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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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CINCINNATI BENGALS (5-2)

AT N.Y. JETS (1-5)

WEEK 8, GAME 8
SUNDAY, OCT. 31
AT METLIFE STADIUM

UP NEXT: WEEK 9, GAME 9
NOV. 7 VS. CLEVELAND

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

Television: The game will air nationally on CBS-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Ch. 7) in Dayton and on WKYT-TV (Ch. 27) in Lexington. Broadcasters are Kevin Harlan (play-by-play), Trent Green (analyst) and Melanie Collins (sideline reporter).

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).

Setting the scene: The Bengals this week travel to New York to face the Jets on Sunday at MetLife Stadium. Cincinnati is coming off of back-to-back wins of more than 20 points, including last week's 41-17 decision at Baltimore.

"Just winning this road game against a divisional opponent, that's what you have to do if you want to compete in this league," said Bengals head coach Zac Taylor. "We have a long way to go, but I'm really proud of the collective team effort. This was a complete game by all three phases, and that's what we needed to come with on the road here at Baltimore."

Cincinnati's win broke a streak of five straight losses to the Ravens, including two lopsided results last season. This year, though, Cincinnati flipped the script with a dominant performance of their own, posting their largest margin of victory (24) ever against the Ravens while scoring their most points (41) against Baltimore since 2005. Baltimore had entered Sunday's matchup with the NFL's seventh-ranked scoring defense, allowing just 20.5 points per game.

"Obviously last year wasn't very fun," said Bengals QB Joe Burrow. "But today was a lot of fun. It just really comes from preparation during the week, getting a lot of extra reps with the guys, and our guys on the outside making plays. There wasn't a ton for me to do today, apart from trying to protect the ball. It was just putting balls in positions where our guys could go make plays."

Through the air, Burrow passed for a career-high 416 yards — sixth-most in Bengals history — and three TDs, despite sitting much of the fourth quarter due to the wide lead. On the ground, Bengals HB Joe Mixon averaged 4.9 yards per carry and scored a 21-yard TD, while fellow HB Samaje Perine averaged 4.7 and ran for a 46-yard TD.

"We had a great plan," Burrow said. "The coaches did a great job putting together a plan that I felt good about, and that we all felt good about."

"We knew what the Ravens like to do is put you in a lot of one-on-one matchups. So you have to win those. That's why guys get paid. You've got to go win those one-on-ones, and we have guys that did that today in the second quarter and the second half."

The offensive star of the day, though, was rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase, who posted a Bengals rookie-record 201 receiving yards. Chase made perhaps the play of the game midway through the third quarter, when on a critical third-and-two, he caught a slant, shook off three potential tacklers and darted 82 yards to the end zone. The score stretched Cincinnati's lead to 10 points and blew open what to that point had been a back-and-forth contest. Chase this season has 754 receiving yards, most in NFL history by a player through his first seven games.

"Humphrey (Ravens CB Marlon Humphrey) did a great job of not letting me go over the top of him," Chase said. "So we just started going to back-shoulders, stop-routes, slants, quick pitches and stuff like that. After the catches come the

yards (after the catch), breaking the tackles, making guys miss, and heading to the end zone."

"After the win, with everything that was going on, I sat down and watched everybody celebrate just to see the reactions. This is my first time in Baltimore. I'm a rookie. They don't expect me to react the way they do, so I soaked in the celebration. It's just a blessing to be here."

Despite the fireworks on the offensive side though, the day's most impressive performance may have come — again — from Cincinnati's defense, which allowed just 17 points to a powerful Ravens offense led by star QB Lamar Jackson. Cincinnati sacked Jackson five times on the day, tied for the most he had ever been sacked in a game, as the Bengals handed the former NFL MVP his largest margin of defeat (24 points) as a starter. Cincinnati now stands as the only NFL team that has not allowed more than 25 points in a game this season.

"All of those sacks today were four- or five-man efforts," said Bengals DE Sam Hubbard, who posted a career-high 2.5 sacks. "I was lucky to get a couple, just because (Jackson) jumped to my side."

"Lamar is a special player, and playing against him, you have to continue to rush even if you win your one-on-ones, otherwise he's going to get out of there. Whether he's jumping around back there or escaping from a tackle, the play is never over. You have to keep relentlessly pursuing him and swarming him."

This week, the Bengals take on the Jets and look for their first three-game winning streak since mid-2015. Additionally, a win would run Cincinnati's road winning streak to four games, which also is the longest since 2015.

"Confidence matters," Taylor said. "But you have to put in the work to be able to have that confidence, and our guys do. I don't worry about a game like (the win in Baltimore) carrying over, because too many people on this team understand what it takes to win."

"We have too many guys that have played on championship teams in college, or who have played on other great teams in this league. They understand what it takes to build this and how long it's going to take to get there this season. So, I just have too much confidence in our guys now to get complacent."

The Jets enter Sunday's matchup 1-5, after losing 54-13 at New England last week.

The series: The Jets lead, 17-10, including 2-0 in first-round playoff games in Cincinnati after the 1982 and 2009 seasons. The Jets lead 12-3 in all games played between the two teams at New York.

The Bengals have won the last three meetings, 49-9 at Cincinnati in 2013, 23-22 at New York in '16, and 22-6 at Cincinnati in '19. The most recent win at MetLife Stadium in '16 was the Bengals' first victory over the Jets at New York since 1981 (Cincinnati previously had lost nine straight in the series as the road team).

Complete Bengals-Jets series results are on page 195 of the 2021 Bengals media guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 52, in a 52-21 win in 1986 at Cincinnati. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 40, in a 49-9 win at Cincinnati in 2013. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in the 42-3 win in '76.

Jets — MOST POINTS: 44, in a 44-17 playoff victory at Cincinnati in the 1982 season. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 37, in a 37-0 win at the Meadowlands in 2009. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0, in the '09 win at the Meadowlands.

The last meetings: Summaries of the two most recent Bengals-Jets meetings — in 2016 at New York, and in '19 at Cincinnati — are on page 15 of this news release.

BENGALS-JETS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	JETS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored	7th (27.0)	32nd (13.3)
Points allowed	5th (18.3)	29th (29.2)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	13th (369.6)	31st (272.3)
Rushing	17th (106.9)	32nd (72.0)
Passing	12th (262.7)	29th (200.3)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	10th (339.9)	27th (402.5)
Rushing	7th (94.0)	25th (127.5)
Passing	17th (245.9)	25th (275.0)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-22nd (minus-3)	30th (minus-8)

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 14	Inside-20 possessions: 20
Total scores: 13 (92.9%)	Total scores: 16 (80.0%)
TDs: 10 (71.4%)	TDs: 11 (55.0%)
FGs: 3 (21.4%)	FGs: 5 (25.0%)
TD% rank: 5th	TD% rank: 10th
No scores: 1 (7.1%)	No scores: 4 (20.0%)

JETS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 13	Inside-20 possessions: 27
Total scores: 13 (100.0%)	Total scores: 25 (92.6%)
TDs: 7 (53.8%)	TDs: 15 (55.6%)
FGs: 6 (46.2%)	FGs: 10 (37.0%)
TD% rank: 27th	TD% rank: T-11th
No scores: 0 (0.0%)	No scores: 2 (7.4%)

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

- Bengals P Kevin Huber has played in 197 career Bengals games, nine shy of LB Reggie Williams (206) for second place all-time. CB Ken Riley (207) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Huber passed QB Ken Anderson (192) for third place all-time in Game 3 at Pittsburgh.
- Bengals LS Clark Harris has played in 191 career Bengals games, one shy of QB Ken Anderson (192) for fourth place all-time. Harris passed OT Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place in Game 2 at Chicago, and then passed DT Tim Krumrie (188) for fifth place all-time in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville.
- Bengals S Brandon Wilson has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with S/CB Tremain Mack for the Bengals' all-time lead.

Records vs. Jets: Cincinnati's 49-9 victory over the N.Y. Jets in the teams' 2013 meeting in Cincinnati produced the largest victory margin by either side in series history. In the process, WR Marvin Jones scored four receiving TDs in that contest, which set a team record for most ever in a game, and tied single-game team records for most TDs overall and most total points (24).

Here is a look at other Bengals' and opponents' records from the series:

- On Dec. 12, 1976, in a 42-3 Bengals win at New York, CB Ken Riley became the second Bengal to intercept three passes in a game. That Bengals record has now been achieved eight times, by a total of six players, with Riley and S David Fulcher both doing it twice. The Bengals' six total interceptions in that game is tied for the team record, which was set in 1971 vs. San Diego.
- In a 52-21 win over the Jets on Dec. 21, 1986 at Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati amassed a club-record 621 yards net offense. QB Boomer Esiason passed for 425 yards, which still stands as the fourth highest total in club history. The Bengals' 416 net passing yards still stands as fifth-most in team history.

- In a 37-0 loss to the Jets in the 2009 regular-season finale, the Bengals were held to a record-low 72 yards net offense, and the margin of defeat tied the largest in franchise history.

Individually vs. Jets: Current Bengals' past regular-season offensive performances for Cincinnati against the N.Y. Jets include (ordered by total number of games played):

- WR Tyler Boyd: Two games; Seven receptions for 83 yards (11.9) and one TD.
- TE C.J. Uzomah: Two games; Seven receptions for 110 yards (15.7).
- HB Joe Mixon: One game; 19 rushes for 44 yards (2.3) and one TD; Four receptions for 26 yards (6.5).
- WR Auden Tate: One game; Four receptions for 66 yards (16.5).

Bengals-Jets connections: Jets TE Tyler Kroft originally was a third-round pick of the Bengals in 2015, and he was with Cincinnati through the '18 season ... Bengals LS Clark Harris is from Manahawkin, N.J. (Southern Regional High School), and played at Rutgers University ... Bengals DE Wyatt Ray spent time with the Jets in 2019 ... Jets CB Brandin Echols played at the University of Kentucky ... Jets DT Sheldon Rankins played at the University of Louisville ... Jets WR Keelan Cole is from Louisville, Ky. (Central High School), and played at Kentucky Wesleyan University ... Jets DL Car Lawson (Reserve/Injured) was a fourth-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2017, and was with the team through the '20 season ... Jets T Mekhi Becton (Reserve/Injured) played at the University of Louisville ... Bengals offensive line coach/run game coordinator Frank Pollack was on the Jets' coaching staff from 2019-20 ... Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo is from Staten Island, N.Y., attended and coached (1990) at Wagner College, and coached at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (1989-90, '92-94) and Syracuse University (1990-91) ... Jets defensive backs/safeties coach Marquand Manuel was a sixth-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2002, and played with Cincinnati through the '03 season ... Jets director of game management Matt Burke was on the Bengals' coaching staff from 2014-15 ... Bengals defensive quality control coach Louie Cioffi was on the Jets' coaching staff from 1993-94. Cioffi also is from Queens, N.Y., attended the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and coached at C.W. Post from 1995-96 ... Bengals quarterbacks coach Dan Pitcher is from Cortland, N.Y., and played (2008-11) and coached ('12) at Cortland State University ... Bengals assistant offensive line coach Ben Martin coached at Wagner College in 2013, and at Union (N.Y.) College from '16-17 ... Bengals assistant strength and conditioning coach Todd Hunt is from Stamford, Conn. ... Jets assistant defensive line coach Nathan Ollie coached at Eastern Kentucky University in 2018.

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear white jerseys and white pants (black stripes) this week at the N.Y. Jets. 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. The team's iconic striped helmet was unchanged.

