



# CINCINNATI BENGALS

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# CINCINNATI BENGALS (0-3) AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS (0-3)

WEEK 4, GAME 4  
MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, SEPT. 30  
AT HEINZ FIELD

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 5, GAME 5  
SUNDAY, OCT. 6 VS. ARIZONA

### GAME NOTES

**Kickoff:** 8:15 p.m. Eastern.

**Television:** ESPN broadcast with Joe Tessitore (play-by-play), Booger McFarland (analyst) and Lisa Salters (sideline analyst). In the Cincinnati market, the ESPN broadcast also will be simulcast on WLWT-TV (Channel 5).

**Radio:** The game will air on the Bengals Radio Network, led by Cincinnati flagship stations WLW-AM (700), WCKY-AM (ESPN 1530; all sports) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

The game also will air nationally on Westwood One Radio. Broadcasters are Kevin Harlan (play-by-play), Kurt Warner (analyst) and Ryan Harris (sideline reporter).

**Setting the scene:** The Bengals this week travel for the second consecutive game to take on the Pittsburgh Steelers at Heinz Field on Monday Night Football. Both teams enter the contest 0-3. However, first place in the division — currently held by the 2-1 Baltimore Ravens — still is well within striking distance.

Last week, the Bengals lost in nail-biting fashion to the Buffalo Bills, 21-17. After falling behind 14-0 at halftime, Cincinnati staged a second-half rally that saw them take a 17-14 lead with less than five minutes remaining. But the Bills put together a seven-play, 78-yard touchdown drive to regain the lead, and a last-minute Bengals drive ended with an interception deep in Buffalo territory, sealing Cincinnati's fate.

"It's just so disappointing, because we were right there at the end," said Bengals head coach Zac Taylor. "If we make a stop on defense or make another play on offense, and we come out of there with our first win in a big game. We just couldn't get it done."

Said Bengals QB Andy Dalton: "We're trying to find a way to win — that's what it comes down to for us. Yeah, there are some good things we can take away (so far this season), but you've got to make the plays that are going to allow you to win. In these three games, we haven't done that."

Cincinnati's offense, which ranks third in the NFL in passing yards per game (308.3), struggled to find a rhythm early against Buffalo and was held to just one first down and 76 total yards in the first half. Despite Buffalo's lopsided time of possession advantage — 36:54 to 23:06 — Cincinnati's defense managed to keep the game close, allowing the offense time to adjust and find its stride in the third and fourth quarters.

"We've got to put a complete game together," Dalton said. "We can't have the performance we had in the first half and expect to win."

"We couldn't get that one play that got us that first down and gave us momentum, and that hurt us. We came out and played a lot better in the second half, and at times played like we know we can play."

As the team's focus now shifts toward the division-rival Steelers, Taylor and the Bengals are well aware of the formidable challenge that lies ahead.

"A lot of people in that locker room know a lot better than I do how big this one is coming up," Taylor said. "Our guys will be focused and ready to play. It gives us a great opportunity to get back on track. Our guys will be prepared, just as they were for this one."

A win over Pittsburgh would be Cincinnati's first against the Steelers since a 16-10 victory at Heinz Field in 2015. But it also would significantly boost the Bengals' playoff hopes. Over the last 10 seasons (2009-18), nine of the 75 teams (12 percent) to start 1-3 have gone on to make the playoffs. None of the

28 teams that started 0-4, however, qualified for the postseason.

"There's so much urgency in this building and so much excitement amongst the players and coaching staff," Taylor said. "I come into work fired up. We're playing Pittsburgh on Monday Night Football, and we have a chance to get this thing headed in the right direction. We're 0-3, and it's not the way we wanted to start, but we do see positive things happening that we can continue to build on."

Monday's game will be the 100th meeting (including playoffs) between the Bengals and Steelers, a rivalry that has long been considered among the NFL's most intense. Just ask Taylor.

"I get a pretty good sense of the feelings here (in Cincinnati). When you're out in the community in the offseason, people aren't shy about letting you know their thoughts on the Steelers. They're pretty frank about it."

"But that's exciting. You want passionate fans. You want people that are invested in it. You want to make them happy and give them something to cheer for."

### BENGALS-STEELERS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	STEELERS
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored.....	25th (18.0)	T-27th (16.3)
Points allowed.....	27th (27.6)	28th (28.3)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total.....	18th (350.3)	30th (269.3)
Rushing.....	32nd (42.0)	29th (64.0)
Passing.....	3rd (308.3)	25th (205.3)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total.....	27th (406.3)	29th (442.0)
Rushing.....	31st (168.7)	28th (139.3)
Passing.....	12th (237.7)	31st (302.7)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential.....	T-28th (minus-4)	T-5th (plus-3)

**The series:** The Steelers lead 64-35 overall and 33-16 as the home team. The series includes two postseason games, both Steelers wins in Wild Card round contests at Paul Brown Stadium, after the 2005 and '15 seasons.

The Bengals have played more games against the Steelers (99) than any other foe. Cleveland is second in that category at 91, and Tennessee (formerly Houston Oilers) is third at 75.

A complete recap of the Bengals-Steelers series appears on page 208 of the 2019 Bengals Media Guide.

### Team bests from the series:

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 42, in a 42-7 win at Riverfront Stadium in 1988. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 35, from the 1988 home win. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 27-3 win at Riverfront in 1990.

**Steelers — MOST POINTS:** 49, in a 49-31 victory at Riverfront Stadium in 1995. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 28 (twice), most recently in a 35-7 win in 2011 at Pittsburgh. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (twice), most recently in a 15-0 win at Three Rivers Stadium in 2000.

**The last meetings:** Summaries of the two Bengals-Steelers meetings last season are on page 16 of this news release.

**The Bengals on MNF:** This week's game is the 11th Bengals-Steelers meeting on Monday Night Football. With 10 previous MNF meetings, Pittsburgh by far is Cincinnati's most frequent MNF opponent.

The Miami Dolphins are the only other team to have taken on the Bengals more than twice on MNF. The Dolphins and Bengals have had four meetings.

Cincinnati's all-time MNF record is 11-24.

Here is the complete list of the Bengals' 35 previous Monday night games:

DATE	OPPONENT	STADIUM	RESULT
11-2-70	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers	Steelers, 21-10
12-2-74	@Miami	Orange Bowl	Dolphins, 24-3
11-17-75	BUFFALO	Riverfront	Bengals, 33-24
11-8-76	L.A. RAMS	Riverfront	Bengals, 20-12
12-6-76	@Oakland	Oakland Coliseum	Raiders, 35-20
10-17-77	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers	Steelers, 20-14
10-9-78	@Miami	Orange Bowl	Dolphins, 21-0
11-13-78	OAKLAND	Riverfront	Raiders, 34-21
12-11-78	@L.A. Rams	L.A. Coliseum	Bengals, 20-19
12-20-82	@San Diego	S.D. Jack Murphy	Chargers, 50-34
10-10-83	PITTSBURGH	Riverfront	Steelers, 24-14
11-28-83	@Miami	Orange Bowl	Dolphins, 38-14
10-1-84	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers	Steelers, 38-17
9-30-85	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers	Bengals, 37-24
10-13-86	PITTSBURGH	Riverfront	Bengals, 24-22
9-25-89	CLEVELAND	Riverfront	Bengals, 21-14
11-13-89	@Houston	Astrodome	Oilers, 26-24
12-25-89	@Minnesota	Metrodome	Vikings, 29-21
10-1-90	@Seattle	Kingdome	Seahawks, 31-16
10-22-90	@Cleveland	Cleveland	Bengals, 34-13
10-21-91	@Buffalo	Rich	Bills, 35-16
12-9-91	@Miami	Joe Robbie	Dolphins, 37-13
10-19-92	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers	Steelers, 20-0
10-25-04	DENVER	Paul Brown	Bengals, 23-10
12-18-06	@Indianapolis	RCA Dome	Colts, 34-16
9-10-07	BALTIMORE	Paul Brown	Bengals, 27-20
10-1-07	NEW ENGLAND	Paul Brown	Patriots, 34-13
11-8-10	PITTSBURGH	Paul Brown	Steelers, 27-21
9-10-12	@Baltimore	M&T Bank	Ravens, 44-13
9-16-13	PITTSBURGH	Paul Brown	Bengals, 20-10
12-28-14	DENVER	Paul Brown	Bengals, 37-28
11-16-15	HOUSTON	Paul Brown	Texans, 10-6
12-28-15	@Denver	Sports Authority	Broncos, 20-17 (OT)
11-14-16	@N.Y. Giants	MetLife	Giants, 21-20
12-4-17	PITTSBURGH	Paul Brown	Steelers, 23-20

**More MNF:** Here's a further look at some history and milestones of the Bengals' MNF experience:

• **Most recent appearance:** On Dec. 4, 2017, the Bengals lost to the Pittsburgh Steelers 23-20 at Paul Brown Stadium.

• **First appearance:** During the inaugural season of MNF, on Nov. 2, 1970, the Bengals lost 21-10 to Pittsburgh at Three Rivers Stadium. The loss dropped the Bengals to 1-6, but the game was pivotal. The Bengals won their final seven games to finish 8-6 and win the first AFC Central Division championship. It was the Bengals' first season in the NFL after two years in the AFL. The 1970 Bengals still are one of only two teams in NFL history to start 1-5 or worse after six games and make the playoffs. The other team was the 2015 Kansas City Chiefs, who started 1-5 and made the postseason as an 11-5 Wild Card.

• **First home appearance:** On Nov. 17, 1975, the Bengals defeated Buffalo 33-24 at Riverfront Stadium. The win lifted Cincinnati to an 8-1 record, en route to an 11-3 season which holds the mark for best regular-season winning percentage (.786) in franchise history.

• **Most MNF regular-season appearances in a season:** For the Bengals, it has been three, in both 1978 and '89. The Bengals also were on MNF three times in 2007, but one game was in preseason.

• **Widest Bengals victory margin:** 21 points, in a 34-13 win at Cleveland on Oct. 22, 1990.

**Memorable MNF wins:** A 37-28 home win over Denver in 2014 arguably ranks as the most memorable Bengals Monday night victory. The Bengals upended an 11-3 opponent in the game, with a fourth-quarter comeback, and clinched a playoff berth. The Broncos led 28-27 after three

periods, but WR Brandon Tate's 49-yard punt return set up a 23-yard Mike Nugent FG for a 30-28 lead, and CB Dre Kirkpatrick sealed the win with a 30-yard return of an intercepted Peyton Manning pass for a TD with 2:41 to play.

Another memorable MNF win came Nov. 17, 1975 at Riverfront Stadium, when QB Ken Anderson and the Bengals outdueled RB O.J. Simpson and the Buffalo Bills in an offensive showcase. The final score was 33-24. Simpson rushed for 197 yards and two TDs, but Anderson bombarded the Bills with 30 completions in 46 attempts for 447 yards, two TDs and no INTs. Overall, the game produced 57 first downs and 888 total net yards between the teams.

The 1975 win lifted the Bengals to an 8-1 record as they stormed toward an 11-3 mark that still rates as their best ever campaign for regular-season winning percentage (.786).

**Most memorable MNF loss:** The most-remembered Monday Night loss in Bengals history is considered to be the 50-34 shootout won by the Chargers at San Diego on Dec. 20, 1982.

The two clubs combined for 1102 net yards, the second-most in NFL history at the time (it now stands tied for fifth most). The Chargers had 661 and the Bengals 441.

QB Ken Anderson's 40 pass completions in that game still stand as the Bengals' all-time record, and Anderson's 416 passing yards still stand as fifth-most in Bengals history. San Diego's Wes Chandler had 260 receiving yards (on 10 catches), still the most yards ever by a receiver against Cincinnati.

**Most crucial MNF loss:** The only time the Bengals played a Monday Night game to close a season was on Christmas night, Dec. 25, 1989 at Minnesota.

Cincinnati's defending AFC Champions needed a win to secure a playoff berth, but the Vikings prevailed, 29-21. Bengals QB Boomer Esiason passed for 367 yards and three TDs, but he also suffered three INTs.

**Also at night:** The Bengals are 8-6 playing on Thursday night, 0-1 on Friday night, 0-3 on Saturday night and 3-15 on Sunday night.

**Bengals career records watch:** Here is a look at potential upcoming movement in the Bengals' career records book (regular season):

• QB Andy Dalton has 4050 career pass attempts, 425 behind QB Ken Anderson (4475) for the Bengals' all-time lead.

• Dalton has 2524 career completions, 130 shy of Anderson (2654) for the Bengals' all-time lead.

• Bengals WR Alex Erickson has 93 career punt returns, five shy of CB Adam Jones (98) for fourth place all-time. WR Brandon Tate (153) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Erickson passed S Tommy Casanova (91) for fifth place all-time in Game 3 at Buffalo.

• Erickson has 727 career punt return yards, 57 shy of Casanova (784) for fifth place all-time. Tate (1411) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

• Erickson has 107 career kickoff returns, eight shy of FB Eric Ball (115) for fifth place all-time. S/CB Tremain Mack (146) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

• Erickson has 2522 career kickoff return yards, 230 behind RB Stanford Jennings (2752) for fourth place all-time. Mack (3583) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

• DE Carlos Dunlap has 73.5 career sacks, 10 short of DE Eddie Edwards\* (83.5) for the Bengals' all-time lead.

• DT Geno Atkins has 72 career sacks, 1.5 short of Dunlap (73.5) for second place all-time. Edwards\* (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

• WR A.J. Green has 63 career receiving TDs, three behind WR Chad Johnson (66) for the Bengals' all-time lead.

• Green has 63 total TDs, one short of WR Carl Pickens and RB James Brooks (both with 64) for third place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

\*—The NFL has counted sacks as official statistics since 1982. However, the Bengals have sack statistics compiled since 1976 and recognize those sacks recorded from '76-81 in its records. Thus, please note that, because the NFL has sacks statistics for all teams only since 1982, the Bengals' sack statistics for players whose careers included seasons prior to '82 will not be included in league information.

**Records vs. Steelers:** Former Bengals WR Carl Pickens caught 13 passes against the Steelers on Oct. 11, 1998 at Cinergy Field, a number no Bengal has matched. There have been 11 instances of a Bengal finishing a game with 12 catches, most recently by WR A.J. Green in the 2016 season opener at the N.Y. Jets, but 13 catches remains in a class by itself.

Pickens had 204 receiving yards in the game, a 25-20 Bengals victory. QB

Neil O'Donnell, a former Steeler, was the passer for all 13 catches.

Other Bengals records involving the Steelers include:

- On Oct. 28, 1973, Pittsburgh S Mike Wagner became the first opponent to record three INTs in a game against the Bengals. Four players since have tied.
- On Nov. 10, 1974 at Cincinnati, QB Ken Anderson set the Bengals' game record for completion percentage (90.91), hitting 20 of 22 against the Steelers.
- On Nov. 29, 1992 at Cincinnati, the Steelers tied the record for most sacks against the Bengals in a game with 10, then tied the mark again on Oct. 13, 1996 at Pittsburgh. The record originally was set by Denver on Oct. 19, 1969 at Cincinnati.
- On Oct. 16, 1994 at Cincinnati, the Bengals set a team record with eight sacks, all on O'Donnell. That mark was tied on Dec. 9, 2001 vs. Jacksonville.
- On Oct. 19, 1995, the Bengals allowed the most yards in franchise history (468) without allowing a TD in a 27-9 win vs. Pittsburgh at Three Rivers Stadium.
- On Oct. 15, 2000, Pittsburgh's Josh Miller tied for the most punts ever against the Bengals with 12.
- On Dec. 30, 2001 at Cincinnati, Jon Kitna had a Bengals-record 68 pass attempts in an overtime win over the Steelers.
- On Dec. 4 last season, the Bengals set the dubious record of most penalty yardage incurred during a game at 173. That number shattered the previous mark of 134.

**Individually vs. Steelers:** Current Bengals' past offensive performances for Cincinnati against Pittsburgh in regular season include:

- QB Andy Dalton: 15 games; 511 attempts and 299 completions (58.5 percent) for 3160 yards (210.7 yards per game), 19 TDs and 13 INTs (78.4 rating).
- WR A.J. Green: 14 games, 88 receptions for 1178 yards (6.3 catches, 84.1 yards per game) and eight TDs.
- HB Gio Bernard: 10 games, 61 carries for 257 yards (4.2) and two TDs; 32 receptions for 290 yards (9.1).
- TE C.J. Uzomah: Six games; 12 receptions for 97 yards (8.1).
- WR Alex Erickson: Six games; 10 receptions for 113 yards (11.3).
- WR Tyler Boyd: Four games; 17 receptions for 168 yards (9.9) and two TDs.
- HB Joe Mixon: Four games; 38 carries for 251 yards (6.6) and one TD; Nine receptions for 50 yards (5.6).

**Bengals-Steelers connections:** Bengals WR Tyler Boyd is from Clairton, Pa., and played at the University of Pittsburgh ... Bengals K Randy Bullock was with the Steelers in 2016 ... Bengals CB B.W. Webb was with the Steelers in 2014 ... Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger (Reserve/Injured) is from Findlay, Ohio, and played at Miami (Ohio) University ... Steelers WR Johnny Holton played at the University of Cincinnati ... Steelers P Jordan Berry played at Eastern Kentucky University ... Steelers RB Benny Snell Jr. and LB Bud Dupree both played at the University of Kentucky ... Steelers senior defensive assistant/secondary coach Teryl Austin was Bengals defensive coordinator in 2018 ... Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin was defensive backs coach at the

University of Cincinnati from 1999-2000 ... Bengals defensive line coach Nick Eason played for the Steelers from 2007-10 ... Bengals quarterbacks coach Alex Van Pelt is from Pittsburgh, and played quarterback at the University of Pittsburgh from 1989-92 ... Steelers DT Cameron Heyward and LB Ryan Shazier (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform) both played at Ohio State University ... Steelers WR Diontae Johnson, LB Jayrone Elliott, LB Olanukunmi Adeniyi and CB Trevon Mathis (practice squad) all played at the University of Toledo.

**Uniform watch:** The Bengals are scheduled to wear their white color rush uniforms this week at Pittsburgh.

Since 2004, the year of the Bengals' last significant uniform redesign, a number of color options for jerseys and pants have been available. Below are the records (regular season plus postseason) for the different combinations:

JERSEY	PANTS	W-L-T	PCT.
Orange*	Black .....	6-1-0	.857
Orange*	White .....	16-6-1	.717
White (CR)*	White (CR)* .....	2-1-0	.667
Black	Black .....	16-15-1	.516
Black	White .....	36-35-1	.507
White	Black .....	28-35-0	.444
White	White .....	19-30-0	.388

\* — NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate jerseys, color rush (CR) uniforms and/or throwback uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. As in years past, orange served as the Bengals' designated alternate jersey, and for the third straight year, the team used their color rush uniforms (white jersey, white pants), which debuted in 2016. Cincinnati does not have a throwback uniform.

**Red-zone reports:** Here is a look at Cincinnati's and Pittsburgh's red-zone reports:

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT	
OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 8	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 11
<b>Total scores:</b> 6 (75.0%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 9 (81.8%)
TDs: 3 (37.5%)	TDs: 7 (63.6%)
FGs: 3 (37.5%)	FGs: 2 (18.2%)
TD% rank: 29th	TD% rank: T-20th
<b>No scores:</b> 2 (25.0%)	<b>No scores:</b> 2 (18.2%)

STEELERS RED-ZONE REPORT	
OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 6	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 11
<b>Total scores:</b> 6 (100.0%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 9 (81.8%)
TDs: 3 (50.0%)	TDs: 5 (45.5%)
FGs: 3 (50.0%)	FGs: 4 (36.4%)
TD% rank: T-22nd	TD% rank: T-7th
<b>No scores:</b> 0 (0.0%)	<b>No scores:</b> 2 (18.2%)

## THE HEAD COACHES

**Zac Taylor** was named the 10th head coach in Cincinnati Bengals history on Feb. 4, 2019. He comes to Cincinnati after two seasons with the L.A. Rams, where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2017 and quarterbacks coach in '18.

