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ATL-CLE 101

- Falcons wide receivers coach Terry Robiskie's son, Brian Robiskie, is a wide receiver for the Cleveland Browns.
- Falcons general manager Thomas Dimitroff was a college scout for the Browns from 1998-2001.
- Falcons linebacker Sean Weatherspoon and safety William Moore played at the University of Missouri under current Browns linebackers coach Matt Eberflus.
- While at Missouri, Weatherspoon and Moore played against Browns running back Peyton Hill and the Arkansas Razorbacks in the 2008 Cotton Bowl, winning 38-7.
- Sunday's game marks the 10th time the Falcons have played an AFC opponent under head coach Mike Smith. Atlanta is currently 6-3 against the AFC.

ATL-CLE 201

- The Browns are 10-2 all time in the regular season against the Falcons.
- Atlanta is 1-5 on the road versus the Browns and 0-1 at Cleveland Browns Stadium. Cleveland has also won the past two games the two teams have played.
- Last week's sack and interception game for middle linebacker Curtis Lofton gave him two sacks on the season. The interception was his first. He's one of four middle linebackers in the NFL to have at least one sack and one interception on the season.
- The past two Falcons' victories have been decided by a total of five points. The Browns are no stranger to close games either. All four of their games in the 2010 season have been decided by seven points or less and their margin of victory or defeat this season is 3.75. Since 2008, the Falcons are tied for third in the NFL with a 7-2 record in games decided by three points or less.
- Hillis looks to make five straight games with a touchdown in the 2010 season. The last time he faced the Falcons he was a member of the Denver Broncos in 2008. His 44 yards rushing, two rushing touchdowns and 26 yards on three receptions helped the Broncos hand the Falcons their only home loss that season.

ATL-CLE 301

- Cleveland's run defense ranks 17th in the NFL, allowing 108.8 yards/game. When Atlanta running back Michael Turner has 22 or more carries, his teams are 14-1. So far this season, Atlanta's 149 rushing attempts leads the NFL.
- The Browns have two quarterbacks to chose from including the recently-injured Jake Delhomme and Seneca Wallace. In his career against Atlanta, Delhomme has completed 61.5 percent of his passes with 16 touchdowns, eight interceptions and 90.1 QB rating. Wallace, in one game against the Falcons completed 77.3 percent of his passes for 206 yards, two touchdowns, one interception and a 116.9 QB rating in a win in 2007. In Sunday's game, protecting the quarterback will be critical for both teams. Cleveland and Atlanta have sacked the quarterback eight times this season, although four of Cleveland's sacks came last week against the Cincinnati Bengals.
- Under Smith, Atlanta has an 8-10 road record. They've got the fourth-best yards/game average on the road in the NFC and the have allowed the third-fewest points/game on defense in the NFC on the road.
- After allowing themselves to get into a 14-0 hole in the first half last week, the Falcons will want to start fast against a scrappy defense on the road. Under Smith, Atlanta's 84 points in their first possession is good for seventh best in the NFL. Through four games this season, they've outscored their opponent 51-38 in the first half.
- Atlanta's opportunistic defense will look to continue its ways against the Browns. This season, the Falcons' 10 takeaways is tied for fifth in the NFL. Their eight interceptions is tops in the league, two more than the second place team. Atlanta has turned those 10 takeaways into 29 points, fifth in the NFL and third in the NFC. They've also limited their opposition's scores off their own takeaways, allowing just seven points on five giveaways.