Here are the possible combinations for the Bengals' new uniforms (this table does not consider the additional possible options of the three sock colors of black, orange and white):

JERSEY	PANTS/STRIPE	W-L-T	PCT.
Black	Black/Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White/Orange	0-1-0	0.000
Black	White/Black	0-0-0	—
White	Black/Orange	1-1-0	.500
White	White/Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White/Black	3-0-0	1.000
Orange	Black/Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange	White/Orange	1-0-0	1.000
Orange	White/Black	0-0-0	—

* — NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate jerseys, color rush (CR) uniforms and/or throwback uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. As in years past, orange will serve as the Bengals' designated alternate jersey. Cincinnati does not have a throwback uniform, and no longer has a color rush uniform.

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.

Robert Saleh was named was named the head coach of the N.Y. Jets on Jan. 19, 2021.

Now in his 17th season coaching in the NFL, Saleh spent the last four seasons as the defensive coordinator with San Francisco (2017-20). He previously coached in the NFL with the Houston Texans (2005-10), Seattle Seahawks ('11-13) and Jacksonville Jaguars ('14-16).

From 2017-20, his 49ers defense ranked third in the league in passing yards allowed (211.4), holding opponents to the eighth-lowest completion percentage (62.9) while producing Pro Bowl players at linebacker, cornerback and defensive line. The last two seasons, his unit led the league in passing defense (188.6), ranking in the top 10 in passer rating allowed (85.8), completion percentage allowed (62.4), tackles for loss (154) and defensive touchdowns (six).

Saleh played tight end at Northern Michigan University (1997-2000), and he coached collegiately at Michigan State University ('02-03), Central Michigan University ('04) and the University of Georgia ('05). He was born on Jan. 31, 1979, in Dearborn, Mich.

Taylor vs. Jets: Taylor leads, 1-0.

Taylor vs. Saleh: No previous meetings.

Saleh vs. Bengals: No previous meetings.

BENGALS NOTES

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

BENGALS OFFENSE

- Second in yards per pass play (9.22).
- Third in yards per play (6.2).
- Fourth in fourth-down efficiency (70.0; seven for 10).
- Fifth in red-zone TD percentage (71.4).
- Seventh in points per game (27.0).

JOE BURROW

- Tied for first in passing plays of 40 or more yards (eight).
- Second in yards per passing attempt (9.23).
- Tied for fourth in passing TDs (17).
- Fifth in passer rating (108.9).
- Tied for fifth in passing plays of 20 or more yards (29).
- Sixth in passing yards (1956).
- Ninth in completion percentage (68.9).

JOE MIXON

- Second in rushing attempts (123).
- Third in rushing yardage (539).

JA'MARR CHASE

- First in receptions of 40 or more yards (six).
- Second in receiving yards (754).
- Tied for second in receptions of 20 or more yards (13).

- Fourth in yards from scrimmage (752).
- Tied for fourth in receiving TDs (six).
- Tied for seventh in scoring — non-kickers (36).
- Tied for eighth in third-down receptions (12).

C.J. UZOMAH

- Tied for eighth in receiving TDs (five).

BENGALS DEFENSE

- Fourth in yards allowed per play (5.1).
- Fifth in points allowed per game (18.2).
- Tied for fifth in sacks (19).
- Sixth in rushing yards allowed per play (4.0).
- Sixth in passing yards allowed per play (6.6).
- Seventh in rushing yards allowed per game (94.0).
- Tied for seventh in first downs allowed per game (19.7).
- Tenth in yards allowed per game (339.9).
- Tenth in opponents' red-zone TD percentage (55.0).
- Tenth in fourth-down efficiency (38.5; five for 13).

EVAN MCPHERSON

- Tied for sixth in touchbacks on kickoffs (25).

LOGAN WILSON

- Second in INTs (four).

TREY HENDRICKSON

- Tied for fourth in sacks (6.5).

17-game pace updates: Several Bengals are on pace to approach team records by the end of this season. Here's a look at some of Cincinnati's top performers, and where their statistics project through 17 games.

• **QB Joe Burrow:** 146 of 212 (68.9 percent) for 1956 yards (9.23 yards/attempt), 17 TDs and eight INTs (108.9 rating).

Burrow's pace projects to 354 completions, 514 attempts, 4750 yards, 41 TDs and 19 INTs. He's on track to challenge Carson Palmer's completions record (373 in 2007), Ken Anderson's completion percentage record (70.55 in 1982), Andy Dalton's passing yardage record (4293 in 2013), Greg Cook's yards-per-attempt record (9.41 in 1969), Dalton's passing TDs record (33 in 2013), and Dalton's passer rating record (106.3 in 2015).

• **WR Ja'Marr Chase:** 35 catches for 754 yards (21.5 avg.) and six TDs. Chase's pace projects to 85 catches, 1831 yards and 14 TDs. He's on track to challenge WR Chad Johnson's receiving yardage record (1440 in 2007), WR Eddie Brown's yards-per-catch record (24.02 in 1988), and WR Carl Pickens' receiving TDs record (17 in 1995). He also could challenge several NFL rookie records, including Oilers WR Bill Groman's receiving yardage record (1473 in 1960), and Vikings WR Randy Moss' receiving TDs record (17 in 1998).

• **DE Trey Hendrickson:** 6.5 sacks. Hendrickson's pace projects to 15.5 sacks for a full season. He's on track to challenge DE Coy Bacon's team record 22 sacks in 1976. Sacks became an official statistic in 1982, however the Bengals tracked that stat back to '76. Cincinnati's record since 1982 is 13.5 sacks by DE Carlos Dunlap in 2015.

• **LB Logan Wilson:** Four INTs. Wilson's pace projects to nine INTs. He's on track to challenge CB Deltha O'Neal's record 10 INTs in 2005.

Bengals carry "Mo" into halftime: The Bengals this season have scored a combined 34 points in the last two minutes of the first half. That total is tied for third among all NFL teams. When divided out among Cincinnati's five games, that's an average of 4.9 points per game in the last two minutes. The Bengals have gotten points in the last two minutes of the first half in five of their seven games this season.

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

TEAM	MOST POINTS IN TWO MINUTES BEFORE HALF
Cleveland Browns	42
New Orleans Saints	35
Cincinnati Bengals	34
Green Bay Packers	34
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	31

... And come out firing after the break: Not only are the Bengals one of the NFL's top teams at scoring before halftime, they also lead the NFL in points scored (34) on the first offensive possession of the second half. Cincinnati has come away with points on its first offensive possession of the second half in six of its seven games this season (four TDs, two FGs). The only outlier came on Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay, when Cincinnati drove 32 yards in three plays and reached Packers territory before an INT ended the possession.

It should be noted that the Bengals have received the opening kickoff of the second half in six of their seven games this year, thanks in large part to a streak of luck that saw them win the opening coin toss in each of their first six games (see "Coin-toss streak ends at 11"). The Bengals deferred to the second half in each of those games.

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

TEAM	POINTS
Cincinnati Bengals	34
L.A. Rams	30
Tennessee Titans	28
Las Vegas Raiders	28
Green Bay Packers	27

Roster flip noticeable in Year Three: 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 51 players on the current roster (as of Tuesday, Oct. 26), only 12 suited up as Bengals prior to Taylor's arrival. That means 39 current Bengals — or 76.5 percent of the roster — have joined Cincinnati since 2019.

Cincinnati's roster overhaul has especially hit overdrive since the end of last season. Twenty-one current Bengals — that's 41.2 percent of the 51-player roster — had never suited up in a game for Cincinnati prior to the 2021 regular season. (It should be noted that figure includes two players who were with Cincinnati previously but never played — OT Isaiah Prince and TE Mitchell Wilcox.)

Recapping Burrow's NFL journey: Bengals QB Joe Burrow has returned healthy this year after his rookie campaign last season ended due to a left knee injury suffered early in the third quarter of Cincinnati's Nov. 22 game at Washington. With one of the top statistical seasons by any rookie in Bengals history cut short, the 24-year old Burrow had surgery on Dec. 2 and then embarked on a long rehab process. He was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28, and participated fully in every practice (save for one scheduled rest day). Bengals coaches played it safe with Burrow in preseason though, limiting him to just three snaps, which came in the preseason finale vs. Miami.

Burrow ended his rookie campaign with 404 pass attempts, 264 completions, a 65.3 completion percentage, 13 TDs, five INTs and a passer rating of 89.8. He had five 300-yard passing games, which tied the Bengals' single-season record despite him playing only 10 games. At the time of his injury, the Athens, Ohio native had been on pace to shatter numerous other NFL rookie passing records, including the marks for attempts, completions and passing yards.

So far this season, Burrow has completed 146 of 212 passes (68.9 percent) for 1956 yards, 17 TDs and eight INTs (108.9 rating).

Burrow tops 4000 passing yards: QB Joe Burrow surpassed 4000 career passing yards in Game 6 at Detroit, in what was just his 16th career game. That made him the fastest QB in team history — in terms of games played — to reach 4000 yards, edging out Carson Palmer and Jeff Blake (both 18 games).

It should be noted that Burrow missed nearly the entire second half of his 10th career game, when he left the contest with a season-ending left knee injury early in the third quarter.

In terms of pass attempts, though, he is the third-fastest Bengals QB to 4000 yards. It took Burrow 553 attempts to reach the mark, while it took Blake 547 and Boomer Esiason 538.

Burrow shines in red zone: The Bengals offense this season ranks fifth in the NFL in red-zone TD percentage (71.4), having scored 10 TDs on 14 trips inside the 20-yard line. At the center of that success has been QB Joe Burrow, who has thrown just five incompletions, including two spikes to stop the clock, all season in the red zone. Through six games, Cincinnati's second-year signal-caller has completed 12 of 17 passes for 99 yards, six TDs and an INT in the red zone. His 70.6 completion percentage in the red zone is fourth in the NFL among passers with 10 or more attempts.

Red-zone possessions are defined as any drive that reaches inside the opponent's 20-yard line (19-yard-line or closer).

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

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 have attended each of the last two Senior Bowls (2020-21). He was on the Rams' staff in 2018 and was hired by Cincinnati after L.A.'s run to the Super Bowl that year, therefore neither he nor his full coaching staff attended the 2019 Senior Bowl.

Joe goes 2 x 7: Second-year Bengals QB Joe Burrow has tossed at least two TDs in each of Cincinnati's first seven games this season. The only other rookie or second-year player to accomplish that feat was Pro Football Hall

of Fame QB Dan Marino, who tossed at least two TDs in each of his team's first 10 games in 1984 (his second season).

Burrow bounces back: Bengals QB Joe Burrow returned to the field this season a little more than nine months after his rookie campaign was cut short by a left knee injury. Over the offseason, a hot topic of debate centered on how quickly Burrow could return to game action, and then if and when he would return to form. He answered both of those questions almost immediately.

Shortly after the injury last season, Burrow vowed publicly that he would be Cincinnati's starting QB in the 2021 season-opener. In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, he not only made good on that promise, he went on to post then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67) — he has since topped each of those numbers. Later in the game, Burrow led Cincinnati on a seven-play, 46-yard drive in overtime that set up a game-winning FG as time expired.

So far this season, Burrow has completed 146 of 212 passes (68.9 percent) for 1956 yards, 17 TDs and eight INTs (108.9 rating).

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 six current Bengals who played with Burrow in college at either Ohio State or LSU, meaning 12 percent of Burrow's 50 Bengals teammates suited up with him for at least one season in college.

The Bengals also have two practice squad players who played with Burrow, 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
Isaiah Prince	OT	Ohio State	2015-17
Tyler Shelvin	DT	Louisiana State.....	2018-19
Keandre Jones*	LB	Ohio State	2016-17
Thaddeus Moss*	TE	Louisiana State.....	2018-19

* — Asterisk denotes practice squad player.