In 2018, Taylor helped guide Rams QB Jared Goff to career highs in every major passing category — completions (364), attempts (561), passing yards (4688), passing TDs (32), completion percentage (64.9), yards per attempt (8.36) and passer rating (101.1). Goff ranked fourth in the NFL in passing yards and eighth in passer rating. The Rams' QB play was a key component to their offense, which finished the regular season ranked second in the NFL in total net yards (421.1 per game), fifth in net passing yards (281.7), second in scoring (32.9), first in first downs (401) and fifth in third-down percentage (45.0). Los Angeles won the NFC West with a 13-3 regular-season record and advanced to Super Bowl LIII against the New England Patriots.

In 2017, Taylor helped oversee an emerging Rams passing offense that ranked 10th in the NFL in pass yards per game (239.4). Taylor directed the Rams' young receiving corps, headed by rookie Cooper Kupp, who finished the season with 62 catches, a team-high 869 receiving yards and five TDs. Kupp (869 yards), TE Gerald Everett (244) and WR Josh Reynolds (104) — all rookies — helped the Rams finish with the third-most receiving yards among rookie pass catchers.

Prior to his time with the Rams, Taylor had a one-year stint in the college ranks, serving as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at the University of Cincinnati in 2016. Taylor served under head coach Tommy Tuberville at UC.

Taylor broke into NFL coaching in 2012 with the Miami Dolphins as assistant quarterbacks coach. He was elevated to quarterbacks coach from 2013-15, and spent the final five games of '15 as the Dolphins' interim offensive coordinator and primary play-caller, after the team made coaching staff changes in late November. During his time in Miami, Taylor was instrumental in the development of QB Ryan Tannehill, the team's first-round draft pick in 2012.

Taylor's coaching career began at Texas A&M University, where he served as offensive graduate assistant and tight ends coach under head coach Mike Sherman from 2008-11. The Aggies shared the Big 12 South Championship in 2010 and played in three bowl games during Taylor's time in College Station.

As a player, Taylor began his collegiate career at Wake Forest (2002-03), before transferring to Butler County Community College in Kansas ('04) and then playing his final two seasons ('05-06) at the University of Nebraska. Taylor had a decorated career with the Cornhuskers, setting numerous school records and passing for a combined 5850 yards and 45 touchdowns. In his senior season of 2006, Taylor was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year after passing for 3197 total yards and leading the Cornhuskers to a 9-3 record, an appearance in the Big 12 Championship Game and a berth in the Cotton Bowl. He was inducted

into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

Taylor joined the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as a college free agent in 2007, but he was waived prior to the start of training camp and never saw NFL action. Later that year, he joined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League, where he spent one season (did not play).

His father, Sherwood, was a defensive back and captain at the University of Oklahoma, playing under Sooners head coach Barry Switzer from 1976-79. Sherwood Taylor later served as an assistant coach at Oklahoma and Kansas State University. Taylor's brother, Press, played quarterback at Marshall University and is currently quarterbacks coach for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Taylor was born on May 10, 1983, in Norman, Okla., where he was raised and later attended Norman High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in communication studies from the University of Nebraska in 2006. He and his wife, Sarah, have four children — Brooks, Luke, Emma Claire and Milly. Sarah Taylor is the daughter of former Green Bay Packers and Texas A&M head coach Mike Sherman.

**Mike Tomlin** was named the 16th head coach in Steelers history when he replaced Bill Cowher on Jan. 22, 2007. His career record is 133-75-1.

In his first season, Tomlin guided the Steelers to a 10-6 record and their first AFC North title since 2004.

In 2008, Tomlin directed the Steelers to a 12-4 record, winning his second-consecutive AFC North title. That season culminated with a Steelers victory over the Arizona Cardinals, 27-23, in Super Bowl XLIII on Feb. 1, 2009. He was the youngest coach (36 years, 323 days) in NFL history to win a Super Bowl, and the win made Tomlin one of only seven coaches in league history to win a Super Bowl within his first two seasons as an NFL head coach.

In 2010, Tomlin's club won its third AFC North division title in a four-year span. In 2017, Tomlin guided the Steelers to the division title for the sixth time in

his 11-year reign.

Tomlin reached the playoffs four times in his first five seasons, and he is the only coach in Steelers' history to win division titles in each of his first two seasons. Pittsburgh has reached the postseason eight times under Tomlin, including each of the past four seasons.

Tomlin was the Minnesota Vikings defensive coordinator in 2006 after spending the previous five seasons (2001-05) as defensive backs coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Tomlin coached one of the top defensive backfields in the NFL for the Buccaneers, culminating with its performance in Super Bowl XXXVII. The secondary recorded four INTs, returning two for TDs to help Tampa Bay capture the franchise's first Super Bowl title.

Tomlin served two seasons as the defensive backs coach at the University of Cincinnati (1999-2000) before going to Tampa Bay. Prior to joining the Cincinnati staff, he had a short stint on the coaching staff at Tennessee-Martin and then spent two seasons at Arkansas State. He spent the 1996 season as a graduate assistant at Memphis. Tomlin began his coaching career in 1995 as wide receivers coach at Virginia Military Institute.

Tomlin was a three-year starter at wide receiver at William & Mary (1990-94) and finished his career with 101 receptions for 2046 yards and a school-record 20 TD receptions. A first-team All-Yankee Conference selection in 1994, he established a school record with a 20.2 yards per catch average. He graduated in 1994 with a degree in sociology.

Tomlin was born in Hampton, Va., on March 15, 1972. He and his wife, Kiya, have two sons, Dino and Mason, and a daughter Harlyn Quinn.

**Taylor vs. Steelers:** No previous meetings.

**Taylor vs. Tomlin:** No previous meetings.

**Tomlin vs. Bengals:** Tomlin leads the series, 20-5.

## BENGALS NOTES

**ZT's offense off to strong start:** As the 2019 regular season has gotten underway, all eyes have been on first-year head coach Zac Taylor's offensive system. And if the first three games are any indication, the new offense has the potential to light up the stat sheet.

In his regular-season debut under Taylor, Bengals QB Andy Dalton posted career-highs in both completions (35) and passing yards (418), completed 68.6 percent of his passes, and posted a passer rating of 106.5. It was Dalton's first career 400-yard passing game, and also counted as the most completions and passing yards by a Bengals QB in a season-opener.

Through the first three weeks of the NFL season, Dalton ranks second in the NFL in passing yards (978) and fifth in completions (81), despite the absence of star WR A.J. Green, who has not yet played this season due to an ankle injury.

The Bengals' receivers have filled in more than admirably in Green's absence. WR Tyler Boyd's 24 receptions rank fourth in the NFL this season, and are the third-most through the first three games of a season in Bengals history (WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh had 29 in 2007, and WR Chad Johnson had 25 in '07). WR John Ross has also had a strong start, and ranks third in the NFL in receiving yards (292). He also became the first Bengal ever to begin a season with back-to-back 100-yard receiving games, and his career-long 66-yard receiving TD against San Francisco was the longest Bengals pass play in the team's previous 26 games (70-yard TD from Dalton to WR A.J. Green on Nov. 12, 2017 at Tennessee).

**ZT aims to buck a trend:** When Zac Taylor was named Bengals head coach on Feb. 4, questions immediately surfaced about how quickly he could return the team to the playoffs. But he'll have to buck a trend to get there, as even the best coaches in Bengals history have taken time to right the ship.

Here's a look at the nine previous Bengals head coaches' records in their first full season as the team's head coach.

HEAD COACH	1ST FULL SEASON	RECORD
Paul Brown	1968	3-11-0
Bill "Tiger" Johnson	1976	10-4-0
Homer Rice	1979	4-12-0
Forrest Gregg	1980	6-10-0
Sam Wyche	1984	8-8-0
Dave Shula	1992	5-11-0
Bruce Coslet	1997	7-9-0
Dick LeBeau	2001	6-10-0
Marvin Lewis	2003	8-8-0

**How rookie head coaches stack up:** When a first-time NFL head coach takes over, the age-old debate of "fresh face vs. experience" soon follows. So when Zac Taylor took over the Bengals in February, that debate surfaced, along with questions about how quickly he could produce results.

Over the last 10 seasons (2009-18), first-time NFL coaches in their first full season have gone a combined 304-352 (.463). Here's a look at how many wins those 41 rookie head coaches piled up in their first full regular season.

(NOTE: This includes only rookie coaches who made their NFL head coaching debut at the start of a season.)

RECORD	NO. OF TIMES ACHIEVED (2009-18)
16-0	0
15-1	0
14-2	1
13-3	1
12-4	1
11-5	3
10-6	4
9-7	7
8-8	4
7-9	5
6-10	4
5-11	1
4-12	6
3-13	2
2-14	1
1-15	1
0-16	0

**Ross' happy homecoming:** After battling injuries and struggling to stay on the field during his first two NFL seasons, Bengals WR John Ross III admitted over the offseason that he hadn't been himself.

"I can honestly say now that I lost confidence in myself the last two years," Ross explained. "I think that's what a lot of players lack sometimes."

Nevertheless, there was no shortage of pressure on the Bengals' 2017 first-round pick (ninth overall) entering his third season. To make matters worse, Ross suffered a hamstring injury just before the Bengals' first training camp practice, didn't practice until late August, and didn't play at all in preseason.

And so it seemed fitting that the Bengals were to open their season in Seattle, home of Ross' impressive college career at the University of Washington, and in the very stadium (CenturyLink Field) where he worked

security in college.

Ross, though, struggled early on with drops, a problem that plagued him during his first two seasons in Cincinnati. But instead of finding himself on the bench, the Bengals stuck with him. After one drop in the second quarter where he would have had room to run for a significant gain, Dalton went right back to Ross on the next play and connected for a 55-yard TD (career-long for Ross).

"I just knew (Dalton) wasn't going to stop going to me," Ross said of his bounce-back TD. "I ran a route when I knew we needed a big play, and I had to go down the field, so I just figured I should just run as fast as I can, go up and make a big play."

When all was said and done at Seattle, Ross had posted career highs in receptions (seven), receiving yards (158) and receiving TDs (two). Only one other Bengal had ever broken 150 receiving yards and scored two TDs in a season-opener — A.J. Green in 2013 (162 yards, two TDs at Chicago). Not a bad homecoming.

"It felt surreal," Ross said of playing in front of the Seattle fans. "To play here in front of people who used to watch me in college, it did feel good. I'm thankful."

"Now I come in with a different mentality, and now I've got to go out there and continue to believe in myself."

Through the first three weeks of the season, Ross' 292 receiving yards rank third in the NFL, and his six catches of at least 20 yards are tied for second.

**Boyd eyeing another thousand:** With WR A.J. Green missing time due to an ankle injury, WR Tyler Boyd has again stepped into the spotlight as the Bengals No. 1 WR. But it's familiar territory for the fourth-year pro. Boyd served in the same role the second half of last season while Green was out with a foot injury, and he ended the year with a career-high 1028 receiving yards.

Boyd himself ended up missing the Bengals' last two games of 2018 due to a knee injury, but not before becoming the first Bengal other than Green to top 1000 receiving yards in a season since 2009 (Chad Johnson, 1047). Now fully healthy, and fresh off of a new contract extension that keeps him in Cincinnati through 2023, Boyd and head coach Zac Taylor have their sights set on another productive season.

"Tyler is a young, up-and-coming receiver in this league, and he's had great production over the years," Bengals head coach Zac Taylor said of Boyd. "He's a great separator, he's got great hands, has great attention to detail and is very coachable. All the traits that we look for in receivers, Tyler exhibits."

Boyd has gotten off to a fast start this season, with 249 receiving yards on a team-high 24 receptions (fourth in NFL). He needs to average 57.8 receiving yards over the final 13 games to reach 1000 for the season.

**T.B. chasing T.J.:** Although it's still early in the 2019 season, WR Tyler Boyd has already positioned himself to make a run at former Bengals WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh's team record for receptions in a season. Houshmandzadeh's 112 catches in 2007 stand as the top mark in team history, with WR Carl Pickens' 100 in 1996 counting as the only other instance of a Bengal reaching the 100-catch plateau.

Boyd so far has 24 catches, fourth-most in the NFL this season, third-most by a Bengal in the first three games of a season, and way ahead of pace to break Houshmandzadeh's record.

Houshmandzadeh had 29 catches through three games in 2007, and Pickens had 18. Boyd would need to average 6.8 catches over the Bengals' final 13 games to equal Houshmandzadeh's 112, and 5.8 per game to reach the 100-catch plateau.

**T.B. a menace on third down:** Bengals WR Tyler Boyd has started the 2019 season right where he left off the last three years — causing problems for opposing defenses on third downs. All seven of Boyd's catches on third downs so far this season have converted first downs. Those seven third-down receptions that went for first downs are tied for second in the NFL, behind Rams WR Cooper Kupp (nine). Boyd has 95 receiving yards on third down this season, good for an 13.6-yard average.

Last season, Boyd finished with 22 first-down receptions on third down, good for a career-high and the most in a season by a Bengal since 2008 (26 by T.J. Houshmandzadeh). That total also tied for last year's league lead in that category with Houston's DeAndre Hopkins and New Orleans' Michael Thomas. It should also be noted that Boyd missed the final two games of 2018 due to a knee injury.

Overall on third down last season, Boyd had 24 catches (tied for third in AFC) for 302 yards (12.6 average) and three TDs.

Having success on third down isn't a new trend for Boyd. As a rookie in

2016, his 22 third-down receptions led all rookies, and his 16 third-down receptions that converted first downs tied for the rookie lead with the N.Y. Giants' Sterling Shepard.

**Bengals tough when Joe's clicking:** Bengals head coach Zac Taylor has alluded several times to his intent to lean more heavily upon HB Joe Mixon in 2019. History shows that probably is a good idea.

The Bengals are 6-1 since Mixon's rookie season of 2017 when he gets at least 20 carries, with the lone outlier being a loss at the L.A. Chargers late last year after the Bengals had lost QB Andy Dalton and WR A.J. Green for the season due to injuries.

The Bengals are also 6-4 in games where Mixon has reached 100 total yards, with two of the four losses coming late last year without Dalton and Green. And when Mixon reaches 100 rushing yards, Cincinnati is 3-2, with both losses coming last year without Dalton and Green.

Mixon has not yet reached any of those three marks so far this season.

**Mixon looks to build on strong 2018:** Third-year HB Joe Mixon this season is looking to defend a strong 2018 campaign in which he became the only Bengals player ever to lead the AFC in rushing yards (1168) in a season (RB Paul Robinson led the AFL in rushing in 1968). Mixon, who also led the conference in rushing attempts (237), achieved the feat despite missing two games with a knee injury.

"I feel like Coach Taylor's going to throw the load on me," Mixon said of his 2019 approach. "But I've got to be physically and mentally prepared to be able to take it on and do the best job that I can do. As long as I'm in great condition, I feel like I'll thrive in this offense."

Mixon last season recorded the 22nd 1000-yard rushing season in Bengals history, and became just the 11th Bengal ever to hit that mark. He also scored a team-high nine TDs (eight rushing, one receiving), and had four games of 100 or more yards rushing and seven games of 100 or more yards from scrimmage.

Mixon suffered an ankle injury in the season opener at Seattle, and has been limited to just 88 yards on 32 carries through the first three games this season.

**15 carries for Gio does the trick:** Over his now seven seasons in Cincinnati, Giovani Bernard has carved out a spot among the top dual-threat running backs in team history.

But when examining Bernard's workload specifically as a rusher throughout his career, a significant trend becomes apparent — the Bengals are 10-1-1 in games in which Bernard has at least 15 rushing attempts. Bernard has not yet reached 15 carries in a game in 2019, however Cincinnati was 1-0 in 2018 when Bernard hit the mark (15 rushes for 69 yards in Game 4 at Atlanta).

In the 12 career games in which Bernard has reached 15 carries, he has averaged 78.4 yards, scored seven rushing TDs and topped 100 yards three times.

**Gio sets sights on Brooks:** After a strong start to his 2019 season, Bengals HB Giovani Bernard stands within striking distance of the team's all-time leads in both receptions and receiving yards by a running back. With 270 career receptions, Bernard stands 27 short of James Brooks' record of 297. And with 2334 receiving yards, Bernard is 678 short of Brooks' record of 3012. Brooks played eight seasons with the Bengals (1984-91), while 2019 is Bernard's seventh.

Bernard has averaged 898 yards from scrimmage in his first six NFL seasons — 518 rushing, 380 receiving — although his pursuit of Brooks' records has been slowed slightly by injuries in recent years. In 2018, he got off to a fast start before a knee injury sidelined him for four games. He also missed the final six games of 2016 due to a torn ACL in his left knee.

**Keep an eye on Andy:** QB Andy Dalton owns a 68-53-2 record as a starter, good for the top winning percentage (.561) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts. And as the numbers have shown, the Bengals' success is tied closely to that of their QB.

Dalton has thrown at least two TDs 62 times in his career, and the Bengals are 41-20-1 (.669) in those contests. In his 23 games with at least three TD passes, the Bengals are 22-1 (.957), with the only outlier coming in a 2012 loss at Cleveland. Conversely, the Bengals are just 6-15 (.286) when Dalton is held without a TD pass, and haven't won such a game since 2014 at Cleveland.

A similar trend is true with passing yardage. In the 49 instances of Dalton topping 250 passing yards, the Bengals are 29-18-2 (.612). He's topped 300 yards 26 times, with Cincinnati going 15-10-1 (.596) in those contests.

The Bengals have also proven tough to beat when Dalton is at his most accurate. When he completes at last 65 percent of his passes (minimum 20

attempts), the Bengals are 36-14-1 (.716), including wins in eight of their last 11 such games. And when that completion percentage jumps to at least 70, the Bengals are 21-5-1 (.796), with wins in 12 of their last 14 such games.

**25 points does the trick:** Since 2011, the rookie season of both QB Andy Dalton and WR A.J. Green, the Bengals own a 46-1-2 record (.959) when scoring 25 or more points. Only Miami has a better winning percentage, at .970 (32-1-0), when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals were a perfect 6-0 in 2018 when scoring 25 points or more, and 0-10 when failing to hit the mark. They have yet to reach 25 points in a game in 2019.

Here are the top five teams in the NFL since 2011, in terms of winning percentage, when hitting the 25-point plateau.

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WINNING PCT.
Miami Dolphins .....	32	1	0	.970
Cincinnati Bengals .....	46	1	2	.959
New England Patriots .....	82	8	0	.911
Arizona Cardinals .....	35	3	1	.910
Denver Broncos .....	51	6	0	.895

**Dalton ties Kenny in TDs:** After more than two seasons of being held out of the end zone, Bengals QB Andy Dalton finally reached paydirt in Game 3 at Buffalo when he rushed for a one-yard score in the third quarter. It was the 20th total TD of Dalton's career, tying him with former Bengals QB Ken Anderson for most career TDs by a QB in team history. Dalton in 2019 is playing his ninth season, while Anderson played 16 Bengals seasons (1971-86).

All of Anderson's 20 TDs were rushing scores. Dalton has 19 rushing TDs, and he has 20 total by virtue of being the only Bengals QB ever to catch a touchdown pass. He scored on an 18-yard gadget connection from WR Mohamed Sanu vs. Tennessee in 2014.

The next-most TDs by a Bengals QB is 10, by Jeff Blake.

Dalton and Jack Thompson share the Bengals season record for touchdowns by a QB, at five. Dalton had five in 2014, tying the record first set by Thompson in 1979.

**'Crazy Legs' Andy:** QB Andy Dalton's 19 career rushing TDs not only put him in rare company in team history, he also is among the best when compared to his current NFL peers. In the category of rushing TDs by a QB, only Carolina's Cam Newton, whose 58 are beyond similarity, ranks higher than Dalton since 2011. Dalton and Dallas QB Dak Prescott (19) stand tied for second behind Newton, with Russell Wilson (18) and Tyrod Taylor (16) not far behind.

