

Mike Smith
Head Coach of the Atlanta Falcons

Mike Smith's achievements in his first three years as the Atlanta Falcons Head Coach are unprecedented in the team's history and in the NFL. Smith has led the Falcons to a 25-15 record since 2008, the second-best among all NFL coaches and the most wins in the NFC. He maintains a strong core philosophy—building a successful and sustainable franchise—to be in the hunt for a championship every year.

In 2010, Smith led the Falcons to the NFC South Division crown with a 13-3 record and the second most wins in a season in the team's history. In addition, the team's eight-game winning streak set a record as the second longest ever in franchise history. The Falcons were also the only team in the league to rank in the top five in both offense and defense, and nine of his players (the most in the NFL) were named to the Pro Bowl that season. Following this remarkable 2010 year, Smith earned the prestigious Sporting News NFL Coach of the Year and the KC 101 Club's NFC Coach of the Year award (for the second time in three seasons).

The Falcons continued to establish themselves as one of the NFL's best teams in 2009. The team finished the year with three consecutive victories, including two wins on the road, to close out their season with another winning record at 9-7. The three-straight wins to conclude the season were a testament to Smith's coaching prowess and staunch leadership skills.

In 2008, Smith's first season with the Falcons, the team enjoyed one of the biggest turnarounds in the NFL. The Falcons went from 4-12 to 11-5, which is tied for the fourth-best mark in the NFL for a rookie head coach since 1978. Smith's 11 victories are tied for the top position with five other head coaches for the best record for a rookie head coach taking over a team that finished below .500 the previous season. Additionally, only three rookie head coaches in NFL history had more wins in their first season as head coach. For his efforts, Smith earned the prestigious Associated Press and Sporting News 2008 NFL Coach of the Year honors.

Smith boasts an incredible coaching background that includes 12 NFL seasons and 29 total years in football. In particular, his defensive record has witnessed an extraordinary amount of success, leading the Baltimore Ravens to a Super Bowl XXXV Championship in 2000 as a defensive assistant coach and the Jacksonville Jaguars defense to top 10 rankings in several categories during his time as the club's defensive coordinator.

As a collegiate football player at East Tennessee (1977–1981), Smith was named defensive MVP twice and led the team to a school record 186 tackles as a senior.

Smith and his wife, Julie, have one daughter, Logan, and currently reside in Suwanee, Georgia.