Tee continues rookie momentum: Bengals WR Tee Higgins this season has continued the momentum he built during his rookie campaign in 2020. Higgins, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, has missed two games this season due to a shoulder injury but still has 25 catches for 256 yards and two TDs.

Last year, Higgins' 67 catches tied with former WR Cris Collinsworth for the most by a rookie in team history, while his team-high 908 receiving yards were good for the fourth-most ever by a Bengals rookie. He also hauled in six TD catches, tied for fifth-most ever by a Bengals rookie. He finished the season ranked third league-wide in catches, yards and TDs by a rookie.

Higgins this season has drawn praise from numerous Bengals coaches and teammates for transforming his body over the 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."

Boyd looking for third thousand: Bengals WR Tyler Boyd so far this season has 32 catches for 329 yards and a TD. The 2016 second-round pick of the Bengals is looking this season to top 1000 receiving yards for what would be the third time in his career. That would make him just the fifth Bengal ever with as many 1000-yard seasons.

Boyd, though, has some work to do to get back on pace for 1000 yards. He currently is on pace for 799 yards and 77 catches.

Boyd ended his 2020 season with 841 receiving yards, just 159 shy of reaching the 1000-yard mark for what would have been the third consecutive season. Boyd had been aiming to become just the fourth Bengal ever to reach

1000 receiving yards in at least three consecutive seasons. He was on pace to do just that before he left Game 14 vs. Pittsburgh in the first quarter with a concussion, and then missed the following week at Houston. He also was limited to just 10 games with the team's No. 1 QB, Joe Burrow, who suffered a season-ending injury in November.

Boyd stands as one of nine Bengals ever to reach 1000 receiving yards in a season, and one of six to hit the mark more than once. WR Chad Johnson's seven 1000-yard seasons stand as the most in team history, followed by WRs A.J. Green (six), Carl Pickens (four), Cris Collinsworth (four) and T.J. Houshmandzadeh (two). WRs Eddie Brown, Tim McGee and Darnay Scott each had one 1000-yard season.

Chase, Burrow reunite in Cincinnati: One of the most statistically accomplished QB-WR duos in college football history has reunited this season in Cincinnati. 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.

So far this season, Burrow and Chase have connected 35 times for 754 yards (21.5 average) and six TDs.

Chase tops through seven games: Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase this season has 754 receiving yards, the most in NFL history by any player through their first seven career games. His receiving yardage total ranks second league-wide among all players this season, trailing only Rams WR Cooper Kupp (809).

Here's a look at the rookies with the most receiving yardage in NFL history through their first seven games.

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	YARDS
Ja'Marr Chase	Cincinnati Bengals.....	2021	754
Harlon Hill	Chicago Bears	1954	685
Billy Howton	Green Bay Packers	1952	667
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	2003	621
Odell Beckham Jr.	N.Y. Giants	2014	609

The rundown on Chase: Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase has lit up the record books so far in his young career. Here's a rundown of some of his accomplishments to this point in the season.

- Chase leads all rookies in receiving yardage (754) and TDs (six). Among all players, he is second in receiving yards and tied for fourth in receiving TDs.
- He leads the NFL in receptions of 40 yards or longer (six), and is tied for second in receptions of 20 yards or longer (13).
- He is 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, did it in 1968.
- He is 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.
- His 201 receiving yards on Oct. 24 at Baltimore stand as the second-most among all players in a single game this season. His 201 yards from scrimmage in that game are also tied for second-most league-wide.
- In his Game 1 vs. Minnesota, his NFL debut, he became the youngest (21 years, 195 days) Bengal ever to top 100 receiving yards
- 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).

Two big days for 'Uno': 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, is already taking aim at Cincinnati's rookie receiving record book.

Despite being just seven games into his first NFL season, 'Uno' already has two of the three highest single-game receiving yardage outputs by a rookie in team history. 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 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.

Here's a look at the five best single-game receiving yardage totals by Bengals rookies.

BENGALS ROOKIE	DATE/OPPONENT	REC. YARDS
WR Ja'Marr Chase	10-24-2021 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 Darnay Scott	11-6-94 at Seattle (OT)	157
WR Speedy Thomas	10-19-69 vs. Denver	155
WR Darnay Scott	10-30-94 vs. Dallas	155

Chase heats up before halftime: Take a quick glance at the stat sheet, and it's clear that Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase has quickly become one of the most dangerous offensive weapons in the NFL. But as close observers of the Bengals will point out, Chase's big-play ability has been most evident in the waning moments of the first half.

Chase this season leads the NFL in TDs (three) and receiving yards (233) in the final two minutes of the first half, and his five catches of at least 20 yards during that time period also lead the league.

In a season already full of highlights, Chase's fireworks before halftime have helped Cincinnati seize momentum going into the locker room. Here's a look at Chase's game-changing plays just before halftime:

- 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, and 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.

Chase third-youngest to hit paydirt: It didn't take Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase long to find the end zone. Cincinnati's first-round pick in April's draft caught a 50-yard TD from QB Joe Burrow just before halftime in the team's season-opener vs. Minnesota, and in doing so he became the third-youngest Bengal ever to score a TD. Chase also finished the Vikings game with 101 receiving yards, which made him the youngest Bengal ever to hit 100 receiving yards in a game.

Chase, the youngest Bengal on the current roster, was just 195 days removed from his 21st birthday when he scored in the opener. Only former DE Robert Geathers and HB Joe Mixon, Chase's teammate, were younger for their first Bengals TD. Here's a look at the youngest Bengals to score a touchdown:

PLAYER	DATE/OPPONENT	AGE
HB Joe Mixon	10-8-2017 vs. Buffalo	21 years, 76 days
DE Robert Geathers	1-2-2005 at Philadelphia	21 years, 144 days
WR Ja'Marr Chase	9-12-2021 vs. Minnesota	21 years, 195 days
WR Josh Malone	10-29-2017 vs. Indianapolis	21 years, 222 days
S Jessie Bates	10-28-2018 vs. Tampa Bay	21 years, 244 days

Chase goes long in debut: Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase began his pro career in style, with five catches for 101 yards and a TD in his NFL debut. His first two catches converted third downs to keep alive what became a Bengals TD drive, and then his third reception was a 50-yard TD pass from QB Joe Burrow to give the Bengals the lead just before halftime.

That 50-yard TD went down as the longest score of any kind by a Bengals rookie in their NFL debut.

Here's a look at the longest TDs by Bengals rookies in their NFL debut:

BENGALS ROOKIE	DATE/OPPONENT	TOUCHDOWN
WR Ja'Marr Chase	9-12-2021 vs. Minnesota	50-yard reception
WR A.J. Green	9-11-2011 at Cleveland	41-yard reception
WR Darnay Scott	9-4-1994 vs. Cleveland	24-yard reception
QB Joe Burrow	9-13-2020 vs. L.A. Chargers	23-yard rush

That didn't take long: Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase, the team's first-round pick in April's draft, notched his first career multi-TD game on Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh. Those two TD grabs (nine and 34 yards) made him the first NFL rookie this year with a multi-TD game, and the first Bengal rookie to reach pay dirt twice since Tee Higgins did it last year.

Higgins recorded his first multi-TD game on Sept. 27, 2020, which at the time was the earliest a Bengals rookie had ever achieved the feat. Chase, though, can now lay claim to it, after his two-TD performance against Pittsburgh came just one day earlier — Sept. 26, 2021. It should be noted that both players recorded their first multi-TD games in Week 3 of their respective seasons.

Chase also now stands as one of only six Bengal rookies ever to catch at least two TDs in a game. The others are Higgins (Sept. 27, 2020 at Philadelphia), Mohamed Sanu (Nov. 25, 2012 vs. Oakland), Darnay Scott (Oct. 30, 1994 vs. Dallas), Cris Collinsworth (Nov. 29, 1981 at Cleveland), and Isaac Curtis (Dec. 9, 1973 vs. Cleveland, and Dec. 16, 1973 at Houston).

Mixon nearing 4k: Bengals HB Joe Mixon has 3898 career rushing yards, sixth-most in team history. He passed RB Harold Green (3727) for sixth place in Game 5 vs. Green Bay, and currently stands 278 shy of HB Cedric Benson (4176) for fifth place.

Mixon, a 2017 second-round pick of the Bengals, is just 102 yards shy of becoming the sixth Bengal ever to rush for 4000 career yards.

Here's a look at the Bengals' all-time rushing leaders.

PLAYER	RUSH YARDS	YEARS
Corey Dillon	8061	1997-2003
James Brooks	6447	1984-91
Rudi Johnson	5472	2001-07
Pete Johnson	5421	1977-83
Cedric Benson	4176	2008-11
Joe Mixon	3898	2017-present

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 fifth game.

This year, the 6-3, 347-pound Reader has returned healthy and proven 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 ranks seventh in the NFL (94.0 yards/game allowed) this season compared to 29th a year ago (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. This season, Cincinnati's linebacker play has been among the brightest and most-improved spots on the NFL's eighth-ranked defense. Leading the way has been second-year pro Logan Wilson, who ranks second in the NFL in INTs (four) and tied for 11th in tackles (58).

But perhaps the most impressive part of Reader's 2021 season thus far has been his recovery from the aforementioned quad injury. He recently 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 has 24 tackles and a sack this season.

Mixon fastest Bengal to 3K/1K: Bengals HB Joe Mixon currently stands at 3898 career rushing yards and 1098 receiving yards. It took the 2017 second-round pick just 45 career games to hit 3000 career rushing yards, and then another five to top 1000 career receiving yards. That made him one of just seven Bengals ever to hit both marks, however it took him the fewest number of games (50) to do so.

Corey Dillon, James Brooks, Pete Johnson, Harold Green, Giovani Bernard and Essex Johnson are the only other players to accomplish the 3000/1000 feat as Bengals. And of those players, only Dillon, Brooks and Johnson reached 4000

career rushing yards as Bengals, a figure Mixon is just 102 yards shy of matching.

Here's a look at the fastest players ever to top 3000 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 3K/1K
Joe Mixon	50
James Brooks	61
Corey Dillon	71
Giovani Bernard	75
Pete Johnson	77

Bengals tough when Mixon hits 20 carries: The Bengals hold a 9-7 record when HB Joe Mixon reaches the 20-carry mark. And in those 16 games, Mixon has topped 100 rushing yards 10 times. Nine of his last 12 games with 20 carries have resulted in 100-yard rushing performances.

The Bengals are 1-1 this year when Mixon hits the mark — he had 29 carries for 127 yards (4.4 average) in a win over Minnesota in the season opener, and 20 carries for 69 yards in a Week 2 loss at Chicago. Last year, despite being limited by a foot injury to just six games, Mixon hit the 20-carry mark twice, and the Bengals were 1-1 in those contests.

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 five times (two lost) since entering the league in 2017, a span that covers 1077 combined touches on offense (935 rushes, 142 catches). That includes just two fumbles (lost) since the start of the 2018 season. He also put together a streak of 541 consecutive rushing attempts without a fumble (ended in Game 1 last season), which was the second-longest by a Bengal since the Elias Sports Bureau began tracking the stat in 1990.

Mixon has a current streak of 224 rushes without a fumble, dating back to his fumble in the 2020 opener. He does have one fumble this season, but it came on a pass play (he also recovered it).

