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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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CINCINNATI BENGALS (0-1) AT DALLAS COWBOYS (0-1)

WEEK 2, GAME 2
SUNDAY, SEPT. 18
AT AT&T STADIUM

NEXT UP: WEEK 3, GAME 3
SEPT. 25 AT N.Y. JETS

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 4:25 p.m. Eastern.

Television: The game will air on CBS-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Ch. 7) in Dayton and on WKYT-TV (Ch. 27) in Lexington. Broadcasters are Jim Nantz (play-by-play), Tony Romo (analyst) and Tracy Wolfson (sideline reporter).

Radio: The game will air on the Bengals Radio Network, led by Cincinnati flagship stations WCKY-AM (1530) and WEBN-FM (102.7). WLW-AM (700) will join in broadcasting the Bengals game once its broadcast of the Cincinnati Reds game concludes (the Reds game begins at 2:15 p.m. Eastern). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

Setting the scene: The Bengals face their first road test of the 2022 season when they travel to Dallas to take on the Cowboys on Sunday. Cincinnati will be looking to bounce back from a 23-20 overtime loss to Pittsburgh last week at Paycor Stadium.

After giving up five turnovers against the Steelers, including four INTs by QB Joe Burrow, the Bengals still had multiple chances to win, but a pair of missed kicks — one on a PAT at the end of regulation and the other a 29-yard FG in OT — proved to be too much to overcome against their AFC North Division rival.

"We had our chances," said head coach Zac Taylor. "To lose the turnover battle five to nothing, to have kick operations ruined on two kicks that both would have won the game is disheartening in that way, because I thought we would have handled those situations better. But I thought our guys really fought back and gave us a chance."

Cincinnati's loss came despite a strong performance from the defense, which held the Steelers to 267 total yards and 16 points. In the second half, Pittsburgh was only able to net 64 yards and three points, while picking up just four first downs. On the other side, Burrow and the Bengals offense shook off their first-half miscues and put together two scoring drives, including a six-yard TD pass to WR Ja'Marr Chase with two seconds remaining that tied the score at 20-20.

"I thought the defense played solid all day," said Taylor. "We would have liked to get a turnover, but really they held them to 13 points until that last field goal. That's a pretty good day's work in the NFL. So, just didn't do enough as a team to overcome some of the adversity that we put ourselves in, didn't find a way to make a play at the end that would have won it, and that's life. We've got 16 more of these, and we'll turn around next week and start getting ready for Dallas and try to gain some momentum that way."

With the offense missing WR Tee Higgins for the majority of the game after he left in the second quarter (concussion), Chase stepped up with 10 catches for 129 yards and a TD. His reception total tied for the third-most in Bengals history in a regular-season opener. But in overtime, it was HB Samaje Perine and free agent acquisition TE Hayden Hurst catching passes from Burrow to move Cincinnati into range for a potential game-winning kick. A 20-yard completion to Hurst along the right sideline put the Bengals on Pittsburgh's 13-yard line, and three plays later K Evan McPherson lined up for a 29-yarder to clinch the victory. But with veteran LS Clark Harris out of the game due to a biceps injury and TE Mitchell Wilcox serving as the emergency replacement, a disjuncted snap and hold led to McPherson sending his kick wide left.

"You always hate when a teammate goes down, especially when it's a valuable member of your team like Clark," said McPherson. "But honestly, I had full trust in Mitchell Wilcox. There was no reason to miss anything. I put

everything on me. I'll grow from it, learn from it and move on."

It was a roller coaster of an afternoon for McPherson, who in the first quarter broke his own team record with a 59-yard FG. The same could be said for Burrow, who despite throwing the four INTs ended the day 33 of 53 for 338 yards and two TDs. It marked the third-most completions and fifth-most passing yards ever by a Bengals QB in a season opener, and much of his work was done while helping Cincinnati claw back from an 11-point halftime deficit.

"It's frustrating, but I had faith that we'd come back," said Burrow. "I'm proud of the way we played in the second half. We came back strong and put ourselves in position to win the game."

The Bengals and Cowboys are both seeking their first win of the season this Sunday, as Dallas fell to Tampa Bay, 19-3, in its Week 1 matchup. The Cowboys will be without QB Dak Prescott, who suffered a thumb injury in the fourth quarter against the Buccaneers.

The series: Dallas leads 9-4, including 6-1 in games played in Dallas. The Cowboys have won the last four meetings, including a 30-7 victory at Cincinnati in what was Bengals head coach Zac Taylor's second season. The Bengals' last win was a 26-3 victory at Cincinnati in 2004.

A complete series recap appears on page 221 of the Bengals' 2022 Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 50, in a 50-24 victory at Riverfront Stadium in 1985. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 26, in the 1985 game at Riverfront. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 26-3 win at Paul Brown Stadium in 2004.

Cowboys — MOST POINTS: 38 (twice), most recently in a 38-13 victory at Dallas in 1979. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 28, in a 38-10 win at Dallas in 1973, the first game in series history. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 6, in a 23-6 win at Dallas in 2000.

The last meeting: Summaries of the two most recent Bengals-Cowboys meetings — in 2016 at Dallas, and in '20 at Cincinnati — are on page 17 of this news release.

Individually vs. Cowboys: Here's a look at the stats for current Cincinnati offensive players in Bengals games against the Cowboys:

- WR Tyler Boyd: Two games; Eight catches for 76 yards (9.5-yard avg.).
- QB Brandon Allen: One game; 27-of-36 passing for 217 yards, one TD and zero INTs (99.0 passer rating); Four rushes for 12 yards (3.0).
- WR Tee Higgins: One game; Five receptions for 49 yards (9.8).
- HB Samaje Perine: One game; 10 rushes for 32 yards (3.2); Two receptions for nine yards.
- TE Drew Sample: One game; Three receptions for 21 yards (7.0).
- HB Trayveon Williams: One game; 12 rushes for 49 yards (4.1); Three receptions for 14 yards (4.7).

Bengals-Cowboys connections: Bengals CB Chidobe Awuzie was a second-round draft pick of the Cowboys in 2017 and played for Dallas from '17-20 ... Bengals OT La'el Collins played for the Cowboys from 2015-21 ... Bengals offensive line coach/run game coordinator Frank Pollack served as the Cowboys' O-line coach from 2013-17 ... Cowboys offensive line coach Joe Philbin was the head coach of the Miami Dolphins from 2012-15, when Bengals head coach Zac Taylor (quarterbacks), defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo

(defensive backs), senior defensive assistant Mark Duffner (linebackers), assistant linebackers coach Jordan Kovacs (player) and assistant offensive line coach Ben Martin (offensive assistant) were on the Dolphins' staff ... Bengals head coach Zac Taylor was on the L.A. Rams coaching staff from 2017-18, when Cowboys running backs coach Skip Peete and special teams coordinator John Fassel each held the same title ... Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan served as quarterbacks coach for the Detroit Lions from 2016-17, when Cowboys wide receivers coach Robert Prince held the same title ... Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo and linebackers coach James Bettcher were on the N.Y. Giants coaching staff in 2018, when Cowboys tight ends coach Lunda Wells held the same title ... Several players on both teams played together at Ohio State: Bengals CB Eli Apple (2013-15), S Vonn Bell ('13-15), QB Joe Burrow ('15-17), DE Sam Hubbard ('14-17), Cowboys WR Noah Brown ('14-16), RB Ezekiel Elliott ('13-15) and S Malik Hooker ('15-16) ... Cowboys DE Dante Fowler Jr. played for the Jacksonville Jaguars when Bengals defensive line coach Marion Hobby held the same title (2017-18) ... Fowler and Bengals WR Mike D. Thomas were teammates on the L.A. Rams from 2018-19 ... Fowler and Bengals TE Hayden Hurst were teammates on the Atlanta Falcons from 2020-21 ... Bengals CB Mike Hilton and Cowboys WR James Washington were teammates on the Pittsburgh Steelers from 2018-20 ... Cowboys P Bryan Anger played for the Houston Texans in 2020, alongside Bengals G Max Scharping and S Michael J. Thomas ... Bengals TE Hayden Hurst and Cowboys RB Rico Dowdle were teammates at South Carolina from 2016-17 ... Bengals OT Jonah Williams and Cowboys CB Trevon Diggs were teammates at Alabama from 2016-18 ... Bengals OT Hakeem Adeniji and Cowboys DE Dorance Armstrong were teammates at Kansas from 2016-17 ... Bengals G Cordell Volson and Cowboys LB Jabril Cox were teammates at North Dakota State from 2017-19 ... Bengals WR Stanley Morgan (2015-18) was teammates with Cowboys G Matt Farniok ('17-20) and LB Luke Gifford ('15-18) at Nebraska ... Farniok played for the Cornhuskers when Bengals wide receivers coach Troy Walters was the offensive coordinator (2018-19) ... Cowboys DE Tarell Basham played at the University of Ohio from 2013-16.

- WR Tyler Boyd has 392 career receptions, 25 shy of WR Cris Collinsworth (417) for fifth place all-time. WRs Chad Johnson (751), A.J. Green (649), Carl Pickens (530), and T.J. Houshmandzadeh (507) hold the top four spots on the team's career receptions list.

- HB Joe Mixon has 4646 career rushing yards, 775 shy of RB Pete Johnson (5421) for fourth place all-time. Mixon in 2021 passed Cedric Benson (4176).

- Mixon also has 13 career games with 100-plus rushing yards, one shy of RB Pete Johnson for fifth place all-time. RBs Corey Dillon (28), Rudi Johnson (19), James Brooks (17), and Cedric Benson (15) hold the top four spots on the team's career list.

- QB Joe Burrow has 12 career games of 300-plus passing yards, five shy of QB Carson Palmer (17) for fourth place all-time. QBs Andy Dalton (28), Boomer Esiason (23), and Ken Anderson (19) hold the top three spots on the team's career list.

- S Brandon Wilson (Reserve/PUP) has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with S/CB Tremain Mack for the Bengals' all-time lead.

Uniform watch: The Bengals are slated to wear black jerseys, black pants (with orange stripes) and orange socks in Game 2 at Dallas. That combination has been worn just once before, in a 41-21 Bengals win over the Baltimore Ravens on Dec. 26, 2021.

Cincinnati unveiled new uniforms in 2021, marking the team's first significant uniform redesign since '04. There are three different color options for the current jerseys — black, white and orange. The pants also feature three different options — black with orange stripes, white with orange stripes, and white with black stripes. Options for sock color include black, white and orange.

This year, with the NFL's approval for the use of alternate helmets, the Bengals unveiled a new helmet branded as the "White Bengal," featuring a white base coat and the team's iconic black stripes. The helmet debuts on Sept. 29, when Cincinnati hosts the Miami Dolphins on Thursday Night Football.

In the league's revised uniform policy, teams can pair their new helmet with an alternate, classic or Color Rush uniform. To accentuate the "White Bengal" helmet, the Bengals chose to bring back the fan-favorite Color Rush look — a white jersey/pant combination featuring black stripes and black lettering. The team wore the Color Rush uniform seven times from 2016-20.

Here are the Bengals' records in every possible uniform combination (regular season plus postseason):

JERSEY	PANTS (STRIPES)	SOCKS	HELMET	W-L-T	PCT.
Black	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-1-0	.000
Black	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	1-0-0	1.000
Black	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	Black	Orange	0-1-0	.000
Black	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-1-0	.000
Black	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	1-2-0	.333
Black	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	3-2-0	.600
White	White (Black)	Black	Orange	4-1-0	.800
White (CR)*	White (Black) (CR)*	Black	White*	0-0-0	—
White	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Black)	White	Orange	1-0-0	1.000
White	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	2-0-0	1.000
Orange*	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	1-0-0	1.000
Orange*	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—

* — NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate jerseys and/or color rush (CR) uniforms and/or throwback uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. Orange is the Bengals' designated alternate jersey. In 2022, Cincinnati may wear its new alternate white helmet with its previous color rush uniform. The Bengals do not have a throwback uniform.

BENGALS-COWBOYS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	COWBOYS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored	T-17th (20.0)	32nd (3.0)
Points allowed	T-20th (23.0)	T-9th (19.0)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	5th (432.0)	30th (244.0)
Rushing	10th (133.0)	27th (71.0)
Passing	5th (299.0)	28th (173.0)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	6th (267.0)	15th (347.0)
Rushing	7th (75.0)	25th (152.0)
Passing	9th (192.0)	11th (195.0)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	32nd (minus-5)	T-16th (even)

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 5	Inside-20 possessions: 2
Total scores: 3 (60.0%)	Total scores: 2 (100.0%)
TDs: 2 (40.0%)	TDs: 1 (50.0%)
FGs: 1 (20.0%)	FGs: 1 (50.0%)
TD% rank: T-21st	TD% rank: 12th
No scores: 2 (40.0%)	No scores: 0 (0.0%)

COWBOYS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 0	Inside-20 possessions: 3
Total scores: 0 (0.0%)	Total scores: 2 (66.7%)
TDs: 0 (0.0%)	TDs: 1 (33.3%)
FGs: 0 (0.0%)	FGs: 1 (33.3%)
TD% rank: —	TD% rank: T-5th
No scores: 0 (0.0%)	No scores: 1 (33.3%)

Bengals career records watch: As Cincinnati continues the 2022 campaign, here is a look at potential upcoming movement on the Bengals' career records lists (regular season):

THE HEAD COACHES

Zac Taylor was named the 10th head coach in Bengals history on Feb. 4, 2019. The 2022 season is his fourth in the position.

In 2021, Taylor led Cincinnati to an AFC North Division championship, an AFC championship and a berth in Super Bowl LVI. Working with one of the NFL's top young offenses, he helped guide second-year QB Joe Burrow to a breakout year in which he set team records for passing yardage (4611), TD passes (34) and passer rating (108.3), as well as recording a league-high 70.4 completion percentage. Burrow was named the AP NFL Comeback Player of the Year — becoming the second player in franchise history to do so — after missing the final six weeks of his rookie season due to a knee injury. Taylor also oversaw the rapid rise of first-year WR Ja'Marr Chase, who posted the most receiving yards by a rookie in the Super Bowl era (1455) en route to winning AP Offensive Rookie of the Year honors. Chase and fellow WR Tee Higgins (1091 yards) became the first duo in NFL history to record 1000 receiving yards in the same season before the age of 23. Fifth-year RB Joe Mixon further established himself as one of the NFL's premier backs under Taylor, ranking third in the league in rushing yards (1205) and fourth in rushing TDs (13). Overall, the Cincinnati offense finished the regular season in the top half of the NFL in yards (13th, 361.5 per game), passing yards (seventh, 259.0) and points (eighth, 27.1).

Defensively, the Bengals showed marked improvement from 2020 to '21, improving their league ranking in rushing yards allowed (29th to fifth), total yards allowed (26th to 18th) and points allowed (22nd to 17th).

In 2020, Taylor helped transition Burrow, the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft, to the pros, despite the absence of an in-person offseason program due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Burrow had one of the most productive starts to a career by a QB in NFL history before a knee injury ended the rookie's season after 10 games. Still, Burrow's 264 completions were the most ever by an NFL QB through their first 10 career games, while his 404 pass attempts were second and his 2688 passing yards were fifth. Defensively, Taylor oversaw the onboarding of seven new starters, and helped Cincinnati hold opposing passers to just a 62.8 completion percentage (sixth-lowest in the NFL).

In 2019, his first season as head coach, Taylor headed off a wave of early season injuries to lead Cincinnati to second-half turnarounds on both offense and defense. Offensively, the Bengals' per-game rushing average jumped 70.6 yards from the first half of the season (59.5) to the second (130.1), while their per-attempt average jumped 1.26 yards (3.17 to 4.43) and they allowed 10 fewer sacks (29 to 19). The team's top four WRs — Boyd, Alex Erickson, Auden Tate and John Ross III — all posted career-highs in both receptions and receiving yards. Defensively, Cincinnati notched 11 more sacks in the second half of the season compared to the first, and allowed 84.1 fewer yards per game.

Taylor came to Cincinnati after two seasons (2017-18) with the L.A. Rams, where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in '17 and quarterbacks coach in '18. In 2018, he helped guide Rams QB Jared Goff to career highs in every major passing category. 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 passing yards per game (239.4). Taylor directed a 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.

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.

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 college 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 5850 yards and 45 touchdowns. In his 2006 senior season, he 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 currently is the offensive coordinator for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Taylor was born in Norman, Okla., on May 10, 1983. After attending 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 McCarthy was named the ninth head coach in Dallas Cowboys history on Jan. 5, 2020.

Along with 15 years of head coaching experience and 13 additional years as an assistant coach in the NFL, McCarthy boasts a 143-93-2 regular-season record as a head coach with the Green Bay Packers (2006-18) and Cowboys (2020-present). He owns the fifth-most wins (25th all-time) and eighth-highest winning percentage among active NFL coaches. His teams have qualified for the postseason 10 times, won six NFC North Division titles, won one NFC East Division crown, made four NFC Championship Game appearances and took home a Super Bowl XLV championship.

In his second season in Dallas in 2021, McCarthy led the Cowboys to a 12-5 record — a six-win improvement from the COVID-stricken 2020 campaign — and an NFC East title behind the league's highest-scoring offense (31.2 points per game) and a ball-hawking defense (34 takeaways).

Known as a prolific offensive mind — and the primary play-caller — McCarthy's Packers offense finished fourth in the NFL in total offense and third in points per game through his tenure with the club. Behind the arm of Aaron Rodgers over that same span, the Packers were third in passing offense. Additionally, his Packers offenses finished in the top-10 in passing yards (10 times), total offense (nine) and scoring (nine).

McCarthy's nine playoff appearances overall are the most by a Packers coach since the NFL postseason began in 1933. With the victory over Dallas in the 2016 playoffs, McCarthy surpassed Vince Lombardi and Mike Holmgren for the most playoff victories in team history (10). McCarthy guided the Packers to a franchise-record fourth consecutive division title in 2014.

McCarthy played tight end at Baker University (Kan.), where he earned a degree in business administration. He was all-conference and a senior captain in 1986. He coached collegiately at Fort Hays State (1987-88) and Pittsburgh (1989-92). He has no pro playing experience.

McCarthy was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. on Nov. 10, 1963. He and his wife, Jessica, have five children.

Taylor vs. Cowboys: The Cowboys lead the series, 1-0.

Taylor vs. McCarthy: McCarthy leads the series, 1-0.

McCarthy vs. Bengals: McCarthy leads the series, 3-1 (including 2-1 as head coach of Green Bay, and 1-0 as head coach of Dallas).

BENGALS NOTES

Recapping historic '21 season: On the strength of one of the NFL's most talented young rosters, the Bengals posted a 10-7 record, won the AFC North title, won the AFC Championship and earned a berth in Super Bowl LVI. Cincinnati's tight-knit locker room and charismatic stars captured the affection of the fan base, as the team embarked on one of the most exciting and successful runs in Bengals history.

The team was fueled by a potent offense that featured young stars in QB Joe Burrow, HB Joe Mixon, and a dynamic WR trio of Tyler Boyd, Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins. Burrow set numerous single-season team records en route to being named the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year. Mixon, in his fifth season as a pro, recorded career highs in rushing yards (1205) and rushing TDs (13), and received his first Pro Bowl selection.

The Bengals' defense also showed well in 2021, thanks to an influx of new faces and young players stepping into major roles. The additions were headlined by DE Trey Hendrickson, who recorded the second-most sacks (14) in team history, DT B.J. Hill, who bolstered the defensive line with 5.5 sacks, and each of the team's three starting CBs — Eli Apple, Chidobe Awuzie and Mike Hilton.

Rookie K Evan McPherson quickly became a fan-favorite while putting together one of the top seasons by a first-year kicker in league history. The University of Florida product hit five game-winning FGs as time expired (including two in the postseason), nine FGs of 50 or more yards (most in an entire Bengals career, let alone a season), a Bengals-record 58-yard FG, and an NFL record-tying 14 FGs in the postseason (Colts K Adam Vinatieri, 2006).

The Bengals began their postseason run with a 26-19 win over the Las Vegas Raiders in the AFC Wild Card, marking the franchise's first playoff win in 31 years. The victory was sealed by a Germaine Pratt INT on fourth-and-goal with 17 seconds remaining that sent the largest home crowd in Cincinnati sports history (66,217) into a frenzied celebration.

