



# FALCONS CHEATSHEET

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## ATL-CIN 101

- Falcons head coach Mike Smith, defensive backs coach Alvin Reynolds, quarterback Chris Redman, Bengals strength and conditioning coaches Jeff Friday and Chip Morton and Cincinnati head coach Marvin Lewis were all on the same Baltimore Ravens team.
- Smith joined the Ravens in 1999 as a defensive assistant/defensive line coach, working with Rex Ryan on the Ravens D-line and under Lewis, who was the team's defensive coordinator.
- Cincinnati defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer was Atlanta's defensive coordinator during the 2007 season.
- Falcons defensive coordinator Brian Van Gorder coached Bengals defensive end Robert Geathers as the defensive coordinator at the University of Georgia.
- Atlanta offensive tackle Sam Baker, Bengals linebackers Rey Mauluga and Keith Rivers and Bengals defensive end Frostee Rucker all played together at the University of Southern California.



## ATL-CIN 201

- The Bengals hold the all-time edge against the Falcons with a 7-4 record. Their last meeting came in 2006, a Falcons 29-27 victory. Atlanta is 3-3 all time at home against the Bengals and have won the past two games between the two franchises.
- After two straight road games, the Falcons return to the Georgia Dome against the Bengals. Quarterback Matt Ryan is 15-1 as a starter at home and is seeking his 12th consecutive win at home.
- Bengals wide receiver Terrell Owens needs one touchdown reception to become the fifth player in NFL history with 150 career touchdowns. His 11 touchdown receptions against the Falcons is the second-most against any team in his 15-year career.
- With one touchdown catch, Bengals wide receiver Chad Ochocinco will surpass Carl Pickens for the most touchdowns in Cincinnati franchise history.
- Safety William Moore's third interception last week ties him for second in the NFL. Against the Bengals he looks for a fourth, third in a row at home.



## ATL-CIN 301

- At 4-2, the Falcons sit tied with the Saints atop the NFC South. Because Atlanta beat New Orleans head-to-head, they currently hold the tie-breaker. Through the first six weeks of the NFL season, 13 teams currently have at least a share of first place in their division, the most in league history.
- Atlanta is ranked 19th in the league with three 40-plus yards allowed on a single play in pass defense. Ochocinco and Owens rank in the top five for the most receptions of 40-plus yards among active players.
- Earlier this season, the Falcons were in the top three in the NFL in time of possession. They've slipped to seventh in the NFL with a 32:05 average, two spots behind the fifth-ranked Bengals, 32:15 per game.
- In the past three games, the Falcons have been outscored 28-0 in the first quarter. Against a high-flying offense in the Bengals, Atlanta will want to start scoring quicker. Under Smith, the Falcons are 19-6 when they score first.
- While Atlanta wants a fast start, it really wants to end strong. So far this season, Atlanta has outscored its opponents in the second half 63-29. Additionally, they lead the league in points on the first possession of the second half with 19.

