



Week 1

Atlanta Falcons at Philadelphia Eagles



Thursday, September 6, 2018 | 8:20 PM ET | Lincoln Financial Field | Referee: John Hussey

REGULAR-SEASON SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Eagles lead all-time series, 16-13-1

STREAKS: Falcons have won 3 of past 4

LAST GAME: 11/13/16: Falcons 15 at Eagles 24

LAST GAME AT SITE: 11/13/16

ATLANTA FALCONS (2017 STATS)

LAST WEEK	-
COACH VS. OPP.	Dan Quinn: 1-1
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	22.1/19.7
OFFENSE	364.8
PASSING	Matt Ryan: 342-529-4095-20-12-91.4
RUSHING	Devonta Freeman: 196-865-4.4-7
RECEIVING	Julio Jones: 88-1444 (2L)-16.4-3
DEFENSE	318.4
SACKS	Takkarist McKinley: 6
INTs	Deion Jones: 3
TAKE/GIVE	-2 (16/18)
PUNTING (NET)	Matt Bosher: 44.9 (40.8)
KICKING	Matt Bryant: 137 (35/35 PAT; 34/39 FG)

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (2017 STATS)

LAST WEEK	-
COACH VS. OPP.	Doug Pederson: 1-0
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	28.6 (T2L)/18.4
OFFENSE	365.8
PASSING	Nick Foles: 57-101-537-5-2-79.5
RUSHING	Jay Ajayi: 70-408-5.8-1
RECEIVING	Zach Ertz (TE): 74-824-11.1-8
DEFENSE	306.5
SACKS	Brandon Graham: 9.5
INTs	Many tied: 3
TAKE/GIVE	+11 (31/20)
PUNTING (NET)	Cameron Johnston (Pre.): 49.3 (43.0)
KICKING	Jake Elliott: 117 (39/42 PAT; 26/31 FG)

FALCONS NOTES

- **FALCONS** advanced to playoffs for 2nd consecutive season in 2017.
- **QB MATT RYAN** has 41,796 career pass yards, most by player in his 1st 10 seasons in NFL history. Passed for 4,095 yards in 2017, his franchise-record 7th consecutive season with 4,000+ pass yards & tied for 2nd-longest streak in NFL history. In his past 4 games vs. Phi., has 10 TDs vs. 5 INTs for 100.3 rating.
- **RB DEVONTA FREEMAN** totaled 1,182 yards from scrimmage (865 rush, 317 rec.) & 8 TDs in 2017, his 3rd consecutive season with 1,000+ scrimmage yards. **RB TEVIN COLEMAN** had 927 scrimmage yards & 8 TDs (5 rush, 3 rec.) last season.
- **WR JULIO JONES** led NFC with 1,444 rec. yards last season, his 5th career season with 1,000+ rec. yards. Incl. playoffs, aims for 5th in row with 100+ rec. yards vs. Phi. **WR MOHAMED SANU** had career-high 67 receptions last season. Rookie **WR CALVIN RIDLEY** was No. 26 overall selection in 2018 NFL Draft.
- **LB DEION JONES** was 1 of 3 players in 2017 (**LUKE KUECHLY** & **TELVIN SMITH**) with 100+ tackles (138) & 3+ INTs (3). **LB VIC BEASLEY, JR.** had 2 sacks & FF in last meeting. **LB TAKKARIST MC KINLEY** was only NFL rookie in 2017 with 5+ sacks (6) & 2+ FFs (2). Had sack in NFC Div. at Phi. **S KEANU NEAL** led NFC safeties with 113 tackles last season.

EAGLES NOTES

- **EAGLES** won 1st SB in franchise history, defeating New England 41-33 in SB LII. Ranked 3rd in NFL averaging 28.6 points per game last season.
- **QB NICK FOLES** earned SB LII MVP honors & became 3rd QB to start & win SB after starting 3 or fewer games in reg. season. Completed 77 of 106 (72.6 pct.) for 971 yards (323.7 per game) with 6 TDs vs. 1 INT for 115.7 rating in 2017 postseason.
- **RB JAY AJAYI** had 98 scrimmage yards (54 rush, 44 rec.) in 2017 NFC Div. vs. Atl. Had 130 rush yards in his last game vs. Atl. (10/15/17 with Mia.). **RB COREY CLEMENT** had 100 rec. yards & TD catch in SB LII. **RB DARREN SPROLES** has 100+ scrimmage yards in 2 of his past 3 vs. Atl.
- **TE ZACH ERTZ** led NFC TEs with 74 receptions & 824 yards & had career-high 8 rec. TDs last season. **EAGLES** became 11th team in NFL history with 3 players with 8+ rec. TDs in same season - Ertz (8), **WR ALSHON JEFFERY** (9) & **WR NELSON AGHOLOR** (8). Selected rookie **TE DALLAS GOEDERT** in 2nd round (49th overall) of 2018 NFL Draft. Set South Dakota State record with 92 catches in 2016.
- **DE BRANDON GRAHAM** led team with career-high 9.5 sacks in 2017. Had sack in last meeting. **DE MICHAEL BENNETT** makes Phi. debut. Had 8.5 sacks with Sea. last season. **DT FLETCHER COX** had sack in 2017 NFC Div. vs. Atl. **S MALCOLM JENKINS** has 4 PD in his past 3 vs. Atl. **LB NIGEL BRADHAM** led team with 88 tackles in 2017. Had sack in 2017 NFC Div. vs. Atl.

ON THE AIRWAVES

TV: NBC (8:20 PM ET): Al Michaels, Cris Collinsworth, Michele Tafoya (Field reporter)

NATIONAL RADIO: Westwood One: Kevin Harlan, Boomer Esiason, Ross Tucker | **SIRIUS:** 81 (Atl), 83 (Phi) | **XM:** 226 (Atl), 225 (Phi)