Cincinnati then traveled to Nashville to take on the AFC's top seed, the Tennessee Titans, in a Divisional Playoff. The Bengals held star RB Derrick Henry to just 3.1 yards per carry, and tackled him for losses on two of the game's most important plays — a two-point conversion in the first half, and a fourth-and-one on Cincinnati's 35-yard line with the game tied in the fourth quarter. LB Logan Wilson intercepted a Ryan Tannehill pass with 20 seconds remaining and the score tied, setting up a 19-yard Burrow-to-Chase completion and then a 52-yard game-winning FG by McPherson as time expired.

In the AFC Championship, the Bengals overcame a 21-3 second-quarter deficit to the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium, ultimately holding the Patrick Mahomes-led offense to just three points in the second half. The game went to overtime, where S Vonn Bell intercepted Mahomes on a deep pass to set up a potential game-winning drive. Steered by Burrow and Mixon, the offense worked methodically down the field to get in range for a 31-yard walk-off FG from McPherson, punching Cincinnati's ticket to its first Super Bowl since the 1988 season.

At the top of the list in '21: Here's a look at where the Bengals finished — both individually and in team categories — among the top 10 in the NFL during the 2021 regular season:

TEAM

- First in fewest penalty yardage incurred (620).
- Second in fewest penalties incurred (72).

BENGALS OFFENSE

- Third in yards per pass play (8.66).
- Third in fourth-down efficiency (65.0 percent; 13/20).
- Seventh in yards per play (5.9).
- Seventh in passing yards per game (259.0).
- Tied for seventh in points per game (27.1).

QB JOE BURROW

- First in completion percentage (70.4).
- First in yards per passing attempt (8.87).
- Second in passer rating (108.3).
- Tied for second in passing plays of 40 or more yards (15).
- Fourth in third-down passer rating (109.3).
- Tied for fourth in passing plays of 20 or more yards (60).
- Sixth in passing yards (4611).
- Eighth in TD passes (34).
- Ninth in fourth-quarter passer rating (101.0).

HB JOE MIXON

- Third in rushing yardage (1205).
- Third in rushing attempts (292).
- Fourth in rushing TDs (13).
- Fifth in scoring — non-kickers (96).
- Eighth in yards from scrimmage (1519).

WR JA'MARR CHASE

- Third in receiving TDs (13).
- Fourth in receiving yards (1455).
- Fourth in receptions of 40 or more yards (eight).
- Tied for fourth in receptions of 20 or more yards (22).
- Ninth in yards from scrimmage (1476).
- Tied for ninth in scoring — non-kickers (78).

WR TEE HIGGINS

- Tied for tenth in receptions of 20 or more yards (17).

BENGALS DEFENSE

- Second in fourth-down efficiency (38.9 percent; seven for 18).
- Fifth in rushing yards allowed per game (102.5).

DE TREY HENDRICKSON

- Fifth in sacks (14.0).

K EVAN McPHERSON

- First in FGs of 50 or more yards (nine).

Bengals record-book movement in '21: Much of the Bengals' single-season record book was re-written during the 2021 regular season. Here's a look at notable movement in the club's record charts. Full details on team individual records entering the 2022 season can be found on page 186 of the '22 Bengals Media Guide.

QB JOE BURROW

- Passed for 4611 yards, a team record. The previous record was 4293, by Andy Dalton in 2013.
- Had 34 passing TDs, a team record. The previous record was 33, by Dalton in 2013.
- Had a 108.3 passer rating, a team record. The previous record was 106.3, by Dalton in 2015.
- Had six 300-yard passing games, a team record. The previous record was five, held by Burrow (2020), Dalton ('13) and Carson Palmer ('07).
- Had a 70.38 completion percentage, second-best in team history. The record is 70.55, by Ken Anderson in 1982.
- Averaged 8.87 yards per attempt, third-best in team history. The record is 9.41, by Greg Cook in 1969.

WR JA'MARR CHASE

- Had 1455 receiving yards, a team record. The previous record was 1440, by Chad Johnson in 2007.
- Had 13 receiving TDs, tied with TE Tyler Eifert for second-most in team history. The record is 17, by Carl Pickens in 1995.
- Had five 100-yard receiving games, tied with many players for second-most in team history. The record is six, by A.J. Green in 2013.

HB JOE MIXON

- Had 16 total TDs, tied with RB Pete Johnson for second-most in team history. The record is 17, by Pickens in 1995.
- Had 13 rushing TDs, fourth-most in team history. The record is 15, by Ickey Woods in 1988.
- Scored a TD in nine straight games, tied with Green for the second-longest streak in team history. The record is 10, by Carl Pickens in 1995.

DE TREY HENDRICKSON

- Had 14 sacks, second-most in team history. Sacks became an official statistic in 1982, however the Bengals tracked that stat back to 1976, therefore the team recognizes DE Coy Bacon's 22 sacks in '76 as the team record. Hendrickson, though, has the most sacks by a Bengal since 1982, and thus the NFL notes him as the record-holder for their information.

K EVAN McPHERSON

- Kicked a 58-yard FG (Dec. 19 at Denver), a team record. The previous record was 57 yards, by Randy Bullock in 2019.
- Scored 130 points, tied for third-most in team history. The record is 132, by Mike Nugent in 2011.
- Made 28 FGs, tied for fourth-most in team history. The record is 33, by Nugent in 2011.

P KEVIN HUBER

- Averaged 46.42 gross yards per punt, the fourth-best mark in team history. The record is 47.18, set by Huber in 2020.
- Averaged 41.05 net yards per punt, the fifth-best mark in team history. The record is 42.82, set by Huber in 2020.

Bengals coaching staff changes for 2022: The Bengals added four assistant coaches and an offensive analyst to Zac Taylor's staff for the 2022 season, while also promoting an existing staff member.

The additions include James Bettcher (linebackers), Charles Burks (secondary/cornerbacks), Derek Frazier (assistant offensive line), Fredi Knighten (offensive assistant), and Adam Zimmer (offensive analyst):

- Bettcher, 42, brings nine years of NFL coaching experience, including as a defensive coordinator for both the N.Y. Giants (2018-19) and Arizona Cardinals ('15-17). His other NFL experience includes senior defensive assistant/running game specialist for the San Francisco 49ers in 2021, outside linebackers coach for the Cardinals from '13-14, and special assistant to the head coach/outside linebackers for the Indianapolis Colts in '12. Prior to his time in the NFL, Bettcher spent nine seasons as a college assistant, including at the University of New Hampshire in 2011, Ball State University in '10, University of North Carolina from '07-09, Bowling Green State University in '06, and University of St. Francis (Ind.)

from '03-05.

- Burks, 34, joins Cincinnati after spending 2019-21 with the Miami Dolphins (was coaching assistant in '19, and cornerbacks coach from '20-21). Prior to his time in Miami, he spent eight seasons coaching in the college ranks, including time at Southeastern Oklahoma State University (2014-18), Texas A&M University-Commerce ('13), West Texas A&M University ('12) and East Central University (Okla.) University ('11). As a player, Burks was a CB at East Central University from 2008-10.

- Frazier, 48, comes to Cincinnati after spending 2021 as offensive line coach at the University of Wyoming. He spent 2019-20 as assistant offensive line coach with the N.Y. Jets, where he worked with current Bengals offensive line coach/run game coordinator Frank Pollack, who was the Jets' offensive line coach for the same time period. Prior to his time with the Jets, Frazier spent 21 seasons coaching offensive lines in the college ranks — Central Michigan University (2015-18), Colorado State University ('12-14), Fresno State University ('03-04, '06-11), Northern Arizona University ('05), Adams State (Colo.) College ('01-02), and Nichols (Mass.) College (1998-2000). He played center at the University of Northern Colorado from 1992-96. In Cincinnati, Frazier and Ben Martin both hold the title of assistant offensive line coach.

- Knighten, 28, joins the Bengals staff after spending the 2021 campaign as an offensive analyst at Utah State University. He previously served as running backs coach at the University of Massachusetts for two seasons (2019-20), and was a graduate assistant at Florida State University (2018) and the University of Maryland (2016-17). Knighten played quarterback at Arkansas State from 2012-15.

- Zimmer, 38, returns to Cincinnati as an offensive analyst, after previously serving as Bengals assistant defensive backs coach in 2013. He spent the past eight seasons with the Minnesota Vikings — five as linebackers coach (2014-19), and two as co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach ('20-21). He was an assistant linebackers coach with the Kansas City Chiefs (2010-12) and New Orleans Saints ('06-09). He is the son of Mike Zimmer, who was head coach of the Vikings from 2014-21.

Additionally, Jordan Kovacs was promoted:

- Kovacs, 31, is entering his fourth season with Cincinnati. He moves into the role of assistant linebackers coach, after spending 2019-21 as defensive quality control coach.

Here is the Bengals' 2022 coaching staff:

HEAD COACH:

- Zac Taylor

ASSISTANT COACHES:

- Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator)
- Colt Anderson (assistant special teams)
- James Bettcher (linebackers)
- Joey Boese (strength and conditioning)
- Charles Burks (secondary/cornerbacks)
- Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator)
- James Casey (tight ends)
- Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant)
- Derek Frazier (assistant offensive line)
- Justin Hill (running backs)
- Marion Hobby (defensive line)
- Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Jordan Kovacs (assistant linebackers)
- Brad Kragthorpe (assistant wide receivers)
- Robert Livingston (secondary/safeties)
- Ben Martin (assistant offensive line)
- Dan Pitcher (quarterbacks)
- Frank Pollack (offensive line/run game coordinator)
- Darrin Simmons (assistant head coach/special teams coordinator)
- Garrett Swanson (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Troy Walters (wide receivers)

STAFF:

- Doug Rosfeld (director of coaching operations)
- Adam Zimmer (offensive analyst)

2022 Bengals captains: Head coach Zac Taylor announced the team's captains for the 2022 season, which were decided through a players-only vote. Wearing the captains' patch this year are three offensive players, three defensive players and one special teams representative.

On offense, the captains are third-year QB Joe Burrow, sixth-year HB Joe Mixon and seventh-year C Ted Karras. This is Burrow's third consecutive season

as a captain and the second straight for Mixon. Karras, who joined the Bengals as a free agent in March, will serve as a team captain for the second time in his career, after doing so with the Miami Dolphins in 2020.

On defense, the captains are seventh-year S Vonn Bell, fifth-year DE Sam Hubbard and seventh-year DT DJ Reader. Bell has been voted a captain in each of his three seasons with the Bengals, after joining the team as a free agent during the 2020 offseason. It is the second captain nod for Hubbard and the first for Reader.

The lone captain on special teams is S Michael J. Thomas, who is in his ninth NFL season in 2022. Thomas has earned the respect of each locker room he has been in throughout his career, as this year is his seventh as a team captain while playing for four different teams. He held the title with the Miami Dolphins each season from 2015-17, with the N.Y. Giants from 2018-19, and with the Houston Texans in 2020.

Bengals home now called Paycor Stadium: Cincinnati's Week 1 game against Pittsburgh was the first regular-season contest in newly named Paycor Stadium.

The Bengals and Cincinnati-based Paycor expanded their partnership to include stadium naming rights, further strengthening their shared vision and commitment to the Cincinnati community and driving increased national awareness for both organizations.

Paycor, a leading human capital management (HCM) company, is a cornerstone partner of the Bengals, and has served as the team's official and exclusive HR software provider since 2018. Paycor has been headquartered in Cincinnati for over 30 years and recently celebrated one year as a public company following a July 2021 IPO.

The Bengals and Paycor hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the stadium on Tuesday, Sept. 6 to unveil new branding and celebrate the partnership. Paycor Stadium branding will continue to be integrated throughout the stadium in the coming months.

The stadium was previously called Paul Brown Stadium, named after one of football's most influential coaches and the founder of the Bengals.

"This is a move that I think my father would have agreed to. He was always for what is best for the team," said Bengals President Mike Brown, son of Paul Brown. "This allows the Bengals to continue to compete at the highest level in the NFL and exemplifies our long-term commitment to the community."

'21 Bengals O boasted young nucleus: During the 2021 regular season, the Bengals became the first team in NFL history with a 4000-yard passer, 1000-yard rusher and two 1000-yard receivers who were all under 26 years old. QB Joe Burrow (25 years old) had 4611 passing yards, HB Joe Mixon (25) had 1205 rushing yards, and Ja'Marr Chase (21) and Tee Higgins (22) had 1455 and 1091 receiving yards, respectively.

The 2006 Bengals were the only other squad in team history with a 4000-yard passer (Carson Palmer), 1000-yard rusher (Rudi Johnson), and two 1000-yard receivers (Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh).

Burrow's NFL journey: After being selected No. 1 overall by the Bengals in the 2020 NFL Draft, former Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow had one of the most productive starts to a career by a QB in league history, as his 264 completions still count as the most ever by an NFL passer through their first 10 career games, while his 404 pass attempts are the second-most in that same category and his 2588 passing yards are fifth.

In the third quarter of Cincinnati's Week 11 game at Washington, Burrow suffered a season-ending left knee injury, halting a campaign that was on pace to shatter several NFL rookie passing records. He embarked on a rehab process that lasted over eight months and received medical clearance to participate in training camp in 2021.

Shortly after his injury in 2020, Burrow vowed publicly that he would start Cincinnati's '21 season opener. On Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota, not only did he make good on that promise, but he posted then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67) in a Bengals OT win.

Burrow in 2021 completed 366 of 520 passes (70.4 percent) for 4611 yards, 34 TDs and 14 INTs (108.3 rating). His passing yardage, TD pass total and passer rating were all single-season team records. And although the NFL season expanded to 17 games in 2021, Burrow sat out the regular-season finale (rest/knee) and thus played in only 16 games.

In the playoffs, he completed 97 of 142 passes (68.3 percent) for 1105 yards, with five TDs and two INTs (97.3 rating), and became the first No. 1 overall draft pick in NFL history to lead his team to a conference championship game (let alone a Super Bowl berth) in either of their first two seasons.

On July 26, the day before the first official training camp practice of 2022,

Burrow was forced to undergo surgery to remove his appendix. He remained involved in team meetings and attended practices on a golf cart during a three-week recovery process, before returning to the field on Aug. 14.

Burrow surpasses 7500: QB Joe Burrow surpassed 7500 career passing yards in the 2022 season opener against Pittsburgh, in what was just his 27th career game. That made him tied for the third-fastest QB in NFL history to reach 7500 passing yards. He is the fastest Bengal ever to 7500 passing yards, 7000 passing yards (26 games), 6000 passing yards (23 games), 5000 passing yards (19) and 4000 passing yards (16).

Over the last three regular-season games in which Burrow has been active (inactive in 2021 season finale due to rest), he has passed for 1309 yards and 10 TDs. He also completed 30-plus passes in each of those contests. Burrow has recorded 300 or more passing yards in five of his last six regular-season appearances.

Here's a look at the fastest QBs in NFL history — in terms of games played — to reach 7500 passing yards:

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO REACH 7500
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	24
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	26
Kurt Warner	St. Louis Rams	27
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	27

Burrow rallies in opener: Though the discussion of QB Joe Burrow's performance in Week 1 vs. Pittsburgh largely surrounded his four INTs, he did finish the afternoon with remarkable numbers in the passing game.

Burrow completed 33 of 53 passes for 338 yards and two TDs, engineering a pair of scoring drives in the second half to bring the Bengals back from an 11-point halftime deficit. Also consider that he did so without WR Tee Higgins, who left the game in the second quarter with a concussion. On Cincinnati's final drive of regulation that began at its own 40-yard line with 1:27 remaining, Burrow completed five passes for 49 yards, capped by a six-yard TD throw to WR Ja'Marr Chase that tied the game at 20-20.

Burrow's 33 completions were the third-most ever by a Bengals QB in a regular-season opener, while his 338 passing yards ranked fifth among Cincinnati signal callers on opening day. The Pittsburgh contest marked his sixth career game with 30-plus completions and his 12th time throwing for 300 or more yards. In Bengals history, only Andy Dalton (35 in 2019) and Carson Palmer (34 in 2010) had more completions in a season opener.

Among NFL QBs in Week 1, Burrow had the second-most completions and fourth-most passing yards.

Burrow's big day vs. Ravens in '21: On Dec. 26, 2021 vs. Baltimore, QB Joe Burrow passed for a Bengals-record 525 yards, the fourth-highest single-game total in NFL history. He also posted then-career highs in passer rating (143.2), TD passes (four) and yards per attempt (11.4), and tied a career high with 37 completions. He became the first Bengals QB ever to complete 80 percent of his passes (80.4) while throwing at least 40 times (46).

Burrow's 525 yards and four TDs came on the heels of a 416-yard, three-TD performance earlier in the season at Baltimore. That made him the only QB ever to pass for 400 yards and three TDs more than once in an entire career against the Ravens.

Burrow also became the first QB in NFL history to top 400 passing yards against the same opponent twice in one regular season, and his 941 combined passing yards against Baltimore were the most-ever against the same opponent in one regular season (previous record was 874, shared by 49ers QB Joe Montana against the Falcons in 1990 and Dolphins QB Dan Marino against the Jets in '88).

In the Dec. 26 matchup, Burrow became just the eighth QB since 2000 to have three completions of at least 52 yards in a game. On the receiving end of those passes were WR Tyler Boyd (68-yard TD), WR Tee Higgins (52) and HB Joe Mixon (52), who became the first trio of Bengals to catch passes of at least 50 yards in a single game since Nov. 17, 1968 at Miami.

Here are the NFL's single-game passing yardage leaders (regular season):

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	OPPONENT	YARDS
Norm Van Brocklin	L.A. Rams	1951	N.Y. Yanks	554
Matt Schaub	Houston Texans	2012	Jacksonville	527
Warren Moon	Houston Oilers	1990	Kansas City	527
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	2021	Baltimore	525

Burrow was master of deep ball in '21: An NFL-best 15 of QB Joe Burrow's team-record 34 TD passes during the 2021 regular season came from 30 yards or longer. The next-closest players in that category this season were Buccaneers QB Tom Brady (eight), Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes (seven) and Seahawks QB Russell Wilson (seven). The NFL record is 19, by Giants QB Fran Tarkenton in 1967.

Burrow's 15 TDs of 30-plus also counted as the most in Bengals history. The previous team record was nine, and was shared by Ken Anderson (1973), Boomer Esiason ('89) and Carson Palmer ('06). Burrow played in 16 games during the regular season (inactive [rest] for season finale).

Burrow had two TD passes of 30 or more yards during the playoffs — a 41-yarder to HB Samaje Perine in the AFC Championship at Kansas City, and a Bengals-record 75-yarder to WR Tee Higgins in Super Bowl LVI vs. the L.A. Rams.

Burrow's college connections: Bengals QB Joe Burrow may only be in his third NFL season in 2022, but he has plenty of familiar faces around him in Cincinnati. The Bengals locker room (active roster and practice squad) currently features seven players who played with Burrow in college at either Ohio State or LSU. He spent the first three seasons of his collegiate career (2015-17) at Ohio State, including a redshirt year in '15, before transferring to LSU for his final two seasons ('18-19).

Bengals assistant wide receivers coach Brad Kragthorpe was also on the LSU coaching staff in 2018, serving as an offensive analyst during Burrow's first year in Baton Rouge.

Here's a look at the Bengals who played with Burrow in college, along with the years they played together:

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	SEASONS WITH BURROW
Eli Apple	CB	Ohio State	2015
Vonn Bell	S	Ohio State	2015
Ja'Marr Chase	WR	Louisiana State	2018-19
Sam Hubbard	DE	Ohio State	2015-17
Keandre Jones*	LB	Ohio State	2016-17
Isaiah Prince^	OT	Ohio State	2015-17
Tyler Shelvin*	DT	Louisiana State	2018-19

*-Member of Bengals practice squad.

^-Placed on Reserve/Injured list.

Burrow, Chase earned NFL honors in '21: QB Joe Burrow was awarded the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year for 2021, while WR Ja'Marr Chase earned NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year honors. Both awards were voted on by members of the Associated Press who regularly cover the NFL.

Burrow, a second-year pro in 2021, suffered a season-ending left knee injury 10 games into his rookie season in '20. He was medically cleared to take the first snap of training camp in July 2021, and completed his rehab process in time to start the '21 regular-season opener. Burrow went on to break numerous team records while leading Cincinnati to a 10-7 record, AFC North title, AFC Conference Championship and berth in Super Bowl LVI.

