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To Whom It May Concern,

As added documentation to the previously compiled personal profile, attached is a newly developed research graph that aims to make the case statistically that Mike Kenn is one of the elite modern-era offensive tackles worthy of Hall of Fame enshrinement. Football historian/statistician John Turney (who in the past gained notoriety for finding the "unofficial" sack-counts of players Jack Youngblood and Deacon Jones) has utilized play-by-play game transcripts to data analyze the entire career of Mike Kenn in the NFL.

Using archived Atlanta Falcons play-by-play game transcripts, John Turney was able to determine the number of sacks each opposing right end or right outside linebacker was credited for in each of Mike Kenn's 251 games over 17 years. John found that Mike Kenn's Sacks Allowed Average per 16 games scheduled was 5.29 and compared it to those of Walter Jones (5.13), Orlando Pace (5.68), Jonathan Ogden (5.18), Tony Boselli (5.41), and Willie Roaf (5.63).

Without having game film of each play, it should be noted that while reading game transcripts can serve as good shorthand in understanding an individual players worth, it is not a perfect science. Football is now and always will be a team game. Specific individual statistics can be as much a reflection of coaching philosophy and responsibilities as any unique play win or loss. For instance, blitz pick up responsibility, line stunts, or other blocking responsibilities may indicate that a lineman acted in accordance with the wishes and desires of coaching even though the net result may have been recorded as a negative play for the individual.

Mike Kenn was selected by the Atlanta Falcons in the first round (13th overall) of the 1978 NFL Draft. He started 251 games and played against every NFL Hall of Fame right end or outside linebacker whose career overlapped with his own from 1978 to 1994 including luminaries such as Lee Roy Selmon, Richard Dent, and Lawrence Taylor. It is my humble opinion that Mike Kenn is worthy of enshrinement in the Professional Football Hall of Fame. I am however aware that my opinion about one football player or the other holds no weight so in closing please consider the words of these football greats:

Art Shell (PFHOF Tackle class of 1989) via phone call on 12/9/14

"I was a great admirer of Mike Kenn, a real prototypical left tackle that played the game at a very high level for many years. As a matter of fact when I was preparing to play Philadelphia Eagles RE Carl Hairston in 1981 at Super Bowl XV, he had given a lot of tackles a problem, so I watched film on him. Mike was the only tackle that had Hairston figured out, I practiced his technique from the film, and perfected it so that I could play Hairston."

Jeff VanNote (NFL Center 18yrs, 6x Pro Bowler) via phone call on 12/23/14

"Mike was a great technician at the left tackle spot and a master of his craft. He played all the great defensive ends and played well against all the different styles of defensive player. He was a great pass protector with exceptional speed, long arms, quick feet, intelligence, possessed great work ethic, and always provided great leadership on and off the field."

Jim Hanifan (NFL Coach) excerpts from a personal letter 9/9/2014

"Michael Kenn of the Atlanta Falcons was my left tackle for my three years with the Falcons. He was an outstanding player, blessed with great size, quickness and intelligence... If he had been with a playoff team or a Super Bowl team, he would already be in the Hall of Fame... Having coached O-Line for 25 years in the NFL, I have coached many outstanding players. Most notably Dan Dierdorf of the St Louis

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Cardinals who is already in the Hall of Fame in Canton, OH and Orlando Pace of the St. Louis Rams who will be eligible for the Hall of Fame soon. I have to put Mike Kenn right up there with those two players.”

Dan Hampton (HoF Defensive End class of 2002) via email August 8, 2014

“I would like to make a few comments on behalf of Mike Kenn, the fine left tackle of the Atlanta Falcons. Over the 1980’s, the Bears had many games versus Atlanta and their excellent offensive line. In my estimation, Mike was the best player on maybe the best line in football. Equally adept at run or pass blocking, he was a fixture as a starter in the NFC Pro Bowl for countless years. He, Munoz, and Covert were simply the best left tackles [easily the more difficult position of the two OT slots] in all of football. In a humorous way, he would force me to bring my “A” game every time we played because I knew Richard Dent [HOF CLASS 2011] would have his hands full all day, a fantastic player for well over a decade.”

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the information I have submitted here and I hope that you will consider Mike Kenn for your 2016 PFHOF class.

Kind regards,

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Per 16 games scheduled.

