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## WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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# LOS ANGELES RAMS (12-5; 3-0) VS. CINCINNATI BENGALS (10-7; 3-0)

SUPER BOWL LVI  
SUNDAY, FEB. 13  
AT SOFI STADIUM  
INGLEWOOD, CALIF.

### GAME NOTES

**Kickoff:** 6:30 p.m. Eastern.

**Television:** The game will air nationally on NBC-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WLWT-TV (Ch. 5) in Cincinnati, WDTN-TV (Ch. 2) and WLEX-TV (Ch. 18) in Lexington. Broadcasters are Al Michaels (play-by-play announcer), Cris Collinsworth (game analyst), Michele Tafoya (sideline reporter), Kathryn Tappen (sideline reporter) and Terry McAulay (rules analyst).

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

The game also will air nationally on Westwood One Radio. Broadcasters are Kevin Harlan (play-by-play), Kurt Warner (analyst), Laura Okmin (sideline reporter), Mike Golic (sideline reporter) and Gene Steratore (rules analyst).

**Setting the scene:** After claiming their third-ever AFC crown on Sunday with a 27-24 win over the Chiefs in the conference championship game, the Bengals now travel to Los Angeles for a Feb. 13 matchup against the L.A. Rams in Super Bowl LVI.

"I'm happy for this team and everyone in the organization," said head coach Zac Taylor. "You can't help but think about the people back in Cincinnati celebrating right now, and about all the people that were here (in Kansas City). When all of our fans got down there at the end of the game, it felt like it was half the stadium. It was a special moment.

"I'm so happy for the city of Cincinnati. They've waited for this moment. They've supported us waiting for this moment. I couldn't be happier."

Despite the end result for the Bengals, the game did not begin in their favor. The Chiefs raced to a 21-3 lead midway through the second quarter, after putting together TD drives of 84, 75 and 72 yards on their first three possessions. Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes completed 18 of 21 passes for 220 yards and three TDs in the first half alone, good for a 149.9 passer rating.

"It was just about us settling in and getting all the jitters out and playing our brand of football," said S Vonn Bell. "They were going to make plays — they're here for a reason. They've been in Super Bowls, they've been in big games and they know how to win, so they were going to find their guys and make plays."

Two key plays late in the second quarter gave Cincinnati positive momentum going into the locker room. The first was a TD pass from QB Joe Burrow to HB Samaje Perine, who caught a screen pass and weaved 41 yards to the end zone to trim the Chiefs' lead to 21-10.

Then, on the ensuing possession, Kansas City raced downfield yet again and reached Cincinnati's one-yard line with just five seconds remaining. The Chiefs, though, opted to try for a TD rather than a FG, and threw a swing pass to speedy WR Tyreek Hill in the flat. But Hill was chased down and tackled for a loss by Bengals CB Eli Apple, and since the Chiefs had used all of their timeouts, the clock could not be stopped and the first half ended.

"That was a big play from our defense," Burrow said. "That stretch right there where we scored a touchdown and then they drove down the field in a two-minute situation and our defense prevented any points from being put on the board — I think that was really the turning point in the game."

The Bengals trailed 21-10 at the break, which matched the 11-point halftime deficit they faced in their regular-season matchup with the Chiefs on Jan. 2. In that game, Cincinnati held Kansas City scoreless in the third quarter and allowed

just three points in the fourth before completing a dramatic comeback with a "walk-off" FG to secure the win.

In the second half, history began to repeat itself. Cincinnati's defense forced two punts and an INT on Kansas City's three third-quarter drives, marking the 12th time in 20 games this season (including playoffs) that the Bengals held an opponent scoreless in the third quarter (see "D tightens after the break" on page 6).

"We were getting pressure (on Mahomes) in the first half, but he has the best pocket presence of anyone in the league," said DE Sam Hubbard. "We just kept telling ourselves, 'Keep chopping wood, keep rushing, keep rushing.' We were being disciplined in our rush lanes, and it paid off."

The highlight of the third quarter came when DT B.J. Hill batted and intercepted a pass from Mahomes to set up the Bengals' offense at the Chiefs' 27-yard line. Five plays later, Burrow found WR Ja'Marr Chase in the end zone for a two-yard score. The Bengals then knotted the game at 21 thanks to a successful two-point conversion on a pass from Burrow to WR Trent Taylor, who was playing his first offensive snap of the playoffs.

"That play is from the Shanahan and McVay families," Zac Taylor said of the two-point conversion. "We've repped that for a number of years, but we've never called it.

"Trent has that really good lateral quickness. (Tyler Boyd) can do it too, but Trent has had a lot of reps on that play over the last five years I would imagine. We started working on it with him probably three weeks ago. That's the only play that has his name on the game plan, and he did a great job executing it."

Cincinnati took a 24-21 lead on a 52-yard FG from K Evan McPherson midway through the fourth quarter. It was McPherson's third 50-plus yard FG of the postseason, after he hit nine such FGs in the regular season (see "McPherson from deep" on page 13).

Down three late, Kansas City drove all the way to Cincinnati's four-yard line with 1:26 remaining in regulation and looked to be on the verge of what would've been a fourth red-zone TD on the day. But the Bengals' defense held strong, as DE Sam Hubbard sacked Mahomes on back-to-back plays — on second and third down — to force a game-tying FG from Chiefs K Harrison Butker as time expired.

Asked after the game if he had ever recorded sacks on consecutive plays, Hubbard responded with a laugh. "I don't think I ever had sacks on back-to-back plays to send us to the Super Bowl. I guess that's just what happens when you keep getting after it and stay the course."

The Chiefs won the coin toss and got the ball first in the extra period, which harkened memories from their divisional matchup against the Buffalo Bills at Arrowhead Stadium a week earlier. In that game, Mahomes and the Chiefs' offense drove 75 yards in eight plays for a game-winning TD on the opening possession of OT before the Bills' powerful offense even had an opportunity to touch the ball.

But the Bengals would not suffer the same fate. After Apple dropped what looked to be a surefire pick-six on the Chiefs' second play of OT, Mahomes on third down fired a deep ball to Hill that was tipped by S Jessie Bates and then intercepted by S Vonn Bell. Each of Cincinnati's three wins this postseason have now included an interception on the Bengals' final defensive play.

"It's fitting that they made a play on the ball like that," Taylor said. "I can't wait to see it (on film), because I didn't have great vision on the play on the field. I just saw Vonn come out of there with it.

"I'm proud of those guys. They've mastered this takeaway thing these last couple of weeks. It has really enabled us to play the type of game we want to

play and get to the Super Bowl like we did.”

Burrow and the Bengals’ offense proceeded to convert three first downs and drove all the way to the Chiefs’ 13-yard line before putting a Super Bowl berth in the hands of 22-year old rookie K Evan McPherson. And he had done four times previously this season — three times in the regular season, once a week earlier in the playoffs (see “... Make that five walk-offs” on page 13) — McPherson converted, splitting the uprights from 31 yards and sending his team to the Super Bowl.

“We’re a special team that’s capable of doing special things,” Taylor said. “We believed from the get-go — whether people believed us or not, we did. But we’re not surprised. This is where we’re meant to be, and I’m proud of the guys in that locker room.”

Next Sunday’s Super Bowl will feature a number of significant connections between the two teams. Taylor was on the Rams’ offensive coaching staff under head coach Sean McVay from 2017-18. McVay played collegiately at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio (50 minutes northwest of Paul Brown Stadium). And Rams veteran OT Andrew Whitworth was a 2006 second-round pick of the Bengals and spent his first 11 seasons with Cincinnati.

“If you would’ve told me coming into the league, when I got drafted, that we would be here this year, it would be a shock,” Burrow said after the game. “But now, I’m not surprised. I’ve been playing this whole year, and I knew we’d have a chance to be here.

“Today was a great win for the organization, ownership, the city, and me personally as well. It’s a very exciting moment.”

**The series:** The Bengals lead 8-6 overall in regular season and have won three of the past four meetings. The teams have not met in postseason.

Next week’s game will be the second consecutive played between the two teams at a neutral site, as the Rams won 24-10 in 2019 at Wembley Stadium in London. While the Rams were considered the home team in the London game, it’s the Bengals who will be considered the home team for Super Bowl LVI.

This week’s game will be just the Bengals’ second against the second Los Angeles edition of the Rams. The Bengals were 5-2 against the first Los Angeles edition of the Rams and were 2-3 against the St. Louis Rams. The Rams franchise originally played in Cleveland from 1936-45, and then L.A. from ’46-94, and then St. Louis from ’95-2015. They returned to L.A. in ’16.

**Team bests from the regular-season series:**

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 34, in a 34-31 overtime victory at Anaheim Stadium in 1990. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 24, in a 31-7 victory at Cincinnati in 2015. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 15-3 victory at Cincinnati in 1993.

**Rams — MOST POINTS:** 38, in a 38-10 win at Cinergy Field in 1999. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 28, in the 38-10 victory at Cincinnati in ’99. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 10 (thrice), most recently in the most recent meeting, 24-10 win in 2019 at Wembley Stadium in London.

**The last meetings:** Summaries of the two most recent Bengals-Rams meeting — in 2015 at Cincinnati, and in ’19 at London, England — are on page 21 of this news release.

**Records vs. Rams:** Az-Zahir Hakim of the Rams tied the Bengals opponents’ records for TDs (four) and points (24) at Cinergy Field on Oct. 3, 1999. Hakim is among three opponents to have reached those totals. Hakim also tied the Bengals opponents’ record for receiving TDs in a game (three), a record now shared by eight players.

The only notable Bengals record against the Rams was broken earlier this season. The previous mark for most passing yards in a game (490) was set by former QB Boomer Esiason against the L.A. Rams in an overtime game at Anaheim Stadium on Oct. 7, 1990. That record stood for more than 31 years until QB Joe Burrow surpassed it with 525 passing yards in regulation of a 41-21 Bengals win vs. Baltimore on Dec. 26.

**Individually vs. Rams:** Past offensive performances by current Bengals players against the Rams during regular season include:

- WR Tyler Boyd: One game; Six receptions for 65 yards (10.8).
- HB Joe Mixon: One game; 17 rushes for 66 yards (3.9-yard average); Four receptions for 11 yards (2.8) and one TD.
- WR Auden Tate (Reserve/Injured): One game; Five receptions for 65 yards (13.0).
- TE C.J. Uzomah: One game; One reception for four yards.

**Bengals-Rams connections:** Bengals head coach Zac Taylor was on the Rams’ coaching staff from 2017-18. He served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2017, and quarterbacks coach in ’18 ... Rams OT Andrew Whitworth originally was a second-round pick (55th overall) of the Bengals in 2006, and was with Cincinnati through the ’16 season ... Rams head coach Sean McVay played wide receiver at Miami (Ohio) University ... Bengals WR Mike Thomas originally was a sixth-round pick (206th overall) of the Rams in 2016, and was with the team through the ’19 season ... Bengals LB Clay Johnston originally was a college free agent signee of the Rams in 2020 ... Bengals QB Brandon Allen was with the Rams from 2017-18 ... Rams DL Marquise Copeland played at the University of Cincinnati ... Bengals DT Josh Tupou is from Long Beach, Calif. (Buena Park High School) ... Bengals CB Jalen Davis is from La Mesa, Calif. (Helix High School) ... Bengals WR Trenton Irwin is from Valencia, Calif. (Hart High School) ... Rams DL Michael Hoecht is from Oakwood, Ohio (Oakwood High School) ... Bengals G Xavier Su’a-Filo (practice squad) played at UCLA ... Rams RB Javian Hawkins (practice squad) and WR TuTu Atwell (Reserve/Non-Football Injury) both played at the University of Louisville ... Rams S Jordan Fuller (Reserve/Non-Football Injury) played at Ohio State University ... Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan played QB at UCLA from 2002-05, and also coached there from ’06-07 ... Bengals defensive quality control coach Jordan Kovacs was with the Rams as a player during the 2016 offseason ... Rams linebackers coach Chris Shula is the son of former Bengals head coach Dave Shula, and he also played LB at Miami (Ohio) University from 2004-08 ... Rams run game coordinator/defensive line coach Eric Henderson played DE for the Bengals from 2007-08 ... Rams assistant quarterbacks coach Zac Robinson played for the Bengals from 2011-13 ... Bengals strength and conditioning coach Joey Boese coached at Fresno State University from 2012-15 ... Bengals assistant strength and conditioning coach Todd Hunt played DE at Fresno State University from 2012-15, and also coached there from ’16-17 ... Bengals assistant strength and conditioning coach Garrett Swanson is from Riverside, Calif., and was a punter/kicker at Fresno State University from 2012-15 ... Rams offensive line coach Kevin Carberry played DE at Ohio University from 2001-04 ... Rams assistant secondary coach Jonathan Cooley is from Columbus, Ohio and played at the University of Kentucky.

**BENGALS-RAMS FINAL 2021 NFL RANKINGS**

	BENGALS	RAMS
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored.....	T-7th (27.0)	T-7th (27.1)
Points allowed.....	17th (22.1)	15th (21.9)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total.....	13th (361.5)	9th (372.1)
Rushing.....	23rd (102.5)	25th (99.0)
Passing.....	7th (259.0)	5th (273.1)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total.....	18th (350.8)	17th (344.9)
Rushing.....	5th (102.5)	6th (103.2)
Passing.....	26th (248.4)	22nd (241.7)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential.....	T-16th (even)	T-13th (plus-2)

**BENGALS FINAL 2021 RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 52	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 53
<b>Total scores:</b> 45 (86.5%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 45 (84.9%)
TDs: 31 (59.6%)	TDs: 32 (60.4%)
FGs: 14 (26.9%)	FGs: 13 (24.5%)
TD% rank: 17th	TD% rank: 18th
<b>No scores:</b> 7 (13.5%)	<b>No scores:</b> 8 (15.1%)

**RAMS FINAL 2021 RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 70	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 56
<b>Total scores:</b> 63 (90.0%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 46 (82.1%)
TDs: 42 (60.0%)	TDs: 29 (51.8%)
FGs: 21 (30.0%)	FGs: 17 (30.4%)
TD% rank: T-15th	TD% rank: 8th
<b>No scores:</b> 7 (10.0%)	<b>No scores:</b> 10 (17.9%)

**Uniform watch:** The Bengals are scheduled to wear black jerseys, white pants (orange stripes) and orange socks in Super Bowl LVI against the

L.A. Rams. The team over the offseason unveiled new uniforms, marking Cincinnati's first significant uniform redesign since 2004.

There are three different color options for the new 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. And there are three options for sock color — black, white and orange. The team's iconic striped helmet was unchanged.

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

JERSEY	PANTS (STRIPES)	SOCKS	W-L-T	PCT.
Black	Black (Orange)	Black .....	0-1-0	.000
Black	Black (Orange)	Orange .....	1-0-0	1.000
Black	Black (Orange)	White .....	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	Black .....	0-1-0	.000
Black	White (Black)	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	White .....	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Orange)	Black .....	0-1-0	.000
Black	White (Orange)	Orange .....	1-1-0	.500
Black	White (Orange)	White .....	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Black .....	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	White .....	3-2-0	.600
White	White (Black)	Black .....	4-1-0	.800
White	White (Black)	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
White	White (Black)	White .....	1-0-0	1.000
White	White (Orange)	Black .....	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	White .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	Black (Orange)	Black .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	Black (Orange)	Orange .....	2-0-0	1.000
Orange*	Black (Orange)	White .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	Black .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	White .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Orange)	Black .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Orange)	Orange .....	1-0-0	1.000
Orange*	White (Orange)	White .....	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. As in years past, orange will serve as the Bengals' designated alternate jersey. The Bengals no longer has a CR uniform, and the team does not have a throwback uniform.

**Bengals career records roundup:** Here's a look at the movement from the 2021 season in Cincinnati's career record book (regular-season):

- P Kevin Huber has played in 207 career Bengals games, tied with CB Ken Riley for the most in Bengals history. Huber in 2021 passed both QB Ken Anderson (192) and LB Reggie Williams (206).
- LS Clark Harris has played in 201 career Bengals games, five shy of Williams (206) for third place all-time. Riley and Huber (207) are tied for the all-time lead. Harris in 2021 passed OT Anthony Munoz (185), DT Tim Krumrie (188) and QB Ken Anderson (192).
- HB Joe Mixon has 4564 career rushing yards, 857 shy of RB Pete Johnson for fourth place all-time. Mixon in 2021 passed Cedric Benson (4176).

**Bengals single-season records set in 2021:** Here's a look at the single-season Bengals records that were set during the 2021 regular season. Full detail on team individual records entering the 2021 season can be found on page 160 of the '21 Bengals Media Guide.

- WR Ja'Marr Chase played in 17 games; QB Joe Burrow and K Evan McPherson played in 16 games.
- Chase had 1455 receiving yards, which counts as a new Bengals record. The previous record was 1440, by Chad Johnson in 2007.
- Burrow had a 108.3 passer rating, which counts as a new Bengals record. The previous record was 106.3, by Andy Dalton in 2015.
- Burrow passed for 4611 yards, which counts as a new Bengals record. The previous record was 4293, by Dalton in 2013.
- Burrow had 34 passing TDs, which counts as a new Bengals record. The previous record was 33, by Dalton in 2013.

- Burrow had six 300-yard passing games, which counts as a new Bengals record. The previous record was five, held by Burrow (2020), Dalton (13) and Carson Palmer ('07).

- McPherson kicked a 58-yard FG (Dec. 19 at Denver), a new Bengals record. The previous record was 57 yards, by Randy Bullock in 2019.

**Other record-book movement:** Here's a look at other movement during the 2021 regular season in the Bengals' single-season record book. Full details on team individual records entering the 2021 season can be found on page 160 of the '21 Bengals Media Guide.

QB Joe Burrow, HB Joe Mixon, K Evan McPherson and DE Trey Hendrickson all played in 16 games; WR Ja'Marr Chase and P Kevin Huber played in 17 games.

- Burrow had 366 completions, second-most in team history. The record is 373, by Carson Palmer in 2007.
- Burrow had a 70.38 completion percentage, second-best in team history. The record is 70.55, by Ken Anderson in 1982.
- Burrow averaged 8.87 yards per attempt, third-best in team history. The record is 9.41, by Greg Cook in 1969.
- Chase had 13 receiving TDs, tied with TE Tyler Eifert for second-most in team history. The record is 17, by Carl Pickens in 1995.
- Chase 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.
- Mixon had 16 total TDs, tied with RB Pete Johnson for second-most in team history. The record is 17, by Pickens in 1995.
- Mixon had 13 rushing TDs, fourth-most in team history. The record is 15, by Ickey Woods in 1988.
- Mixon 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.
- McPherson scored 130 points, tied for third-most in team history. The record is 132, by Mike Nugent in 2011.
- McPherson made 28 FGs, tied for fourth-most in team history. The record is 33, by Nugent in 2011.
- 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.
- Huber averaged 41.05 net yards per punt, the fifth-best mark in team history. The record is 42.82, set by Huber in 2020.
- 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.

**And a few more miscellaneous records:** A few other Bengals "records" were broken this year that are not officially kept in the team's media guide. Here's the run-down.

QB Joe Burrow, HB Joe Mixon and K Evan McPherson each played in 16 games; WR Ja'Marr Chase played in 17 games.

- Burrow had 15 TD passes of at least 30 yards, the most-ever by a Bengal. The previous high was nine, by Ken Anderson (1973), Boomer Esiason ('89) and Carson Palmer ('06).
- Mixon scored a rushing TD in six straight games (Games 7-12), tied with HB Rudi Johnson (2006) and RB Stan Fritts (1975) for the longest such streak in team history.
- Mixon scored multiple TDs in four straight games (Games 8-11) the longest such streak in team history. The previous longest streak was three games, by Pete Johnson in 1981 and Rudi Johnson in 2005.
- Chase had 13 receiving TDs, the most-ever by a Bengals rookie. The previous high was nine, by WR Isaac Curtis in 1973.
- Chase had 81 receptions, the most-ever by a Bengals rookie. The previous high was 67, by Cris Collinsworth in 1981 and Tee Higgins in 2020.
- Chase had 1455 receiving yards, the most-ever by a Bengals rookie. The previous high was 1057, by A.J. Green in 2011.
- Chase had five 100-yard receiving games, the most-ever by a Bengals rookie. The previous high was four, by Green in 2011.
- McPherson made nine FGs of 50 or more yards, the most in team history. The previous high was four, by Horst Muhlmann in 1970.
- The Bengals combined for 10 100-yard receiving games, the most in team history. The previous high was nine, in 2006. Chase had five 100-yard games, while Higgins had four and Boyd had one.

**Career postseason record watch:** Here's a look at possible upcoming movement in the Bengals' career postseason record book. Full detail

on team postseason records entering the 2021 season can be found on page 296 of the Bengals' 2021 Media Guide.

- K Evan McPherson has scored 40 points, 12 behind Jim Breech (52) for first place in Bengals postseason history.
- McPherson has made four PATs, tied with Dave Green, Shayne Graham and Mike Nugent for second place in Bengals postseason history. K Jim Breech is the all-time leader (25).
- HB Joe Mixon has 52 rushing attempts, nine shy of Pete Johnson (61) for second place in Bengals history. Ickey Woods (89) is the all-time leader.
- Mixon has 190 rushing yards, second-most in Bengals postseason history and 201 shy of Woods (391) for the all-time lead.
- QB Joe Burrow has 109 pass attempts, 49 shy of Andy Dalton (158) for second place in Bengals postseason history. Ken Anderson (166) is the all-time leader.
- Burrow has 75 completions, 13 behind Dalton (88) for second place in Bengals postseason history. Ken Anderson (110) is the all-time leader.
- Burrow has 842 passing yards, 31 shy of Dalton (873) for second place in Bengals postseason history. Anderson (1321) is the all-time leader.
- Burrow has four TD passes, tied with QB Boomer Esiason for second place in Bengals postseason history. Anderson (nine) is the all-time leader.
- WR Ja'Marr Chase has 20 receptions, one shy of WR Cris Collinsworth (21) for second place in Bengals postseason history. TE Dan Ross (28) is the all-time leader.
- Chase has 279 receiving yards, 54 shy of TE Dan Ross (333) for second place in Bengals postseason history. Collinsworth (354) is the all-time leader.
- WR Trent Taylor has four punt returns, fourth-most in Bengals postseason history. Brandon Tate (10) is the all-time leader, followed by Ira Hillary (six) and Mike Fuller (five).
- WR Trent Taylor has 48 punt return yards, 14 shy of Mike Fuller (62) for second place in Bengals postseason history. WR Brandon Tate (67) is the all-

time leader.

- HB Chris Evans has nine kickoff returns, tied with CB Adam Jones for second place in Bengals postseason history. WR David Verser (17) is the all-time leader.
- Evans has 211 kickoff return yards, fourth-most in Bengals postseason history. Verser (302) is the all-time leader, followed by Stanford Jennings (240) and Jones (233).

**Single-game postseason records set:** Here's a look at the Bengals single-game postseason records that have already been set during this year's playoffs. Full detail on team postseason records entering the 2021 season can be found on page 296 of the Bengals' 2021 media guide.

- K Evan McPherson's 14 points in the Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas were the most-ever in a Bengals postseason game. His 13 points in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee were second-most, and then he tied that mark with 13 again in the AFC Championship at Kansas City.
- McPherson's four FGs in the Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas were the most-ever in a Bengals postseason game. He then tied that mark the next week in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, and then again in the AFC Championship at Kansas City.
- McPherson has made 12 FGs, most for a career in Bengals postseason history. K Jim Breech (nine) held the previous Bengals postseason record.
- QB Joe Burrow has two games — Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas, AFC Championship at Kansas City — with two TD passes. Those are tied for the most-ever in Bengals postseason game, alongside Ken Anderson (four times) and Boomer Esiason (once).
- Burrow completed 75.68 percent of his passes (28 of 37) in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee. That counts as the highest completion percentage ever in a Bengals postseason game.
- WR Ja'Marr Chase averaged 21.8 yards (on five catches) in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee. That counts as the highest yards-per-catch average ever in a game in Bengals postseason history.

## THE HEAD COACHES

**Zac Taylor** was named the 10th head coach in Cincinnati Bengals history on Feb. 4, 2019.

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 — Tyler 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. The team finished 2-14 that season.

In 2020, Taylor helped transition QB Joe Burrow, the No. 1 overall pick in the draft, to the pro level despite the absence of an in-person offseason program due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Taylor helped Burrow to 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).

Taylor came to Cincinnati after two seasons (2017-18) with the L.A. Rams, where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2017 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 young Rams 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 a combined 5850 yards and 45 touchdowns. In his senior season of 2006, Taylor was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year after passing for 3197 total yards and leading the Cornhuskers to a 9-3 record, an appearance in the Big 12 Championship Game and a berth in the Cotton Bowl. He was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

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

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

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.

**Sean McVay** was named the 23rd full-time head coach in franchise history on Jan. 12, 2017. McVay became the youngest head coach in modern NFL history when he was hired by the Rams at the age of 30.

In 2020, McVay and the Rams posted a 10-6 record, McVay's fourth-consecutive winning season, and earned his third playoff berth in his first four

seasons. During the 2019 season, the Rams posted a 9-7 record, the third-straight winning season under McVay. In 2018, his second season as head coach, the Rams won 13 games, tied for the second-most single-season wins in franchise history, and competed in the organization's fourth Super Bowl. In 2017, the Rams won seven more games than the previous season, went from last in the league in scoring to first, and made their first postseason appearance in 13 years.

Prior to joining the Rams, McVay was the Washington Redskins' offensive coordinator (2014-16), tight ends coach (2011-13) and offensive assistant (2010). McVay joined Washington prior to 2010 after an undefeated regular season with the Florida Tuskers of the United Football League. The Tuskers finished a perfect 6-0 before losing in the UFL's inaugural championship game. McVay originally entered the National Football League as an offensive assistant

with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

McVay played WR at Miami (Ohio). His grandfather, John McVay, served in various administrative roles, including director of research development for the N.Y. Giants (1976) and vice president/director of football operations for the San Francisco 49ers ('83-94), as well as serving as general manager one year in San Francisco ('98-99). John McVay oversaw five Super Bowl championship squads and earned induction into the 49ers Hall of Fame in 2013.

McVay was born on Jan. 24, 1986, in Marietta, Ga.. He is the son of Tim and Cindy McVay and has one brother, Ryan.

**Taylor vs. Rams:** Taylor leads, 1-0.

**Taylor vs. McVay:** Taylor leads, 1-0.

**McVay vs. Bengals:** The Bengals lead, 1-0.

## BENGALS NOTES

**At the top of the list:** 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).

### 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).

### 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).

### 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).

### 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).

### TREY HENDRICKSON

- Fifth in sacks (14.0).

### EVAN McPHERSON

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

**Three Bengals make Pro Bowl:** WR Ja'Marr Chase, DE Trey Hendrickson and HB Joe Mixon all were voted to the AFC team for this season's Pro Bowl game. It was the first Pro Bowl nod for all three.

Given Cincinnati's berth in Super Bowl LVI, no Bengals will play in the Pro Bowl game on Feb. 6.

Chase, a rookie out of Louisiana State University, was the lone Bengal voted as a starter. During regular season, he led the team in receptions (81), receiving yards (1455) and receiving TDs (13). All three of those totals are Bengals rookie records. His receiving yardage total is a Bengals single-season record, and the most by any NFL rookie in the Super Bowl era (began in 1966 season).

Chase opened his postseason career with back-to-back 100-yard receiving

games, and became the first rookie in league history with multiple 100-yard receiving games in the playoffs. His 279 receiving yards in the playoffs are the most-ever by a rookie in NFL history.

Chase is the sixth Bengals rookie ever to be voted to the Pro Bowl at any position. The others were QB Andy Dalton (2011), WR A.J. Green ('11), WR Cris Collinsworth (1981), WR Isaac Curtis ('73) and CB Lemar Parrish ('70). Additionally, four Bengals rookies were in the American Football League All-Star Game — LB Bill Bergey in 1969, and C Bob Johnson, RB Paul Robinson and TE Bob Trumpy in '68.

Hendrickson, a fifth-year pro out of Florida Atlantic University, is in his first Bengals season after joining the team in March as an unrestricted free agent. He led the team and ranked fifth leaguewide with 14 sacks, second-most in team history. Hendrickson recorded at least a half-sack in 11 straight games this season (Games 5-15) — the longest streak in the NFL in 2021, the longest streak in team history, and tied for the second-longest streak in NFL history (see "Trey's sack streak ends at 11" on page 10).

Mixon, a fifth-year player out of the University of Oklahoma, originally was a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2017. He finished the season ranked third in the NFL in rushing yards (1205), third in rushing attempts (292) and fourth in rushing TDs (13). He also finished the regular season with 16 TDs, tied for second-most in team history, and 13 rushing TDs, fourth in team history (see "Mixon falls shy of Pick and Ickey" on page 9).

Additionally, five Bengals are alternates for the AFC squad. QB Joe Burrow and LS Clark Harris were both second alternates, DE Sam Hubbard and DT Larry Ogunjobi were fourth alternates, and CB Mike Hilton was a fifth alternate.

**Taylor's special delivery:** After the Bengals' 26-19 win over the Raiders in the Wild Card Playoff on Jan. 17, Bengals head coach Zac Taylor told his team in the locker room that he was giving out two game balls.

The first went to Bengals president Mike Brown.

"Personally, if I coached in any other organization in football, I probably wouldn't be here right now in my third year," Taylor said. "That's the truth. But (Brown) just has the experience and understanding. There's no other owner that sits at every walk through, at every practice in the freezing cold, the rain, the snow. This means the world to him. And because he's around, and because (Bengals ownership) cares so much, they get a chance to hear your vision firsthand on a daily basis. So we're all on the same page, and there's no miscommunication. They can see where we need to go, and that we're going to get there. They just believe in these players and coaches."

The second went to the City of Cincinnati. Different members of the organization dropped off game balls at bars and restaurants around the city after the game in what Taylor said would be a new tradition after playoff wins. The game balls for the Wild Card Playoff win over Las Vegas went to local establishments — Pontiac, Walt's Hitching Post and Mount Lookout Tavern. Taylor and P Kevin Huber — a Cincinnati native — made the delivery to MLT, and video surfaced of the two presenting the ball to a packed crowd.

"This is the first of many playoff games we win here," he said. "We're starting a new tradition where we give the game ball to fans. You pass it around, you take selfies with it, and by the end of the night the ball stays here at MLT."

Earlier, in his postgame news conference, Taylor expanded on why the organization is starting the new tradition.

"Some people had their greatest moments tonight," he said. "So we want them to get a chance to enjoy these game balls with us. I told this to the players — some of them may not understand the significance of this win that happened today, but I know a lot of you (media) in the room who are homegrown Cincinnatians certainly do. I think the city can finally exhale and just enjoy this

team for what it is and take that pressure off those last 31 years.”

On Jan. 22, shortly after returning to town following their Divisional Playoff win at Tennessee, Huber, Taylor, TE C.J. Uzomah and assistant head coach/special teams coordinator Darrin Simmons were among the Bengals representatives who dropped off game balls at Jeff Ruby's Precinct (Columbia Tusculum), 16 Lots Brewing Company (Mason), Delwood (Mount Lookout) and the Holy Grail Tavern and Grille (downtown).

On Jan. 30, after arriving back in town from their AFC Championship win at Kansas City, Taylor and other Bengals representatives delivered game balls to Maloney's Pub West (Delhi), Gametime Ultimate Sports Bar (Mount Healthy), Streetside Brewery (Columbia Tusculum), and Sinners and Saints Tavern (East End).

**Bengals kick the turnovers:** Midway through the season, one of the primary knocks on the Bengals was the team's propensity to turn the ball over. Much of that criticism was focused on QB Joe Burrow, who through 13 weeks had thrown the most INTs (14) in the NFL.

Since then, Burrow and the offense have turned the tide on their turnover problem. Burrow has two INTs in the playoffs — one in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, and one in the AFC Championship at Kansas City — but those are his only picks since Week 13 against the Chargers (a stretch of seven straight starts). His INT in the divisional round broke a string of 209 consecutive pass attempts without a pick, the second-longest such streak in team history (counting playoffs) and second-longest in the NFL at the time behind Packers QB Aaron Rodgers (243). Burrow went five consecutive starts (counting playoffs) without an INT, tied for the third-longest such streak in team history (minimum 15 attempts per game). Ken Anderson also went five straight in 1973, while Andy Dalton went six straight in 2017 and Neil O'Donnell went seven straight in 1998.