**'Ice-Water' Andy:** Bengals QB Andy Dalton has 24 career game-winning drives, the most in Bengals history ahead Boomer Esiason (22).

A game-winning drive is defined as a drive that results in an offensive score in the fourth quarter or overtime that is responsible for putting the team ahead to stay (PATs included).

The Bengals' record for most game-winning drives in a season is five, set by former QB Jeff Blake in 1996, and then tied by former QB Carson Palmer in '09. Dalton had four game-winning drives in 2018, despite missing the final five games due to a season-ending thumb injury.

Since 2011, the year the Bengals drafted him, Dalton's 24 game-winning drives are tied with Seattle's Russell Wilson and Atlanta's Matt Ryan for the third-most in the NFL.

Here's a look at the NFL quarterbacks with the most game-winning drives in the fourth quarter or overtime since 2011.

QUARTERBACK	TEAM	GAME-WINNING DRIVES SINCE 2011
Matthew Stafford	Detroit .....	32
Drew Brees	New Orleans .....	26
Andy Dalton	Cincinnati .....	24
Russell Wilson	Seattle .....	24
Matt Ryan	Atlanta .....	24
Eli Manning	N.Y. Giants .....	23

**An Andy roundup:** Other records and notable accomplishments in QB Andy Dalton's career include:

- Dalton has posted 47 career games with a passer rating of 100 or more, and the Bengals are 39-8 (.830) in those contests.
- Dalton's .561 winning percentage (68-53-2) is the best of any Bengals QB

with 10 or more starts.

• Dalton holds club season records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33), both set in 2013.

• He is the only Bengals passer to throw for 300-plus yards in four consecutive games (2013).

• He opened his career with 77 consecutive regular-season starts, a Bengals record for quarterbacks at any point during a career. The previous mark had been 61, posted by Boomer Esiason from 1985-89. Dalton's streak ranks tied for fourth in NFL history for the start of a career by a QB, trailing only Peyton Manning of Indianapolis (208), Joe Flacco of Baltimore (122) and Russell Wilson of Seattle (115 and counting). Dalton is tied with Tennessee QB Ryan Tannehill, whose streak of 77 ended in 2016 while with Miami.

**The Huber roundup:** Long considered the top punter in Bengals history, 11th-year pro Kevin Huber now has the career records to back up that claim. Already a considerable presence in the Bengals' record book heading into last season, Huber moved into first place in the only two remaining career punting categories in the Bengals' record book.

Huber now stands first in team history in the following categories:

- Punts (783)
- Punting yards (35,264)
- Gross average (45.04)
- Net average (39.82)
- Inside-20 punts (271)

Huber has also taken over many of the Bengals' single-season and single-game records. Among them are:

- He holds the top four Bengals season averages in gross yardage and the top five Bengals season averages in net. His gross record is 46.84, and his net record is 42.10 — both were set in 2014.
- He shares the team record for longest punt (75 yards) with Kyle Larson.
- His 33 inside-20 punts in 2012 is a single-season franchise record.
- His six inside-20 punts on Sept. 14, 2017 vs. Houston are tied with Lee Johnson (Nov. 2, 1997) for the most in a game in Bengals history.

**Dunlap's PD frenzy:** While he hasn't yet recorded a pass defended so far this season, Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap has a reputation as one of the league's best defensive linemen at batting down passes at the line of scrimmage. And he has the numbers to back it up, too.

Dunlap had eight passes defended in 2018, second-most in the NFL among non-DBs. His eight PDs were the third-highest single-season total of his career, behind the 2013 (10) and '16 (15) seasons. His 2016 total led all Bengals defenders and all other NFL defensive linemen, and it was the first time since Cincinnati began recording defensive stats in 1976 that a Bengals defensive lineman had ever led the team in PDs.

To paint a clearer picture of just how effective Dunlap has been at batting passes, here's a list of non-defensive backs in the NFL with the most passes defended since the start of the 2016 season.

PLAYER	POS	TEAM	PDs SINCE 2016
Alec Ogletree	LB	St. Louis/L.A. Rams/N.Y. Giants .....	32
Carlos Dunlap	DE	Cincinnati .....	30
Deion Jones	LB	Atlanta .....	28
Eric Kendricks	LB	Minnesota .....	25
Cameron Jordan	LB	New Orleans .....	23
Cory Littleton	LB	L.A. Rams .....	28

**Dunlap's, Atkins' dominance = team success:** Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap and DT Geno Atkins entered the NFL together in 2010 as draft picks of the Bengals, and in the 10 seasons since they've established themselves among the top pass-rushing duos in the league. Most importantly though, the record shows that when Dunlap and Atkins are at their most dominant, it usually spells success for Cincinnati.

The Bengals are 10-6 (.625) when Dunlap records more than one sack, and 8-4 (.667) when Atkins records more than one sack. There have been two instances in which both have had more than one sack in the same game (Bengals are 1-1 in those contests), which means Cincinnati is a combined 17-9 (.654) when getting more than one sack from either player.

The Bengals are 7-1 since the beginning of the 2015 season when Dunlap records more than one sack, with the only outlier coming in a 20-17 overtime loss at Denver in 2015. Dunlap had a career-best three sacks in that Denver game and finished 2015 with a career-high 13.5, second-most in Bengals history. Dunlap had one multi-sack game in 2018, which came in a win vs. Tampa Bay in Game 8 (two sacks).



Since 2015, the Bengals are 6-2 when Atkins has more than one sack. The only outliers during that span were losses vs. Houston and at Minnesota in 2017. Atkins had three multi-sack games in 2018 — Game 2 vs. Baltimore (two), Game 5 vs. Miami (two) and Game 14 vs. Oakland (three) — and the Bengals were 3-0 in those contests.

Dunlap and Atkins are under contract with the Bengals through the '21 and '22 seasons, respectively. Dunlap (73.5 career sacks) currently stands second on the Bengals' all-time sack list, and Atkins (72) is third. The Bengals' leader in career sacks is DE Eddie Edwards, with 83.5.

**Dunlap, Atkins neck-and-neck in career sacks:** Just 1.5 sacks separate Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap (73.5 career sacks) and DT Geno Atkins (72), who rank second and third, respectively, on Cincinnati's all-time sack list behind all-time leader Eddie Edwards (83.5). And now that Edwards' record is within sight, the race is on to see which player catches him first.

Atkins, who missed nearly half of the 2013 season with a torn ACL, has more than double the number of sacks of the next-closest interior defensive lineman in Bengals history (Tim Krumrie, 34.5). Atkins in 2018 had a team-high 10 sacks, the third-highest single-season sack total of his career (he had a career-high 12.5 in 2012, and 11 in '15). Atkins has finished with at least a share of the NFL lead for sacks by an interior lineman five times in nine NFL seasons, including in three of the last four years (see "Geno looks to re-claim his crown" below).

Dunlap, a two-time Pro Bowler (2015 and '16) who turned 30 after the '18 season, averaged 8.1 sacks over his first nine NFL seasons, while Edwards averaged just under seven over 12 seasons. In 2015, Dunlap set a career-high in sacks, with 13.5, the second-most in Bengals history. Besides his 73.5 sacks, Dunlap's career totals include 18 FFs, nine FRs, 56 PDs, four blocked FGs and three TDs.

*NOTE: The NFL has counted sacks as official statistics since 1982. However, the Bengals have sack statistics compiled since 1976 and recognize those sacks recorded from '76-81 in its records. Thus, please note that, because the NFL has sacks statistics for all teams only since 1982, the Bengals' sack statistics for players whose careers included seasons prior to '82 will not be included in league information.*

**Geno on HOF pace:** Bengals DT Geno Atkins, who is playing his 10th NFL season in 2019, currently stands at 72 career sacks, third in team history and the most ever by a Bengals interior defensive lineman.

But a closer look reveals that Atkins is on a Hall-of-Fame pace. When compared to defensive tackles in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Atkins compares quite favorably at this point in his career.

Here's a look at the sack totals of notable Hall-of-Fame DTs through their 10th seasons, as well as where they stood at the end of their careers. It should be noted that Atkins missed nearly half of the 2013 season, due to a torn ACL.

*(NOTE: This list includes only DTs whose careers started after 1982, when the NFL began counting sacks as official statistics):*

NAME	YEARS ACTIVE	THRU 10 SEASONS	CAREER SACKS
John Randle.....	1990-2003 .....	106.0 .....	137.5
Warren Sapp.....	1995-2007 .....	79.5 .....	96.5
Geno Atkins .....	2010-present .....	*72.0 .....	*72.0
Cortez Kennedy.....	1990-2000 .....	57.0 .....	58.0

\*—Atkins is three games into his 10th NFL season.

**Geno looks to re-claim his crown:** Bengals DT Geno Atkins in 2019 is looking to reclaim a crown that, for all intents and purposes, has been his for much of this decade. In nine previous NFL seasons (2010-18), Atkins has five times finished in at least a tie for most sacks by an NFL interior defensive lineman. He claimed it outright in 2012 (12.5 sacks), '16 (nine) and '17 (nine), while sharing it in '11 (7.5) and '15 (11).

Last season, though, Atkins (10 sacks) finished in fourth place among interior linemen, and fell two short of the leader (49ers DT DeForest Buckner, 12). It marked the first time in the previous four seasons that Atkins failed to finish in at least a tie for the top spot.

Atkins has just one sack so far this season, but remains within striking distance of the current leaders among interior linemen, Colts DT Denico Autry and Patriots DT Adam Butler (each with 2.5 sacks).

Atkins has been selected to the Pro Bowl seven times in his nine previous seasons. Those seven selections are the most by a Bengals defensive player in team history, just ahead of CB Lemar Parrish (six). No other Bengals defensive

lineman has been selected more than twice. Atkins currently stands at 72 career sacks, the most by a Bengals interior lineman and third overall.

**Rookies get the call to start:** Bengals head coach Zac Taylor raised more than a few eyebrows at his Aug. 25 news conference, when he named two rookies — WR Damion Willis and G Michael Jordan — as starters for Game 1 at Seattle. The announcement, which came prior to the preseason finale, was not only the antithesis of the closely guarded approach many head coaches take with similar information, it signified what some in the media called a meritocracy — Taylor's willingness to play the best players, regardless of experience, salary or draft position.

Willis, a college free agent from Troy, now stands as only the 11th rookie WR ever to start an opener for Cincinnati, and the first to do so since A.J. Green in 2011. All 10 previous Bengals receivers to start an opener were drafted in the fourth round or higher.

Here's a look at the 11 Bengals rookie receivers to start the season-opener, along with their eventual rookie season receiving totals.

YEAR	ROOKIE WR	RECEPTIONS	YDS	TD
2019	Damion Willis.....	*4	*36	*0
2011	A.J. Green .....	65	1057	7
2010	Jordan Shipley.....	52	600	3
2000	Ron Dugans .....	14	125	1
2000	Peter Warrick.....	51	592	4
1985	Eddie Brown .....	53	942	8
1981	Cris Collinsworth .....	67	1009	8
1976	Billy Brooks.....	16	191	0
1973	Isaac Curtis.....	45	843	9
1969	Speedy Thomas .....	33	481	3
1968	Warren McVea .....	21	264	2

\*—Willis has played three games so far in 2019.

Jordan, a fourth-round pick out of Ohio State, won a training-camp battle for the No. 1 LG position after longtime starter Clint Boling retired in July. Jordan now stands as just the 16th Bengals rookie ever to start along the offensive line in an opener, the seventh to ever do so at G, and the seventh to do so after being drafted in the fourth round or lower.

Jordan, though, missed Game 3 at Buffalo with a knee injury, and his status for Monday's game at Pittsburgh is uncertain.

Here's a look at the 16 Bengals rookie offensive linemen to start a season-opener, along with how many games they ended up starting as a rookie.

YEAR	PLAYER	DRAFT ROUND	STARTS
2019	G Michael Jordan .....	4	*2
2018	C Billy Price .....	1	10
2014	C Russell Bodine.....	4	16
2012	G Kevin Zeitler.....	1	16
2011	G Clint Boling .....	4	3
2003	G Eric Steinbach .....	2	15
1996	G Ken Blackman .....	3	10
1996	G Rod Jones .....	7	1
1993	OT Tom Scott .....	6	13
1983	C Dave Rimington .....	1	11
1980	OT Anthony Munoz .....	1	16
1978	C Blair Bush .....	1	16
1971	OT Vernon Holland.....	1	14
1968	OT Howard Fest.....	6	14
1968	C Bob Johnson.....	1	14
1968	G Dave Mendenhall.....	5	13

\*—Jordan has started two of three possible games so far in 2019. He missed Game 3 at Buffalo with a knee injury.

**Bengals draft picks stick in NFL:** A familiar trend has emerged this season regarding which teams have the most keen eye for talent in the draft, and the Bengals are again at the top of the list. As of Monday (9/23), there were 51 players on NFL rosters who entered the NFL as draft picks of the Bengals, one shy of Baltimore for the most of any team in the NFL.

Cincinnati was among the top three teams all of last season as well, and even held a double-digit lead over the second place team early in the year before 13 qualifying players landed on Reserve/Injured. Only players on active 53-man rosters are counted in this data.

Of the 53 players on Cincinnati's active roster on Monday (9/23), 42 entered the NFL with the Bengals — 35 as draft picks, and seven as college free agents.

That total includes OT Andre Smith, a Bengals first-round pick in 2009 who later spent time with Minnesota and Arizona before rejoining Cincinnati.

Of the Bengals' 35 draft picks on their roster, seven were first-round picks (including Smith), seven were second-rounders, five were third-rounders, seven were fourth-rounders, four were fifth-rounders, three were sixth-rounders and two were seventh-rounders.

Here's a look at the teams with the most draft picks on an active NFL roster, as of Monday, Sept. 23.

TEAM	DRAFT PICKS ON NFL ROSTERS
Baltimore Ravens .....	52
Cincinnati Bengals .....	51
San Francisco 49ers.....	48
New England Patriots .....	47
Seattle Seahawks.....	46

**Three Bengals hail from Queen City:** The Bengals have three players — LB Preston Brown, DE Sam Hubbard and P Kevin Huber — who grew up in Greater Cincinnati.

Brown, who grew up in College Hill and attended Northwest High School, is in his second year with the Bengals in 2019. He spent his first four NFL seasons with the Buffalo Bills. After signing with Cincinnati as an unrestricted free agent in March of 2018, Brown called the opportunity "living out a dream."

"When I started looking around (in free agency), I knew there might be a spot here," Brown said. "And the Bengals definitely jumped to the top of my list when I found out they had interest in me as well."

After missing nine games due to multiple injuries in his first Bengals season, Brown is now back for Year 2 as a starting LB.

Hubbard, a Moeller High School alum and former Ohio State standout, is now in his second season with the Bengals. A third-round draft pick (77th overall) a year ago, Hubbard followed up a productive rookie season by earning the Bengals' No. 1 RDE spot in preseason. He's off to a fast start in Year 2, with two sacks through three games.

"It's insane," Hubbard said after being drafted by his hometown Bengals. "Seeing that 513 area code pop up on my phone on draft day was just incredible. To get an opportunity to represent the city of Cincinnati one more time, and to do it for the pro team in this city, is a dream come true. I watched every game the Bengals played. I was there when Carson Palmer got hurt in the playoffs (in the 2005 season). I've just always been a big fan."

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2009. He has played in all but two games throughout his career in Cincinnati,

and he currently stands as the Bengals' career leader in both gross (45.04) and net (39.82) punting average.

Huber and his wife, Mindi, have been active in the local community throughout his Bengals career. The couple started their own charity, The Foundation for Underserved Rescues, which "provides resources and support to underserved Cincinnati-area animal rescues."

It should also be noted that Bengals have a fourth player with Cincinnati ties. Rookie G Michael Jordan was born in Fairfield, Ohio, just outside of Cincinnati, but his family moved and he attended high school in Michigan.

**At the top of the list:** Here's a look at where the Bengals rank — both individually and in team categories — among the top 10 in the NFL.

**ANDY DALTON:**

- Second in passing yards (978).
- Second in pass attempts (129).
- Fifth in completions (81).
- Ninth in completions for first downs (41).
- Tied for fourth in completions of at least 20 yards (14).
- Tied for seventh in completions of at least 40 yards (three).

**TYLER BOYD:**

- Fourth in receptions (24).
- Tied for sixth in third-down receptions (seven).

**JOHN ROSS:**

- Third in receiving yards (292).
- Tied for fourth in receiving TDs (three).
- Tied for second in receptions of at least 20 yards (six).
- Tied for fourth in receptions of at least 40 yards (two).
- Tied for ninth in scoring among non-kickers (18 points).

**DARIUS PHILLIPS:**

- Sixth in kickoff return average (22.8).
- Third in kickoff return yards (137).

**BENGALS OFFENSE:**

- Third in passing yards per game (308.3).
- Second in yards allowed per punt return (1.6).

**Bengal bites:** Three Bengals on the 53-player roster have changed uniform numbers since preseason — CB Darius Phillips now is No. 24, CB B.W. Webb now is No. 23 and WR Damion Willis now is No. 15 ... The tallest Bengal is QB Jake Dolegala, who is 6-7 ... The shortest Bengal is HB Trayveon Williams, who is 5-8 ... There is a tie for heaviest Bengals player between DT Josh Tupou and OT Cordy Glenn, who are both 345 pounds ... The lightest Bengal is CB Tony McRae, who is 185 pounds ... The oldest Bengal is LS Clark Harris, who is 35 (born July 10, 1984) ... The youngest Bengal is G Michael Jordan, who is 21 (Jan. 25, 1998).

**BENGALS QUOTES**

**Bengals president Mike Brown**, on head coach Zac Taylor and a young staff of assistant coaches:

"It's new, it's different, and we're going to find out. You'll get a feel for (Taylor) as they go about it. They all have good certifications, good backgrounds, and I'm as interested as anybody to see just how it fits together out on the field and how it all works. It's going to be quite different for us. That's the fact. I think that's what our fans wanted. They felt we needed that. I think maybe they're right in how they feel."

**Head coach Zac Taylor**, on handling the offensive play-calling responsibilities:

"It leaves you with a lot on your plate, but at the same time I know what I want this thing to look like. (Offensive coordinator) Brian Callahan and I are in lockstep. We're on the same page, along with all the other coaches in this offense. It may be me calling the plays, but everybody has input. Even at practice, I'm listening to Brian and some of the other coaches talk about ideas. Even though it's coming out of my mouth, it doesn't mean the ideas for play-calls are solely coming from me. (Communication between us) is something we try to iron out in practice — we try to make it as game-like as possible — and it's important that everyone is equally involved."

**WR A.J. Green**, on new head coach Zac Taylor's approach to team practices:

"Playing with (former Bengals head) coach (Marvin) Lewis, it was all about the defense. You didn't show up the defense at practice. But at OTA No. 1 (this year), Zac was like, 'We're going to kick the defense's butt.' That's what we like to hear on offense. I love the way he teaches. He's not yelling at you — he's

teaching every little detail and having you understand why we run it a certain way."

**QB Andy Dalton**, on the changes that have occurred under new head coach Zac Taylor:

"With Zac getting here and the whole change, and trying to make it feel new and feel different, I think he's done great. From the day he stepped in here, you felt the change. Obviously he had a plan for what he wanted, and they're doing it. You can see it with all the construction (around the building) and the way the staff came together. They're all in for what Zac is wanting to do."

**Offensive coordinator Brian Callahan**, on the offense being temporarily without A.J. Green, who was injured early in training camp:

"Listen, we all want A.J. out there. Everyone wants him. When you have those guys, you find ways to use them. But there are plenty of instances where you may not have him. You always stay true to what you believe offensively is going to help you win the game. If that involves featuring matchups with a guy as dynamic as A.J., then that's going to be part of it. If we don't have that piece, we will move the pieces around to get us the best matchups that help us win the game. That's what our system is designed to do — move pieces wherever we need them."