The Bengals used the No. 5 overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft to select Chase, who was Burrow's top target at Louisiana State. The two picked up where they left off in college, as Chase shattered numerous NFL rookie records, including single-season receiving yardage (in the Super Bowl era), single-game receiving yardage, and postseason receiving yardage. Each of those were also Bengals team records.

Burrow and Chase accepted their awards remotely during the NFL Honors ceremony on Feb. 11, while the team was in Los Angeles preparing for Super Bowl LVI.

Chase dominant in season opener: WR Ja'Marr Chase caught 10 passes for 129 yards in Week 1 against Pittsburgh, tying for the third-most receptions by a Bengals player in a regular-season opener. It marked his sixth career 100-yard receiving game (regular season) and the second time he logged double-digit receptions. Chase's career high for receptions is 11 against Kansas City on Jan. 2, 2021.

Six of his catches and 71 of his receiving yards came in the second half to help Cincinnati climb back from an 11-point halftime deficit. None were larger than his six-yard TD grab with two seconds remaining that tied the score at 20-20.

The Pro Bowl receiver also had a memorable season opener in his NFL debut on Sept. 12, 2021 vs. Minnesota, when he caught five passes for 101 yards, including a 50-yard TD.

Here are the Bengals with the most receptions in a regular-season opener:

NAME	YEAR	OPENER OPPONENT	RECEPTIONS
Chad Johnson	2010	N.E. Patriots	12
A.J. Green	2016	N.Y. Jets	12
Cris Collinsworth	1984	Denver Broncos	10
Ja'Marr Chase	2022	Pittsburgh Steelers	10

Chase set Bengals rookie records in '21: WR Ja'Marr Chase in 2021 had perhaps the best statistical season ever by a Bengals rookie regardless of position. Here's a look at the Bengals rookie records that Chase broke during the 2021 regular season. Although the NFL schedule was expanded to 17 games in 2021, Chase broke all of the previous Bengals rookie records in no more than 16 games.

- Chase's 81 receptions topped the previous team rookie record of 67, shared by WRs Cris Collinsworth and Tee Higgins. Chase caught his 68th pass in the 15th game of the season (Dec. 26 vs. Baltimore).
- Chase's 1455 receiving yards topped the previous team rookie record of 1057, held by WR A.J. Green. Chase passed 1057 receiving yards in the 15th game of the season (Dec. 26 vs. Baltimore).
- Chase's 13 receiving TDs topped the previous team rookie record of nine, held by WR Isaac Curtis. Chase caught his ninth receiving TD in just the 13th game of the season (Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco). Curtis' record was set in a 14-game season in 1973.
- Chase's five 100-yard receiving games topped the previous team rookie record of four, held by Green. Chase's fifth 100-yard receiving performance came in the 16th game of the season (Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City).

Uno topped Ocho in '21: WR Ja'Marr Chase, who is the first player in Bengals history to wear uniform No. 1 and thus earned the nickname "Uno" among fans, posted a team-record 1455 receiving yards as a rookie in 2021. That edged out the previous Bengals record of 1440, set in 2007 former WR Chad Johnson, who famously went by the nickname "Ochocinco" and even made that his legal last name in 2008.

It should be noted that Johnson played in 16 games, while Chase played 17. Chase, though, played just five snaps before exiting the 17th game — Week 18 at Cleveland — as the Bengals rested most of their starters after clinching the AFC North division title the previous week. Chase, who entered the game just 12 yards shy of breaking Johnson's record, caught two passes for 26 yards at Cleveland before heading to the bench.

Here's a look at the Bengals' single-season leaders in receiving yardage (regular season):

PLAYER	SEASON	RECEIVING YARDS
Ja'Marr Chase	2021.....	1455
Chad Johnson	2007.....	1440
Chad Johnson	2005.....	1432
A.J. Green	2013.....	1426
Chad Johnson	2006.....	1369

Chase set rookie playoff records in '21: Cincinnati's run to Super Bowl LVI was largely made possible by the brilliance of WR Ja'Marr Chase, who re-wrote the NFL's rookie receiving record books for the postseason. His 368 receiving yards (in four games) were the most by a rookie in NFL postseason history. He broke the previous mark — 242 by Rams WR Torry Holt — in just three games.

Chase also became the first rookie in NFL history with multiple 100-yard receiving games in the postseason, hitting the century mark in each of his first two playoff games — 116 yards in the Wild Card vs. Las Vegas, and 109 in the Divisional at Tennessee.

Chase also had 25 receptions in the four-game stretch, the most by a rookie in NFL postseason history. The previous record was 22, set by Colts RB Joseph Addai in 2006.

Here are the rookies with the most receiving yards in a single postseason:

PLAYER	YEAR	TEAM	YARDS
Ja'Marr Chase	2021	Cincinnati Bengals.....	279
Torry Holt	1999	St. Louis Rams.....	242
Austin Collie	2009	Indianapolis Colts.....	241
DK Metcalf	2019	Seattle Seahawks.....	219
DeSean Jackson	2008	Philadelphia Eagles.....	207

Chase, Higgins youngest duo to 1K: Bengals WRs Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins in 2021 became the first duo in NFL history to post 1000 receiving yards in the same season before the age of 23. Chase, a rookie, was 21 years old, while Higgins, a second-year pro, was 22 during the regular season (turned 23 on Jan. 18, during the postseason).

Chase finished his rookie season with a team-record 1455 receiving yards, which also counted as the most by an NFL rookie during the Super Bowl era (started in 1966). Higgins finished with 1091 yards in just 14 games played — he missed two games early in the season with a shoulder injury, and then was inactive (rest) for the regular-season finale at Cleveland.

The old man in the Bengals' WRs room was 27-year old Tyler Boyd, who finished the regular season with 828 receiving yards. Boyd hit 1000 receiving yards in both 2018 and '19, and played in 16 regular-season games in '21.

Boyd, Chase and Higgins combined for 3374 receiving yards during the 2021 regular season, the most among any trio of pass catchers in the NFL (second was L.A. Rams — WR Cooper Kupp, TE Tyler Higbee and WR Van Jefferson combined for 3309 yards).

The 2021 regular season marked the third time in Bengals history in which the team had multiple 1000-yard receivers — WRs Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh did it twice, in 2006 and '07.

Tee topped 1K in Year 2: Bengals WR Tee Higgins in 2021 continued the momentum he built during his rookie campaign in '20. A second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, he had 74 catches for 1091 yards and six TDs during the '21 regular season, despite missing three games — Games 3-4 (shoulder), and the regular-season finale (rest). He also had four 100-yard receiving games, including on Dec. 26 vs. Baltimore, when he posted career-highs in catches (12) and receiving yards (194) and scored two TDs.

Higgins continued his production in the postseason, with two 100-yard receiving performances — 103 yards in the AFC Championship at Kansas City, and 100 in Super Bowl LVI vs. the L.A. Rams. His 18 catches in the postseason tied teammate Joe Mixon and former teammate A.J. Green for fourth-most in Bengals history. His 309 receiving yards were fourth-most in team postseason history. His 75-yard TD on the first play of the second half in Super Bowl LVI was the longest play from scrimmage in Bengals postseason history, and he joined TE Dan Ross as the only Bengals ever with multiple TDs in a single postseason game — Higgins had two TDs in the Super Bowl.

Of his four 100-yard receiving games, three came in consecutive weeks, tying the third-longest such streak in team history. Higgins had 114 yards on Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh, 138 on Dec. 5 vs. the L.A. Chargers, and 114 on Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco.

The last Bengal with 100 receiving yards in three straight games was WR A.J. Green, who eventually ran his streak to a team-record five games in 2013.

With each of his four 100-yard receiving games during the regular season coming in the final six contests in which he was active (rested for season finale), and two 100-yard performances in the postseason, Higgins has topped 100 yards in six of his last 10 games.

Here's a look at the longest streaks in Bengals history for consecutive games with at least 100 receiving yards:

PLAYER	YEAR	CONS. GAMES WITH 100+ REC. YDS.
WR A.J. Green	2013.....	5
WR Carl Pickens	1994.....	4
WR Isaac Curtis	1973.....	3
WR Chad Johnson	2002.....	3
WR Chad Johnson	2006.....	3
WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh	2007.....	3
WR Tee Higgins	2021.....	3

Mixon finished top five in two in '21: Bengals HB Joe Mixon during the 2021 regular season reached the top five in two team scoring lists. His 16 total TDs (13 rushing, three receiving) tied for second-most in team history behind WR Carl Pickens, who had 17 in 1995. Mixon and RB Pete Johnson (1981) share second place. Mixon had multiple TDs in five games during the regular season, which tied for the most in Bengals history with Johnson (1979, '81 and '83), James Brooks ('88) and Ickey Woods ('88).

Mixon's 13 rushing TDs were the fourth-most in team history, behind Woods' 15 in 1988 and Johnson's 14 in both 1979 and '83.

While the NFL's schedule moved to 17 games in 2021, Mixon played in just 16 contests — he missed Game 17 at Cleveland while on the Reserve/COVID-19 list. The NFL expanded its schedule from 14 to 16 games in 1978, therefore Pickens and Woods both set their team records in 16-game seasons.

Mixon established himself among the NFL's elite HBs in his fifth season, as

(Mixon finished top five in two in '21, continued)

his career-high 1205 rushing yards ranked third in the league while his 13 rushing TDs were fourth. The University of Oklahoma product earned his first career Pro Bowl selection in 2021.

Mixon topped 4K in '21: HB Joe Mixon in 2021 became one of only six Bengals ever to rush for 4000 yards in a career. He achieved the feat on Nov. 21, 2021 at Las Vegas, in what was his 60th career game.

Mixon has 4646 career rushing yards, fifth-most in Bengals history. He passed Harold Green (3727) and Cedric Benson (4176) in 2021, and he now stands just 775 yards shy of Pete Johnson (5421) for fourth place. Corey Dillon (8061) is the Bengals' all-time leading rusher, followed by James Brooks (6447), Rudi Johnson (5472) and Pete Johnson (5421).

Mixon in '21 became fastest to 4K/1K: HB Joe Mixon in 2021 became one of just four Bengals ever to surpass 4000 career rushing yards and 1000 career receiving yards, joining Corey Dillon, James Brooks and Pete Johnson.

Reaching the 4K/1K mark took Mixon just 60 career games, 11 faster than the next-quickest Bengal (Dillon, 71 games). He topped 1000 career receiving yards in the 2021 season opener vs. Minnesota, and then surpassed 4000 rushing yards in Game 10 at Las Vegas.

Mixon enters Week 2 of the 2022 season with 4646 career rushing yards and 1385 receiving yards. He rushed for 82 yards on 27 carries to go with seven catches for 63 yards in the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh, marking the third time in his career that he recorded 60-plus yards in both rushing and receiving.

It took Mixon just 50 games to reach 3000 rushing and 1000 receiving yards, which also was 11 games quicker than the next-fastest Bengal (Brooks, 61).

Here's a look at the fastest players ever to top 4000 career rushing yards and 1000 career receiving yards in a Bengals uniform (it should be noted that Brooks began his career with the San Diego Chargers from 1981-83; however, the data counts only rushing/receiving yardage and games played as a Bengal):

NAME	BENGALS GAMES TO REACH 4K/1K
Joe Mixon	60
Corey Dillon	71
James Brooks	76
Pete Johnson	77

Bengals revamp O-line in 2022: Cincinnati addressed its biggest need in the 2022 offseason, signing three premier offensive linemen to help protect QB Joe Burrow. The Bengals inked G Alex Cappa (formerly with Tampa Bay), OT La'el Collins (Dallas) and C Ted Karras (New England).

Prior to joining Cincinnati, the new additions played in a combined 236 games (regular and postseason), with 174 starts. They also provide a winning pedigree, as Karras helped the New England Patriots win Super Bowl LI and LIII, while Cappa was a key member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers team that took home Super Bowl LV.

A fifth-year pro out of Humboldt State (now Cal Poly Humboldt), Cappa has started each his last 47 games played from 2019-22. He helped the Buccaneers offensive line allow a league-low 23 sacks in 2021, while the team led the NFL in yards per game (405.9) and passing yards per game (307.6).

Collins is in his eighth NFL season after originally signing with Dallas as a college free agent in 2015. The LSU product quickly became a mainstay on the Cowboys O-line, starting 61 of his first 62 career games before suffering a hip injury that kept him on the Reserve/Injured list for the entire 2020 season. With Collins in the lineup, Dallas ranked in the top five in rushing offense for three straight years (2017-19).

After playing his first three seasons (2016-18) primarily as a reserve, Karras became the Patriots' starting center entering '19 and has started 46 out of 49 games since then. He signed with Miami as a free agent in 2020, spending one season with the Dolphins before returning to New England in '21. He started two games at RG in 2021, then took over the starting LG spot for the remainder of the regular season and one playoff game.

'21 D tightened after the break: Cincinnati during the 2021 regular season allowed just 40 third-quarter points, second-fewest in the NFL behind Buffalo. The Bengals outscored their competition 102-40 in the third quarter during the regular season, good for a plus-62 point differential that was third-best leaguewide behind only Buffalo (plus-70) and Green Bay (plus-63).

Cincinnati's third-quarter defense also got better as the season progressed.

The Bengals allowed just 13 combined third-quarter points over their final seven games (including playoffs), with 10 of those coming in the Divisional Playoff win at Tennessee. After their Week 10 bye — a 12-game stretch (including playoffs) — the Bengals allowed 23 combined points, including just two TDs, in the third quarter. Cincinnati held its opponents scoreless in the third quarter in 12 of its 21 games in 2021.

In the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh, the Bengals allowed zero points and held the Steelers to just 30 net yards in the third quarter.

Trey's 14 sacks in '21 second-most by a Bengal: DE Trey Hendrickson, one of the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency haul in the 2021 offseason, had a team-high and career-high 14 sacks (fifth in NFL) during the 2021 regular season. That total marked the second-most in team history, between DE Carlos Dunlap's 13 in 2015 and DE Coy Bacon's team-record 22 in 1976. (Sacks became an official NFL statistic in 1982, however the Bengals tracked the stat back to '76 and thus recognize Bacon as the record-holder).

Hendrickson was the first Bengal with double-digit sacks since former DT Geno Atkins' 10 in 2018.

In 2020 with New Orleans, Hendrickson's 13.5 sacks tied for the NFC lead and tied for second-most leaguewide. His 27.5 combined sacks since the start of the 2020 regular season are third-most in the NFL, behind only Pittsburgh's T.J. Watt (38.5) and Cleveland's Myles Garrett (30.0).

Hendrickson continued his torrid pace in the postseason, as he recorded a team-high 3.5 sacks and a FF. He left the Wild Card Playoff late in the first half with a head injury, but returned to the starting lineup the following week in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee.

His production during the 2021 regular season helped him earn his first career Pro Bowl selection.

Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal: DE Sam Hubbard, a third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, ranks second in sacks (24.0) among all players from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

Players' listed positions vary by media outlet (e.g. whether they're classified as a LB or DE), but according to NFL.com's draft record, Hubbard was the 13th defensive lineman selected in 2018 — five DEs and seven DTs came off the board before him. According to NFL.com, there were a total of 40 defensive linemen (20 DEs, 20 DTs) selected in the 2018 draft, along with 32 linebackers and one player classified as "EDGE."

Hubbard has been the Bengals' starting RDE since 2019, and during the '21 regular season his 7.5 sacks were second on the team. Hubbard's three sacks in the playoffs ranked tied for fifth among all players, second on the team, and tied for third-most ever by a Bengal for a postseason career (David Grant and Reggie Williams also had three, Trey Hendrickson has 3.5, and Jason Buck had four).

Hubbard signed a contract extension with the Bengals in July 2021 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the end of the 2025 season.

Here's a look at the career sack leaders from the rookie class of 2018:

PLAYER/POSITION	TEAM	PICK (ROUND)	SACKS
Harold Landry/EDGE	Tennessee	No. 41 (2nd)	31.0
Sam Hubbard/DE	Cincinnati	No. 77 (3rd)	24.0
Marcus Davenport/DE	New Orleans	No. 14 (1st)	21.0
Bradley Chubb/DE	Denver	No. 5 (1st)	20.5
Josh Sweat/DE	Philadelphia	No. 130 (4th)	17.5

Healthy Reader leads stout D-line: The Bengals made a significant free agency splash during the 2020 offseason when they inked DT DJ Reader to a lucrative four-year contract that lasts through the 2023 season. Big things were expected of Reader, who spent his first four NFL seasons in Houston, but his impact in 2020 was short-lived as he suffered a season-ending left quad injury in the fifth game.

In 2021, the 6-3, 335-pound Reader returned healthy and asserted himself as a physical presence in the middle of Cincinnati's defensive line. He played a key role in helping the Bengals' run defense rank fifth in the NFL (102.5 yards/game allowed) in 2021 compared to 29th a year earlier (148.0) and 32nd the year before (148.9).

Reader started 15 of 17 games at NT during the 2021 regular season, racking up 43 tackles and two sacks. He added 12 more tackles in four postseason games, including three for losses. Late in the third quarter of Super Bowl LVI, he sacked Rams QB Matthew Stafford for a six-yard loss on third down to force a Los Angeles punt.

But perhaps the most impressive part of Reader's 2021 season was his actual recovery from the aforementioned quad injury. In an interview on the Bengals Booth Podcast, he explained that due to a fully ruptured tendon, he was

unable to move for six weeks after surgery and then underwent a nine-month rehab process.

Wilson among elite young LBs: Third-year LB Logan Wilson opened the regular season with eight tackles (six solos) against Pittsburgh and recorded one PD. The University of Wyoming product emerged as one of the league's top young linebackers in 2021, when he led the Bengals in tackles (98) and INTs (four) in just his second pro season. His four picks also tied for the most among all NFL LBs, and were the most by a Bengals LB since 2005 (Odell Thurman, five). Consider also that Wilson missed three games (Games 13-15) with a right shoulder injury, and then was inactive (rest) for the season finale at Cleveland. In the 12 full regular-season games in which he was healthy (was injured in first half of Game 12), Wilson led the Bengals in tackles six times.

His strong play continued into the postseason, as he played all 274 possible snaps in Cincinnati's four-game run. His 39 tackles led all NFL players, and he also made numerous key plays throughout the postseason, including an INT with 20 seconds remaining in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, which gave the ball back to the Bengals' offense and helped set up K Evan McPherson's 52-yard game-winning FG as time expired. He also tackled Titans TB Derrick Henry for a loss on a fourth-and-one in the fourth quarter of that same contest, thwarting a Titans drive that had reached Cincinnati's 35-yard line and giving the Bengals the ball back in what was a tie game.

Wilson's 39 tackles in the postseason were the most by any NFL player since 2012. Here's a look at the league's tackle leaders over the last 10 postseasons:

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	TACKLES
Ray Lewis	Baltimore Ravens	2012	51
Logan Wilson	Cincinnati Bengals	2021	39
Devin White	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2020	38
Telvin Smith	Jacksonville Jaguars	2017	35
Navorro Bowman	San Francisco 49ers	2013	35

Bengals secondary is airtight: Cincinnati in Week 1 held Steelers QB Mitch Trubisky to a 55.3 completion percentage (21 of 38) and 194 yards for a passer rating of 78.2, continuing a dominant trend that began during the 2021 postseason.

Dating back to the Wild Card Playoff on Jan. 15 against Las Vegas, the Bengals have held five consecutive QBs to a passer rating of 100 or lower. The stat becomes more impressive when considering that two of those QBs — Las Vegas' Derek Carr and Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes — ranked in the top 10 leaguewide in passer rating during the 2021 regular season.

Over the past five games (2021 postseason + '22 regular-season opener), the Bengals have held opposing QBs to a 60.0 completion percentage (117 of 195), while collecting eight INTs to just nine pass TDs allowed.

Corners stepped up in '21 postseason: Each of the three veteran CBs signed by the Bengals during the 2021 offseason — Eli Apple, Chidobe Awuzie and Mike Hilton — made critical plays during the team's run to Super Bowl LVI.

