



## PAUL BOUDREAU

### OFFENSIVE LINE

A 25-year coaching veteran in the NFL trenches, Paul Boudreau will continue to direct the Falcons' offensive line for his fourth season in Atlanta in 2011.

Last year, Boudreau's offensive line continued to perform at a high level both in the passing game as well as in the running game. His offensive line helped the Falcons offense produce the most first downs in franchise history (353), with 200 coming through the air, 111 via the ground game and another 42 by penalty. For the third straight year, the Falcons offensive line demonstrated their value in protecting the passer by allowing just one sack per every 25 pass plays, the second-highest ratio in team history.

Under the tutelage of Boudreau, tackle Tyson Clabo earned his first career Pro Bowl nod for his performance along the offensive line. Boudreau's line also made it possible for QB Matt Ryan, RB Michael Turner, FB Ovie Mughelli and WR Roddy White to all make the Pro Bowl in 2010. Due to the offensive line's protection, Ryan set career highs in completion (357), attempts (571), passing yards (3,705) and touchdowns (28). Turner and White also benefitted from the offensive line, as Turner led the NFC in rushing yards (1,389) and White led the NFL in receptions (115).

Boudreau's linemen helped the team total the third fewest sacks allowed per play in a single-season with just one per 21.1 pass plays in 2009. His line's strong play also enabled the Falcons offense to amass 330 first downs, the third-most ever in a season.

With Boudreau's adept coaching, the offensive line allowed quarterback Matt Ryan to throw for 2,916 yards with a career-best 22 touchdown passes last season. Running back Michael Turner scored 10 rushing touchdowns and wide receiver Roddy White topped 1,100 receiving yards with over 80 catches for the third consecutive season for the first time in team history with the aide of Boudreau's charges. White also went to the Pro Bowl for the second-straight year while catching a career-high 11 touchdowns.

In 2008, Boudreau's unit opened holes for the NFL's second ranked rushing offense (152.7 yards per

#### BOUDREAU'S COACHING BACKGROUND

2008-11	Offensive Line // Falcons
2006-07	Offensive Line // Rams
2003-05	Offensive Line // Jaguars
2001-02	Offensive Line // Panthers
1999-00	Offensive Line // Dolphins
1997-98	Offensive Line // Patriots
1994-96	Offensive Line // Lions
1987-93	Offensive Line // Saints
1983-86	Offensive Line // Edm. Eskimos (CFL)
1982	Offensive Line // U.S. Naval Academy
1979-81	Offensive Line // Dartmouth
1976-78	Offensive Line // Maine
1974-75	Offensive Line // Boston College

game). Turner ranked second in the NFL in rushing (1,699 yards), marking the third highest rushing total in Falcons history, en route to his first Pro Bowl. Boudreau's line also assisted in Turner scoring a franchise-high 17 times and passing the 200-yard plateau on two occasions. Boudreau's offensive line also protected NFL Rookie of the Year QB Matt Ryan so that he could throw for 3,440 yards with 16 touchdowns. Ryan's production could be credited to the fact that Boudreau's offensive line allowed a franchise-low of 17 sacks, surpassing the previous mark of 25 (1982). The 17 sacks on 434 pass attempts were equivalent to allowing one sack per every 25.5 plays, which also set a new franchise mark. With the help of Boudreau's linemen, the Falcons recorded a franchise-high 5,779 total net yards and the fifth-highest rushing total in club history (2,443 yards).

Boudreau's stellar offensive lines over the years have helped pave the way for four running backs to top the 10,000-yard career rushing mark, including Barry Sanders, Curtis Martin, Thurman Thomas and Fred Taylor.

From 2006-07, Boudreau served as the Offensive Line Coach for the St. Louis Rams. In 2007, Rams running back Steven Jackson tallied his second consecutive 1,000-yard season behind Boudreau's offensive line.

In 2006, Jackson gained a career-high 1,528 rushing



yards while nine different players started on the offensive line.

Prior to joining the Rams, Boudreau was the Offensive Line Coach for three seasons with the Jacksonville Jaguars (2003-05). In 2003, the Jacksonville offensive line set a franchise record by allowing only 28 sacks (tied for ninth in the NFL). Running back Fred Taylor also rushed for a team-record 1,572 yards.

Boudreau tutored the Carolina Panthers offensive line from 2001-02 and saw the team set a club record by allowing only 31 sacks in '01. From 1999-2000, he served in the same capacity for the Miami Dolphins.

From 1997-98, Boudreau coached the offensive line

for the New England Patriots following a three-year stint with the Detroit Lions guiding the same unit. His first position in the NFL came in New Orleans from 1987-93. In his seven seasons with the Saints, Boudreau's line placed in the top three in fewest sacks allowed on four occasions. In 1992, the Saints allowed a league-low 15 sacks.

Boudreau and his wife, Joan, have one son, Paul, and one daughter, Jill. His son, Paul, is also a coach and Jill is the mother of four children, Kalyn, Zach, Olivia and Grace.