The Bengals' offense has not lost a fumble since the aforementioned Week 13 matchup against the Chargers, and Cincinnati's only two fumbles since — both Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco — were muffed punts. Cincinnati is plus-seven in turnover margin over its last seven games (including playoffs).

Here's a look at the longest streaks of consecutive pass attempts without an INT by a Bengal (including playoff games).

PLAYER	YEAR	ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INT
Neil O'Donnell	1998.....	238
Joe Burrow	2021-22 .....	209
Joe Burrow	2020-21 .....	199
Andy Dalton	2017.....	193

**Bengals go 'worst to first':** Cincinnati's 2021 AFC North division title is the fifth instance in Bengals history that the team won a division title after finishing last in their division the previous season. The 2021 team now joins the 1970, '81, '88 and '90 Bengals as division champions who finished last in their division the season before.

Cincinnati finished 4-11-1 in 2020, and was fourth in the AFC North behind Cleveland (11-5), Baltimore (11-5) and division-champion Pittsburgh (12-4).

**Bengals great in "middle eight":** Much has been made in recent years about the importance of the "middle eight," a stretch of a game that spans the last four minutes of the first half and first four minutes of the second half. Among the people who have touted the importance of the "middle eight" have been former NFL GM Michael Lombardi and recently retired QB Tom Brady.

"The 'middle eight' minutes of the game are so important to the overall outcome," Brady said in 2021 on ESPN's Monday Night Football broadcast with Peyton and Eli Manning. "Who wins the end of the first half and then the start of the third quarter? A lot of times when you defer and you get the ball on offense (to start the second half), you can create a 14-point swing without them ever touching the ball if you score before the half and then you score coming out in the third quarter. You definitely don't want to give the ball back to your opponents (at the end of the half). We always call it "the last shot" in basketball — you don't want to throw up a three-pointer with 18 seconds left on the shot clock."

So how did the Bengals stack up during the "middle eight" during the 2021 regular season? Their plus-56 point differential during that time period tied for the best in the NFL, and equated to an 8.0-point per game edge. During the playoffs, the Bengals are plus-10 — they have scored 17 points and given up seven.

Here's a look at the teams during the 2021 regular season with the largest

point differential in the time period spanning the last four minutes of the first half and first four minutes of the second half.

TEAM	OWN POINTS	OPP. POINTS	DIFFERENTIAL
Cincinnati Bengals .....	112.....	56.....	+56
Dallas Cowboys .....	92.....	36.....	+56
Indianapolis Colts .....	92.....	45.....	+47
L.A. Rams .....	102.....	55.....	+47
Tampa Bay Buccaneers .....	92.....	49.....	+43

**Bengals carry "Mo" into halftime ... :** The Bengals scored a combined 63 points in the last two minutes of the first half during the 2021 regular season. That total was fourth among all NFL teams. When divided out among Cincinnati's 17 regular-season games, that's an average of 3.7 points per game in the last two minutes.

When taking the playoffs into account, the Bengals have scored points (eight TDs, eight FGs) in the last two minutes of the first half in 15 of their 20 games.

Here's a look at the NFL teams in the 2021 regular season with the most points in the last two minutes before halftime:

TEAM	MOST POINTS IN TWO MINUTES BEFORE HALF
San Francisco 49ers.....	70
Green Bay Packers.....	69
Dallas Cowboys .....	68
Cincinnati Bengals .....	63
Tampa Bay Buccaneers .....	61

**... And come out firing after the break:** Not only were the Bengals one of the NFL's top teams at scoring before halftime during the regular season, they were also among the leaders in points scored (56) on the first possession of the second half. And that trend has continued during the playoffs. The Bengals have come away with points on their first offensive possession of the second half in 14 of their 20 games (six TDs, eight FGs) this season, including in two of the team's three playoff wins (FG in Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas, TD in Divisional Playoff at Tennessee).

It should be noted that the Bengals received the opening kickoff of the second half in 12 of their 20 games this year (including playoffs), thanks in part to a streak of luck that saw them win the opening coin toss in each of their first six games (see "Coin-toss roller coaster" on page 15). The Bengals deferred to the second half in each of those six games.

Here's a look at the teams with the most points scored on the first offensive possession of the second half during the 2021 regular season:

TEAM	POINTS
Green Bay Packers.....	72
Cincinnati Bengals .....	56
Baltimore Ravens .....	54
L.A. Rams .....	54
Tampa Bay Buccaneers .....	52

**D tightens after the break:** Cincinnati during the 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 has only gotten better as the season has gone along. The Bengals have allowed just 10 combined third-quarter points over their last six games (including playoffs), and all 10 of those came in the divisional playoff win at Tennessee. Since their Week 10 bye — an 11-game stretch (including playoffs) — the Bengals have allowed just 20 combined points, including just two TDs, in the third quarter. Cincinnati has held its opponents scoreless in the third quarter in 12 of its 20 games this season.

**Flipping the script on the road:** The Bengals during the regular season won five road games, which counted as their most wins away from home since 2015 (six). They fell one regular-season road win shy of tying the single-season team record of six, accomplished in 1981, 2005, '12, and '15.

Dating back to 2020, Cincinnati has won eight of its last 11 road games (including playoffs).

It wasn't long ago, though, that the shoe was on the other foot. The Bengals lost 13 straight road games between 2018 and early '20, and that bleeding was stopped only by a tie at Philadelphia. Head coach Zac Taylor did not pick up his first road win until his 16th game away from Paul Brown Stadium (includes a



2019 neutral site loss to the Rams in London), a fact the third-year Bengals head coach has not forgotten.

"We've really matured," Taylor told the media after his team's 31-13 win at Las Vegas on Nov. 21. "We lost 15 games in a row on the road at one point — I don't know if you all remember that, but I do (laughs).

"This team has really turned their mentality. When we get on a plane, get on a bus and go to a hotel, we come out there really focused. They've handled it really well. I have no concerns taking this team on the road and wondering how they're going to handle it. I'm proud of them."

**Bengals' O boasts 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 are 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).

**Recapping Burrow's NFL journey:** Bengals QB Joe Burrow returned healthy to begin 2021, after his rookie campaign the previous year ended due to a left knee injury suffered early in the third quarter of Cincinnati's game at Washington (Nov. 22, 2020). Burrow had surgery on Dec. 2, 2020, then embarked on a long rehab process and was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28, 2020. He participated fully in every practice of training camp (save for one scheduled rest day) but took just three snaps in preseason — all came in the finale vs. Miami.

Shortly after his injury in 2020, Burrow had vowed publicly that he would start Cincinnati's '21 season opener. On Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota, less than 10 months after his injury, he not only made good on that promise, he posted then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67) in a dramatic 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, Burrow has completed 75 of 109 passes (68.8 percent) for 842 yards, with four TDs and two INTs (96.2 rating). He is the first No. 1 overall draft pick in NFL history to lead his team to a conference championship game (let alone a Super Bowl) in either of their first two seasons.

On Jan. 28, the Pro Football Writers of America named Burrow as their 2021 Comeback Player of the Year.

**Burrow masters the deep ball:** 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 has one TD pass of 30 or more yards during the playoffs — a 41-yarder to HB Samaje Perine in the AFC Championship at Kansas City.

**Burrow's big days vs. Ravens:** On Dec. 26 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 pass 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 416 yards and three TDs earlier this 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 (tops 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 surpasses 7K:** Bengals QB Joe Burrow surpassed 7000 career passing yards on Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City this season, in what was just his 26th career game. That made him the fastest Bengal ever to 7000 passing yards — ahead of Carson Palmer (31), Andy Dalton (32) and Jeff Blake (32) — and the fourth-fastest QB in NFL history.

Burrow was also the fastest Bengal to 6000 passing yards (23 games), 5000 passing yards (19) and 4000 passing yards (16).

Here's a look at the fastest QBs in NFL history — in terms of games played — to reach 7000 passing yards.

Burrow ended the 2021 regular season with 7299 career passing yards.

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO REACH 7K
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	22
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	25
Kurt Warner	St. Louis Rams	25
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	26
Marc Bulger	St. Louis Rams	27
Dan Marino	Miami Dolphins	27

**Burrow's college connections:** Bengals QB Joe Burrow may only be in his second NFL season, but he has plenty familiar faces around him in Cincinnati. There are seven current Bengals who played with Burrow in college at either Ohio State or LSU, meaning 13.5 percent of Burrow's 52 Bengals teammates suited up with him for at least one season in college.

The Bengals also have one player on the Practice Squad/Injured list (TE Thaddeus Moss) who played with Burrow in college, along with one assistant coach (assistant WRs coach Brad Kragthorpe) who was on LSU's staff in 2018, Burrow's first season with the Tigers.

Here's a look at the current Bengals who played with Burrow in college, along with the years they played together. Burrow played at Ohio State from 2015-17, and at Louisiana State from '18-19:

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
Thaddeus Moss*	TE	Louisiana State	2018-19

\* — Thaddeus Moss is currently on the Practice Squad/Injured list.

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

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' wide receivers room is 27-year old Tyler Boyd, who finished the regular season with 828 receiving yards. Boyd, who hit 1000 receiving yards in both 2018 and '19, played in 16 regular-season games.

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.

Only five teams in NFL history have had three 1000-yard receivers in the same season. The last to do so was the 2008 Arizona Cardinals, who had Hall of Fame QB Kurt Warner throwing to Larry Fitzgerald (1431), Anquan Boldin (1038) and Steve Breaston (1006). The only other team to do it since the turn of the century was the 2004 Indianapolis Colts, who had Hall of Fame QB Peyton Manning throwing to HOF WR Marvin Harrison (1113), Reggie Wayne (1210) and Brandon Stokley (1077).

**Chase, Burrow reunite in Cincinnati:** One of the most statistically accomplished QB-WR duos in college football history reunited in Cincinnati in 2021. Bengals QB Joe Burrow, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2020 draft, and WR Ja'Marr Chase, the No. 5 overall pick in the '21 draft, are teammates again after helping power the Louisiana State Tigers to a college football national championship in 2019.

With Burrow as his QB in 2019, Chase set single-season SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20), en route to winning the Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver. Burrow, of course, went on to win the Heisman Trophy as college football's top player that year, after setting numerous NCAA and SEC passing records.

Burrow and Chase connected on 79 passes for 1429 yards (18.1 average) and 13 TDs during the regular season (Burrow did not play in the season finale). Chase's receiving yardage total was a team record, and the most ever by an NFL rookie during the Super Bowl era (see "Chase tops LSU teammate Jefferson" on page 9). Additionally, his receptions and receiving TDs totals were Bengals rookie records.

Chase and Burrow have continued their production during the postseason, and have connected on 20 passes for 279 yards and a TD in Cincinnati's three playoff wins. Chase's 279 receiving yards are the most ever by a rookie in the postseason.

**Uno tops Ocho:** WR Ja'Marr Chase, who is the first player in Bengals history to wear uniform No. 1 and has thus earned the nickname "Uno" among fans, posted a team-record 1455 receiving yards as a rookie this season. That edged out the previous team record of 1440, set in 2007 former Bengals 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.

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 gathers Bengals rookie records:** WR Ja'Marr Chase in 2021 had perhaps the best statistical season ever by a Bengals rookie. Here's a look at the Bengals rookie records that Chase broke during the 2021 regular season. It should be noted that, 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).

**The rundown on Chase:** Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase this year has had one of the best seasons ever by a rookie receiver. Here's a rundown of some of his accomplishments during both the regular season and playoffs.

• Chase's 1455 receiving yards during the regular season were a Bengals team record and the most ever by an NFL rookie in the Super Bowl era (see "Chase tops LSU teammate Jefferson" on page 9). In addition to receiving yardage, he also led all rookies in receiving TDs (13).

• Chase set the NFL's single-game receiving yardage mark for a rookie (team-record 266 on Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City). He also had 201 receiving yards on Oct. 24 at Baltimore, which gave him two of the three highest single-game receiving yardage outputs in the NFL during the 2021 regular season.

• Chase's 1734 combined receiving yards in the regular season and playoffs count as the most-ever by an NFL rookie, ahead of the Houston Oilers' Bill Groman (1510 yards in 1960), Minnesota's Randy Moss (1461 in '98) and Minnesota's Justin Jefferson (1400 in 2020).

• He is the first rookie in NFL history with multiple 100-yard receiving games in the postseason (116 in Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas, and 109 in Divisional Playoff at Tennessee).

• He became the first rookie and fifth player ever with multiple 200-yard receiving games in a single regular season. The others are Hall of Famers Calvin Johnson (2011 and '12) and Don Maynard (1968), along with Josh Gordon ('13) and Alshon Jeffrey ('13).

• He became just the fifth rookie ever with at least 1000 receiving yards and 10 TDs. He joins John Jefferson (1978), Randy Moss ('98), Mike Evans (2014) and Odell Beckham Jr. ('14). It should be noted that Chase hit the 1000 yard/10 TD mark in just 13 games.

• He was the second rookie in NFL history to record at least 50 receiving yards in each of his first seven games. Detroit WR Earl McCullough, who at one time was the world-record holder in the 110-meter hurdles, also did it in 1968. Chase's streak ended in Game 8 at the N.Y. Jets.

• He was one of two players in NFL history with a reception of at least 30 yards in each of their first seven career games. McCullough is the other. Chase's streak ended in Game 8 at the N.Y. Jets.

• In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase (21 years, 237 days) became the second-youngest player ever to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game (Mike Evans; 21 years, 87 days).

• In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, his NFL debut, he became the youngest (21 years, 195 days) Bengal ever to top 100 receiving yards.

**Uno shattered records vs. Chiefs:** Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase's 266 receiving yards on Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City were not only a Bengals record, they were the most in any regular-season game by a rookie in NFL history. The previous Bengals record was 260, by WR Chad Johnson (Nov. 12, 2006 vs. San Diego), and the previous NFL rookie record was 255, by Buffalo Bills WR Jerry Butler (Sept. 23, 1979 vs. N.Y. Jets).

Chase scored three TDs that day against the Chiefs — catches of 72, 18 and 69 yards — in what was the 34th time in league history that a rookie scored at least three TDs in a single game. Five of those have now come from Bengals — RB Paul Robinson (1968), WR Isaac Curtis ('73), RB Ickey Woods ('88), RB Corey Dillon ('97) and Chase.

Chase's performance helped Cincinnati to a 34-31 win over Kansas City that officially secured the 2021 AFC North title.

Here's a look at the rookies with the most receiving yards in a single game in NFL history (regular season).

ROOKIE	TEAM	DATE/OPP.	REC. YARDS
Ja'Marr Chase	Cincinnati Bengals	1-2-2022 vs. K.C.....	266
Jerry Butler	Buffalo Bills	9-23-1979 vs. NYJ.....	255
Jerry Rice	San Francisco 49ers	12-9-1985 vs. LARams.....	241
Justin Blackmon	Jacksonville Jaguars	11-18-2012 at Hou. ....	236
Eddie Kennison	St. Louis Rams	12-15-1996 at Atl. ....	226

**Uno takes aim at playoff records:** Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase this postseason has continued his takeover of NFL receiving record books. His 279 receiving yards (through three games) are the most-ever by a rookie in postseason history. He also became the first rookie in NFL history with multiple 100-yard receiving games in the playoffs, after hitting the century mark in each of his first two playoff games — 116 yards in the Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas, and 109 in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee.

Chase also has 20 receptions in the postseason, and needs just two more catches to match Colts RB Joseph Addai's NFL rookie playoff record of 22, set in 2006. Chase has one TD so far in the playoffs, and needs two more to match the



NFL rookie postseason record of three, shared by Sammy White (1976) and Steve Junker (1957).

Here's a look at 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 tops LSU teammate Jefferson:** Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase during the 2021 regular season had 1455 receiving yards, second-most in NFL history behind the Houston Oilers' Bill Groman in 1960. But in the Super Bowl era (since 1966), Chase's 1455 are the most ahead of his friend and former LSU teammate Justin Jefferson, who had 1400 with the Minnesota Vikings in 2020.

Chase, Jefferson and Bengals QB Joe Burrow played together at Louisiana State University, where in 2019 they shattered numerous offensive records and led the Tigers to an undefeated season and national championship.

It should be noted that Chase had 1429 yards (and thus topped Jefferson) after 16 games. Groman, a native of Tiffin, Ohio who attended Heidelberg University, set his record in just 14 games in 1960.

Here are the players with the most receiving yards as rookies in NFL history.

ROOKIE	TEAM	YEAR	REC. YARDS
Bill Groman	Houston Oilers	1960	1473
Ja'Marr Chase	Cincinnati Bengals	2021	1455
Justin Jefferson	Minnesota Vikings	2020	1400
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	2003	1377
Randy Moss	Minnesota Vikings	1998	1313

\* — The NFL expanded its schedule from 14 to 16 games in 1978, and then expanded from 16 to 17 games in 2021.

**Chase heats up before halftime:** Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase in 2021 was arguably the most productive WR in the NFL during the last two minutes of the first half. During that time period in the regular season, Chase ranked first league-wide in receiving yards (248) and catches of at least 20 yards (five), and tied for second in receiving TDs (three).

Chase has not had a catch in the last two minutes in either of Cincinnati's postseason games, but he did throw a key downfield block on HB Samaje Perine's.

Here's a look at Chase's game-changing plays just before halftime during the 2021 regular season:

- In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, Chase hauled in a 50-yard bomb from Burrow with 42 seconds left in the half to score his first career TD and give the Bengals a 14-7 lead heading into the locker room.
- In Game 3 at Pittsburgh, Chase got behind the defense again and made a fingertip grab for a 34-yard TD with 43 seconds left, helping Cincinnati to a 14-7 halftime lead.
- In Game 5 vs. Green Bay, QB Joe Burrow extended the play and rolled right to find Chase streaking across the field for a 70-yard TD with 50 seconds remaining, cutting the Packers' lead to two at halftime.
- In Game 6 at Detroit, Chase caught a 34-yard pass down the sideline with 23 seconds remaining. But while he didn't find the end zone, the play got the Bengals into Lions territory and set up a FG three plays later that gave the Bengals a 10-point lead at halftime.
- In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase caught three passes for 45 yards on Cincinnati's final drive of the first half, which ended with a FG. Those three catches included a 26-yarder to the Baltimore 19-yard line.

**Three big days for Uno:** During the 2021 regular season, Chase posted three of the four highest single-game receiving yardage totals ever by a Bengals rookie.

His first entry came on Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay, when he recorded 159 yards on nine catches, including a 70-yard TD just before halftime. It should be noted that the Packers game went into overtime, and that Chase had one catch for 21 yards in the extra period.

Then, on Oct. 24 at Baltimore, he exploded for a then-Bengals rookie record 201 receiving yards on eight catches, including an 82-yard bomb in the third

quarter that widened Cincinnati's lead to 10 points. At the time he was 21 years and 237 days old, making him the second-youngest player in NFL history to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game.

Later in the season, on Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City, Chase posted a team-record 266 receiving yards and three TDs (72, 18 and 69 yards). His 266 receiving yards were the most-ever by a rookie in NFL history, and the most by any player in the NFL this season.

Here's a look at the best single-game receiving yardage totals by Bengals rookies (regular season).

BENGALS ROOKIE	DATE/OPPONENT	REC. YARDS
WR Ja'Marr Chase	1-2-22 vs. Kansas City	266*
WR Ja'Marr Chase	10-24-21 at Baltimore	201
WR Speedy Thomas	12-14-69 at Denver	177
WR Ja'Marr Chase	10-11-21 vs. Green Bay (OT)	159
WR Damay Scott	11-6-94 at Seattle (OT)	157

\* — Asterisk denotes team record.

**Tee continues rookie momentum:** Bengals WR Tee Higgins in 2021 has continued the momentum he built during his rookie campaign in 2020. Higgins, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, had 74 catches for 1091 yards and six TDs during the 2021 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. So far in the playoffs, Higgins has 14 catches for 209 yards (one 100-yard game, in the AFC Championship at Kansas City).

As a rookie in 2020, Higgins caught 67 passes to tie former WR Cris Collinsworth for the most by a rookie in team history, while his team-high 908 receiving yards were at the time the fourth-most ever by a Bengals rookie (both were topped this year by rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase).

Higgins drew praise from numerous Bengals coaches and teammates in 2021 for transforming his body over offseason. "My biggest thing was to get stronger," Higgins said over the summer. "I didn't do any routes, I didn't run. I was just really in the weight room for the most part. Then, once I was able to actually get on the field and do like a workout or something, I just went out there and it felt good. I just felt like I had to get stronger, so I focused a little bit more on the weight room. Now I'm weighing like 220 (pounds), and it feels good. Last year I came in at like 220, but it was too heavy for me, so I had to lose a few pounds. Now it feels really good and I feel even faster."

**Tee goes 3 x 100:** Bengals second-year WR Tee Higgins topped 100 receiving yards in Games 12-14 of the regular season, tying the third-longest streak of consecutive 100-yard receiving games in team history. He had 114 yards on Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh, 138 yards on Dec. 5 vs. the L.A. Chargers, and 114 yards 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.

Higgins had four total 100-yard games during the 2021 regular season, and all came in the last six games in which he played (inactive [rest] for season finale).

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 falls shy of Pick and Ickey:** Bengals HB Joe Mixon during the regular season fell just shy of two team scoring records.

Mixon's 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 Pete 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.

It should be noted that, 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 Woods and Pickens both set their team records in 16-game seasons.

So far in the postseason, Mixon has one rushing TD — a 16-yarder in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee.

**Mixon's TD streak ends at nine:** During the 2021 regular season, Bengals HB Joe Mixon put together a streak of nine consecutive games with at least one TD, which tied WR A.J. Green (nine in 2012) for the second-longest such streak in team history. Mixon's streak was broken when he was held out of the end zone on Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco, and he fell one short of the team record of 10, set over the 1994 and '95 seasons by WR Carl Pickens.

Mixon scored 13 total TDs (11 rushing, two receiving) during his nine-game streak, which lasted between Game 4 vs. Jacksonville and Game 12 vs. the L.A. Chargers.

Within his nine-game streak were two other streaks that tied or set team records. He scored a rushing TD in six straight contests (Games 7-12), tied for the longest such streak in team history (RB Rudi Johnson/2006, and RB Stan Fritts/1975). And he scored multiple TDs in four straight games (Games 8-11), the longest such streak in team history.

The longest previous streak of consecutive games with multiple TDs was three, accomplished by Pete Johnson in 1981 and Rudi Johnson in 2005. The last NFL player with multiple TDs in at least four games was Saints RB Alvin Kamara, who had five straight between the 2019 and '20 seasons. Seahawks WR Doug Baldwin in 2015 was the last player with multiple TDs in four straight games within one season.

**Bengals tough when Mixon hits 20 carries:** The Bengals hold a 12-7 record when HB Joe Mixon reaches the 20-carry mark (combined regular season and playoffs). And in those 19 games, Mixon has topped 100 rushing yards 12 times. Eleven of his last 15 games with 20 carries have resulted in 100 or more rushing yards.

The Bengals were 3-1 during the 2021 regular season when Mixon hit the mark. He has hit the 20-carry mark once in the playoffs — 21 carries (for 88 yards) in the AFC Championship at Kansas City (overtime).

**Mixon tops 4K:** Bengals 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 4564 career rushing yards, fifth-most in Bengals history. He passed Harold Green (3727) and Cedric Benson (4176) this year, but he's unlikely to catch Pete Johnson (5421) for fourth place until at least next season. Corey Dillon (8061) is the Bengals' all-time leading rusher, followed by James Brooks (6447), Rudi Johnson (5472) and Pete Johnson (5421).

**Mixon fastest to 4K/1K:** Bengals HB Joe Mixon in 2021 also became one of just four Bengals ever to surpass 4000 career rushing yards and 1000 career receiving yards. He joins Corey Dillon, James Brooks and Pete Johnson in that category.

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 finished the 2021 regular season with 4564 career rushing yards and 1322 receiving yards.

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

**Mixon secures the rock:** Not only is Bengals HB Joe Mixon considered one of the top rushers in the NFL, he's also proven effective at

protecting the football. Mixon has fumbled just six times (three lost) since entering the league in 2017, a span that covers 1340 combined touches on offense (1156 rushes, 184 catches). That includes just three fumbles (two lost) since the start of 2018. All of those totals include regular season and the playoffs.

Mixon owns two of the three longest regular-season streaks of rushing attempts without a fumble by a Bengal since at least 1990 (when the Elias Sports Bureau began tracking the stat). From 2017-20, he went 541 rushing attempts without a fumble, good for the second-longest by a Bengal over that time period. That streak was halted by a fumble in the 2020 season opener. He then rattled off 327 carries without a fumble, the third-longest such streak in team history, before fumbling on a carry in Game 12 in 2021.

Here's a look at the longest streaks of rushing attempts by a Bengal without a fumble since 1990 (regular season only):

NFL PLAYER	CARRIES WITHOUT A FUMBLE	SEASONS SPANNED
Giovani Bernard .....	829	2013-20
Joe Mixon .....	541	2017-20
Joe Mixon .....	327	2020-21
Harold Green .....	298	1991-93
Jeremy Hill .....	282	2015-17

**'Fire department' tough after turnovers:** The Bengals' offense and special teams units this season (regular season plus playoffs) have committed 23 turnovers, including three that were returned for TDs, which means opposing offenses have taken over possession 20 times after Bengals turnovers. In those 20 instances, the Bengals' defense has allowed just four TDs and eight FGs (53 points). That means opponents failed to produce points on eight of those possessions — three punts, one missed FG, a turnover on downs and three INTs (one pick-six).

Opposing offenses have taken over in plus territory after Bengals turnovers on 13 occasions this year. Those have resulted in three TDs, seven FGs, a punt, a missed FG and an INT (34 points).

When opposing offenses take over inside the Bengals' 20-yard line, they have one TD, three FGs and a missed FG (17 points).

Bengals defenders and coaches say that they have embraced these kinds of back-to-the-wall situations. Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo has even coined a name for them. "I tell our guys all the time that we're like the fire department," he said. "We're here to put the fire out. We don't ask how or why. We just go out there and we put it out."

**Trey's 14 sacks second-most by a Bengal:** DE Trey Hendrickson, one of the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency haul in March, had a team-high 14.0 sacks (fifth in NFL) during the 2021 regular season. Those 14 sacks were 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's sack total this season more than doubled the 2020 team lead (former DE Carl Lawson, 5.5). He also 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 league-wide. Hendrickson's 27.5 combined sacks in the 2020 and '21 regular seasons were third-most in the NFL, behind only Pittsburgh's T.J. Watt (37.5) and Cleveland's Myles Garrett (28.0).

Hendrickson has continued his stellar production in the postseason, and has 2.5 sacks and one FF. Hendrickson left the Wild Card Playoff late in the first half with a concussion, but returned to the starting lineup the next week in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee.

**Trey's sack streak ends at 11:** Bengals DE Trey Hendrickson recorded at least a half sack in 11 straight games (Games 5-15) during the 2021 regular season — the longest such streak in Bengals history, the longest streak in the NFL in 2021, and tied for the second-longest in NFL history. The previous Bengals record was six straight games, by Eddie Edwards (1984), Reggie Williams (1984), Carlos Dunlap (2010-11) and Geno Atkins (2016-17).

Hendrickson fell just one game shy of former Titans DE Jevon Kearse's NFL-record of 12. It should be noted, though, that Hendrickson's 11-game streak tied for the longest ever within one season.

Within his 11-game streak, Hendrickson recorded a full sack in nine consecutive games (Games 5-13), which tied for the fourth-longest such streak in NFL history and just two games shy of Chiefs DT Chris Jones' 11 straight in 2018. It was also the longest such streak in Bengals history, topping the previous

record of six straight by Williams (1984) and Edwards ('83).

Hendrickson's 14 sacks during the regular season were fifth in the NFL and second-most in team history. He recorded at least a half sack in 13 of the 16 regular-season games in which he played (missed the finale while on Reserve/COVID-19).

Here's a look at the longest streaks of games with at least a half sack in NFL history (regular-season games only).

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	YEAR(S)	CONS. GAMES
Jevon Kearse	Tenn.	1999-2000	12
Trey Hendrickson	Cin.	2021	11
Chris Jones	K.C.	2018	11
Shaun Ellis	NYJ	2002-03	11
Jared Allen	Minn.	2010-11	11

**Bengals improve 2020 pass rush:** One of Cincinnati's primary areas of focus over the 2021 offseason was to improve a pass-rush that in '20 totaled a league-low 17 sacks. Injuries were a key factor a year ago, especially toward the end of the season, but the front office nonetheless made clear its intent of strengthening the defensive front through the draft and free agency.

Those efforts worked. Cincinnati finished the 2021 regular season ranked tied for 11th leaguewide with 42 sacks, more than double the 17 from 2020. DE Trey Hendrickson, one of the team's key acquisitions in free agency in March, led the team and ranked fifth leaguewide with 14 sacks (plus one more in the playoffs). That's more than double 2020's individual team high (5.5, DE Carl Lawson). Eleven Bengals got into the sack column during the regular season, including DT Larry Ogunjobi (7.0), another 2021 free agent acquisition, DT B.J. Hill (5.5), who was acquired in a trade just before the regular season, and DE Cam Sample (1.5), who was one of four defensive linemen Cincinnati selected in April's draft. The revamped defensive line accounted for all but 2.5 of Cincinnati's 41 sacks this year (one additional sack was counted as a team sack). DE Sam Hubbard (7.5) was the only defender in the sack column who was with Cincinnati prior to the 2020 season.

During the regular season, four players — Hendrickson, Hubbard, Ogunjobi and Hill — matched or surpassed 2020's team lead of 5.5 sacks.

The Bengals have a combined eight sacks in their three postseason games. Leading the way is Sam Hubbard, whose three sacks are tied for the second-most ever by a Bengal in a postseason career.

**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." There were also, of course, numerous undrafted rookies in 2018.

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 so far in the playoffs are tied for second-most among all players, trailing only his close friend Nick Bosa (four), and they're also tied for second-most ever by a Bengal for a postseason career (David Grant and Reggie Williams also had three, Jason Buck had four).

Hubbard signed a contract extension with the Bengals in July 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

**Logan's four INTs tied for LB lead:** Bengals second-year LB Logan Wilson had a team-high four INTs during the regular season — tied for the most among all LBs, and the most by a Bengal 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.

Wilson was also strong against the run. The 2020 third-round pick of the Bengals had a team-high 98 tackles, despite his missed time, and he led the Bengals in tackles in six of the 12 full games in which he was healthy (was injured in the first half of Game 12 vs. the L.A. Chargers).

Wilson's strong play has continued in the playoffs. He has one INT, and it was a significant one — with 20 seconds remaining in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, he picked off a Ryan Tannehill pass to give the ball back to the Bengals' offense, which quickly got into FG range to set up K Evan McPherson's walk-off winner. Wilson also leads the NFL in tackles (30) in postseason play, and has come up with some of the most important stops of Cincinnati's playoff run, including a fourth-and-one TFL of Titans RB Derrick Henry on a fourth-and-one in the fourth quarter of a tie game.

As a rookie in 2020, Wilson was eased into the regular defensive rotation and then battled injuries late in the year. In 2021, he was assigned the green dot on his helmet as the team's designated communicator, and was credited by teammates for being a vocal leader.

"He has a huge responsibility on his shoulders this year," DE Trey Hendrickson said of Wilson. "He's taken in a lot in just two years, and you wouldn't know that he's a second-year guy. He's our play-caller out there, and he's getting the calls out quickly. That's what we need from a guy inside like that. And he's got hands too."

**Healthy Reader leads stout D-line:** During the 2020 offseason, the Bengals made one of the most significant free agency splashes in team history when they signed DT D.J. Reader to a lucrative four-year contract that lasts through the 2023 season. Big things were expected of Reader, but his impact in 2020 was short-lived after he suffered a season-ending left quad injury in the fifth game.

In 2021, the 6-3, 347-pound Reader returned healthy and undoubtedly proved his value as a leader and physical presence in the middle of the defensive line. And while the impact of interior defensive linemen is often difficult to quantify with statistics, consider that Cincinnati's run defense ranked 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).