**Taylor**, on playing time being based on merit and not experience (referencing rookies Damion Willis and Michael Jordan earning starting positions, along with fourth-year player Trey Hopkins):

"I wouldn't say that we're trying to make a statement in any way, shape or form. The guys that have earned opportunities will get them. We haven't factored



experience into our decision making. That's not the way we are approaching it. We're approaching it as they've earned that time (with their performances) in practice and in preseason games. We feel like they have our trust, so let's get them out there and let them go compete. We've done a really good job — especially in this last draft — of bringing in new guys who have the right mindset, and these moments aren't too big for them."

**Taylor**, on the progression and play of WR Damion Willis, who was named a starter in place of injured WR A.J. Green for Games 1 and 2:

"He's been steadily improving. I wouldn't say that there have been any setbacks. You see undrafted rookie receivers that often times flash (their abilities) and then take a step back, and then they flash again and take a step back again. That hasn't been the case with Damion. He has continued to make plays every time we've called his number. Ultimately, that's what we need from those guys — to be playmakers."

**Callahan**, on WR Damion Willis, who was named a starter in place of injured WR A.J. Green for Games 1 and 2:

"I'm so happy for Damion. I'm pleased and proud at the same time. He has come out of nowhere and earned it. He has flat-out earned it. What better story is there for anybody to get excited about?"

**WR John Ross III**, on the play of WR Damion Willis:

"He's amazing; you can see it. I told him that I haven't seen anyone as talented as him with no buzz in a long time. I just told him to keep working, because I don't think his game has limits. He's a complete player — that's what makes him special — and he catches the ball really well. He makes tough catches, and he's smart. The kid can play. I told him to just keep that mentality and he's going to be really good, because not a lot of people are blessed with the things he has."

**Ross**, on his outlook for his third NFL season:

"Not to make excuses, but I haven't put my best foot forward in preparing my body physically. Mentally, I don't think I've been there each year, based on me not being ready. Now, given a full offseason, working with T.J. (Houshmandzadeh), coming here, speaking to Coach Taylor and Coach (Bob) Bicknell — I feel like I'm more ready than I've ever been."

**Dalton**, on WR John Ross:

"You can't coach speed, and that's one thing he definitely has. Anytime you put a guy with his elite speed on the field, that changes everything. We are excited to have him in this offense. He's going to have a big role in what we do this year."

**Taylor**, on WR Auden Tate:

"Where Auden has been consistent is he's got aggressive hands and he's tough. Those are two traits that you love. He's a guy you can find a role for in this offense. He looks like a tight end playing wide receiver. He's physical in the run game, he has a great catch radius, he catches the ones you throw to him, and he's hard to take down. When his number has been called, he's produced for us."

**Taylor**, on HB Giovani Bernard, who signed a contract extension on Sept. 3:

"He's consistent with his approach every day. You know what you're getting from him. He's very detailed with his craft — he's a good runner, he's a good receiver and he's a good protector. He fits all three of those traits that you want in a running back, and particularly in a No. 2 running back, because Joe gets the majority of the touches. Gio has always been reliable and goes about it the right way. He sets a great example for the other players on this team. He's very deserving of what he received (with a contract extension) and I'm happy for him."

**Taylor**, on offensive line coach Jim Turner:

"Our experience working together (in the past) has great value. We see protections the same way, we see the run game the same way (and) the cadences the same way. We are always on the same page. ... I believe in Jim. I've seen him coach for six years live and in person now. I've seen what he has gotten out of players and the way he has developed players. Jim's attention to detail is unmatched. Our offensive linemen are going to be disciplined and know how we want it done. I don't believe in anybody more than I believe in Jim to get that job done."

**Offensive line coach Jim Turner**, on rookie G Michael Jordan being named a starter:

"Mike jumped out at us at Ohio State. He jumped out at us on tape, and I went up there and interviewed him. The scouts loved him, I loved him, and obviously he was the right decision. He's just very smart, very physical, and he's ready to play. He's the guy we think can help us win right now at left guard."

**Dalton**, on rookie G Michael Jordan being named a starter:

"He's going to get a lot of experience early on in his career. He's been great so far. He keeps getting better. One thing about him is that he's a guy with size that can move well too. And he has a good understanding of everything that we're doing. I'm glad for him. He's earned that spot."

**Turner**, on C Trey Hopkins being named a starter:

"We feel like, right now, Trey can help us win at center better than anybody else on our team. As far as the performance of playing center and all the things that go into that position, Trey's got a lot of experience. When you watch the tape over Trey's career, he has done a heck of a job, and he has developed into a heck of a player. We expect a lot out of him now, having given him this responsibility."

**HB Joe Mixon**, on his approach for the season:

"(I will do) as much as I have to do individually and as much as I can for the team, to put ourselves on top. If it takes 250 (carries), I'm going to take 250. If it takes 400, that's what I'm going to do. At the end of the day, every touch counts. I've always been a one-play-away guy until I just break, and I'll continue to do that. If it takes 400 touches, then that's what I'm going to want."

**Taylor**, on rookie TE Drew Sample:

"He's a gritty player. He really just has a special knack in all three phases — pass protection, run blocking and being a receiver. (The first preseason game) was his welcome-to-the-NFL moment. I thought he played much better (the next at Washington), and he's only going to improve with every single game he plays against a different defensive line and different linebackers he will have to go against. We are only going to see him improve. I'm very pleased with the direction he is headed in."

**Callahan**, on TEs C.J. Uzomah and Tyler Eifert:

"There's no question — when we put those guys in different positions in formations, they can do a lot for us both as coverage indicators and as pieces in the passing game. On top of that, they can run block well. We're going to be able to run a lot of different things with them in the lineup."

**Tight ends coach James Casey**, on using TEs C.J. Uzomah and Tyler Eifert on the field at the same time:

"It opens up so many possibilities with both those guys on the field. I don't think C.J. gets enough credit for how well he runs and catches the ball, and I don't think Tyler gets enough credit for how well he does blocking."

**S Shawn Williams**, on new defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo:

"There isn't a big difference in the playbook — there's actually a lot of carryover. But there's no gray. I want to say it's simplifying everything, but it's really not, because some aspects are the same. There's no gray, so we can play fast. Everything is simple. No hesitation."

**CB B.W. Webb**, on new defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo:

"Lou is very strategic about what he calls and has a lot of confidence in his players. That's very big for us — for our confidence — when a coach trusts you enough to put you in certain positions against the opponent's best players. He knows what the offense wants to do against us, so he just prepares us throughout the week, and we trust him."

**Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo**, on his philosophy:

"It's to make sure that we allow the players to play as fast as possible. Whatever their job description is on a particular play, if it's clear cut, they can do it faster. That's with any job on the planet. If I'm supposed to put concrete over there, I can do it quick. If I'm not sure where to put it, I'm going to do it slower."

**Anarumo**, on DE Carl Lawson:

"He's a powerful guy. I watched Cam Wake do it for six years (with the Miami Dolphins). Carl has the same body type and can also jack up 300-pound tackles in the run game. And Carl has that same kind explosion. I think Carl's an all-around player and a three-down guy for us, for sure."

## POSITION BY POSITION

**Quarterbacks:** Veteran **Andy Dalton** takes the reins as the Bengals' starting QB for the ninth consecutive season. Through three games, Dalton ranks second in the NFL in passing yards (978), second in attempts (93) and fifth in completions (81). In Week 3 against Buffalo, Dalton rushed for a one-yard touchdown that tied the game at 14 and snapped his two-year drought of being held out of the end zone. More notably, the TD was the 20th of his career (19 rushing, one receiving), which tied QB Ken Anderson for most TDs by a QB in team history. Dalton is now tied with Dallas QB Dak Prescott for the second-most rushing TDs by a QB (19) since 2011. In the opener at Seattle, he posted career-highs in completions (35) and passing yards (418), en route to a 106.5 passer rating. Dalton's 418 passing yards against the Seahawks are the second-most in game this season, behind Patrick Mahomes' 443-yard passing performance against the Oakland Raiders in Week 2. Dalton owns a 68-53-2 regular-season record as a starter, good for the top winning percentage (.561) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts. He stands as the Bengals' all-time leader in career passer rating (88.8) and 300-yard passing games (26), and is second in career completions (2524), passing yards (29,078), passing TDs (193) and completion percentage (62.32). His 193 career TD passes and 107 INTs are good for a ratio of 1.80-to-1, the best in Bengals history ahead of second-place Carson Palmer at 1.54-to-1 (154-100). Dalton has posted 47 career games with a passer rating at or above 100, and the Bengals' record in those contests is 39-8 (.830). The Bengals traded up in April's draft to select N.C. State's **Ryan Finley** in the fourth round. Finley jumped from third to second on the Bengals' QB depth chart after a strong preseason in which he notched a 99.3 passer rating. Touted by scouts for his accuracy and football intelligence, Finley left N.C. State with the top career completion percentage (.645) in school history. Despite playing only three seasons (2016-18) at N.C. State, Finley finished his career ranked third in ACC history in both passing yards (10,505) and 300-yard passing games (18). Finley began his college career at Boise State (2013-15), then graduated and played his final three seasons ('16-18) at N.C. State. Perhaps the biggest surprise of training camp was the play of college free agent **Jake Dolegala** of Central Connecticut State, a tall (6-foot-7), athletic and strong-armed passer who impressed in a little more than one game of action in preseason. Dolegala set school records in college for career passing yards (8129) and TDs (48).

**Running backs:** **Joe Mixon** now is in his third season with the Bengals, after a 2018 season in which he rushed for 1168 yards and became the first Cincinnati RB ever to lead the AFC in rushing yards in a season (Paul Robinson led the AFL in rushing as a rookie in 1968). Mixon had his most productive game of the season against Buffalo, posting 95 yards from scrimmage, including 61 rushing yards, a 33-yard reception and a one-yard TD catch in the fourth quarter. In 31 career games (23 starts), Mixon has five 100-yard rushing performances, 10 games of at least 100 yards from scrimmage and the eighth-most rushing yards (1882) since the start of 2017. Also a threat through the air, he has caught 80 career passes for 634 yards and two TDs. A 2017 second-round pick out of Oklahoma, Mixon began his rookie season listed as the Bengals' No. 3 HB, but he worked his way to the No. 1 spot by mid-season. **Giovani Bernard**, a 2013 second-round pick of the Bengals, again serves in the No. 2 HB role behind Mixon. In the opener at Seattle, Bernard caught two passes for 42 yards, including a 35-yarder on a screen pass, which was his longest gain since 2017 when he had a 61-yard catch at Cleveland on Oct. 1. Bernard ranks second in Bengals history in both receptions (270) and receiving yards (2334) by a RB, trailing only James Brooks (297 and 3012). Brooks played seven Bengals seasons (1984-91), and Bernard in 2019 is in his seventh season. Bernard also owns the Bengals' record for receiving yards in a game by a RB (128), which he set in 2015 at Arizona, and his 89-yard TD run vs. Carolina in '14 stands as the second-longest rush in team history. New to the Bengals' backfield this season is rookie sixth-round pick **Trayveon Williams** of Texas A&M. Williams suffered a foot injury in preseason, which caused him to miss the first three games of the regular season (inactive for Games 1-2, active/DNP in Game 3). In three seasons at A&M, Williams amassed 4176 yards from scrimmage and 35 total TDs. Last season, Williams led the Southeastern Conference in rushing yards (1760) and TDs (18), while ranking second among SEC running backs in receptions (27) and third in receiving yards (278). Adding depth to the running backs room is HB **Samaje Perine**, a waiver acquisition from the Washington Redskins after roster cut-downs. Perine has been a regular contributor on special teams, totaling two tackles which is tied for the team lead. A fourth-round pick of Washington in 2017, Perine rushed for 635 yards and a TD on 183 carries in two seasons with the Redskins. In college at Oklahoma, Perine shared the backfield with Mixon, and the two formed one of college football's most productive running back tandems. In 2014 at Oklahoma, Perine rushed for an NCAA single-game record 427 yards vs. Kansas.

**Wide receivers:** **Tyler Boyd** has stepped into the No. 1 receiving role to start the season, while **A.J. Green** rehabs from an ankle injury suffered in the first practice of training camp. Boyd has gotten off to a fast start in 2019, and ranks fourth in the NFL in receptions (24). Boyd's 24 receptions so far also count as the third-most in Bengals history through the first three games of a season. To start the season, Boyd has at least six receptions in each game, marking the second time in his career he's made six or more catches in three consecutive games. Boyd led the team in targets, receptions and receiving yards against San Francisco, while posting double-digit catches and his fourth career 100-yard receiving game. Boyd's 1000-yard season in 2018 was the first of his career, and the first by a Bengal other than Green since Chad Johnson in 2009. Boyd has become among the most reliable and productive receivers in the league on third down, and is currently tied for sixth in the NFL with seven third-down receptions. All seven of those third-down receptions have converted first downs. In 2018, Boyd tied for the league lead with 22 third-down catches that resulted in first downs, a total that also counted as the most by a Bengal since T.J. Houshmandzadeh's 26 in 2008. Boyd has caught at least one pass in all 43 of his career games. Originally a 2016 second-round pick of the Bengals, Boyd signed a contract extension in July that will keep him in Cincinnati through the 2023 season. **John Ross III**, the Bengals' first-round pick out of Washington in 2017, is off to a fast start in his third NFL season. Ross is currently third in the NFL in receiving yards (292), and his three receiving TDs are tied for fourth. Against San Francisco, Ross posted his second consecutive 100-yard game, which included a career-long 66-yard TD reception. The reception is the longest by a Bengals player since Green's 70-yard TD catch on Nov. 12, 2017 at Tennessee. Ross' Week 2 performance followed his breakout performance in the season-opener at Seattle, where he notched career-highs in receptions (seven), receiving yards (158) and TDs (two). His catches went for 33 yards on a flea-flicker, and a 55-yard pass to give the Bengals the lead at the half. Last season, Ross accumulated seven TDs on 21 catches which was the highest percentage in the NFL in 2018 and tied with TE Bob Trumpy in 1976 (seven TDs, 21 catches) and WR Isaac Curtis in '74 (10 TDs, 30 receptions) for highest TD percentage for a season in Bengals history. Known for his record-breaking speed, his 4.22-second 40-yard dash at the 2017 NFL Combine is considered to be the fastest in the event's history. Second-year pro **Auden Tate**, a 6-5 WR out of Florida State, carved out a roster spot out of training camp for the second straight year, after another strong preseason showing. Tate started Game 3 at Buffalo had a career day, posting career-highs in receptions (six) and receiving yards (88), while making his first NFL career start. **Damion Willis**, a college free agent out of Troy who entered training camp as a long shot to even make the roster, is now just the 11th WR to start a season-opener for the Bengals; all 10 of the previous players to do it were drafted in the fourth round or higher. Willis has four catches for 36 yards so far this season. **Alex Erickson**, who has served as the Bengals' No. 1 PR and KOR since joining the team as a CFA in 2016, has seen time throughout his career at both returner spots, WR and emergency RB. Erickson has played in all 51 games of his NFL career and posted 44 catches for 473 yards and a TD. Regarding ninth-year wideout Green, his climb up the Bengals' record books is temporarily on hold, while he rehabs from an ankle injury suffered in Cincinnati's first training camp practice. Green has not yet played in 2019, and Bengals head coach Zac Taylor says there is no specific timeline for Green's return. Taylor on Monday did say that Green will not play in Monday's game at Pittsburgh. Last season, Green was limited by a toe injury to just nine games, and for the first time in his eight seasons missed out on earning a Pro Bowl nod. Green, though, still stands as the only NFL WR since the 1970 merger to start his career with seven consecutive Pro Bowl nominations. Green's seven Pro Bowl selections are tied with DT Geno Atkins for second in Bengals history, behind HOF OT Anthony Munoz (11). Despite his limited action in 2018, Green finished second on the team in receptions (46), receiving yards (694) and receiving TDs (six); it was the first time in his eight seasons he did not lead the team in receptions and receiving yards. Green currently ranks second in team history in career receptions (602) and receiving yards (8907); Chad Johnson, who played 10 seasons with the seasons, is first in both categories (751 and 10,783). Green is the Bengals' all-time leader in 100-yard receiving games (33), after passing Johnson (31) last season.

**Tight ends:** Fifth-year pro **C.J. Uzomah**, who signed a three-year contract extension (through 2021) with the Bengals over the offseason, is listed as the No. 1 TE on the Bengals' depth chart. Uzomah's four catches for 66 yards so far this season were all posted in Game 1 at Seattle. Uzomah's 66 yards against the Seahawks are a career-high. Last season, Uzomah notched career-highs in catches (43), receiving yards (439) and TDs (three). **Tyler Eifert** entered 2019 healthy, after being limited to just 14 games from 2016-18 due to back and

ankle injuries. Eifert, whose season ended after four games last season due to a serious ankle injury, has played in all three games so far this season and has nine catches for 54 yards and a TD. In Week 2 against San Francisco, Eifert collected a one-yard TD in the first quarter, which was his first time reaching the end zone since his 15-yard score against the Atlanta Falcons on Sept. 30, 2018. When healthy, Eifert has proved to be among the top pass-catching TEs in the NFL. In 2015, Eifert caught 13 TDs (in just 13 games), the most ever by a Bengals TE. Cincinnati invested a second-round pick in April's draft in **Drew Sample** of Washington, who was touted by scouts as a well-rounded prospect who excels in the blocking game. Sample has two catches for 25 yards so far this season. In college, Sample was a key part of a blocking effort that helped Washington RB Myles Gaskin top 1200 rushing yards and score double-digit TDs in each of his four seasons. Cethan Carter, a third-year player out of Nebraska, is healthy again this year after missing all of 2018 with a shoulder injury suffered in the preseason finale.

**Offensive linemen:** Rookie G **Michael Jordan**, a Bengals fourth-round pick and the youngest player on the roster (turns 22 in January), is listed as the Bengals No. 1 LG this season. Jordan entered training camp as a long shot for the job, with several veterans in front of him, but strong performances in practices and preseason games prompted Zac Taylor to announce Jordan as a starter on Aug. 25, prior to the final preseason game. In the season-opener at Seattle, Jordan became just the 16th Bengals rookie to start on the offensive line in an opener, the seventh to do so at G, and the seventh to do so after being drafted in the fourth round or lower. Jordan left the Week 2 game against San Francisco after suffering a left knee injury in the fourth quarter. He was inactive for Game 3 at Buffalo, and his status for Monday Night Football in Pittsburgh is uncertain. Jordan, a three-year starter in college at Ohio State, is one of only six players, and the first offensive lineman since Pro Football Hall of Famer Orlando Pace in 1994, to ever start an opening game as a true freshman at OSU. At RG this season is **John Miller**, an unrestricted free agent signee who spent his first four seasons with the Buffalo Bills. At 6-3, 315, Miller is considered a powerful run-blocker and helped the Bills rank in the top 10 in rushing offense in each of his four seasons with the team. In 47 career starts with the Bills, Miller helped the team top 100 net yards rushing 33 times, and top 200 yards 10 times. Between Jordan and Miller at center is veteran **Trey Hopkins**, who won the starting center job after a strong preseason. Hopkins, now in his sixth season in Cincinnati, is known for his intelligence, versatility (has started all three interior OL spots during his career) and experience (24 career starts). **Bobby Hart** again holds down the ROT position, after starting all 16 games there last season. Hart was originally a seventh-round pick of the N.Y. Giants in 2015 and spent his first three seasons there, before joining Cincinnati in the '18 offseason. The Bengals invested a first-round pick in OT **Jonah Williams** of Alabama, who was slated as the 2019 starter at LOT, but a shoulder injury suffered in OTAs will cause Williams to miss most or all of his rookie season (currently on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform). Instead, veteran **Cordy Glenn**, last year's No. 1 LOT who had been slated to move inside to LG, returns back outside to LOT. Glenn, who has played all 91 of his career NFL games at LOT, was acquired in a trade with Buffalo during the 2018 offseason. Glenn, though, missed the final two preseason games and first three regular-season games with a concussion, and his status for Monday's game vs. Pittsburgh is unknown. Providing depth at all of the interior offensive line positions is former first-round pick **Billy Price**, who was selected 21st overall out of Ohio State in 2018. Price played last season as the Bengals' No. 1 C but was limited to just 10 games by a foot injury. Price made his first start of the season, and first professional start at LG in Game 3 at Buffalo, subbing for the injured Jordan. Backing up both OT positions is veteran **Andre Smith**, the Bengals' 2009 first-round draft choice. Smith has replaced Glenn as the starting LOT in Games 1-3. Smith, who has played the majority of his 10 NFL seasons with Cincinnati, re-signed with the Bengals as a free agent on July 25. His career totals include 113 games played, with 96 starts. Also providing depth at G and OT is veteran **John Jerry**, who signed with the Bengals in June after Williams' injury. Jerry has seen time in Games 2-3 after not playing in the season-opener at Seattle. Jerry has valuable experience under offensive line coach Jim Turner and head coach Zac Taylor from their time together with the Miami Dolphins. Jerry has played in 123 career games, with 101 starts, and has twice filled in as a starter at LOT in previous seasons. G **Alex Redmond**, who last year started 15 games at RG, will miss the first four games of the season due to a suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances.

