

April 24, 1967



Rankin M. Smith
President

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Here is the 1966 Atlanta Falcons Yearbook,
which all of us believe is pretty first class.

You will, of course, notice that you are
rather prominently displayed in the very first
of the book. This is as it should be, because
without you, there would not be one at all.

Thanks for everything.

Sincerely,

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April 28, 1967

Falcons

Mr. Rankin M. Smith, President
Atlanta Falcons Football Club
P. O. Box 6207, Station H
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Dear Rankin:

I agree with you wholeheartily . . . the 1966
Atlanta Falcons Yearbook is not only first
class . . . but just terrific!

May I assure you it will have a permanent
place in the Mayor's Office for all our visitors
to see.

With highest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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IVAN:

Tuesday, at 2:15 p.m., Mayor Robert King High, will call you. Regarding the Falcons vs the Dolphins, this Saturday in Miami. This is a charity game for the benefit of the Variety Children's Hospital, and is being sponsored by the Miami Herald. . . . Some of the star players with the Dolphins. . . are: Quarterback John Stofa, Joe Auer, Abner Hays, and kicking specialist: Gene Mingo. Mayor High, will tell you that since the Falcons will probably be beaten, that he is sending you a case of oranges and a consolation. . . and you some come up with a gift in return. . . such as a case of peaches. . . I would suggest that you tell him that you will send him a case of Coca-Cola, since Atlanta is the Home of Coke. . . . or a bushel of peanuts. . . This will be covered in Miami from Mayor King High's office.

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August 16, 1967

Mr. Rankin Smith, President
→ The Atlanta Falcons
The Atlanta Stadium
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rankin:

I had a most pleasant conversation with Mayor Robert King High of Miami regarding Saturday's game between the Falcons and the Dolphins. Let me say that I assured Mayor High that we are coming down to Miami to win!

I should like to ask you to serve as my official representative in any ceremonies planned this week-end and accept any gifts on behalf of the City of Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br



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October 12, 1967

Falcons

Mr. Ivan Allen, Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

After an enjoyable baseball and soccer schedule, your Stadium Club is now preparing for the Fall and Winter seasons. We would like to invite you to use the Club for luncheon during the Falcons practice sessions which are held on the field directly below the Club windows. For your convenience, enclosed is a 1967 Atlanta Falcons' schedule.

The staff and fine facilities of the Stadium Club are available for private luncheons and dinner, banquets, receptions, sales meetings and other parties. Many members have chosen the Club for these events and found the site unusual and distinctive for entertaining.

We shall look forward to assisting you with your entertainment plans.

Sincerely,

Bill Bartholomay

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10/18/67

ELMER COLLETT STARTS AT GUARD FOR 49ERS AFTER LOSS OF THOMAS FOR SEASON;
STARR MAY START FOR PACKERS AT NEW YORK, COWBOYS' MEREDITH STILL DOUBTFUL

Charles Elmer Collett, a rookie from San Francisco State, will receive a singular honor this Sunday. His will be the first new face in the San Francisco 49ers' highly-rated offensive line in the last 34 games.

Not since the start of the 1965 season, when Howard Mudd moved in as a regular guard, have the 49ers started anyone else than Bruce Bosley at center, Mudd and John Thomas at the guards, and Walter Rock and Len Rohde at tackles.

Not until this Sunday, when rookie Collett (pronounced CAWL'-et) will move in for Thomas, who underwent surgery last Monday after suffering injuries to both knees at Philadelphia last week. The fivesome had made it intact through 14 games in '65, 14 more in '66 and the first five this season while building a reputation as one of the outstanding units in the National Football League.

Appropriately, the newcomer is a homegrown talent, born in Oakland, the son of an assistant U.S. attorney, and a three-sport letterman at Tamalpais High School in the San Francisco area community of Mill Valley before going on to S.F. State, where he lettered four years.

Elmer was drafted No. 14 as a future by the 49ers in 1966. He is 6-4, weighs 244 pounds, has a 49-inch chest and has better than average speed.

During training camp, in fact, he kept jumping offside in a scrimmage. "That's all right," said offensive coach Bill Johnson. "Better to slow down a fast one than to try to speed up a slow one."

Collett will open at left guard when the 49ers seek to run their record to 5-1 at home against the New Orleans Saints in one of eight games on Sunday's NFL schedule. In other games, Green Bay is at New York. Baltimore at Minnesota. Philadelphia at St. Louis, Washington at Los Angeles, Chicago at Cleveland, Dallas at Pittsburgh and Atlanta at Detroit.