Another measure of the impact of an interior defensive lineman — particularly a nose tackle — is the play of the linebackers behind them. In 2021, Cincinnati's linebacker play has been among the brightest and most-improved spots on the defense. Leading the way has been second-year pro Logan Wilson, who led the team in both and INTs (four) during the regular season. His INT total tied for the most among all LBs leaguewide, and was the most by a Bengal LB since 2005.

But perhaps the most impressive part of Reader's 2021 season was his actual recovery from the aforementioned quad injury. He talked about the severity of it on the Bengals Booth Podcast with Bengals play-by-play radio announcer Dan Hoard.

"I ruptured the tendon, so it was pretty severe," Reader said. "The first six weeks after surgery, you can't move. You have to keep it straight because the tendon has to repair. And then it was a nine-month rehab. They say it only has about a 50 percent 'return' rate — not very high — but it's gotten better with modern medicine and the surgeries."

"Sleeping was probably the hardest thing, because you can't move at all — you have to sleep on your back, you have to keep it straight, and you're in a brace."

Reader started 15 of 17 games at NT during the 2021 regular season, and had 43 tackles and two sacks. He missed Game 15 vs. Baltimore while on Reserve/COVID-19, and he was inactive (rest) for the regular-season finale at Cleveland.

**'Superman' Reader:** One of the unsung heroes of Cincinnati's 19-16 Divisional Playoff win at Tennessee was Bengals DT D.J. Reader, who recorded six tackles (five solo), including two for losses, while helping the defense hold Tennessee's fifth-ranked rushing offense in check. Of course, 347-pound nose tackles aren't known for stuffing the stat sheet, so here's a sampling of quotes from Reader's teammates and coaches talking about his performance against the Titans.

• Head coach Zac Taylor: "D.J. Reader was unbelievable. He was Superman, quite frankly. You see him make some plays during the game, but then you really dial in and watch the tape, and you can further understand the impact he had on the game. Overall, you can point out every single player on defense making some key plays in that game. But if you're going to single out one guy for their performance, D.J. Reader is certainly deserving of that."

• S Jessie Bates: "A guy named D.J. Reader stepped up big time. I could

say stuff about all the guys up front, but D.J. really, really stepped up. People maybe know his name now, which they should have before. D.J. is one of my best friends on the team. He's the guy that I was going to when I was in my little funk (earlier in the season). When I was a little isolated, D.J. was the one that was calling me, D.J. was the one that was texting me, coming over to my house, just hanging out. I can't say enough about him. He's the best of the best up front. I don't think a lot of people give him enough credit. He's a hell of a person, a hell of an up-front guy, and a guy that you've got to have in the locker room."

● TE C.J. Uzomah: "He's a monster. He's a beast. I love D.J., straight up. His leadership in the locker room, his presence on the field. He's a force, he's a freak of nature, he's a savage. When the whole defense plays as well as they played (at Tennessee) and coach is up there and he goes, 'I could call out each individual player but I'm going to specifically say that D.J. Reader played a hell of a game,' that's how you know you're an absolute animal out there."

**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 every 2021 game thereafter.

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.

Here's a look at the players with the most consecutive starts to begin a Bengals career:

PLAYER	CONSECUTIVE STARTS TO BEGIN CAREER
C Bob Johnson .....	94
QB Andy Dalton .....	77
TE Dan Ross .....	65
C Russell Bodine .....	64
LB Takeo Spikes .....	52
S Jessie Bates .....	51
LB Bill Bergey .....	51

**Bell rings of reliability:** One of Cincinnati's most trusted leaders and consistent players on the field over the last two seasons has been S Vonn Bell. The sixth-year pro joined the Bengals as an unrestricted free agent prior to the 2020 season, and then proceeded to play in every snap of his first 20 games with the team. His streak of consecutive snaps was broken in Cincinnati's 34-11 win at Detroit on Oct. 17, when the starters were rested late in the fourth quarter.

And although he ended up missing more snaps throughout the year, including missing Game 17 at Cleveland while on Reserve/COVID-19, Bell still led defense in snaps played (1004 of 1124) during the regular season. In his now 35 games played (regular season plus playoffs) for the Bengals, he has seen action on 2262 of 2382 possible defensive snaps (94.9 percent).

Bell has been a captain in both of his Bengals seasons. He finished the 2021 regular season ranked second on the team in tackles (97), after leading the team in that category (114) in '20.

**Special teams soar under Simmons:** Over the 19-year tenure of Darrin Simmons, the Bengals have consistently boasted one of the top special teams units in the NFL. Simmons in 2020 added the title of assistant head coach to his usual role as special teams coordinator, a nod to a successful run that has seen 17 of his pupils appear in the team's record book.

Here's an overview of Simmons' players' dominance in the records (for more info, see the Bengals' records section on page 160 in the 2021 media guide):

● The three most accurate FG kickers (by career percentage) in team history — Shayne Graham, Randy Bullock, and Mike Nugent — were all coached by Simmons for their entire Bengals careers. Simmons has also been at the helm for each of the six most accurate single seasons by Bengals kickers.

● The five longest consecutive FG streaks in team history have all come under Simmons' watch, as have three of the five longest PAT streaks.

● Simmons, who punted at the University of Kansas, has had particular success coaching his former position. Current P Kevin Huber holds the top spot in every Bengals career punting category, along with the top five single seasons for gross average, net average and inside-20s. Former P Kyle Larson, who spent his entire Bengals term (2004-08) under Simmons, ranks within the top four in

every career punting category, and shares with Huber the record for longest punt in team history (75 yards).

● Simmons has coached three of the Bengals' top four leaders in career punt return average — Adam Jones, Quan Cosby and Peter Warrick.

● Simmons has coached five of the team's top seven leaders in career kickoff return average — Jones, Brandon Wilson, Alex Erickson, Bernard Scott, Glenn Holt — along with five of the six best single seasons by a kickoff returner (based on yards per kickoff return).

And although the category is not kept as an official team record, it should be noted that LS Clark Harris has executed 1871 deep snaps without a single unplayable delivery since joining the Bengals in mid-2009 (including playoffs).

Simmons has also coached four players who have made the Pro Bowl as special teamers — Huber, Jones, Harris and HB Cedric Peerman.

**Huber matches Riley, while Harris closes in:** One of the most prestigious Bengals records in existence, and one that stood for 38 years, was matched late this year. Former CB Ken Riley's team-record 207 games played as a Bengal was tied in the 2021 season finale by P Kevin Huber, a 13th-year player and Cincinnati's fifth-round pick in 2009. Riley's record had stood since his retirement in 1983.

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

Not far behind, though, is current LS Clark Harris (201 games played), who has snapped to Huber since joining Cincinnati midway through the 2009 season. Harris now stands fourth in career games as a Bengal, and earlier in the 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	GAMES AS A BENGAL	YEARS
CB Ken Riley .....	207	1969-83
P Kevin Huber .....	207	2009-present
LB Reggie Williams .....	206	1976-85
LS Clark Harris .....	201	2009-present
QB Ken Anderson .....	192	1971-86
DT Tim Krumrie .....	188	1983-94
OT Anthony Munoz .....	185	1980-92

**Huber among NFL's best at pinning 'em:** As the evidence shows, no Bengals punter has ever been nearly as successful as Kevin Huber at pinning opponents inside the 20-yard line. The 2009 fifth-round draft choice has 337 career inside-20 punts, more than double the next-best in team history (Lee Johnson, 186).

But the numbers also show that Huber is among the best active punters in the NFL at pinning opponents deep.

Here's a look at the five active punters with the most career inside-20 punts (regular season):

PUNTER	TEAM	NFL EXP.	CAREER INSIDE-20s
Dustin Colquitt	Atlanta .....	17	483
Andy Lee	Arizona .....	18	458
Sam Koch	Baltimore .....	16	453
Brett Kern	Tennessee .....	14	395
Kevin Huber	Cincinnati .....	13	337

**The Huber roundup:** Bengals P Kevin Huber, a 2009 Bengals fifth-round pick who is now in his 13th season, has long been considered the top punter in team 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 now stands first in team history in the following categories (regular season only):

- Punts (980)
- Punting yards (44,426)
- Gross average (45.33)
- Net average (40.27)
- Inside-20 punts (337)

Huber has also taken over 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 (36)
- Punting yards (1619)
- Gross average (44.97)
- Net average (41.64)
- Inside-20 punts (14)

**“Shooter McPherson” perfect in playoffs:** Bengals rookie K Evan McPherson, who earned the nickname “Shooter McPherson” from longtime Bengals LS Clark Harris, is perfect on placekicks so far in the playoffs. He has made all 12 of his FG attempts, and all four of his PATs.

McPherson’s nickname is a reference to Shooter McGavin, a character played by actor Christopher McDonald in the 1996 movie Happy Gilmore.

In McPherson’s postseason debut — Wild Card Playoff vs. the Las Vegas Raiders on Jan. 15 — he set team postseason records for points (14) and FGs (four) in a game. The next week — Divisional Playoff at Tennessee on Jan. 22 — he booted another four FGs, including two from 50-plus yards. One of those was a 52-yard game-winner as time expired in regulation, which made him the only rookie in NFL postseason history to kick a game-winning FG with no time remaining in the fourth quarter or OT. It also made him the first kicker in NFL history to make at least four FGs in multiple games in a single postseason.

He matched that performance the next week in the AFC Championship at Kansas City, with four FGs and a PAT (13 points). His final FG was a 31-yarder in overtime that won the game and sent Cincinnati to Super Bowl LVI.

McPherson’s 12 FGs this postseason are already the most-ever by a Bengals in a postseason career. K Jim Breech (nine) held the previous record. Additionally, McPherson’s 40 points already are the second-most for a career in Bengals postseason history, behind Breech’s 52.

**McPherson from deep:** Bengals rookie K Evan 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. Former Vikings K Blair Walsh (10) holds the rookie record and is tied for the NFL record.

McPherson’s nine FGs from 50-plus 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’s now the Bengals’ career leader in 50-plus yard FGs, and it took him only 14 games to break the previous record of eight.

In a sign of things to come, McPherson’s first-ever NFL FG was a 53-yarder in Cincinnati’s season-opener vs. Minnesota. Then, 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 (including Muhlmann in 1970) prior to this year where a Bengals kicker made as many as three 50-plus yarders in a full season.

On Dec. 19 at Denver, McPherson booted a Bengals-record 58-yard FG as time expired in the first half. It was his second 50-plus yarder of the day.

McPherson has made three 50-plus yarders in the playoffs as well — 54, 52 and 52 yards. The first 52-yarder was a game-winner as time expired in regulation of the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee.

Here’s a look at the NFL players with the most made FGs of 50 or more yards in a single regular season:

YEAR	ROOKIE	TEAM	50+ YARD FGs
2012	Blair Walsh*	Minnesota Vikings	10
2016	Justin Tucker	Baltimore Ravens	10
2020	Brandon McManus	Denver Broncos	10
2021	Evan McPherson*	Cincinnati Bengals	9

\* — Asterisk denotes rookie.

**McPherson the youngest with OT winner:** Bengals rookie K Evan McPherson made his NFL debut in style on Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota, booting a game-winning 33-yard FG as time expired in OT.

McPherson, a fifth-round pick of the Bengals in April’s draft, chose to forgo his final year of college eligibility to enter the NFL draft, and thus was among the youngest Bengals on the roster. At the time of his game-winner against Minnesota, which he says was the first “walk-off” kick of his career on any level,

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 in 2018). Earlier in the game, McPherson became the youngest Bengal ever to kick a FG or PAT.

McPherson made 46 of 48 PATs and 28 of his 33 FGs during the 2021 regular season. He also has made all 16 of his placekicks during the playoffs — 12 FGs, four PATs. Two of those FGs were game-winners (see following item called “... Make that five walk-offs”), and three were from 50-plus.

Here’s a look at the youngest players in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG in OT:

PLAYER	TEAM	DATE/OPPONENT	AGE
Evan McPherson	Cincinnati	9-12-2021 vs. Minn.	22 years, 53 days
Pete Stoyanovich	Miami	10-8-1989 vs. Cle.	22 years, 163 days
Wade Richey	San Francisco	12-6-1998 at Car.	22 years, 201 days
Ali Haji-Sheikh	N.Y. Giants	9-11-1983 at Atl.	22 years, 243 days
Blair Walsh	Minnesota	9-9-2012 vs. Jax.	22 years, 245 days

**... Make that five walk-offs:** Bengals rookie K Evan McPherson said before the 2021 season that he had never, at any level of football, even been in a position to kick a game-winning FG or PAT as time expired — a “walk-off,” if you will. That changed in a hurry in 2021, as the rookie went on to boot three game-winning FGs as time expired in regulation or OT during the regular season. He has since added two more “walk-off” kicks in the playoffs.

His first “walk-off” came in the regular-season opener — his NFL debut — when he nailed a 33-yarder as time expired in OT to give Cincinnati a dramatic 27-24 win. He did it again three weeks later, in Cincinnati’s Sept. 30 Thursday Night Football matchup vs. Jacksonville, this time converting a 35-yarder as time expired in regulation to give the Bengals a 24-21 win. He did it for a third time on Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City, when his 20-yard FG as time expired in regulation won the game and clinched the AFC North division title.

For what it’s worth, McPherson’s three regular-season “walk-offs” are still well short of Bengals K Jim Breech’s 10, which stand as the most in team history for a career. But at 22 years old, McPherson does stand as the youngest player in NFL history — by more than two years — with at least three career “walk-off” kicks in the regular season.

The first of McPherson’s two “walk-offs” in the playoffs was a 52-yarder in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee. It should be noted that the game-time temperature was listed at 34 degrees, but by the time the Alabama native and former Florida Gator put foot to ball for the game-winner, the temperature had dropped below freezing. The kick also made him the first rookie in NFL postseason history with a “walk-off” FG at the end of regulation or OT.

He did it again the following week in the AFC Championship at Kansas City, when he booted a 31-yarder in overtime that gave Cincinnati the win and sent the Bengals to Super Bowl LVI.

Here’s a look at the youngest kickers in NFL history at the time of their third game-winning FG with no time remaining (regular season only):

PLAYER	TEAM	AGE
Evan McPherson	Cincinnati Bengals	22 years, 165 days
Blair Walsh	Minnesota Vikings	24 years, 291 days
Justin Tucker	Baltimore Ravens	24 years, 304 days
Dan Bailey	Dallas Cowboys	24 years, 318 days
Harrison Butker	Kansas City Chiefs	25 years, 68 days

**Roster flip noticeable in Year 3:** Zac Taylor took over as Bengals head coach in 2019, and throughout his now three-year tenure there has been a steady but noticeable churn of the roster. Of the 53 players on the current roster (as of Wednesday, Feb. 2), only nine suited up as Bengals prior to Taylor’s arrival. That means 44 current Bengals — or 83.0 percent of the roster — have joined Cincinnati since 2019.

Cincinnati’s roster overhaul has hit overdrive since the end of last season. Twenty-three current Bengals — that’s 43.4 percent of the 53-player roster — had never suited up in a game for Cincinnati prior to the 2021 regular season. (It should be noted that figure includes OT Isaiah Prince, CB Trae Waynes and TE Mitchell Wilcox, who were with Cincinnati previously but never played).

**Recent acquisitions boost Bengals:** Cincinnati’s player personnel department struck gold in acquiring new top talent in each of the last two years. On top of solid drafts (see the next item titled “2020 rookies continue to deliver”), the team has unearthed a bounty of player production in free agency, as well as a trade.

Here's a look at how some of the team's 2020 and '21 additions are faring this season (all are unrestricted free agent additions, unless otherwise noted). Games-starts totals include playoffs; the notes include only regular-season stats.

ACQUIRED, PLAYER	'21 G/S	NOTES
2020, S Vonn Bell	19/19	Starting S and team captain
2020, DT D.J. Reader	18/18	Starting NT
2020, G Quinton Spain (waivers)	19/19	Starting G (re-signed as UFA in March)
2020, WR Mike D. Thomas	15/1	Reserve WR; special teamer
2020, CB Trae Waynes	8/4	Contributing CB
2021, S Ricardo Allen (free agent)	17/1	Key reserve; veteran leader
2021, CB Eli Apple (free agent)	19/18	Starting CB
2021, CB Chidobe Awuzie	17/17	Starting CB
2021, CB Tre Flowers (waivers)	14/1	Mid-season acquisition, key reserve
2021, CB Vernon Hargreaves (waivers)	5/1	Mid-season acquisition, rotational CB
2021, DE Trey Hendrickson	19/17	Starting DE; led team in sacks (14.0)
2021, DT B.J. Hill (trade)	19/4	Key reserve with 5.5 sacks
2021, CB Mike Hilton	20/11	Starting nickel CB
2021, DT Larry Ogunjobi	17/17	Starting DT; 7.0 sacks (currently on R/I)
2021, OT Riley Reiff	12/12	Starting ROT (currently on R/I)

**2020 rookies continue to deliver:** Cincinnati's 2020 draft class combined to play in 96 games (33 starts) as rookies, just three games shy of the most by a Bengals draft class (99 in 2017) since the draft went to seven rounds in 1994. Consider also that the 2020 class was just seven players, while the 2017 class was 11 players.

After being leaned upon heavily as rookies, Cincinnati's 2020 draft class continued to deliver in their sophomore campaigns, combining to play in 84 games (56 starts) during the 2021 regular season. In the playoffs, they have combined for 18 games and 11 starts.

It should be noted that 2020 draft picks dealt with more injuries in 2021, and spent a combined 23 games on reserve lists during the regular season. LB Akeem Davis-Gaither (left foot), a 2020 fourth-rounder, is on Reserve/Injured and is not expected return this season.

Here is the 2020 Bengals draft class: QB Joe Burrow (first round), WR Tee Higgins (second), LB Logan Wilson (third), Davis-Gaither (fourth), DE Khalid Kareem (fifth), G Hakeem Adeniji (sixth), LB Markus Bailey (seventh). Burrow, Higgins, Wilson and Adeniji are regular starters when healthy.

**Bengals tap Senior Bowl pipeline:** One of the key factors in Cincinnati's success in the draft the last two years has been the team's ability to identify prospects at the Senior Bowl, a college all-star game held each January that serves as the unofficial start to the pre-draft process.

The Bengals drafted seven players over the last two years who participated in the Senior Bowl, and all seven are still with the team. Five are on the active roster — OT Hakeem Adeniji (2020, sixth round), HB Chris Evans ('21 sixth round), DE Cam Sample ('21, fourth round), G D'Ante Smith ('21, fourth round) and LB Logan Wilson ('20, third round) — while the other two are on reserve lists — LB Akeem Davis-Gaither ('20, fourth round; Reserve/Injured) and DE Wyatt Hubert ('21, seventh round; Reserve/Non-Football Injury).

Zac Taylor and the rest of the Bengals staff coached the South team at the 2020 Senior Bowl, and Davis-Gaither was on their roster. Wilson and Adeniji were on the North team that year, however coaches cite their close exposure to both during that experience as a major reason they ended up in Cincinnati.

Taylor and his staff attended the 2020 and '21 Senior Bowls. He was on the Rams' staff in 2018 and was hired by Cincinnati after L.A.'s Super Bowl that season, therefore neither he nor his full staff attended the '19 Senior Bowl.

**Tracking weekly/monthly awards:** Four different Bengals won a total of nine weekly and/or monthly awards given out by the NFL during the 2021 regular season. This year also marked the first time in team history that two Bengals rookies (McPherson and WR Ja'Marr Chase) have won a player of the week award in the same season. Here's a rundown of all the winners:

• K Evan McPherson, Week 1, AFC Special Teams Player of the Week: In what was his NFL debut, the Bengals' rookie fifth-round pick kicked a game-winning 33-yard FG as time expired in OT to give Cincinnati a 27-24 win over Minnesota. At the time, he was 22 years and 53 days old, making him the youngest kicker in NFL history to kick a game-winner in OT. He also was just the second rookie kicker ever to convert a FG as time expired in OT. Earlier in the game, McPherson made his first career NFL field goal, a 53-yarder that counted as the second-longest in the AFC in Week 1.

• QB Joe Burrow, Week 4, AFC Offensive Player of the Week: Burrow threw for 348 yards and two TDs in Cincinnati's Week 4 Thursday Night matchup vs. Jacksonville, while also posting then-career highs in both completion percentage (78.1) and passer rating (132.8) as he helped lead the Bengals to a comeback win. Burrow led Cincinnati to scores on all four of its second-half possessions (TD, TD, TD, FG), and his 10-play, 73-yard drive late in the fourth quarter bled 5:33 off the clock and set up a game-winning FG as time expired. In the second half alone, Burrow completed 17 of 20 passes (85 percent) for 253 yards and two TDs (152.1 rating).

• WR Ja'Marr Chase, September, NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month: The fifth overall pick in the 2021 draft led all rookies in receiving yardage (220) and TDs (four) in September. He was one of just nine rookies ever to catch at least one TD in each of his first three career games, and was one of just three players ever to catch TDs of at least 25 yards in each of his first three career games. He also was the youngest player (21 years old) with four receiving TDs through his first three career games, edging out Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy Moss' three in three games in 1998. Chase joined QB Andy Dalton (offense, Oct. 2011), LB Odell Thurman (defense, Sept. 2005) and HB Corey Dillon (offense, Dec. 1997) as the only Bengals ever to win NFL rookie of the month (award issued since 1996).

• WR Ja'Marr Chase, Week 7, AFC Offensive Player of the Week: Chase caught eight passes for a Bengals rookie-record 201 receiving yards and a TD in Cincinnati's 41-17 win in Week 7 at Baltimore. His receiving yardage total was the highest in the AFC through seven weeks, and his 82-yard TD in the third quarter was the longest pass play in the AFC through seven weeks. Chase's 754 receiving yards through Week 7 led the AFC and ranked as the most ever by an NFL player through his first seven career games. Chase is the first Bengals rookie WR ever to win AFC Offensive Player of the Week, and the first Bengals rookie (at any position) to win the award since HB Jeremy Hill in 2014. AFC player of the week awards have been issued since 1984.

• K Evan McPherson, Week 11, AFC Special Teams Player of the Week: McPherson made all four of his FG attempts in the Cincinnati's Week 11 win at Las Vegas, and accounted for 14 of the team's 32 points on the day. Three of his FGs were from 50-plus yards (54, 53, 51), which tied a single-game NFL record.

• HB Joe Mixon, Week 12, AFC Offensive Player of the Week: Mixon helped Cincinnati to a 41-10 win over division-rival Pittsburgh by rushing for a career-high 165 yards, the most-ever by a Bengal against the Steelers. He also scored two TDs, and ran his tally of consecutive games with multiple TDs to four, the longest such streak in team history and the longest active streak in the NFL at the time. It was also his eighth straight game with a TD, which tied the third-longest streak in team history (streak ultimately stretched to nine games, tied for second in team history).

• QB Joe Burrow, Week 16, AFC Offensive Player of the Week: In the Bengals' 41-21 win over Baltimore on Dec. 26, Burrow posted career-highs in passing yardage (525), passing TDs (four), passer rating (143.2) and completions (37; tied career-high). Each of those totals led the AFC in Week 16, and his passing yardage total was a team record and the fourth-highest in NFL history. Burrow's 941 combined passing yards against the Ravens in 2021 are the most in NFL history by a single player against an opponent in one regular season. The previous record was 874 yards, held by both San Francisco 49ers QB Joe Montana (1990 vs. the Atlanta Falcons) and Miami Dolphins QB Dan Marino (1988 vs. the N.Y. Jets).

• K Evan McPherson, December, AFC Special Teams Player of the Month: McPherson made nine of his 11 FGs and eight of his nine PATs in December. Two of his December FGs were from 50-plus, including a Bengals-record 58-yarder on Dec. 19 at Denver. McPherson scored 35 points in December — more than one-third of Cincinnati's 101 total points for the month. McPherson is the first rookie kicker to win a Special Teams Player of the Month award since the Chiefs' Harrison Butker (Oct. and Dec. 2017). He's also the fourth Bengal ever to win the award, joining K Josh Brown (Dec. 2012), K Mike Nugent (Sept. 2010), and KR Brandon Bennett (Nov. 2002). AFC Player of the Month Awards have been issued since 1986.

• WR Ja'Marr Chase, Week 17, AFC Offensive Player of the Week: Chase had 11 catches for 266 receiving yards and three TDs (72, 18 and 69 yards) in Cincinnati's 34-31 win over Kansas City on Jan. 2. The victory clinched the AFC North division title for the Bengals. Chase's receiving yardage total was a Bengals single-game record, an NFL rookie record, and the highest in the NFL during the 2021 regular season. Chase, who had 201 receiving yards on Oct. 24 at Baltimore, is the first rookie in NFL history and the fifth player ever to record multiple games with 200-plus receiving yards in a single season — the others were Pro Football Hall of Famers Calvin Johnson (2011 and '12) and Don Maynard (1968), along with Josh Gordon ('13) and Alshon Jeffrey ('13).



**25 points does the trick:** Since 2011, the Bengals own a 58-6-2 record in the regular season when scoring 25 or more points. That's good for the second-best winning percentage (.879) in the NFL when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals are 12-5 under head coach Zac Taylor (7-1 during the 2021 regular season) when reaching the 25-point plateau. The Bengals are also 2-0 in the playoffs under Taylor when scoring at least 25.

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

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WINNING PCT.
New England Patriots	99	10	0	.908
Cincinnati Bengals	58	6	2	.894
Denver Broncos	61	8	0	.884
Miami Dolphins	45	6	0	.882
Kansas City Chiefs	78	13	0	.857

**2021 Bengals captains:** Prior to start of the regular season, the Bengals named team captains for 2021 on offense, defense and special teams.

On offense, the captains were second-year QB Joe Burrow, fifth-year HB Joe Mixon and sixth-year WR Tyler Boyd. This is Burrow's second season as a captain, while Mixon and Boyd are first-time captains.

On defense, the captains are fourth-year S Jessie Bates, fourth-year DE Sam Hubbard and sixth-year S Vonn Bell. It's the first captain nod for both Bates and Hubbard, and the second for Bell, who joined the Bengals in 2020.

The lone captain on special teams is P Kevin Huber, who is the longest-tenured Bengal on the roster at 13 seasons. Huber is 36 years old, while Boyd (27), Bell (27) and Hubbard (26) are the next-oldest captains.

**Bengals' Nebraska connections:** The Bengals have of course drawn attention this season for their many connections to the LSU Tigers, but look closer and you'll find several significant links to another school — the University of Nebraska.

Bengals QB Joe Burrow's father, Jimmy, was a starting safety at Nebraska under Tom Osborne in the mid-1970s, and then later served as an assistant under Huskers head coach Frank Solich from 2000-02. While on Nebraska's staff, Jimmy coached Joe's older brothers, Jamie (MLB) and Dan (S), who helped Nebraska to a berth in the BCS National Championship Game (Rose Bowl) in the 2001 season. Joe was five at the time.

Solich was fired by Nebraska after the 2003 season, but then caught on in '05 as head coach at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He promptly hired Jimmy Burrow as defensive coordinator, and the Burrow family moved to Athens, where Joe went on to play in high school and win Ohio's Mr. Football award in 2014.

Solich was replaced at Nebraska by Bill Callahan, who served as Huskers head coach from 2004-07. Bill Callahan is the father of Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan, who at the time of his dad's Nebraska hiring was already a walk-on QB at UCLA. In 2005, Bill Callahan's Huskers got a transfer QB from Butler County (Kan.) Community College by the name of Zac Taylor, who went on to play two seasons with the Huskers and win Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year in his senior season of 2006. Taylor was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

Joe Burrow grew up a Nebraska fan, but was not offered a scholarship by the Huskers out of high school or after his transfer from Ohio State in 2018.

**Examining Week 1 Bengals since '02:** Here's a look at how Cincinnati's opening-week roster in 2021 stacked up with the Bengals' Week 1 rosters of the last 20 seasons (since 2002). All info is according to the NFL's annual kickoff weekend roster info press release, which compares the height, weight, age and experience of all 32 teams in Week 1.

The 2021 Bengals' average height was 6.18 feet, which tied for the fourth-shortest Week 1 roster Cincinnati has had over the last 20 years. The 2002 team (6.11 feet) was the shortest, while the '16 squad (6.22 feet) was the tallest.

This year's Bengals averaged 248.83 pounds, good for the sixth-heaviest opening-week squad Cincinnati has had over the last 20 years. The 2010 team (251.53) was the heaviest, while the '02 squad (244.6) was the lightest.

The players on the Bengals' 2021 opening-week roster averaged 25.68 years old, good for the third-youngest Week 1 roster Cincinnati has had over the last 20 years. The 2018 squad (25.38) was the youngest, while the '06 team (26.57) was the oldest.

This year's Bengals players averaged 3.81 years of NFL experience, the eighth-fewest by a Cincinnati squad over the last 20 years. The 2004 team (3.57)

was the least-experienced, while the '15 squad (4.49) was the most-experienced.

The 2021 Bengals had 11 rookie and first-year players on the roster, tied for sixth-most over the last 20 years. The 2017 Bengals (14) had the most rookies and first-year players, while the '13 team (seven) had the fewest.

This year's Bengals had just five players age 30 or older, the second-fewest by a Cincinnati team over the last 20 years. The 2011 Bengals (two) had the fewest players 30 or older, while the '15 team (11) had the most.

The 2021 Bengals had just eight players 200 pounds or lighter, which tied for the third-fewest over the last 17 years (the league's info in this category goes back only to 2005). The 2017 and '19 Bengals (seven) had the fewest, while the '09 team (13) had the most.

This year's Bengals had nine players listed shorter than six feet, which tied for the fifth-fewest in that category over the last 17 years (the league's info in this category goes back only to 2005). The 2008 Bengals (five) had the fewest players under six feet, while the 2004, '10 and '15 teams (all 11) had the most.

Finally, the 2021 Bengals had 14 players who weighed 300 or more pounds, tied with the '08 team for the most in the last 19 years (league info goes back only to 2003). The 2003, '04 and '17 Bengals (all eight) tied for the fewest.

**Willie Anderson a HOF finalist:** The Pro Football Hall of Fame announced on Dec. 30 that former Bengals OT Willie Anderson was among 15 Modern Era finalists for the class of 2022. Anderson, the 10th overall pick of the Bengals in 1996, was widely considered to be among the top right tackles in football throughout his 12 seasons (1996-2007) in Cincinnati.

"I consider him to be right there as the best right tackle of his generation," Giants Hall-of-Fame pass rusher Michael Strahan told Bengals.com. "When I found out Willie wasn't in the Hall of Fame, I was surprised. Unbeatable."

This is the first appearance on the Hall of Fame ballot for Anderson, who is in his ninth year of eligibility after retiring from football after the 2009 season. Anderson earned three AP All-Pro nods (2004-06), and joined Hall of Famers Dan Dierdorf, Ron Yary and Rayfield Wright as the only right tackles to previously be selected in three straight seasons.

Anderson was dominant as both a run blocker and pass blocker. On the ground, he blocked for HB Corey Dillon's team-record 8061 yards and 28 100-yard games between 1997-2003. He was also a key figure in both of Dillon's record-setting performances — 246 yards for the NFL rookie record in 1997, and 278 yards for the all-time record in 2000. Each of the five best rushing seasons by a Bengal — in terms of yardage — were accomplished with Anderson at RT.

As a pass blocker, he was equally dominant. It's believed that he allowed just one sack in the 15 career games in which he lined up against Hall-of-Fame pass-rushers (and that was to Bruce Smith in the final seconds of a rout in his rookie year in 1996).

"(Anderson) should absolutely be in the discussion," said former Buccaneers and Colts head coach Tony Dungy in an interview with Bengals.com. "Did he dominate his era? Was he one of the guys that you game-planned for? He was a guy who was tough to beat. He was as good as any right tackle in his era. To me, that says he should be in the (finals) discussion."

The Hall of Fame's 49-member selection committee votes for the 2022 class in a Zoom meeting set for mid-January. Up to five finalists can be elected, and all must receive 80 percent of the votes to make the August induction.

**Kickoff weekend roster comparisons:** Early in the 2021 regular season, the NFL released its annual comparison of rosters throughout the league on kickoff weekend. The data includes comparisons of height, weight, experience and age across all 32 NFL rosters on the Week 1 of the season.