**Defensive linemen:** Considered one of the top interior defensive linemen in football, 10th-year DT **Geno Atkins** again anchors the Bengals' defensive line and continues his climb up the Bengals' all-time sack list. Atkins

recorded his first sack of the season against Buffalo (a two-yard loss), bringing his career total to 72 sacks, third-most in team history, most by a Bengals interior lineman and 11.5 shy of the all-time lead. Atkins in 2018 led the Bengals in sacks (10) for the fifth time in his career. In his nine previous seasons, Atkins has finished in at least a share of the NFL lead for sacks by an interior defensive lineman five different times — he claimed it outright three times (2012, '16, '17) and shared it twice ('11 and '15). Atkins has 12 career games with more than one sack, and the Bengals are 8-4 in those contests, including 6-2 since 2015 and 3-0 last season. Atkins' seven Pro Bowl selections are the most ever by a Bengals defensive player, and tied with teammate A.J. Green for the second-most in team history behind Hall of Fame OT Anthony Munoz (11). Standing in second place on the Bengals' all-time career sack list is 10th-year DE **Carlos Dunlap**, whose 73.5 sacks stand 1.5 ahead of Atkins and just 10 shy of all-time leader Eddie Edwards (83.5). Dunlap already has one sack this season, which he registered in Game 1 at Seattle. Dunlap has 16 career games with more than one sack, and the Bengals are 10-6 in those contests, including 7-1 since the beginning of 2015. Also considered one of the NFL's most proficient defensive linemen at batting down passes, Dunlap's 30 PDs from 2016-18 were the most in the NFL among non-defensive backs. In 2016, he became the first-ever defensive lineman to lead the Bengals in passes defended (15). And in 2015, Dunlap's career-best 13.5 sacks were the second-most in a season in Bengals history. Fourth-year DT **Andrew Billings** lines up as Cincinnati's No. 1 NT for the second straight season. Last season, Billings started all 16 games and totaled 32 tackles and 2.5 sacks. Billings missed his entire rookie season in 2016 due to a knee injury (meniscus tear) suffered early in training camp, and then saw rotational action in '17 before taking over the full-time NT duties in '18. Second-year DE **Sam Hubbard**, a Cincinnati native (Archbishop Moeller High School), has taken over at RDE this season. In Game 3 at Buffalo, Hubbard posted six tackles (five solo) and collected his second career forced fumble (Bengals recovered) after stripping the ball from Bills RB T.J. Yeldon. Hubbard made his first career start in the opener at Seattle, and recorded a team-high 10 tackles, including two sacks of Seahawks QB Russell Wilson. Hubbard played in all 16 games as a rookie in 2018, and totaled six sacks on the season. Third-year DE **Carl Lawson**, considered one of the Bengals' most talented young defenders, has returned to action this season after having his 2018 campaign cut short by a torn ACL in his right knee. Lawson turned heads in 2017, when his 8.5 sacks led all NFL rookies and tied for the second-most ever by a Bengals rookie. In his second game back from injury, Lawson suffered a right hamstring injury in the third quarter against San Francisco and did not return. He was an active/DNP in Game 3 at Buffalo, and his status for Week 4 in Pittsburgh is unknown. Third-year DT **Ryan Glasgow**, who also suffered a torn ACL in his right knee early last season, returned to action for Games 1-2, but missed Game 3 at Buffalo due to a thigh injury. His availability against Pittsburgh is uncertain. New to the roster this season is veteran DE **Kerry Wynn**, an unrestricted free agent signee who spent his first five seasons with the N.Y. Giants. Wynn played in 63 career games (15 starts) for the Giants, and totaled 122 tackles and 4.5 sacks. Wynn played in Games 1-2, but missed Game 3 at Buffalo due to a concussion. Wynn's status for Monday Night Football at Pittsburgh is unknown. The only rookie on the defensive line entering 2019 is DT **Renell Wren**, a fourth-round pick out of Arizona State. Wren has played in two games (Games 1 and 3) so far this season (no statistics). At a massive 6-5, 318 pounds, Wren totaled 14.5 tackles for losses and three sacks in four seasons at ASU. Veteran DT **Josh Tupou**, who is tied for the heaviest Bengal on the roster, adds a massive run-stuffing presence to the middle of the Bengals' defensive line. After missing the final six games of 2018 due to a torn pectoral muscle, Tupou has appeared in all three games this season, and he made his first career start in Week 3 at Buffalo. Rounding out the Bengals' defensive line is DE **Andrew Brown**, a 2018 Bengals fifth-round draft pick out of Virginia who made a successful roster bid in training camp this year after spending his rookie season on Cincinnati's practice squad and Practice Squad/Injured list (hand). Brown was the Gatorade National Player of the Year coming out of high school in 2013, and totaled 26.5 TFLs and 10.5 sacks in four seasons at UVA.

**Linebackers:** The Bengals' linebackers are led in 2019 by fourth-year pro **Nick Vigil**, who has started all three games at LB this season, and has 14 tackles. Last season, Vigil finished third on the team in tackles (84), despite missing five games due to a knee injury. Vigil had three games of 10 or more tackles in 2018, including a 17-tackle performance in the season finale at Pittsburgh. Lining up next to Vigil is sixth-year pro and Cincinnati native (Northwest High School) **Preston Brown**, who is in his second season with the Bengals. Brown has started all three games this season and ranks third on the team in tackles (22). Brown recovered a fumble and totaled two special teams tackles in Game 3 at Buffalo. In Game 2 vs. San Francisco, Brown recorded a team-high 14 tackles. In Game 1 at Seattle, Brown had four tackles and forced a

fumble (Bengals recovered). When healthy, Brown has proved to be one of the NFL's most productive tacklers, after recording an NFL-best 504 combined tackles from 2014-17. Third-year pro **Jordan Evans**, a 2017 sixth-round pick of the Bengals, has seen time mainly as a rotational linebacker over his three seasons in Cincinnati, with 32 games played and nine starts. The Bengals this year invested a third-round draft pick on **Germaine Pratt** of North Carolina State, who began his college career at S before switching to LB. Last season was Pratt's first as a starting LB, and he ended up leading the Wolfpack in tackles (104) and earning first-team All-ACC honors. **LaRoy Reynolds**, the newest Bengals LB, joins the club after signing as a free agent on Sept. 10. Reynolds, a seventh-year player out of the University of Virginia, has previously spent time with the Jaguars, Bears, Falcons and Eagles. For his career, Reynolds has 85 career games played (seven starts) with 82 tackles and two fumble recoveries.

**Defensive backs:** Considered one of Cincinnati's top young defenders, **William Jackson III** is in his fourth season as a Bengal, and second as a full-time starting CB. Jackson, the Bengals' first-round pick in 2016, collected his second career interception in Week 2 with a 19-yard pick off of San Francisco QB Jimmy Garoppolo. His other career INT is a 75-yard pick-six of Packers QB Aaron Rodgers in 2017. Manning the other starting CB spot for the fifth straight season is **Dre Kirkpatrick**, a first-round pick of the Bengals in 2012. Kirkpatrick got off to a strong start in the season-opener in Seattle, posting five tackles, including a sack, along with a fumble recovery. Kirkpatrick added six more tackles and a pass defended in Game 2 vs. San Francisco. Kirkpatrick struggled with a shoulder injury late last season and missed three games, but he's proven mostly durable over his career, playing in 93 of the last 99 possible games (including postseason). Kirkpatrick has 10 career INTs, one behind teammate **Shawn Williams** (11) for the lead among active Bengals. Williams, a 2013 third-round draft pick, fills a starting S position for the fourth straight season. Through three games, Williams ranks tied for second on the team in tackles (22). Williams posted a team-high nine tackles in Game 3 at Buffalo. At the other safety spot, second-year pro **Jessie Bates III**. After leading the team in tackles (111) a year ago, Bates currently leads the Bengals with 23 tackles this season. In Game 2 vs. San Francisco, Bates collected his fourth career double-digit tackle performance (10). At nickel DB, the Bengals turn to veteran CB **B.W. Webb**. Webb left Game 2 vs. San Francisco with a right arm injury, and was inactive for Game 3 at Buffalo. His availability for Monday Night Football in Pittsburgh is uncertain. An unrestricted free agent signee over the offseason, Webb has spent time with the N.Y. Giants (2018), Cleveland ('17), New Orleans ('16), Tennessee ('15), Pittsburgh ('14) and Dallas ('13). Last season with the Giants, Webb's defensive backs coach was current Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo. Adding depth at safety is **Clayton Fejedelem**, a seventh-round pick of the Bengals in 2016 who has become a core special teams player and valuable reserve on defense. Fejedelem has played in all 51 possible games over his career (six starts), and he's led the Bengals in special teams tackles in each of his first three seasons. Adding depth at CB is 2018 fifth-round pick **Darius Phillips**, who has seen increased time in the CB rotation this year in addition to full-time KOR duties. In Game 3 at Buffalo, Phillips collected his first career interception in the third quarter, when he picked off Bills QB Josh

Allen and returned it 27 yards. In college at Western Michigan, Phillips ranked as one of the top returners in college football history and set the FBS record with 12 total returns for TDs (five KOR, one PR, five INT, three FRs). S **Brandon Wilson**, a 2017 sixth-round pick of the Bengals, has seen limited time on defense throughout his career but is considered a valuable part of Cincinnati's special teams units. In Game 3, Wilson forced a fumble by Bills QB Josh Allen, but it was deemed that the ball was recovered by the Bengals out of bounds. CB **Tony McRae**, a rotational defensive player and special teams regular, also returns in 2019. McRae has played in 20 career games for Cincinnati and has nine tackles on defense and nine on special teams.

**Special teams:** WR **Alex Erickson** has held the Bengals' No. 1 PR and KOR positions since joining the team as a CFA in 2016. Erickson, though, has seen more action at WR early this season due to injuries at that position group, so the Bengals have taken him off of KOR return duty. He still serves as the No. 1 PR and has posted 76 yards on 10 punt returns. Last season, Erickson averaged 26.2 yards on kickoff returns, and his 1049 kickoff return yards were second-most in the NFL. Erickson also averaged a career-best 10.6 yards per punt return last season. As a rookie in 2016, Erickson posted an AFC-best 27.9-yard average on kickoff returns, the second-best mark in team history. Eighth-year pro **Randy Bullock** has served as the Bengals' placekicker since midway through the 2016 season, when he joined Cincinnati on waivers from Pittsburgh. Bullock is six-for-six so far this season on PATs, and four-for-six on FG attempts. Handling punting duties again this season is 11th-year pro **Kevin Huber**, the longest-tenured Bengal on the roster. Huber, a Cincinnati native (McNicholas High School), stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (783), punting yards (35,264) gross average (45.04), net average (39.82) and inside-20 punts (271). He also shares the franchise record for longest punt (75), and owns the Bengals' best career ratio for inside-20s to touchbacks (4.30-to-1; 271-63). Huber, who also serves as the holder for placekicks, has played in 166 of 168 possible games (including postseason) since joining the team as a fifth-round draft pick in 2009. LS **Clark Harris**, the oldest Bengal on the roster at 35, has served as the Bengals' long snapper since midway through the 2009 season. Harris has been a paragon of reliability throughout his career in Cincinnati, with no unplayable snaps in 1455 attempts as a Bengal (780 punts, 675 placekicks). In 2017, Harris became the first-ever Bengals long snapper to earn a Pro Bowl nod. Harris has also been solid in kick coverage throughout his time in Cincinnati, with 33 career special teams tackles. The Bengals return three of their top four special teams tacklers from a year ago, including S **Clayton Fejedelem**, whose 13 tackles led the team. Fejedelem led the Bengals in special teams snaps in each of his first three seasons (2016-18) and led the team in special teams tackles in each of the last two seasons. Fejedelem has made a mark on special teams outside of kick coverage as well — last season, he had a blocked punt and ran for a first down on a fake punt. S **Brandon Wilson**, a 2017 sixth-round pick out of Houston, ranked second in special teams tackles last year. Known for his speed, Wilson excels on punt and kick coverage. Wilson's special teams ability was on full display in Game 2 vs. San Francisco, when he collected a team-high two special teams tackles. CB **Tony McRae**, who ranked fourth on the team in special teams tackles last season, is also known for his speed and figures to contribute heavily on punt and kick coverage.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### 2019

- Sept. 24 — Beginning on the Tuesday following the third weekend of regular-season games, the claiming priority is based on the inverse order of the standing of clubs in the current season's games.
- Mid-Oct. — Beginning on the sixth calendar day prior to a club's seventh regular-season game (including any bye week) clubs are permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness (if the player failed his preseason physical due to a non-football injury or illness) for a period not to exceed 21 days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period, provided that no player may be activated to participate in a Week Six game.
- Mid-Oct. — At any time after six weeks have elapsed since a player was placed on Reserve/Injured or Reserve/Non-Football Injury/Illness, each club is permitted to designate two players for return from either list to the Club's 53-player Active/Inactive List.  
A player who is "Designated For Return" must have suffered

- a major football-related injury or non-football-related injury or illness after reporting to training camp and passing his preseason physical examination and must have been placed on the applicable Reserve List after 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day following the final roster reduction.
- A player whom the Club wishes to designate for return is permitted to return to practice for a period not to exceed 21 days. The Club is required to notify the League office that the player has been "Designated For Return" on the first day the player begins to practice. The player cannot be returned to the Active/Inactive List until eight games have elapsed since the date he was placed on Reserve.
- Oct. 15-16 — Fall League Meeting, Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- Oct. 29 — All trading ends for 2019 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
- Oct. 30 — Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons are subject to the waiver system for the remainder of the regular season and postseason.
- Nov. 4 — Any increase in a player's 2019 Salary from a renegotiation or extension that is received by the Management Council after 4 p.m. Eastern, on this day, will be treated as Signing Bonus, and prorated over the entire term of the Player

- Nov. 12 — Contract, including 2019.
- Nov. 12 — At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.
- Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their unsigned Franchise and Transition Players, including Franchise Players who were eligible to receive Offer Sheets until this date. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
- Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the “May 7 Tender” was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
- Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the “June 1 Tender” was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
- Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Drafted Rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
- Nov. 28, 30,  
Dec. 2 — Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the last business day prior to a club’s Week 13 game for reinstatement of players in Reserve List categories of Retired, Did Not Report, and Exclusive Rights, and of players who were placed on Reserve/Left Squad in a previous season.
- Nov. 29 — Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of players who received, or filed a grievance for, the Basic or Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2019 season.
- Dec. 1 — Beginning this date through Jan. 31, 2020, NFL clubs are permitted to conduct non-contact tryouts and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2020, or whose 2019 contracts are due to expire on Feb. 11, 2020. Prior to any tryout or negotiation, NFL clubs must first receive written permission from the player’s CFL club.
- Dec. 1 — All salary paid to a Practice Squad player during the postseason will count as Salary if the player’s practice player contract was executed or renegotiated on or after this date for more than the minimum Practice Squad salary.
- Dec. 10 — NFLMC Labor Seminar, Four Seasons Resort, Las Colinas, Texas.
- Dec. 11 — Special League Meeting, Four Seasons Resort, Las Colinas, Texas.
- Dec. 28 — A claiming period of 24 hours shall be in effect for any waivers requested during the period from the Saturday of the final regular-season weekend through the conclusion of the final postseason game, except for waiver requests on Friday and Saturday of each week, which shall expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday. Assignment of player contracts will be deferred until the first business day after the Pro Bowl or the Super Bowl, whichever occurs later. Terminations of player contracts will occur at the expiration of the claiming period. A club that is participating in the playoffs may sign players whose contracts have been terminated to its Active/Inactive List, Practice Squad, or Reserve/Future List. A club whose playing season has concluded may sign such players to its Reserve/Future List only.
- Dec. 29 — Final Week of Regular-season Games.
- Dec. 30 — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2020 season.
- Dec. 30 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2017 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Dec. 30, 2019, but prior to May 5, 2020 (i.e., not later than May 4).
- Dec. 30 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2017 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2018. Any permissible renegotiated or extended Player Contract will not be considered a Rookie

Contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit Rookie Contracts.

- Dec. 30 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club’s owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club’s 2019 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club’s 2020 Team Salary.

**2020**

- Jan. 4-5 — Wild Card Playoff Games.
- Jan. 5 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that have byes in the Wild Card weekend may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of the Wild Card games.
- Jan. 11-12 — Divisional Playoff Games.
- Jan. 12 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that won their Wild Card games may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of Divisional Playoff games.
- Jan. 13 — NCAA National Championship Game, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Jan. 18 — East-West Shrine Game, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- Jan. 18 — NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California.
- Jan. 19 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 20 — Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2020 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 24.
- Jan. 25 — Senior Bowl, Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Alabama.
- Jan. 26 — NFL Pro Bowl, TBD.
- Jan. 26 — An assistant coach, whose team is participating in the Super Bowl, who has previously interviewed for another club’s head coaching job may have a second interview with such club no later than the Sunday preceding the Super Bowl.
- Jan. 31 — Deadline for NFL clubs to try out and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2020, or whose 2019 contracts are due to expire at noon Eastern, on Feb. 11, 2020.
- Jan. 31 — Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2020 season to notify his former Club in writing.
- Feb. 2 — Super Bowl LIV, Hard Rock Stadium, South Florida.
- Feb. 3 — Deadline for non-playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2020 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 3 — Waiver system begins for 2020. A 24-hour claiming period will be in effect through the Friday prior to the last regular-season game (waiver requests made on Friday and Saturday of each week will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday.) Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons whom a club desires to terminate are not subject to the waiver system until after the trading deadline.
- Feb. 11 — Beginning at noon Eastern, NFL clubs may begin to sign players whose 2020 CFL contracts have expired. Players under contract to a CFL club for the 2020 season or who have an option for the 2020 season are not eligible to be signed.
- Feb. 17 — Deadline for playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2020 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 24-  
March 2 — NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Feb. 25 — First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- Feb. 27 — Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 4(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2020 season.
- March 2 — Beginning this date, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an assistant coach, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as its head coach, the employer club is

	under no obligation to grant the coach the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.		The first day of the 2020 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 18. Clubs will receive a Personnel Notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern, and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 18.
March 2	— Beginning this date through the conclusion of the Annual Selection Meeting, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an individual, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as a high-level club employee, the employer club is under no obligation to grant the individual the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club if his current responsibilities include gathering information on and evaluating draft-eligible players or veteran free agent players. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.	March 18	— Trading period for 2020 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2019 contracts.
		March 18	— Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2020 and if not renegotiated after Dec. 29, 2019, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).
		March 29- April 1	— Annual League Meeting, The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla.
		April 1	— Deadline for Clubs to meet 2020 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.
March 10	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	April 6	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2019 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
March 13	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2020 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.	April 15	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.
March 16-18	— During the period beginning at noon Eastern, on March 16 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 18, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with, the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2019 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 18. During the above two-day negotiating period, a prospective UFA who is not represented by an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor is permitted to communicate directly with a new club's front office officials (excluding the Head Coach and other members of the club's coaching staff) regarding contract negotiations.	April 17	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
	No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 18.	April 20	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
		April 22	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
		April 22	— Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.
		April 23-25	— Annual Player Selection Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev.
		April 30-May 4	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie mini-camp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
March 18	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must exercise options for 2020 on all players who have option clauses in their 2019 contracts.	May 4	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2017 Draft.
March 18	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation.	May 5	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "May 5 Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern, only with his Prior Club.
March 18	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2019 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.	May 7-11	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
March 18	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2020 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern.	May 11	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
March 18	— All 2019 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern.	May 14-17	— NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their respective clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period.
March 18	— The 2020 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern.	May 19-20	— Spring League Meeting, Ritz-Carlton, Marina Del Ray, Calif.