Awuzie contributed to a stalwart defensive effort in the second half of the AFC Championship at Kansas City, as the Bengals limited the high-powered Chiefs offense to just 66 yards and six points. He led the Cincinnati secondary with eight tackles. Two weeks later, he played all but two snaps in Super Bowl LVI, and on the Rams' first offensive play of the second half picked off a pass from QB Matthew Stafford to set up a Bengals FG drive.

Hilton came through with back-to-back memorable plays in the third quarter of the AFC Divisional at Tennessee, starting with a chase-down tackle of RB D'Onta Foreman on a 45-yard run that prevented a TD. On the very next snap, he batted a pass from QB Ryan Tannehill into the air and intercepted it (19-yard return) to thwart a Titans goal-to-go scoring opportunity.

Apple made one of the signature plays of the team's postseason run with five seconds left before halftime of the AFC Championship at Kansas City. With the ball at the Bengals' one-yard line and the Chiefs leading 21-10, he tackled WR Tyreek Hill in the flat and forced the remaining clock to expire. The tackle is largely credited for providing a momentum shift going into halftime, as Cincinnati roared back in the third quarter with 11 unanswered points.

The CB trio helped limit opponents to 272 passing yards per game and a combined 77.2 passer rating in the postseason. Cincinnati's eight INTs in the postseason were the most by any team since Green Bay in 2010.

Mr. Reliable wears No. 30: Jessie Bates earned a starting S spot midway through his first preseason in Cincinnati, and he hasn't looked back since. The 2018 second-round pick started 51 straight games to begin his Bengals career — that's three full seasons plus three games — until a neck injury ended his streak in the fourth game of 2021 (Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville). He missed just that one game before returning to the starting lineup the next week, and then started all but one game (pre-playoff rest) thereafter in 2021.

Still, Bates' streak of 51 tied for the sixth-most consecutive starts by a player to begin their career as a Bengal, and the second-most by a defender. Had he started the Jacksonville game, he would have tied former LB Takeo Spikes (52) for most starts to begin a career by a Bengals defender.

Over his first four-plus pro seasons, Bates has steadily established himself as one of the NFL's elite players at his position. Since entering the league in 2018, his 408 total tackles rank 23rd leaguewide and third among defensive backs. He logged 100-plus tackles each of his first three seasons, and although that number dipped to 88 in the 2021 regular season (did not play in two games), he stepped up in the postseason with a team-leading two INTs and six PDs.

McPherson breaks own team record in Week 1: K Evan McPherson, who quickly became a fan-favorite in Cincinnati during his rookie season in 2021, notched another historic mark in the '22 regular-season opener against Pittsburgh. McPherson kicked a team-record 59-yard field goal in the first quarter to put the Bengals on the board, breaking the previous record of 58 yards that he hit on Dec. 19, 2021 at Denver.

McPherson made an NFL-best nine FGs of 50 or more yards during the 2021 regular season, and fell just one shy of tying the NFL record for most 50-plus yarders. His nine such FGs were more than double the previous team record for a single season (four, by K Horst Muhlmann in 1970). Even more impressive is that he is the Bengals' career leader in 50-plus yard FGs with 10, and it took him only 14 games last season to break the previous record of eight.

In three preseason games, McPherson hit nine of 10 FG attempts, with three coming from 50-plus yards. His nine FGs tied for the league lead during preseason, while his 31 points accounted for (made four PATs) were third-most.

McPherson magic: K Evan McPherson took the league by storm in his rookie season, putting together one of the most memorable seasons by a first-year kicker in NFL history. He started it off in style, by booting a game-winning 33-yard FG as time expired in OT to give the Bengals a Week 1 victory over Minnesota on Sept. 12.

At the time of his game-winner, he was 22 years and 53 days old (born 7-21-99), making him the youngest player in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG in overtime. It also made him just the second rookie kicker in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG with no time remaining in OT (the other was Miami K Jason Sanders on 2018).

McPherson went on to make 28 of his 33 FGs and 46 of 48 PATs during the 2021 regular season. Some of his highlights included an NFL-best nine FGs of 50 or more yards, which fell just one shy of tying the NFL rookie record (Blair Walsh kicked 10 in 2012). In a sign of things to come, his first NFL FG was a 53-yarder in the season opener vs. Minnesota. On Nov. 21 at Las Vegas, he tied a single-game NFL record with three FGs of at least 50 yards (54, 53 and 51). For perspective, there were only four instances prior to 2021 in which a Bengals kicker made as many as three 50-plus yarders in a full season. On Dec. 19 at Denver, he nailed a then-Bengals-record 58-yard FG as time expired in the first half.

The rookie sensation found a way to best his regular season production during the Bengals' postseason run to Super Bowl LVI. Over the four-game stretch, he was a perfect 20-for-20 on placekicks, making all 14 of his FG attempts and all six of his PATs. No kicker in NFL history had previously been perfect on as many as 11 FGs in a single postseason. In his postseason debut, the AFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas, McPherson set team postseason records for points (14) and FGs (four) in a game. In the following week's Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, he hit four more FGs, including a 52-yard game-winner as time expired in regulation — making him the first rookie kicker in NFL postseason history to kick a game-winning FG with no time remaining in the fourth quarter or overtime.

He matched that performance the next week in the AFC Championship at Kansas City, with four FGs including a 31-yarder in overtime that won the game and sent Cincinnati to the Super Bowl.

McPherson's 14 FGs tied former Colts K Adam Vinatieri (2006) for the most in a single postseason in NFL history. K Jim Breech (nine) held the previous Bengals record in that category. McPherson's 48 points are already the second-most by a Bengal for an entire postseason career, trailing Breech, who amassed 52 points in nine games.

In the Bengals' "Back Together Saturday" practice on July 30 at Paycor Stadium, McPherson closed out the afternoon by kicking a 65-yard FG in front of an announced crowd of 28,283.

Huber breaks prestigious record: P Kevin Huber, a 2009 Bengals fifth-round pick in his 14th NFL season, played in his 208th career game for Cincinnati in the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh, breaking a tie with former CB Ken Riley for the most in team history. Riley's record had stood since his retirement in 1983, before Huber matched it in the 2021 regular-season finale.

Huber also passed QB Ken Anderson (192 games) and LB Reggie Williams (206) in 2021.

Not far behind Huber on the list is LS Clark Harris, who played in his 202nd game for the Bengals on Sunday before suffering a biceps injury in the fourth quarter. Harris, a 14th-year veteran who has snapped to Huber since joining Cincinnati midway through the 2009 season, was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on Monday. He stands fourth in career games as a Bengal, and last season passed Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz (185), DT Tim Krumrie (188) and Anderson (192).

Here's a look at the players with the most career games played as a Bengal (regular season only):

PLAYER, YEARS WITH TEAM	CAREER GAMES AS A BENGAL
P Kevin Huber, 2009-present	208
CB Ken Riley, 1969-83	207
LB Reggie Williams, 1976-85	206
LS Clark Harris, 2009-present	202
QB Ken Anderson, 1971-86	192
DT Tim Krumrie, 1983-94	188
OT Anthony Munoz, 1980-92	185

The Huber roundup: P Kevin Huber, who is a Cincinnati native and played at the University of Cincinnati, has long been considered the top punter in Bengals history. He has cemented that legacy in recent years by taking over the top spot in the few remaining career punting categories he did not already own.

Huber stands first in the following team categories (regular season):

- Punts (982)
- Punting yards (44,584)
- Gross average (45.40)
- Net average (40.30)
- Inside-20 punts (338)

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

- He holds the top five Bengals season averages in both gross and net punting yardage, and in 2020, his 12th NFL season, he re-set his own single-season team records in both categories (47.18 gross, 42.82 net).
- 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.

Huber also has been a part of seven Bengals playoff teams (2009, '11-15 and '21) and owns nearly every career postseason punting record in team history. Among those are:

- Total punts (42).
- Punting yards (1879)
- Gross average (44.74)
- Net average (41.29)
- Inside-20 punts (14)

Anderson, Curtis to join Bengals ROH in '22: The Bengals announced that former OT Willie Anderson and WR Isaac Curtis will be inducted into the team's Ring of Honor at halftime of the Week 4 game against the Miami Dolphins on Thursday, Sept. 29. They will join the inaugural Ring of Honor Class inducted last season, which included QB Ken Anderson, team founder/head coach Paul Brown, OT Anthony Munoz and CB Ken Riley.

Anderson played from 1996-2007 and is regarded as the best right offensive tackle of his era. A four-time Pro Bowler, he played in 181 Bengals games, tied for eighth on the team's all-time list. He blocked for HB Corey Dillon's two NFL-record setting games — an NFL rookie record 246 rushing yards vs. the Tennessee Oilers in 1997 (since broken), and an NFL record 278 rushing yards vs. the Denver Broncos in 2000 (since broken). He also helped set the club

record for fewest sacks allowed twice — 21 in 2005 and 17 in '07.

Considered a game-changing wide receiver in his era, Curtis played from 1973-84 and still holds the team record for average yards per reception (17.07). The four-time Pro Bowler ranks third in team history in both career receiving yards (7101) and 100-yard games (20), and is fourth in receiving TDs (53).

Season Ticket Members selected Anderson and Curtis from a ballot that featured 15 individuals who have played a significant role in the franchise's history and tradition.

Bengals President Mike Brown on the 2022 inductees: "These are two of our finest all-time players. Willie was as good a right offensive tackle as you could draw up. He had it all — strength, movement and attitude. Isaac had incredible speed along with great hands. This is evidence for how our fans felt about Isaac during his career. They knew he was special. The Bengals are fortunate to have both of these outstanding players in the Ring of Honor."

In addition to his spot in the Bengals Ring of Honor, Ken Riley has also been elected as one of three senior nominees for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Riley, who passed away in June 2020 at age 72 after playing cornerback for the Bengals from 1969-83, was chosen from the senior committee's list of 12 finalists. To become a member of the 2023 Hall of Fame class, he will need to receive 80 percent of the vote from the regular committee when it meets in February.

2022 draft class overview: Cincinnati's six-player draft class in April featured three defensive backs, two defensive linemen and one offensive lineman. The group played in a combined 288 games during their collegiate careers.

Here's a closer look at Cincinnati's 2022 draft class:

- S Dax Hill, Michigan (Round 1, Pick 31): Hill was one of the fastest players in this year's draft (4.38-second 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine) and brings a highly touted versatility to the Bengals' secondary. A first-team All-Big Ten selection as a junior last season, he totaled 42 tackles, including 4.5 for losses, with two INTs and eight PDs. The Bengals will look to insert Hill at multiple spots, with the ability to slot him as a nickel CB or a deep safety. He had an impressive preseason, playing in the first two games and registering seven tackles, two PDs and an INT. Hill made his regular-season career debut against the Steelers, playing 18 total snaps (six defensive, 11 special teams). He did not record any stats.

- CB Cam Taylor-Britt, Nebraska (Round 2, Pick 60): Cincinnati took a defensive back with each of its first two picks for the first time in team history when it selected the speedy Taylor-Britt out of head coach Zac Taylor's alma mater, Nebraska. He totaled a career-high 51 tackles in 12 starts last season, and is known for his high energy and elite athleticism. After suffering a core injury during training camp, Taylor-Britt was placed on the Reserve/Injured list and will miss at least the first four weeks of the regular season, but Zac Taylor has expressed optimism in the second-rounder's recovery process to this point.

- DT Zach Carter, Florida (Round 3, Pick 95): Carter had success lining up on the edge and at the three technique at Florida, where he collected 13 sacks over his final two seasons. Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo has indicated Carter will play both on the interior of the defensive line and on the outside. He provides a valuable depth piece and possesses athleticism for his size. Carter was on the field for 11 defensive snaps in the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh.

- G Cordell Volson, North Dakota State (Round 4, Pick 136): The first and only offensive player taken by the Bengals in the 2022 draft, Volson earned the starting role at LG during training camp. He brings a winning pedigree from an elite FCS program at North Dakota State, where he won four national championships and played in a program-record 65 career games. He lined up for each of the Bengals' 100 offensive snaps in the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh.

- S Tycen Anderson, Toledo (Round 5, Pick 166): Anderson tallied 131 tackles and 16 PDs in a five-year career at Toledo, but his earliest contributions with the Bengals may come via special teams, an area he excelled in college. As a defensive back, he relies on his size (6-2, 209) and natural speed (4.26 40-time). In Cincinnati's second preseason contest at the N.Y. Giants, Anderson recorded seven tackles (six solos). Anderson suffered a hamstring injury during preseason and was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on Sept. 2.

- DE Jeff Gunter, Coastal Carolina (Round 7, Pick 93): Bengals coaches were pleased to get Gunter in the seventh round, given his knack for rushing the passer and causing turnovers. A three-time All-Sun Belt Conference selection, he recorded 18 career sacks, nine FFs and two blocked FG attempts. He will begin his career as an edge rusher, but head coach Zac Taylor has said he may move around the defensive line. In his career debut Week 1 vs. Pittsburgh, Gunter saw action on 20 special teams plays.

Four Bengals listed on “Top 100”: For the 12th consecutive year, current NFL players have voted to determine the top 100 players in the NFL, with the final list revealed throughout August on NFL Network.

Cincinnati is represented by four players in 2022 — QB Joe Burrow (No. 21), WR Ja’Marr Chase (No. 24), HB Joe Mixon (No. 38) and DE Trey Hendrickson (No. 78). It marks the team’s second-most selections on a Top 100 list — there were seven Bengals included in 2016.

Burrow, Chase and Mixon made their Top 100 debuts, while Hendrickson made his second appearance after checking in at No. 73 on the 2021 list. Burrow’s ranking at No. 21 is the fifth-highest by a Bengal, as WR A.J. Green was listed in the top 20 four times from 2013-17.

Super Bowl LVI viewership: The Bengals’ Feb. 13 matchup with the L.A. Rams in Super Bowl LVI averaged a total audience delivery (TAD) of 112.3 million viewers across NBC, Telemundo, Peacock, NBC Sports Digital, NFL Digital platforms and Yahoo Sports mobile properties. That ranked as the most-watched show in five years — since the Patriots and Falcons met in Super Bowl LI in February 2017 (113.7 million TAD on Fox).

Super Bowl LVI viewership on NBC peaked at 104.4 million from 7:45-8 p.m. Eastern. The game, which ran from 6:35-10:09 p.m. Eastern, averaged 99.3 million viewers on NBC. Telemundo became the first-ever Spanish-language broadcast network to air the Super Bowl and averaged 1.9 million viewers — by far the most-watched NFL game in U.S. Spanish-language history.

The game also counted as the most-streamed Super Bowl ever. The average minute audience (AMA) for the Super Bowl live stream via Peacock, NBC Sports Digital platforms, NFL Digital platforms, Rams and Bengals mobile properties, and Yahoo Sports mobile properties was 6.0 million, according to the traditional counting of streaming (which is the comparable metric to the previous year’s 5.7 million). The delivery rises to 11.2 million AMA viewers, which takes into account co-viewing from connected devices.

Super Bowl LVI also served as the lead-in to NBC’s live primetime coverage

of the Beijing Olympics, which averaged a TAD of 24.0 million viewers.

Cincinnati was the top metered market (out of 44 available) for Super Bowl LVI, with a 46.1/84 rating. Detroit (45.9/79), Pittsburgh (45.6/74), Columbus (45.4/80) and Kansas City (44.6/76) rounded out the top five markets. Los Angeles (36.7/77) was not in the top 10.

Bengal bites: Since 2011, the Bengals own a 58-6-2 record in the regular season when scoring 25 or more points ... Cincinnati’s Week 1 game against Pittsburgh had an attendance figure of 65,841, the highest in a regular-season home game for the Bengals since Dec. 22, 2014 vs. Denver (66,107) ... The Bengals defeated the Las Vegas Raiders in the 2021 Wild Card Playoff in front of a crowd of 66,277, marking the highest-attended sporting event in Cincinnati history ... WR Tee Higgins’ 75-yard TD reception 12 seconds into the third quarter of Super Bowl LVI tied for the quickest second half score in Super Bowl history (Percy Harvin, KOR TD in Super Bowl XLVIII) ... WR Tyler Boyd’s 56-yard TD catch from QB Joe Burrow on Dec. 19 at Denver was the 2000th TD in Bengals history ... According to the NFL’s Next Gen Stats service, which tracks players’ speed by using GPS, the fastest speed by a Bengals ball-carrier during the 2021 regular season came from WR Ja’Marr Chase, who reached 21.74 MPH on a 72-yard TD reception on Jan. 2, 2022 vs. Kansas City ... Chase reached 21.66 MPH on a 57-yard catch in the AFC Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, which marked the fastest speed by any NFL player on a reception in the postseason since 2016 ... The longest-tenured player on the active roster in 2022 is P Kevin Huber, a 14th-year pro who joined the Bengals as a fifth-round pick in 2009 ... The oldest Bengal on the roster is also Huber, who is 37 (born July 16, 1985) ... The youngest Bengal on the roster is S Dax Hill, who is 21 (born Sept. 29, 2000) ... The lightest Bengal on the roster is WR Trent Taylor, who is listed at 181 pounds ... The heaviest Bengal is DT Josh Tupou, who is listed at 340 pounds ... There is a tie for the tallest Bengal between G Max Scharping and G Cordell Volson, who are both listed at 6-6 ... There is also a tie for the shortest player on the roster between WR Trent Taylor and HB Trayveon Williams, who are both 5-8.

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: Third-year pro **Joe Burrow** is coming off perhaps the best season by a QB in Bengals history in 2021. Burrow during the regular season completed 366 of 520 pass attempts for 4611 yards (sixth in the NFL), 34 TDs (eighth) and 14 INTs. He led the league in completion percentage (70.4) and yards per attempt (8.87), while ranking second in passer rating (108.3). His passing yards total, passing TDs and rating each set a new single-season team record. After suffering a season-ending knee injury 10 games into his rookie season, and undergoing an extensive rehab process, Burrow returned for the 2021 season opener and led Cincinnati to an OT win against Minnesota with then-career highs in passer rating (128.8) completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.6). In Game 15 vs. Baltimore, he threw for a Bengals-record 525 yards (fourth-most in NFL history) and four TDs. He followed that performance the next week with 426 passing yards and four more TDs against the Kansas City Chiefs to help Cincinnati clinch the AFC North Division title. Burrow’s 971 combined passing yards in Weeks 16-17 were the second-most ever by a QB in consecutive games (Dak Prescott, 974 yards in 2020), and it made him the first QB in NFL history with at least 400 yards, four TDs and no INTs in consecutive games. He was instrumental in the team’s run to Super Bowl LVI, completing 97 of 142 passes (68.3 percent) for 1105 yards and five TDs over four postseason games. Burrow also rushed for 31 yards on 11 carries in the postseason, extending multiple plays with his legs as the pocket collapsed. He was named the NFL’s Comeback Player of the Year, becoming the second player in Bengals history to win the award (QB Jon Kitna, 2003). Burrow underwent surgery to remove his appendix early in training camp and returned to practice on Aug. 14, but did not play during preseason. In the regular-season opener vs. Pittsburgh, Burrow completed 33 of 53 passes (62.2 percent) for 338 yards and two TDs, while also rushing six times for 47 yards (7.8 avg.). Next on the depth chart is sixth-year veteran **Brandon Allen**, who has started six games for the Bengals in the past two seasons. He took over the starting role late in 2020 after Burrow suffered a season-ending knee injury, and was behind center in the ’21 regular-season finale as the team rested Burrow with a spot in the postseason already clinched. Allen joined the Bengals in August of 2020, and began that season on the practice squad as the team’s “quarantine QB” that was kept away from the rest of the QBs at practice/meetings in case they could not play due to COVID-19. In 11 regular-season games with the Bengals, he has completed 107 of 176 passes (60.8 percent) for 1074 yards, with seven TDs and four INTs. After leaving the preseason opener against Arizona in the first quarter with a concussion, Allen started at the N.Y. Giants and played

through the opening drive of the third quarter. He completed 14 of his 20 passes for 105 yards, finishing with a quarterback rating of 82.3. Allen followed that up by completing 11 of 15 attempts for 130 yards in the preseason finale vs. the L.A. Rams.