Here's a look at the Bengals' opening-week roster data from each of the last five seasons (all info is according to the NFL's annual kickoff weekend roster comparison press release):

CATEGORY	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Avg. height	6.18	6.16	6.19	6.19	6.20
Avg. weight	248.83	245.29	249.47*	246.96	246.30
Avg. age	25.68	25.76	25.94	25.38	25.45
Avg. experience	3.81	4.25	4.28	3.70	3.75
Rookie/1st yr. players	11	9	9	11	14
Players 30 or older	5	8	8	7	7
Players <200 pounds	8	8	7	9	7
Players <6 feet tall	9	10	10	9	6
Players >300 pounds	14	11	12	11	8

\* — Asterisk denotes AFC high that year.

**Coin-toss roller coaster:** The Bengals were on both ends of rather improbable coin-toss streaks between late-2020 and mid-2021.

On the good-luck side, the Bengals won 11 straight coin tosses between Game 14 vs. Pittsburgh last season and Game 6 at Detroit this season. That's a span of nine games, but it included two OT contests, and the Bengals won the toss prior to the extra period in both of those. Winning 11 straight coin tosses equates to one in 2048 odds.

Now for the other side of the coin. The Bengals lost five straight coin tosses between Game 7 and Game 11 this season (no OT games), which equates to one in 32 odds. That streak, though, was broken with a coin-toss win in Game 12 vs. the L.A. Chargers.

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

Hubbard, a Moeller High School alum and former Ohio State standout, played his third Bengals season, after joining the team as a third-round draft pick (77th overall) in 2018. He is in his third season as a full-time starting DE, and in July signed a contract extension that keeps him in Cincinnati through 2025.

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2009. He is the longest-tenured player on the roster and has played in all but two games throughout his career in Cincinnati. He currently stands as the Bengals' career leader in both gross (45.33) and net (40.27) punting average.

Carman, a rookie, is a native of Fairfield, Ohio, a Cincinnati suburb about 35 minutes north of the city. He attended Fairfield High School before playing at Clemson University for three seasons, and then the Bengals selected him in the second round of the 2021 draft.

**2022 opponents:** The Bengals' home and away opponents for 2022 are set. The full schedule, with dates and kickoff times, will be released this spring.

In addition to their six games against fellow AFC North Division teams, the Bengals and the rest of the AFC North will play against all teams in the AFC East and AFC South divisions.

Cincinnati will also play two games — at home against Kansas City and on the road against Tennessee — that were determined by 2021 standings. As first-place finishers in the AFC North, the Bengals are matched against the first-place

teams from the AFC West (Kansas City) and AFC South (Tennessee).

The NFL in 2021 added a 17th game, and in '22 that will be road contest at New Orleans. The additional game is always an interconference matchup, and is based on the prior year's standings on a rotating four-year cycle. These games match a first-place team from one division against a first-place team in an opposite-conference division that the team is not scheduled to play that season. The second-place, third-place and fourth-place teams in each division are matched in the same way each year. The home conference for this game will rotate each season, with the AFC teams hosting the game in 2022.

Here is the list of opponents for 2022:

- HOME: Baltimore-Cleveland-Pittsburgh, plus Atlanta, Buffalo, Carolina, Kansas City and Miami.
- AWAY: Baltimore-Cleveland-Pittsburgh, plus Dallas, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Jets, Tampa Bay and Tennessee.

**Bengal bites:** WR Tyler Boyd's 56-yard TD catch from QB Joe Burrow on Dec. 19 at Denver was the 2000th TD in Bengals history ... Rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase, Cincinnati's first-round pick in April's draft, is the first player in Bengals history to wear uniform No. 1 ... According to the NFL's Next Gen Stats service, which tracks players' speed by using GPS, S Brandon Wilson's kickoff return for a TD at Baltimore in 2019 (22.03 MPH) stands as the fastest speed by a Bengal ball-carrier since NGS' launch in '16 ... 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 Cincinnati's Divisional Playoff win 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 roster in 2021 is P Kevin Huber, a 13th-year pro who joined the Bengals as a fifth-round pick in 2009 ... The oldest Bengal on the roster is LS Clark Harris, who is 37 (born July 10, 1984) ... The youngest Bengal is WR Ja'Marr Chase, who is 21 (born March 1, 2000) ... The lightest Bengal on the roster is CB Mike Hilton, who is 184 pounds ... The heaviest Bengal is DT Tyler Shelvin, who is 350 pounds ... The tallest Bengal is OT Isaiah Prince, who is 6-7 ... The shortest Bengal on the roster is CB Mike Hilton, who is 5-9 ... The Bengals have two persons with the name of Michael Thomas on the active roster — No. 80 WR Mike D. Thomas (goes by "Mike"; middle name is Davonta), and No. 31 S Michael J. Thomas (goes by "Michael"; has two middle names, "Jacob James").

## POSITION BY POSITION

**Quarterbacks:** Second-year pro **Joe Burrow** has returned to action this season, after his rookie campaign was limited to just 10 games due to a left knee injury. Burrow during the regular season completed 366 of 520 pass attempts for 4611 yards (sixth in the NFL), 34 TDs (eighth in the NFL) and 14 INTs. Burrow led the NFL in completion percentage (70.4) and yards per attempt (8.87), and ranked second in passer rating (108.3). In Cincinnati's Game 1 overtime win vs. Minnesota, his first game back since the injury, he posted then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.6) — he re-set each of those marks multiple times throughout the year. In Game 15 vs. Baltimore, Burrow passed for a Bengals-record 525 yards (fourth-most in NFL history) and four TDs, and posted a 143.2 passer rating. Burrow had passed for 416 yards (and three TDs) at Baltimore on Oct. 24, so that gave him a combined 941 passing yards against the Ravens in 2021, good for the most-ever by a QB against a single opponent during the regular season (see "Burrow's big days vs. Ravens" on page 7). Burrow followed his performance against Baltimore with 426 passing yards and another four TDs in Cincinnati's division-clinching win over Kansas City in Week 17. 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. Burrow passed for 300 or more yards in a team-record six games during the 2021 regular season (plus one more in the playoffs), and he has 12 such games for his career (including playoffs). Burrow had three 400-plus games in 2021, and he has four for his career. Burrow posted a passer rating of 100 or better in 10 games during the 2021 regular season (plus one more during the playoffs), and he has 14 such games for his career (including playoffs). Burrow was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28, and in Game 1 this season he followed through on a vow he made shortly after his injury that he would start the 2021 regular-season opener. Listed second on the depth chart is veteran **Brandon Allen**, who started in Burrow's absence late in 2020. Allen played in six games in 2021, including one start for Burrow in the regular-season finale at Cleveland while Cincinnati rested most of its starters. 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.

**Running backs:** Leading the Bengals' running back room is fifth-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 in 2021 had perhaps his best pro season yet, and posted 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. Mixon's 16 total TDs this season tied for second-most ever by a Bengal, and fell just shy of WR Carl Pickens' team-record 17, set in 1995. Mixon's 13 rushing TDs were also just two shy of Ickey Woods' team-record 15, set in 1988 (see "Mixon falls shy of Pick and Ickey" on page 9). Mixon had three 100-yard rushing games during the 2021 regular season, and he has 13 for his career. Mixon also had six games with at least 100 yards from scrimmage during the 2021 regular season (plus two more in the playoffs), which now gives him 24 such games for his career (including playoffs). Mixon in 2021 eclipsed 1000 rushing yards for the third time in his career; he also hit the mark in both 2018 and '19, before his foot injury in '20 prevented him from making it three seasons in a row. Mixon signed a contract extension in 2020 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '24 season. Fifth-year pro **Samaje Perine**, who also shared a backfield with Mixon in college at Oklahoma, is in his third Bengals season after beginning his career with Washington. During the 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. The third running back on Cincinnati's active roster is Chris Evans, a rookie sixth-round pick out of the University of Michigan. Evans is known for his receiving ability out of the backfield, and during the regular season had 15 catches for 151 yards and two TDs, along with 17 carries for 77 yards. Bengals coaches say they first took notice of Evans' route-running and hands during receiving drills at 2021 Senior Bowl practices. **Trayveon Williams**, a sixth-round pick by Cincinnati in the 2019 draft, was signed from the practice squad to the active roster on Dec. 4. Williams played in five games

during the 2021 regular season, including two earlier in the year as a standard elevation from the practice squad.

**Wide receivers:** The newest addition to the Bengals' offense this season is first-round draft pick **Ja'Marr Chase**, who brings previous experience with Joe Burrow from their time together in college at LSU. Chase was one of Cincinnati's top performers during the regular season, and led the team in all three receiving categories — 81 catches, 1455 receiving yards and 13 receiving TDs. All three of those totals are Bengals rookie records (see "Chase gathers Bengals rookie records" on page 8). His receiving yardage total was an NFL rookie record for the Super Bowl Era (see "Chase tops LSU teammate Jefferson" on page 9) and the most in team history, topping Chad Johnson (1440). Chase led all NFL rookies this season in receiving yards (fourth leaguewide) and receiving TDs (third leaguewide). Chase provided Cincinnati's offense with a downfield threat, and finished the regular season fourth leaguewide in catches of 40 or more yards (eight). In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, his NFL debut, Chase became the youngest (21 years, 195 days) Bengal ever to post 100 receiving yards, the third-youngest Bengal ever to score a TD, and his 50-yard TD catch at the end of the first half was the longest TD of any kind by a Bengals rookie in their NFL debut. In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase posted what at the time was a Bengals rookie-record 201 receiving yards and became the second-youngest player in NFL history to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game. Chase then topped that performance in Game 16 vs. Kansas City, with 266 receiving yards — the most in team history and most-ever by an NFL rookie (see "Uno shattered records vs. Chiefs" on page 8). Chase eclipsed the 100-yard receiving mark in each of his first two postseason games, making him the first rookie ever with multiple 100-yard games in the playoffs. 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. Chase was assigned uniform No. 1, and is the first player in Bengals history to wear that number. Considered one of the top slot receivers in football, 27-year-old **Tyler Boyd** is the veteran among a young group of Bengals receivers. During the regular season, Boyd had 67 catches for 828 yards and five TDs. Boyd led the team in catches each season from 2018-20, and stands as one of six Bengals ever to top 1000 receiving yards in consecutive seasons ('18-19). Boyd had one 100-yard game during the 2021 regular season (Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville), and has 10 for his career. Boyd also has five career games with at least 10 catches. Boyd, a 2016 second-round pick of the Bengals, signed a contract extension in 2019 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '23 season. One of the most promising and productive young players on the roster is second-year pro **Tee Higgins**, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020. During the regular season, Higgins had 74 catches for 1091 yards and six TDs, despite missing three games (two early in the season with a shoulder injury, and rested during the regular-season finale). Higgins had four 100-yard receiving games during the 2021 regular season, and then added one more in the playoffs (AFC Championship at Kansas City), which gives him seven for his career (including playoffs). Higgins was particularly productive late in the regular season, and posted four 100-yard performances in his final six games. That included Game 15 vs Baltimore, when he put up career-highs in receptions (12) and receiving yards (194), and scored two TDs. Higgins brings considerable size (6-4, 216) to the receiving corps, and coaches credited him early in 2021 for transforming his body over the offseason to get stronger. Sixth-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. Third-year pro **Stanley Morgan**, a 2019 college free agent signee of the Bengals, also adds depth at receiver and excels particularly as a blocker. Morgan also serves as one of Cincinnati's primary gunners on special teams, and has even seen action at KOR. Rounding out the receivers room is first-year pro **Trenton Irwin**, who has bounced between the active roster and practice squad in each of his three Bengals seasons. Irwin adds depth at slot WR and PR.

**Tight ends:** **C.J. Uzomah**, a 2015 fifth-round pick of the Bengals, returned to action in 2021 after suffering a season-ending right Achilles injury in the second game of 2020. Uzomah in 2021 had the most productive season of his career, and set new highs in catches (49), receiving yards (493) and TDs (five). Uzomah, though, suffered a left knee injury in the AFC Championship at Kansas City, and his status for Super Bowl LVI is unknown. Uzomah also was a key figure in some of Cincinnati's most important non-scoring plays of the regular season. In Cincinnati's overtime win over Minnesota in the season-opener, his first game back since the injury, Uzomah caught a 32-yard pass on fourth-and-inches in OT to help set up a game-winning FG as time expired three plays later.

And in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville, Uzomah caught a career-high two TDs (since matched), and then with the game tied late, he took a jailbreak screen 25 yards deep into Jaguars territory to help set up the game-winning FG. In Game 7 at Baltimore, Uzomah had 91 yards receiving and caught TDs of 55 and 32 yards. **Drew Sample**, a 2019 second-round pick of the Bengals, is known as complete tight end with both receiving and blocking ability. Bengals coaches have called him one of the best blocking TEs in the league. Also considered a complete TE prospect is **Mitchell Wilcox**, a 2020 college free agent signee of the Bengals. Wilcox left college at USF in 2019 with every single-season and career receiving record for a TE, and also helped block for three different 1000-yard rushers.

**Offensive linemen:** Now in his second season as Cincinnati's starting LOT is 2019 first-round pick **Jonah Williams**, who started all but one game (rested in season finale at Cleveland) during the 2021 regular season after being limited by injuries to just 10 games in his first two years as a pro. Williams missed his entire rookie season due to a shoulder injury, and then was limited by a right knee injury to 10 games in 2020. Cincinnati's starting C since 2019 has been **Trey Hopkins**, who originally was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in '14. Hopkins battled injuries and bounced between the practice squad and roster for his first three seasons, before settling into a regular role and gaining starting experience at all three interior OL spots. Hopkins suffered a torn left ACL in last season's finale, but he was medically cleared in time to participate in the first practice of training camp on July 28. Hopkins started all but two games this year — Game 12 vs. L.A. Chargers (ankle) and Game 17 at Cleveland (Reserve/COVID). Cincinnati's starter at LG is seventh-year pro **Quinton Spain**, who stands at a massive 6-4, 330 pounds. Undrafted out of college in 2015, Spain began his career with the Titans and Bills before joining the Bengals on waivers mid-season in 2020. Spain has remained at LG this year, but in 2020 after joining Cincinnati mid-season he made starts at RG, LG and even ROT when the line was dealing with injuries and COVID-19 issues. **Hakeem Adeniji**, a sixth-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, took over mid-season as the starter at RG and earned praise from coaches for his consistent play. Adeniji spent the first eight games of the 2021 regular season on Reserve/Non-Football Injury (pectoral), but jumped into the starting lineup immediately upon returning in Game 9 vs. Cleveland. 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 by split time at RG with rookie **Jackson Carman**, Cincinnati's second-round pick out of Clemson. Carman, a native of Fairfield, Ohio (30 minutes north of Paul Brown Stadium), was the Bengals' No. 1 RG early in the season before moving to a reserve role upon Adeniji's return from injury. At ROT is **Isaiah Prince**, the tallest Bengal on the roster (6-7). Prince, who returned to action in 2021 after opting out of the '20 season due to COVID-19, began the season as a reserve before taking over the starting ROT position after **Riley Reiff** suffered an ankle injury (Zac Taylor has said Reiff will not return during the playoffs). Prince originally was a sixth-round draft pick of the Dolphins in 2019, and then joined the Bengals on waivers later that year. Another key reserve along the interior of the line is rookie C **Trey Hill**, who is touted as a stout blocker with good movement skills. Hill has three starts this season as an injury replacement. Adding depth at OT are third-year pro **Fred Johnson** and rookie **D'Ante Smith**. Johnson has starts at both OT and G during his now three-year career in Cincinnati, but he has worked mostly at OT this season and has filled in at ROT as an injury replacement. He primarily has been a reserve at OT in his career, but the Bengals are a combined 5-1 throughout his career when he has filled in as a starter at either OT spot. Smith played in three regular-season games with one start at LOT in the season finale.

**Defensive linemen:** Cincinnati native and Archbishop Moeller graduate **Sam Hubbard** is in his fourth Bengals season, including his third 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 regular season, and his 24 career sacks are second-most among players from his draft class (including college free agents). During the playoffs, Hubbard's three sacks are second-most among all players and tied for second by a Bengals for a postseason career (Jason Buck, four). In the AFC Championship at Kansas City, Hubbard sacked Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes on consecutive plays — on second and third down — with less than two minutes to go and the Chiefs in a goal-to-go situation. Hubbard's two sacks pushed the Chiefs back 22 yards and forced them to settle for a game-tying FG to go to OT. 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 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2025 season. At the LDE is **Trey Hendrickson**, one of Cincinnati's most high-profile additions from free agency in March. Hendrickson posted a team-high 14 sacks during the regular season — fifth in the NFL in 2021, and second-most in team history. Hendrickson's 14

sacks more than doubled last season's team lead of 5.5. 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 (see "Trey's sack streak ends at 11" on page 10). Hendrickson spent 2017-20 with New Orleans, and 13.5 sacks in 2020 tied for the NFC lead and tied for second in the NFL. Hendrickson's 27.5 combined sacks between 2020 and '21 were third-most among all players. Last year's high-profile addition in free agency was DT **D.J. Reader**, a 6-3, 347-pound nose tackle who excels against the run. Reader was limited to just five games last season due to a left quad injury, but he returned healthy this year and had two sacks during the regular season. Reader was the team's 2021 winner of the Ed Block Courage Award. Reader's only missed action during the regular season came in Game 15 vs. Baltimore, when he was on Reserve/COVID-19, and in the season finale at Cleveland (rest). A recent injury to DT Larry Ogunjobi has thrust **B.J. Hill** into the starting three-technique role. Hill, who was acquired in an Aug. 30 trade with the N.Y. Giants, had 5.5 sacks during the regular season and has one so far in the playoffs. Hill stands 6-3, 311 pounds, and has played in all but one game (Week 18 at Cleveland, Reserve/COVID-19) over his four-year career. Back in the lineup this season is 6-3, 345-pound DT **Josh Tupou**, who opted out of last season due to COVID-19. Tupou was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in 2017, and has worked his way into the regular defensive rotation as a reliable run-stuffer. Tupou, though, suffered a right knee injury in the season finale at Cleveland that caused him to miss the Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas and AFC Championship at Kansas City. Tupou did play five snaps in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee. Due to injury issues on the interior of the defensive line, Cincinnati signed 334-pound DT **Zach Kerr** from the Arizona Cardinals' practice squad on ahead of the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee. Kerr, though, isn't short on experience, and brings with him 95 career regular-season games played (16 starts) over eight NFL seasons. DE **Khalid Kareem**, a Bengals fifth-round pick in 2020, spent the first seven games of the 2021 regular season on Reserve/Injured (shoulder) before returning to action and sliding into a rotational DE role. Kareem made one of the top defensive plays of the year in Game 14 at Denver, when he crashed into the backfield and wrestled the ball away from Broncos QB Drew Lock at the Bengals' nine-yard line, as the Broncos were nearing what would've been a go-ahead TD in the fourth quarter. In the fourth round of April's draft, the Bengals selected Tulane DE **Cam Sample**, who saw rotational action during the regular season and had 1.5 sacks. Sample missed the final two games of the regular season with a hamstring injury but returned in time for the playoffs. Sample, though suffered a groin injury on the final defensive drive of the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee and missed the AFC Championship at Kansas City. Sample was rated the most valuable defensive lineman in college football last season by Pro Football Focus in 2020, and Bengals coaches say that he caught their eye during the 2021 Senior Bowl, where he earned Defensive MVP honors. Later in the fourth round, the Bengals selected 6-2, 350-pound DT **Tyler Shelvin**, a space-eater with a rare blend of strength and athleticism. Shelvin was a key player on LSU's defense during their national championship run in 2019, but he opted out of the '20 college season due to COVID-19. With veterans Reader and Tupou in the top two NT spots on the depth chart, Shelvin played in just three regular-season games in 2021. Shelvin, though, has played in two of Cincinnati's three playoff games. Adding depth at DE is second-year pro **Wyatt Ray**, who was acquired on waivers from Tennessee on Sept. 1. Ray originally was a college free agent signee of the Cleveland Browns in 2019, and has also spent time with Houston, Buffalo, the N.Y. Jets and Tennessee.

**Linebackers:** Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is second-year pro **Logan Wilson**, who wears the green dot as the defense's communicator. Wilson missed Games 12-15 with a right shoulder injury (suffered Dec. 5 vs. the L.A. Chargers), and then was inactive (rest) for the regular season finale at Cleveland, 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. The last Bengals LB with three or more INTs in a season was Odell Thurman (five) in 2005. Wilson continued his strong play in the playoffs, and made two critical plays in Cincinnati's Divisional Playoff win 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 Ryan Tannehill pass with 20 seconds remaining that set the table for the offense to gain 19 yards and set up a game-winning FG from 52 yards. Wilson also leads the NFL in tackles (30) in the playoffs. Wilson was Cincinnati's third-round draft pick 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. Pratt during the regular season 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. Pratt missed Game 16 vs. Kansas City while on Reserve/COVID-19, and then sat out the season finale at Cleveland (rest). In Cincinnati's 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; the play thwarted Minnesota's potential game-winning drive, which had reached the Bengals' 38-yard line, and set up a Cincinnati drive that ended with a game-winning FG as time expired in OT. Pratt has drawn particular praise from coaches this season for his grasp of the defense, and took over the "green dot" on defense while Wilson was out injured late in the regular season. Pratt had the most productive game of his career in Game 14 at Denver, when he recorded a career-high 15 tackles (most by a Bengal since 2018) and a half sack. Then, in the Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas, Pratt intercepted a Derek Carr pass on fourth-and-goal late in the fourth quarter that sealed a Cincinnati win. Second-year pro **Markus Bailey**, a 2020 seventh-round pick of the Bengals, was a rotational player when healthy earlier in the 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 college knee injury during his rookie season. To help with their injury and COVID-19 issues, the Bengals added to their LB room over their bye (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. Johnston has played just one defensive snap this postseason, but it was a significant one. In the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, Johnston darted into the backfield and tackled Titans RB Derrick Henry for a loss on a two-point conversion to keep the score tied. Another addition due to injuries at LB is first-year pro **Keandre Jones**, who was signed to the roster on Dec. 21. Jones opened the season on Cincinnati's practice squad, played in two games as a standard elevation, and then was signed to the active roster prior to Cincinnati's Week 16 game vs. Baltimore.

**Defensive backs:** S **Jessie Bates III**, a fourth-year pro and 2018 Bengals second-round pick, is a team captain and is considered one of the core leaders of the team. Bates during the regular season had 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 Sept. 30 matchup vs. Jacksonville. Bates, though, returned to the lineup the following week and hasn't missed a game since. Bates topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons (2018-20). Bates has been a central figure in two of the most significant defensive plays of the postseason thus far. In the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, Bates intercepted Titans QB Ryan Tannehill on the first play from scrimmage, and helped set up a Bengals FG drive. Then, in overtime of the AFC Championship at Kansas City, Bates tipped a deep pass from QB Patrick Mahomes to WR Tyreek Hill that bounced off of Hill and into the hands of S **Vonn Bell**. That INT set up Cincinnati's drive for the game-winning FG. Bell, a sixth-year pro, joined the Bengals in 2020 after spending his first four years with New Orleans. Bell has been a team captain in both of his Bengals seasons, and finished the 2021 regular season with 97 tackles (second on team), including five for losses and a half sack. Bell led the defense in snaps in each of his first two Bengals seasons, and played a combined 94.5 percent of the regular-season snaps. Depth at CB was a primary focus for the Bengals in 2020 free agency, as the team brought in an influx of reinforcements at the position. The most high-profile of those additions was **Chidobe Awuzie**, a former second-round pick of the Cowboys who spent his first four seasons in Dallas. Awuzie, who signed as an unrestricted free agent and is under contract through the 2023 season, has impressed with his coverage and tackling ability this season, and finished the regular season with 64 tackles, 14 PDs and two INTs. Awuzie missed Game 4 vs. Jacksonville due to a groin injury, battled a foot injury midway through the season (though it did not cause him to miss a start), was on Reserve/COVID-19 for Game 14 at Denver, and then DNP in the season finale at Cleveland (rest). The second free agency addition was **Mike Hilton**, who is widely considered among 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 blitzer. Hilton had a 24-yard pick-six in Game 11 vs. Pittsburgh, his former team, and he said it was first-career pick-six at any level dating back to pee-wee football. Another veteran CB addition is **Eli Apple**, a former first-round pick of the Giants. Apple brings 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 Giants in 2018. Injuries in the Bengals' defensive backfield thrust Apple into a starting role early in the year, and he ended up starting all but two games during the regular season and had two INTs. Apple was a central figure in one of the Bengals' signature defensive plays of the postseason — with 20 seconds remaining and the score tied in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, he batted into the air a pass from Ryan Tannehill that ended up in the arms of Bengals LB Logan Wilson. Cincinnati's offense took over and quickly got into range for what ended up being a 52-yard game-winning FG as time expired. One of the headliners of the 2020 free agency class was CB **Trae Waynes**, who has struggled with injuries throughout his two Bengals seasons. Waynes missed the entire 2020 season with a pectoral injury suffered early in training camp, and during the 2021 regular season he spent eight games on Reserve/Injured with a hamstring injury before returning in Game 14 at Denver. Waynes also missed Game 16 vs. Kansas City while on Reserve/COVID-19. The most physically imposing member of the secondary is 6-3, 203-pound CB **Tre Flowers**, who joined Cincinnati on waivers from Seattle in October. Flowers has filled a rotational role for the Bengals, and mostly has been used to cover TEs in passing situations. Another mid-season addition in the mix is CB **Vernon Hargreaves III**, whom the Bengals acquired on waivers from Houston on Nov. 4. Hargreaves was a first-round pick of the Buccaneers in 2016, and adds depth and experience in the secondary. Yet another mid-season acquisition is veteran S **Michael J. Thomas** (not to be confused with WR Mike D. Thomas), who originally was a college free agent signee of the 49ers back in 2012, and has 108 games (including playoffs) of NFL experience with five teams (including Cincinnati). Thomas is known for his impact on special teams, and has either led or finished second on his team in special teams tackles in six of the last eight seasons (outliers were injury shortened 2020 season, and '21 when he joined Cincinnati mid-season). S **Ricardo Allen** adds another veteran presence. A former starter for the Atlanta Falcons, Allen fills a key reserve roll with the Bengals. CB **Jalen Davis** also fills a rotational role on defense this season, and has been a valuable special teams contributor. 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. Davis missed the final two regular-season games with an ankle injury, however head coach Zac Taylor left open the possibility of him returning for the playoffs.

**Special teams:** Cincinnati native and the longest-tenured player on the roster **Kevin Huber** is handling the Bengals' punting duties for the 13th 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 season finale at Cleveland, Huber tied CB Ken Riley for most career games played (207) in Bengals history. Huber averaged 46.4 gross yards and 41.05 net yards on punts during the 2021 regular season. Huber is

considered the top punter in team history and stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (980), punting yards (44,426), gross average (45.33), net average (40.27) and inside-20 punts (337). Huber was a Pro Bowl selection in 2014, but he has maintained a high level of play and in 2020 posted career-highs in both gross (47.2) and net (42.8) average. The oldest Bengal on the roster is LS **Clark Harris** (37 years old), who joined the Bengals early in 2009 and has snapped to Huber nearly his entire career. Harris has been a paragon of reliability for Cincinnati, and has never had an unplayable snap in 1874 career attempts (987 punts, 885 placekicks) as a Bengal — including playoffs. Harris, a Pro Bowler in 2017, has played in 201 career regular-season games as a Bengal, third most in franchise history. Among the youngest players on the roster is 21-year-old rookie K **Evan McPherson**, whom the Bengals selected in the fifth round of April's draft. McPherson made a significant impact in 2021, and has made five game-winning "walk-off" kicks with no time remaining or in OT — three during the regular season, two in the playoffs. The first came in overtime of Game 1 vs. Minnesota — his NFL debut — when he nailed a 33-yarder. The second was in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville on Thursday Night Football, and came from 35 yards out as time expired in regulation. The third was a 20-yarder in Game 16 vs. Kansas City, which clinched the AFC North division title and secured a playoff berth for the first time 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, which punched Cincinnati's ticket to Super Bowl LVI. McPherson said that entering this season, he had never kicked a game-winning FG at any level of football. McPherson 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, the most in the NFL during the regular season and just one short of the NFL's single-season record (see "McPherson from deep" on page 13). In Cincinnati's Game 10 win at Las Vegas, McPherson made four FGs, including an NFL-record tying three from 50-plus yards (54, 53, 51). And then in Game 14 at Denver, he made a 58 yard field goal — the longest in Bengals history. McPherson made 46 of 48 PATs and 28 of 33 FGs during the regular season. In Cincinnati's Wild Card Playoff win over Las Vegas, McPherson made all six of his placekicks — four FGs, two PATs — and set the team postseason record for points in a game (14). McPherson followed that in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee with another four FGs, including two from 50-plus. One of those was the aforementioned 52-yard game-winner. He matched that performance again in the AFC Championship at Kansas City, with another four FGs and a PAT. The Bengals have used a rotation of players at PR, but late in the year WR **Trent Taylor** (practice squad) took over full-time duties. The Bengals also used a rotation at KOR after S Brandon Wilson suffered a season-ending injury in November, with Taylor and HB **Chris Evans** seeing most of the action late in the season. The Bengals also feature a number of experienced players in kick and punt coverage, including HB **Samaje Perine**, S **Michael J. Thomas**, WR **Stanley Morgan** and WR **Mike D. Thomas**.

## IMPORTANT DATES

2022	
Feb. 3	— Deadline for non-playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
Feb. 6	— NFL Pro Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.
Feb. 8	— Beginning at 12:01 p.m. Eastern, NFL clubs may begin to sign players whose 2021 CFL contracts have expired. Players under contract to a CFL club for the 2022 season or who have an option for the 2022 season are not eligible to be signed.
Feb. 9-12	— Cajun All-Star Game (Provost Umphrey Stadium, Beaumont, Texas).
Feb. 13	— Super Bowl LVI, SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif.
Feb. 14	— Waiver system begins for 2022. 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. 14	— Beginning the first business day after the Super Bowl through the opening of the first training camp for Rookies in 2022, clubs must report all tryouts and visits to the League office; however, such transactions will not be reported to other clubs.
Feb. 17	— Deadline for playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
Feb. 19	— HBCU Legacy Bowl, Yulman Stadium, New Orleans, La.
Feb. 22	— Beginning this date through 4 p.m. Eastern on March 8 clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players.
March 1-7	— NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.
March 8	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
March 8	— 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 8- April 20	— Draft-Eligible Facility Visits Begin. Clubs permitted 30 non-local players for physical exams/visits; no on-field workouts.
March 8- April 20	— Video or telephone interviews with draft-eligible players begin. Three video or telephone interviews per player; no longer than one hour in length.
March 10	— Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2022 season.
March 14-16	— During the period beginning at noon Eastern, on March 14 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16, 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 2021 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. 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 16.
March 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must exercise options for 2022 on all players who have option clauses in their 2021 contracts.
March 16	— 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.
March 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2021 contracts who have fewer than
March 16	— three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.
March 16	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2022 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern.
March 16	— All 2021 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern.
March 16	— The 2022 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. The first day of the 2022 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. 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 16.
March 16	— Trading period for 2022 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2021 contracts.
March 16	— Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2022 and if not renegotiated after Jan. 9, 2022, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).
March 24	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2022 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.
(Late March)	— International Player Pathway Pro Day (TBD).
March 27-30	— Annual League Meeting, The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla.
March 31	— Deadline for clubs to meet 2022 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.
April 4	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2021 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
April 18	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
April 20	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.
April 22	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
April 27	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
April 27	— Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.
April 28-30	— Annual Player Selection Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev..
May 2	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "UFA Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern, only with his Prior Club.
May 2	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2019 Draft.
May 6-9 or May 13-16	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie mini-camp from Friday-Sunday or Saturday-Monday.
May 16	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
May 19-22 (Tentative)	— NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period.
May 23-25	— Spring League Meeting, TBD.
June 1	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "June 1 Tender" to its unsigned Restricted Free Agents who received a Qualifying Offer for a Right of First Refusal Only in order for such player to be subject to the CBA's "June 15 Tender" provision.
June 2	— For any player removed from the Club's roster or whose contract is assigned via waivers or trade on or after June 2, any unamortized Signing Bonus amounts for future years will be included fully in Team Salary at the start of the 2022 League Year.
June 15	— Deadline for club to withdraw Qualifying Offer to Restricted Free Agents and still retain exclusive negotiating rights by substituting "June 15 Tender" of one-year contract at 110 percent of the player's prior-year Paragraph 5 Salary (with all other terms of his prior-year contract carried forward unchanged).
Late June	— Rookie Readiness Program to be held at individual clubs.



