina have established themselves by having tough defenses but now the Falcons will be apart of that now as well.

The Defense took a major overhaul with the additions of DE John Abraham, S Lawyer Milloy, S Chris Crocker and new rook DB Jimmy Williams (For the Braves fan out there, not the old Braves coach.) Add in the mix of Pro Bowlers

The Award Goes To...

This is the season for awards. The Grammys, the Oscars, The CMAs etc. etc. As if there wasn't enough awards already....

It's that time again. Time for the 5th Annual Fan-atic awards. Please take a moment to vote on which you think was the pivotal player on the Falcon's offense, defense and special teams. Every vote counts so be sure to turn yours in.

Last year, Mike Vick took Offensive Player of the Year, Rod Coleman took Defensive Player of the Year and Allan Rossum took Special Teams Player of the Year. All three made a video presentation at the annual Fan-atics Banquet to receive their awards and autographed a football that was included in the silent auction.

So once again show your appreciation of how hard the players work and vote on the 2006 Fan-atics' Player of the Year awards. If you have a player you wish to vote for and do not see the name on the ballot, please write the players name below the category you are voting for.

Remember to return ballots by May 31st or bring them to the May meeting. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

Please return ballot by April 30th or turn in at the May meeting.

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Offensive Player
of the Year.

Warrick Dunn _____

Alge Crumpler _____

Roddy White _____

Brian Finneran _____

Defensive Player
of the Year.

Rod Coleman _____

Keith Brooking _____

DeAngelo Hall _____

Patrick Kerney _____

Special Teams Player
of the Year.

Michael Koenen _____

Brian Finneran _____

Ike Reese _____

DeAndra Cobb _____

May's Fan-atic's Meeting

We will have a meeting in May and it will be at Corky's near Gwinnett Place Mall on May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Topics of discussion will include planning this year's banquet, boat ride, trips, charities, and parking for the upcoming season.

Directions to Corky's:
Phone Number: 770-564-8666

From I-85N

- I-85N to Exit 104 (Pleasant Hill Road).
- Take a right and proceed approx. 6/10th of a mile.
- Turn right onto Sweetwater Road.
- Corky's will be on the right

From I-85S

- I-85S to Exit 104 (Pleasant Hill Road).
- Take a left and proceed approx. 6/10th of a mile.
- Turn right onto Sweetwater Road.

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Season Parking

Don't miss out in the fun of Tailgating with your club.

What we do at the Tailgate:

Come hungry, we serve up a hamburger/hotdog meal for a \$5 donation. We have a table full of Falcon collectibles including a game jersey for raffle each game. We do our raffle around one hour before the game. Raffle ticket donations are \$1 for one, \$5 for 7, and \$10 for 20 tickets

This raffle helps our charity work.

Get your picture on our web site

www.falconfanatics.com/Tailgate.htm in front of our huge Inflatable Falcon Player #01

Talk Football and get excited and pumped up for the game.

Fee this year is \$300 which is the same as last year. I have heard from other members that the price went up everywhere in the other lots. If you wish to get in on the parking, please send a check payable to the Falcon Fanatics to 301 Meadow Lane, Auburn, GA 30011. **Do not send the check elsewhere as we need to get you on the list.** Hope to see you there.

Annual Banquet

June 10th is the date for this year's Annual Fan-atic Banquet. It is a time prior to the season that Fan-atics could get together and socialize prior to the start of the 2006 season.

The food was great and the socializing was flowing as we met at the Hilton at Gwinnett Place and the menu and pricing will be announced at the monthly meeting and will be included in next month's newsletter.

A silent auction will be held Last year's silent auction raised over \$800 for use in our charites. Some items included autographed footballs signed by Michael Vick, Rod Coleman, Allen Rossum, and Tommy Nobis. There was also a mini helmet signed by both Tommy Nobis and Keith Brooking. If you have anything you wish to donate to this year's silent auction, please let an officer know or email falcon_fanatics@yahoo.com.

The annual banquet is always a great time so if you missed it last year, please plan on attending this year's banquet.

Boat Trip

A small get together for Falcon Fan-atics will take place on July 22nd on Lake Lanier.

Frank Battle's son has graciously invited 25 Fan-atics to go on a cruise and cookout. There will be a \$5 cover fee to pay for the food.

More details will be given at the monthly meeting and will also be in the next newsletter.

Remember, space is limited to 25 people and a few signed up at the last meeting so let us know today if you want to have some fun in the sun with some of your fellow Fan-atics.

Don't Stop Now

Keep those articles coming. It is not easy producing a newsletter each and every month without input from others.

Send in those articles. They can be about anything you feel like. Try to keep them Falcon oriented and ahem clean.

Articles could include road trips to see the Falcons, meeting a Falcon player or coach, going to a Falcon sponsored event, funny articles, member spotlights, tailgate recipes, etc.

You get the idea. Send all material to falcon_fanatics@yahoo.com. Help me bring a quality newsletter to our membership each month.

Moving/Change of Address or E-mail

If any member has a change of address or e-mail or is planning to have a change of address, please let Joe Cooper at falcon_fanatics.com know so he can update the records so that he can make sure you continue to get your newsletter. Thank you.

on already on team, LB Keith Brooking, DE Patrick Kerney, DT Rod Coleman, DB DeAngelo Hall and the return of a healthy Ed Hartwell, you have the recipe of one tough defense.

With this mix of players, Atlanta's Defense should rank towards the top in defense along side of Tampa Bay and Carolina.

So be it the Atlanta Falcons, Carolina, New Orleans, Tampa Bay or even New Orleans, the rest of the league should take notice. Here come the boys from the South!

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