**LAST SEASON'S BENGALS-STEELERS MEETINGS**

**2018 SEASON  
WEEK 6, GAME 6**

**Pittsburgh Steelers 28, Cincinnati Bengals 21**  
Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 at Paul Brown Stadium

QB Andy Dalton led the Bengals on a nine-play, 75-yard drive that culminated in a go-ahead TD by HB Joe Mixon with 1:18 to play, but Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger countered with a seven-play, 77-yard drive of his own in the waning moments, capped by a 31-yard TD by WR Antonio Brown that gave Pittsburgh its sixth straight win in Cincinnati. The Bengals' defense was hit hard by injuries during the game, as S Shawn Williams (concussion), CB Darqueze Dennard (shoulder) and LB Nick Vigil (knee) all left the contest and did not return, while several other defenders missed time. The Steelers took advantage, totaling 481 yards behind a 100-yard rusher in RB James Conner and two 100-yard receivers in Brown and WR JuJu Smith-Schuster. The Bengals' offense was without C Billy Price (foot), TE Tyler Kroft (foot), WR John Ross III (groin) and HB Giovanni Bernard (knee). The contest also marked the first time in 98 Bengals-Steelers meetings (including postseason) that neither team committed a turnover. Late in the game, Bengals QB Andy Dalton, who finished the game with a 92.3 passer rating, moved into second place on the Bengals' all-time passing yardage list, ahead of QB Boomer Esiason (27,149). Also, P Kevin Huber took over the Bengals' career lead in punting yards, ahead of P Lee Johnson (32,196). The Bengals fell to 4-2, while the Steelers improved to 3-2-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Pittsburgh	0	14	3	11	—	28
Cincinnati	7	7	0	7	—	21

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR-LEFT
Cin. — T.Boyd 2 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	1-4:36
Pitt. — J.Conner 1 run (C.Boswell kick)	2-14:33
Pitt. — J.Conner 1 run (C.Boswell kick)	2-1:07
Cin. — T.Boyd 14 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	2-0:19
Pitt. — C.Boswell 21 field goal	3-6:53
Pitt. — C.Boswell 24 field goal	4-3:32
Cin. — J.Mixon 4 run (R.Bullock kick)	4-1:18
Pitt. — A.Brown 31 pass from B.Roethlisberger (B.Roethlisberger-J.Smith-Schuster pass)	4-0:10

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 60,594. **Time:** 3:08.

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT.	CIN.
First downs	26	19
Third down conversions-attempts	8-14	6-12
Total net yards	481	275
Net yards rushing	112	62
Net yards passing	369	213
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	46-32-0	42-26-0
Sacks against-yards lost	0-0	3-16
Punts-average	4-43.0	6-45.0
Punt returns-yards	2-22	1-6
Kickoff returns-yards	2-48	3-122
Penalties-yards	9-69	6-30
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Time of possession	34:56	25:04

**RUSHING**

PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Conner	19	111	26	2	J.Mixon	11	64	17	1
S.Ridley	1	2	2	0	M.Walton	2	-2	-1	0
B.Roethlisberger	1	-1	-1	0					
TOTALS	21	112	26	2	TOTALS	13	62	17	1

**PASSING**

PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Roethlisberger	46	32	369	1-0	A.Dalton	42	26	229	2-0
TOTALS	46	32	369	1-0	TOTALS	42	26	229	2-0

**RECEIVING**

PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Smith-Schuster	7	111	29	0	A.Green	7	85	23	0
V.McDonald	7	68	26	0	T.Boyd	7	62	16	2
A.Brown	5	105	48	1	C.Uzomah	6	54	13	0
J.James	5	26	9	0	J.Mixon	4	20	8	0
J.Conner	4	18	8	0	A.Erickson	2	8	6	0
X.Grimble	2	35	22	0					
R.Switzer	1	7	7	0					
B.Roethlisberger	1	-1	-1	0					
TOTALS	32	369	48	1	TOTALS	26	229	23	2

**DEFENSE**

**Pittsburgh** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Williams 6-1-7, C.Sutton 5-0-5, M.Hilton 4-1-5, J.Hargrave 2-3-5, S.Tuitt 1-4-5, T.Edmunds 3-0-3, J.Haden 3-0-3, B.Dupree 2-0-2, J.Bostic 1-1-2, T.Watt 1-1-2, A.Burns 1-0-1, S.Davis 1-0-1, T.Alualu 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.Tuitt 1-7, J.Hargrave 1-5, V.Williams 1-4. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Haden 2, J.Bostic 1, M.Hilton 1, C.Sutton 1, T.Watt 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.  
**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Bates 4-6-10, V.Burfict 4-4-8, P.Brown 3-5-8, D.Dennard 4-0-4, C.Dunlap 2-2-4, C.Fejedelem 2-2-4, M.Johnson 2-2-4, W.Jackson 2-1-3, H.Nickerson 1-2-3, D.Phillips 2-0-2, J.Evans 1-1-2, S.Hubbard 1-1-2, T.McRae 1-1-2, V.Rey 1-1-2, S.Williams 1-1-2, A.Billings 0-2-2, J.Willis 1-0-1, G.Atkins 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** V.Burfict 2, P.Brown 1, D.Kirkpatrick 2, W.Jackson 1, S.Williams 1. **FF:** D.Phillips 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**2018 SEASON  
WEEK 17, GAME 16**

**Pittsburgh Steelers 16, Cincinnati Bengals 13**  
Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018 at Heinz Field

The Bengals jumped out to a 10-0 lead behind a solid defensive effort that included a 58-yard pick-six by S Shawn Williams off of Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger. But the Steelers rebounded in the second half, outscoring the Bengals 13-3 en route to a comeback victory in the season finale. Cincinnati's offense was held out of the end zone the entire game and managed just 196 total yards, 105 of which came on the ground via HB Joe Mixon, who notched his fourth 100-yard game of the season and third in four games. His 51-yard rush in the fourth quarter was the team's season long. The game was the last for Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis, who mutually parted ways with the team the next morning. The Steelers' playoff hopes were dashed minutes after the final whistle, when Baltimore topped Cleveland in dramatic fashion to win the AFC North title. Cincinnati finished its season 6-10, while Pittsburgh finished 9-6-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	0	10	0	3	—	13
Pittsburgh	0	3	7	6	—	16

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR-LEFT
Cin. — S.Williams 58 interception return (R.Bullock kick)	2-12:37
Cin. — R.Bullock 49 field goal	2-2:12
Pitt. — M.McCrane 39 field goal	2-0:00
Pitt. — J.Smith-Schuster 11 pass from B.Roethlisberger (M.McCrane kick)	3-3:50
Cin. — M.McCrane 47 field goal	4-8:35
Pitt. — R.Bullock 32 field goal	4-6:17
Pitt. — M.McCrane 35 field goal	4-1:56

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 63,874. **Time:** 3:00.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	PITT.
First downs	9	18
Third down conversions-attempts	3-12	5-15
Total net yards	196	343
Net yards rushing	125	65
Net yards passing	71	278
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	24-12-0	45-31-1
Sacks against-yards lost	4-24	1-9
Punts-average	6-46.3	5-37.8
Punt returns-yards	1-1	3-20
Kickoff returns-yards	4-87	3-68
Penalties-yards	9-85	9-70
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-0
Time of possession	25:38	34:22

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	13	105	51	0	J.Conner	14	64	16	0
J.Driskel	2	13	12	0	B.Roethlisberger	3	3	5	0
G.Bernard	3	7	4	0	J.Samuels	2	2	4	0
					E.Rogers	1	-4	-4	0
TOTALS	18	125	51	0	TOTALS	20	65	16	0

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Driskel	24	12	95	0-0	B.Roethlisberger	45	31	287	1-1
TOTALS	24	12	95	0-0	TOTALS	45	31	287	1-1

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Erickson	6	63	13	0	E.Rogers	7	57	17	0
G.Bernard	2	8	9	0	J.Samuels	7	40	12	0
A.Tate	1	15	15	0	J.Smith-Schuster	5	37	12	1
C.Uzomah	1	6	6	0	J.Washington	3	64	47	0
J.Mixon	1	2	2	0	V.McDonald	3	39	22	0
J.Ross	1	1	1	0	J.Conner	3	30	20	0
					X.Grimble	1	16	16	0
					R.Switzer	1	2	2	0
					R.Nix	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	12	95	15	0	TOTALS	31	287	47	1

**DEFENSE**

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** N.Vigil 12-5-17, S.Williams 6-2-8, D.Dennard 5-2-7, K.Russell 6-0-6, S.Hubbard 2-2-4, A.Billings 3-0-3, W.Jackson 3-0-3, J.Bates 2-1-3, H.Nickerson 2-1-3, C.Ringo 2-0-2, G.Atkins 1-1-2, D.Phillips 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1, M.Johnson 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Ringo 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** S.Williams 1-58. **PD:** J.Bates 2, D.Dennard 2, K.Russell 1, W.Williams 1. **FF:** D.Dennard 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.  
**Pittsburgh** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** L.Fort 4-4-8, T.Watt 4-3-7, Te.Edmunds 3-1-4, J.Hargrave 2-2-4, M.Burnett 3-0-3, B.Dupree 3-0-3, S.Tuitt 2-1-3, J.Dangerfield 2-0-2, C.Heyward 2-0-2, C.Sensabaugh 2-0-2, T.Alualu 0-2-2, M.Allen 1-0-1, J.Haden 1-0-1, M.Hilton 1-0-1, C.Sutton 1-0-1, A.Chickillo 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Heyward 2-15, T.Watt 1-6, A.Chickillo 0.5-1.5, S.Tuitt 0.5-1.5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** C.Sensabaugh 2, M.Burnett 1, S.Tuitt 1. **FF:** T.Watt 2. **FR-YDS.:** None.

# 2019 GAME SUMMARIES

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

### Seattle Seahawks 21, Cincinnati Bengals 20 Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019 at CenturyLink Field

Cincinnati outgained Seattle by 196 net yards (395-161), recorded 10 more first downs (22-12) and held more than a 10-minute advantage in time of possession (35:50-24:10), but the Bengals ultimately were inefficient in converting yards into points and lost their first game under new head coach Zac Taylor. The Bengals scored just one FG in three trips inside the Seahawks' red zone in the game. And in the third quarter alone, three times Cincinnati reached Seattle's 36-yard line or farther (36, 27 and 12) and came away with no points (the drives ended on a fumble, a missed FG and a turnover on downs). Seattle, however, scored TDs on three of their four drives into Cincinnati territory overall, including two TDs on their only two trips inside the Bengals' red-zone. QB Andy Dalton had career highs in yards (418) and completions (35) in 51 attempts, tossed two long TDs to WR John Ross III, and had a 106.5 passer rating. Ross had career highs in catches (seven) and receiving yards (158), and his TDs came on passes of 55 and 33 yards. The Bengals' defense enjoyed a solid game overall, recording four sacks and holding the Seahawks, who led the NFL in rushing in 2018, to just 72 yards on the ground. Seahawks QB Russell Wilson, however, stung the Bengals with a 44-yard TD pass to WR Tyler Lockett on the first play of the fourth quarter for what ultimately were the game's winning points.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	3	14	0	3	—	20
Seattle.....	0	14	0	7	—	21

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR-LEFT
Cin. — R.Bullock 38 field goal.....	1-2:48
Sea. — C.Carson 1 run (J.Myers kick).....	2-6:36
Cin. — J.Ross 33 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	2-5:12
Sea. — C.Carson 10 pass from R.Wilson (J.Myers kick).....	2-0:52
Cin. — J.Ross 55 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	2-0:07
Sea. — T.Lockett 44 pass from R.Wilson (J.Myers kick).....	4-14:53
Cin. — R.Bullock 27 field goal.....	4-7:00

**Missed FGs:** R.Bullock (45WL). **Attendance:** 68,710. **Time:** 3:12.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	SEA.
First downs.....	22	12
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-15	4-12
Total net yards.....	429	232
Net yards rushing.....	34	72
Net yards passing.....	395	160
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	51-35-0	20-14-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	5-23	4-35
Punts-average.....	4-44.3	8-47.0
Punt returns-yards.....	4-34	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	0-0	1-21
Penalties-yards.....	7-57	8-55
Fumbles-lost.....	4-3	1-1
Time of possession.....	35:50	24:10

#### RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	SEA.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	7	21	11	0	C.Carson	15	46	21	1
J.Mixon	6	10	6	0	R.Penny	6	18	5	0
T.Boyd	1	3	3	0	R.Wilson	4	8	5	0
TOTALS	14	34	11	0	TOTALS	25	72	21	1

#### PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	SEA.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	51	35	418	2-0	R.Wilson	20	14	195	2-0
TOTALS	51	35	418	2-0	TOTALS	20	14	195	2-0

#### RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	SEA.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Boyd	8	60	14	0	C.Carson	6	34	11	1
J.Ross	7	158	55t	2	D.Metcalf	4	89	42	0
T.Eifert	5	27	7	0	N.Vannett	2	16	11	0
C.Uzomah	4	66	36	0	T.Lockett	1	44	44t	1
A.Erickson	4	28	13	0					
D.Willis	3	30	17	0					
G.Bernard	2	42	35	0					
J.Mixon	2	7	10	0					
TOTALS	35	418	55	2	TOTALS	14	195	44t	2

#### DEFENSE

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** S.Hubbard 6-4-10, C.Dunlap 4-3-7, N.Vigil 2-5-7, D.Kirkpatrick 5-0-5, J.Bates 2-3-5, S.Williams 2-2-4, P.Brown 1-3-4, G.Atkins 0-2-2, C.Fejedelem 1-0-1, W.Jackson 1-0-1, A.Billings 0-1-1, R.Glasgow 0-1-1, C.Lawson 0-1-1, G.Pratt 0-1-1, B.Webb 0-1-1, K.Wynn 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.Hubbard 2-16, C.Dunlap 1-10, D.Kirkpatrick 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** None. **FF:** P.Brown. **FR.-YDS.:** D.Kirkpatrick 1-11.

**Seattle** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Flowers 9-1-10, B.Wagner 7-1-8, M.Kendricks 5-2-7, Q.Jefferson 2-4-6, K.Wright 2-3-5, B.McDougald 4-0-4, Shaqui.Griffin 3-0-3, T.Thompson 1-2-3, B.Mone 0-3-3, U.Amadi 2-0-2, P.Ford 2-0-2, B.Jackson 2-0-2, J.Clowney 1-1-2, R.Green 1-1-2, A.Woods 1-1-2. **SKS.-YDS.:** Q.Jefferson 2-14, J.Clowney 1-2, R.Green 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Clowney 1, T.Flowers 1, Shaqui.Griffin 1, Q.Jefferson 2, M.Kendricks 1. **FF:** R.Green 1, B.McDougald 1. **FR.-YDS.:** A.Woods 1-5, T.Flowers 1-0.

## WEEK 2, GAME 2

### San Francisco 49ers 41, Cincinnati Bengals 17 Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019 at Paul Brown Stadium

The game started poorly right away for Cincinnati — a penalty erased a kickoff return, followed by a sack, then by a fumble on QB-RB exchange for no gain, then a failed third-down conversion attempt, and then a punt that barely made it to midfield. And, largely, the game was all downhill from there for the Bengals. The 49ers scored TDs on three of their first four drives to jump out to a 21-7 first-half lead and never looked back. San Francisco beat the Cincinnati soundly on both sides of the ball, outgaining the Bengals in total net yards 572-316, including 259-25 rushing. There were some individual positives for Cincinnati, as WR Tyler Boyd had 10 catches for 122 yards, and WR John Ross III had four catches for 112 yards and a TD. The 49ers improved to 2-0. The Bengals fell to 0-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
San Francisco.....	14	10	10	7	—	41
Cincinnati.....	7	3	0	7	—	17

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR-LEFT
S.F. — M.Goodwin 38 pass from J.Garoppolo (R.Gould kick).....	1-11:21
Cin. — T.Eifert 1 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	1-6:43
S.F. — R.Mostert 39 pass from J.Garoppolo (R.Gould kick).....	1-2:36
S.F. — J.Wilson 2 run (R.Gould kick).....	2-10:09
Cin. — R.Bullock 33 field goal.....	2-6:57
S.F. — R.Gould 33 field goal.....	2-0:02
S.F. — D.Samuel 2 pass from J.Garoppolo (R.Gould kick).....	3-12:10
S.F. — R.Gould 38 field goal.....	3-4:34
S.F. — J.Wilson 4 run (R.Gould kick).....	4-14:56
Cin. — J.Ross 66 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	4-0:45

**Missed FGs:** R.Gould (39WR), R.Bullock (52WL). **Attendance:** 50,666. **Time:** 2:59.

TEAM STATISTICS	S.F.	CIN.
First downs.....	27	14
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-9	8-17
Total net yards.....	571	316
Net yards rushing.....	259	25
Net yards passing.....	312	291
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	26-18-1	42-26-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	4-20
Punts-average.....	2-37.5	5-45.2
Punt returns-yards.....	2-4	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	1-13	5-114
Penalties-yards.....	9-75	7-60
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	32:19	27:41

#### RUSHING

S.F.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
M.Breida	12	121	34	0	J.Mixon	11	17	9	0
R.Mostert	13	83	20	0	G.Bernard	6	6	5	0
J.Wilson	10	34	14	2	A.Dalton	2	2	2	0
J.Garoppolo	4	8	9	0					
D.Samuel	2	7	5	0					
K.Juszczyk	1	6	6	0					
TOTALS	42	259	34	2	TOTALS	19	25	9	0

#### PASSING

S.F.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Garoppolo	25	17	296	3-1	A.Dalton	42	26	311	2-1
D.Pettis	1	1	16	0-0					
TOTALS	26	18	312	3-1	TOTALS	42	26	311	2-1

#### RECEIVING

S.F.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Samuel	5	86	39	1	T.Boyd	10	122	47	0
M.Goodwin	3	77	38t	1	J.Ross	4	112	66t	1
R.Mostert	3	68	39t	1	J.Mixon	3	10	7	0
G.Kittle	3	54	36	0	T.Eifert	3	9	8	1
M.Breida	1	11	11	0	D.Sample	2	25	21	0
R.James	1	7	7	0	A.Erickson	1	14	14	0
K.Juszczyk	1	5	5	0	G.Bernard	1	7	7	0
K.Bourne	1	4	4	0	D.Willis	1	6	6	0
					A.Tate	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	18	312	39t	3	TOTALS	26	311	66t	2

#### DEFENSE

**San Francisco** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** F.Warner 4-3-7, K.Williams 3-4-7, K.Alexander 3-3-6, R.Blair 4-1-5, A.Witherspoon 3-2-5, J.Tartt 2-3-5, T.Moore 2-2-4, R.Sherman 2-2-4, A.Armstead 2-1-3, D.Reed 2-1-3, S.Thomas 2-1-3, D.Greenlaw 1-2-3, S.Day 1-1-2, D.Buckner 1-0-1, A.Al-Shaair 0-1-1, D.Ford 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** A.Armstead 1-8, D.Buckner 1-6, R.Blair 1-5, S.Thomas 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** K.Alexander 1-0. **PD:** K.Alexander 3, D.Reed 2, A.Witherspoon 2, J.Taylor 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** P.Brown 4-10-14, J.Bates 8-3-11, S.Williams 8-1-9, D.Kirkpatrick 5-1-6, C.Dunlap 2-4-6, S.Hubbard 2-3-5, G.Atkins 1-4-5, A.Billings 1-1-2, J.Tupou 0-2-2, N.Vigil 0-2-2, R.Glasgow 1-0-1, B.Webb 1-0-1, D.Phillips 1-0-1, B.Wilson 1-0-1, W.Jackson 0-1-1, C.Lawson 0-1-1, K.Wynn 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** W.Jackson 1-19. **PD:** D.Kirkpatrick 1, W.Jackson 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