**THE LAST BENGALS-RAMS MEETINGS**

**2015 SEASON  
WEEK 12, GAME 11**

**Cincinnati Bengals 31, St. Louis Rams 7  
Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015 at Paul Brown Stadium**

The Bengals posted their most lopsided win of the season to date, rolling to their 31-7 final edge through three quarters. The Rams led 131-51 in net yards gained in the scoreless final period, but the Bengals led 325-214 over the first three quarters. QB Andy Dalton posted his personal-high seventh 100+ passer rating of the season, at 121.4, completing 20-of-27 for 233 yards with three TDs and one INT. HB Jeremy Hill led the team in rushing yards (86) and yards from scrimmage (100). The Rams showed signs of life in the second quarter, mounting an 80-yard TD drive to trail only 10-7, but the Bengals came right back with an 80-yard drive for a 17-7 lead, on Dalton's 22-yard TD pass to TE Tyler Eifert. The Cincinnati defense tied its season high for INTs (three), as CB Leon Hall, S Reggie Nelson and S George Iloka each had picks. Rams QBs were held to a combined 55.5 passer rating. The Bengals improved to 9-2 and opened a three-game lead over second-place Pittsburgh in the AFC North Division. St. Louis fell to 4-7.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
St. Louis	0	7	0	0	—	7
Cincinnati	7	10	14	0	—	31

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — A.Green 10 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	1-9:18
Cin. — M.Nugent 21 field goal	2-10:10
StL. — T.Austin 5 run (Z.Hocker kick)	2-8:29
Cin. — T.Eifert 22 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	2-3:27
Cin. — A.Green 18 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	3-7:01
Cin. — L.Hall 19 interception return (M.Nugent kick)	3-5:20

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 61,022. **Time:** 2:51.

TEAM STATISTICS	STL.	CIN.
First downs	19	19
Third down conversions-attempts	6-15	3-10
Total net yards	345	376
Net yards rushing	94	140
Net yards passing	251	236
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	53-36-3	28-21-1
Sacks against-yards lost	1-8	0-0
Punts-average	5-45.0	4-48.3
Punt returns-yards	3-22	2-16
Kickoff returns-yards	2-46	0-0
Penalties-yards	7-45	3-35
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0
Time of possession	29:53	30:07

RUSHING									
STL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
T.Austin	4	63	60	1	J.Hill	16	86	15	0
T.Gurley	9	19	8	0	M.Jones	1	30	30	0
B.Cunningham	2	12	8	0	G.Bernard	10	16	3	0
N.Foles	1	2	2	0	A.Dalton	2	4	5	0
T.Mason	1	-2	-2	0	R.Burkhead	2	4	2	0
TOTALS	17	94	60	1	TOTALS	31	140	30	0

PASSING									
STL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
N.Foles	46	30	228	0-3	A.Dalton	27	20	233	3-1
S.Mannion	7	6	31	0-0	A.McCarron	1	1	3	0-0
TOTALS	53	36	259	0-3	TOTALS	28	21	236	3-1

RECEIVING									
STL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Mason	7	37	11	0	A.Green	6	61	18t	2
K.Britt	6	63	18	0	T.Eifert	3	40	22t	1
T.Austin	6	33	12	0	M.Jones	3	25	12	0
J.Cook	4	58	25	0	G.Bernard	2	51	45	0
L.Kendricks	3	17	11	0	R.Hewitt	2	29	21	0
B.Marquez	3	13	7	0	R.Burkhead	2	4	3	0
W.Welker	2	12	6	0	J.Hill	1	14	14	0
B.Quick	2	8	5	0	M.Sanu	1	8	8	0
T.Gurley	1	11	11	0	T.Kroft	1	4	4	0
B.Cunningham	1	5	5	0					
C.Harkey	1	2	2	0					
TOTALS	36	259	25	0	TOTALS	21	236	45	3

**St. Louis** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** M.Barron 7-3-10, J.Laurinaitis 6-3-9, A.Ayers 5-3-8, M.Roberson 4-2-6, T.McDonald 3-2-5, R.McLeod 2-3-5, C.Long 2-2-4, J.Jenkins 3-0-3, W.Hayes 1-2-3, A.Donald 0-3-3, N.Fairley 1-1-2, M.Longacre 1-1-2, M.Brockers 0-2-2, E.Sims 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** J.Jenkins 1-0. **PD:** D.Bates 1, J.Jenkins 1, R.McLeod 1, E.Sims 1. **FF:** M.Roberson 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Kirkpatrick 9-1-10, V.Burfield 6-1-7, L.Hall 4-2-6, V.Rey 3-3-6, A.Jones 4-0-4, G.Iloka 3-1-4, C.Dunlap 1-3-4, G.Atkins 3-0-3, D.Peko 2-1-3, W.Gilberry 0-3-3, E.Lamur 2-0-2, R.Nelson 2-0-2, J.Shaw 2-0-2, R.Mauluga 1-1-2, S.Williams 1-0-1, A.Hawk 0-1-1, B.Thompson 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** L.Hall 1-19, R.Nelson 1-10, G.Iloka 1-0. **PD:** D.Kirkpatrick 3, L.Hall 2, G.Iloka 2, R.Nelson 1, J.Shaw 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**2019 SEASON  
WEEK 8, GAME 8**

**Los Angeles Rams 24, Cincinnati Bengals 10  
Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019 at Wembley Stadium (London, England)**

The Bengals traveled to London, England, as part of the NFL's International Series, and took on head coach Zac Taylor's former team, the L.A. Rams. The two teams traded scores for much of the first half, before Rams WR Cooper Kupp caught a 65-yard TD on a double-reverse pass that gave L.A. a one-score edge at the break. But while the Bengals' defense managed to hold the Rams to just seven second-half points, the offense struggled after halftime and was held scoreless in the final two periods en route to the defeat. Cincinnati couldn't find an answer for Kupp, whose 220 receiving yards tied for the third-most ever in a game by a Bengals opponent. Bengals QB Andy Dalton tossed his 197th career TD, tying former QB Ken Anderson for most in team history. Then, with :08 remaining and the game out of reach, Dalton connected with WR Auden Tate for what would've been the record-setter, but a replay review overturned the ruling on the field of a catch and nullified the score. Los Angeles improved to 5-3, while Cincinnati fell to 0-8. On Tuesday following the game, Taylor announced that rookie Ryan Finley would take over as the team's starting QB in the Bengals' next game after the bye.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	0	10	0	0	—	10
Los Angeles	3	14	7	0	—	24

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
LARams — G.Zuerlein 23 field goal	1-6:41
Cin. — R.Bullock 28 field goal	2-14:57
LARams — J.Reynolds 31 pass from J.Goff (G.Zuerlein kick)	2-10:43
Cin. — J.Mixon 1 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	2-5:18
LARams — C.Kupp 65 pass from J.Goff (G.Zuerlein kick)	2-3:57
LARams — T.Gurley 3 run (G.Zuerlein kick)	3-10:14

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 83,720. **Time:** 3:05.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	LARams
First downs	24	19
Third down conversions-attempts	6-18	7-13
Total net yards	401	470
Net yards rushing	104	98
Net yards passing	297	372
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	52-32-0	31-17-0
Sacks against-yards lost	5-32	0-0
Punts-average	5-41.6	5-44.4
Punt returns-yards	1-0	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards	0-0	1-14
Penalties-yards	6-40	9-59
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Time of possession	32:43	27:17

RUSHING									
CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	LARams	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	17	66	13	0	D.Henderson	11	49	15	0
G.Bernard	3	31	25	0	T.Gurley	10	44	20	1
A.Dalton	1	4	4	0	R.Woods	4	6	6	0
T.Boyd	1	3	3	0	J.Reynolds	1	-1	-1	0
TOTALS	22	104	25	0	TOTALS	26	98	20	1

PASSING									
CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	LARams	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	52	32	329	1-0	J.Goff	31	17	372	2-0
TOTALS	52	32	329	1-0	TOTALS	31	17	372	2-0

RECEIVING									
CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	LARams	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Erickson	6	97	52	0	C.Kupp	7	220	65t	1
T.Eifert	6	74	27	0	J.Reynolds	3	73	31t	1
T.Boyd	6	65	22	0	R.Woods	2	36	31	0
A.Tate	5	65	27	0	D.Henderson	2	20	14	0
J.Mixon	4	11	4	1	G.Everett	2	15	11	0
G.Bernard	2	14	11	0	T.Higbee	1	8	8	0
C.Uzomah	1	4	4	0					
S.Morgan	1	3	3	0					
A.Dalton	1	-4	-4	0					
TOTALS	32	329	52	1	TOTALS	17	372	65t	2

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Bates 7-0-7, S.Williams 5-1-6, T.McRae 4-1-5, N.Vigil 3-2-5, P.Brown 3-1-4, C.Dunlap 3-0-3, A.Zettel 3-0-3, A.Brown 2-0-2, B.Webb 2-0-2, S.Hubbard 1-1-2, G.Atkins 1-0-1, G.Pratt 1-0-1, R.Wren 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Bates 1, C.Dunlap 1, W.Jackson 1, T.McRae 1, N.Vigil 1, S.Williams 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Los Angeles Rams** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Rapp 9-3-12, C.Littleton 4-4-8, J.Ramsey 6-1-7, M.Christian 6-0-6, E.Wedde 6-0-6, M.Brockers 4-1-5, D.Fowler 3-1-4, A.Donald 3-0-3, T.Hill 3-0-3, S.Ebukam 2-1-3, D.Williams 2-0-2, O.Okoronkwo 1-1-2, M.Fox 1-0-1, S.Joseph 1-0-1, N.Robey 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** D.Fowler 1-5-13.5, O.Okoronkwo 1-5-8, A.Donald 1-3, M.Brockers 0-5-4.5, C.Littleton 0-5-3. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** N.Robey 2, M.Christian 1, S.Ebukam 1, T.Hill 1, T.Rapp 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

# 2021 GAME SUMMARIES

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

### Cincinnati Bengals 27, Minnesota Vikings 24 (OT) Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

Bengals QB Joe Burrow, who was less than 10 months removed from a left knee injury that ended his rookie season, showed few signs of rust, posting career-highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67). HB Joe Mixon, whose 2020 season also ended early due to injury, rushed for 127 yards and a TD on 29 carries. Rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase impressed in his NFL debut with five catches for 101 yards, including a 50-yard TD. Minnesota closed a 14-point second-half deficit and sent the game to OT with a 53-yard FG at the end of regulation. Late in OT, LB Germaine Pratt forced and recovered a fumble by Vikings RB Dalvin Cook, setting up a seven-play, 46-yard drive that was highlighted by a 32-yard pass from Burrow to TE C.J. Uzomah on fourth-and-inches. Rookie K Evan McPherson, making his NFL debut, then nailed a 33-yard FG as time expired to give Cincinnati the win. The game was the first in NFL history with a game-tying FG with no time left in regulation, and a game-winning FG with no time left in OT. Cincinnati moved to 1-0, and Minnesota dropped to 0-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Minnesota.....	0	7	7	10	0	24
Cincinnati.....	0	14	7	3	3	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Minn. — A.Thielen 5 pass from K.Cousins (G.Joseph kick).....	2-6:39
Cin. — T.Higgins 2 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	2-1:47
Cin. — J.Chase 50 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	2-0:35
Cin. — J.Mixon 2 run (E.McPherson kick).....	3-9:15
Minn. — A.Thielen 24 pass from K.Cousins (G.Joseph kick).....	3-2:24
Cin. — E.McPherson 53 field goal.....	4-14:13
Minn. — D.Cook 1 run (G.Joseph kick).....	4-9:23
Minn. — G.Joseph 53 field goal.....	4-0:00
Cin. — E.McPherson 33 field goal.....	5-0:00

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 56,525. **Time:** 3:38.

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN.	CIN.
First downs.....	24	20
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-16	3-14
Total net yards.....	403	366
Net yards rushing.....	67	149
Net yards passing.....	336	217
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	50-37-0	27-20-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-26	5-44
Punts-average.....	8-50.3	7-47.4
Punt returns-yards.....	1-12	5-53
Kickoff returns-yards.....	1-21	1-11
Penalties-yards.....	12-116	3-15
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	0-0
Time of possession.....	35:09	34:51

#### RUSHING

MINN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
D.Cook	20	61	17	1	J.Mixon	29	127	19	1
A.Abdullah	1	4	4	0	S.Perine	5	22	13	0
A.Mattison	1	2	2	0	J.Burrow	1	2	2	0
					J.Chase	1	-2	-2	0
TOTALS	22	67	17	1	TOTALS	36	149	19	1

#### PASSING

MINN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
K.Cousins	49	36	351	2-0	J.Burrow	27	20	261	2-0
J.Jefferson	1	1	11	0-0					
TOTALS	50	37	362	2-0	TOTALS	27	20	261	2-0

#### RECEIVING

MINN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Thielen	9	92	24t	2	J.Chase	5	101	50t	1
K.Osborn	7	76	25	0	T.Higgins	4	58	28	1
D.Cook	6	43	9	0	J.Mixon	4	23	12	0
J.Jefferson	5	71	34	0	T.Boyd	3	32	18	0
T.Conklin	4	41	27	0	C.Uzomah	2	35	32	0
A.Abdullah	2	15	10	0	S.Perine	1	7	7	0
C.Ham	2	9	6	0	M.D.Thomas	1	5	5	0
D.Westbrook	1	11	11	0					
A.Mattison	1	4	4	0					
TOTALS	37	362	34	2	TOTALS	20	261	50t	2

#### DEFENSE

**Minnesota** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** E.Kendricks 6-9-15, N.Vigil 8-2-10, B.Breeland 5-2-7, M.Pierce 3-4-7, H.Smith 5-1-6, D.Hunter 3-3-6, X.Woods 4-1-5, D.Tomlinson 2-2-4, S.Weatherly 2-1-3, K.Boyd 2-0-2, D.Wonnum 1-1-2, B.Lynch 0-2-2, M.Alexander 1-0-1, P.Peterson 1-0-1, A.Watts 1-0-1, S.Richardson 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** M.Pierce 2-14, N.Vigil 1-12, H.Smith 1-10, D.Hunter 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** M.Alexander 1, X.Woods 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Bates 6-3-9, G.Pratt 6-2-8, V.Bell 4-3-7, L.Wilson 4-3-7, E.Apple 6-0-6, C.Awuzie 4-2-6, M.Hilton 4-2-6, L.Ogunjobi 4-2-6, R.Allen 2-3-5, B.Hill 3-0-3, S.Hubbard 1-2-3, D.Reader 0-3-3, J.Evans 1-0-1, D.Phillips 1-0-1. **SKS-YDS.:** B.Hill 2-17, L.Ogunjobi 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** C.Awuzie 2. **FF:** G.Pratt 1. **FR-YDS.:** G.Pratt 1-0.

## WEEK 2, GAME 2

### Chicago Bears 20, Cincinnati Bengals 17 Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 at Soldier Field

The visiting Bengals allowed the fewest total yards (206) by a Cincinnati defense in seven years, but the offense struggled to protect the football and find the scoreboard. Bengals QB Joe Burrow threw three INTs — including a pick-six — on consecutive attempts in the fourth quarter, helping the Bears to a comfortable 17-point margin late. But Burrow connected with rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase for a 42-yard score with 4:39 remaining, and then an INT by Bengals LB Logan Wilson on the ensuing possession set up a seven-yard TD from Burrow to WR Tee Higgins on the next play to cut the margin to just three. Burrow was the first NFL player in 20 years with INTs on three consecutive plays and TD passes on two consecutive plays in the same game (Steelers QB Kordell Stewart on Dec. 30, 2001 at Cincinnati). The Bengals' comeback bid fell short though, as Bears rookie QB Justin Fields, who was filling in for injured starter Andy Dalton, led Chicago to two first downs as the Bears ran out the clock and hung on for a 20-17 win. Cincinnati dropped to 1-1, while Chicago improved to 1-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	0	3	14	—	17
Chicago.....	7	0	0	13	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Chi. — A.Robinson 11 pass from A.Dalton (C.Santos kick).....	1-9:58
Cin. — E.McPherson 53 field goal.....	3-8:22
Chi. — C.Santos 28 field goal.....	4-14:52
Chi. — R.Smith 53 interception return (C.Santos kick).....	4-10:55
Chi. — C.Santos 22 field goal.....	4-6:40
Cin. — J.Chase 42 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	4-4:39
Cin. — T.Higgins 7 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	4-3:39

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 60,840. **Time:** 2:55.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CHI.
First downs.....	14	16
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-13	6-15
Total net yards.....	248	206
Net yards rushing.....	69	123
Net yards passing.....	179	83
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	30-19-3	24-15-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-28	3-33
Punts-average.....	2-37.5	4-42.3
Punt returns-yards.....	1-15	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-54	1-10
Penalties-yards.....	4-57	8-70
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	1-0
Time of possession.....	28:39	31:21

#### RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CHI.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	20	69	10	0	D.Montgomery	20	61	11	0
					J.Fields	10	31	10	0
					A.Dalton	2	25	14	0
					D.Williams	2	6	6	0
TOTALS	20	69	10	0	TOTALS	34	123	14	0

#### PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CHI.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Burrow	30	19	207	2-3	J.Fields	13	6	60	0-1
					A.Dalton	11	9	56	1-0
TOTALS	30	19	207	2-3	TOTALS	24	15	116	1-1

#### RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CHI.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Boyd	7	73	22	0	D.Mooney	6	66	21	0
T.Higgins	6	60	14	1	D.Montgomery	3	18	10	0
J.Chase	2	54	42t	1	A.Robinson	2	24	13	1
C.Uzomah	2	4	3	0	D.Williams	2	-2	3	0
C.Evans	1	14	14	0	M.Goodwin	1	10	10	0
J.Mixon	1	2	2	0	C.Kmet	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	19	207	42	2	TOTALS	15	116	21	1

#### DEFENSE

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** L.Wilson 2-7-9, S.Hubbard 6-2-8, V.Bell 5-1-6, J.Bates 4-1-5, L.Ogunjobi 1-3-4, E.Apple 2-1-3, B.Hill 2-1-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, C.Sample 2-1-3, T.Hendrickson 1-2-3, D.Reader 1-2-3, C.Awuzie 2-0-2, A.Davis-Gaither 2-0-2, J.Evans 1-1-2, W.Ray 1-1-2, G.Pratt 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** T.Hendrickson 1.5-20.5, D.Reader 1-8, S.Hubbard 0.5-4.5. **INT.-YDS.:** L.Wilson 1-18. **PD:** E.Apple 1, C.Awuzie 1, V.Bell 1, L.Wilson 1. **FF:** T.Hendrickson 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Chicago** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Smith 5-4-9, D.Shelley 5-1-6, A.Hicks 3-1-4, E.Jackson 3-1-4, B.Nichols 3-1-4, K.Vildor 3-1-4, R.Quinn 3-0-3, A.Blackson 2-1-3, Ta.Gipson 2-1-3, A.Ogletree 1-2-3, J.Johnson 2-0-2, D.Houston-Carson 1-1-2, K.Mack 1-1-2. **SKS-YDS.:** R.Quinn 2-8, R.Smith 1-8, K.Mack 1-6, B.Nichols 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** R.Smith 1-53, A.Blackson 1-6, J.Johnson 1-3. **PD:** J.Johnson 4, A.Blackson 1, A.Ogletree 1, R.Smith 1, K.Vildor 1. **FF:** E.Jackson 1. **FR-YDS.:** Ta.Gipson 1-13.

WEEK 3, GAME 3

Cincinnati Bengals 24, Pittsburgh Steelers 10
Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 at Heinz Field

The Steelers were without numerous starters due to injury, including All-Pro OLB T.J. Watt, and the Bengals took full advantage. Bengals QB Joe Burrow completed 77.8 percent of his passes, tossed three TDs to just one INT, and posted a 122.9 passer rating. He averaged 9.6 yards per attempt through the air, while HB Joe Mixon averaged 5.0 yards per carry on the ground. Rookie Ja'Marr Chase scored two TDs, including a 34-yarder down the sideline before the half to give Cincinnati the lead for good. The Bengals also held the Steelers without a sack, breaking Pittsburgh's NFL-record streak of 75 straight games with a sack. Defensively, the Bengals applied constant pressure to Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger, sacking him four times and hitting him three more. LB Logan Wilson picked off Roethlisberger twice, and both instances led to Burrow TD passes. Cincinnati cruised to a 24-10 win and improved to 2-1, while Pittsburgh dropped to 1-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns for 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 7, 7, 10, 0, —, 24. Pittsburgh: 0, 7, 0, 3, —, 10.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays such as T.Boyd 17 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick) 1-2:54.

Missed FGs: C.Boswell (42WL). Attendance: 58,076. Time: 3:02.

TEAM STATISTICS CIN. PITT. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions-attempts, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING CIN. PITT. table with columns for ATT, YDS, LG, TD. J.Mixon 18 90 27 0, J.Burrow 5 7 8 0.

PASSING CIN. PITT. table with columns for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. J.Burrow 18 14 172 3-1, B.Roethlisberger 58 38 318 1-2.

RECEIVING CIN. PITT. table with columns for NO, YDS, LG, TD. J.Chase 4 65 34t 2, T.Boyd 4 36 17t 1.

DEFENSE Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 6-8-14, J.Bates 6-3-9, E.Apple 4-4-8, A.Davis-Gaither 5-2-7, S.Hubbard 3-3-6, G.Pratt 2-4-6, M.Hilton 3-2-5, D.Phillips 3-2-5, V.Bell 3-1-4, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, B.Hill 2-0-2, C.Sample 2-0-2, T.Hendrickson 1-1-2, D.Reader 1-1-2, C.Awuzie 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1, J.Evans 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Hubbard 1-8, B.Hill 1-5, C.Sample 1-5, T.Hendrickson 1-3. INT.-YDS.: L.Wilson 2-13. PD: L.Wilson 2, E.Apple 1, V.Bell 1. FF: V.Bell 1. FR-YDS.: None. Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Schobert 4-1-5, T.Edmunds 2-3-5, C.Heyward 1-4-5, M.Fitzpatrick 3-1-4, C.Wormley 2-2-4, T.Norwood 3-0-3, M.Ingram 2-1-3, I.Buggs 1-2-3, A.Maulet 2-0-2, C.Sutton 2-0-2, J.Haden 1-1-2, D.Tuszka 1-1-2, D.Bush 0-2-2, I.Loudermilk 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: T.Edmunds 1-15. PD: T.Edmunds 1, J.Pierre 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

Cincinnati Bengals 24, Jacksonville Jaguars 21
Thursday night, Sept. 30, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The game featured the previous two No. 1 overall picks in Cincinnati second-year QB Joe Burrow and Jacksonville rookie QB Trevor Lawrence. The Jaguars owned the first half, racking up 15 first downs and 240 total yards en route to a 14-0 halftime lead. The turning point for Cincinnati came with a minute left in the first half, when LB Logan Wilson tackled Lawrence at the one-yard line on a fourth down to prevent a halftime deficit of 21. In the second half, Burrow led a comeback that saw Cincinnati score on all four possessions (TD, TD, TD, FG). Burrow completed 17 of his 20 second-half attempts (85 percent) for 253 yards and two TDs (152.1 rating). With just over a minute left and the score tied 21-21, Burrow made what was perhaps the play of the game when he audibled into a jailbreak screen that went to TE C.J. Uzomah, who ran it for 25 yards to the Jacksonville 21-yard line. That play set up a 35-yard, game-winning FG by K Evan McPherson two plays later. At halftime of the game, the Bengals inducted four people as part of their inaugural Ring of Honor class — founder/GM/head coach Paul Brown, OT Anthony Munoz, QB Ken Anderson and CB Ben Riley. Cincinnati improved to 3-1, while Jacksonville fell to 0-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns for 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Jacksonville: 7, 7, 0, 7, —, 21. Cincinnati: 0, 0, 14, 10, —, 24.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays such as J.Robinson 6 run (M.Wright kick) 1-1:28.

Missed FGs: E.McPherson (43WL). Attendance: 63,198. Time: 2:59.

TEAM STATISTICS JAX. CIN. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions-attempts, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING JAX. CIN. table with columns for ATT, YDS, LG, TD. J.Robinson 18 78 20 2, T.Lawrence 8 36 11 1.

PASSING JAX. CIN. table with columns for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. T.Lawrence 24 17 204 0-0, J.Burrow 32 25 348 2-0.

RECEIVING JAX. CIN. table with columns for NO, YDS, LG, TD. L.Shenault 6 99 52 0, T.Boyd 9 118 33 0.

DEFENSE Jacksonville (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: T.Campbell 4-5-9, R.Jenkins 3-4-7, M.Jack 2-5-7, A.Wingard 4-2-6, D.Wilson 3-3-6, T.Herndon 5-0-5, S.Griffin 4-0-4, M.Brown 1-3-4, A.Gotsis 2-1-3, D.Hamilton 2-1-3, J.Allen 1-1-2, K.Chaisson 1-0-1, R.Ford 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: A.Gotsis 1-6. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.Allen 1, S.Griffin 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None. Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 4-6-10, G.Pratt 5-4-9, S.Hubbard 4-2-6, D.Reader 1-5-6, V.Bell 3-2-5, T.Waynes 4-0-4, E.Apple 3-0-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, A.Davis-Gaither 2-0-2, B.Wilson 1-1-2, B.Hill 0-2-2, W.Ray 0-2-2, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Wilson 1-2. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: E.Apple 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 5, GAME 5

Green Bay Packers 25, Cincinnati Bengals 22 (OT) Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The host Bengals and visiting Packers combined to miss six placekicks, including five FGs, but Packers K Mason Crosby broke the run of misses and nailed a 49-yarder late in OT to secure a Green Bay win. The Packers racked up 466 total yards, including 206 receiving yards from WR Davante Adams, but the Bengals' defense held them to just two TDs on five total trips to the red zone. Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase had a big day of his own, posting the second-most receiving yards (159) ever by a Cincinnati rookie. The highlight of the day came just before halftime, when Bengals QB Joe Burrow connected with Chase on a 70-yard TD that drew the Bengals within two points. Cincinnati tied the game with 3:27 left in the fourth quarter, but McPherson missed a potential go-ahead 57-yard FG with 26 seconds left, and then Crosby Missed from 51 yards as time expired. In OT, Crosby missed from 40 yards and McPherson from 49, before Crosby finally converted with 1:55 remaining. Green Bay improved to 4-1, while Cincinnati fell to 3-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Green Bay 0, 16, 3, 3, 3, 25. Cincinnati 7, 7, 0, 8, 0, 22.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like S.Perine 4 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick) 1-1:25, G.B. - A.Dillon 12 pass from Aa.Rodgers (kick failed, HLU) 2-11:45, etc.

Missed FGs: M.Crosby (36WL, 51WL, 40WL), E.McPherson (57RU, 49WL). Attendance: 64,195. Time: 3:22.

TEAM STATISTICS G.B. CIN. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions-attempts, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns G.B., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns G.B., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns G.B., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Green Bay (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: A.Amos 6-3-9, D.Campbell 5-4-9, D.Savage 5-1-6, K.Barnes 3-3-6, K.Clark 3-3-6, K.King 4-1-5, R.Gary 1-4-5, E.Stokes 3-1-4, P.Smith 1-3-4, C.Sullivan 2-0-2, O.Burks 1-1-2, K.Keke 0-2-2, T.Lancaster 0-2-2, D.Lowry 0-2-2, T.Slaton 0-2-2, I.Yiadom 1-0-1, H.Black 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: K.Barnes 1-8, P.Smith 1-7, D.Lowry 0.5-1, T.Slaton 0.5-1. INT.-YDS.: D.Campbell 1-13, A.Amos 1-0. PD: D.Lowry 2, A.Amos 1, D.Campbell 1, E.Stokes 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None. Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: J.Bates 8-1-9, V.Bell 8-1-9, C.Awuzie 5-1-6, L.Wilson 3-3-6, G.Pratt 4-1-5, D.Reader 2-3-5, M.Hilton 3-1-4, T.Hendrickson 2-2-4, B.Hill 1-3-4, J.Tupou 0-3-3, A.Davis-Gaither 1-1-2, E.Apple 1-0-1, T.Waynes 1-0-1, S.Hubbard 0-1-1, W.Ray 0-1-1, C.Sample 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 2-11. INT.-YDS.: C.Awuzie 1-42. PD: C.Awuzie 2, M.Hilton 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 6, GAME 6

Cincinnati Bengals 34, Detroit Lions 11 Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021 at Ford Field

The visiting Bengals cruised to a 23-point win, good for their largest margin of victory in four seasons. Rookie HB Chris Evans caught a 24-yard TD on Cincinnati's first offensive possession, but the offense struggled for much of the rest of the first half. Cincinnati's defense picked up the slack though, holding the Lions scoreless in the first two quarters while allowing just 51 total yards. Cincinnati led just 10-0 at halftime, but in the second half the offense came away with points on all four of its full possessions (three TDs and a FG). Cincinnati was effective in the air and on the ground. QB Joe Burrow tossed three TDs on the afternoon and posted a 115.7 passer rating, while HB Joe Mixon racked up 153 total yards, including a 40-yard receiving TD that featured a massive downfield block from rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase to lead him into the end zone. Cincinnati improved to 4-2, while Detroit fell to 0-6.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati 7, 3, 10, 14, -, 34. Detroit 0, 0, 0, 11, -, 11.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like C.Evans 24 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick) 1-8:26, Cin. - E.McPherson 38 field goal 2-0:00, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 50,831. Time: 2:57.

TEAM STATISTICS CIN. DET. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions-attempts, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, DET., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, DET., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, DET., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: V.Bell 5-2-7, L.Wilson 5-1-6, C.Awuzie 5-0-5, A.Davis-Gaither 5-0-5, J.Bachie 2-2-4, J.Bates 3-0-3, M.Hilton 3-0-3, D.Reader 3-0-3, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, W.Ray 1-2-3, T.Hendrickson 2-0-2, J.Davis 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, E.Apple 1-0-1, M.Bailey 1-0-1, B.Hill 1-0-1, S.Hubbard 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1, B.Wilson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-10. INT.-YDS.: L.Wilson 1-0. PD: C.Awuzie 1, J.Bachie 1, V.Bell 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1, L.Wilson 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None. Detroit (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: D.Barnes 6-2-8, J.Reeves-Maybin 6-1-7, A.Anzalone 3-4-7, J.Jacobs 5-1-6, C.Harris 4-1-5, A.Parker 3-2-5, T.Walker 3-1-4, M.Brockers 2-2-4, J.Okwara 3-0-3, T.Flowers 2-1-3, A.Bryant 2-0-2, N.Williams 2-0-2, A.McNeill 1-1-2, A.Oruwaraye 1-1-2, J.Penisis 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: A.Bryant 1-12, J.Okwara 1-10. INT.-YDS.: A.Oruwaraye 1-18. PD: D.Barnes 1, J.Jacobs 1, L.Onwuzurike 1, A.Oruwaraye 1, T.Walker 1. FF: J.Jacobs 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 7, GAME 7

Cincinnati Bengals 41, Baltimore Ravens 17
Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 at M&T Bank Stadium

The visiting Bengals broke a five-game Ravens winning streak in dominating fashion, posting their largest-ever margin of victory (24) over Baltimore and scoring their most points against the Ravens in 16 years.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 3, 10, 14, 14, —, 41. Baltimore: 0, 10, 7, 0, —, 17.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT, CIN., BALT. listing plays like E.McPherson 52 field goal, J.Tucker 45 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 70,659. Time: 3:15.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN., BALT. listing First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN., BALT. listing J.Mixon, S.Perine, J.Burrow, etc.

PASSING table with columns CIN., BALT. listing J.Burrow, T.Huntley, etc.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., BALT. listing J.Chase, T.Higgins, T.Boyd, etc.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Bates 4-3-7, L.Ogunjobi 5-1-6, L.Wilson 4-2-6, V.Bell 5-0-5, C.Awuzie 4-1-5, S.Hubbard 3-2-5, A.Davis-Gaither 2-3-5, G.Pratt 3-0-3, J.Bachie 0-3-3, M.Hilton 2-0-2, C.Sample 2-0-2, M.Bailey 1-1-2, D.Reader 1-1-2, J.Davis 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, E.Apple 1-0-1, T.Flowers 1-0-1, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1, B.Hill 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Hubbard 2.5-5.5, L.Ogunjobi 1.5-5.5, T.Hendrickson 1-7. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Awuzie 1, J.Davis 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1, S.Hubbard 1, D.Phillips 1. FF: A.Davis-Gaither. FR-YDS.: None.