Here's a look at the longest streaks of rushing attempts by a Bengal without a fumble since 1990:

NFL PLAYER	CARRIES WITHOUT A FUMBLE	SEASONS SPANNED
Giovani Bernard	829	2013-20
Joe Mixon	541	2017-20
Harold Green	298	1991-93
Jeremy Hill	282	2015-17
Cedric Benson	260	2010-11

Logan second in INTs: Bengals second-year LB Logan Wilson has turned heads this season as one of the team's top defensive players. The 2020 third-round pick has four INTs so far this season, most in the AFC and second-most league-wide. No other linebacker has more than two INTs. Wilson's four picks already are the most by a Bengals LB in a season since Odell Thurman's five in 2005.

Wilson has also been strong against the run. His 58 tackles lead the team by a wide margin and rank tied for 11th league-wide. He has led Cincinnati in tackles in three of the team's seven games this season.

As a rookie last season, Wilson was eased into the regular defensive rotation and then battled injuries late in the year. This season, he was assigned the green dot on his helmet as the team's designated communicator, and has been 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."

Bengals improve 2020 pass-rush: Over the offseason, one of the Bengals' primary areas of focus was to improve a pass-rush that last year totaled a league-low 17 sacks. Injuries were a key factor a year ago, especially toward the end of the season, but Cincinnati still approached free agency and the draft zeroed in on boosting the defensive line.

So far, it's worked. Through just seven games this season, Cincinnati has 19

sacks, two more than last season's 16-game total. DE Trey Hendrickson, one of the team's key acquisitions in free agency last March, leads the team and is tied for fourth league-wide with 6.5 sacks. At the end of last season, that total would have led the team. Seven Bengals have gotten into the sack column this season, including DT Larry Ogunjobi (2.5), another 2021 free agent acquisition, DT B.J. Hill (three), who was acquired in a trade just before the regular season, and DE Cam Sample (one), who was one of four defensive linemen Cincinnati selected in April's draft. The revamped defensive line has accounted for all but one of the team's sacks this season, and DE Sam Hubbard (4.0) is the only defender in the sack column who was with Cincinnati prior to the 2020 season.

The Bengals this year are tied for fifth league-wide in sacks.

"We've got a band of guys that are all in the same kind of age group," said DT D.J. Reader, who played just five games a year ago due to injury. "We're all similar in ways that we're all competitors. Everybody's competitive. And everybody is on the board right now. Everybody has a sack so now it's just we're all hunting together."

Hendrickson on torrid sack pace: DE Trey Hendrickson is in his first season with the Bengals, but he's already making an impact in the sack column.

Hendrickson, one of the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency haul in March, has a team-high 6.5 sacks through just seven games. That total would have led the team for all of last season.

It's still early, but Hendrickson is on pace for 15.5 sacks for a full 17-game season, which would be second-most in team history between DE Coy Bacon's team-record 22 in 1976, and DE Carlos Dunlap's 13.5 in 2015. It would also make him the first Bengal with double-digit sacks since former DT Geno Atkins' 10 in 2018.

Last season with New Orleans, Hendrickson had 13.5 sacks, tied for the NFC lead and tied for second-most league-wide. And since the beginning of the 2020 season, Hendrickson has the third-most sacks (20) of any player in the NFL, trailing only Pittsburgh's T.J. Watt (22) and Cleveland's Myles Garrett (21.5).

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. He then missed eight more the following week against the Ravens, with the Bengals holding a 24-point lead late in the fourth quarter.

Still, Bell has missed just 22 defensive snaps as a Bengal, with all of those coming as the defensive starters rested late in the fourth quarter with wide leads against the Lions and Ravens. He has played in 22 games for Cincinnati, and over that span has seen action on 1523 of 1545 possible defensive snaps (8.6 percent), including a team-high 464 this season.

Bell has been a captain in both of his Bengals seasons. He ranks second on the team in tackles (43) this year, after leading the team in that category (114) last season.

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 vs. Green Bay.

Still, Bates' streak of 51 is 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

Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal: DE Sam Hubbard, a third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, ranks tied for second in sacks (20.5) among all players from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

Players' listed positions vary from media outlet to media outlet (e.g. whether a player is 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 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)	26.5
Sam Hubbard/DE	Cincinnati	No. 77 (3rd)	20.5
Bradley Chubb/DE	Denver	No. 5 (1st)	20.5
Darius Leonard/OLB	Indianapolis	No. 36 (2nd)	15.0
Roquan Smith/LB	Chicago	No. 8 (1st)	13.0
Marcus Davenport/DE	New Orleans	No. 14 (1st)	13.0

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 is 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.

So far this season, McPherson has made all 21 of his PATs and nine of his 12 FGs, including three 50-plus yarders and two game-winners as time expired (33 and 35 yards).

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 two walk-offs: Bengals rookie K Evan McPherson said before the 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. He wasted no time changing that in the NFL, when in the season-opener — his NFL debut — 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.

For what it's worth, McPherson has a long way to go to catch former Bengals K Jim Breech, whose 10 "walk-off" kicks (FG or PAT) with no time remaining stand as the most in team history.

But at 21 years old, McPherson does stand as the youngest player in NFL history with two "walk-off" kicks.

Here's a look at the youngest kickers in NFL history at the time of their second game-winning FG with no time remaining:

PLAYER	TEAM	AGE
Evan McPherson	Cincinnati Bengals	22 years, 71 days
Blair Walsh	Minnesota Vikings	22 years, 357 days
Justin Tucker	Baltimore Ravens	23 years, four days
Morten Andersen	New Orleans Saints	23 years, 51 days
Matt Bahr	Pittsburgh Steelers	23 years, 142 days

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 168 in the 2020 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 four of the team's top six leaders in career kickoff return average — Jones, 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 1762 deep snaps without a single unplayable delivery since joining the Bengals in mid-2009.

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

25 points does the trick: Since 2011, the Bengals own a 54-5-2 record when scoring 25 or more points. That's good for the second-best winning percentage (.902) in the NFL when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals are 8-4 under head coach Zac Taylor (3-0 this season) when reaching the 25-point plateau.

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	94	10	0	.904
Cincinnati Bengals	54	5	2	.902
Denver Broncos	58	8	0	.879
Miami Dolphins	42	6	0	.875
Arizona Cardinals	53	8	1	.863

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 are 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 last season.

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, Bell and Hubbard are the next-oldest captains at just 26.

Huber, Harris chasing down Riley: One of the most prestigious Bengals records in existence, and one that has stood for 38 years, could be matched by the end of the 2021 season. Longtime CB Ken Riley's Bengals record 207 games played is currently 10 clear of current P Kevin Huber (197), meaning that if Huber plays in each of the Bengals' 11 remaining games this season, he would tie The Rattler's historic mark that has stood since his retirement in 1983.

In Game 3 vs. Pittsburgh, Huber passed QB Ken Anderson (192) for third place all-time in career games played as a Bengal. He now trails only LB Reggie Williams (206) and Riley (207).

Not far behind that group is current LS Clark Harris (191 games played), who has snapped to Huber since joining Cincinnati midway through the 2009 season. Harris can tie Anderson (192) this Sunday at the N.Y. Jets. He already passed Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place in Game 2 at

Chicago, and DT Tim Krumrie (188) for fifth place in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville.

Here's a look at the players with the most career games played as a Bengal:

PLAYER	GAMES AS A BENGAL	YEARS
CB Ken Riley	207	1969-83
LB Reggie Williams	206	1976-85
P Kevin Huber	197	2009-present
QB Ken Anderson	192	1971-86
LS Clark Harris	191	2009-present
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 currently has 326 career inside-20 punts, a margin of more than 100 over 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:

PUNTER	TEAM	NFL EXP.	CAREER INSIDE-20s
Dustin Colquitt	Atlanta	17	472
Andy Lee	Arizona	18	451
Sam Koch	Baltimore	16	437
Brett Kern	Tennessee	14	380
Kevin Huber	Cincinnati	13	326

The Huber roundup: Bengals P Kevin Huber, a 2009 Bengals fifth-round pick who is now in his 13th season in stripes, has long been considered the top punter in team history. He has cemented that legacy in recent seasons 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:

- Punts (943)
- Punting yards (42,725)
- Gross average (45.31)
- Net average (40.24)
- Inside-20 punts (326)

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.

Coin-toss streak ends at 11: Perhaps the luckiest streak in team history came to an end just before kickoff in Game 7 at Baltimore this season, when the Bengals lost a coin toss for the first time since late in the 2020 season.

Cincinnati had won the opening coin toss in nine consecutive games, dating back to the team's Dec. 21 Monday Night Football win over Pittsburgh last year. That nine-game stretch included two overtime contests, and the Bengals won the coin tosses prior to the extra period in both of those games.

Add it all up, and Cincinnati won 11 straight coin tosses during that stretch, which equates to one in 2048 odds.

Prior to the coin-toss loss in Baltimore, the last toss that didn't go Cincinnati's way was in Game 13 of 2020 (Dec. 13 vs. Dallas).

Examining Week 1 Bengals since '02: Here's a look at how Cincinnati's opening-week roster this year 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 pounds or more, tied with the '08 team for the most in the last 19 years (the league's info in this category goes back only to 2003). The 2003, '04 and '17 Bengals (all eight) tied for the fewest.

Kickoff weekend roster comparisons: Early this 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.

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 has continued to deliver, combining to play in 33 games (19 starts) this season. It should be noted that two of the seven members of the 2020 class — DE Khalid Kareem and OT Hakeem Adeniji — have not yet played and are on reserve lists, however the other five made all the active roster out of training camp and are regular contributors.

Here is the 2020 Bengals draft class: QB Joe Burrow (first round), WR Tee Higgins (second), LB Logan Wilson (third), LB Akeem Davis-Gaither (fourth), Kareem (fifth), Adeniji (sixth), LB Markus Bailey (seventh).

2021 draft class overview: Of the 10 players Cincinnati selected in April's draft, four were defensive linemen and three were offensive linemen. That haul added more than a ton — 2077 pounds, to be exact — of reinforcement to the Bengals' trenches.

Here's a closer look at Cincinnati's 2021 entire draft class:

- WR Ja'Marr Chase, LSU (Round 1, Pick 5): Cincinnati looks to re-create the magic of Louisiana State's 2019 season, when Chase and then-Tigers QB Joe Burrow helped lead their team to a national championship. Chase set SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20) that year, en route to winning the Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver.

● G Jackson Carman, Clemson (Round 2, Pick 46): Carman is a native of nearby Fairfield, Ohio, which is about 35 minutes north of Paul Brown Stadium. At Clemson, he played LOT and protected the blindside of QB Trevor Lawrence, the 2021 No. 1 overall draft pick. The Bengals, though, have moved the 6-5, 322-pound Carman to G.

● DE Joseph Ossai, Texas (Round 3, Pick 69): Ossai was set to be the youngest Bengal on the roster at 21 years old, born (4-12-00) just four months prior to the opening of Paul Brown Stadium (8-19-00). He showed great promise early, recording a sack and two additional QB hurries in the preseason opener at Tampa Bay, but a knee injury suffered later in that same game landed him on Reserve/Injured at final cuts and ended his rookie season before it started.

● DE Cam Sample, Tulane (Round 4: Pick 111): Sample earned Defensive MVP honors at the 2021 Senior Bowl, and was rated last season by Pro Football Focus as the most valuable defensive lineman in college football. He is known for his relentless effort and outstanding production in college against both the pass and run.

● DT Tyler Shelvin: LSU (Round 4, Pick 122): The heaviest Bengal on the roster at 350 pounds, Shelvin played NT at LSU and was the man in the middle of the Tigers' national championship defense in 2019. He did not play for LSU in 2020, after opting out of the college season due to COVID-19.