Running backs: Leading the Bengals’ running back room is sixth-year pro **Joe Mixon**, who returned to action in 2021 after his ’20 campaign was limited to just six games due to a right foot injury. Mixon turned in perhaps his best pro season yet, posting career-highs in rushing yards (1205), rushing TDs (13) and rushing attempts (292). His rushing yardage total ranked third in NFL, his rushing TDs total was fourth, and his rushing attempts total was third. Mixon also caught 42 passes for 314 yards and three TDs during the regular season. His 16 total TDs tied for second-most in a single season in team history, and fell just one shy of WR Carl Pickens’ record of 17 set in 1995. In the postseason, Mixon rushed for a league-leading 262 yards on 67 carries with one TD. He finished with 90 more rushing yards than the next closest player in that category (L.A. Rams’ Cam Akers, 172). 2021 marked Mixon’s third season of 1000 or more rushing yards, and saw him earn his first career Pro Bowl selection. He signed a contract extension in 2020 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the ’24 season. In Week 1 against the Steelers, Mixon had 27 carries for 82 yards while also tying his career high in receptions with seven for 63 yards. Fifth-year pro **Samaje Perine**, who also shared a backfield with Mixon in college at Oklahoma, is in his fourth Bengals season after beginning his career with Washington. During the 2021 regular season, Perine had 55 carries for 246 yards and one TD, and 27 catches for 196 yards and one TD. At 5-11, 240 pounds, Perine brings size and a physical rushing style, and he’s also used extensively on special teams. In the AFC Championship at Kansas City, Perine scored Cincinnati’s first TD of the day when he took a screen pass 43 yards to the end zone, trimming an 18-point Chiefs lead to 11. The next HB on Cincinnati’s depth chart is **Chris Evans**, a second-year pro out of the University of Michigan. A sixth-round pick in the 2021 draft, Evans earned a roster spot last season and saw his playing time increase throughout his rookie campaign. He is known for his receiving ability out of the backfield, and during the 2021 regular season had 15 catches for 151 yards and two TDs, along with 17 carries for 77 yards. **Trayveon Williams**, in his fourth season with the Bengals, has played in 26 career games and totaled 208 rushing yards on 41 attempts as well as six catches for 34 yards. Williams spent time on the practice squad last season and was on the active roster for five games. He had a team-high nine carries for 28 yards and a TD in the second preseason contest at the N.Y. Giants.

Wide receivers: The top of the Bengals' wide receiver depth chart features one of the most explosive pass-catching trios in the NFL in **Tyler Boyd**, **Ja'Marr Chase** and **Tee Higgins**. Boyd, a seventh-year pro, is considered a premier slot receiver that poses a challenge for nickel corners with his size (6-2, 203). He has 392 career catches for 4604 yards and 25 TDs, and led the team in receptions each year from 2018-20 before sharing production with Chase and Higgins last season. He stands as one of six players in team history to top 1000 receiving yards in consecutive seasons ('18-19). Boyd scored the first TD of the Bengals' 2022 regular season on a two-yard pass from Burrow in Week 1 vs. Pittsburgh. Chase, the team's first-round pick in the 2021 NFL Draft (No. 5 overall), had one of the top rookie seasons in NFL history. He led the Bengals and set team rookie records in catches (81), receiving yards (1455) and receiving TDs (13). His yardage total was an NFL rookie record for the Super Bowl Era and the most in team history, topping Chad Johnson' 1440 yards in 2007. Chase led all rookies leaguewide in 2021 in receiving yards (fourth in the NFL) and receiving TDs (third in NFL), and earned his first Pro Bowl selection. He provided the Bengals with a downfield threat, finishing the regular season fourth in the NFL in catches of 40 or more yards (eight). With Burrow as his QB in 2019 at LSU, Chase set single-season SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20), and won the prestigious Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver. In the regular-season opener vs. Pittsburgh, he paced the Bengals with 10 catches for 129 yards and a TD with two seconds remaining in regulation. Considered among the premier young WRs in the NFL is third-year pro Higgins, who last season eclipsed 1000 receiving yards (1091) for the first time. Higgins, a second-round pick by the Bengals in 2020, netted 74 catches and six TDs, despite missing three games (two early in the season with a shoulder injury, and rested during the regular-season finale). He had four 100-yard games during the regular season — each coming in his final six games played — and then added two more in the postseason (103 in AFC Championship at Kansas City, 100 in Super Bowl LVI). Higgins brings considerable size (6-4, 219) to the receiving corps, and coaches credited him for transforming his body during the 2021 offseason to get stronger. He left the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh in the second quarter with a concussion. Fourth-year pro **Stanley Morgan**, a 2019 college free agent signee of the Bengals, provides depth at receiver and excels particularly as a blocker. Morgan also serves as one of Cincinnati's primary gunners on special teams, and saw action at KOR in 2021. Seventh-year pro **Mike D. Thomas** (not to be confused with Bengals S Michael J. Thomas) adds value as a speedy rotational receiver, as well as on special teams. Thomas joined the Bengals in 2020 but spent his first four NFL seasons with the L.A. Rams, where in '17 his assistant WRs coach was Zac Taylor. In Week 1 against the Steelers, Thomas caught a two-point conversion that cut the deficit to 17-14 in the third quarter. Veteran slot WR **Trent Taylor** was signed to the Bengals practice squad in 2021 after three full seasons (missed '19) in San Francisco. Taylor played in four regular-season games and all four postseason games last season, taking over as the team's primary punt returner. In the AFC Championship win at Kansas City, he caught a two-point conversion in the third quarter that completed an 18-point Cincinnati comeback. Taylor had a strong preseason, catching six passes for 106 yards (17.7 average) in three games, while also returning one punt for 31 yards.

Tight ends: One of the headliners of the Bengals' 2022 free agency class was TE **Hayden Hurst**, who came to Cincinnati after two seasons with the Atlanta Falcons ('20-21) and two with the Baltimore Ravens ('18-19). He has proven himself as a downfield threat at the TE position, with 125 career catches for 1304 yards and 12 TDs. A former elite baseball prospect, Hurst was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 17th round of the 2012 MLB Draft, and played two seasons as a pitcher (2013) and first baseman ('14) in the Pirates organization in the rookie Gulf Coast League before walking on to the University of South Carolina football team. He caught five passes for 46 yards (9.2 avg.) in his Bengals debut against Pittsburgh. **Drew Sample** is in his fourth season with the Bengals and has been credited by Cincinnati's coaches as one of the top blocking TEs in the NFL. He played in all 17 regular-season games in 2021, starting eight, and saw action on 41.7 percent (458 of 1098) offensive snaps. Sample is also a contributor on special teams. Third-year pro **Mitchell Wilcox**, a 2020 college free agent signee who spent his rookie year on the team's practice squad, appeared in 15 games with one start in '21. Wilcox played 50.5 percent (239 of 473) of special teams snaps during the regular season, third-highest on the team, and recorded three tackles. Rounding out the tight ends room is **Devin Asiasi**, who was acquired on waivers from New England on Aug. 31. Asiasi originally was a third-round pick of the Patriots in 2020 and has played in 10 games over the past two seasons.

Offensive linemen: The Bengals invested heavily in revamping the

offensive line during the offseason, signing three marquee free agents in RG **Alex Cappa**, ROT **La'el Collins** and C **Ted Karras**. Cappa, a fifth-year pro out of Humboldt State, spent the past four seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He was the starting RG for the 2020 Bucs team that won Super Bowl LV, and in '21 helped the Tampa Bay O-line allow a league-low 23 sacks. After playing in six games with no starts as a rookie in 2018, Cappa has started 47 consecutive regular-season contests in which he has been active since the start of the 2019 season, only missing three games in that span. In each of the last three seasons with Cappa as the No. 1 RG, Tampa Bay ranked in the top-two in the NFL in passing yards per game. He was placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform (PUP) list at the start of training camp, but returned to make his first start as a Bengal at RG in the regular-season opener. Collins, who was placed on the Active/Non-Football Injury list at the start of camp, also returned in time to start at ROT in Week 1. The eighth-year OT was a key member of a Cowboys O-line that paved the way for one of the NFL's top running games. From 2017-19, he started all but one regular-season contest and helped Dallas rank in the top five leaguewide in rushing yards per game each of those seasons. Karras has taken over the starting center spot for the Bengals, but he brings starting experience at all three interior OL positions. He entered the 2022 season with 34 career starts at C, 12 at LG and five at RG. Karras spent five of his first six seasons with the New England Patriots, with the outlier coming in 2020 with the Miami Dolphins. He was a member of two Super Bowl-winning teams in 2016 and '18, and became New England's starting C in '19. Now in his third season as Cincinnati's starting LOT is 2019 first-round pick **Jonah Williams**, who started 16 regular-season games (rested in season finale at Cleveland) and all four postseason contests last year. Williams played a team-high 96 percent of offensive snaps in 2021 (regular and postseason), and blocked for an offense that ranked seventh in the NFL in passing yards per game and eighth in points. He missed his entire rookie campaign in 2019 due to a left shoulder injury suffered during OTAs, then in '20 played in 10 games before suffering a season-ending right knee injury. Williams started all 44 possible games in three collegiate seasons at Alabama, helping the Crimson Tide win the national championship in 2017. The lone offensive player selected by the Bengals in the 2022 NFL Draft, G **Cordell Volson** earned the starting role at LG during training camp. He brings a winning pedigree from FCS powerhouse North Dakota State, where he played in a program-record 65 career games and helped the Bison win four national championships. Volson started Cincinnati's regular-season opener against Pittsburgh and played all 100 of the team's offensive snaps. **Hakeem Adeniji**, a sixth-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, is a versatile backup on the Bengals' O-line. Currently listed at OT, he took over as the starting RG midway through the 2021 season and earned praise from coaches for his consistent play. He spent the first eight games of the regular season on Reserve/Non-Football Injury (pectoral), but jumped into the starting lineup immediately upon returning. Adeniji was drafted as an OT, and played OT in college and as a rookie, so the 2021 season was his first-ever at G. In the AFC Championship at Kansas City, Adeniji started and split time at RG with **Jackson Carman**, a 2021 second-round pick of the Bengals who enters his second season. Carman, a native of Fairfield, Ohio (approx. 25 miles north of Cincinnati), was the team's No. 1 RG early in the season before moving to a reserve role upon Adeniji's return from injury. Offensive line coach/run game coordinator Frank Pollack said he was impressed with Carman's attention to detail and improved technique during the offseason. He started at LG in the preseason opener against Arizona and in the finale against the L.A. Rams, but missed the contest at the N.Y. Giants due to COVID-19 protocols. Carman saw action on four special teams plays in the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh. Another key reserve along the interior of the line is second-year pro C **Trey Hill**, who played in 13 regular-season games (three starts) and all four postseason contests in 2021. Though listed at C, where he made two starts as a rookie, he also started at RG in Game 6 at Detroit last season. Hill is a young prospect who turned 22 during Cincinnati's postseason run (born 1-23-00). The Bengals added more size and experience to the interior of the line when they acquired G **Max Scharping** on waivers on Aug. 31. Scharping, who is listed at 6-foot-6 and 325 pounds, was a second-round pick of Houston in the 2019 draft. He played in 48 games with 33 starts for the Texans in three seasons (2019-'21). Adding depth at LOT is second-year pro **D'Ante Smith**, who was a fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2021 and battled injuries throughout his rookie season. He drew positive reviews from coaches when healthy, as he played in two games during the regular season (one start at LOT) and two games in the postseason. Smith also lined up at G in his rookie campaign.

Defensive linemen: Cincinnati native and Archbishop Moeller graduate **Sam Hubbard** is in his fifth Bengals season (fourth as a full-time starter) and is considered the leader of the defensive line. A third-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2018, Hubbard had 7.5 sacks (second on team) during the

2021 regular season, and his 24 career sacks are second-most among players from his draft class (including college free agents). He had three sacks in the postseason, including two on consecutive plays in the fourth quarter of the AFC Championship with the Chiefs in a goal-to-go situation. In addition to his success as a pass-rusher, Hubbard is also considered among the best DEs in the NFL against the run. Hubbard signed a contract extension in July of 2021 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '25 season. On the other side of the line is DE **Trey Hendrickson**, who joined the team as a free agent in 2021 and posted a career-high 14 sacks during the regular season. That total ranked fifth in the NFL and second in team history. Hendrickson during the regular season also recorded at least a half sack in 11 straight games (Games 5-15) — the longest such streak in Bengals history, the longest streak in the NFL in 2021, and tied for the second-longest streak in NFL history. He added 3.5 more sacks in the postseason, leading the Bengals in that category. Hendrickson spent 2017-20 with the New Orleans Saints, breaking out for 13.5 sacks in '20 to tie for the NFC lead and second in the NFL. His 27.5 combined sacks since the start of the 2020 regular season are third-most among all players. Another recent high-profile addition in free agency was DT **DJ Reader**, who signed with the Bengals in 2020 after spending his first four NFL seasons in Houston. Reader is a 6-3, 335-pound nose tackle who excels against the run. He was limited to just five games in his first season with the Bengals due to a left quad injury, but in '21 recorded two sacks in 15 starts. Reader helped Cincinnati rank fifth in the league in rushing defense (102.5 yards allowed per game). DT **B.J. Hill** was acquired in a trade with the N.Y. Giants shortly before the 2021 regular season, and proved to be a productive interior defender with 5.5 sacks (fourth on team) in a reserve role. He was thrust into the starting lineup during the postseason, and made one of the signature plays of Cincinnati's run to Super Bowl LVI when he picked off Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes in the third quarter of the AFC Championship. That INT set up a Bengals TD drive that tied the game. In Week 1, Hill recorded three tackles, including the team's first sack of the season on Steelers QB Mitchell Trubisky for a loss of two yards in the third quarter. DT **Josh Tupou** returned to the lineup in 2021 after opting out of the '20 season due to COVID-19. He played in 17 games with nine starts, and suffered a right knee injury in the regular-season finale that limited him to just five snaps in the first three postseason games. Tupou returned to action in Super Bowl LVI, helping limit the Rams to just 1.9 yards per rushing attempt. A fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2021, DE **Cam Sample** played in 14 regular-season games as a rotational defensive lineman, collecting 14 tackles including 1.5 sacks. Sample battled a hamstring injury late in the regular season and a groin injury in the postseason. DT **Zach Carter** was selected by Cincinnati in the fourth round of the 2022 NFL Draft, and was impressive in training camp. He totaled 17.5 career sacks in 46 games at Florida, starting 23 of his final 24 contests at DT. Carter has the ability to line up inside or on the edge, according to Bengals coaches. He had a strong showing in the preseason opener against Arizona, recording four tackles and batting down a pass at the line of scrimmage. Second-year DE **Joseph Ossai** returned to action in the regular-season opener after missing the 2021 regular and postseason due to a knee injury. He sustained that injury in the '21 preseason opener at Tampa Bay, a game he impressed in with a sack of QB Tom Brady on the opening drive. Ossai was originally a Bengals third-round pick in 2021. He moved to the United States at age 10 from Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos, Nigeria, and was raised in Conroe, Texas (outside Houston). Rookie DE **Jeff Gunter** was also taken in the seventh round, as the Bengals coaches were pleased to get the Coastal Carolina product late in the 2022 draft. Gunter is listed as a DE, but played at different spots along the line in college and recorded 18 sacks. His skillset was on display in the preseason opener against Arizona, as he batted down a pass at the line of scrimmage on the game's opening drive and finished with two QB hits. The most recent addition to the D-line is DT **Jay Tufele**, who was acquired on waivers from Jacksonville on Aug. 31. Listed at 6-foot-3, 305 pounds, he originally was a fourth-round pick of the Jaguars in 2021 and played in four games last season.

Linebackers: Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is third-year pro **Logan Wilson**, who wears the "green dot" as the defense's communicator. Wilson missed Games 12-15 of the 2021 regular season with a right shoulder injury, and then was inactive (rest) for the regular-season finale, but he still finished as the team's leader in both tackles (98) and INTs (four). His INT total tied for the most among all NFL linebackers during the regular season (Darius Leonard, Indianapolis). Wilson made several crucial plays during Cincinnati's postseason run to Super Bowl LVI, with the two most notable coming in the AFC Divisional at Tennessee — he tackled RB Derrick Henry for a two-yard loss on a fourth-and-one in the fourth quarter while the game was tied at 16, and then he intercepted a QB Ryan Tannehill pass with 20 seconds remaining

that set up a game-winning FG. Wilson logged 39 tackles in the postseason, the most by any NFL player in a single postseason since Ray Lewis in 2012 (51). In Week 1 vs. Pittsburgh, Wilson tied for the team lead in tackles (eight) and logged a PD. He originally entered the NFL as a third-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2020. Cincinnati's third-round pick a year earlier was **Germaine Pratt**, who has grown into a key starter on defense after being considered a raw prospect early in his pro career. Pratt switched from S to LB late in his college career, but earned a starting LB spot with the Bengals midway through his rookie season in 2019. During the 2021 regular season, he totaled 88 tackles (tied for third on the team), including five for losses and a half sack, along with an INT, two PDs, two FFs and two FRs. In the Bengals' season-opening win vs. Minnesota, Pratt made the defensive play of the game late in overtime when he forced and recovered a fumble by Vikings RB Dalvin Cook. He drew praise from coaches for his grasp of the defense, and took over the "green dot" responsibility on defense while Wilson was out with an injury late in the regular season. In the Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas, Pratt intercepted a QB Derek Carr pass on fourth-and-goal late in the fourth quarter that sealed a Cincinnati win. In the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh, he also tied for the team lead with eight tackles, including a TFL, and had a PD. Third-year pro **Markus Bailey**, a 2020 seventh-round pick of the Bengals, was a rotational player early in the 2021 season, but late in the year he took on an increased role due to injury issues at LB. Bailey, who has earned the nickname "The Waterboy" from teammates for his all-out playing style, saw more time on defense in 2021 after gradually working his way back from a serious knee injury suffered at Purdue. He missed Cincinnati's final two preseason games with a hamstring injury, but returned in time to play in Week 1 against Pittsburgh. To help with injury and COVID-19 issues, the Bengals added to their LB room during the 2021 bye in Week 10 by acquiring second-year pro **Clay Johnston** on waivers from Carolina. The 6-1, 232-pound Johnston was a seventh-round pick of the Rams in 2020, and has been used mainly on special teams by the Bengals. He had a remarkable stat line in the second preseason game at the N.Y. Giants, finishing with 20 tackles (16 solo), including a sack in the second quarter. The 20 tackles surpass his career total of 18 in seven regular-season games played. Johnston's 29 total tackles in three preseason games led all NFL players. In the Divisional Playoff win at Tennessee last season, Johnston darted into the backfield and tackled Titans RB Derrick Henry for a loss on a two-point conversion to keep the score tied. A 2020 Bengals fourth-round pick, **Akeem Davis-Gaither** showed continued progression in his second year before a left foot injury ended his season after nine games. He saw time as a rotational LB, and prior to his injury had recorded 26 tackles, three PDs and a FF. He played in all 16 games with two starts as a rookie in 2020, and entered this season having played 521 snaps on defense and 442 on special teams over 25 career contests.