Baltimore (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Averett 7-0-7, M.Humphrey 4-3-7, J.Bynes 5-1-6, T.Bowser 2-4-6, C.Campbell 2-3-5, J.Madubuike 1-3-4, T.Young 2-0-2, C.Clark 1-1-2, D.Elliott 1-1-2, J.Houston 1-1-2, P.McPhee 1-1-2, P.Queen 1-1-2, J.Ellis 0-2-2, M.Harrison 1-0-1, O.Oweh 1-0-1, J.Smith 1-0-1, B.Stephens 1-0-1, C.Board 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Bowser 0.5-3.5, C.Campbell 0.5-3.5. INT.-YDS.: M.Humphrey 1-0. PD: A.Averett 3, M.Humphrey 1, B.Williams 1, T.Young 1. FF: M.Humphrey 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 8, GAME 8

N.Y. Jets 34, Cincinnati Bengals 31
Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 at MetLife Stadium

Jets QB Mike White, an injury replacement, completed 82 percent of his passes for the second-most yards (405) ever by a QB in his first career start to lead the upset over the Bengals, who entered as double-digit favorites.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 0, 17, 7, 7, —, 31. N.Y. Jets: 7, 7, 3, 17, —, 34.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT, NYJ, CIN. listing plays like Mi.Carter 8 run, J.Mixon 1 run, J.Chase 2 pass, etc.

Missed FGs: M.Ammendola (54WL). Attendance: 67,503. Time: 3:18.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN., NYJ. listing First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN., NYJ. listing J.Mixon, J.Chase, J.Burrow, etc.

PASSING table with columns CIN., NYJ. listing J.Burrow, T.Boyd, etc.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., NYJ. listing T.Boyd, T.Higgins, J.Mixon, etc.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 10-2-12, V.Bell 5-4-9, J.Bates 6-2-8, C.Awuzie 7-0-7, G.Pratt 5-1-6, T.Hendrickson 3-3-6, S.Hubbard 3-3-6, L.Ogunjobi 3-2-5, E.Apple 3-1-4, D.Reader 3-0-3, A.Davis-Gaither 2-1-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, B.Hill 2-0-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Ogunjobi 1-5, T.Hendrickson 1-3. INT.-YDS.: J.Bates 1-65, G.Pratt 1-4. PD: S.Hubbard 2, C.Awuzie 1, J.Bates 1, G.Pratt 1. FF: V.Bell 1. FR-YDS.: V.Bell 1-0.

N.Y. Jets (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Mosley 8-2-10, M.Maye 5-0-5, M.Carter II 2-2-4, B.Hall 2-2-4, S.Rankins 2-2-4, J.Davis 3-0-3, A.Davis 2-1-3, J.Zuniga 1-2-3, Q.Williams 2-0-2, B.Echols 1-1-2, F.Fatukasi 1-1-2, J.Guidry 1-1-2, Quincy.Williams 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: Quinnen.Williams 1-12, S.Rankins 1-8, J.Zuniga 1-8. INT.-YDS.: S.Lawson 1-1. PD: S.Lawson 2, M.Carter II 1, B.Echols 1, B.Hall 1, Quinnen.Williams 1, Quincy.Williams 1. FF: J.Zuniga 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 9, GAME 9

Cleveland Browns 41, Cincinnati Bengals 16
Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals committed three turnovers, forced none, and had several key drops in the passing game as Cleveland cruised to a comfortable win at Paul Brown Stadium. The first Bengals turnover was a 99-yard pick-six by Browns CB Denzel Ward on the game's opening possession, while the other two — an INT and a fumble — happened deep in their own end and led to Browns points. The Bengals' defense, which had excelled all season at preventing long plays, gave up a 60-yard TD catch and 70-yard TD run to Cleveland. Cincinnati also entered the game ranked seventh in rush defense, but allowed 9.8 yards per carry to Browns RB Nick Chubb. Forced to play from behind most of the game, Cincinnati went pass-heavy but never could find its footing. Bengals QB Joe Burrow was sacked five times, and his longest completion was just 20 yards. Cincinnati fell to 5-4, while Cleveland improved to 5-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Rows for Cleveland and Cincinnati.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and PTS. Lists plays like D.Ward 99 interception return and J.Mixon 11 run.

Missed FGs: C.McLaughlin (45WL). Attendance: 65,451. Time: 3:07.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CLE. and CIN. Lists stats like First downs, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CLE. and CIN. Lists player stats for N.Chubb, D.Johnson, J.Landry, J.Mixon, S.Perine, J.Burrow, J.Chase, B.Allen.

PASSING table with columns CLE. and CIN. Lists player stats for B.Mayfield, J.Burrow, B.Allen.

RECEIVING table with columns CLE. and CIN. Lists player stats for J.Landry, D.Peoples-Jones, N.Chubb, H.Bryant, A.Hooper, D.Felton, D.Njoku, A.Schwartz, T.Higgins, J.Chase, J.Mixon, C.Uzomah, D.Sample, S.Perine, M.D.Thomas, T.Boyd, C.Evans.

DEFENSE table with columns CLE. and CIN. Lists player stats for A.Walker, T.Hill, G.Newsome, S.Takitaki, M.McDowell, G.Delpit, J.Johnson, E.Lee, J.Elliott, I.Odenigbo, D.Ward, M.Garrett, S.Day, R.Harrison, J.Clowney, A.Green, T.Hill, M.Garrett, A.Walker, S.Day, G.Delpit, D.Ward, J.Johnson, G.Newsome, A.Walker, G.Delpit, A.Green, J.Johnson, M.Smith.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 2-4-6, J.Bates 4-1-5, G.Pratt 4-1-5, B.Hill 2-3-5, S.Hubbard 3-1-4, V.Bell 1-3-4, E.Apple 3-0-3, M.Hilton 2-0-2, L.Ogunjobi 1-1-2, C.Awuzie 1-0-1, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1, D.Reader 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-7, S.Hubbard 1-3. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: M.Bailey 1. FF: L.Wilson 1. FR.-YDS.: None.

WEEK 11, GAME 10

Cincinnati Bengals 32, Las Vegas Raiders 13
Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021 at Allegiant Stadium

The Bengals started slow in their first-ever game in Las Vegas, but they scored 19 points in the final quarter to widen what for most of the game was a narrow lead. Cincinnati's defense forced two turnovers and held Las Vegas to just one-of-seven on third downs, while HB Joe Mixon scored two TDs — his third straight multi-TD game — and rushed for 97 yards in the second half as the Bengals wore out the Raiders late. The Raiders trimmed the Bengals' lead to three points early in the fourth quarter, but QB Joe Burrow led a 12-play, 62-yard TD drive that ate 6:39 of clock and re-extended Cincinnati's lead. Rookie K Evan McPherson made all four of his FG attempts, and tied an NFL record with three 50-plus yarders in a game (54, 53, 51). Cincinnati improved to 6-4, while Las Vegas dropped to 5-5.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Rows for Cincinnati and Las Vegas.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and PTS. Lists plays like D.Carlson 26 field goal and E.McPherson 54 field goal.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 61,712. Time: 2:51.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and L.V. Lists stats like First downs, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN. and L.V. Lists player stats for J.Mixon, T.Boyd, J.Burrow, J.Chase, S.Perine, J.Jacobs, K.Drake, H.Renfrow, D.Jackson, P.Barber, B.Edwards.

PASSING table with columns CIN. and L.V. Lists player stats for J.Burrow, D.Carr.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN. and L.V. Lists player stats for T.Boyd, J.Chase, S.Perine, T.Higgins, C.Uzomah, M.D.Thomas, C.Evans, D.Sample, S.Morgan.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Bell 5-1-6, S.Hubbard 3-2-5, L.Wilson 3-2-5, C.Awuzie 4-0-4, J.Bates 4-0-4, G.Pratt 3-1-4, E.Apple 3-0-3, D.Reader 0-3-3, T.Hendrickson 2-0-2, M.Hilton 2-0-2, L.Ogunjobi 0-2-2, M.Bailey 1-0-1, B.Hill 1-0-1, K.Kareem 0-1-1, W.Ray 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-5, S.Hubbard 1-4. INT.-YDS.: E.Apple 1-0. PD: E.Apple 1. FF: T.Hendrickson 1. FR.-YDS.: S.Hubbard 1-43. Las Vegas (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Perryman 9-3-12, J.Abram 6-6-12, C.Littleton 3-6-9, B.Facynson 3-3-6, C.Nassib 4-0-4, C.Hayward 3-1-4, N.Hobbs 3-1-4, D.Leavitt 1-3-4, Y.Ngakoue 2-1-3, M.Crosby 1-2-3, Q.Jefferson 2-0-2, S.Thomas 2-0-2, K.Wright 2-0-2, J.Hankins 1-2-2, D.Square 1-1-2, C.Ferrell 1-0-1, T.Moehrig 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Thomas 1-10, Q.Jefferson 1-8, Y.Ngakoue 1-1. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: B.Facynson 3, D.Perryman 2, T.Moehrig 1. FF: Y.Ngakoue 1. FR.-YDS.: D.Leavitt 1-30.



WEEK 12, GAME 11

Cincinnati Bengals 41, Pittsburgh Steelers 10 Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The 31-point victory margin was the Bengals' largest over the Steelers in 32 years. Bengals HB Joe Mixon rushed for a career-high 165 yards and two TDs, while QB Joe Burrow had a career-high 83.5 completion percentage. Mixon ran his streak of consecutive games with a TD to eight, including four straight with multiple TDs. Cincinnati scored on its first four possessions (three TDs, one FG), and when an INT ended that streak on the fifth drive, Bengals CB Mike Hilton — a former Steeler — returned an INT 24 yards for a TD on the first play of the following Steelers drive. Cincinnati's defense had three sacks and two INTs while holding Pittsburgh to 51 rushing yards. Bengals DE Trey Hendrickson ran his streak of consecutive games with a sack to seven, the longest in Bengals history. Cincinnati improved to 7-4, while Pittsburgh fell to 5-1-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Pittsburgh 3, 0, 0, 7, —, 10. Cincinnati 10, 21, 3, 7, —, 41.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like J.Burrow 8 run, E.McPherson 31 field goal, C.Boswell 40 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 63,238. Time: 3:02.

TEAM STATISTICS PITT. CIN. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions-attempts, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns PITT., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns PITT., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns PITT., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Schobert 8-2-10, M.Fitzpatrick 5-4-9, C.Heyward 3-5-8, T.Edmunds 5-1-6, A.Maulet 3-3-6, A.Highsmith 3-2-5, D.Bush 2-3-5, J.Pierre 3-1-4, C.Sutton 3-1-4, C.Wormley 2-2-4, T.Charlton 1-1-2, T.Watt 1-1-2, H.Mondeaux 0-2-2, D.Tuszka 0-2-2, T.Norwood 1-0-1, R.Spillane 1-0-1, A.Witherspoon 1-0-1, I.Loudermilk 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Wormley 1-12, C.Heyward 1-6. INT.-YDS.: M.Fitzpatrick 1-18. PD: M.Fitzpatrick 1, I.Loudermilk 1, A.Witherspoon 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 6-0-6, M.Bailey 3-2-5, B.Hill 3-1-4, T.Flowers 2-2-4, M.Hilton 2-2-4, V.Bell 3-0-3, D.Reader 2-1-3, E.Apple 2-0-2, T.Hendrickson 2-0-2, S.Hubbard 2-0-2, M.J.Thomas 2-0-2, J.Bachie 1-1-2, G.Pratt 1-1-2, W.Ray 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, C.Awuzie 1-0-1, L.Ogunjobi 1-0-1, D.Phillips 1-0-1, C.Sample 1-0-1, J.Davis 0-1-1, K.Kareem 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: B.Hill 1-9, S.Hubbard 1-4, T.Hendrickson 1-0. INT.-YDS.: E.Apple 1-50, M.Hilton 1-24. PD: E.Apple 1, J.Bates 1, M.Hilton 1, D.Phillips 1, M.J.Thomas 1. FF: T.Hendrickson 1. FR-YDS.: S.Hubbard 1-0.

WEEK 13, GAME 12

Los Angeles Chargers 41, Cincinnati Bengals 22 Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The visiting Chargers raced to a 24-0 lead early in the second quarter and looked to be on their way to an easy win, but Cincinnati scored twice before halftime to trim the lead to 24-13, and then got to within 24-22 midway through the third quarter. The comeback was led by Bengals QB Joe Burrow, who did not miss a play despite dislocating the pinky finger on his throwing hand in the first half. Cincinnati was down two points early in the fourth quarter and driving to take the lead when HB Joe Mixon fumbled for the first time in 328 rush attempts, resulting in a 61-yard scoop-and-score by Chargers CB Tevaughn Campbell. L.A. tacked on another TD, and then thwarted another Bengals comeback attempt by intercepting Burrow in the end zone — Cincinnati's fourth turnover of the day. Mixon ran his streak of consecutive games with a TD to nine, and DE Trey Hendrickson ran his streak of consecutive games with a sack to eight. The Chargers improved to 7-5, while the Bengals fell to 7-5.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. L.A. Chargers 16, 8, 0, 17, —, 41. Cincinnati 0, 13, 9, 0, —, 22.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like K.Allen 4 pass from J.Herbert, D.Hopkins 43 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 51,414. Time: 3:20.

TEAM STATISTICS LAC CIN. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions-attempts, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns LAC, ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns LAC, ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns LAC, NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

L.A. Chargers (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: K.White 7-3-10, D.Tranquill 6-4-10, D.James 3-4-7, N.Adderley 2-5-7, T.Campbell 4-2-6, C.Harris 4-0-4, C.Rumph 2-1-3, J.Jones 2-1-3, C.Covington 2-0-2, M.Davis 2-0-2, B.Fehoko 1-1-2, U.Nwosu 2-0-2, J.Bosa 1-0-1, N.Niemann 1-0-1, J.Tillery 1-0-1, K.Fackrell 0-1-1, J.Gaziano 0-1-1, T.Marshall 0-1-1, A.Ogbongbemiga 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: U.Nwosu 2-11, D.Tranquill 1-10, J.Jones 1-7, C.Rumph 1-5, N.Adderley 0.5-3.5, D.James 0.5-3.5. INT.-YDS.: M.Davis 1-0, C.Harris 1-0. PD: M.Davis 3, C.Harris 1, D.Tranquill 1. FF: C.Covington 1, U.Nwosu 1. FR-YDS.: T.Campbell 1-61, U.Nwosu 1-0.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Bachie 6-3-9, M.Hilton 6-3-9, G.Pratt 3-6-9, J.Bates 4-2-6, V.Bell 2-4-6, B.Hill 1-4-5, S.Hubbard 1-4-5, T.Hendrickson 1-3-4, C.Awuzie 3-0-3, L.Wilson 1-2-3, E.Apple 1-1-2, L.Ogunjobi 1-1-2, V.Hargreaves 0-2-2, C.Sample 0-2-2, J.Tupou 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Ogunjobi 1-9, T.Hendrickson 1-6, V.Bell 0.5-6, C. Sample 0.5-6, B.Hill 0.5-3, S.Hubbard 0.5-3. INT.-YDS.: C.Awuzie 1-0. PD: C.Awuzie 2, E.Apple 1, M.Hilton 1. FF: M.Hilton 1, G.Pratt 1. FR-YDS.: J.Bates 1-46, G.Pratt 1-0.

WEEK 14, GAME 13

San Francisco 49ers 26, Cincinnati Bengals 23 (OT) Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals fell behind 17-6 at halftime due to costly mistakes — two turnovers on muffed punts (49ers turned them into 10 points), a Ja'Marr Chase TD catch that was ruled a drop by replay review, and a taunting penalty after a third-down stop on defense that resulted in a 49ers TD on the next play. Cincinnati entered the fourth quarter trailing 20-6, but staged a dramatic comeback to tie at 20 and force OT. Burrow posted a 151.0 passer rating in the final period and tossed two TDs to Chase, and then San Francisco K Robbie Gould missed a potential game-winning FG from 47 yards at the end of regulation. In OT, Cincinnati's offense moved downfield quickly for a FG. On the next drive, the 49ers drove 75 yards on seven plays for a game-winning TD. Bengals DE Trey Hendrickson recorded a sack in his ninth straight game — tied for fourth-longest streak in NFL history — before leaving with a back injury. Chase's two receiving TDs gave him 10 for the season, the most-ever by a Bengals rookie. The Bengals fell to 7-6, while the 49ers improved to 7-6.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 23.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like R.Gould 33 field goal, E.McPherson 37 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: R.Gould (47WR), E.McPherson (46WL). Attendance: 50,481. Time: 3:24.

TEAM STATISTICS S.F. CIN. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns S.F., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING table with columns S.F., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING table with columns S.F., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE table with columns S.F., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

San Francisco (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Al-Shaair 8-3-11, K.Williams 5-2-7, J.Tartt 3-4-7, F.Warner 1-6-7, A.Thomas 2-4-6, T.Hufanga 4-1-5, J.Ward 3-2-5, D.Jones 2-3-5, A.Armstead 2-2-4, N.Bosa 2-1-3, J.Norman 2-1-3, S.Ebukam 0-3-3, J.Willis 0-3-3, M.Harris 1-1-2, K.Givens 1-0-1, D.Lenoir 1-0-1, C.Omenihu 1-0-1, A.Key 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: N.Bosa 2-12, K.Williams 1-14, A.Al-Shaair 1-2, S.Ebukam 0.5-4.5, A.Key 0.5-4.5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: A.Al-Shaair 1, J.Norman 1, C.Omenihu 1, J.Ward 1. FF: S.Ebukam 1. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Bell 5-5-10, J.Bates 8-1-9, G.Pratt 4-5-9, C.Awuzie 4-2-6, J.Bachie 3-1-4, B.Hill 3-1-4, L.Ogunjobi 3-1-4, D.Reader 3-0-3, E.Apple 2-1-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, C.Sample 2-1-3, S.Hubbard 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, T.Flowers 1-0-1, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-10, B.Hill 1-9, L.Ogunjobi 1-9, D.Reader 1-2, (team) 1-11. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Awuzie 2, V.Bell 2, E.Apple 1, J.Bates 1, G.Pratt 1. FF: V.Bell 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 15, GAME 14

Cincinnati Bengals 15, Denver Broncos 10 Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 at Empower Field at Mile High

The visiting Bengals started slow before rookie K Evan McPherson booted a team-record 58-yard FG as time expired in the first half to give Cincinnati a 6-3 lead at the break. The Broncos jumped ahead 10-9 with a 25-yard TD pass late in the third quarter, but it took just two plays for the Bengals to re-take the lead with a 56-yard TD pass of their own from QB Joe Burrow to WR Tyler Boyd. Denver responded by driving to Cincinnati's nine-yard line, but reserve DE Khalid Kareem stifled the Broncos' scoring opportunity by crashing into the backfield and wrestling the ball away from Denver QB Drew Lock. Cincinnati began to burn late clock time, and a 15-yard Burrow-to-Boyd completion on a third-and-10 forced Denver to spend its remaining time outs. The Broncos finally got the ball back with 1:04 to play, but the Bengals' defense capped a stellar performance by forcing a sack and three incompletions to seal the game. Cincinnati improved to 8-6 and took over sole possession of first place in the AFC North, while Denver dropped to 7-7.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati 15, Denver 10.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like E.McPherson 53 field goal, B.McManus 54 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: B.McManus (51WR). Attendance: 76,134. Time: 3:11.

TEAM STATISTICS CIN. DEN. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, DEN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING table with columns CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, DEN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, DEN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE table with columns CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, DEN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: G.Pratt 9-6-15, V.Bell 6-0-6, J.Bachie 5-1-6, J.Bates 4-1-5, D.Reader 4-1-5, B.Hill 2-3-5, M.Bailey 1-4-5, M.Hilton 4-0-4, L.Ogunjobi 1-3-4, T.Hendrickson 1-2-3, K.Kareem 2-0-2, T.Waynes 2-0-2, J.Tupou 0-2-2, E.Apple 1-0-1, T.Flowers 0-1-1, S.Hubbard 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Ogunjobi 1.5-14, T.Hendrickson 0.5-5, M.Bailey 0.5-4, G.Pratt 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: E.Apple 2, M.Bailey 1. FF: K.Kareem 1. FR-YDS.: K.Kareem 1-4.

Denver (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: B.Browning 6-4-10, J.Griffith 7-1-8, J.Cooper 4-1-5, P.Surtain 3-2-5, J.Simmons 3-1-4, B.Chubb 1-3-4, M.Purcell 2-1-3, B.Callahan 2-0-2, R.Darby 2-0-2, S.Harris 2-0-2, K.Jackson 1-1-2, N.Hairston 1-0-1, S.Weatherly 1-0-1, D.Williams 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Simmons 1.5-13, S.Harris 1-6, J.Cooper 0.5-2. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: B.Chubb 1, R.Darby 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 16, GAME 15

Cincinnati Bengals 41, Baltimore Ravens 21 Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals scored on each of their first seven drives (five TDs, two FGs) and QB Joe Burrow passed for a team-record 525 yards (fourth-most in NFL history), as the Bengals' dominated a Ravens team without double-digit players due to injuries and COVID-19.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Baltimore 7, 7, 0, 7, —, 21. Cincinnati 10, 21, 3, 7, —, 41.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like E. McPherson 30 field goal, R. Bateman 4 pass from J. Johnson, etc.

Missed FGs: E. McPherson (50WR). Attendance: 63,922. Time: 3:02.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns BALT., CIN. for metrics like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns BALT., CIN. for player stats like D. Freeman, L. Murray, etc.

PASSING table with columns BALT., CIN. for player stats like J. Johnson, J. Burrow, etc.

RECEIVING table with columns BALT., CIN. for player stats like M. Andrews, J. Proche, etc.

DEFENSE Baltimore (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: T. Jefferson 5-4-9, P. Queen 4-5-9, K. Seymour 3-4-7, etc.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: M. Bailey 4-4-8, C. Awuzie 2-5-7, M. Hilton 5-1-6, etc.

WEEK 17, GAME 16

Cincinnati Bengals 34, Kansas City Chiefs 31 Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals overcame three 14-point deficits (14-0, 21-7 and 28-14) and allowed just three second-half points to clinch the AFC North and snap the two-time defending AFC Champion's eight-game winning streak.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Kansas City 14, 14, 0, 3, —, 31. Cincinnati 7, 10, 7, 10, —, 34.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like D. Robinson 29 pass from P. Mahomes, T. Kelce 3 pass from P. Mahomes, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 64,505. Time: 3:08.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns K.C., CIN. for metrics like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns K.C., CIN. for player stats like D. Williams, D. Gore, P. Mahomes, etc.

PASSING table with columns K.C., CIN. for player stats like P. Mahomes, J. Burrow, B. Allen, etc.

RECEIVING table with columns K.C., CIN. for player stats like T. Hill, T. Kelce, B. Pringle, etc.

DEFENSE Kansas City (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A. Hitchens 4-5-9, C. Ward 6-2-8, R. Fenton 7-0-7, etc.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: C. Awuzie 10-0-10, L. Wilson 5-3-8, V. Bell 2-3-5, etc.

WEEK 18, GAME 17

Cleveland Browns 21, Cincinnati Bengals 16
Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022 at FirstEnergy Stadium

Having clinched the AFC North title the previous week and with few seeding implications on the line, Cincinnati rested nearly every starter — including QB Joe Burrow — in the regular-season finale. The Browns, who had been mathematically eliminated from the playoff race, also were without their starting QB, Baker Mayfield (shoulder). Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase entered the contest needing 12 yards to break Chad Johnson's team receiving yardage record for a season, so he played five snaps, caught two passes for 26 yards, and then promptly exited for the remainder of the afternoon. Browns QB Case Keenum led Cleveland to a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter, but a 29-yard scoop-and-score by Bengals practice squad S Trayvon Henderson drew Cincinnati close at halftime. The Bengals added a FG and TD in the second half to keep the game close, but the Browns recovered an onside kick just before the two-minute warning and drained the remaining clock to hold on for the win. Cleveland ended its season 8-9, while Cincinnati finished 10-7 and secured the No. 4 seed in the AFC playoffs.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. for Cincinnati and Cleveland.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and play descriptions.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 67,431. Time: 3:00.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and CLE. for various stats like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN. and CLE. for player stats like ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING table with columns CIN. and CLE. for player stats like ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN. and CLE. for player stats like NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: M.Bailey 7-4-11, C.Johnston 5-5-10, M.J.Thomas 4-4-8, T.Flowers 5-2-7, M.Daniels 5-0-5, K.Kareem 3-2-5, N.Spence 3-2-5, T.Waynes 3-1-4, T.Henderson 2-2-4, T.Shelvin 1-3-4, W.Ray 3-0-3, R.Allen 2-0-2, A.Calitró 2-0-2, M.Hilton 2-0-2, V.Hargreaves 1-1-2, K.Jones 0-1-1, R.Wren 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: W.Ray 1-5. INT.-YDS.: M.Hilton 1-35. PD: M.Bailey 1, M.Hilton 1, T.Waynes 1. FF: W.Ray 1. FR-YDS.: T.Henderson 1-29.

Cleveland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Phillips 7-2-9, A.Walker 3-4-7, A.Green 3-1-4, T.Togiaí 3-0-3, G.Delpit 2-1-3, G.Newsome 2-1-3, J.Elliott 1-2-3, I.Odenigbo 1-2-3, M.Stewart 1-2-3, J.Clowney 2-0-2, J.Owusu-Koramoah 1-1-2, J.Johnson 0-2-2, M.Garrett 1-0-1, M.McDowell 1-0-1, M.Wilson 1-0-1, C.Weaver 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Clowney 2-20, M.Garrett 1-7, J.Phillips 1-6. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.Phillips 2, A.Green 1, M.Stewart 1, G.Williams 1. FF: J.Clowney 1. FR-YDS.: None.

2021 SEASON

AFC WILD CARD PLAYOFF

Cincinnati Bengals 26, Las Vegas Raiders 19
Sunday, Jan. 15, 2022 at Paul Brown Stadium

In front of the largest home crowd in team history, the Bengals snapped an eight-game playoff losing streak and 31-year drought without a postseason win. The Raiders scored an opening-drive FG, but Cincinnati countered with a 75-yard TD drive and never trailed again. The Bengals lost three key defensive linemen to injuries — DT Larry Ogunjobi (foot), DE Trey Hendrickson (concussion) and DT Mike Daniels (groin) — but the defense still managed to hold the Raiders to just one TD. Las Vegas had little trouble moving the ball — QB Derek Carr passed for 310 yards and RB Josh Jacobs averaged 6.4 yards per carry — but the Raiders scored just one TD in five red-zone trips. Bengals QB Joe Burrow completed 70.4 percent of his passes, tossed two TDs and posted a 110.4 rating. Trailing by seven points late, Las Vegas staged a near comeback and drove to the Cincinnati nine-yard line with 30 seconds left. But three plays later, on fourth-and-goal from the nine, Bengals LB Germaine Pratt intercepted a pass over the middle to seal a win.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. for Las Vegas and Cincinnati.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and play descriptions for Las Vegas and Cincinnati.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 66,277. Time: 3:17.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns L.V. and CIN. for various stats like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns L.V. and CIN. for player stats like ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING table with columns L.V. and CIN. for player stats like ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING table with columns L.V. and CIN. for player stats like NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Las Vegas (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Perryman 6-3-9, D.Deablo 3-5-8, M.Crosby 3-3-6, D.Trufant 3-3-6, R.Teamer 3-2-5, N.Hobbs 2-3-5, C.Littleton 2-2-4, D.Square 2-1-3, J.Hankins 1-2-3, Q.Jefferson 1-2-3, C.Nassib 0-3-3, B.Facyoune 2-0-2, D.Leavitt 1-1-2, C.Hayward 1-0-1, T.Moehrig 1-0-1, S.Thomas 1-0-1, Y.Ngakoue 0-1-1, K.Wright 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: M.Crosby 1-11, Q.Jefferson 1-8. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Hayward 1, N.Hobbs 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 9-3-12, G.Pratt 6-3-9, E.Apple 4-2-6, C.Awuzie 3-3-6, J.Bates 2-4-6, V.Bell 4-0-4, T.Flowers 3-1-4, M.Hilton 2-2-4, S.Hubbard 2-1-3, B.Hill 1-1-2, D.Reader 0-2-2, M.Bailey 1-0-1, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-14, B.Hill 1-7, S.Hubbard 1-7. INT.-YDS.: G.Pratt 1-2. PD: J.Bates 3, M.Hilton 2, E.Apple 1, S.Hubbard 1, G.Pratt 1, L.Wilson 1. FF: T.Hendrickson 1. FR-YDS.: L.Ogunjobi 1-11.

2021 SEASON

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Cincinnati Bengals 19, Tennessee Titans 16
Sunday, Jan. 22, 2022 at Nissan Stadium

Rookie K Evan McPherson booted a 52-yard FG as time expired to give Cincinnati its first-ever road playoff win and send the No. 4 seed Bengals to their first AFC Championship game in 33 years. The game began with an INT by S Jessie Bates on the first play from scrimmage — it was the first of three INTs thrown by Titans QB Ryan Tannehill. Cincinnati reached the end zone just once, but McPherson made all five of his placekicks (four FGs, one PAT) — including two 50-plus yard FGs — in below-freezing temperatures. The Bengals' offensive line struggled in pass protection, as Burrow was sacked nine times — the most takedowns of a winning QB in NFL postseason history. Titans star RB Derrick Henry, who was playing in his first game since Halloween (foot injury), averaged just 3.1 yards on 20 carries, and the Titans converted just one third down on the afternoon. With the game tied at 16 at the two-minute warning, Tennessee began a drive for a potential game-winning FG. But CB Eli Apple batted a Tannehill pass, and LB Logan Wilson intercepted it with 20 seconds remaining. Burrow quickly hit WR Ja'Marr Chase on a 19-yard pass to set up McPherson's game-winner.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. for Cincinnati and Tennessee.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and play descriptions.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 69,242. Time: 2:59.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and TENN. for various stats like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns CIN. and TENN. for player stats.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns CIN. and TENN. for player stats.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns CIN. and TENN. for player stats.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 6-2-8, V.Bell 5-1-6, D.Reader 5-1-6, C.Awuzie 3-2-5, J.Bates 4-0-4, G.Pratt 4-0-4, B.Hill 3-0-3, E.Apple 2-1-3, S.Hubbard 2-1-3, M.Hilton 1-1-2, M.Bailey 0-2-2, T.Flowers 1-0-1, Z.Kerr 1-0-1, C.Sample 1-0-1, T.Hendrickson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: V.Bell 1-7. INT.-YDS.: M.Hilton 1-19, J.Bates 1-0, L.Wilson 1-0. PD: E.Apple 1, J.Bates 1, T.Flowers 1, M.Hilton 1, L.Wilson 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None.

Tennessee (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: Z.Cunningham 8-2-10, J.Simmons 7-1-8, D.Long 6-2-8, A.Hooker 4-3-7, K.Fulton 4-2-6, H.Landry 3-3-6, D.Cruikshank 3-1-4, K.Byard 3-0-3, D.Autry 1-2-3, B.Dupree 2-0-2, J.Brown 1-1-2, J.Jenkins 1-1-2, N.Jones 0-2-2, E.Molden 0-2-2, K.Peko 0-2-2, C.Jackson 1-0-1, B.Skrine 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Simmons 3-28, H.Landry 1.5-11.5, D.Autry 1.5-7.5, B.Dupree 1-16, D.Long 1-0, K.Peko 0.5-3.5, N.Jones 0.5-1.5. INT.-YDS.: A.Hooker 1-15. PD: A.Hooker 2, D.Autry 1, J.Jenkins 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None.