● OT D'Ante Smith, East Carolina (Round 4, Pick 139): Bengals coaches initially called Smith a pure OT prospect due to his size (6-5) and length (35-inch arms), but during training camp practices he impressed with his play at G, so that's where he is listed to begin his NFL career. Smith entered last season at East Carolina considered by scouts as a possible riser on draft boards, but he suffered an injury in the Pirates' opener and did not take the field again until the Senior Bowl in January.

● K Evan McPherson, Florida (Round 5, Pick 149): McPherson spent three seasons at Florida and left as the SEC's all-time leader in FG percentage (85.0). He is also known for his leg strength, as 56.4 percent of his kickoffs in college went for touchbacks.

● C/G Trey Hill, Georgia (Round 6, Pick 190): Hill was the starting C the last two seasons at Georgia, which was widely considered to have one of the top offensive lines in college football. At 6-4, 319 pounds with ability to play both C and G.

● HB Chris Evans, Michigan (Round 6, Pick 202): Bengals coaches first noticed Evans during one-on-one drills at 2021 Senior Bowl practices, when he showed off his hands and route-running ability out of the backfield. He looks to fill the vacant role that was held in recent years by former HB Giovani Bernard.

● DE Wyatt Hubert, Kansas State (Round 7, Pick 235): A productive defender and leader in college at Kansas State, Hubert was expected to push for a spot in the regular pass-rushing rotation as a rookie. But that plan is on hold for now due to a pectoral injury he suffered over the summer. He did not participate in training camp, and is currently on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list.

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.

"It's insane," Hubbard said after being drafted. "Seeing that 513 area code pop up on my phone on draft day was just incredible. To get an opportunity to represent Cincinnati for the pro team in this city is a dream come true. I watched every game the Bengals played. I've just always been a big fan."

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in

2009. He 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 (45.31) and net (40.24) punting average.

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

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.

"As soon as I saw the 513 area code pop up on my phone, everything instantly hit me at once," Carman said on draft night. "It was an amazing feeling. Knowing that I was going to be able to be home, it's indescribable."

These cats can fly: Since 2016, the NFL's Next Gen Stats service has tracked a variety of in-game measurements using GPS trackers and other technology. One of those measurements is the speed — in miles per hour — that ball carriers reach during a given play.

The fastest speed reached by a Bengals ball carrier so far in 2021 came from Joe Mixon, who clocked in at 20.66 MPH on a 19-yard run in the season-opener vs. Minnesota. That run, though, is not among the four fastest by a Bengals ball-carrier since 2016.

Here are Next Gen Stats' fastest Bengals ball carriers since 2016:

PLAYER	SPEED (MPH)	DATE/OPPONENT	PLAY
S Brandon Wilson	22.03	10-13-19 at Balt.	92-yard KOR (TD)
WR Alex Erickson	21.52	12-16-18 vs. Oak.	77-yard KOR
CB William Jackson III	21.52	9-24-17 at G.B.	75-yard INT return (TD)
CB William Jackson III	21.33	9-15-19 vs. S.F.	19-yard INT return

Bengals-Jags most-watched TNF since 2018: The broadcast of the Bengals' Sept. 30 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Thursday Night Football drew an average of 8.5 million viewers, which at the time was good for the largest audience of any exclusive TNF game since Week 3 of 2018 (N.Y. Jets vs. Cleveland Browns). The game aired on NFL Network and Yahoo Sports mobile properties, and the viewership measurement includes both television and digital platforms.

By comparison, the Bengals-Jaguars telecast was up 47 percent from last year's Week 4 TNF matchup (Broncos-Jets, 5.8 million viewers), and up 36 percent from the average audience from Weeks 1-3 this season (6.3 million). It was also television's most-watched telecast of the day.

Bengal bites: 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 in 2021 came from HB Joe Mixon, who reached 20.66 MPH on a 19-yard run in the season-opener vs. Minnesota ... Cincinnati's 19 successful fourth-down conversions in 2020 tied for the second-most in a season in NFL history, just behind the 1996 Chicago Bears (20) ... 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.

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. So far, he has completed 146 of 212 pass attempts (68.9 percent) for 1953 yards (sixth in the NFL), 17 TDs and eight INTs (108.9 rating). 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 attempts (9.6) — he has since topped all of those numbers. Burrow then ended the game in OT with a seven-play, 46-yard drive that included a fourth-and-inches in which he changed the play at the line of scrimmage and tossed a 32-yard completion to set up a game-winning FG as time expired three plays later. In Game 7 at Baltimore, Burrow posted a new

career-high in passing yards (416). 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. After winning the Heisman Trophy and leading the LSU Tigers to a national championship in 2019, the Bengals made Burrow, a native of Athens, Ohio, the No. 1 pick in the '20 draft. Despite the absence of an offseason program and preseason his rookie year, Burrow got off to one of the best statistical starts to a career by a QB in NFL history, and at the time of his injury had been on pace to shatter numerous NFL rookie records. Still, his five 300-yard passing games in 2020 tied the Bengals' single-season record and stand third-most by a rookie in NFL history, while he also became the first rookie in

NFL history to pass for 300 yards in three consecutive games (Games 2-4) and the sixth to top 400 yards in a single game (Oct. 25, 2020 at Cleveland). Listed second on the depth chart is veteran **Brandon Allen**, who started in Burrow's absence late last season. Allen has played in two games this season (Oct. 17 at Detroit and Oct. 24 at Baltimore), seeing time late in the fourth quarter while the Bengals were up by a wide margin. Last season, Allen started five of Cincinnati's final six games for the injured Burrow, and completed 63.4 percent of his passes for 925 yards, five TDs and four INTs (82.0 rating). Allen joined the Bengals in August of 2020, and began the 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 has returned to action this season after his 2020 campaign was limited to just six games due to a right foot injury. Originally a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2017, Mixon has shouldered a heavy load for Cincinnati, and when healthy is considered one of the NFL's top running backs. So far this season, Mixon has rushed for 539 yards (third in NFL) and four TDs (10th in NFL) on 123 carries (second in NFL). Mixon also has caught 13 passes for 90 yards and one TD. Mixon has one 100-yard rushing game this season (Game 1 vs. Minnesota) and 11 for his career; he also has two games with at least 100 yards from scrimmage this season (Game 1 vs. Minnesota and Game 6 at Detroit), and 18 for his career. Mixon topped 1000 yards rushing in both 2018 and '19, before his foot injury last season 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. This season, Perine has 31 carries for 139 yards and one TD, and eight catches for 77 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 this season he has eight catches for 104 yards and a TD, along with three carries for 18 yards. Bengals coaches say they first took notice of Evans' route-running and hands during receiving drills at 2021 Senior Bowl practices.

Wide receivers: Considered one of the top slot receivers in football, sixth-year pro **Tyler Boyd** leads a young and talented group of Bengals wide receivers. So far this season, Boyd has 32 catches for 329 yards and a TD. Boyd led the team in catches the last three seasons (2018-20), and stands as one of six Bengals ever to top 1000 receiving yards in consecutive seasons ('18-19). Boyd has one 100-yard game this season (Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville) and 10 for his career. Boyd also has five career games with at least 10 catches. Boyd signed a contract extension in 2019 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '23 season. 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 has been one of Cincinnati's top performers so far this season, with team-highs in receptions (35), receiving yards (754) and TDs (six). He leads all rookies in receiving yards (second leaguewide) and TDs (tied for fourth leaguewide). Chase has provided Cincinnati's offense with a downfield threat, and leads the NFL in catches of 40 or more yards (six). Chase is one of just two players in NFL history to record at least 50 receiving yards in each of their first seven games, and is one of two players in NFL history with a reception of at least 30 yards in each of their first seven career games. In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, his NFL debut, Chase became the youngest Bengal (21 years, 195 days) 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 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. 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 has been assigned uniform No. 1, and is the first player in Bengals history to wear that number. Returning this season after a terrific rookie year is second-year pro **Tee Higgins**, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020. Higgins so far this season has 25 catches for 256 yards and two TDs. Higgins missed Games 3-4 this season due to a shoulder injury. Last season, he led Cincinnati in receiving yards (908) and tied for the franchise's rookie receptions record (67). Higgins brings considerable size (6-4, 216) to the receiving corps, and coaches have credited him for transforming his body over the offseason to get stronger. Providing valuable depth is **Auden Tate**, a 2018 seventh-round pick who at 6-5,

228 pounds is known as a big-bodied receiver with a knack for making acrobatic catches. Tate battled a shoulder injury last season and was limited to just nine games, but when healthy the Bengals have utilized his wide catch radius and ability to come down with contested catches. Sixth-year pro **Mike 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, but he has excelled most in the NFL as a gunner on special teams. Rounding out the receivers room is first-year pro **Trenton Irwin**, who was signed off the practice squad on Sept. 15. Irwin joined the Bengals midway through 2019 and has bounced between the practice squad and active roster.

Tight ends: **C.J. Uzomah**, a 2015 fifth-round pick of the Bengals, has returned to action this year after suffering a season-ending right Achilles injury in the second game of 2020. Uzomah so far this season has 17 catches for 256 yards and five TDs (eighth in NFL), and has made two of the most important plays of the year for the Bengals. In Cincinnati's Game 1 overtime win vs. Minnesota, 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, 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 three catches for 91 yards and two TDs. **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. After Uzomah's injury last season, Sample shouldered a heavier work load that saw him start 13 games, play more than 80 percent of the team's offensive snaps, and catch 40 passes and a TD. **Mitchell Wilcox**, a 2020 college free agent signee of the Bengals, spent nearly all of his rookie season on Cincinnati's practice squad. Wilcox is also considered a complete TE prospect — he left 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**. After missing his entire rookie season to a shoulder injury, Williams started 10 games in his sophomore campaign in 2020. A right knee injury ended Williams' 2020 season early, but it was not deemed serious and he participated fully in the Bengals' offseason program and has started every game so far this season. At ROT this season is 10th-year pro **Riley Reiff**, who signed with Cincinnati in March after spending his first nine NFL seasons with Detroit and Minnesota. Reiff has played LOT for a majority of his career, with his one season as a full-time ROT coming in 2016 with Detroit. Reiff, though, told the local media after signing with Cincinnati that he welcomes the opportunity to play ROT in Cincinnati, and if needed would even move inside to G for the first time in his pro career. 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. Coaches this season have limited Hopkins in practice during the week in order to ease the load on his knee, but he has started every game. Seventh-year pro **Quinton Spain** is Cincinnati's starter at LG. Spain began his career with the Titans and Bills, and then last year joined the Bengals mid-season and played in nine games (eight starts), making starts at RG, LG and even ROT when the line was dealing with injuries and COVID-19 issues. Rookie G **Jackson Carman**, Cincinnati's second-round pick in April's draft has taken over at RG for Xavier Su'a-Filo (Reserve/Injured), and has been the starter there since Game 3 at Pittsburgh. He did not start Game 6 at Detroit after spending most of the week on Reserve/COVID-19, but he did see extensive action as a reserve and returned to the starting spot in Game 7 at Baltimore. One of the key reserves along the interior of the line is rookie **Trey Hill**, who is touted as a stout blocker with good movement skills and a high football IQ. Hill mainly is considered the Bengals' backup center, but he also is listed on the depth chart as the backup RG, having once started at that position (Game 6 at Detroit) as an injury replacement. Hill started 26 career games at C at Georgia, considered one of college football's top offensive lines. The tallest Bengal on the roster this season is OT **Isaiah Prince** (6-7), who returns to action in 2021 after opting out of the '20 season due to COVID-19. Prince has been used this year as an extra blocker in heavy formations. Prince originally was a sixth-round draft pick of the Dolphins in 2019, and then joined the Bengals on waivers later that year. Adding depth at OT and G is third-year pro **Fred Johnson**, who stands at an imposing 6-6, 325 pounds.