Defensive backs: S **Jessie Bates III**, a fifth-year pro and 2018 Bengals second-round pick, is considered one of the core leaders of the team. He topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons (2018-20). During the 2021 regular season, he recorded 88 tackles (tied for third on team), along with an INT (65-yard return) and a FR (46-yard return). Bates earned a starting S spot in training camp as a rookie and started the first 51 games of his career — that's three seasons plus three games — until a neck injury broke the streak and held him out of Cincinnati's Week 4 game vs. Jacksonville last season. He then returned to the lineup the following week and has not missed a game since. Named the team's designated franchise player on March 7, Bates signed the one-year tender offer on Aug. 23 and was placed on the Exempt/Commissioner Permission list. He reverted to the active roster on Sept. 5 and started in Week 1 vs. Pittsburgh. Bates made several critical plays during Cincinnati's postseason run to Super Bowl LVI, including an INT on the first play from scrimmage in the AFC Divisional Playoff at Tennessee and a pick just before halftime of the Super Bowl. In overtime of the AFC Championship at Kansas City, Bates tipped a deep pass from QB Patrick Mahomes that was intercepted by S **Vonn Bell**, setting up Cincinnati's game-winning drive. Bell, a seventh-year pro, joined the Bengals in 2020 after spending his first four seasons with New Orleans. He has been a team captain in both of his Bengals seasons, and finished the 2021 regular season with 97 tackles (second on team). Bell has played a combined 94.5 percent of defensive snaps over the past two seasons (leads team). During the 2020 offseason, the Bengals brought in three free agent CBs to help bolster their pass defense. One of the high-profile additions was **Chidobe Awuzie**, who came to Cincinnati after spending the first four years of his career with the Dallas Cowboys. Awuzie proved to be one of the Bengals' top defenders during the 2021 campaign, as he finished the regular season with two INTs and a team-high 14 PDs in 14 starts despite battling groin and foot injuries. He started all four postseason contests, and in Super Bowl LVI had an INT on the Rams' first play of the second half to set up a Bengals FG. Awuzie was originally a second-round pick of the Cowboys in 2017 and moved into a starting role in his second

season. Another 2020 free agency addition was **Mike Hilton**, who is widely considered one of the top slot CBs in the NFL. Hilton, who is under contract through the 2024 season, is among the smallest players on the roster at 5-9, 184 pounds, but he is known as a sure tackler and outstanding blitzler. Hilton had a 24-yard pick-six in last season's Nov. 28 win against Pittsburgh, his former team, and he said it was his first career pick-six at any level dating back to pee-wee football. In Week 1 against Pittsburgh, Hilton tied for the team lead with eight tackles. CB **Eli Apple** was originally slated to add depth after signing with the Bengals in March of 2021, but he ended up starting nearly every game last season (15 of 16 in regular season, all four in postseason). He had two INTs and 10 PDs during the regular season, but his biggest play came just before halftime of the AFC Championship at Kansas City, when he tackled Chiefs WR Tyreek Hill at the one-yard line to keep the Bengals within 11 points at the break. Apple has a familiarity with Bell, whom he played alongside in college at Ohio State, as well as with defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo, who was his position coach with the N.Y. Giants in 2018. Apple was originally a first-round pick of the Giants in 2016 and played in New York for two-plus seasons, before being traded to New Orleans five games into '18. He played in 25 games with the Saints over the following two seasons, and spent the 2020 campaign with Carolina. The Bengals selected S **Dax Hill** with the No. 31 overall pick in the 2022 NFL Draft. Hill brings a highly touted versatility to the Bengals secondary, possessing the ability to line up as a nickel CB and occasionally on the outside, in addition to safety. He spent three seasons (2019-21) at Michigan, starting 23 consecutive games to conclude his career. Hill totaled 151 tackles, including seven for losses, with four INTs and 20 PDs. In the two preseason contests he suited up for, Hill recorded seven tackles (five solos), one INT and two PDs. His INT came in the opening quarter at the N.Y. the Giants, when he tracked down a tipped ball and dove to get his hands under it. A physically imposing member of the secondary is 6-3, 200-pound CB **Tre Flowers**, who joined Cincinnati on waivers from Seattle in October of 2021. Flowers fills a rotational role for the Bengals, mostly used to cover TEs in passing situations. Entering 2022, he had played in 58 career games with 41 starts, totaling 228 tackles (182 solo), three INTs and 17 PDs through four NFL seasons. Also joining the Bengals last October was S **Michael J. Thomas** (not to be confused with Bengals WR Mike D. Thomas). Thomas went on to play in eight regular-season games (one start) and all four postseason games, quickly becoming a core contributor on special teams. He saw 72 snaps on special teams (tied for fourth on team) in the postseason, including 21 in Super Bowl LVI. Now in his ninth NFL season, Thomas has previously spent time with the San Francisco 49ers, Miami Dolphins, N.Y. Giants and Houston Texans. He was elected by his teammates as one of seven team captains, marking the seventh time in the past eight seasons that he has worn the captains' patch. Thomas has 83 career special teams tackles, with two forced fumbles and one blocked punt. Third-year pro **Jalen Davis** has also carved out a prominent role on special teams, in addition to serving as a rotational slot CB. The 5-10, 185-pound Davis joined the Bengals in mid-2020 and was thrust into action quickly while the team dealt with a wave of injuries and COVID-19 issues. An ankle injury kept him out of the final two regular-season

games of 2021 and three postseason contests, but he returned to the field for Super Bowl LVI. Davis finished preseason with 10 tackles and tied for the team lead with three PDs.

Special teams: Cincinnati native and the longest-tenured player on the roster, **Kevin Huber**, continues to handle the Bengals' punting duties for a 14th consecutive season. Huber, a graduate of Archbishop McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, originally was a fifth-round pick of his hometown Bengals in 2009. In the 2021 regular-season finale at Cleveland, Huber tied CB Ken Riley for most career games played (207) in team history. Huber averaged 46.4 gross yards and 41.05 net yards on punts during the '21 regular season. He is considered the top punter in team history and stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (983), punting yards (44,584), gross average (45.35), net average (40.30) and inside-20 punts (338). Huber was a Pro Bowl selection in 2014, but he has maintained a high level of play and in '20 posted career-highs in both gross (47.2) and net (42.8) average. Handling long snapping duties for Cincinnati will be **Cal Adomitis**, who was signed off the practice squad to the active roster on Monday. Adomitis originally joined the team as a college free agent in May, after a five-year career at the University of Pittsburgh. Veteran LS **Clark Harris**, who entered his 14th NFL season in 2022, suffered a biceps injury in the opener vs. the Steelers and on Monday was placed on the Reserve/Injured list. K **Evan McPherson** became a fan-favorite during his rookie season in 2021, when he produced one of the best debut seasons by a kicker in NFL history. He made five game-winning "walk-off" kicks with no time remaining or in OT — three during the regular season, two in the postseason. The first was a 33-yarder in overtime of the season opener against Minnesota. The second was on Thursday Night Football in Week 4 vs. Jacksonville, when he nailed a 35-yarder as time expired in regulation. He clinched the AFC North Division title for Cincinnati with a 20-yarder on Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City, securing the Bengals' first playoff berth since 2015. The fourth was a 52-yarder in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee that sent Cincinnati to the AFC Championship, and the fifth was from 31 yards in OT of the AFC Championship at Kansas City, which punched Cincinnati's ticket to Super Bowl LVI. McPherson said that entering the season, he had never kicked a game-winning FG at any level of football. He was particularly effective from long range, and during the regular season netted nine field goals of at least 50 yards — the most-ever by a Bengal in a season. McPherson went 14-for-15 on FG attempts during preseason, accounting for an NFL-leading 48 points. Three of his FGs came from distances of more than 50 yards, including a 58-yarder in the preseason opener vs. Arizona. In Week 1 against Pittsburgh, McPherson broke his own record for the longest kick in franchise history with a 59-yarder in the first quarter. The Bengals used a rotation of players at PR in 2021, but late in the year WR **Trent Taylor** took over full-time duties. Taylor returned five punts for 31 yards in the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh. WR **Tyler Boyd**, who has two career punt returns, is listed second on the depth chart. HB **Chris Evans** is the Bengals' primary kick returner, who flashed his speed on two KORs in the preseason He had a 41-yard return in the opener against Arizona that set up a Bengals FG, and the following week returned a kick 73 yards before being pushed out of bounds at the Giants' 24-yard line. Fellow HB **Trayveon Williams** may also be featured as a KOR.

IMPORTANT DATES

2022	
Sept. 30, Oct. 3-4	— Beginning on the day after a club's fourth regular season game (including any bye week), it is 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.
Oct. 18-19	— Fall League Meeting, The Conrad Hotel, New York, N.Y.
Nov. 1	— All trading ends for 2022 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
Nov. 2	— 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. 7	— Any increase in a player's 2022 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 Contract, including 2022.
Nov. 15	— At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.
Nov. 15	— 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 2022.
Nov. 15	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "UFA Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2022.
Nov. 15	— 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 2022.
Dec. 1, 3, 5	— Deadline at 4 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.
Dec. 13	— NFLMC Labor Seminar, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.
Dec. 13-14	— Special League Meeting, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving,

Dec. 15 — Texas.
— 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 2022 season.

2023

Jan. 7 — 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.

Jan. 9 — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2023 season.

Jan. 9 — NCAA National Championship Game (SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif.).

Jan. 9 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2020 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2021. 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.

Jan. 9 — 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 2022 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2023 Team Salary.

Jan. 14-16 — Wild Card Games.

Jan. 16 — Special Eligibility Deadline. Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2023 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 20.

Jan. 21-22 — Divisional Playoff Games.

Jan. 29 — AFC & NFC Championship Games.

Jan. 31 — Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2023 season to notify his former Club in writing.

Feb. 3 — Deadline for non-playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2023 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.

Feb. 5 — Pro Bowl.

Feb. 12 — Super Bowl LVII (State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.).

Feb. 13 — Waiver system begins for 2023. 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. 13 — Beginning the first business day after the Super Bowl through the opening of the first training camp for Rookies in 2023, clubs must report all tryouts and visits to the League office; however, such transactions will not be reported to other clubs.

Feb. 16 — Deadline for playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2023 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.

Feb. 21 — Beginning this date through 4 p.m. Eastern on March 7 clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players.

Feb. 28-
March 6 — NFL Scouting Combine (Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.). Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2023 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern. All 2022 NFL player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern. The 2023 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. The first day of the 2023 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 15. 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 15.

March 7 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.

March 7 — College Pro Days Begin. Workouts of a school's Pro Day-eligible players with players outside of the scheduled Pro Day activities are prohibited. Private dinners, meetings, interviews are permitted.

March 7-
April 19 — Draft-Eligible Facility Visits Begin. Clubs permitted 30 non-local players for physical exams/visits; no on-field workouts.

March 7-
April 26 — Video or telephone interviews with draft-eligible players begin. Three video or telephone interviews per player; no longer than one hour in length.

March 8-9 — Deadline for clubs (60 day after final regular season game) to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2023 season.

March 13-15 — Negotiation Period. During the period beginning at noon Eastern on March 13 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 15, 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 2022 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern on March 15. 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. No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern on March 15.

March 15 — End/Start of League Year. Prior to 4 Eastern, clubs must exercise options for 2023 on all players who have option clauses in their 2022 contracts. 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. Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2022 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.

March 15 — Trading period for 2023. Trading begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2022 contracts.

March 15 — Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2023, and if not renegotiated after Jan. 9, 2023, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).

March 23 — Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2023 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.

March 26-29 — Annual League Meeting (The Biltmore, Phoenix, Ariz.).

March 30 — Deadline for clubs to meet 2023 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.

April 3 — Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2022 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.

April 17 — Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.

April 19 — Deadline for clubs to time, test, visit, interview, or conduct a

(Important dates, continued)

	physical examination with a draft-eligible player at its club facility.		
April 21	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.		
April 26	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.	May 1	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2020 Draft.
April 27	— Deadline for clubs to time, test, visit, interview (including video and phone calls), or conduct a physical examination with a draft-eligible player at any location.	May 5-8 or May 12-15	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday on one of the two weekends following the Draft.
April 27-29	— Annual Selection Meeting/NFL Draft (Kansas City, Mo.).	May 15	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
May 1	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "May 1 Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not	May 18-21	— NFLPA Rookie Premiere, TBD.
		May 22-24	— Spring League Meeting, TBD.

THE LAST BENGALS-COWBOYS MEETINGS

**2016 SEASON
WEEK 5, GAME 5**

**Dallas Cowboys 28, Cincinnati Bengals 14
Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 at AT&T Stadium**

The Bengals trailed by 28 points in a game (28-0) for the first time since the 2012 season opener and suffered only their fifth loss in the last 21 games against an NFC opponent. The Dallas rookie duo of QB Dak Prescott and RB Ezekiel Elliott, supported by one of the NFL's best offensive lines, ruled the day. Prescott posted a 117.9 passer rating, and Elliott gained 171 yards from scrimmage, including 134 yards rushing on 15 carries (8.9-yard average). The Bengals offense was unable to get on track until the fourth quarter. The Cowboys scored TDs on their first three possessions and put the game effectively out of reach when Elliott authored a 60-yard TD run on Dallas' first offensive play of the second half. The Bengals fell to 2-3 while the Cowboys improved to 4-1.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Dall. — E.Elliott 13 run (D.Bailey kick).....	1-11:09
Dall. — D.Prescott 5 run (D.Bailey kick).....	2-14:43
Dall. — C.Beasley 14 pass from D.Prescott (D.Bailey kick).....	2-4:09
Dall. — E.Elliott 60 run (D.Bailey kick).....	3-11:38
Cin. — B.LaFell 7 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	4-10:10
Cin. — B.LaFell 5 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	4-2:39

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 91,653. **Time:** 2:47.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	DALL.
First downs.....	27	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-12	4-8
Total net yards.....	345	402
Net yards rushing.....	96	180
Net yards passing.....	249	222
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	41-29-0	24-18-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-20	1-5
Punts-average.....	5-39.2	2-43.5
Punt returns-yards.....	1-0	2-10
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-69	2-45
Penalties-yards.....	6-49	7-45
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	3-1
Time of possession.....	32:17	27:43

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	DALL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	9	50	14	0	E.Elliott	15	134	60t	2
A.Dalton	6	34	13	0	A.Morris	6	33	17	0
J.Hill	4	12	8	0	L.Whitehead	1	9	9	0
					D.Prescott	7	4	5t	1
TOTALS	19	96	14	0	TOTALS	29	180	60t	3

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	DALL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	41	29	269	2-0	D.Prescott	24	18	227	1-0
TOTALS	41	29	269	2-0	TOTALS	24	18	227	1-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	DALL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
B.LaFell	8	68	14	2	T.Williams	5	70	21	0
G.Bernard	6	46	11	0	C.Beasley	4	53	18	1
C.Uzomah	5	43	14	0	J.Witten	3	43	31	0
A.Green	4	50	22	0	E.Elliott	3	37	22	0
T.Boyd	3	33	20	0	B.Butler	2	20	13	0
T.Kroft	3	29	13	0	R.Smith	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	29	269	22	2	TOTALS	18	227	31	1

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Burfict 9-1-10, M.Johnson 5-1-6, A.Jones 4-1-5, C.Dunlap 3-1-4, P.Sims 2-2-4, K.Dansby 2-1-3, S.Williams 2-1-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-0-2, V.Rey 1-1-2, J.Shaw 1-1-2, D.Dennard 1-0-1, R.Mauluga 1-0-1, G.Iloka 0-1-1, D.Peko 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** A.Jones 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap 1. **FR.-YDS.:** V.Rey 1-10.

Dallas (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** S.Lee 5-5-10, B.Church 7-1-8, T.McClain 4-2-6, A.Brown 3-3-6, J.Durant 3-3-6, B.Jones 4-0-4, A.Hitchens 1-3-4, M.Claiborne 3-0-3, J.Wilcox 3-0-3, B.Mayowa 1-2-3, B.Carr 2-0-2, C.Thornton 1-1-2, T.Crawford 0-2-2, R.Davis 1-0-1, M.Collins 0-1-1, J.Crawford 0-1-1, A.Gachkar 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.McClain 1.5-8.5, C.Thornton 1-6, B.Mayowa 1-4, J.Crawford 0.5-1.5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** M.Claiborne 2, B.Carr 1, B.Jones 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

**2020 SEASON
WEEK 14, GAME 13**

**Dallas Cowboys 30, Cincinnati Bengals 7
Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020 at Paul Brown Stadium**

Former Bengals QB Andy Dalton made his first return visit to Cincinnati and started for the Dallas Cowboys. The Bengals moved the ball early on offense, but each of their first three drives ended in fumbles recovered by the Cowboys. One of those fumbles was by HB Giovanni Bernard, which finished his streak of 829 consecutive rushing attempts without a fumble — the third-longest fumble-free streak in the NFL over the last 30 years. Dallas capitalized to score 17 points off Cincinnati's three early turnovers, including a 78-yard return for a TD. The Bengals began to dig out of the 17-0 hole with a five-yard TD pass from QB Brandon Allen to WR A.J. Green in the second quarter, but that turned out to be Cincinnati's lone score of the day. The Bengals' offense struggled in the second half as Dallas outscored Cincinnati, 13-0, over the final two periods. In his return to Paul Brown Stadium, Dalton posted a 122.6 rating while tossing two TDs in the Cowboys' win. Dallas improved to 4-9, while Cincinnati dropped to 2-10-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Dallas.....	10	7	3	10	—	30
Cincinnati.....	0	7	0	0	—	7

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Dall. — G.Zuerlein 34 field goal.....	1-11:02
Dall. — A.Smith 78 fumble recovery return (G.Zuerlein kick).....	1-6:15
Dall. — A.Cooper 11 pass from A.Dalton (G.Zuerlein kick).....	2-6:38
Cin. — A.Green 5 pass from B.Allen (A.Seibert kick).....	2-0:08
Dall. — G.Zuerlein 20 field goal.....	3-11:25
Dall. — G.Zuerlein 55 field goal.....	4-5:12
Dall. — T.Pollard 7 pass from A.Dalton (G.Zuerlein kick).....	4-1:55

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 10,322. **Time:** 2:46.

TEAM STATISTICS	DALL.	CIN.
First downs.....	16	18
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-11	9-16
Total net yards.....	272	309
Net yards rushing.....	101	101
Net yards passing.....	171	208
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	23-16-0	38-28-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-14	2-14
Punts-average.....	2-49.5	2-45.0
Punt returns-yards.....	2-0	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-77	2-47
Penalties-yards.....	5-30	3-25
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	3-3
Time of possession.....	25:19	34:41

RUSHING

DALL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
E.Elliott	12	48	26	0	T.Williams	12	49	9	0
T.Pollard	11	39	17	0	S.Perine	10	32	11	0
C.Lamb	1	15	15	0	B.Allen	4	12	4	0
A.Dalton	1	-1	-1	0	G.Bernard	3	8	4	0
					A.Erickson	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	25	101	26	0	TOTALS	30	101	11	0

PASSING

DALL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	23	16	185	2-0	B.Allen	36	27	217	1-0
					R.Finley	2	1	5	0-0
TOTALS	23	16	185	2-0	TOTALS	38	28	222	1-0

RECEIVING

DALL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Cooper	4	51	20	1	A.Green	6	62	16	1
D.Schultz	3	34	15	0	T.Higgins	5	49	18	0
C.Lamb	2	46	32	0	T.Boyd	5	43	21	0
M.Gallup	2	23	12	0	D.Sample	3	21	9	0
E.Elliott	2	11	7	0	G.Bernard	3	15	9	0
T.Pollard	2	9	7t	1	T.Williams	3	14	7	0
B.Bell	1	11	11	0	S.Perine	2	9	5	0
					A.Erickson	1	9	9	0
TOTALS	16	185	32	2	TOTALS	28	222	21	1

DEFENSE

Dallas (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Smith 8-3-11, Ra.Robinson 6-3-9, L.Vander Esch 3-4-7, X.Woods 4-2-6, J.Lewis 2-4-6, D.Thompson 4-1-5, D.Burton 2-1-3, R.Gregory 2-1-3, S.Smith 2-1-3, A.Woods 2-1-3, A.Smith 1-2-3, D.Armstrong 2-0-2, T.Crawford 2-0-2, D.Lawrence 2-0-2, N.Gallimore 1-0-1, C.Westry 1-0-1, J.Hamilton 0-1-1, S.Lee 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.Crawford 2-14. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** D.Armstrong 1, J.Smith 1. **FF:** D.Lawrence 1, D.Thompson 1. **FR.-YDS.:** A.Smith, 1-78, J.Lewis 1-0, J.Smith 1-0.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Bynes 4-3-7, S.Hubbard 3-3-6, V.Bell 3-2-5, G.Pratt 2-3-5, J.Bates 3-0-3, M.Daniels 2-1-3, W.Jackson 2-1-3, M.Alexander 2-0-2, C.Covington 2-0-2, M.Hunt 2-0-2, D.Phillips 2-0-2, L.Sims 1-1-2, X.Williams 0-2-2, J.Evans 1-0-1, K.Kareem 1-0-1, R.McKenzie 1-0-1, A.Davis-Gaither 0-1-1, C.Lawson 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Evans 1-10, M.Hunt 1-4. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** D.Phillips 2, J.Bates 1, S.Hubbard 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

2022 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Pittsburgh Steelers 23, Cincinnati Bengals 20 (OT) Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022 at Paycor Stadium

Despite five turnovers, including four INTs by QB Joe Burrow, the Bengals were in position to win twice, but two missed kicks led to the loss. Burrow rallied to lead two second-half TD drives, including a six-yard scoring pass to WR Ja'Marr Chase to tie the game at 20-20 with two seconds left in regulation. But K Evan McPherson's PAT attempt was blocked by Steelers S Minkah Fitzpatrick. Then, after holding Pittsburgh on the opening drive of OT, the Bengals drove into range for another potential game-winning kick, this time a FG attempt from 29 yards. But Cincinnati again failed to convert, as a high snap contributed to McPherson sailing it wide left. The Bengals had yet another opportunity for a game-winning kick when they moved into McPherson's FG range with less than two minutes left in OT, but Burrow was sacked on third down for the seventh time of the game to force a punt, and Pittsburgh quickly drove 45 yards to get in position to convert a 53-yard game-winning FG as OT expired.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Pittsburgh	10	7	0	3	3	23
Cincinnati	3	3	8	6	0	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Pitt. — M.Fitzpatrick 31 interception return (C.Boswell kick)	1-12:43
Cin. — E.McPherson 59 field goal	1-7:17
Pitt. — C.Boswell 20 field goal	1-2:25
Pitt. — N.Harris 1 pass from M.Trubisky (C.Boswell kick)	2-8:46
Cin. — E.McPherson 26 field goal	2-0:14
Cin. — T.Boyd 2 pass from J.Burrow (J.Burrow-M.D.Thomas pass)	3-4:41
Pitt. — C.Boswell 48 field goal	11:13
Cin. — J.Chase 6 pass from J.Burrow (kick blocked)	4-0:02
Pitt. — C.Boswell 53 field goal	5-0:00

Missed FGs: C.Boswell (55HLU), E.McPherson (29WL).

