



Football Fact Sheet- Georgia Dome

Total # of games played:

- 298 High School football games
- 152 College football games
- 256 Atlanta Falcons football games

First NFL Football Game

- Aug. 23, 1992 vs. Philadelphia Eagles. Falcons won 20-10.

Atlanta Falcons

- Played 256 games at the Dome, won 116 regular season games, and 5 out of 7 playoff games

Super Bowl Hosts

The Georgia Dome has been the site of two memorable Super Bowls.

- In 1994, the Dallas Cowboys and Buffalo Bills became the first teams to meet in a Super Bowl in back-to-back years. Their meeting in Super Bowl XXVIII at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta went pretty much as the first: Dallas staking its claim as the team of the 1990s; Buffalo taking the reigns as affable loser. *(It was the Bills' fourth loss in the championship game.)*
- The Georgia Dome's second Super Bowl was memorable for several reasons. An ice storm fell on Atlanta the week of the 2000 game and cast doubts about the city's ability to host the winter-time event.
- Despite the worry, fans arrived at the game and witnessed one of the most iconic snapshots in the NFL championship: Titans' receiver Kevin Dyson falling within a yard of delivering the first overtime game in Super Bowl history. The Rams held on for the 23-16 victory and their first Lombardi Trophy.

High School

- On Sept. 5, 1992, the Corky Kell Classic matchup between Brookwood and McEachern was the first high school football game in the Dome. The Dome has been home to the GHSA finals since 2008.

- In the 25 seasons, 169 Georgia high schools have participated in the Dome's 298 high school football games, according to the Georgia High School Football Historians Association.

College Football

- The Georgia Dome's first college football game was on Sept. 4, 1992. Clark Atlanta University defeated Morris Brown College 28-20.
- The Dome hosted 151 more college games, capped off by the 2016 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, a College Football Playoff semifinal game.
- In between fans saw 23 SEC Championship games, 11 season-opening Chick-fil-A Kickoff games, 44 Georgia State games, 23 Atlanta Football Classics (1992-2014), seven Heritage Bowls (1993-99 seasons), two Celebration Bowls (2015-16) and assorted other games inside the Dome -- including the 2006 Sugar Bowl, after Hurricane Katrina's devastation forced it out of New Orleans.
- No college football team has enjoyed as much success at the Georgia Dome as the Alabama Crimson Tide. Alabama won 10 of its last 11 games at the Georgia Dome, including five SEC Championship games, four Chick-fil-A Kickoff games and the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl that earned it a national championship berth in 2017. In total, Alabama won six conference titles in Atlanta.

QUOTES

- "As far as the stadium goes, for me it starts with the fans. That's the first thing you remember about a place, the enthusiasm of the fans and a city and what it brings to a stadium. That's what I think of, the fans, the city and the love they have for the team."- Dan Quinn on playing in the last football game in the Georgia Dome
- "The Georgia Dome has without question elevated the status of high school football in Georgia," said Dave Hunter, head coach of that 1992 Brookwood team and co-founder of the Corky Kell Classic. "The players have really looked forward to playing in a great facility, and every school that has played there says that their program has been enhanced because of 'The Dome' experience."