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. Johnson primarily has been a reserve at OT to this point in his career, but the Bengals are a combined 4-1 when he fills in as a starter at either OT spot.

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's 20.5 career sacks are tied for second-most among players from his draft class (including college free agents), and he's 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. So far this season, Hendrickson has a team-high 6.5 sacks and a FF. Hendrickson spent the last four seasons (2017-20) with New Orleans, and last year his 13.5 sacks tied for the NFC lead and tied for second in the NFL. 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 has returned healthy this year and has a sack. Lining up next to Reader is DT **Larry Ogunjobi**, who signed a one-year deal with Cincinnati in March. Ogunjobi has impressed so far this season, with 2.5 sacks and three additional tackles for losses. Ogunjobi spent his first four NFL seasons with Cleveland, where he played NT, however in Cincinnati he is playing three-technique DT, which he has called his "natural position." Also seeing regular action at three-technique DT is **B.J. Hill**, who was acquired in an Aug. 30 trade with the N.Y. Giants. Hill already has three sacks on the season, including two in the season-opener less than two weeks after joining the Bengals. Hill stands 6-3, 311 pounds, and has played in every possible game over his now 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. In the fourth round of April's draft, the Bengals selected Tulane DE **Cam Sample**, who has seen rotational action so far and has one sack. Sample is known as a productive, versatile and high-energy player, and last season he was rated the most valuable defensive lineman in college football by Pro Football Focus. Bengals coaches say that Sample 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. 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. Rounding out the defensive line group is 6-1, 248-pound rookie DE **Darius Hodge**, a college free agent signee out of Marshall. Hodge, who initially was listed at LB, excelled as a pass-rusher during preseason and earned a roster spot out of training camp.

Linebackers: Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is second-year pro **Logan Wilson**, who is wearing the green dot as the defense's communicator. Wilson this season ranks second in the NFL in INTs (four) and tied for 11th in tackles (58). The last Bengals LB with three or more INTs in a season was Odell Thurman (five) in 2005. Wilson was Cincinnati's third-round draft pick in 2020. **Germaine Pratt**, a 2019 third-round pick of the Bengals, has grown into a key contributor on defense after being considered a raw prospect coming out of the draft, due to switching from S to LB late in his college career. Pratt has 32 tackles, a FF and a FR so far this season. 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, who earned a starting LB spot midway through his rookie season, has drawn particular praise from coaches this season for his grasp of the defense. **Akeem Davis-Gaither**, a fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, also is in the LB rotation this year. Davis-Gaither is known for his speed and playmaking ability, and has played in every game so far in his career. Drawing positive reviews this season is second-year LB **Markus Bailey**, a seventh-round pick of the Bengals in 2020. Bailey suffered an ACL tear his final season (2019) at Purdue, which coaches cited for bringing him along slowly as a rookie, but he has seen action on defense this season as a rotational linebacker.

Defensive backs: S **Jessie Bates**, a fourth-year pro and 2018

Bengals second-round pick, is considered one of the core leaders of the team. Bates has 42 tackles so far this season. 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 vs. Green Bay. Bates topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons (2018-20), and last year showed off his coverage ability with 15 PDs (sixth in the NFL). Next to Bates at S is sixth-year pro **Vonn Bell**, who joined the Bengals in 2020 after spending his first four years with New Orleans, has 43 tackles (second on team) so far this season, including five for losses, along with three PDs and a FF. Last year, in his first season with the Bengals, Bell played all 1059 defensive snaps and led the team in both tackles (114) and FFs (three). Depth at CB was a primary focus for the Bengals in 2020 free agency, as the team added three veteran corners. The first is **Chidobe Awuzie**, a former second-round pick of the Cowboys who spent his first four seasons in Dallas. Awuzie, who is under contract through the 2023 season, has impressed with his coverage and tackling ability this season, and has 25 tackles, six PDs and an INT. Awuzie missed Game 4 vs. Jacksonville due to a groin injury, but returned to action the following week. 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 blitzing. The third free agent addition over the offseason was **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. Apple has stepped into a starting role of late, after CB Trae Waynes was placed on Reserve/Injured on Oct. 12 with a right hamstring injury. Bringing experience at CB is **Darius Phillips**, a 2018 sixth-round pick of the Bengals who, when healthy, has proven to be a playmaker in the secondary. Phillips led the team in INTs (four) in 2019 despite playing only 108 snaps on defense, but then he battled injuries throughout '20. Phillips has taken over as Cincinnati's primary punt returner this season, and thus has mainly filled a rotational role on defense. At safety, 2017 sixth-round pick **Brandon Wilson** is the longest-tenured Bengal on defense. Wilson fills a rotational role on defense and primary role on special teams. Wilson is considered one of the top kickoff returners in the NFL, and has two career KORs for TDs (tied for most in team history). CB **Jalen 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, who previously spent time with the Dolphins and Cardinals, drew praise from coaches during his six games of action in 2020, and earned a contract extension with the Bengals in March. Rounding out the defensive backfield is CB **Nick McCloud**, who was acquired on waivers from Buffalo on Sept. 1. McCloud, a rookie out of Notre Dame, was a college free agent signee of the Bills in May.

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. So far this season, Huber is averaging 47.0 gross yards on punts, and 40.9 net yards. Huber is considered the top punter in team history, and stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (943), punting yards (42,725), gross average (45.31), net average (40.24) and inside-20 punts (326). Huber was a Pro Bowl selection in 2014, but he has maintained a high level of play and last season posted career-highs in both gross (47.2) and net (42.8) average. Huber has played in 197 career games, third-most in team history, and is within striking distance this season of leaders Reggie Williams (206) and Ken Riley (207). He passed QB Ken Anderson (192) in Game 3 vs. Pittsburgh. 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 1762 career attempts (940 punts, 820 placekicks) as a Bengal. Harris, a Pro Bowler in 2017, has played in 191 career games as a Bengal, and passed DT Tim Krumrie (188) for sixth-most in team history in Game 5 vs. Green Bay. 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 has already made a significant impact, and has two game-winning "walk-off" FGs with no time remaining. 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. McPherson has said that entering this season, he had never kicked a game-winning FG at any level of football. McPherson has made all 22 of his PATs and nine of his 12 FGs this season, including two from 50-plus.

McPherson left the University of Florida as the SEC's all-time leader in FG percentage (85.0). In the return game, S **Brandon Wilson** is considered among the most dangerous kickoff returners in the NFL. Wilson has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with Tremain Mack for most in team history, and his 103-yarder last season against the N.Y. Giants stands as the longest play of any kind

in team history. Cincinnati's No. 1 PR this season is CB **Darius Phillips**, who prior to 2021 had five career punt returns in the NFL. In college though, Phillips was considered among the top returners in college football history, as he set an FBS career record with 12 career TDs on returns (five KOR, one PR, five INT, one FR). The Bengals also feature a number of experienced players in kick and punt coverage, including Wilson, LB **Akeem Davis-Gaither**, WR **Stanley Morgan** and WR **Mike Thomas**.

IMPORTANT DATES

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- Mid-Oct. — Beginning on the sixth calendar day prior to a club's seventh regular season game (including any bye week) clubs are permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness (if the player failed his preseason physical due to a non-football injury or illness) for a period not to exceed 21 days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period, provided that no player may be activated to participate in a Week Six game.
- Nov. 2 — All trading ends for 2021 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
- Nov. 3 — Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons are subject to the waiver system for the remainder of the regular season and postseason.
- Nov. 8 — Any increase in a player's 2021 Salary from a renegotiation or extension that is received by the Management Council after 4 p.m. Eastern, on this day, will be treated as Signing Bonus, and prorated over the entire term of the Player Contract, including 2021.
- Nov. 16 — At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.
- Nov. 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their unsigned Franchise and Transition Players, including Franchise Players who were eligible to receive Offer Sheets until this date. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
- Nov. 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "UFA Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
- Nov. 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the "June 1 Tender" was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
- Nov. 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Drafted Rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
- Nov. 30 — Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of players who received, or filed a grievance for, the Basic or Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2021 season.
- Dec. 1 — Beginning this date through Jan. 31, 2022, NFL clubs are permitted to conduct non-contact tryouts and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2022, or whose 2021 contracts are due to expire on Feb. 8, 2022. Prior to any tryout or negotiation, NFL clubs must first receive written permission from the player's CFL club.
- Dec. 2, 4, 6 — Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the last business day prior to a club's Week 13 game for reinstatement of players in Reserve List categories of Retired, Did Not Report, and Exclusive Rights, and of players who were placed on Reserve/Left Squad in a previous season.
- Dec. 14 — NFLMC Labor Seminar, TBD.
- Dec. 14-15 — Special League Meeting, TBD.

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- Jan. 8 — A claiming period of 24 hours shall be in effect for any waivers requested during the period from the Saturday of the final regular season weekend through the conclusion of the final postseason game, except for waiver requests on Friday and Saturday of each week, which shall expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday. Assignment of player contracts will be deferred until the first

- business day after the Pro Bowl or the Super Bowl, whichever occurs later. Terminations of player contracts will occur at the expiration of the claiming period. A club that is participating in the playoffs may sign players whose contracts have been terminated to its Active/Inactive List, Practice Squad, or Reserve/Future List. A club whose playing season has concluded may sign such players to its Reserve/Future List only.
- Jan. 10 — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2022 season.
- Jan. 10 — NCAA National Championship Game, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Jan. 10 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2019 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2020. Any permissible renegotiated or extended Player Contract will not be considered a Rookie Contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit Rookie Contracts.
- Jan. 10 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2019 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 10, 2022, but prior to May 3, 2022 (i.e., not later than May 2).
- Jan. 10 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club's owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club's 2021 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2022 Team Salary.
- Jan. 15-16 — Wild Card Playoff Games.
- Jan. 17 — Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2022 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 21.
- Jan. 22 — NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
- Jan. 22-23 — Divisional Playoff Games.
- Jan. 28 — HBCU Combine, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala.
- Jan. 30 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 31 — Deadline for NFL clubs to try out and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2022, or whose 2021 contracts are due to expire at noon Eastern, on Feb. 8, 2022.
- Jan. 31 — Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2022 season to notify his former Club in writing.
- Feb. 1 — Deadline for non-playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 3 — East-West Shrine Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.
- Feb. 5 — Senior Bowl, Hancock Whitney Stadium, Mobile, Ala.
- Feb. 6 — NFL Pro Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.
- Feb. 8 — Beginning at noon 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. 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

(Important dates, continued)

	are not subject to the waiver system until after the trading deadline.	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).
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.	March 18	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician- Certified Candidates for the 2022 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.
Feb. 19	— HBCU Legacy Bowl, Yulman Stadium, New Orleans, La.	March 27-30	— Annual League Meeting, The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla.
Feb. 21	— Deadline for playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.	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.
Feb. 22	— Beginning this date through 4 p.m. Eastern on March 8 clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players.	April 4	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2021 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
March 1-7	— NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.	April 18	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
March 8	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	April 20	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.
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.	April 22	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
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.	April 27	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
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.	April 27	— Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.
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.	April 28-30	— Annual Player Selection Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev.
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 three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.	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.
March 16	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2022 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern.	May 2	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2019 Draft.
March 16	— All 2021 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern.	May 6-9 or	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie mini-camp from Friday-Sunday or Saturday-Monday.
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.	May 13-16	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
March 16	— Trading period for 2022 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2021 contracts.	May 16	— NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their respective clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period.
		May 19-22	— Spring League Meeting, TBD.
		(Tentative)	— 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.
		May 23-25	— 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 1	— 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).
		June 2	— Rookie Readiness Program to be held at individual clubs.
		June 15	
		Late June	