2021 SEASON

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Cincinnati Bengals 27, Kansas City Chiefs 24 (OT)
Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022 at Arrowhead Stadium

The Bengals earned their third AFC Championship and a berth in Super Bowl LVI after staging a dramatic comeback road win over the two-time defending AFC Champion Chiefs. Kansas City started fast and raced to a 21-3 lead midway through the second quarter, after putting together TD drives of 84, 75 and 72 yards on their first three possessions. But Cincinnati answered when HB Samaje Perine took a screen pass 41 yards for a score to cut the lead to 21-10. With five seconds remaining before halftime, Kansas City had the ball on Cincinnati's one-yard line but opted to try for a TD instead of a FG. The play was stopped for a loss by Bengals CB Eli Apple, and time expired as Cincinnati escaped to the locker room down only 11 points. Cincinnati's offense came to life after the break and pulled ahead midway through the fourth quarter, while the defense adjusted and held Kansas City's high-powered offense to just three points, which came on a game-tying FG at the end of regulation. Kansas City got the ball first in OT, but Bengals S Vonn Bell intercepted a deep pass from Chiefs All-Pro QB Patrick Mahomes. Bengals QB Joe Burrow then led Cincinnati to three first downs, and got into range for 22-year old rookie K Evan McPherson's second game-winning, walk-off FG in as many weeks.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. for Cincinnati and Kansas City.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and play descriptions.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 73,377. Time: 3:14.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and K.C. for various stats like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns CIN. and K.C. for player stats.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns CIN. and K.C. for player stats.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns CIN. and K.C. for player stats.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 3-7-10, C.Awuzie 5-3-8, G.Pratt 5-3-8, S.Hubbard 4-4-8, E.Apple 6-1-7, V.Bell 3-3-6, B.Hill 1-4-5, T.Hendrickson 3-1-4, J.Bates 2-2-4, M.Hilton 2-1-3, D.Reader 1-2-3, T.Flowers 1-0-1, K.Kareem 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Hubbard 2-22, T.Hendrickson 1.5-12.5, B.Hill 0.5-4.5. INT.-YDS.: V.Bell 1-5, B.Hill 1-3. PD: J.Bates 1, V.Bell 1, T.Flowers 1, M.Hilton 1, M.Hilton 1. FF: S.Hubbard 1. FR.-YDS.: None.

Kansas City (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Sneed 8-2-10, A.Hitchens 2-4-6, J.Thornhill 2-4-6, T.Mathieu 5-0-5, C.Ward 4-1-5, W.Gay 3-2-5, R.Fenton 2-3-5, J.Reed 2-3-5, N.Bolton 2-1-3, C.Jones 2-1-3, M.Danna 2-0-2, A.Okafor 0-2-2, M.Ingram 1-0-1, B.Niemann 1-0-1, F.Clark 0-1-1, D.Nnadi 0-1-1, D.Sorensen 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: M.Ingram 1-7. INT.-YDS.: L.Sneed 1-0. PD: W.Gay 2, R.Fenton 1, A.Hitchens 1, M.Ingram 1, L.Sneed 1, C.Ward 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None.

# THE BENGALS ARE:

## 2021 REGULAR SEASON

**5-4** at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)  
**5-3** on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)  
**6-1** when scoring first  
**4-6** when opponent scores first  
**3-4** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**4-5** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**6-1** when leading after one quarter  
**2-2** when tied after one quarter  
**2-4** when trailing after one quarter  
**8-1** when leading at halftime  
**0-0** when tied at halftime  
**2-6** when trailing at halftime  
**8-1** when leading after three quarters  
**1-0** when tied after three quarters  
**1-6** when trailing after three quarters  
**9-4** when scoring 20 or more points  
**4-7** when opponent scores 20 or more points

**8-7** when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
**2-0** when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
**4-2** on natural grass  
**6-5** on synthetic surface  
**4-0** when rushing for 125 or more net yards  
**3-3** when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards  
**6-7** when rushing for less than 125 net yards  
**7-5** when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards  
**5-5** when passing for 250 or more net yards  
**6-4** when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards  
**5-2** when passing for less than 250 net yards  
**4-3** when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards  
**6-2** with plus turnover differential  
**3-0** with even turnover differential  
**1-5** with minus turnover differential  
**7-4** with fewer penalties than opponent  
**7-4** with fewer penalty yards than opponent

## UNDER ZAC TAYLOR (REGULAR SEASON; 2019-PRESENT)

**10-15-0** 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  
**6-20-1** when opponent scores first  
**3-10-1** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**5-17-1** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**11-9-0** when leading after one quarter  
**2-5-1** when tied after one quarter  
**3-18-0** when trailing after one quarter  
**12-9-0** when leading at halftime  
**1-1-0** when tied at halftime  
**3-22-1** when trailing at halftime  
**13-6-1** when leading after three quarters  
**2-1-0** when tied after three quarters  
**1-25-0** when trailing after three quarters  
**15-10-1** when scoring 20 or more points  
**8-27-1** when opponent scores 20 or more points

**14-32-1** 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  
**12-19-0** on synthetic surface  
**7-6-0** 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  
**11-14-0** when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards  
**7-15-1** 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  
**8-19-1** when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards  
**10-4-1** with plus turnover differential  
**5-7-0** with even turnover differential  
**1-21-0** with minus turnover differential  
**11-19-1** with fewer penalties than opponent  
**12-19-1** with fewer penalty yards than opponent

# 2021 BEST PERFORMANCES

## REGULAR SEASON

### RUSHING YARDS

165 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh  
 127 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota  
 123 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 21 at Las Vegas

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

30 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 21 at Las Vegas  
 29 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota  
 28 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh

### LONGEST RUSHES

46 — Samaje Perine, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)  
 32 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh  
 27 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh

### RECEPTIONS

12 — Tee Higgins, Dec. 26 vs. Baltimore  
 11 — Ja'Marr Chase, Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City  
 9 — (two times)

### RECEIVING YARDS

266 — Ja'Marr Chase, Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City  
 201 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore  
 194 — Tee Higgins, Dec. 26 vs. Baltimore

### PASSING YARDS

525 — Joe Burrow, Dec. 26 vs. Baltimore  
 446 — Joe Burrow, Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City  
 416 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 24 at Baltimore

### PASS ATTEMPTS

46 — Joe Burrow, Dec. 26 vs. Baltimore  
 40 — Joe Burrow, Nov. 7 vs. Cleveland  
 40 — Joe Burrow, Dec. 5 vs. L.A. Chargers

### PASS COMPLETIONS

37 — Joe Burrow, Dec. 26 vs. Baltimore  
 30 — Joe Burrow, Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City  
 28 — Joe Burrow, Nov. 7 vs. Cleveland

### LONGEST PASSES

82 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)  
 72 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City (TD)  
 70 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay (TD)

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

266 — Ja'Marr Chase, Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City  
 201 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore  
 194 — Tee Higgins, Dec. 26 vs. Baltimore

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

44 — Brandon Wilson, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay  
 32 — Darius Phillips, Nov. 21 at Las Vegas  
 30 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

17 — Darius Phillips, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh  
 16 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh  
 15 — (four times)

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

15 — Germaine Pratt, Dec. 19 at Denver  
 14 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh  
 12 — Logan Wilson, Oct. 31 at N.Y. Jets

### SOLO TACKLES\*

10 — Logan Wilson, Oct. 31 at N.Y. Jets  
 10 — Chidobe Awuzie, Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City  
 9 — Germaine Pratt, Dec. 19 at Denver

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



# 2021-22 TRANSACTIONS

**(TRANSACTIONS FROM 7-21-20 THROUGH 6-2-21 ARE IN BENGALS' 2021 MEDIA GUIDE.)**

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| <p>June 2, 2021 — Signed WR <b>Ja'Marr Chase</b> (D1) and DE <b>Joseph Ossai</b> (D3); Placed LS <b>Dan Godsil</b> on the Reserve/Retired list.</p> <p>July 22, 2021 — Acquired C <b>Lamont Gaillard</b> on waivers from Arizona.</p> <p>July 26, 2021 — Signed DE <b>Sam Hubbard*</b> to a contract extension; Signed WR <b>Reece Horn</b> (FA).</p> <p>July 27, 2021 — Signed OT <b>Gunnar Vogel</b> (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 16, 2021 — Waived WR <b>Reece Horn</b>, WR <b>Riley Lees</b> and TE <b>Pro Wells</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 22, 2021 — Signed DE <b>Noah Spence</b> (FA); Terminated the contract of S <b>Kavon Frazier</b>; Waived DE <b>Freedom Akinmoladun</b>, QB <b>Eric Dungey</b>, C <b>Lamont Gaillard</b> and TE <b>Cheyenne O'Grady</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 23, 2021 — Waived (injured) CB <b>Donnie Lewis Jr.</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 24, 2021 — CB <b>Donnie Lewis Jr.</b> cleared waivers and reverted to Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 30, 2021 — Acquired DT <b>B.J. Hill</b> in a trade with the N.Y. Giants for C <b>Billy Price</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2021 — Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list: OT <b>Hakeem Adeniji</b> and DE <b>Wyatt Hubert</b>; Placed DE <b>Joseph Ossai</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Terminated the contracts of the following four vested veterans: DT <b>Mike Daniels</b>, TE <b>Mason Schreck</b>, DE <b>Noah Spence</b> and WR <b>Trent Taylor</b>; Waived the following 20 players: LB <b>Joe Bachie</b>, DE <b>Amani Bledsoe</b>, CB <b>Tony Brown</b>, P <b>Drue Chrisman</b>, S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b>, LB <b>Keandre Jones</b>, G <b>Michael Jordan</b>, DT <b>Kahlil McKenzie</b>, TE <b>Thaddeus Moss</b>, HB <b>Jacques Patrick</b>, CB <b>Antonio Phillips</b>, CB <b>Winston Rose</b>, K <b>Austin Seibert</b>, QB <b>Kyle Shurmur</b>, G <b>Keaton Sutherland</b>, OT <b>Gunnar Vogel</b>, WR <b>Scotty Washington</b>, HB <b>Pooka Williams Jr.</b>, HB <b>Trayveon Williams</b> and DT <b>Renell Wren</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 1, 2021 — Acquired the following two players on waivers: DE <b>Wyatt Ray</b> (from Tennessee) and CB <b>Nick McCloud</b> (from Buffalo); Terminated the contract of WR <b>Mike Thomas</b>; Waived WR <b>Trenton Irwin</b>; Signed the following 15 players to the Practice Squad: LB <b>Joe Bachie</b>, P <b>Drue Chrisman</b>, S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b>, LB <b>Keandre Jones</b>, TE <b>Thaddeus Moss</b>, HB <b>Jacques Patrick</b>, CB <b>Tony Brown</b>, CB <b>Winston Rose</b>, TE <b>Mason Schreck</b>, DE <b>Noah Spence</b>, G <b>Keaton Sutherland</b>, WR <b>Trent Taylor</b>, HB <b>Pooka Williams Jr.</b>, HB <b>Trayveon Williams</b> and DT <b>Renell Wren</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2021 — Re-signed WR <b>Mike Thomas</b>; Placed DE <b>Khalid Kareem</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2021 — Signed WR <b>Trenton Irwin</b> to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 6, 2021 — Signed DT <b>Mike Daniels</b> to the Practice Squad; Released CB <b>Winston Rose</b> from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 7, 2021 — Signed QB <b>Jake Browning</b> (FA) to the Practice Squad; Released P <b>Drue Chrisman</b> from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 14, 2021 — Waived CB <b>Donnie Lewis</b> from the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 15, 2021 — Signed WR <b>Trenton Irwin</b> off the Practice Squad; Placed S <b>Ricardo Allen</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed S <b>Sean Davis</b> (FA) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 18, 2021 — Elevated S <b>Sean Davis</b> from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Sept. 20, 2021 — S <b>Sean Davis</b> reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster; Placed G <b>Keaton Sutherland</b> (practice squad) on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Sept. 21, 2021 — Signed C <b>Lamont Gaillard</b> to the practice squad; HB <b>Jacques Patrick</b> signed off practice squad by San Francisco.</p> <p>Sept. 25, 2021 — Elevated S <b>Sean Davis</b> from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Sept. 27, 2021 — S <b>Sean Davis</b> reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Sept. 30, 2021 — Elevated S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b> to the active roster from the Practice Squad (standard elevation); Placed TE <b>Thaddeus Moss</b> on the Practice Squad/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 1, 2021 — Returned G <b>Keaton Sutherland</b> to the Practice Squad from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b> reverted</p> | <p>to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Oct. 5, 2021 — Signed P <b>Drue Chrisman</b> (FA) and S <b>Michael Thomas</b> (FA) to the Practice Squad; Released CB <b>Tony Brown</b> and S <b>Sean Davis</b> from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 6, 2021 — Announced that S <b>Ricardo Allen</b> was designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 9, 2021 — Returned S <b>Ricardo Allen</b> (designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Placed G <b>Xavier Su'a-Filo</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 11, 2021 — Placed LB <b>Jordan Evans</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed G <b>Jackson Carman</b> and HB <b>Samaje Perine</b> on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 12, 2021 — Placed CB <b>Trae Waynes</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed CB <b>Holton Hill</b> (FA) and HB <b>Elijah Holyfield</b> (FA) to the Practice Squad; Released P <b>Drue Chrisman</b> from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 13, 2021 — Announced that DE <b>Khalid Kareem</b> was designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 14, 2021 — Acquired CB <b>Tre Flowers</b> on waivers from Seattle.</p> <p>Oct. 15, 2021 — Returned G <b>Jackson Carman</b> to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 16, 2021 — Placed G <b>D'Ante Smith</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Elevated LB <b>Joe Bachie</b> to the active roster from the Practice Squad (COVID-19 elevation); Elevated HB <b>Trayveon Williams</b> to the active roster from the Practice Squad (standard elevation).</p> <p>Oct. 18, 2021 — LB <b>Joe Bachie</b> and HB <b>Trayveon Williams</b> reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Oct. 20, 2021 — Announced that OT <b>Hakeem Adeniji</b> (Reserve/Non-Football Injury list) was eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 21, 2021 — Returned HB <b>Samaje Perine</b> to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 23, 2021 — Elevated LB <b>Joe Bachie</b> from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Oct. 25, 2021 — LB <b>Joe Bachie</b> reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Oct. 26, 2021 — Signed LB <b>Joe Bachie</b> off the Practice Squad; Returned TE <b>Thaddeus Moss</b> (Practice Squad/Injured) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 30, 2021 — Returned DE <b>Khalid Kareem</b> (designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Elevated HB <b>Trayveon Williams</b> from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Nov. 1, 2021 — HB <b>Trayveon Williams</b> reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Nov. 4, 2021 — Returned OT <b>Hakeem Adeniji</b> (designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Acquired CB <b>Vernon Hargreaves III</b> on waivers from Houston; Waived DE <b>Darius Hodge</b> and CB <b>Nick McCloud</b>.</p> <p>Nov. 9, 2021 — Acquired LB <b>Clay Johnston</b> on waivers from Carolina; Placed LB <b>Markus Bailey</b> on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Placed LB <b>Akeem Davis-Gaither</b> and S <b>Brandon Wilson</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Nov. 10, 2021 — Placed CB <b>Chidobe Awuzie</b> on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 13, 2021 — Returned CB <b>Chidobe Awuzie</b> to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 15, 2021 — Signed S <b>Michael J. Thomas</b> off the Practice Squad; Placed TE <b>Mitchell Wilcox</b> on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Signed LB <b>Austin Calitro</b> (FA) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Nov. 18, 2021 — Returned LB <b>Markus Bailey</b> to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 20, 2021 — Elevated TE <b>Mason Schreck</b> from the Practice Squad to the active roster (COVID-19 replacement).</p> <p>Nov. 22, 2021 — TE <b>Mason Schreck</b> reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Nov. 25, 2021 — Returned TE <b>Mitchell Wilcox</b> to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 27, 2021 — Elevated TE <b>Thaddeus Moss</b> from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> |
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- Nov. 29, 2021 — TE **Thaddeus Moss** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.
- Dec. 4, 2021 — Signed HB **Trayveon Williams** from the Practice Squad; Placed WR **Auden Tate** on the Reserve/Injured list; Elevated G **Keaton Sutherland** and WR **Pooka Williams** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both standard elevations).
- Dec. 6, 2021 — G **Keaton Sutherland** and WR **Pooka Williams** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.
- Dec. 8, 2021 — Announced that G **D'Ante Smith** and CB **Trae Waynes** were designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.
- Dec. 11, 2021 — Elevated LB **Austin Calitro** and LB **Keandre Jones** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both standard elevations).
- Dec. 13, 2021 — Placed LB **Clay Johnston** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; LB **Austin Calitro** and LB **Keandre Jones** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.
- Dec. 14, 2021 — Placed CB **Darius Phillips** on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed P **Drue Chrisman** to the Practice Squad.
- Dec. 16, 2021 — Placed OT **Riley Reiff** on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed CB **Chidobe Awuzie** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.
- Dec. 17, 2021 — Signed CB **John Brannon** to the Practice Squad; Released P **Drue Chrisman** from the Practice Squad.
- Dec. 18, 2021 — Returned G **D'Ante Smith** and CB **Trae Waynes** (both were designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Elevated LB **Austin Calitro** and WR **Trent Taylor** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both COVID-19 replacements); Elevated LB **Keandre Jones** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).
- Dec. 20, 2021 — Re-signed P **Drue Chrisman** to the Practice Squad; Released CB **Holton Hill** from the Practice Squad; LB **Austin Calitro**, LB **Keandre Jones** and WR **Trent Taylor** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.
- Dec. 21, 2021 — Returned LB **Clay Johnston** to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Signed LB **Keandre Jones** off the Practice Squad; Placed LB **Joe Bachie** to the Reserve/Injured list; Signed LB **Tegray Scales** to the practice squad.
- Dec. 22, 2021 — Announced by NFL that HB **Pooka Williams Jr.** had been placed on the Practice Squad/Suspended by Commissioner list.
- Dec. 24, 2021 — Placed WR **Mike D. Thomas** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.
- Dec. 25, 2021 — Returned CB **Chidobe Awuzie** to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Placed DE **Wyatt Ray** and DT **D.J. Reader** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Elevated LB **Austin Calitro**, DT **Mike Daniels** and WR **Trent Taylor** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (all COVID-19 replacements); Elevated DE **Noah Spence** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).
- Dec. 27, 2021 — LB **Austin Calitro**, DT **Mike Daniels**, DE **Noah Spence** and WR **Trent Taylor** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster; Signed LB **Austin Calitro** off the Practice Squad; Placed QB **Brandon Allen** and CB **Darius Phillips** (Reserve/Injured) on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.
- Dec. 28, 2021 — Signed TE **Scotty Washington** to the Practice Squad; Placed WR **Auden Tate** (Reserve/Injured) on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.
- Dec. 29, 2021 — Returned WR **Mike D. Thomas** to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Placed LB **Germaine Pratt** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Announced that G **Xavier Su'a-Filo** was designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.
- Dec. 30, 2021 — Returned DE **Wyatt Ray** and DT **D.J. Reader** to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Signed LS **Colin Holba** to the Practice Squad.
- Dec. 31, 2021 — Placed WR **Trenton Irwin** and CB **Trae Waynes** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.
- Jan. 1, 2022 — Returned QB **Brandon Allen** and LB **Germaine Pratt** to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Placed TE **Scotty Washington** (Practice Squad) on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Elevated CB **John Brannon** and QB **Jake Browning** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both standard elevations); Elevated WR **Trent Taylor** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (COVID-19 replacement).
- Jan. 1, 2022 — LB **Tegray Scales** signed off the Practice Squad by Pittsburgh.
- Jan. 3, 2022 — Returned CB **Darius Phillips** and WR **Auden Tate** to the Reserve/Injured list from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Placed LB **Jordan Evans** (Reserve/Injured) on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; CB **John Brannon**, QB **Jake Browning** and WR **Trent Taylor** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster; The suspension for HB **Pooka Williams Jr.** (Practice Squad/Suspended by Commissioner list) was lifted.
- Jan. 4, 2022 — Placed the following five players on the Reserve/COVID-19 list: S **Vonn Bell**, LB **Akeem Davis-Gaither** (Reserve/Injured), DE **Trey Hendrickson**, C **Trey Hopkins** and G **Quinton Spain**; Signed K **Elliott Fry** (FA) to the Practice Squad; Placed TE **Mason Schreck** (Practice Squad) on the Practice Squad/Injured list.
- Jan. 5, 2022 — Placed DT **B.J. Hill** and HB **Joe Mixon** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Returned WR **Trenton Irwin** and CB **Trae Waynes** to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Returned TE **Scott Washington** to the Practice Squad from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.
- Jan. 6, 2022 — Placed DT **Larry Ogunjobi** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Placed TE **Thaddeus Moss** (Practice Squad) on the Practice Squad/Injured list; Signed TE **Chris Myarick** to the Practice Squad.
- Jan. 8, 2022 — Elevated QB **Jake Browning** and K **Elliott Fry** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both standard elevations); Elevated the following six players from the Practice Squad to the active roster (all COVID-19 replacements): DT **Mike Daniels**, S **Trayvon Henderson**, DE **Noah Spence**, G **Keaton Sutherland**, WR **Trent Taylor** and DT **Renell Wren**.
- Jan. 10, 2022 — The following eight players reverted from the active roster to the Practice Squad: QB **Jake Browning**, DT **Mike Daniels**, K **Elliott Fry**, S **Trayvon Henderson**, DE **Noah Spence**, G **Keaton Sutherland**, WR **Trent Taylor** and DT **Renell Wren**; Returned the following seven players to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list: S **Vonn Bell**, DE **Trey Hendrickson**, DT **B.J. Hill**, C **Trey Hopkins**, HB **Joe Mixon**, DT **Larry Ogunjobi** and G **Quinton Spain**; Waived LB **Austin Calitro**.
- Jan. 11, 2022 — Announced that WR **Auden Tate** was designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.
- Jan. 12, 2022 — Signed LB **Austin Calitro** to the Practice Squad; Placed K **Elliott Fry** on the Practice Squad/Injured list.
- Jan. 14, 2022 — Elevated DT **Mike Daniels** and WR **Trent Taylor** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both standard elevations).
- Jan. 16, 2022 — Returned G **Xavier Su'a-Filo** (designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Placed DT **Larry Ogunjobi** on the Reserve/Injured list; DT **Mike Daniels** and WR **Trent Taylor** reverted from the active roster to the Practice Squad.
- Jan. 18, 2022 — Waived G **Xavier Su'a-Filo**; Signed DT **Doug Costin** (FA) to the practice squad; Released P **Drue Chrisman** and LS **Colin Holba** from the practice squad.
- Jan. 19, 2022 — Signed DT **Zach Kerr** (FA) off the Arizona Practice Squad.
- Jan. 20, 2022 — Signed G **Xavier Su'a-Filo** (FA) to the Practice Squad; Placed LB **Joe Bachie** (Reserve/Injured) on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Returned LB **Akeem Davis-Gaither** and LB **Jordan Evans** to the Reserve/Injured list from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.
- Jan. 21, 2022 — Elevated WR **Trent Taylor** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).
- Jan. 23, 2022 — WR **Trent Taylor** reverted from the active roster to the Practice Squad.
- Jan. 25, 2022 — Signed DT **Damion Square** (FA) to the Practice Squad;

*(Transactions, continued)*

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Jan. 28, 2022 — Released DT **Doug Costin** from the Practice Squad.  
— Returned LB **Joe Bachie** to the Reserve/Injured list from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.

Jan. 29, 2022 — Elevated DT **Damion Square** and WR **Trent Taylor** from

the Practice Squad (both standard elevations).  
Jan. 31, 2022 — DT **Damion Square** and WR **Trent Taylor** reverted from the active rosters to the Practice Squad; Released K **Elliott Fry** from the Practice Squad/Injured list.

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

# 2021 REGULAR-SEASON 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
- RPUF** — reserve/physically unable to perform list

- RNF-I** — reserve/non-football injury list
- RNF-IL** — reserve/non-football illness list
- RSBC** — reserve/suspended by commissioner list
- RSBT** — reserve/suspended by team list
- ROO** — reserve/opt-out
- RC-19** — reserve/COVID-19 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
- +** — designated practice squad protected player
- =** — standard elevation from practice squad
- <** — COVID-19 replacement from practice squad

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Adeniji, Hakeem	9-9	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I*	RNF-I*	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG
Allen, Brandon	6-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	P	DNP	P	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	QB
Allen, Ricardo	14-1	WR	RI	RI	RI	PA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S
Apple, Eli	16-15	CB	CB	CB	CB	P	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	DNP
Awuzie, Chidobe	14-14	CB	CB	CB	IL	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	RC19	CB	DNP
Bachie, Joe	9-2	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P+<	P+>	P	P	P	P	P	P	LB	LB	RI	RI
Bailey, Markus	16-3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	LB	LB
Bates, Jessie, III	15-15	S	S	S	IL	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	DNP
Bell, Vonn	16-16	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	RC19
Boyd, Tyler	16-10	P	WR	WR	WR	WR	P	WR	WR	WR	P	P	WR	P	WR	WR	WR	DNP
Brannon, John	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	DNP=	PS
Brown, Tony	0-0	PS+	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Browning, Jake	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	IL+=
Burrow, Joe	16-16	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	IL
Calitro, Austin	5-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS+	PS+	PS	PS	P+<	P+<	P	P
Carman, Jackson	17-6	P	P	RG	RG	RG	P	RG	RG	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	LG
Chase, Ja Marr	17-17	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
Chrisman, Druce	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS
Costin, Doug	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Daniels, Mike	2-1	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P<	PS+	DT<
Davis, Jalen	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	IL
Davis, Sean	2-0	NWT	P=	P+>	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Davis-Gaither, Akeem	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RC19
Evans, Chris	14-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	HB
Evans, Jordan	5-0	P	P	P	P	P	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RC19
Flowers, Tre	11-1	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NCB
Fry, Elliott	1-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P=
Gaillard, Lamont	0-0	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Hargreaves, Vernon, III	4-1	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	NCB
Harris, Clark	17-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Henderson, Trayvon	2-0	PS	PS+	PS+	P=	PS+	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P<
Hendrickson, Trey	16-14	RDE	P	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	P	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RC19
Higgins, Tee	14-14	WR	WR	IL	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	IL
Hill, B.J.	16-2	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	2ndDT	P	2ndDT	P	P	P	RC19
Hill, Holton	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS+	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT
Hill, Trey	13-3	DNP	DNP	P	P	P	RG	P	P	P	P	P	C	P	DNP	DNP	P	C
Hilton, Mike	17-9	NCB	NCB	NCB	P	P	P	P	P	P	NCB	NCB	NCB	P	NCB	NCB	NCB	P
Hodge, Darius	4-0	P	P	P	P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Holba, Colin	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS
Holyfield, Elijah	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Hopkins, Trey	15-15	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	IL	C	C	C	RC19
Hubbard, Sam	16-16	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	DNP
Huber, Kevin	17-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hubert, Wyatt	0-0	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I
Irwin, Trenton	7-0	PS	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	DNP	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	RC19	P
Johnson, Fred	5-1	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	DNP	IL	IL	IL	DNP	IL	ROT	IL	P	P
Johnston, Clay	7-1	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P	P	RC19	P	P	LB
Jones, Keandre	5-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P=	P+>	P	P
Kareem, Khalid	7-1	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI*	RI*	P	P	P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	RDE
Kerr, Zach	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Lewis, Donnie, Jr.	0-0	RI	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
McCloud, Nick	2-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
McPherson, Evan	16-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL
Mixon, Joe	16-16	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	RC19
Morgan, Stanley	17-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	WR
Moss, Thaddeus	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	DNP=	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Myarick, Chris	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS
Ogunjobi, Larry	16-16	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	RC19
Ossai, Joseph	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Patrick, Jacques	0-0	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Perine, Samaje	16-0	P	P	P	P	RC19	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Phillips, Darius	12-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	RI	RI	RC19	P
Pratt, Germaine	15-15	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	IL	DNP
Prince, Isaiah	15-4	P	DNP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ROT	P	IL	ROT	ROT	ROT
Ray, Wyatt	15-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	RC19	LDE
Reader, D.J.	15-15	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Reiff, Riley	12-12	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	IL	ROT	RI	RI	RI	RI
Sample, Cam	14-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL
Sample, Drew	17-8	2ndTE	P	2ndTE	P	P	2ndTE	P	P	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE	P	2ndTE	P	P	P	TE
Scales, Tegray	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Schreck, Mason	1-0	PS+	PS+	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS+	PS	PS+	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Shelvin, Tyler	3-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P
Smith, D'Ante	3-1	IL	P	DNP	DNP	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI*	P	DNP	IL
Spain, Quinton	16-16	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	RC19
Spence, Noah	2-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS+	P+<
Square, Damien	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Su'a-Filo, Xavier	2-2	RG	IL	IL	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI*	RI*
Sutherland, Keaton	1-0	PS+	PS+	RC19	RC19	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	DNP+=	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS	P+<
Tate, Auden	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	RI	RI	RI	RC19	RI
Taylor, Trent	4-0	PS	PS	PS	PS+	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P+<	P+<	P+<	P+<
Thomas, Michael J.	8-1	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S
Thomas, Mike D.	12-1	P	P	WR	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	RC19	P	P
Tupou, Josh	17-9	P	2ndDT	P	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT	P	P	P	P	P	P	NT
Uzomah, C.J.	16-16	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	DNP
Washington, Scotty	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	RC19
Waynes, Trae	5-4	IL	IL	CB	CB	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI*	CB	P	RC19	CB
Wilcox, Mitchell	15-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	RC19	IL	P	P	P	P	P	2ndTE
Williams, Jonah	16-16	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	DNP
Williams, Pooka, Jr.	1-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P+>	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS
Williams, Trayvon	5-0	PS	PS	PS+	PS+	PS+	P+>	P+>	P+>	P+>	P+>	P+>	P+>	P+	IL	IL	IL	P
Wilson, Brandon	9-1	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Wilson, Logan	13-13	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	IL
Wren, Renell	1-0	PS+	PS+	PS	PS+	PS	PS	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS+	PS	PS	PS	P+<

# 2021 POSTSEASON 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

- RNF** — reserve/non-football injury list
- RNF-I** — reserve/non-football illness list
- RSBC** — reserve/suspended by commissioner list
- RSBT** — reserve/suspended by team list
- ROO** — reserve/opt-out
- RC-19** — reserve/COVID-19 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
- +** — designated practice squad protected player
- =** — standard elevation from practice squad
- <** — COVID-19 replacement from practice squad