Attendance: 65,841. **Time:** 3:42.

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT.	CIN.
First downs	13	32
Third down conversions-attempts	4-15	8-16
Total net yards	267	432
Net yards rushing	75	133
Net yards passing	192	299
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	38-21-0	53-33-4
Sacks against-yards lost	1-2	7-39
Punts-average	8-48.5	3-52.7
Punt returns-yards	1-20	5-31
Kickoff returns-yards	1-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	8-59	4-27
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Time of possession	26:17	43:43

RUSHING

PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Claypool	6	36	15	0	J.Mixon	27	82	31	0
N.Harris	10	23	11	0	J.Burrow	6	47	23	0
M.Trubisky	3	9	6	0	S.Perine	1	4	4	0
J.Warren	3	7	3	0					
TOTALS	22	75	15	0	TOTALS	34	133	31	0

PASSING

PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
M.Trubisky	38	21	194	1-0	J.Burrow	53	33	338	2-4
TOTALS	38	21	194	1-0	TOTALS	53	33	338	2-4

RECEIVING

PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Johnson	7	55	25	0	J.Chase	10	129	24	1
P.Freiermuth	5	75	31	0	J.Mixon	7	63	18	0
C.Claypool	4	18	6	0	H.Hurst	5	46	20	0
Z.Gentry	2	40	32	0	T.Boyd	4	33	22	1
N.Harris	2	3	2	1	S.Perine	3	33	14	0
G.Pickens	1	3	3	0	T.Higgins	2	27	18	0
					M.D.Thomas	1	5	5	0
					D.Sample	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	21	194	32	1	TOTALS	33	338	24	2

DEFENSE

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** M.Fitzpatrick 10-4-14, M.Jack 6-4-10, A.Highsmith 6-3-9, A.Witherspoon 6-2-8, T.Watt 6-0-6, T.Edmunds 5-1-6, R.Spillane 3-2-5, D.Bush 2-3-5, L.Ogunjobi 3-1-4, A.Maulet 3-0-3, C.Sutton 2-1-3, L.Wallace 2-1-3, C.Heyward 2-0-2, C.Wormley 1-1-2, T.Alualu 0-2-2, M.Adams 1-0-1, J.Jones 1-0-1, D.Leal 0-1-1, T.Norwood 0-1-1, M.Reed 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** A.Highsmith 3-23, A.Maulet 1-7, C.Heyward 1-5, T.Watt 1-4. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Fitzpatrick 1-31, A.Witherspoon 1-0, C.Sutton 1-0, T.Watt 1-0. **PD:** C.Sutton 2, T.Watt 2, M.Fitzpatrick 1, J.Jones 1, L.Wallace 1, A.Witherspoon 1. **FF:** A.Highsmith 1, A.Maulet 1. **FR-YDS.:** C.Heyward 1-0.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** M.Hilton 8-0-8, L.Wilson 6-2-8, G.Pratt 4-4-8, C.Awuzie 5-0-5, T.Hendrickson 3-1-4, S.Hubbard 1-3-4, B.Hill 2-1-3, V.Bell 1-2-3, E.Apple 2-0-2, D.Reader 2-0-2, J.Bates 1-1-2, M.Bailey 1-0-1, A.Davis-Gaither 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** B.Hill 1-2. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** V.Bell 1, T.Flowers 1, G.Pratt 1, L.Wilson 1. **FF:** C.Awuzie 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

THE BENGALS ARE:

2022 REGULAR SEASON

0-1 at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)
0-0 on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)
0-0 when scoring first
0-1 when opponent scores first
0-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
0-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
0-0 when leading after one quarter
0-0 when tied after one quarter
0-1 when trailing after one quarter
0-0 when leading at halftime
0-0 when tied at halftime
0-1 when trailing at halftime
0-0 when leading after three quarters
0-0 when tied after three quarters
0-1 when trailing after three quarters
0-1 when scoring 20 or more points
0-1 when opponent scores 20 or more points

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

UNDER ZAC TAYLOR (REGULAR SEASON; 2019-PRESENT)

10-16-0 at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)
6-17-1 on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)
10-12-0 when scoring first
6-21-1 when opponent scores first
3-11-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
5-18-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
11-9-0 when leading after one quarter
2-5-1 when tied after one quarter
3-19-0 when trailing after one quarter
12-9-0 when leading at halftime
1-1-0 when tied at halftime
3-23-1 when trailing at halftime
13-6-1 when leading after three quarters
2-1-0 when tied after three quarters
1-26-0 when trailing after three quarters
15-11-1 when scoring 20 or more points
8-28-1 when opponent scores 20 or more points

14-33-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
2-0-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
4-13-1 on natural grass
12-20-0 on synthetic surface
7-7-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
5-18-1 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
8-26-1 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
11-15-0 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
7-16-1 when passing for 250 or more net yards
8-13-0 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
9-17-0 when passing for less than 250 net yards
8-20-1 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
10-4-1 with plus turnover differential
5-7-0 with even turnover differential
1-22-0 with minus turnover differential
11-20-1 with fewer penalties than opponent
12-20-1 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

82 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
47 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
4 — Samaje Perine, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

27 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
6 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
1 — Samaje Perine, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

LONGEST RUSHES

31 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
23 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
9 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

RECEPTIONS

10 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
7 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
5 — Hayden Hurst, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

RECEIVING YARDS

129 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
63 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
46 — Hayden Hurst, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

PASSING YARDS

338 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

PASS ATTEMPTS

53 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

PASS COMPLETIONS

33 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

LONGEST PASSES

24 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
22 — Joe Burrow to Tyler Boyd, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
21 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

145 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
129 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
46 — Hayden Hurst, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

(none)

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

10 — Trent Taylor, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
6 — Trent Taylor, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
6 — Trent Taylor, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

TOTAL TACKLES*

8 — Mike Hilton, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
8 — Germaine Pratt, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
8 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

SOLO TACKLES*

8 — Mike Hilton, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
6 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh
5 — Chidobe Awuzie, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh

***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. 11	PITTSBURGH (OT)	432	34-133	299	33-53	2/4	7-39	32	8-16	2-1	43:43
Sept. 18	at Dallas										
Sept. 25	at N.Y. Jets										
Sept. 29	MIAMI										
Oct. 9	at Baltimore										
Oct. 16	at New Orleans										
Oct. 23	ATLANTA										
Oct. 31	at Cleveland										
Nov. 6	CAROLINA										
Nov. 13	— BYE —										
Nov. 20	at Pittsburgh										
Nov. 27	at Tennessee										
Dec. 4	KANSAS CITY										
Dec. 11	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 18	at Tampa Bay										
Dec. 24	at New England										
Jan. 2	BUFFALO										
Jan. 7/8	BALTIMORE										
TOTALS		432	34-133	299	33-53	2/4	7-39	32	8-16	2-1	43:43

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 11	PITTSBURGH (OT)	267	22-75	192	21-38	1/0	1-2	13	4-15	1-0	26:17
Sept. 18	at Dallas										
Sept. 25	at N.Y. Jets										
Sept. 29	MIAMI										
Oct. 9	at Baltimore										
Oct. 16	at New Orleans										
Oct. 23	ATLANTA										
Oct. 31	at Cleveland										
Nov. 6	CAROLINA										
Nov. 13	— BYE —										
Nov. 20	at Pittsburgh										
Nov. 27	at Tennessee										
Dec. 4	KANSAS CITY										
Dec. 11	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 18	at Tampa Bay										
Dec. 24	at New England										
Jan. 2	BUFFALO										
Jan. 7/8	BALTIMORE										
TOTALS		267	22-75	192	21-38	1/0	1-2	13	4-15	1-0	26:17

TRANSACTIONS

(TRANSACTIONS FROM 7-21-20 THROUGH 6-14-22 ARE IN BENGALS' 2021 MEDIA GUIDE)

- June 14, 2022 — Signed G/OT **Cordell Volson** (D4).
- July 25, 2022 — Signed DT **Domenique Davis** (FA), **Raymond Johnson III** (FA) and LB **Tegray Scales** (FA).
- July 27, 2022 — Signed QB **Drew Plitt** (CFA-Ball State).
- July 28, 2022 — Signed HB **Jacques Patrick** (FA); Placed HB **Elijah Holyfield** on the Reserve/Injured list.
- Aug. 13, 2022 — Placed DE **Wyatt Hubert** on the Reserve/Retired list.
- Aug. 14, 2022 — Waived CB **Abu Daramy-Swaray**, HB **Shermari Jones** and WR **Pooka Williams Jr.**
- Aug. 15, 2022 — Placed C **Ben Brown** on the Reserve/Injured list.
- Aug. 17, 2022 — Signed CB **Javaris Davis** (FA); Waived **Bookie Radley-Hiles**.
- Aug. 19, 2022 — Signed G **Nate Gilliam** (FA); Waived LB **Carson Wells**.
- Aug. 22, 2022 — Waived WR **Jaivon Heiligh**, WR **Jack Sorenson** and TE **Scotty Washington**.
- Aug. 23, 2022 — Re-signed S **Jessie Bates III** (placed on Exempt/Commissioner Permission list); Placed S **Brandon Wilson** on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Waived QB **Drew Plitt**.
- Aug. 30, 2022 — Placed LB **Joe Bachie** on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Terminated the contracts of S **Trayvon Henderson**, DE **Noah Spence** and WR **Mike D. Thomas**; Waived the following 23 players: LS **Cal Adomitis**, QB **Jake Browning**, P **Drue Chrisman**, OT **Devin Cochran**, DT **Domenique Davis**, CB **Javaris Davis**, TE **Nick Eubanks**, G **Lamont Gaillard** (injured), G **Nate Gilliam**, LB **Clarence Hicks**, CB **Delonte Hood**, WR **Trenton Irwin**, DE **Raymond Johnson III**, LB **Keandre Jones**, WR **Kwamie Lassiter II**, TE **Thaddeus Moss**, G **Desmond Noel** (injured), HB **Jacques Patrick**, WR **Kendric Pryor**, TE **Justin Rigg**, LB **Tegray Scales**, DT **Tyler Shelvin** and DT **Tariqious Tisdale**.
- Aug. 31, 2022 — Acquired the following three players on waivers: TE **Devin Asiasi** (from New England), G **Max Scharping** (from Houston) and DT **Jay Tufele** (from Jacksonville); Terminated the contracts of QB **Brandon Allen** and S **Michael J. Thomas**; Waived HB **Trayveon Williams**; G **Lamont Gaillard** AND G **Desmond Noel** cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list; Signed the following players to the Practice Squad: LS **Cal Adomitis**, QB **Jake Browning**, P **Drue Chrisman**, OT **Devin Cochran**, DT **Domenique Davis**, G **Nate Gilliam**, WR **Trenton Irwin**, DE **Raymond Johnson III**, LB **Keandre Jones**, WR **Kwamie Lassiter II**, TE **Thaddeus Moss**, LB **Tegray Scales** and DT **Tyler Shelvin**.
- Sept. 1, 2022 — Re-signed WR **Mike D. Thomas** (FA); Placed DE **Khalid Kareem** and CB **Cam Taylor-Britt** on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed the following three players to the Practice Squad: TE **Nick Bowers**, S **Yusuf Corker** and CB **Marvell Tell III**.
- Sept. 2, 2022 — Re-signed QB **Brandon Allen** (FA), S **Michael J. Thomas** (FA) and HB **Trayveon Williams** (FA); Placed S **Tycen Anderson** and OT **Isaiah Prince** on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived G **Lamont Gaillard** from the Reserve/Injured list (injury settlement).
- Sept. 5, 2022 — The roster exemption for S **Jessie Bates III** expired, reverting him from Exempt/Commissioner Permission list to active roster; Waived CB **Allan George**; Released TE **Thaddeus Moss** from the Practice Squad.
- Sept. 6, 2022 — Signed CB **Allan George** to the Practice Squad.
- Sept. 12, 2022 — Signed LS **Cal Adomitis** off the Practice Squad; Placed LS **Clark Harris** on the Reserve/Injured list.

* NOTE: Signed a new contract before pre-existing contract expired.

PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

P — played as a substitute
DNP — did not play
IL — inactive list
PS — practice squad
NWT — not with team
REX — roster exemption

RI — reserve/injured list
RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list
RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list
RNF-I — reserve/non-football illness list
RSBC — reserve/suspended by commissioner list
RSBT — reserve/suspended by team list

RF — reserve/future list
PSI — practice squad/injured list
PSSBC — practice squad/suspended by commissioner list
***** — eligible to practice while on a reserve list
^ — reserve/injured player designated for return
= — elevation from practice squad

NAME	Cin. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	G-S	PITT.	@Dal.	@NYJ	MIA	@Balt.	@N.O.	ATL.	@Cle.	CAR.	@Pitt.	@Tenn.	K.C.	CLE.	@T.B.	@N.E.	BUFF.	BALT.
Adeniji, Hakeem	1-0	.....P																
Adomitis, Cal	0-0	.....PS																
Allen, Brandon	0-0	.....DNP																
Anderson, Tycen	0-0	.....RI																
Apple, Eli	1-1	.....CB																
Asiasi, Devin	0-0	.....IL																
Awuzie, Chidobe	1-1	.....CB																
Bachie, Joe	0-0	.....RPUP																
Bailey, Markus	1-0	.....P																
Bates, Jessie, III	1-1	.....S																
Bell, Vonn	1-1	.....S																
Bowers, Nick	0-0	.....PS																
Boyd, Tyler	1-0	.....P																
Brown, Ben	0-0	.....RI																
Browning, Jake	0-0	.....PS																
Burrow, Joe	1-1	.....QB																
Cappa, Alex	1-1	.....RG																
Carman, Jackson	1-0	.....P																
Carter, Zach	1-0	.....P																
Chase, Ja'Marr	1-1	.....WR																
Chrisman, Drue	0-0	.....PS																
Cochran, Devin	0-0	.....PS																
Collins, La'el	1-1	.....ROT																
Corker, Yusuf	0-0	.....PS																
Davis, Dominique	0-0	.....PS																
Davis, Jalen	1-0	.....P																
Davis-Gaither, Akeem	1-0	.....P																
Evans, Chris	1-0	.....P																
Flowers, Tre	1-0	.....P																
George, Allan	0-0	.....PS																
Gilliam, Nate	0-0	.....PS																
Gunter, Jeff	1-0	.....P																
Harris, Clark	1-0	.....P																
Hendrickson, Trey	1-1	.....RDE																
Higgins, Tee	1-1	.....WR																
Hill, B.J.	1-1	.....DT																
Hill, Dax	1-0	.....P																
Hill, Trey	0-0	.....DNP																
Hilton, Mike	1-1	.....NCB																
Holyfield, Elijah	0-0	.....RI																
Hubbard, Sam	1-1	.....LDE																
Huber, Kevin	1-0	.....P																
Hurst, Hayden	1-1	.....TE																
Irwin, Trenton	0-0	.....PS																
Johnson, Raymond, III	0-0	.....PS																
Johnston, Clay	1-0	.....P																
Jones, Keandre	0-0	.....PS																
Kareem, Khalid	0-0	.....RI																
Karras, Ted	1-1	.....C																
Lassiter, Kwamie, II	0-0	.....PS																
McPherson, Evan	1-0	.....P																
Mixon, Joe	1-1	.....HB																
Morgan, Stanley	1-0	.....P																
Noel, Desmond	0-0	.....RI																
Ossai, Joseph	1-0	.....P																
Perine, Samaje	1-0	.....P																
Pratt, Germaine	1-1	.....LB																
Prince, Isaiah	0-0	.....RI																
Reader, DJ	1-1	.....NT																
Sample, Cam	1-0	.....P																
Sample, Drew	1-1	.....2ndTE																
Scales, Tegray	0-0	.....PS																
Scharping, Max	0-0	.....IL																
Shelvin, Tyler	0-0	.....PS																
Smith, D'Ante	0-0	.....IL																
Taylor, Trent	1-0	.....P																
Taylor-Britt, Cam	0-0	.....RI																
Tell, Marvell, III	0-0	.....PS																
Thomas, Michael J.	1-0	.....P																
Thomas, Mike D.	1-0	.....P																
Tufele, Jay	0-0	.....IL																
Tupou, Josh	1-0	.....P																
Volson, Cordell	1-1	.....LG																
Wilcox, Mitchell	1-0	.....P																
Williams, Jonah	1-1	.....LOT																
Williams, Trayveon	0-0	.....IL																
Wilson, Brandon	0-0	.....RPUP																
Wilson, Logan	1-1	.....LB																

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 11	PITTSBURGH	Chase	J.Williams	Volson	Karras	Cappa	Collins	Hurst	Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 18	at Dallas											
Sept. 25	at N.Y. Jets											
Sept. 29	MIAMI											
Oct. 9	at Baltimore											
Oct. 16	at New Orleans											
Oct. 23	ATLANTA											
Oct. 31	at Cleveland											
Nov. 6	CAROLINA											
Nov. 13	— BYE —											
Nov. 20	at Pittsburgh											
Nov. 27	at Tennessee											
Dec. 4	KANSAS CITY											
Dec. 11	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 18	at Tampa Bay											
Dec. 24	at New England											
Jan. 2	BUFFALO											
Jan. 7/8	BALTIMORE											

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	LB	LB	NCB	CB	CB	S	S
Sept. 11	PITTSBURGH	Hubbard	Reader	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Sept. 18	at Dallas											
Sept. 25	at N.Y. Jets											
Sept. 29	MIAMI											
Oct. 9	at Baltimore											
Oct. 16	at New Orleans											
Oct. 23	ATLANTA											
Oct. 31	at Cleveland											
Nov. 6	CAROLINA											
Nov. 13	— BYE —											
Nov. 20	at Pittsburgh											
Nov. 27	at Tennessee											
Dec. 4	KANSAS CITY											
Dec. 11	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 18	at Tampa Bay											
Dec. 24	at New England											
Jan. 2	BUFFALO											
Jan. 7/8	BALTIMORE											

DEPTH CHART

SEPT. 13, 2022

OFFENSE

WR	1	Ja'Marr Chase	17	Stanley Morgan	
LOT	73	Jonah Williams	70	D'Ante Smith	
LG	<u>67</u>	<u>Cordell Volson</u>	79	Jackson Carman	
C	64	Ted Karras	63	Trey Hill	
RG	65	Alex Cappa	74	Max Scharping	
ROT	71	La'e'l Collins	77	Hakeem Adeniji	
TE	88	Hayden Hurst	89	Drew Sample	84 Mitchell Wilcox
					86 Devin Asiasi
WR	83	Tyler Boyd	11	Trent Taylor	
WR	85	Tee Higgins	80	Mike D. Thomas	
QB	9	Joe Burrow	8	Brandon Allen	
HB	28	Joe Mixon	34	Samaje Perine	25 Chris Evans
					32 Trayveon Williams