Here's a rundown of injuries and position changes:

SAINTS (0-5) AT 49ERS (4-1)--Saints have lost reserve defensive back Bruce Cortez (knee surgery) for season but receiver John Gilliam (finger) returns after one-game absence...Rookie Elmer Collett starts at left guard for John Thomas, 49er veteran, who underwent surgery on both knees.

PACKERS (3-1-1) AT GIANTS (3-2)--Bart Starr (shoulder, hand) may be ready to start at QB after two-game rest and guard Jerry Kramer (ankle) will start after missing most of Minnesota game...Giants at full strength, including receiver Aaron Thomas (bruised shoulder) and QB Fran Tarkenton (hip).

COLTS (4-0-1) AT VIKINGS (1-4)--Roy Hilton may open at DE for Colts in place of Ordell Braase (groin)...Colts also list tackle Jim Parker (knee), receiver Ray Berry (hamstring), and reserve linebacker Bill Curry (knee) as doubtful...Vikings all o.k.

EAGLES (3-2) AT ST. LOUIS (3-2)--Eagles list DE Gary Pettigrew (arch) and reserve TE Jim Kelly (ankle) as doubtful, flanker Ben Hawkins (shoulder) as probable and reserve flanker Ron Goodwin (hamstring) as out...DB Joe Scarpati (hamstring) returns after two-game absence...Receiver Billy Gambrell (shoulder) is out another week for Cards, but DE Don Brumm (leg) is probable.

REDSKINS (2-2-1) AT RAMS (3-1-1)--REDSKINS list LB Chris Hanburger (knee) and receiver-kicker John Love (hamstring) as probable, but lose reserve running back Steve Thurlow (broken right forearm) for six weeks...Rams at full strength, including LB Maxie Baughan (knee) and guard Joe Scibelli (leg).

BEARS (2-3) AT BROWNS (3-2)--Tackle Bob Wetoska (bruised shoulder) is question mark for Bears, who last week ended with rookies Bob Pickens and Randy Jackson at tackles, George Seals and Mike Rabold at guards...Browns expect all to play, including tackle Dick Schafrath (knee).

COWBOYS (4-1) AT STEELERS (1-4)--QB Don Meredith (ribs) may sit out one more game, Craig Morton replacing, and rookie Phil Clark continues at free safety for Mel Renfro (ankle)...Steelers may start Bob Hohn at defensive wing over Marv Woodson, doubtful with bruised knee, and J.R. Washburn at flanker for Roy Jefferson (thigh)...Ben McGee, back from knee surgery, starts at DE with John Baker.

FALCONS (0-4-1) AT LIONS (1-3-1)--QB Randy Johnson starts again for Falcons despite bruised stomach muscles but guard Ed Cook will miss at least three more games with knee injury...Jerry Richardson (hand surgery) starts at left safety. Lions may lose RB Mel Farr (severe charley horse) and TE Ron Kramer (knee), but regain flanker Pat Studstill (hamstring), who was limited to punting last week.

The week's roster changes:

DELETIONS

Atlanta--Tommy Bleick (waived)	Pittsburgh--Marsh Cropper (injured)
Ed Cook (injured)	Fran O'Brien (injured)
*New Orleans--Ben Hart (waived)	San Francisco--John Thomas (injured)
Fred Whittingham (injured)	Washington--Steve Thurlow (injured)
New York--Dick Kotite (waived)	
Les Murdock (waived)	

ADDITIONS

ATLANTA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
64	Harmon, Tom	G	6-4	238	22	1	Gustavus Adolphus
49	Hudlow, Floyd	DB	5-11	195	23	1	Arizona

DETROIT

77	Winkler, Randy	T	6-5	260	22	1	Tarleton State
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NEW ORLEANS

35	Davis, Ted	LB	6-1	232	25	4	Georgia Tech
63	Schmidt, Roy	G	6-3	250	25	1	Long Beach State

NEW YORK

72	Colvin, Jim	DT	6-2	245	29	8	Houston
29	Mercein, Chuck	RB-K	6-3	230	24	3	Yale

PHILADELPHIA

61	Vasys, Arunas	LB	6-2	235	24	2	Notre Dame
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PITTSBURGH

60	McGee, Ben	DE	6-3	260	28	4	Jackson State
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*Bruce Cortez, New Orleans defensive back, was added 10/14, and deleted as injured 10/17.