THE LAST BENGALS-JETS MEETINGS

**2016 SEASON
WEEK 1, GAME 1**

**Cincinnati Bengals 23, N.Y. Jets 22
Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 at MetLife Stadium**

The Bengals survived a seesaw battle to win a road season opener for the third year in a row. They trailed 7-0 but blocked a 22-yard Jets FG try to avoid getting two scores down. They came back to lead 10-7, but trailed 16-13 at halftime. They led 20-16, but later trailed 22-20. With 58 seconds left, K Mike Nugent got the winning points on a 47-yard FG. The Jets' last chance for a comeback was snuffed with 40 seconds remaining when second-year CB Josh Shaw intercepted a pass from QB Ryan Fitzpatrick. QB Andy Dalton posted a 114.0 passer rating despite being sacked seven times. It was the first Bengals win with seven or more sacks allowed since 1990. WR A.J. Green posted NFL-leading totals for Week 1 with 12 receptions and 180 receiving yards.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	3	10	7	3	—	23
N.Y. Jets.....	7	9	0	6	—	22

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
NYJ — Q.Enunwa 3 pass from R.Fitzpatrick (N.Folk kick).....	1-7:40
Cin. — M.Nugent 33 field goal.....	1-1:29
Cin. — A.Green 54 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	2-11:23
NYJ — E.Decker 15 pass from R.Fitzpatrick (kick failed).....	2-9:38
NYJ — N.Folk 45 field goal.....	2-3:19
Cin. — M.Nugent 21 field goal.....	2-0:00
Cin. — J.Hill 12 run (M.Nugent kick).....	3-3:09
NYJ — N.Folk 20 field goal.....	4-11:26
NYJ — N.Folk 23 field goal.....	4-3:23
Cin. — M.Nugent 47 field goal.....	4-0:54

Missed FGs: M.Nugent (52WR), N.Folk (22B).
Attendance: 78,160. **Time:** 3:01.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	NYJ
First downs.....	18	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-11	4-12
Total net yards.....	381	340
Net yards rushing.....	57	152
Net yards passing.....	324	188
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	30-23-1	35-19-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	7-42	1-1
Punts-average.....	3-48.0	3-51.3
Punt returns-yards.....	2-21	2-11
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-50	3-110
Penalties-yards.....	5-44	7-95
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	25:07	34:53

RUSHING									
CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	NYJ	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Hill	9	31	12t	1	M.Forte	22	96	14	0
G.Bernard	5	25	11	0	B.Powell	4	41	16	0
A.Dalton	3	7	5	0	R.Fitzpatrick	4	15	9	0
J.Wright	2	-6	2	0					
TOTALS	19	57	12	1	TOTALS	30	152	16	0

PASSING									
CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	NYJ	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	30	23	366	1-1	R.Fitzpatrick	35	19	189	2-1
TOTALS	30	23	366	1-1	TOTALS	35	19	189	2-1

RECEIVING									
CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	NYJ	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	12	180	54t	1	Q.Enunwa	7	54	23	1
B.LaFell	4	91	49	0	M.Forte	5	59	24	0
C.Uzomah	2	59	54	0	B.Marshall	3	32	18	0
T.Boyd	2	24	14	0	E.Decker	2	37	22	1
G.Bernard	2	5	4	0	B.Powell	2	7	7	0
J.Wright	1	7	7	0					
TOTALS	23	366	54t	1	TOTALS	19	189	24	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Dansby 5-6-11, V.Rey 5-4-9, S.Williams 4-5-9, A.Jones 5-1-6, C.Dunlap 4-1-5, G.Atkins 3-1-4, G.Iloka 2-2-4, J.Shaw 3-0-3, C.Lewis-Harris 2-1-3, M.Johnson 0-2-2, D.Peko 0-2-2, P.Sims 0-2-2, M.Hunt 1-0-1, D.Kirkpatrick 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** Shaw 1-0. **PD:** C.Dunlap 2, M.Hunt 2, M.Johnson 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, J.Shaw 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

N.Y. Jets (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Revis 5-2-7, M.Wilkerson 5-2-7, D.Lee 3-3-6, L.Williams 3-3-6, S.McLendon 5-0-5, M.Williams 3-1-4, D.Harris 2-2-4, B.Skrine 2-1-3, L.Mauldin 1-2-3, M.Gilchrist 2-0-2, L.Thomas 1-1-2, E.Henderson 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** L.Williams 2-5-19.5, M.Wilkerson 1-5-7.5, S.McLendon 2-14, L.Mauldin 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Williams 1-14. **PD:** D.Harris 1, M.Williams 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**2019 SEASON
WEEK 13, GAME 12**

**Cincinnati Bengals 22, N.Y. Jets 6
Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019 at Paul Brown Stadium**

After starting the season 0-11, the Bengals put together a dominant performance for their first win of the year, and the first career win for Zac Taylor as head coach. The visiting Jets, who had scored exactly 34 points in each of the three previous weeks (all wins), were held to just two FGs by a Bengals defense that entered the contest ranked 27th in points allowed. The Bengals applied constant pressure to Jets QB Sam Darnold and sacked him four times, including three by DE Carlos Dunlap, while holding the Jets' offense out of the red zone altogether. Bengals QB Andy Dalton returned to the starting lineup, after serving in a reserve role behind rookie Ryan Finley the previous three weeks, and passed former QB Ken Anderson for first place all-time in both career completions and TD passes by a Bengal (Anderson had 197 TD passes, and 2654 completions). The Bengals improved to 1-11, while the Jets fell to 4-8.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
N.Y. Jets.....	3	3	0	0	—	6
Cincinnati.....	7	10	5	0	—	22

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
NYJ — S.Ficken 42 field goal.....	1-9:08
Cin. — T.Boyd 17 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	1-1:12
Cin. — R.Bullock 24 field goal.....	2-9:13
Cin. — J.Mixon 5 run (R.Bullock kick).....	2-1:46
NYJ — S.Ficken 39 field goal.....	2-0:04
Cin. — NYJ penalized for holding in end zone for Cincinnati team safety.....	3-5:46
Cin. — R.Bullock 47 field goal.....	3-1:15

Missed FGs: R.Bullock (48WR). **Attendance:** 39,804. **Time:** 3:11.

TEAM STATISTICS	NYJ	CIN.
First downs.....	15	18
Third down conversions-attempts.....	7-17	5-14
Total net yards.....	271	277
Net yards rushing.....	62	44
Net yards passing.....	209	233
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	48-28-0	37-22-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-30	1-10
Punts-average.....	6-41.5	5-47.6
Punt returns-yards.....	0-0	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-32	3-50
Penalties-yards.....	10-106	2-15
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	2-0
Time of possession.....	28:19	31:41

RUSHING									
NYJ	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
L.Bell	10	32	7	0	J.Mixon	19	44	9	1
B.Powell	4	14	6	0	G.Bernard	1	4	4	0
S.Darnold	2	9	7	0	A.Dalton	5	-4	2	0
T.Montgomery	1	7	7	0					
TOTALS	17	62	7	0	TOTALS	25	44	9	1

PASSING									
NYJ	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
S.Darnold	48	28	239	0-0	A.Dalton	37	22	243	1-0
TOTALS	48	28	239	0-0	TOTALS	37	22	243	1-0

RECEIVING									
NYJ	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
R.Anderson	7	101	20	0	T.Boyd	5	59	17t	1
R.Griffin	5	30	9	0	C.Uzomah	5	51	16	0
L.Bell	4	35	11	0	A.Tate	4	66	19	0
D.Thomas	3	23	12	0	J.Mixon	4	26	9	0
V.Smith	2	8	9	0	A.Erickson	2	21	15	0
J.Crowder	2	8	9	0	T.Eifert	1	12	12	0
B.Powell	2	4	3	0	G.Bernard	1	8	8	0
D.Brown	1	9	9	0					
B.Berrios	1	5	5	0					
T.Montgomery	1	1	1	0					
TOTALS	28	239	20	0	TOTALS	22	243	19	1

DEFENSE

N.Y. Jets (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Burgess 7-2-9, M.Canady 6-2-8, A.Maulet 5-1-6, N.Hewitt 2-2-4, B.Poole 3-0-3, H.Anderson 1-2-3, J.Jenkins 1-2-3, S.McLendon 1-2-3, Q.Williams 2-0-2, F.Fatukasi 1-1-2, M.Maye 1-1-2, J.Willis 0-2-2, B.Austin 1-0-1, B.Copeland 1-0-1, J.Adams 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.McLendon 1-10. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** B.Austin 1, M.Canady 1, A.Maulet 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** W.Jackson 8-2-10, C.Dunlap 6-1-7, J.Bates 4-3-7, S.Hubbard 4-1-5, G.Pratt 3-2-5, N.Vigil 3-2-5, G.Atkins 1-3-4, B.Webb 3-0-3, S.Williams 2-1-3, D.Dennard 2-0-2, B.Wilson 2-0-2, A.Brown 1-0-1, J.Evans 1-0-1, D.Phillips 1-0-1, R.Wren 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 3-20, S.Hubbard 1-10. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Bates 1, D.Dennard 1, C.Dunlap 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

2021 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Cincinnati Bengals 27, Minnesota Vikings 24 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.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 periods 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS and rows for Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns for QTR-LEFT and rows listing plays such as T.Boyd 17 pass from J.Burrow and P.Freiermuth 4 pass from B.Roethlisberger.

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

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

RUSHING table with columns for CIN. and PITT. and rows for J.Mixon, J.Burrow, S.Perine, and TOTALES.

PASSING table with columns for CIN. and PITT. and rows for J.Burrow and TOTALES.

RECEIVING table with columns for CIN. and PITT. and rows for J.Chase, T.Boyd, C.Evans, M.Thomas, A.Tate, S.Perine, J.Mixon, and TOTALES.

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 periods 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS and rows for Jacksonville and Cincinnati.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns for QTR-LEFT and rows listing plays such as J.Robinson 6 run (M.Wright kick) and T.Lawrence 7 run (M.Wright kick).

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

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

RUSHING table with columns for JAX. and CIN. and rows for J.Robinson, T.Lawrence, L.Shenault, J.Agnew, D.Ogunbowale, and TOTALES.

PASSING table with columns for JAX. and CIN. and rows for T.Lawrence and TOTALES.

RECEIVING table with columns for JAX. and CIN. and rows for L.Shenault, M.Jones, D.Arnold, J.Agnew, T.Austin, C.Manhertz, L.Farrell, J.Hollister, J.Robinson, and TOTALES.