DEFENSE

LDE	94	Sam Hubbard	96	Cam Sample	
NT	98	DJ Reader	68	Josh Tupou	
DT	92	B.J. Hill	<u>95</u>	<u>Zach Carter</u>	97 Jay Tufele
RDE	91	Trey Hendrickson	58	Joseph Ossai	<u>93</u> <u>Jeff Gunter</u>
LB	55	Logan Wilson	51	Markus Bailey	
LB	57	Germaine Pratt	59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	44 Clay Johnston
NCB	21	Mike Hilton	35	Jalen Davis	
CB	20	Eli Apple	33	Tre Flowers	
CB	22	Chidobe Awuzie	33	Tre Flowers	
S	24	Vonn Bell	31	Michael J. Thomas	
S	30	Jessie Bates III	<u>23</u>	<u>Dax Hill</u>	

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber		
K	2	Evan McPherson		
LS	48	Cal Adomitis		
H	10	Kevin Huber		
PR	11	Trent Taylor	83	Tyler Boyd
KOR	25	Chris Evans	11	Trent Taylor

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Hakeem Adeniji	hah-KEEM uh-DENN-ih-gee	Keandre Jones (Practice Squad)	kee-AHN-dray
Cal Adomitis	AA-dumm-EYE-tiss	Khalid Kareem (Reserve/Injured)	KAH-lid kuh-REEM
Lou Anarumo (Defensive Coordinator)	ann-ah-ROO-mo	Kwamie Lassiter II (Practice Squad)	KWAH-me LASS-ih-ter
Tycen Anderson (Reserve/Injured)	TIE-senn	Evan McPherson	mick-FEAR-son
Devin Asiasi	AH-see-AH-see	Joseph Ossai	o-SIGH
Chidobe Awuzie	CHIH-doe-bay ah-WOOZ-yay	Samaje Perine	suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine
Joe Bachie (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform)	BAH-chee	Tegray Scales (Practice Squad)	TEE-gray
Joey Boese (Strength and Conditioning Coach)	bo-ZAY	D'Ante Smith	dee-AHN-tay
Louie Cioffi (Defensive Quality Control Coach)	CHO-fee	Jay Tufele	too-FELL-ay
La'e'l Collins	luh-ELL	Josh Tupou	TEW-po
Yusuf Corker (Practice Squad)	YOO-seff	Cordell Volson	kor-DELL VOLL-son
Akeem Davis-Gaither	AH-keem DAY-viss-GAY-thur	Trayveon Williams	TRAY-vee-ahn
Nate Gilliam (Practice Squad)	GILL-um		

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

SEPT. 13, 2022

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
77	Adeniji, Hakeem	OT	6-4	315	12-8-97	3	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
48	Adomitis, Cal	LS	6-2	238	7-9-98	R	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.	CFA'22
8	Allen, Brandon	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	6	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
20	Apple, Eli	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	7	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.	FA'21
86	Asiasi, Devin	TE	6-3	260	8-14-97	3	UCLA	Shoreview, Calif.	W(N.E.)'22
22	Awuzie, Chidobe	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	6	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
51	Bailey, Markus	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	3	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
30	Bates, Jessie, III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	5	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
24	Bell, Vonn	S	5-11	215	12-12-94	7	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	7	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
9	Burrow, Joe	QB	6-4	215	12-10-96	3	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
65	Cappa, Alex	G	6-6	310	1-27-95	5	Humboldt State	Dublin, Calif.	UFA(T.B.)'22
79	Carman, Jackson	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	2	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
95	Carter, Zach	DT	6-4	290	4-7-99	R	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3'22
1	Chase, Ja'Marr	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	2	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.	D1'21
71	Collins, La'el	OT	6-4	314	7-26-93	8	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	FA'22
35	Davis, Jalen	CB	5-10	190	2-2-96	3	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
59	Davis-Gaither, Akeem	LB	6-2	228	9-21-97	3	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
25	Evans, Chris	HB	5-11	215	10-5-97	2	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
33	Flowers, Tre	CB	6-3	200	6-2-95	5	Oklahoma State	Converse, Texas	W(Sea.)'21
93	Gunter, Jeff	DE	6-4	263	6-1-99	R	Coastal Carolina	Durham, N.C.	D7'22
91	Hendrickson, Trey	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	6	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
85	Higgins, Tee	WR	6-4	219	1-18-99	3	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
92	Hill, B.J.	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	5	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
23	Hill, Dax	S	6-0	191	9-29-00	R	Michigan	Tulsa, Okla.	D1'22
63	Hill, Trey	C	6-4	335	1-23-00	2	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
21	Hilton, Mike	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	6	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
94	Hubbard, Sam	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	5	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	14	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
88	Hurst, Hayden	TE	6-4	250	8-24-93	5	South Carolina	Jacksonville, Fla.	UFA(Atl.)'22
44	Johnston, Clay	LB	6-1	232	8-8-96	3	Baylor	Abilene, Texas	W(Car.)'21
64	Karras, Ted	C	6-4	310	3-15-93	7	Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.	UFA(N.E.)'22
2	McPherson, Evan	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	2	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	6	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
17	Morgan, Stanley	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	4	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
58	Ossai, Joseph	DE	6-4	263	4-12-00	2	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	235	9-16-95	6	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
57	Pratt, Germaine	LB	6-3	250	5-21-96	4	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
98	Reader, DJ	DT	6-3	335	7-1-94	7	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
96	Sample, Cam	DE	6-3	272	9-20-99	2	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
89	Sample, Drew	TE	6-5	255	4-16-96	4	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
74	Scharping, Max	G	6-6	325	8-10-96	4	Northern Illinois	Green Bay, Wis.	W(Hou.)'22
70	Smith, D'Ante	OT	6-5	309	6-9-98	2	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
11	Taylor, Trent	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA'21
31	Thomas, Michael J.	S	5-11	192	3-17-90	9	Stanford	Houston, Texas	FA'21
80	Thomas, Mike D.	WR	6-1	197	8-16-94	7	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
97	Tufe, Jay	DT	6-3	305	7-25-99	2	Southern California	Salt Lake City, Utah	W(Jax.)'22
68	Tupou, Josh	DT	6-3	340	5-2-94	5	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
67	Volson, Cordell	G	6-6	315	7-20-98	R	North Dakota State	Balfour, N.D.	D4'22
84	Wilcox, Mitchell	TE	6-4	250	11-7-96	3	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
73	Williams, Jonah	OT	6-5	312	11-17-97	4	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
32	Williams, Trayveon	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	4	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
55	Wilson, Logan	LB	6-2	245	7-8-96	3	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

82	Bowers, Nick (9-1-22)	TE	6-4	260	5-26-96	2	Penn State	Kittanning, Pa.	FA'22
6	Browning, Jake (8-31-22)	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	FA'21
4	Chrisman, Drue (8-31-22)	P	6-3	211	6-30-97	1	Ohio State	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	FA'21
76	Cochran, Devin (8-31-22)	OT	6-7	310	7-17-98	R	Georgia Tech	Athens, Ga.	CFA'22
37	Corker, Yusuf (9-1-22)	S	6-0	197	12-26-98	R	Kentucky	McDonough, Ga.	FA'22
72	Davis, Dominique (8-31-22)	DT	6-2	326	2-28-96	1	North Carolina at Pembroke	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'22
42	George, Allan (9-6-22)	CB	5-11	191	7-16-99	R	Vanderbilt	Andalusia, Ala.	CFA'22
66	Gilliam, Nate (8-31-22)	G	6-5	300	7-6-97	1	Wake Forest	Knoxville, Tenn.	FA'22
16	Irwin, Trenton (8-31-22)	WR	6-2	200	12-10-95	3	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
69	Johnson, Raymond, III (8-31-22)	DE	6-3	264	12-2-97	2	Georgia Southern	Sumter, S.C.	FA'22
47	Jones, Keandre (8-31-22)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	2	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
18	Lassiter, Kwamie, II (8-31-22)	WR	5-11	185	1-21-98	R	Kansas	Chandler, Ariz.	CFA'22
45	Scales, Tegray (8-31-22)	LB	6-1	233	5-10-96	1	Indiana	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA'22
99	Shelvin, Tyler (8-31-22)	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	2	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21
39	Tell, Marvell, III (9-1-22)	CB	6-2	198	8-2-96	2	Southern California	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'22

RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)

49	Bachie, Joe (8-30-22; knee)	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	3	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
40	Wilson, Brandon (8-23-22; knee)	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	6	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

26	Anderson, Tycen (9-2-22; hamstring)	S	6-2	209	6-13-99	R	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	D5'22
62	Brown, Ben (8-15-22; biceps)	C	6-5	312	5-19-98	R	Mississippi	Vicksburg, Miss.	CFA'22
46	Harris, Clark (9-12-22; biceps)	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	14	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
36	Holyfield, Elijah (7-28-22; knee)	HB	5-10	219	11-30-97	2	Georgia	College Park, Ga.	FA'21
90	Kareem, Khalid (9-1-22; hamstring)	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	3	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20
60	Noel, Desmond (8-31-22; ankle)	G	6-4	310	2-12-98	R	Florida Atlantic	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'22
75	Prince, Isaiah (9-2-22; elbow)	OT	6-7	300	7-29-97	4	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
29	Taylor-Britt, Cam (9-1-22; abdomen)	CB	5-11	202	10-15-99	R	Nebraska	Montgomery, Ala.	D2'22

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

SEPT. 13, 2022

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
1	Ja'Marr Chase	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	2	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.	D1'21
2	Evan McPherson	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	2	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
8	Brandon Allen	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	6	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
9	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	215	12-10-96	3	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	14	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Trent Taylor	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA'21
17	Stanley Morgan	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	4	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
20	Eli Apple	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	7	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.	FA'21
21	Mike Hilton	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	6	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
22	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	6	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
23	Dax Hill	S	6-0	191	9-29-00	R	Michigan	Tulsa, Okla.	D1'22
24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	215	12-12-94	7	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
25	Chris Evans	HB	5-11	215	10-5-97	2	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	6	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	5	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
31	Michael J. Thomas	S	5-11	192	3-17-90	9	Stanford	Houston, Texas	FA'21
32	Trayveon Williams	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	4	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
33	Tre Flowers	CB	6-3	200	6-2-95	5	Oklahoma State	Converse, Texas	W(Sea.)'21
34	Samaje Perine	HB	5-11	235	9-16-95	6	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
35	Jalen Davis	CB	5-10	190	2-2-96	3	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
44	Clay Johnston	LB	6-1	232	8-8-96	3	Baylor	Abilene, Texas	W(Car.)'21
48	Cal Adomitis	LS	6-2	238	7-9-98	R	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.	CFA'22
51	Markus Bailey	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	3	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
55	Logan Wilson	LB	6-2	245	7-8-96	3	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	250	5-21-96	4	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
58	Joseph Ossai	DE	6-4	263	4-12-00	2	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	LB	6-2	228	9-21-97	3	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
63	Trey Hill	C	6-4	335	1-23-00	2	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
64	Ted Karras	C	6-4	310	3-15-93	7	Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.	UFA(N.E.)'22
65	Alex Cappa	G	6-6	310	1-27-95	5	Humboldt State	Dublin, Calif.	UFA(T.B.)'22
67	Cordell Volson	G	6-6	315	7-20-98	R	North Dakota State	Balfour, N.D.	D4'22
68	Josh Tupou	DT	6-3	340	5-2-94	5	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
70	D'Ante Smith	OT	6-5	309	6-9-98	2	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
71	La'el Collins	OT	6-4	314	7-26-93	8	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	FA'22
73	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	312	11-17-97	4	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
74	Max Scharping	G	6-6	325	8-10-96	4	Northern Illinois	Green Bay, Wis.	W(Hou.)'22
77	Hakeem Adeniji	OT	6-4	315	12-8-97	3	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
79	Jackson Carman	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	2	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
80	Mike D. Thomas	WR	6-1	197	8-16-94	7	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	7	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
84	Mitchell Wilcox	TE	6-4	250	11-7-96	3	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
85	Tee Higgins	WR	6-4	219	1-18-99	3	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
86	Devin Asiasi	TE	6-3	260	8-14-97	3	UCLA	Shoreview, Calif.	W(N.E.)'22
88	Hayden Hurst	TE	6-4	250	8-24-93	5	South Carolina	Jacksonville, Fla.	UFA(Atl.)'22
89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	255	4-16-96	4	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
91	Trey Hendrickson	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	6	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
92	B.J. Hill	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	5	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
93	Jeff Gunter	DE	6-4	263	6-1-99	R	Coastal Carolina	Durham, N.C.	D7'22
94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	5	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
95	Zach Carter	DT	6-4	290	4-7-99	R	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3'22
96	Cam Sample	DE	6-3	272	9-20-99	2	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
97	Jay Tufele	DT	6-3	305	7-25-99	2	Southern California	Salt Lake City, Utah	W(Jax.)'22
98	DJ Reader	DT	6-3	335	7-1-94	7	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

4	Drue Chrisman (8-31-22)	P	6-3	211	6-30-97	1	Ohio State	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	FA'21
6	Jake Browning (8-31-22)	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	FA'21
16	Trenton Irwin (8-31-22)	WR	6-2	200	12-10-95	3	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
18	Kwamie Lassiter II (8-31-22)	WR	5-11	185	1-21-98	R	Kansas	Chandler, Ariz.	CFA'22
37	Yusuf Corker (9-1-22)	S	6-0	197	12-26-98	R	Kentucky	McDonough, Ga.	FA'22
39	Marvell Tell III (9-1-22)	CB	6-2	198	8-2-96	2	Southern California	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'22
42	Allan George (9-6-22)	CB	5-11	191	7-16-99	R	Vanderbilt	Andalusia, Ala.	CFA'22
45	Tegray Scales (8-31-22)	LB	6-1	233	5-10-96	1	Indiana	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA'22
47	Keandre Jones (8-31-22)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	2	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
66	Nate Gilliam (8-31-22)	G	6-5	300	7-6-97	1	Wake Forest	Knoxville, Tenn.	FA'22
69	Raymond Johnson III (8-31-22)	DE	6-3	264	12-2-97	2	Georgia Southern	Sumter, S.C.	FA'22
72	Domenique Davis (8-31-22)	DT	6-2	326	2-28-96	1	North Carolina at Pembroke	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'22
76	Devin Cochran (8-31-22)	OT	6-7	310	7-17-98	R	Georgia Tech	Athens, Ga.	CFA'22
82	Nick Bowers (9-1-22)	TE	6-4	260	5-26-96	2	Penn State	Kittanning, Pa.	FA'22
99	Tyler Shelvin (8-31-22)	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	2	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21

RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)

40	Brandon Wilson (8-23-22; knee)	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	6	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
49	Joe Bachie (8-30-22; knee)	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	3	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

26	Tycen Anderson (9-2-22; hamstring)	S	6-2	209	6-13-99	R	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	D5'22
29	Cam Taylor-Britt (9-1-22; abdomen)	CB	5-11	202	10-15-99	R	Nebraska	Montgomery, Ala.	D2'22
36	Elijah Holyfield (7-28-22; knee)	HB	5-10	219	11-30-97	2	Georgia	College Park, Ga.	FA'21
46	Clark Harris (9-12-22; biceps)	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	14	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
60	Desmond Noel (8-31-22; ankle)	G	6-4	310	2-12-98	R	Florida Atlantic	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'22
62	Ben Brown (8-15-22; biceps)	C	6-5	312	5-19-98	R	Mississippi	Vicksburg, Miss.	CFA'22
75	Isaiah Prince (9-2-22; elbow)	OT	6-7	300	7-29-97	4	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
90	Khalid Kareem (9-1-22; hamstring)	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	3	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20

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STATISTICS

RECORD: 0-1

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-11-22	L	20-23 (OT)	PITTSBURGH	65,841
9-18-22			at Dallas	
9-25-22			at N.Y. Jets	
9-29-22			MIAMI	
10-9-22			at Baltimore	
10-16-22			at New Orleans	
10-23-22			ATLANTA	
10-31-22			at Cleveland	
11-6-22			CAROLINA	
11-13-22			— BYE —	
11-20-22			at Pittsburgh	
11-27-22			at Tennessee	
12-4-22			KANSAS CITY	
12-11-22			CLEVELAND	
12-18-22			at Tampa Bay	
12-24-22			at New England	
1-2-23			BUFFALO	
1-7/8-23			BALTIMORE	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	32	13
Rushing	5	4
Passing	22	8
Penalty	5	1
3rd Down: Made-Att	8-16	4-15
3rd Down Pct.	50.0	26.7
4th Down: Made-Att	1-3	0-0
4th Down Pct.	33.3	0.0
POSSESSION AVG.	37:28	22:32
TOTAL NET YARDS	432	267
Avg. Per Game	432.0	267.0
Total Plays	94	61
Avg. Per Play	4.6	4.4
NET YARDS RUSHING	133	75
Avg. Per Game	133.0	75.0
Total Rushes	34	22
NET YARDS PASSING	299	192
Avg. Per Game	299.0	192.0
Sacked-Yards Lost	7-39	1-2
Gross Yards	338	194
Att.-Completions	53-33	38-21
Completion Pct.	62.3	55.3
Had Intercepted	4	0
PUNTS-AVG.	3-52.7	8-48.5
Net Punting Avg.	3-39.3	8-42.1
PENALTIES-YARDS	4-27	8-59
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	2-1	1-0
TOUCHDOWNS	2	2
Rushing	0	0
Passing	2	1
Returns	0	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	3	3	8	6	0	20
OPPONENTS	10	7	0	3	3	23

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Tyler Boyd	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Ja'Marr Chase	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	0-1	2-3	0	6
Mike D. Thomas	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	2
BENGALS	2	0	2	0	0-1	2-3	0	20
OPPONENTS	2	0	1	1	2-2	3-4	0	23

Two-point conversions: Mike Thomas 1. BENGALS 1-1 (0-0 R, 1-1 P), OPPONENTS 0-0 (0-0 R, 0-0 P).

Sacks-yards: B.J. Hill 1-2. BENGALS 1-2, OPPONENTS 7-39.

Fumbles-lost: Joe Burrow 2-1. BENGALS 2-1, OPPONENTS 1-0.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	53	33	338	62.3	6.38	2	3.8	4	7.5	24	7-39	61.7
BENGALS	53	33	338	62.3	6.38	2	3.8	4	7.5	24	7-39	61.7
OPPONENTS	38	21	194	55.3	5.11	1	2.6	0	0.0	32	1-2	78.2

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	27	82	3.0	31	0
Joe Burrow	6	47	7.8	23	0
Samaje Perine	1	4	4.0	4	0
BENGALS	34	133	3.9	31	0
OPPONENTS	22	75	3.4	15	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Ja'Marr Chase	10	129	12.9	24	1
Joe Mixon	7	63	9.0	18	0
Hayden Hurst	5	46	9.2	20	0
Tyler Boyd	4	33	8.3	22	1
Samaje Perine	3	33	11.0	14	0
Tee Higgins	2	27	13.5	18	0
Mike D. Thomas	1	5	5.0	5	0
Drew Sample	1	2	2.0	2	0
BENGALS	33	338	10.2	24	2
OPPONENTS	21	194	9.2	32	1

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
(None)	0	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	0	0	—	—	0
OPPONENTS	4	31	7.8	31t	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	3	158	52.7	39.3	1	1	58	0
BENGALS	3	158	52.7	39.3	1	1	58	0
OPPONENTS	8	388	48.5	42.1	1	1	60	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Trent Taylor	5	1	31	6.2	10	0
BENGALS	5	1	31	6.2	10	0
OPPONENTS	1	1	20	20.0	20	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
(None)	0	0	—	—	0
OPPONENTS	1	1	1.0	1	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Evan McPherson	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1
BENGALS	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1
OPPONENTS	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-2

Evan McPherson: (59G, 26G, 29WL).
Opponents: (20G, 48G, 55HLU, 53G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Mike Hilton	8	0	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Logan Wilson	6	2	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Germaine Pratt	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Chidobe Awuzie	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
Trey Hendrickson	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
B.J. Hill	2	1	3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0-0
Vonn Bell	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Eli Apple	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
DJ Reader	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jessie Bates III	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Markus Bailey	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tre Flowers	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Stanley Morgan	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0

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