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Forsyth-Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame

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A three-sport athlete (football, basketball, and track) at Mary Persons, Battle was the Bulldog defensive MVP as junior and senior, and All Middle Georgia after his senior season at MP. Initially a walk on at the University of Georgia, Battle left there with an Ironman Award, and was granted a football scholarship for his Sophomore season and became a regular starter in the defensive backfield beginning in 2005, becoming an All-SEC safety for the Georgia Bulldogs. His interception of Auburn QB Brandon Cox three times, with one return for a touchdown, in Auburn, in a 37-15 Georgia win in 2006 was one of his greatest singular moments. Initially signed as an undrafted free agent with the San Diego Chargers, Battle's NFL career included a stint with the Dallas Cowboys. Battle is a cousin of Peppi Zellner, a Forsyth-Monroe County Hall of Fame inductee. Battle is married to Luisa and has four children, and now is an anesthesiology technician living near Athens.

