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## ATLANTA FALCONS AND DENVER BRONCOS TO PLAY IN 2019 HALL OF FAME GAME

FALCONS VS. BRONCOS TO KICK OFF THE NFL'S 100TH SEASON  
AT TOM BENSON HALL OF FAME STADIUM

**CANTON, OHIO** – The **Atlanta Falcons** and **Denver Broncos** will kick off the National Football League's 100th season in the city where the league was born. The Falcons and Broncos are scheduled to face each other in the 2019 Hall of Fame Game on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 8 p.m. ET in Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, adjacent to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The game marks the fourth appearance by each club in the annual preseason classic. Both teams own 1-2 records in the Hall of Fame Game series.

Broncos owner **PAT BOWLEN** and cornerback **CHAMP BAILEY**, and former Falcons tight end **TONY GONZALEZ** will be enshrined into the Hall of Fame two days later. The other members of the Class of 2019 include GIL BRANDT, TY LAW, KEVIN MAWAE, ED REED and JOHNNY ROBINSON. The Class of 2019 Enshrinement Ceremony is set for Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019 at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium.

### HOF GAME SERIES

#### ATLANTA FALCONS (1-2)

1969 – vs. Green Bay Packers (L, 24-38)

1981 – vs. Cleveland Browns (L, 10-24)

1994 – vs. San Diego Chargers (W, 21-17)

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#### DENVER BRONCOS (1-2)

1976 – vs. Detroit Lions (W, 10-7)

1991 – vs. Detroit Lions (L, 3-14)

2004 – vs. Washington Redskins (L, 17-20)

**Tickets** for the 2019 Hall of Fame Game and the Enshrinement Ceremony **go on sale Friday, March 15 at 10 a.m. ET** at: [www.profootballhof.com/tickets](http://www.profootballhof.com/tickets)

"We are fired up to kick off the NFL's 100th season in the Hall of Fame Game," Falcons Head Coach **Dan Quinn** said. "We are honored to play in Canton and be a part of the celebration for all of the inductees. This is also an opportunity for us to strengthen our connection and our brotherhood with additional time on the field."

Broncos coach **Vic Fangio** commented, "With Mr. Bowlen and Champ Bailey part of this year's induction class, it's an honor for the Broncos to play in the Hall of Fame Game. We're looking forward to seeing a lot of Broncos fans in Canton, and it's also special for us to help kick off the NFL's 100th

season. Football-wise, it gives our team an extra week of training camp and additional practices that we'll use to our advantage."

The 2019 Hall of Fame Game will be televised nationally by NBC and called by the Sunday Night Football team, and broadcast nationally on radio by Westwood One.

Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, a key component of Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village that is underway around the Hall's campus, was labeled as among "13 Game-Changing NFL Stadiums" by Forbes.

## 2019 PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ENSHRINEMENT WEEK POWERED BY JOHNSON CONTROLS

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls, a multi-day celebration of the enshrinement of the newest Hall of Fame Class, is held each year in Canton. The ceremony is nationally televised by NFL Network and ESPN.

The 2019 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls kicks off the NFL's 100th season with the annual Hall of Fame Game (Falcons vs. Broncos) on Thursday, Aug. 1. Other major events complementing the Enshrinement Ceremony and Hall of Fame Game are the nationally televised (NFL Network) Enshrinees' Gold Jacket Dinner (Friday, Aug. 2) and the Enshrinees Roundtable (Sunday, Aug. 4). The celebration in Canton wraps up on Sunday night with the Concert for Legends featuring Imagine Dragons.

The week's events are part of the annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival that now includes more than 18 diverse events enjoyed by more than 700,000 fans and millions more through television broadcasts.

More than 130 Gold Jackets (living Hall of Famers) return to the Hall of Fame each year to be a part of the Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls. Nowhere else are fans able to see and interact with as many Hall of Famers in one place at one time as in Canton during the annual celebration.

## 2019 ENSHRINEMENT WEEK POWERED BY JOHNSON CONTROLS OFFICIAL TICKET PACKAGES

Official ticket packages for the 2019 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls are on sale now at [www.hofexperiences.com/](http://www.hofexperiences.com/) or by calling 844-751-0532. A variety of ticket packages, starting at \$299, provide fans with VIP experiences, premium seating and parties with Hall of Famers. Packages range from event day offerings to four-day experiences that include a multitude of exclusive extras.

Fans can also sign up to receive information and updates about tickets by going to [www.profootballhof.com/newsletter](http://www.profootballhof.com/newsletter) or by following the Hall on social media @ProFootballHOF on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube.

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## ABOUT THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME



Located in Canton, Ohio, the birthplace of the National Football League, the Pro Football Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit institution with the Mission to **Honor the Heroes of the Game, Preserve its History, Promote its Values, & Celebrate Excellence EVERYWHERE.**

The Pro Football Hall of Fame is **accredited by the American Alliance of Museums**. AAM accreditation is national recognition for the museum's commitment to excellence and the highest professional standards of museum operation and public service.

Hundreds of thousands of fans from across the globe travel to Canton annually to experience "*The Most Inspiring Place on Earth!*" that chronicles America's most popular sport. The Pro Football Hall of Fame, also voted **Top Tourist Attraction in Ohio**, was named the **Best Attraction for Sports Fans** in the USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest.

Construction on Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, an \$889 million development project that includes 10 main components, is under way in Canton to transform the Hall of Fame's campus.

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