**WEEK 3, GAME 3**

**Buffalo Bills 21, Cincinnati Bengals 17**  
Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019 at New Era Field

Cincinnati's offense stalled for nearly the entirety of the first two quarters en route to a 14-0 halftime deficit, and the early ineffectiveness ultimately doomed the Bengals' late efforts for a comeback win against an undefeated Buffalo team in a stadium packed with rowdy Bills fans. The Bengals, who failed to produce a first down until the two-minute warning of the first half, had just 76 total net yards at intermission. Still, when they kick-started their offense in the second half, the Bengals scored 17 unanswered points to take a 17-14 lead with just under five minutes left. The Bills, however, responded with a late seven-play, 78-yard drive, which was highlighted by a 49-yard pass from QB Josh Allen to TE Dawson Knox in which Knox stiff-armed and bulldozed his way deep into Bengals territory, and ended in a one-yard TD run by RB Frank Gore. QB Andy Dalton drove the Bengals 42 yards to the Bills' 28-yard line with 20 seconds left, but his next pass bounced off the outstretched hand of WR Auden Tate and was intercepted by Buffalo CB Tre'Davious White to seal the Bills' win. The Bengals fell to 0-3, while the Bills improved to 3-0.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	0	7	10	—	17
Buffalo .....	8	6	0	7	—	21

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Buff. — D.Knox 1 pass from J.Allen (J.Allen-C.Beasley pass) .....	1-3:03
Buff. — S.Hauschka 34 field goal.....	2-10:29
Buff. — S.Hauschka 45 field goal.....	2-2:11
Cin. — A.Dalton 1 run (R.Bullock kick).....	3-5:50
Cin. — J.Mixon 1 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	4-12:27
Cin. — R.Bullock 43 field goal.....	4-4:54
Buff. — F.Gore 1 run (S.Hauschka kick).....	4-1:50

**Missed FGs:** S.Hauschka (62WL). **Attendance:** 69,448. **Time:** 3:15.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	BUFF.
First downs.....	17	25
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-11	5-13
Total net yards.....	306	416
Net yards rushing.....	67	175
Net yards passing.....	239	241
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	36-20-2	36-23-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-10	1-2
Punts-average.....	6-40.5	5-34.6
Punt returns-yards.....	2-8	3-4
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-37	1-23
Penalties-yards.....	8-54	7-55
Fumbles-lost.....	2-2	3-1
Time of possession.....	23:06	36:54

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	BUFF.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	15	61	14	0	F.Gore	14	76	22	1
G.Bernard	3	5	4	0	J.Allen	9	46	11	0
A.Dalton	1	1	1t	1	T.Yeldon	8	30	10	0
					I.McKenzie	3	10	8	0
					D.Knox	1	9	9	0
					J.Brown	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	19	67	14	1	TOTALS	36	175	22	1

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	BUFF.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	36	20	249	1-2	J.Allen	36	23	243	1-1
TOTALS	36	20	249	1-2	TOTALS	36	23	243	1-1

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	BUFF.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Tate	6	88	32	0	C.Beasley	8	48	10	0
T.Boyd	6	67	26	0	J.Brown	4	51	27	0
J.Mixon	2	34	33	1	D.Knox	3	67	49	1
J.Ross	2	22	15	0	Z.Jones	2	33	23	0
G.Bernard	2	7	5	0	T.Yeldon	2	19	12	0
T.Eifert	1	18	18	0	F.Gore	2	13	13	0
A.Erickson	1	13	13	0	I.McKenzie	1	9	9	0
					T.Sweeney	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	20	249	33	1	TOTALS	23	243	49	1

**DEFENSE**

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** S.Williams 6-3-9, J.Bates 5-2-7, S.Hubbard 5-1-6, D.Kirkpatrick 5-1-6, G.Atkins 4-1-5, N.Vigil 4-1-5, A.Billings 3-2-5, P.Brown 4-0-4, T.McRae 4-0-4, A.Brown 2-1-3, W.Jackson 2-1-3, C.Dunlap 2-0-2, C.Fejedelem 2-0-2, G.Pratt 1-0-1, L.Reynolds 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1, B.Wilson 1-0-1. **SKS-YDS:** G.Atkins 1-2. **INT.-YDS:** D.Phillips 1-27. **PD:** W.Jackson 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, D.Phillips 1. **FF:** S.Hubbard 1, B.Wilson 1. **FR-YDS:** P.Brown 1-0.

**Buffalo** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Poyer 10-1-11, M.Milano 5-0-5, M.Hyde 4-1-5, S.Neal 4-0-4, J.Phillips 3-0-3, T.Edmunds 2-1-3, K.Johnson 2-1-3, L.Alexander 2-0-2, L.Wallace 2-0-2, S.Lawson 1-0-1, S.Lotulelei 1-0-1, E.Oliver 1-0-1, T.White 1-0-1. **SKS-YDS:** J.Phillips 1-8, K.Johnson 1-2. **INT.-YDS:** T.White 2-1. **PD:** L.Alexander 2, T.White 2, T.Edmunds 1, J.Hughes 1, M.Hyde 1, T.Murphy 1. **FF:** M.Hyde 1, J.Poyer 1. **FR-YDS:** M.Milano 1-0, J.Poyer 1-0.

# THE BENGALS ARE:

## REGULAR SEASON

**0-1** at home  
**0-2** on the road  
**0-1** when scoring first  
**0-2** when opponent scores first  
**0-1** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**0-2** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**0-1** when leading after one quarter  
**0-0** when tied after one quarter  
**0-2** when trailing after one quarter  
**0-1** when leading at halftime  
**0-0** when tied at halftime  
**0-2** when trailing at halftime  
**0-1** when leading after three quarters  
**0-0** when tied after three quarters  
**0-2** when trailing after three quarters  
**0-1** when scoring 20 or more points  
**0-3** when opponent scores 20 or more points

**0-3** when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
**0-0** when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
**0-0** on natural grass  
**0-3** on synthetic surface  
**0-0** when rushing for 125 or more net yards  
**0-2** when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards  
**0-3** when rushing for less than 125 net yards  
**0-1** when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards  
**0-2** when passing for 250 or more net yards  
**0-1** when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards  
**0-1** when passing for less than 250 net yards  
**0-2** when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards  
**0-0** with plus turnover differential  
**0-1** with even turnover differential  
**0-2** with minus turnover differential  
**0-2** with fewer penalties than opponent  
**0-2** with fewer penalty yards than opponent

# BEST PERFORMANCES

## REGULAR SEASON

### RUSHING YARDS

61 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 22 at Buffalo  
 21 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 17 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

15 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 22 at Buffalo  
 11 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco  
 7 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### LONGEST RUSHES

14 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 22 at Buffalo  
 12 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 22 at Buffalo  
 11 — (two times)

### RECEPTIONS

10 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco  
 8 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 7 — John Ross III, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### RECEIVING YARDS

158 — John Ross III, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 122 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco  
 112 — John Ross III, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco

### PASSING YARDS

418 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 311 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco  
 249 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 22 at Buffalo

### PASS ATTEMPTS

51 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 42 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco  
 36 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 22 at Buffalo

### PASS COMPLETIONS

35 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 26 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco  
 20 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 22 at Buffalo

### LONGEST PASSES

66 — Andy Dalton to John Ross III, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco (TD)  
 55 — Andy Dalton to John Ross III, Sept. 8 at Seattle (TD)  
 47 — Andy Dalton to Tyler Boyd, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

158 — John Ross III, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 122 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco  
 112 — John Ross III, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

37 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco  
 27 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 22 at Buffalo  
 24 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

11 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 11 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 9 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

14 — Preston Brown, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco  
 11 — Jessie Bates, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco  
 10 — (two times)

### SOLO TACKLES\*

8 — Jessie Bates, Sept. 14 vs. San Francisco  
 8 — Shawn Williams, Sept. 15 vs. San Francisco  
 6 — (three times)

\*NOTE: The defensive statistics above are press box statistics produced at the games.

# GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 8	at Seattle	429	14-34	395	35-51	2/0	5-23	22	6-15	4-3	35:50
Sept. 15	SAN FRANCISCO	316	19-25	291	26-42	2/1	4-20	14	9-18	1-0	27:41
Sept. 22	at Buffalo	306	19-67	239	20-36	1/2	2-10	17	3-11	2-2	23:06
Sept. 30	at Pittsburgh										
Oct. 6	ARIZONA										
Oct. 13	at Baltimore										
Oct. 20	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 27	vs. L.A. Rams (at London)										
Nov. 3	— BYE —										
Nov. 10	BALTIMORE										
Nov. 17	at Oakland										
Nov. 24	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 1	N.Y. JETS										
Dec. 8	at Cleveland										
Dec. 15	NEW ENGLAND										
Dec. 22	at Miami										
Dec. 29	CLEVELAND										
<b>TOTALS</b>		1051	52-126	925	81-129	5/3	11-53	53	18-44	7-5	28:52

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 8	at Seattle	232	25-72	160	14-20	2/0	4-35	12	4-12	1-1	24:10
Sept. 15	SAN FRANCISCO	571	42-259	312	18-26	3/1	0-0	27	5-9	0-0	32:19
Sept. 22	at Buffalo	416	36-175	241	23-36	1/1	1-2	25	5-13	3-1	36:54
Sept. 30	at Pittsburgh										
Oct. 6	ARIZONA										
Oct. 13	at Baltimore										
Oct. 20	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 27	vs. L.A. Rams (at London)										
Nov. 3	— BYE —										
Nov. 10	BALTIMORE										
Nov. 17	at Oakland										
Nov. 24	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 1	N.Y. JETS										
Dec. 8	at Cleveland										
Dec. 15	NEW ENGLAND										
Dec. 22	at Miami										
Dec. 29	CLEVELAND										
<b>TOTALS</b>		1219	103-506	713	55-82	6/2	5-37	64	14-34	4-2	31:08

# TRANSACTIONS

**(TRANSACTIONS FROM 9-3-18 THROUGH 6-27-19 ARE IN BENGALS' 2019 MEDIA GUIDE)**

June 27, 2019 — Signed LB **Germaine Pratt** (D3).  
 July 15, 2019 — Placed G **Clint Boling** on the Reserve/Retired list.  
 July 23, 2019 — Signed WR **Tyler Boyd\*** to a contract extension.  
 July 25, 2019 — Signed OT **Andre Smith** (FA) and LS **Dan Godsil** (CFA-Indiana); Waived WR **Kermit Whitfield**.  
 July 26, 2019 — Signed DE **Immanuel Turner** (FA); Waived HB **Darrin Hall**.  
 July 30, 2019 — Signed CB **Tony Lippett** (FA); Waived LB **Chris Worley**.  
 Aug. 8, 2019 — Placed DT **Niles Scott** on the Reserve/Injured list.  
 Aug. 13, 2019 — Waived OT **Kent Perkins** (left squad).  
 Aug. 14, 2019 — Acquired DT **Dare Odeyingbo** on waivers from Tampa Bay.  
 Aug. 26, 2019 — Signed C **Kirk Barron** (FA).  
 Aug. 30, 2019 — Waived the following 11 players: LB **Curtis Akins**, C **Kirk Barron**, S **Demetrious Cox**, LS **Dan Godsil**, CB **Tony Lippett**, DT **Dare Odeyingbo**, DT **Christian Ringo** (injury settlement), LB **Sterling Sheffield**, DE **Immanuel Turner**, K **Tristan Vizcaino** and G **Christian Westerman**.  
 Aug. 31, 2019 — Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Injured list: HB **Rodney Anderson** and QB **Jeff Driskel**; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list: CB **Darqueze Dennard** and OT **Jonah Williams**; Terminated the contract of G **John Jerry**; Waived the following 21 players: TE **Moritz Böhringer**, CB **Jordan Brown**, WR **Ventell Bryant**, CB **Anthony Chesley**, WR **Cody Core**, LB **Deshaun Davis**, LB **Noah Dawkins**, HB **Jordan Ellis**, OT **Justin Evans**, HB **Quinton Flowers**, TE **Jordan Franks**, CB **Davontae Harris**, S **Trayvon Henderson**, LB **Malik Jefferson**, S **Tyree Kinnel**, C **Brad**

Lundblade, WR **Stanley Morgan**, CB **KeiVarae Russell**, TE **Mason Schreck**, WR **Hunter Sharp** (injury settlement) and G **Keaton Sutherland**; G **Alex Redmond** played by the NFL on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list.  
 Sept. 1, 2019 — Acquired the following two players on waivers: WR **Pharoh Cooper** from the Arizona Cardinals and HB **Samaje Perine** from the Washington Redskins; Waived WR **Josh Malone** and LB **Hardy Nickerson**; Signed the following nine players to the practice squad: TE **Moritz Böhringer**, CB **Anthony Chesley**, LB **Noah Dawkins**, HB **Jordan Ellis**, TE **Jordan Franks**, S **Trayvon Henderson**, WR **Stanley Morgan**, TE **Mason Schreck** and G **Keaton Sutherland**.  
 Sept. 2, 2019 — Signed G **John Jerry** (FA); Placed OT **O'Shea Dugas** on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed OT **Wyatt Miller** (FA) to the practice squad.  
 Sept. 3, 2019 — Signed HB **Giovani Bernard\*** to a contract extension; Signed LB **Hardy Nickerson** (FA) to the practice squad.  
 Sept. 10, 2019 — Signed LB **LaRoy Reynolds** (FA); Waived DE **Jordan Willis**.  
 Sept. 11, 2019 — Waived QB **Jeff Driskel** from the Reserve/Injured list (injury settlement).  
 Sept. 17, 2019 — Signed G **Keaton Sutherland** off the practice squad; Waived WR **Pharoh Cooper**; Signed OT **Dino Boyd** (FA) to the practice squad.

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\* *NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.*



# PARTICIPATION CHART

## LEGEND

<p><i>(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)</i></p> <p><b>P</b> — played as a substitute  <b>DNP</b> — did not play  <b>IL</b> — inactive list  <b>PS</b> — practice squad (IPP = Intl. Player Pathway)</p>	<p><b>RI</b> — reserve/injured list  <b>RPUP</b> — reserve/physically unable to perform list  <b>RNFI</b> — reserve/non-football injury list  <b>RNF-I</b> — reserve/non-football illness list  <b>RSBC</b> — reserve/suspended by commissioner list</p>	<p><b>PSI</b> — practice squad/injured list  <b>REX</b> — roster exemption  <b>^</b> — reserve/injured player designated for return  <b>*</b> — eligible to practice while on a reserve list  <b>NWT</b> — not with team</p>
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NAME	Cin. G-S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		@Sea.	S.F.	@Buff.	@Pitt.	ARIZ.	@Balt.	JAX.	@LAR	BALT.	@Oak.	PITT.	NYJ	@Cle.	N.E.	@Mia.	CLE.
Anderson, Rodney.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI													
Atkins, Geno.....	3-3	DT	DT	DT													
Bates, Jessie, III.....	3-3	S	S	S													
Bernard, Giovanni.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Billings, Andrew.....	3-2	P	NT	NT													
Böhringer, Moritz.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Boyd, Dino.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	PS													
Boyd, Tyler.....	3-3	WR	WR	WR													
Brown, Andrew.....	1-0	IL	IL	P													
Brown, Preston.....	3-3	LB	LB	LB													
Bullock, Randy.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Carter, Cethan.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Chesley, Anthony.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Cooper, Pharoh.....	1-0	P	IL	NWT													
Dalton, Andy.....	3-3	QB	QB	QB													
Dawkins, Noah.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Dennard, Darqueze.....	0-0	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP													
Dolegala, Jake.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL													
Driskel, Jeff.....	0-0	RI	NWT	NWT													
Dugas, O'Shea.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI													
Dunlap, Carlos.....	3-3	LDE	LDE	RDE													
Eifert, Tyler.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Ellis, Jordan.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Erickson, Alex.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Evans, Jordan.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Fejedelem, Clayton.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Finley, Ryan.....	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP													
Franks, Jordan.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Glasgow, Ryan.....	2-1	NT	P	IL													
Glenn, Cordy.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL													
Green, A.J.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL													
Harris, Clark.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Hart, Bobby.....	3-3	ROT	ROT	ROT													
Henderson, Trayvon.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Hopkins, Trey.....	3-3	C	C	C													
Hubbard, Sam.....	3-3	RDE	RDE	LDE													
Huber, Kevin.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Jackson, William, III.....	3-3	CB	CB	CB													
Jerry, John.....	2-0	DNP	P	P													
Jordan, Michael.....	2-2	LG	LG	IL													
Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	3-3	CB	CB	CB													
Lawson, Carl.....	2-0	P	P	DNP													
McRae, Tony.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Miller, John.....	3-3	RG	RG	RG													
Miller, Wyatt.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Mixon, Joe.....	3-3	HB	HB	HB													
Morgan, Stanley.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Nickerson, Hardy.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Perine, Samaje.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Phillips, Darius.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Pratt, Germaine.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Price, Billy.....	3-1	P	P	LG													
Redmond, Alex.....	0-0	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC													
Reynolds, LaRoy.....	2-0	NWT	P	P													
Ross, John, III.....	3-3	WR	WR	WR													
Sample, Drew.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Schreck, Mason.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Scott, Niles.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI													
Smith, Andre.....	3-3	LOT	LOT	LOT													
Sutherland, Keaton.....	1-0	PS	PS	P													
Tate, Auden.....	2-1	IL	P	WR													
Tupou, Josh.....	3-1	P	P	DT													
Uzomah, C.J.....	3-3	TE	TE	TE													
Vigil, Nick.....	3-3	LB	LB	LB													
Webb, B.W.....	2-2	NCB	NCB	IL													
Williams, Jonah.....	0-0	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP													
Williams, Shawn.....	3-3	S	S	S													
Williams, Trayveon.....	0-0	IL	IL	DNP													
Willis, Damion.....	3-2	WR	WR	P													
Willis, Jordan.....	0-0	IL	NWT	NWT													
Wilson, Brandon.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Wren, Renell.....	2-0	P	IL	P													
Wynn, Kerry.....	2-0	P	P	IL													

# DEPTH CHART

SEPT. 24, 2019

## OFFENSE

<b>WR</b>	11	John Ross III	(18	A.J. Green)	
<b>LOT</b>	77	Cordy Glenn	71	Andre Smith	
<b>LG</b>	<u>60</u>	<u>Michael Jordan</u>	64	John Jerry	74 <u>Keaton Sutherland</u>
<b>C</b>	66	Trey Hopkins	53	Billy Price	
<b>RG</b>	67	John Miller	64	John Jerry	74 <u>Keaton Sutherland</u>
<b>ROT</b>	68	Bobby Hart	71	Andre Smith	
<b>TE</b>	87	C.J. Uzomah	85	Tyler Eifert	89 <u>Drew Sample</u> 82 <u>Cethan Carter</u>
<b>WR</b>	83	Tyler Boyd	12	Alex Erickson	
<b>WR</b>	19	Auden Tate	<u>15</u>	<u>Damion Willis</u>	
<b>QB</b>	14	Andy Dalton	<u>5</u>	<u>Ryan Finley</u>	7 <u>Jake Dolegala</u>
<b>HB</b>	28	Joe Mixon	25	Giovani Bernard	<u>32</u> <u>Trayveon Williams</u> <u>34</u> <u>Samaje Perine</u>

