



# FALCONS CHEATSHEET

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## ATL-STL 101

- Rams defensive tackle Chris Hovan was teammates with a Falcon on two different teams. Falcons Kicker Matt Bryant was Hovan's teammate in Tampa Bay and cornerback Brian Williams played with him in Minnesota.
- Rams head coach Steve Spagnuolo was the defensive coordinator of the New York Giants after Falcons secondary coach Tim Lewis left the position with the Giants in 2006.
- Atlanta defensive tackle Jonathan Babineaux played at Iowa with Rams cornerback Bradley Fletcher.
- Falcons running back Jason Snelling played in college at Virginia with Rams defensive end Chris Long.
- Atlanta linebacker Curtis Lofton and cornerback Dominique Franks were college teammates at Oklahoma with Rams rookie quarterback Sam Bradford.



## ATL-STL 201

- Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan played half the season of his junior year at Boston College with a broken foot, missing only one of the final eight games.
- The Rams lead the Falcons in the all-time head-to-head matchup with a 47-25-2 record. The Falcons have won three of the last four meetings between the two franchises, including a 47-17 playoff win in 2005.
- St. Louis is 4-1 at home this season. Their loss last week to the 49ers was their fifth of the season, but they've yet to lose back-to-back games this season.
- Last week Falcons wide receiver Roddy White had 12 catches, his sixth game of the season with 10-or-more receptions. He needs one more game of 10-plus catches to tie Andre Rison for the franchise record.
- Snelling, an underrated part of the Falcons' passing attack, aims for his fourth game in a row with four-or-more catches. His 28 receptions this season is ranked 11th in the league among running backs.



## ATL-STL 301

- Under Smith, the Falcons are 9-11 on the road, but are 20-6 in games played indoors.
- Ryan and the Falcons are tied for the NFL lead with four fourth-quarter comeback wins. They are tied with the Bucs.
- While the Rams offense isn't statistically explosive, they control the ball well and let their defense help win games. Their 32:17 time of possession is good for sixth in the league. Atlanta's 33:19 is second-best.
- The Rams defense limits opposing offenses to a 28:19 time of possession, fourth-best in the NFL. Their 15 forced fumbles is good for second in the league and their 28 sacks has them tied atop the NFL with the Green Bay Packers.
- Atlanta's pass rush has improved this season. Last year the Falcons accumulated 28 sacks. This season their 18 sacks ranks them tenth in the NFC. Since 2008 they are 18-2 when out-sacking their opponent. The Rams are ranked tied for ninth in the league protecting their passer with 20 sacks allowed.