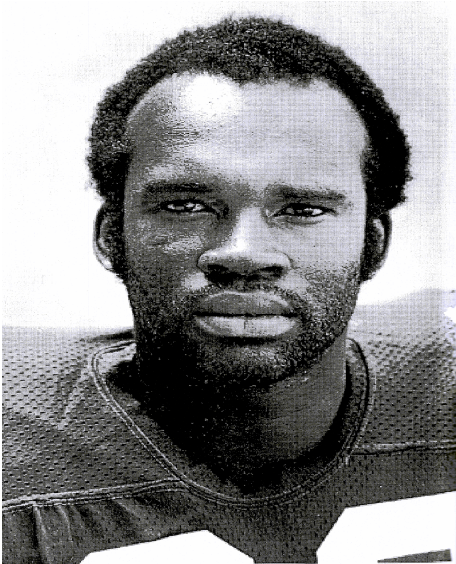


Willie Belton



Willie came to Maryland State College from Greenville, South Carolina. He played only one year of college football before joining the United States Marines. Willie signed as a free agent with the Atlanta Falcons in 1971 with the option to try out for the team after being discharged from the Marine Corps.

Willie was a speedy running back, punt and kick off return man with Atlanta and St. Louis. In two full seasons with the Falcons, Willie rushed for over 257 yards for an average of 3.89 yards per carrier; he had four receptions for 21 yards; he returned 47 punts for 273 yards; and 49 kickoffs for 847 yards for a team leading average of 17.3 yards per carry.

His NFL statistics are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Rushing</u>				<u>Receiving</u>				<u>Fum.</u>
			<u>Rush</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Rec.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	
<u>Total</u>											
1971	Atlanta	14	56	237	4.2	1	3	22	7.3	0	9
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1972	Atlanta	14	10	20	2.0	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	5
	0										
1973	St. Louis	3	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
	0										
1974	St. Louis	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>0</u>										
Career Totals		<u>36</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>3.9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>4.4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>
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<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Punt Return</u>				<u>Kick Return</u>			
		<u>PR</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>KR</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>
1971	Atlanta	30	163	5.4	0	28	406	14.5	0
1972	Atlanta	17	110	6.5	0	21	441	21.0	0
1973	St. Louis	1	2	2.0	0	3	83	27.7	0
1974	St. Louis	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>22.2</u>	<u>0</u>
Career Totals		<u>52</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>5.4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>1,041</u>	<u>18.3</u>	<u>0</u>