NAME	Cin. G-S	WC L.V.	DIV. @Tenn.	AFCC @K.C.	SB LVI LARams
Adeniji, Hakeem	3-3	RG	RG	RG	
Allen, Brandon	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Allen, Ricardo	3-0	P	P	P	
Apple, Eli	3-3	CB	CB	CB	
Awuzie, Chidobe	3-3	CB	CB	CB	
Bachie, Joe	0-0	RI	RC19	RI	
Bailey, Markus	3-0	P	P	P	
Bates, Jessie, III	3-3	S	S	S	
Bell, Vonn	3-3	S	S	S	
Boyd, Tyler	3-2	WR	WR	P	
Brannon, John	0-0	PS	PS	PS	
Brown, Tony	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	
Browning, Jake	0-0	PS	PS	PS	
Burrow, Joe	3-3	QB	QB	QB	
Calitro, Austin	0-0	PS	PS	PS	
Carman, Jackson	3-0	P	P	P	
Chase, Ja Marr	3-3	WR	WR	WR	
Chrisman, Drue	0-0	PS	NWT	NWT	
Costin, Doug	0-0	NWT	PS	NWT	
Daniels, Mike	1-0	P+	PS	PS	
Davis, Jalen	0-0	IL	DNP	DNP	
Davis, Sean	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	
Davis-Gaither, Akeem	0-0	RC19	RI	RI	
Evans, Chris	3-0	P	P	P	
Evans, Jordan	0-0	RC19	RI	RI	
Flowers, Tre	3-0	P	P	P	
Fry, Elliott	0-0	PSI	PSI	PSI	
Gaillard, Lamont	0-0	PS	PS	PS	
Hargreaves, Vernon, III	1-0	P	IL	IL	
Harris, Clark	3-0	P	P	P	
Henderson, Trayvon	0-0	PS+	PS+	PS+	
Hendrickson, Trey	3-3	RDE	RDE	RDE	
Higgins, Tee	3-2	P	WR	WR	
Hill, B. J.	3-2	P	DT	DT	
Hill, Holton	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	
Hill, Trey	3-0	P	P	P	
Hilton, Mike	3-2	NCB	P	NCB	
Hodge, Darius	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	
Holba, Colin	0-0	PS	NWT	NWT	
Holyfield, Elijah	0-0	PS	PS	PS	
Hopkins, Trey	3-3	C	C	C	
Hubbard, Sam	3-3	LDE	LDE	LDE	
Huber, Kevin	3-0	P	P	P	
Hubert, Wyatt	0-0	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	
Irwin, Trenton	0-0	IL	IL	IL	
Johnson, Fred	0-0	IL	IL	IL	
Johnston, Clay	3-0	P	P	P	
Jones, Keandre	3-0	P	P	P	
Kareem, Khalid	3-0	P	P	P	
Kerr, Zach	2-0	NWT	P	P	
Lewis, Donnie, Jr.	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	
McCloud, Nick	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	
McPherson, Evan	3-0	P	P	P	
Mixon, Joe	3-3	HB	HB	HB	
Morgan, Stanley	0-0	IL	IL	IL	
Moss, Thaddeus	0-0	PSI	PSI	PSI	
Myarick, Chris	0-0	PS	PS	PS	
Ogunjobi, Larry	1-1	DT	RI	RI	
Ossai, Joseph	0-0	RI	RI	RI	
Patrick, Jacques	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	
Perine, Samaje	3-0	P	P	P	
Phillips, Darius	0-0	RI	RI	RI	
Pratt, Germaine	3-3	LB	LB	LB	
Prince, Isaiah	3-3	ROT	ROT	ROT	
Ray, Wyatt	1-0	IL	IL	P	
Reader, D. J.	3-3	NT	NT	NT	
Reiff, Riley	0-0	RI	RI	RI	
Sample, Cam	2-0	P	P	IL	
Sample, Drew	3-2	2ndTE	P	2ndTE	
Scales, Tegray	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	
Schreck, Mason	0-0	PSI	PSI	PSI	
Shelvin, Tyler	2-0	IL	P	P	
Smith, D'Ante	1-0	DNP	DNP	P	
Spain, Quinton	3-3	LG	LG	LG	
Spence, Noah	0-0	PS	PS	PS	
Square, Damion	1-0	NWT	NWT	P+=	
Su'a-Filo, Xavier	0-0	RI*	PS	PS	
Sutherland, Keaton	0-0	PS+	PS+	PS+	
Tate, Auden	0-0	RI*	RI*	RI*	
Taylor, Trent	3-0	P+=	P+=	P+=	
Thomas, Michael J.	3-0	P	P	P	
Thomas, Mike D.	3-0	P	P	P	
Tupou, Josh	1-1	IL	2ndDT	IL	
Uzomah, C. J.	3-3	TE	TE	TE	
Washington, Scotty	0-0	PS	PS	PS	
Waynes, Trae	3-0	P	P	P	
Wilcox, Mitchell	3-0	P	P	P	
Williams, Jonah	3-3	LOT	LOT	LOT	
Williams, Pooka, Jr.	0-0	PS	PS	PS	
Williams, Trayveon	0-0	DNP	IL	IL	
Wilson, Brandon	0-0	RI	RI	RI	
Wilson, Logan	3-3	LB	LB	LB	
Wren, Renell	0-0	PS	PS+	PS	

# 2021 STARTING LINEUPS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Su'a-Filo	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 19	at Chicago	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Su'a-Filo	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Thomas	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 17	at Detroit	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	T.Hill	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Nov. 14	—BYE—											
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	T.Hill	Adeniji	Prince	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Dec. 19	at Denver	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Johnson	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Prince	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Prince	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Jan. 9	at Cleveland	Chase	Smith	Carman	T.Hill	Adeniji	Prince	Sample	Wilcox(2ndTE)	Morgan	B.Allen	Evans
Jan. 15	LAS VEGAS	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Prince	Uzomah	Boyd	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Burrow	Mixon
Jan. 22	at Tennessee	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Prince	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Jan. 30	at Kansas City	Chase	J.Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Adeniji	Prince	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	LB	LB	NCB	CB	CB	S	S
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Sept. 19	at Chicago	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Tupou(2ndDT)	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Waynes	Apple	Bell	Wilson
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Waynes	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Oct. 17	at Detroit	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Nov. 14	—BYE—											
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	B.Hill(2nd DT)	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Bachie	Pratt	B.Hill(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Dec. 19	at Denver	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Bachie	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Waynes	Bell	Bates
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE	Hubbard	Tupou	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Bailey	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Bailey	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Jan. 9	at Cleveland	Ray	Tupou	Daniels	Kareem	Johnston	Bailey	Hargreaves	Waynes	Flowers	R.Allen	M.J.Thomas
Jan. 15	LAS VEGAS	Hubbard	Reader	Ogunjobi	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Jan. 22	at Tennessee	Hubbard	Reader	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Jan. 30	at Kansas City	Hubbard	Reader	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates

# DEPTH CHART

FEB. 2, 2022

## OFFENSE

<b>WR</b>	1	<u>Ja'Marr Chase</u>	16	Trenton Irwin	
<b>LOT</b>	73	Jonah Williams	70	<u>D'Ante Smith</u>	
<b>LG</b>	67	Quinton Spain	79	<u>Jackson Carman</u>	
<b>C</b>	66	Trey Hopkins	63	<u>Trey Hill</u>	
<b>RG</b>	77	Hakeem Adeniji	79	<u>Jackson Carman</u>	
<b>ROT</b>	75	Isaiah Prince	74	Fred Johnson	
<b>TE</b>	87	C.J. Uzomah	89	Drew Sample	84 Mitchell Wilcox
<b>WR</b>	83	Tyler Boyd	17	Stanley Morgan	
<b>WR</b>	85	Tee Higgins	80	Mike D. Thomas	
<b>QB</b>	9	Joe Burrow	8	Brandon Allen	
<b>HB</b>	28	Joe Mixon	34	Samaje Perine	25 <u>Chris Evans</u> 32 <u>Trayveon Williams</u>

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	94	Sam Hubbard	96	<u>Cam Sample</u>	93 Wyatt Ray
<b>NT</b>	98	D.J. Reader	68	Josh Tupou	
<b>DT</b>	92	B.J. Hill	99	<u>Tyler Shelvin</u>	69 Zach Kerr
<b>RDE</b>	91	Trey Hendrickson	90	Khalid Kareem	
<b>LB</b>	55	Logan Wilson	44	Clay Johnston	47 Keandre Jones
<b>LB</b>	57	Germaine Pratt	51	Markus Bailey	
<b>NCB</b>	21	Mike Hilton	35	Jalen Davis	
<b>CB</b>	20	Eli Apple	33	Tre Flowers	
<b>CB</b>	22	Chidobe Awuzie	26	Trae Waynes	29 Vernon Hargreaves III
<b>S</b>	24	Vonn Bell	31	Michael J. Thomas	
<b>S</b>	30	Jessie Bates III	37	Ricardo Allen	

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	10	Kevin Huber			
<b>K</b>	2	<u>Evan McPherson</u>			
<b>LS</b>	46	Clark Harris			
<b>H</b>	10	Kevin Huber			
<b>PR</b>	83	Tyler Boyd	16	Trenton Irwin	
<b>KOR</b>	25	Chris Evans	32	Trayveon Williams	

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<p><b>Hakeem Adeniji</b> ..... hah-KEEM uh-DENN-ih-gee</p> <p>Lou <b>Anarumo</b> (Defensive Coordinator)..... ann-ah-ROO-mo</p> <p><b>Chidobe Awuzie</b> ..... CHIH-doe-bay ah-WOOZ-yay</p> <p>Joe <b>Bachie</b> (Reserve/Injured) ..... BAH-chee</p> <p>Joey <b>Boese</b> (Strength and Conditioning Coach)..... bo-ZAY</p> <p>Louie <b>Cioffi</b> (Defensive Quality Control Coach)..... CHO-fee</p> <p><b>Akeem Davis-Gaither</b> (Reserve/Injured)..... AH-keem DAY-viss-GAY-thur</p> <p>Vernon <b>Hargreaves III</b> ..... HAR-graves</p> <p><b>Trayvon</b> Henderson (Practice Squad) ..... TRAY-vahn</p> <p><b>Keandre</b> Jones ..... kee-AHN-dray</p> <p><b>Khalid Kareem</b> ..... KAH-lid kuh-REEM</p> <p><b>Evan McPherson</b> ..... mick-FEAR-son</p> <p><b>Thaddeus Moss</b> (Practice Squad/Injured) ..... THA-dee-us</p>	<p>Larry <b>Ogunjobi</b> (Reserve/Injured) ..... O-gunn-JO-bee</p> <p>Joseph <b>Ossai</b> (Reserve/Injured)..... o-SIGH</p> <p><b>Samaje Perine</b> ..... suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine</p> <p>Riley <b>Reiff</b> (Reserve/Injured) ..... REEF</p> <p><b>D'Ante Smith</b> ..... dee-AHN-tay</p> <p><b>Xavier Su'a-Filo</b> (Practice Squad) ..... ZAY-vyer SOO-uh-FEE-lo</p> <p>Josh <b>Tupou</b> ..... TEW-po</p> <p>C.J. <b>Uzomah</b> ..... yew-ZAH-mah</p> <p><b>Trae Waynes</b> ..... TRAY</p> <p><b>Pooka Williams Jr.</b> (Practice Squad)..... POO-kah</p> <p><b>Trayveon Williams</b> ..... TRAY-vee-ahn</p> <p><b>Renell Wren</b> (Practice Squad) ..... reh-NELL RENN</p>
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# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

**FEB. 2, 2022**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
77	Adeniji, Hakeem.....	G	6-4	302	12-8-97	2	Kansas	Garland, Texas.....	D6'20
8	Allen, Brandon.....	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	5	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.....	FA'20
37	Allen, Ricardo.....	S	5-9	186	12-18-91	7	Purdue	Daytona Beach, Fla.....	FA'21
20	Apple, Eli.....	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	6	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.....	FA'21
22	Awuzie, Chidobe.....	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	5	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.....	UFA(Dall.)'21
51	Bailey, Markus.....	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	2	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio.....	D7'20
30	Bates, Jessie, III.....	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	4	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	D2'18
24	Bell, Vonn.....	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	6	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.....	UFA(N.O.)'20
83	Boyd, Tyler.....	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	6	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.....	D2'16
9	Burrow, Joe.....	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	2	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio.....	D1'20
79	Carman, Jackson.....	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	R	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio.....	D2'21
1	Chase, Ja'Marr.....	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	R	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.....	D1'21
35	Davis, Jalen.....	CB	5-10	185	2-2-96	2	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.....	FA'20
25	Evans, Chris.....	HB	5-11	211	10-5-97	R	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.....	D6b'21
33	Flowers, Tre.....	CB	6-3	203	6-2-95	4	Oklahoma State	Converse, Texas.....	W(Sea.)'21
29	Hargreaves, Vernon, III.....	CB	5-10	204	6-3-95	6	Florida	Tampa, Fla.....	W(Hou.)'21
46	Harris, Clark.....	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	13	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.....	FA'09
91	Hendrickson, Trey.....	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	5	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.....	UFA(N.O.)'21
85	Higgins, Tee.....	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	2	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.....	D2'20
92	Hill, B.J.....	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	4	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.....	T(NYG)'21
63	Hill, Trey.....	C	6-4	319	1-23-00	R	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.....	D6a'21
21	Hilton, Mike.....	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	5	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.....	UFA(Pitt.)'21
66	Hopkins, Trey.....	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	6	Texas	Houston, Texas.....	CFA'14
94	Hubbard, Sam.....	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	4	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin.....	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	13	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	D5'09
16	Irwin, Trenton.....	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.....	FA'19
74	Johnson, Fred.....	OT	6-6	325	6-5-97	3	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.....	W(Pitt.)'19
44	Johnston, Clay.....	LB	6-1	232	8-8-96	2	Baylor	Abilene, Texas.....	W(Car.)'21
47	Jones, Keandre.....	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	1	Maryland	Olney, Md.....	FA'20
90	Kareem, Khalid.....	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	2	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.....	D5'20
69	Kerr, Zach.....	DT	6-2	334	8-29-90	8	Delaware	Gaithersburg, Md.....	FA'21
2	McPherson, Evan.....	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	R	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.....	D5'21
28	Mixon, Joe.....	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	5	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.....	D2'17
17	Morgan, Stanley.....	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.....	CFA'19
34	Perine, Samaje.....	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	5	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas.....	W(Mia.)'20
57	Pratt, Germaine.....	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	3	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.....	D3'19
75	Prince, Isiah.....	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.....	W(Mia.)'19
93	Ray, Wyatt.....	DE	6-3	255	10-24-96	2	Boston College	Boca Raton, Fla.....	W(Tenn.)'21
98	Reader, D.J.....	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	6	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.....	UFA(Hou.)'20
96	Sample, Cam.....	DE	6-3	267	9-20-99	R	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.....	D4a'21
89	Sample, Drew.....	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	3	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.....	D2'19
99	Shelvin, Tyler.....	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	R	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.....	D4b'21
70	Smith, D'Ante.....	OT	6-5	305	6-9-98	R	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.....	D4c'21
67	Spain, Quinton.....	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.....	FA'20
31	Thomas, Michael J.....	S	5-11	195	3-17-90	8	Stanford	Houston, Texas.....	FA'21
80	Thomas, Mike D.....	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	6	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.....	UFA(LARams)'20
68	Tupou, Josh.....	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.....	CFA'17
87	Uzomah, C.J.....	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	7	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.....	D5'15
26	Waynes, Trae.....	CB	6-0	190	7-25-92	7	Michigan State	Kenosha, Wis.....	UFA(Minn.)'20
84	Wilcox, Mitchell.....	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	1	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.....	CFA'20
73	Williams, Jonah.....	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	3	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.....	D1'19
32	Williams, Trayveon.....	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas.....	D6a'19
55	Wilson, Logan.....	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	2	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming.....	D3'20

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date signed to PS)**

39	Brannon, John (12-17-21).....	CB	6-2	195	3-10-98	2	Western Carolina	Charlotte, N.C.....	FA'21
6	Browning, Jake (9-7-21).....	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.....	FA'21
48	Calitro, Austin (1-12-22).....	LB	6-0	240	1-10-94	4	Villanova	Orlando, Fla.....	FA'21
76	Daniels, Mike (9-6-21).....	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	10	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.....	FA'20
61	Gaillard, Lamont (9-21-21).....	C	6-3	305	2-8-96	3	Georgia	Fayetteville, N.C.....	FA'21
41	Henderson, Trayvon (9-1-21).....	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.....	CFA'18
36	Holyfield, Elijah (10-12-21).....	HB	5-10	215	11-30-97	2	Georgia	College Park, Ga.....	FA'21
43	Myarick, Chris (1-6-22).....	TE	6-5	255	10-6-95	2	Temple	Elkins Park, Pa.....	FA'21
52	Spence, Noah (9-1-21).....	DE	6-2	251	1-8-94	5	Eastern Kentucky	Harrisburg, Pa.....	FA'21
62	Square, Damion (1-25-22).....	DT	6-2	293	2-6-89	9	Alabama	Houston, Texas.....	FA'21
72	Su'a-Filo, Xavier (1-20-22).....	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	8	UCLA	American Fork, Utah.....	UFA(Dall.)'20
64	Sutherland, Keaton (9-2-21).....	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	3	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas.....	FA'20
11	Taylor, Trent (9-1-21).....	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.....	FA'21
82	Washington, Scotty (12-28-21).....	TE	6-5	247	7-26-97	1	Wake Forest	Washington, D.C.....	FA'21
12	Williams, Pooka, Jr. (9-1-21).....	WR	5-9	175	6-19-99	R	Kansas	New Orleans, La.....	CFA'21
95	Wren, Renell (9-1-21).....	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	3	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.....	D4b'19

**PRACTICE SQUAD/INJURED (date signed to PSI; injury)**

81	Moss, Thaddeus (1-6-22; hamstring).....	TE	6-3	249	5-14-98	2	Louisiana State	Charlotte, N.C.....	W(Wash.)'21
86	Schreck, Mason (1-4-22; ankle).....	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio.....	D7'17

**RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY (date assigned to RNFI; injury)**

56	Hubert, Wyatt (8-31-21; pectoral).....	DE	6-3	258	6-13-98	R	Kansas State	Topeka, Kan.....	D7'21
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**RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned to RI; injury)**

49	Bachie, Joe (12-21-21; knee).....	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	2	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio.....	W(Phil.)'21
59	Davis-Gaither, Akeem (11-9-21; foot).....	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.....	D4'20
50	Evans, Jordan (10-11-21; knee).....	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	5	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.....	D6a'17
65	Ogunjobi, Larry (1-17-22; foot).....	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.....	UFA(Cle.)'21
58	Ossai, Joseph (8-31-21; knee).....	DE	6-4	256	4-12-00	R	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria).....	D3'21
23	Phillips, Darius (12-14-21; shoulder).....	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.....	D5c'18
71	Reiff, Riley (12-16-21; ankle).....	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.....	FA'21
19	= Tate, Auden (12-4-21; calf).....	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.....	D7c'18
40	Wilson, Brandon (11-9-21; knee).....	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.....	D6b'17

**COACHING STAFF: HEAD COACH:** Zac Taylor. **ASSISTANT COACHES:** Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator), Colt Anderson (assistant special teams), Joey Boese (strength and conditioning), Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator), James Casey (tight ends), Louie Cioffi (defensive quality control), Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant), Al Golden (linebackers), Justin Hill (running backs), Marion Hobby (defensive line), Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning), Steve Jackson (secondary/cornerbacks), Jordan Kovacs (defensive quality control), Brad Kraighthorpe (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).

**NOTE:** An equals sign (=) indicates a player on a reserve list who is eligible to practice and return to the active roster.

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67	Quinton Spain	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.	FA'20
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70	D'Ante Smith	OT	6-5	305	6-9-98	R	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
73	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	3	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
74	Fred Johnson	OT	6-6	325	6-5-97	3	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
75	Isaiah Prince	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
77	Hakeem Adeniji	G	6-4	302	12-8-97	2	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
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89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	3	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
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94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	4	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
96	Cam Sample	DE	6-3	267	9-20-99	R	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
98	D.J. Reader	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	6	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
99	Tyler Shelvin	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	R	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date signed to PS)**

6	Jake Browning (9-7-21)	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	FA'21
11	Trent Taylor (9-1-21)	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA'21
12	Pooka Williams Jr. (9-1-21)	WR	5-9	175	6-19-99	R	Kansas	New Orleans, La.	CFA'21
36	Elijah Holyfield (10-12-21)	HB	5-10	215	11-30-97	2	Georgia	College Park, Ga.	FA'21
39	John Brannon (12-17-21)	CB	6-2	195	3-10-98	2	Western Carolina	Charlotte, N.C.	FA'21
41	Trayvon Henderson (9-1-21)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
43	Chris Myarick (1-6-22)	TE	6-5	255	10-6-95	2	Temple	Elkins Park, Pa.	FA'21
48	Austin Calitro (1-12-22)	LB	6-0	240	1-10-94	4	Villanova	Orlando, Fla.	FA'21
52	Noah Spence (9-1-21)	DE	6-2	251	1-8-94	5	Eastern Kentucky	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'21
61	Lamont Gaillard (9-21-21)	C	6-3	305	2-8-96	3	Georgia	Fayetteville, N.C.	FA'21
62	Damion Square (1-25-22)	DT	6-2	293	2-6-89	9	Alabama	Houston, Texas	FA'21
64	Keaton Sutherland (9-1-21)	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	3	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	FA'20
72	Xavier Su'a-Filo (1-20-22)	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	8	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20
76	Mike Daniels (9-6-21)	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	10	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.	FA'20
82	Scotty Washington (12-28-21)	TE	6-5	247	7-26-97	1	Wake Forest	Washington, D.C.	FA'21
95	Renell Wren (9-1-21)	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	3	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19

**PRACTICE SQUAD/INJURED (date signed to PSI; injury)**

81	Thaddeus Moss (1-6-22; hamstring)	TE	6-3	249	5-14-98	2	Louisiana State	Charlotte, N.C.	W(Wash.)'21
86	Mason Schreck (1-4-22; ankle)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17

**RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY (date assigned to RNFI; injury)**

56	Wyatt Hubert (8-31-21; pectoral)	DE	6-3	258	6-13-98	R	Kansas State	Topeka, Kan.	D7'21
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**RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned to RI; injury)**

19	= Auden Tate (12-4-21; calf)	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
23	Darius Phillips (12-14-21; shoulder)	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
40	Brandon Wilson (11-9-21; knee)	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
49	Joe Bachtie (12-21-21; knee)	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	2	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
50	Jordan Evans (10-11-21; knee)	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	5	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
58	Joseph Ossai (8-31-21; knee)	DE	6-4	256	4-12-00	R	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
59	Akeem Davis-Gaither (11-9-21; foot)	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
65	Larry Ogunjobi (1-17-22; foot)	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Cle.)'21
71	Riley Reiff (12-16-21; ankle)	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.	FA'21

**COACHING STAFF: HEAD COACH:** Zac Taylor. **ASSISTANT COACHES:** Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator), Colt Anderson (assistant special teams), Joey Boese (strength and conditioning), Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator), James Casey (tight ends), Louie Cioffi (defensive quality control), Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant), Al Golden (linebackers), Justin Hill (running backs), Marion Hobby (defensive line), Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning), Steve Jackson (secondary/cornerbacks), Jordan Kovacs (defensive quality control), Brad Kraighthorpe (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).

**NOTE:** An equals sign (=) indicates a player on a reserve list who is eligible to practice and return to the active roster.

# 2021 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. 12	MINNESOTA	366	36-149	217	20-27	2/0	5-44	20	3-14	0-0	34:51
Sept. 19	at Chicago	248	20-69	179	19-30	2/3	5-28	14	6-13	1-1	28:39
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh	268	24-96	172	14-18	3/1	0-0	12	3-9	0-0	24:38
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE	420	22-78	342	25-32	2/0	1-6	21	5-9	0-0	31:15
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY	367	24-103	264	26-38	2/2	3-17	18	5-14	0-0	34:06
Oct. 17	at Detroit	398	36-142	256	20-30	4/1	2-22	20	8-15	1-0	35:52
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	520	24-111	409	23-38	3/1	1-7	19	4-13	1-0	28:11
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	318	16-41	277	22-35	3/1	3-28	18	4-10	1-0	23:40
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND	348	23-85	263	29-42	0/2	5-25	25	3-11	4-1	35:22
Nov. 14	—BYE—										
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas	288	38-159	129	20-29	1/0	3-19	23	8-16	3-1	37:20
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH	370	38-198	172	20-25	1/1	2-18	25	5-11	0-0	35:20
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS	356	25-96	260	24-40	1/2	6-40	21	6-12	2-2	31:14
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO	397	26-86	311	25-34	2/0	5-37	22	4-13	4-2	34:17
Dec. 19	at Denver	249	26-113	136	15-22	1/0	3-21	12	4-13	0-0	27:19
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE	575	21-77	498	37-46	4/0	3-27	33	5-10	0-0	37:03
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY	475	19-60	415	30-40	4/0	4-31	23	4-10	0-0	29:06
Jan. 9	at Cleveland	182	18-79	103	15-29	1/0	4-33	11	5-14	1-0	26:21
<b>2021 REG. SEASON TOTALS</b>		<b>6145</b>	<b>436-1742</b>	<b>4403</b>	<b>384-555</b>	<b>36/14</b>	<b>55-403</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>82-207</b>	<b>18-7</b>	<b>30:39</b>
Jan. 15	LAS VEGAS	308	25-83	225	24-34	2/0	2-19	18	5-12	0-0	31:51
Jan. 22	at Tennessee	345	18-65	280	28-37	0/1	9-68	17	7-15	0-0	33:25
Jan. 30	at Kansas City	359	27-116	243	23-38	2/1	1-7	21	8-14	0-0	35:56
<b>2021 POSTSEASON TOTALS</b>		<b>1012</b>	<b>70-264</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>75-109</b>	<b>4/2</b>	<b>12-94</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>20-41</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>32:43</b>

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	403	22-67	336	37-50	2/0	3-26	24	6-16	1-1	35:09
Sept. 19	at Chicago	206	34-123	83	15-24	1/1	3-33	16	6-15	1-0	31:21
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh	342	15-45	297	38-58	1/2	4-21	21	9-19	1-0	35:22
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE	341	30-139	202	17-24	0/0	1-2	21	6-12	1-0	28:45
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY	466	22-133	333	27-39	2/1	2-11	21	4-11	0-0	33:59
Oct. 17	at Detroit	228	18-36	192	28-42	0/1	1-10	15	5-14	0-0	24:08
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	393	24-115	278	20-42	1/0	5-18	20	5-16	1-0	31:49
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	511	27-97	414	39-49	3/2	2-8	32	6-11	1-1	36:20
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND	361	23-153	208	14-21	2/0	2-10	14	3-9	2-0	24:38
Nov. 14	—BYE—										
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas	278	18-72	206	19-27	1/1	2-9	13	1-7	2-1	22:40
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH	301	15-51	250	24-41	1/2	3-13	16	7-13	2-1	24:40
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS	363	22-79	284	26-35	3/1	4-33	18	4-13	2-2	28:46
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO	355	23-100	25	27-41	2/0	5-41	21	5-15	2-0	33:50
Dec. 19	at Denver	292	34-133	159	18-34	1/0	3-27	19	7-16	1-1	32:41
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE	334	16-39	295	28-40	2/1	1-9	21	6-11	2-0	22:57
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY	414	23-155	259	26-35	2/0	0-0	23	6-11	0-0	30:54
Jan. 9	at Cleveland	376	41-205	171	17-24	2/1	1-5	24	6-12	2-1	33:39
<b>2021 REG. SEASON TOTALS</b>		<b>5964</b>	<b>407-1742</b>	<b>4222</b>	<b>420-626</b>	<b>26/13</b>	<b>42-276</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>92-221</b>	<b>21-8</b>	<b>29:21</b>
Jan. 15	LAS VEGAS	385	14-103	282	29-54	1/1	3-28	23	8-18	2-1	28:09
Jan. 22	at Tennessee	353	27-140	213	15-24	1/3	1-7	16	1-8	0-0	26:35
Jan. 30	at Kansas City	375	24-139	236	26-39	3/2	4-39	24	6-12	2-0	29:42
<b>2021 POSTSEASON TOTALS</b>		<b>1113</b>	<b>65-382</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>70-117</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>8-74</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>15-38</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>27:17</b>





# 2021 POSTSEASON STATISTICS

## POSTSEASON RECORD: 3-0

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
1-15-22*	W	26-19	LAS VEGAS	66,277
1-22-22**	W	19-16	at Tennessee	69,242
1-30-22***	W	27-24 (OT)	at Kansas City	73,377
2-13-22#			L.A. RAMS	

\* AFC Wild Card Playoff  
 \*\* AFC Divisional Playoff  
 \*\*\* AFC Championship  
 # Super Bowl LVII (at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif.)

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	56	63
Rushing	16	17
Passing	39	41
Penalty	1	5
3rd Down: Made-Att	20-41	15-38
3rd Down Pct.	48.8	39.5
4th Down: Made-Att	1-1	1-3
4th Down Pct.	100.0	33.3
POSSESSION AVG.	32:43	27:17
TOTAL NET YARDS	1012	1113
Avg. Per Game	337.3	371.0
Total Plays	191	190
Avg. Per Play	5.3	5.9
NET YARDS RUSHING	264	382
Avg. Per Game	88.0	127.3
Total Rushes	70	65
NET YARDS PASSING	748	731
Avg. Per Game	249.3	243.7
Sacked-Yards Lost	12-94	8-74
Gross Yards	842	805
Att.-Completions	109-75	117-70
Completion Pct.	68.8	59.8
Had Intercepted	2	6
PUNTS-AVG.	10-41.4	10-47.4
Net Punting Avg.	10-40.9	10-40.6
PENALTIES-YARDS	17-132	11-72
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	0-0	4-1
TOUCHDOWNS	5	6
Rushing	1	1
Passing	4	5
Returns	0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	19	20	21	9	3	72
OPPONENTS	10	30	10	9	0	59

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	4-4	12-12	0	40
Tyler Boyd	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Ja'Marr Chase	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Joe Mixon	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Samaje Perine	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
C.J. Uzomah	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Trent Taylor	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	2
BENGALS	5	1	4	0	4-4	12-12	0	72
OPPONENTS	6	1	5	0	5-5	6-6	0	59

**Two-point conversions:** Trent Taylor 1. BENGALS 1-1 (0-0 R, 1-1 P), OPPONENTS 0-1 (0-1 R, 0-0 P).

**Sacks-yards:** Sam Hubbard 3-29, Trey Hendrickson 2.5-26.5, B.J. Hill 1.5-11.5, Vonn Bell 1-7, . BENGALS 8-74, OPPONENTS 12-94.

**Fumbles-lost:** None. BENGALS 0-0, OPPONENTS 4-1.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	109	75	842	68.8	7.72	4	3.7	2	1.8	57	12-94	96.2
BENGALS	109	75	842	68.8	7.72	4	3.7	2	1.8	57	12-94	96.2
OPPONENTS	117	70	805	59.8	6.88	5	4.3	6	5.1	44	8-74	73.5

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	52	190	3.7	23	1
Joe Burrow	9	28	3.1	11	0
Ja'Marr Chase	5	28	5.6	15	0
Chris Evans	2	13	6.5	9	0
Tyler Boyd	1	3	3.0	3	0
Samaje Perine	1	2	2.0	2	0
BENGALS	70	264	3.8	23	1
OPPONENTS	65	382	5.9	45	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Ja'Marr Chase	20	279	14.0	57	1
Tee Higgins	14	209	14.9	44	0
C.J. Uzomah	13	135	10.4	32	1
Joe Mixon	13	106	8.2	21	0
Tyler Boyd	10	62	6.2	10t	1
Samaje Perine	4	47	11.8	41t	1
Drew Sample	1	4	4.0	4	0
BENGALS	75	842	11.2	57	4
OPPONENTS	70	805	11.5	44	5

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Mike Hilton	1	19	19.0	19	0
Vonn Bell	1	5	5.0	5	0
B.J. Hill	1	3	3.0	3	0
Germaine Pratt	1	2	2.0	2	0
Jessie Bates III	1	0	0.0	0	0
Logan Wilson	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	6	29	4.8	19	0
OPPONENTS	2	15	7.5	15	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	10	414	41.4	40.9	0	4	57	0
BENGALS	10	414	41.4	40.9	0	4	57	0
OPPONENTS	10	474	47.4	40.6	1	4	58	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Trent Taylor	4	4	48	12.0	14	0
BENGALS	4	4	48	12.0	14	0
OPPONENTS	4	3	5	1.3	5	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Chris Evans	9	211	23.4	32	0
BENGALS	9	211	23.4	32	0
OPPONENTS	7	137	19.6	35	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Evan McPherson	0-0	1-1	6-6	2-2	3-3
BENGALS	0-0	1-1	6-6	2-2	3-3
OPPONENTS	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-2	0-0

**Evan McPherson:** (31G, 30G, 43G, 28G), (38G, 45G, 54G, 52G), (32G, 31G, 52G, 31G).

**Opponents:** (47G, 28G, 34G, 28G), (34G), (44G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Logan Wilson	18	12	30	0-0	1-0	2	0	0-0
Germaine Pratt	15	6	21	0-0	1-2	1	0	0-0
Chidobe Awuzie	11	8	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Eli Apple	12	4	16	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Vonn Bell	12	4	16	1-7	1-5	1	0	0-0
Jessie Bates III	8	6	14	0-0	1-0	5	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	8	6	14	3-29	0-0	1	1	0-0
D.J. Reader	6	5	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
B.J. Hill	5	5	10	1.5-11.5	1-3	1	0	0-0
Mike Hilton	5	4	9	0-0	1-19	4	0	0-0
Tre Flowers	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Trey Hendrickson	4	2	6	2.5-26.5	0-0	0	1	0-0
Markus Bailey	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Khalid Kareem	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Zach Kerr	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Cam Sample	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Larry Ogunjobi	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-11

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Tre Flowers	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Markus Bailey	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Michael J. Thomas	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ricardo Allen	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Chris Evans	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Mike D. Thomas	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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