

CHEMISTRY: A KEY INGREDIENT TO WINNING

In all three of their Super Bowl victories, the New England Patriots forwent individual player introductions to be introduced as a team en masse--a symbol of the importance of team chemistry.

"I think it might be the most important factor in having a successful team," says Atlanta Falcons head coach **JIM MORA** of chemistry.

And with the movement inherent in free agency today, the chemistry factor may be more important than ever. You want guys who will fit in with your team."

What some NFL head coaches say about the value of team chemistry:

HEAD COACH	ON CHEMISTRY...
Tom Coughlin, New York Giants	"Critical. Team chemistry is critical. I think it's important that every individual in the locker room feels a sense of responsibility and has some way of making a contribution."
Tony Dungy, Indianapolis	"Chemistry is the most important thing. The teams that can play together, stay together, and have everybody working in the same direction, that's who wins."
Joe Gibbs, Washington	"It's the difference between winning the Super Bowl and watching it on TV. It's the most important ingredient."
Jim Mora, Atlanta	"You can have all the talent in the world, but if that talent doesn't play together and care about one another while embracing the concept of team first, then ultimately you are going to fail."
Mike Mularkey, Buffalo	"If you're all out for the same goal and everybody's intent is the same, you rely on each other and everyone is held accountable. You realize what everything's going to take. It makes the difference between winning championships and not."
Marty Schottenheimer, S.D.	"It's a significant part of what we do in our business. I call it a dynamic amongst your players to be able to win."
Mike Sherman, Green Bay	"It's very important. It is the glue that keeps teams together through the tough times."
Lovie Smith, Chicago	"I've never seen a team win without good team chemistry. You have to develop that family-type atmosphere."



BUCS BOAST MOST SONS OF NFL FATHERS

It could be Father's Day every day at One Buccaneer Place! The team, with its second and third-round draft choices of this year, **BARRETT RUUD** and **ALEX SMITH**, now has an incredible five players whose fathers preceded them in the NFL.

If the five play in the upcoming season, they will set the mark for the most NFL sons ever on one active team roster. (There have been 140 father-son duos and trios throughout NFL history.)

In Ruud's case, he not only followed his father Tom's lead when selecting a position (linebacker) and college (Nebraska), but he will be learning from the same coach his dad had more than 30 years ago at Nebraska – Buccaneers defensive coordinator **MONTE KIFFIN**. When asked what advice his father gave him for his career in the NFL, Ruud commented that, "One thing he says is to take advantage of everything because you never know how long it's going to last. He played five years. He's got buddies that played two years. He's got buddies that played 15 years."

Ruud and the other Buccaneers hope to put to use the lessons that they learned from their fathers who taught them straight from the NFL textbook.

The Bucs' five sons:

CHIP OFF THE OL' BLOCK

SON	FATHER
Brian Griese , QB	Bob Griese, QB – 1967-80 Miami
Ryan Nece, LB	Ronnie Lott, S-CB – 1981-90 San Francisco, 1991-92 L.A. Raiders, 1993-94 New York Jets
Barrett Ruud, LB	Tom Ruud, LB –1975-77 Buffalo, 1978-79 Cincinnati
Chris Simms, QB	Phil Simms, QB –1979-93 New York Giants
Alex Smith, TE	Ed Smith, DE – 1973-74 Denver

Additionally, the New York Giants this season, with the addition of backup quarterback **TIM HASSELBECK** to go along with **ELI MANNING**, now have two of the 11 father-son threesomes that have played in NFL history. The Hasselbeck brothers will face each other when the Giants travel to Seattle to take on the Seahawks on November 27.

The Hasselbeck and Manning clans:

The HASSELBECKs		
Don	TE	1977-83 New England, 1983 Los Angeles, 1984 Minnesota, 1985 New York Giants
Matt	QB	1998-2000 Green Bay, 2001-present Seattle
Tim	QB	2002 Philadelphia, 2003-04 Washington, 2005 New York Giants

The MANNINGS		
Archie	QB	1971-82 New Orleans, 1982-83 Houston, 1983-84 Minnesota
Peyton	QB	1998-present Indianapolis
Eli	QB	2004-present New York Giants

