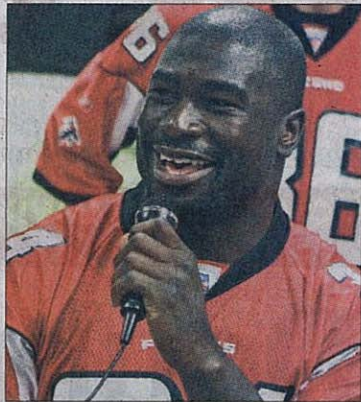


# It was a good week for ...

**The Falcons.** Apparently, football isn't the only game the team, which opened the season with a win against Miami last Sunday, is good at. Some players, cheerleaders and soldiers out of Fort Benning schooled overseas troops in an online "Guitar Hero" and "Call of Duty" tournament last week. "They were incredible," said Greg Zinone, founder of Pro vs. GI Joe, the nonprofit that organized the event. Zinone has organized 17 other events featuring athletes from the NFL, NBA, PGA Tour and NASCAR.

**Credit unions.** It's no secret that the state's banks haven't had the best luck recently, but credit unions appear to be holding steady. Georgia credit unions reported \$2.1 billion in loans made during the first half of this year, compared to \$2 billion for the same period in 2008. "We were pleasantly surprised that originations have been as good as they have," said Mike Mercer, president and CEO of Georgia Credit Union Affiliates. "I would have guessed the first half of this year would have been atrocious."



Falcons fullback Ovie Mughelli sings during a video game tournament against overseas troops. Bob Andres [bandres@ajc.com](mailto:bandres@ajc.com)

**College students and concerned parents.** American College Health Association data released Wednesday showed a 57 percent decline in new swine flu cases at Georgia campuses. But don't throw away the tissues and meds just yet: National health officials said another outbreak could come in January or February.