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	96	Carlos Dunlap	72	Kerry Wynn	
<b>NT</b>	99	Andrew Billings	91	Josh Tupou	95 <u>Renell Wren</u>
<b>DT</b>	97	Geno Atkins	98	Ryan Glasgow	
<b>RDE</b>	94	Sam Hubbard	58	Carl Lawson	93 Andrew Brown
<b>LB</b>	59	Nick Vigil	50	Jordan Evans	55 LaRoy Reynolds
<b>LB</b>	52	Preston Brown	<u>57</u>	<u>Germaine Pratt</u>	
<b>NCB</b>	23	B.W. Webb	29	Tony McRae	
<b>CB</b>	27	Dre Kirkpatrick	29	Tony McRae	
<b>CB</b>	22	William Jackson III	24	Darius Phillips	
<b>S</b>	36	Shawn Williams	42	Clayton Fejedelem	
<b>S</b>	30	Jessie Bates III	40	Brandon Wilson	

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	10	Kevin Huber			
<b>K</b>	4	Randy Bullock			
<b>LS</b>	46	Clark Harris			
<b>H</b>	10	Kevin Huber			
<b>PR</b>	12	Alex Erickson	24	Darius Phillips	83 Tyler Boyd
<b>KOR</b>	24	Darius Phillips	12	Alex Erickson	

NOTE: Rookies are underlined. Parentheses indicate an injured player.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Lou <b>Anarumo</b> (Defensive Coordinator)..... ann-ah-ROO-mo <b>Geno</b> Atkins ..... JEE-no <b>Giovani</b> Bernard .....jee-o-VAHN-ee Bob <b>Bicknell</b> (Wide Receivers Coach) ..... bick-NELL Joey <b>Boese</b> (Strength and Conditioning Coach)..... bo-ZAY Moritz <b>Böhringer</b> (Practice Squad)..... BOAR-ringer Randy <b>Bullock</b> ..... BULL-luck <b>Cethan</b> Carter.....SEE-thin <b>Darqueze Dennard</b> (Reserve/PUP)..... dar-KWEZ deh-NARD Jake <b>Dolegala</b> ..... DOLE-leh-gah-lah O’Shea <b>Dugas</b> (Reserve/Injured).....DOO-gah	Tyler <b>Eifert</b> ..... EYE-fert Clayton <b>Fejedelem</b> ..... FEDGE-uh-lemm (the “d” is silent) Ryan <b>Glasgow</b> .....GLASS-go <b>Trayvon</b> Henderson (Practice Squad) ..... TRAY-vahn <b>Daronte</b> Jones (Secondary/Cornerbacks Coach) ..... duh-RAHN-tay <b>Dre</b> Kirkpatrick .....DRAY <b>Tem Lukabu</b> (Linebackers coach) ..... TEMM LUKE-uh-boo <b>Samaje Perine</b> ..... suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine Josh <b>Tupou</b> ..... TEW-po C.J. <b>Uzomah</b> ..... yew-ZAH-mah <b>Renell Wren</b> ..... reh-NELL RENN
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# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

**SEPT. 24, 2019**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	10	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
30	Bates, Jessie, III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	2	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
25	Bernard, Giovanni	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	7	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
99	Billings, Andrew	DT	6-1	328	3-6-95	4	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	4	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
93	Brown, Andrew	DE	6-3	290	12-30-95	1	Virginia	Chesapeake, Va.	D5b'18
52	Brown, Preston	LB	6-1	255	10-27-92	6	Louisville	Cincinnati, Ohio	UFA(Buff.)'18
4	Bullock, Randy	K	5-9	210	12-16-89	8	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
82	Carter, Cethan	TE	6-3	248	9-5-95	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	9	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
7	Dolegala, Jake	QB	6-7	242	10-7-96	R	Central Connecticut State	Hamburg, N.Y.	CFA'19
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	10	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
85	Eifert, Tyler	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	7	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
12	Erickson, Alex	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	4	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
50	Evans, Jordan	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	3	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
42	Fejedelem, Clayton	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	4	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
5	Finley, Ryan	QB	6-4	207	12-26-94	R	North Carolina State	Phoenix, Ariz.	D4a'19
98	Glasgow, Ryan	DT	6-3	300	9-30-93	3	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
77	Glenn, Cordy	OT	6-6	345	9-18-89	8	Georgia	Riverdale, Georgia	T(Buff.)'18
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	9	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	11	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
68	Hart, Bobby	OT	6-5	310	8-21-94	5	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'18
66	Hopkins, Trey	C/G	6-3	316	7-6-92	4	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
94	Hubbard, Sam	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	2	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	11	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
22	Jackson, William, III	CB	6-0	196	10-27-92	4	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
64	Jerry, John	G	6-5	340	6-14-86	9	Mississippi	Batesville, Miss.	FA'19
60	Jordan, Michael	G	6-6	315	1-25-98	R	Ohio State	Canton, Mich.	D4c'19
27	Kirkpatrick, Dre	CB	6-2	190	10-26-89	8	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
58	Lawson, Carl	DE	6-2	265	6-29-95	3	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
29	McRae, Tony	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	3	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'17
67	Miller, John	G	6-3	315	8-12-93	5	Louisville	Miami, Fla.	UFA(Buff.)'19
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	3	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	3	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Wash.)'19
24	Phillips, Darius	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	2	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
57	Pratt, Germaine	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	R	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
53	Price, Billy	C	6-4	310	10-11-94	2	Ohio State	Austintown, Ohio	D1'18
55	Reynolds, LaRoy	LB	6-1	240	11-3-90	7	Virginia	Norfolk, Va.	FA'19
11	Ross, John, III	WR	5-11	194	11-27-95	3	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
89	Sample, Drew	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	R	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
71	Smith, Andre	OT	6-4	325	1-25-87	11	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'19
74	Sutherland, Keaton	G	6-5	316	2-12-97	R	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	CFA'19
19	Tate, Auden	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	2	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
91	Tupou, Josh	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	3	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
87	Uzomah, C.J.	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	5	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
59	Vigil, Nick	LB	6-2	235	8-20-93	4	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
23	Webb, B.W.	CB	5-11	190	5-3-90	6	William & Mary	Newport News, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19
36	Williams, Shawn	S	6-0	212	5-13-91	7	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
32	Williams, Trayveon	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	R	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
15	Willis, Damion	WR	6-3	204	6-20-97	R	Troy	Meridian, Miss.	CFA'19
40	Wilson, Brandon	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	3	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
95	Wren, Renell	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	R	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19
72	Wynn, Kerry	DE	6-5	261	2-12-91	6	Richmond	Louisa, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date signed)**

49 +	Böhringer, Moritz (9-1-19)	TE	6-5	250	10-16-93	1	Aalen (Germany)	Aalen (Germany)	FA'18
65	Boyd, Dino (9-17-19)	OT	6-4	300	9-2-96	R	Cincinnati	Newark, N.J.	FA'19
38	Chesley, Anthony (9-1-19)	CB	6-0	190	5-31-96	R	Coastal Carolina	Temple Hills, Md.	CFA'19
44	Dawkins, Noah (9-1-19)	LB	6-1	235	8-13-97	R	The Citadel	Lyman, S.C.	CFA'19
31	Ellis, Jordan (9-1-19)	HB	5-10	225	3-22-96	R	Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	CFA'19
88	Franks, Jordan (9-1-19)	TE	6-4	240	2-1-96	2	Central Florida	Wakulla, Fla.	CFA'18
41	Henderson, Trayvon (9-1-19)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
76	Miller, Wyatt (9-2-19)	OT	6-6	302	10-23-95	R	Central Florida	Douglas, Ga.	FA'19
17	Morgan, Stanley (9-1-19)	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	R	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
56	Nickerson, Hardy (9-3-19)	LB	6-0	235	1-5-94	3	Illinois	Oakland, Calif.	CFA'17
86	Schreck, Mason (9-1-19)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	3	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17

**RESERVE/SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONER (date assigned; length of suspension)**

62	Redmond, Alex (8-31-19; four games)	G	6-5	320	1-18-95	3	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
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**RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)**

21	Dennard, Darqueze (8-31-19; knee)	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	6	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
73	Williams, Jonah (8-31-19; shoulder)	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	R	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19

**RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)**

33	Anderson, Rodney (8-31-19; knee)	HB	6-0	224	9-12-96	R	Oklahoma	Katy, Texas	D6c'19
70	Dugas, O'Shea (9-2-19; knee)	OT	6-4	335	9-22-96	R	Louisiana Tech	Lafayette, La.	CFA'19
69	Scott, Niles (8-8-19; foot)	DT	6-2	320	9-30-95	2	Frostburg State	Elkton, Md.	PS(Den.)'18

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# NUMERICAL ROSTER

**SEPT. 24, 2019**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
4	Randy Bullock	K	5-9	210	12-16-89	8	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
5	Ryan Finley	QB	6-4	207	12-26-94	R	North Carolina State	Phoenix, Ariz.	D4a'19
7	Jake Dolegala	QB	6-7	242	10-7-96	R	Central Connecticut State	Hamburg, N.Y.	CF A'19
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	11	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	John Ross III	WR	5-11	194	11-27-95	3	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
12	Alex Erickson	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	4	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CF A'16
14	Andy Dalton	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	9	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
15	Damion Willis	WR	6-3	204	6-20-97	R	Troy	Meridian, Miss.	CF A'19
18	A.J. Green	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	9	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
19	Auden Tate	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	2	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
22	William Jackson III	CB	6-0	196	10-27-92	4	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
23	B.W. Webb	CB	5-11	190	5-3-90	6	William & Mary	Newport News, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19
24	Darius Phillips	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	2	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
25	Giovani Bernard	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	7	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
27	Dre Kirkpatrick	CB	6-2	190	10-26-89	8	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	3	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
29	Tony McRae	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	3	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'17
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	2	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
32	Trayveon Williams	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	R	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
34	Samaje Perine	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	3	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Wash.)'19
36	Shawn Williams	S	6-0	212	5-13-91	7	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
40	Brandon Wilson	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	3	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
42	Clayton Fejedelem	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	4	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	11	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
50	Jordan Evans	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	3	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
52	Preston Brown	LB	6-1	255	10-27-92	6	Louisville	Cincinnati, Ohio	UFA(Buff.)'18
53	Billy Price	C	6-4	310	10-11-94	2	Ohio State	Austintown, Ohio	D1'18
55	LaRoy Reynolds	LB	6-1	240	11-3-90	7	Virginia	Norfolk, Va.	FA'19
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	R	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
58	Carl Lawson	DE	6-2	265	6-29-95	3	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
59	Nick Vigil	LB	6-2	235	8-20-93	4	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
60	Michael Jordan	G	6-6	315	1-25-98	R	Ohio State	Canton, Mich.	D4c'19
64	John Jerry	G	6-5	340	6-14-86	9	Mississippi	Batesville, Miss.	FA'19
66	Trey Hopkins	C/G	6-3	316	7-6-92	4	Texas	Houston, Texas	CF A'14
67	John Miller	G	6-3	315	8-12-93	5	Louisville	Miami, Fla.	UFA(Buff.)'19
68	Bobby Hart	OT	6-5	310	8-21-94	5	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'18
71	Andre Smith	OT	6-4	325	1-25-87	11	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'19
72	Kerry Wynn	DE	6-5	261	2-12-91	6	Richmond	Louisa, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19
74	Keaton Sutherland	G	6-5	316	2-12-97	R	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	CF A'19
77	Cordy Glenn	OT	6-6	345	9-18-89	8	Georgia	Riverdale, Georgia	T(Buff.)'18
82	Cethan Carter	TE	6-3	248	9-5-95	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CF A'17
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	4	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
85	Tyler Eifert	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	7	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
87	C.J. Uzomah	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	5	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	R	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
91	Josh Tupou	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	3	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CF A'17
93	Andrew Brown	DE	6-3	290	12-30-95	1	Virginia	Chesapeake, Va.	D5b'18
94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	2	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
95	Renell Wren	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	R	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19
96	Carlos Dunlap	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	10	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	10	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
98	Ryan Glasgow	DT	6-3	300	9-30-93	3	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
99	Andrew Billings	DT	6-1	328	3-6-95	4	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16

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38	Anthony Chesley (9-1-19)	CB	6-0	190	5-31-96	R	Coastal Carolina	Temple Hills, Md.	CF A'19
41	Trayvon Henderson (9-1-19)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CF A'18
44	Noah Dawkins (9-1-19)	LB	6-1	235	8-13-97	R	The Citadel	Lyman, S.C.	CF A'19
49 +	Moritz Böhringer (9-1-19)	TE	6-5	250	10-16-93	1	Aalen (Germany)	Aalen (Germany)	FA'18
56	Hardy Nickerson (9-3-19)	LB	6-0	235	1-5-94	3	Illinois	Oakland, Calif.	CF A'17
65	Dino Boyd (9-17-19)	OT	6-4	300	9-2-96	R	Cincinnati	Newark, N.J.	FA'19
76	Wyatt Miller (9-2-19)	OT	6-6	302	10-23-95	R	Central Florida	Douglas, Ga.	FA'19
86	Mason Schreck (9-1-19)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	3	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
88	Jordan Franks (9-1-19)	TE	6-4	240	2-1-96	2	Central Florida	Wakulla, Fla.	CF A'18

**RESERVE/SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONER (date assigned; length of suspension)**

62	Alex Redmond (8-31-19; four games)	G	6-5	320	1-18-95	3	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CF A'16
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**RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)**

21	Darqueze Dennard (8-31-19; knee)	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	6	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
73	Jonah Williams (8-31-19; shoulder)	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	R	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19

**RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)**

33	Rodney Anderson (8-31-19; knee)	HB	6-0	224	9-12-96	R	Oklahoma	Katy, Texas	D6c'19
69	Niles Scott (8-8-19; foot)	DT	6-2	320	9-30-95	2	Frostburg State	Elkton, Md.	PS(Den.)'18
70	O'Shea Dugas (9-2-19; knee)	OT	6-4	335	9-22-96	R	Louisiana Tech	Lafayette, La.	CF A'19

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# STATISTICS

**RECORD: 0-3**

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-8-19	L	20-21	at Seattle	68,710
9-15-19	L	17-41	SAN FRANCISCO	50,666
9-22-19	L	17-21	at Buffalo	69,448
9-30-19			at Pittsburgh	
10-6-19			ARIZONA	
10-13-19			at Baltimore	
10-20-19			JACKSONVILLE	
10-27-19			vs. L.A. Rams (at London)	
11-3-19			— BYE —	
11-10-19			BALTIMORE	
11-17-19			at Oakland	
11-24-19			PITTSBURGH	
12-1-19			N.Y. JETS	
12-8-19			at Cleveland	
12-15-19			NEW ENGLAND	
12-22-19			at Miami	
12-29-19			CLEVELAND	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	53	64
Rushing	7	28
Passing	41	32
Penalty	5	4
3rd Down: Made-Att	18-44	14-34
3rd Down Pct.	40.9	41.2
4th Down: Made-Att	1-3	0-0
4th Down Pct.	33.3	0.0
POSSESSION AVG.	28:52	31:08
TOTAL NET YARDS	1051	1219
Avg. Per Game	350.3	406.3
Total Plays	192	190
Avg. Per Play	5.5	6.4
NET YARDS RUSHING	126	506
Avg. Per Game	42.0	168.7
Total Rushes	52	103
NET YARDS PASSING	925	713
Avg. Per Game	308.3	237.7
Sacked-Yards Lost	11-53	5-37
Gross Yards	978	750
Att.-Completions	129-81	82-55
Completion Pct.	62.8	67.1
Had Intercepted	3	2
PUNTS-AVG.	15-43.1	15-41.6
Net Punting Avg.	15-41.2	15-38.8
PENALTIES-YARDS	22-171	24-185
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	7-5	4-2
TOUCHDOWNS	6	10
Rushing	1	4
Passing	5	6
Returns	0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	10	17	7	20	0	54
OPPONENTS	22	30	10	21	0	83

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	6-6	4-6	0	18
John Ross III	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
Andy Dalton	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Tyler Eifert	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Joe Mixon	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	6	1	5	0	6-6	4-6	0	54
OPPONENTS	10	4	6	0	9-9	4-6	0	83

**Two-point conversions:** None. BENGALS 0-0 (0-0 R, 0-0 P), OPPONENTS 1-1 (0-0 R, 1-1 P).

**Sacks-yards:** Sam Hubbard 2-16, Carlos Dunlap 1-10, Dre Kirkpatrick 1-9, Geno Atkins 1-2. BENGALS 5-37, OPPONENTS 11-53.

**Fumbles-lost:** Andy Dalton 3-2, Alex Erickson 1-1, John Ross III 1-1, Auden Tate 1-1, Giovanni Bernard 1-0. BENGALS 7-5, OPPONENTS 4-2.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	129	81	978	62.8	7.58	5	3.9	3	2.3	66t	11-53	89.2
BENGALS	129	81	978	62.8	7.58	5	3.9	3	2.3	66t	11-53	89.2
OPPONENTS	82	55	750	67.1	9.15	6	7.3	2	2.4	49	5-37	110.3

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	32	88	2.8	14	0
Giovani Bernard	16	32	2.0	11	0
Tyler Boyd	1	3	3.0	3	0
Andy Dalton	3	3	1.0	2	1
BENGALS	52	126	2.4	14	1
OPPONENTS	103	506	4.9	34	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Tyler Boyd	24	249	10.4	47	0
John Ross III	13	292	22.5	66t	3
Tyler Eifert	9	54	6.0	18	1
Auden Tate	7	94	13.4	32	0
Joe Mixon	7	51	7.3	33	1
Alex Erickson	6	55	9.2	14	0
Giovani Bernard	5	56	11.2	35	0
C.J. Uzomah	4	66	16.5	36	0
Damion Willis	4	36	9.0	17	0
Drew Sample	2	25	12.5	21	0
BENGALS	81	978	12.1	66t	5
OPPONENTS	55	750	13.6	49	6

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Darius Phillips	1	27	27.0	27	0
William Jackson III	1	19	19.0	19	0
BENGALS	2	46	23.0	27	0
OPPONENTS	3	1	0.3	1	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	15	646	43.1	41.2	1	5	51	0
BENGALS	15	646	43.1	41.2	1	5	51	0
OPPONENTS	15	624	41.6	38.8	0	6	60	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	6	6	42	7.0	11	0
BENGALS	6	6	42	7.0	11	0
OPPONENTS	5	6	8	1.6	4	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Darius Phillips	6	137	22.8	37	0
Giovani Bernard	1	14	14.0	14	0
BENGALS	7	151	21.6	37	0
OPPONENTS	3	57	19.0	23	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Randy Bullock	0-0	1-1	2-2	1-2	0-1
BENGALS	0-0	1-1	2-2	1-2	0-1
OPPONENTS	0-0	0-0	3-4	1-1	0-1

**Randy Bullock:** (39G, 45WL, 27G), (52WL, 37G), (43G).

**Opponents:** (—), (33G, 38G, 39WR), (34G, 45G, 62WL).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Jessie Bates III	15	8	23	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Shawn Williams	16	6	22	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Preston Brown	9	13	22	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-0
Sam Hubbard	13	8	21	2-16	0-0	0	1	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	15	2	17	1-9	0-0	2	0	1-11
Carlos Dunlap	8	7	15	1-10	0-0	0	0	0-0
Nick Vigil	6	8	14	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Geno Atkins	5	7	12	1-2	0-0	0	0	0-0
Andrew Billings	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
William Jackson III	3	2	5	0-0	1-19	2	0	0-0
Tony McRae	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Clayton Fejedelem	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Andrew Brown	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Brandon Wilson	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
Ryan Glasgow	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Germaine Pratt	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
B.W. Webb	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carl Lawson	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Kerry Wynn	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Darius Phillips	1	0	1	0-0	1-27	1	0	0-0
LaRoy Reynolds	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Preston Brown	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Evans	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Samaje Perine	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brandon Wilson	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cethan Carter	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kerry Wynn	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

\* NOTE: All defensive statistics above are press box statistics produced at the games.