	Games	G.Started	FS	Hold	Pen	sks allwd
Roaf	14.5	14.5	2.5	3.2	5.8	5.63
Boselli	13.0	12.9	4.0	2.1	6.2	5.41
Ogden	14.8	14.7	1.2	1.2	2.4	5.18
Pace	13.0	12.7	5.8	1.0	6.8	5.68
Jones	15.0	15.0	1.6	0.8	2.4	5.13
Kenn	15.2	15.2	1.9	1.9	3.7	5.29

Roaf	G	GS	FS	Hold	Pen	sks allwd
1993	16	16	3	2	5	2.5
1994	16	16	5	5	10	7.5
1995	16	16	2	2	4	2
1996	13	13	4	0	4	7
1997	16	16	3	5	8	9.5
1998	15	15	3	3	6	4.5
1999	16	16	0	4	4	5.5
2000	16	16	4	4	8	5.5
2001	7	7	1	0	1	3.5
2002	16	16	2	4	6	5
2003	16	16	0	3	3	5
2004	16	16	1	3	4	5
2005	10	10	2	3	5	4
	189	189	30	38	68	66.5
Per 16 gms	14.5	14.5	2.5	3.2	5.8	5.6

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Boselli	G	GS	FS	Hold	Pen	sks allwd
1995	13	12	4	1	5	4
1996	16	16	4	4	8	7.5
1997	12	12	5	2	7	2.5
1998	15	15	2	2	4	3.75
1999	16	16	1	2	3	3
2000	16	16	7	1	8	8
2001	3	3	0	0	0	2
	91	90	23	12	35	30.75
Per 16 gms	13.0	12.9	4.0	2.1	6.2	5.4

Ogden	G	GS	FS	Hold	Pen	sks allwd
1996	16	16	1	2	3	3
1997	16	16	0	2	2	7.25
1998	13	13	0	3	3	6
1999	16	16	1	1	2	5.5
2000	15	15	1	0	1	9
2001	16	16	0	3	3	3
2002	16	16	0	0	0	2
2003	16	16	2	1	3	3.25
2004	12	12	1	1	2	3
2005	16	16	6	0	6	9.25
2006	14	14	1	0	1	3.5
2007	11	10	0	0	0	2.5
	177	176	13	13	26	57.25
Per 16 gms	14.8	14.7	1.2	1.2	2.4	5.2

Pace	G	GS	FS	Hold	Pen	sks allwd
1997	13	9	3	2	5	6.5
1998	16	16	5	2	7	8.5
1999	16	16	4	3	7	6.5
2000	16	16	6	0	6	7
2001	16	16	9	0	9	5
2002	10	10	6	0	6	2
2003	16	16	4	0	4	4
2004	16	16	9	1	10	5
2005	16	16	8	0	8	6
2006	8	8	3	0	3	4.5
2007	1	1	0	0	0	0
2008	14	14	1	1	2	2
2009	11	11	3	2	5	3
	169	165	61	11	72	60
Per 16 gms	13.0	12.7	5.8	1.0	6.8	5.7

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Jones	G	GS	FS	Hold	Pen	sks allwd
1997	12	12	2	0	2	2
1998	16	16	3	0	3	6
1999	16	16	1	0	1	6
2000	16	16	3	1	4	6.75
2001	16	16	1	0	1	2.5
2002	14	14	0	1	1	3
2003	16	16	2	4	6	8.5
2004	16	16	1	0	1	0
2005	15	15	2	1	3	2.5
2006	16	16	2	2	4	11
2007	15	15	1	0	1	6
2008	12	12	0	0	0	3.5
	180	180	18	9	27	57.75
Per 16 gms	15.0	15.0	1.6	0.8	2.4	5.1

Kenn	G	GS	FS	Hold	Pen	sks allwd
1978	16	16	1	4	5	15.5
1979	16	16	1	3	4	4.5
1980	16	16	0	0	0	3.5
1981	16	16	1	3	4	3
1982	9	9	2	2	4	2
1983	16	16	1	1	2	3
1984	14	14	1	1	2	7
1985	11	11	1	2	3	3
1986	16	16	2	2	4	4.5
1987	12	12	4	2	4	5
1988	16	16	2	1	6	6.5
1989	15	15	1	2	3	10
1990	16	16	2	1	3	4.5
1991	15	15	5	3	3	1
1992	16	16	0	1	8	5
1993	16	16	5	2	1	5.5
1994	15	15	4	2	7	6.5
	251	251	33	32	63	90
Per 16 gms	15.2	15.2	1.9	1.9	3.7	5.3