



# The Fan-atic



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### Michael Vick: Beyond the Numbers

It's everywhere. Turn on the TV. Turn on the Radio. Stand by the water cooler. Any where a sports discussion is occurring and if the subject turns to the Falcons, one subject dominates.

Michael Vick does not have a good quarterback rating. He is not passing for 300 yards a game. Vick's completion percentage is bad. Vick does not have the numbers of a typical NFL quarterback.

News Flash. Michael is not a typical NFL quarterback. The NFL has never seen a quarterback like Vick before. But to be fair let's break down the numbers.

Vick has a career quarterback rating of 75.2. How is this number calculated? Simple. Divide a quarterback's completed passes by pass attempts. Subtract 0.3. Divide by 0.2 and record the total. The sum cannot be greater than 2.375

or less than zero. Divide passing yards by pass attempts. Subtract 3. Divide by 4 and record the total. The sum cannot be greater than 2.375 or less than zero. Divide touchdown passes by pass attempts. Divide by 0.05 and record the total. The sum cannot be greater than 2.375 or less than zero. Divide interceptions by pass attempts. Subtract that number from 0.095. Divide that product by 0.04 and record the total. The sum cannot be greater than 2.375 or less than zero. Add the four totals you recorded. Multiply that total by 100. Divide by 6. The final number is your quarterback rating.



Through the New York Jets game, Vick has played in 49 games and has completed 578 passes out of 1081 attempts which is a 53.5 completion percentage for a total of 7,342 yards. He has thrown for 41 touchdowns and has thrown 32 interceptions. Vick is averaging 149.8 yards passing per game. Based on these stats alone, Based on these stats alone, Vick is

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## Falcon's Face to Face

We are trying to get a regular group of Fan-atics to attend the weekly Falcon's Face to Face taping on Thursday nights at ESPNZone in Atlanta.

Last week, April Ruffino got the club some airtime when she asked Roddy White a question. This is an excellent time to get to meet players and to get the club some press.

Let's let the media and Atlanta know that there are two active fan clubs in the ATL.

## Officer Elections

The December Fan-atic meeting will include the election of new officers for the upcoming two year term.

The offices up for election are:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please see Chuck Ruffino. Chuck is heading up the nomination committee.

Also, please try to come to the meeting as we need to fill the vacancies and move the club in the right direction.



## Tailgates

We still would like to see as many Fan-atics at the tailgates as possible. If we have a large crowd at the home games, it will draw more members to the club.

We serve food at each game for a \$5 donation. All proceeds over cost of food go to our charities. We also have a raffle at each game where the proceeds go to our charities.

This is also an excellent time to meet other members and get to know them as well as get fired up for the game.

We hope to see you there.

As a side note, if you have any small Falcon items that you would like to donate to the club for the raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. The raffles are our main source of funds to do our charity work like donating to Falcon charities as well as hosting the pizza parties at the children's hospitals.

## November's Fan-atic's Meeting

We will have a meeting in November and it will be at Corky's near Gwinnett Place Mall on November 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Topics of discussion will include planning this year's tailgate, elections, club improvements, guest speakers.

**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. 6/10<sup>th</sup> 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).
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## 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.

## Spotlight on a Falcon Fan-atic

This month's spotlight is on  
Diane Byrd

I've been a fan since the early 70's, when I went to my first pro game. After that I was hooked. My college, Mercer University, did/does not have a football team so I consider the Falcons "my team." Of course, I pull for the college teams from Georgia, especially UGA (my daughter graduated there), but until my daughter went to college, I felt no pull toward any particular college. The Falcons represented my home state, Georgia, so they became my team.

How long have you been a Falcon Fan-atic? What motivated you to join the Fan-atics?

I think I joined the Fan-atics either the first or second year I had season tickets and I first got season tickets when the dome opened. I joined because I wanted to get to know other Falcons fans at the games. Most of my friends were fans, but would not spring for the season tickets. It's more fun to cheer the team with people you know, so I decided to expand my "people you know" base. I also wanted to be with a group who would travel to out of town games. I try to go any game I can I fit into my limited budget.

I was born in Macon, Georgia but spent most of my childhood in Daytona Beach, Florida. My family returned to Macon when I was a teenager and I've lived here ever since. I've traveled a

lot, but the people in Georgia are the best!

Have you served as an officer or on any of the Fan-atic committees? Have you volunteered for any of the activities; such as Children's Hospital Pizza Parties, Falcon Golf Tournaments, etc? Give us a little background.

Probably the biggest disadvantage in living and working a distance away from the Atlanta area is I rarely have the opportunity to serve the Fanatics on a committee or as an officer. All the activities are Atlanta-area based and I am not. So I support from afar & try to come to a meeting every now and then, but not often enough to suit me. I really wish it were closer, or the meeting was in the southern part of Atlanta... but if it were, it would be too far for other members.

I am a season ticket holder, so I am at every home game unless I have a schedule conflict over which I have no control.... & that's rare.

As to out of town games, I've been to the Tampa game a couple of times (that's rough, too, because they beat us both times and their fans were ruthless to us Falcon's fans). I also went with the Fanatics one year to the Carolina game. That's the extent of my attendance at "away" games. Usually a group of us Macon fans will get together to watch the away games.

I think my favorite memory is back when Bartkowski was quarterback and some of us ladies took a day off work to go to watch the guys practice at Suwannee. We got up close to the guys and got photos, autographs, & all.

The players were very nice and super friendly. The best Fanatics memory was one of our awards banquets when the players actually came. This made the meeting and the awards so special and made me feel like they respected the club and its members. I totally relate to the players much more after meeting them. They become real people.

I also enjoy visiting the Atlanta Falcons' message boards and reading what others have to say about our team. I have to watch it, or I could get too caught up on reading (during the work day). It's one way I can keep up with the guys & what's happening with the team even in the off-season. Since everyone uses their own special name, I don't know who from the Fanatics is on the board when I am.

I think it is fun to know I am one of a group of about 8 women who are avid football fans. Most of our group is married and have husbands who really don't care about football one way or the other. So the ladies all get together to watch the game & leave their football widow men at home... We enjoy it much more than them. It's a bit of role reversal... In fact, the friend who has season tickets with me has a husband who is a NASCAR fan & when we have away games, she goes somewhere else to watch the games with people who enjoy football. He does not like to watch the game unless nothing else is on .... Go figure!

indeed an average typical NFL quarterback.

But we all know that Michael Vick is not a typical NFL quarterback. Let's look at the other side of the coin. Vick has had 351 rush attempts in 49 games played for a total of 2,536 yards. He is averaging 51.8 yards per game and 7.2 yards per attempt and has had 16 career rushing touchdowns. Combine his passing and rushing, Michael Vick is contributing an average of 201.6 yards of total offense alone. But even this is not the final factor to consider.

Vick's career record is 24-12-1, the Falcons' record with him in the lineup. His winning percentage (.662) is fifth-best among active NFL starters (minimum 35 starts) and on pace with that of Brett Favre (.655). That is the true bottom line when evaluating a quarterback. So to all you sportscasters and commentators that insist that Vick is not a great quarterback, put that in your pipe and smoke it instead of the weed you currently smoking.

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