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
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 table with columns G.B., CIN. First downs 21, 18. Total net yards 466, 367. Net yards rushing 133, 103. Net yards passing 333, 103. Pass attempts-completions-interceptions 39-27-1, 38-26-2. Sacks against-yards lost 2-11, 3-17. Punts-average 2-33.5, 5-38.8. Punt returns-yards 2-9, 1-2. Kickoff returns-yards 2-13, 1-42. Penalties-yards 2-10, 2-21. Fumbles-lost 0-0, 0-0. Time of possession 33:59, 34:06.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns G.B., CIN. A.Jones 14, 103, 57, 0, S.Perine 11, 59, 11, 0. A.Dillon 8, 30, 17, 0, J.Mixon 10, 33, 10, 1. J.Burrow 3, 11, 9, 0. TOTALS 22, 133, 57, 0, 24, 103, 11, 1.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns G.B., CIN. Aa.Rodgers 39, 27, 344, 2-1, J.Burrow 38, 26, 281, 2-2. TOTALS 39, 27, 344, 2-1, 38, 26, 281, 2-2.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns G.B., CIN. D.Adams 11, 206, 59, 1, J.Chase 6, 159, 70t, 1. A.Dillon 4, 49, 24, 1, T.Higgins 5, 32, 10, 0. A.Jones 4, 6, 5, 0, S.Perine 4, 24, 10, 1. M.Lewis 2, 34, 20, 0, T.Boyd 4, 24, 9, 0. R.Cobb 2, 30, 15, 0, C.Uzomah 2, 16, 9, 0. A.Lazard 2, 6, 7, 0, C.Evans 2, 15, 8, 0. R.Tonyan 1, 8, 8, 0, D.Sample 2, 9, 6, 0. K.Hill 1, 5, 5, 0, J.Mixon 1, 2, 2, 0. TOTALS 27, 344, 59, 2, 26, 281, 70t, 2.

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.Yiandom 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, Cin. - J.Mixon 40 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick) 3-10:40, etc.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN., DET. First downs 20, 15. Total net yards 398, 228. Net yards rushing 142, 36. Net yards passing 256, 192. Pass attempts-completions-interceptions 30-20-1, 42-28-1. Sacks against-yards lost 2-22, 1-10. Punts-average 3-54.3, 6-55.5. Punt returns-yards 3-26, 3-25. Kickoff returns-yards 1-2, 4-89. Penalties-yards 4-31, 9-77. Fumbles-lost 1-0, 0-0. Time of possession 35:52, 24:08.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns CIN., DET. J.Mixon 18, 94, 18, 0, D.Swift 13, 24, 9, 1. J.Burrow 5, 20, 6, 0, J.Williams 4, 11, 6, 0. C.Evans 4, 18, 6, 0, J.Goff 1, 1, 1, 0. T.Williams 6, 13, 6, 0. B.Allen 3, -3, -1, 0. TOTALS 36, 142, 18, 0, 18, 36, 9, 1.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns CIN., DET. J.Burrow 29, 19, 271, 3-1, J.Goff 42, 28, 202, 0-1. B.Allen 1, 1, 7, 1-0. TOTALS 30, 20, 278, 4-1, 42, 28, 202, 0-1.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns CIN., DET. J.Mixon 5, 59, 40t, 1, T.Hockenson 8, 74, 33, 0. J.Chase 4, 97, 53, 0, K.Raymond 6, 37, 10, 0. C.Evans 3, 49, 24t, 1, D.Swift 5, 43, 15, 0. T.Higgins 3, 44, 23, 0, A.St. Brown 5, 26, 9, 0. C.Uzomah 3, 15, 8, 1, K.Hodge 2, 9, 7, 0. T.Boyd 1, 7, 7, 0, T.Kennedy 1, 15, 15, 0. A.Tate 1, 7, 7t, 1, J.Williams 1, -2, -2, 0. TOTALS 20, 278, 53, 4, 28, 202, 33, 0.

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. Offensively, Bengals QB Joe Burrow passed for a career-high 416 yards and three TDs, including 55- and 32-yarders to TE C.J. Uzomah, but the star of the game was rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase, whose 201 receiving yards were a Bengals rookie record. Cincinnati was protecting a three-point lead midway through the third quarter when Chase caught a slant, shook three tacklers and darted 82 yards for a TD. Cincinnati added two more TDs and leaned on a dominating defense, which held the Ravens to just 17 points. The Bengals sacked Ravens QB Lamar Jackson five times, including 2.5 from DE Sam Hubbard. Cincinnati improved to 5-2 and the Ravens fell to 5-2.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — E.McPherson 52 field goal.....	1-5:08
Balt. — J.Tucker 45 field goal.....	2-14:03
Cin. — C.Uzomah 55 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	2-6:29
Balt. — D.Freeman 1 run (J.Tucker kick).....	2-1:51
Cin. — E.McPherson 30 field goal.....	2-0:03
Balt. — M.Brown 39 pass from L.Jackson (J.Tucker kick).....	3-13:20
Cin. — C.Uzomah 32 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	3-11:06
Cin. — J.Chase 82 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	3-5:48
Cin. — J.Mixon 21 run (E.McPherson kick).....	4-9:24
Cin. — S.Perine 46 run (E.McPherson kick).....	4-6:59

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

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	BALT.
First downs.....	19	20
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-13	5-16
Total net yards.....	520	393
Net yards rushing.....	111	115
Net yards passing.....	409	278
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	38-23-1	42-20-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-7	5-18
Punts-average.....	4-54.0	6-44.0
Punt returns-yards.....	3-20	2-37
Kickoff returns-yards.....	0-0	2-45
Penalties-yards.....	1-5	5-46
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	28:11	31:49

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	12	59	21t	1	L.Jackson	12	88	16	0
S.Perine	11	52	46t	1	D.Freeman	4	14	10	1
J.Burrow	1	0	0	0	T.Williams	2	10	6	0
					L.Bell	5	5	7	0
					D.Duvernay	1	-2	-2	0
TOTALS	24	111	46t	2	TOTALS	24	115	16	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Burrow	38	23	416	3-1	L.Jackson	31	15	257	1-0
					T.Huntley	11	5	39	0-0
TOTALS	38	23	416	3-1	TOTALS	42	20	296	1-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Chase	8	201	82t	1	M.Brown	5	80	39t	1
T.Higgins	7	62	11	0	R.Bateman	3	80	35	0
T.Boyd	4	39	25	0	M.Andrews	3	48	24	0
C.Uzomah	3	91	55t	2	D.Freeman	3	25	12	0
S.Perine	1	23	23	0	J.Oliver	2	29	19	0
					T.Williams	2	24	13	0
					D.Duvernay	1	11	11	0
					L.Bell	1	-1	-1	0
TOTALS	23	416	82t	3	TOTALS	20	296	39t	1

DEFENSE

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:** 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, 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, J.Ellis 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.

THE BENGALS ARE:

2021 REGULAR SEASON

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

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

UNDER ZAC TAYLOR (2019-PRESENT)

7-12-0 at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)
4-15-1 on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)
7-12-0 when scoring first
4-15-1 when opponent scores first
2-8-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
3-14-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
8-9-0 when leading after one quarter
1-3-1 when tied after one quarter
2-15-0 when trailing after one quarter
8-8-0 when leading at halftime
1-1-0 when tied at halftime
2-18-1 when trailing at halftime
9-5-1 when leading after three quarters
2-1-0 when tied after three quarters
0-21-0 when trailing after three quarters
11-7-1 when scoring 20 or more points
6-22-1 when opponent scores 20 or more points

10-27-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
1-0-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
2-12-1 on natural grass
9-15-0 on synthetic surface
5-6-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
3-16-1 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
5-21-1 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
8-11-0 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
5-11-1 when passing for 250 or more net yards
5-10-0 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
6-16-0 when passing for less than 250 net yards
6-17-1 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
6-2-1 with plus turnover differential
4-7-0 with even turnover differential
1-18-0 with minus turnover differential
7-16-1 with fewer penalties than opponent
8-16-1 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

127 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
 94 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 17 at Detroit
 90 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

29 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
 20 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 19 at Chicago
 18 — (two times)

LONGEST RUSHES

46 — Samaje Perine, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)
 27 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
 21 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)

RECEPTIONS

9 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
 8 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
 7 — (two times)

RECEIVING YARDS

201 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
 159 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 118 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville

PASSING YARDS

416 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
 348 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
 281 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay

PASS ATTEMPTS

38 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 38 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
 32 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville

PASS COMPLETIONS

26 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 25 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
 23 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 24 at Baltimore

LONGEST PASSES

82 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)
 70 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay (TD)
 55 — Joe Burrow to C.J. Uzomah, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

201 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
 159 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 153 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 17 at Detroit

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

44 — Brandon Wilson, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 30 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
 28 — Brandon Wilson, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

16 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
 15 — (four times)

TOTAL TACKLES*

14 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
 10 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
 9 — (four times)

SOLO TACKLES*

8 — Jessie Bates, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 8 — Vonn Bell, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 6 — (six times)

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

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										
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 14	—BYE—										
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas										
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS										
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO										
Dec. 19	at Denver										
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE										
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY										
Jan. 9	at Cleveland										
TOTALS		2587	186-748	1839	147-213	18/8	17-124	124	34-87	3-1	29:48

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										
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 14	—BYE—										
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas										
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS										
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO										
Dec. 19	at Denver										
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE										
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY										
Jan. 9	at Cleveland										
TOTALS		2379	165-658	1721	182-279	7/5	19-121	138	41-103	5-1	30:12

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 Ja'Marr Chase (D1) and DE Joseph Ossai (D3); Placed LS Dan Godsil on the Reserve/Retired list.</p> <p>July 22, 2021 — Acquired C Lamont Gaillard on waivers from Arizona.</p> <p>July 26, 2021 — Signed DE Sam Hubbard* to a contract extension; Signed WR Reece Horn (FA).</p> <p>July 27, 2021 — Signed OT Gunnar Vogel (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 16, 2021 — Waived WR Reece Horn, WR Riley Lees and TE Pro Wells.</p> <p>Aug. 22, 2021 — Signed DE Noah Spence (FA); Terminated the contract of S Kavon Frazier; Waived DE Freedom Akinmoladun, QB Eric Dungey, C Lamont Gaillard and TE Cheyenne O'Grady.</p> <p>Aug. 23, 2021 — Waived (injured) CB Donnie Lewis Jr..</p> <p>Aug. 24, 2021 — CB Donnie Lewis Jr. cleared waivers and reverted to Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 30, 2021 — Acquired DT B.J. Hill in a trade with the N.Y. Giants for C Billy Price.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2021 — Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list: OT Hakeem Adeniji and DE Wyatt Hubert; Placed DE Joseph Ossai on the Reserve/Injured list; Terminated the contracts of the following four vested veterans: DT Mike Daniels, TE Mason Schreck, DE Noah Spence and WR Trent Taylor; Waived the following 20 players: LB Joe Bachie, DE Amani Bledsoe, CB Tony Brown, P Drue Chrisman, S Trayvon Henderson, LB Keandre Jones, G Michael Jordan, DT Kahlil McKenzie, TE Thaddeus Moss, HB Jacques Patrick, CB Antonio Phillips, CB Winston Rose, K Austin Seibert, QB Kyle Shurmur, G Keaton Sutherland, OT Gunnar Vogel, WR Scotty Washington, HB Pooka Williams Jr., HB Trayveon Williams and DT Renell Wren.</p> <p>Sept. 1, 2021 — Acquired the following two players on waivers: DE Wyatt Ray (from Tennessee) and CB Nick McCloud (from Buffalo); Terminated the contract of WR Mike Thomas; Waived WR Trenton Irwin; Signed the following 15 players to the Practice Squad: LB Joe Bachie, P Drue Chrisman, S Trayvon Henderson, LB Keandre Jones, TE Thaddeus Moss, HB Jacques Patrick, CB Tony Brown, CB Winston Rose, TE Mason Schreck, DE Noah Spence, G Keaton Sutherland, WR Trent Taylor, HB Pooka Williams Jr., HB Trayveon Williams and DT Renell Wren.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2021 — Re-signed WR Mike Thomas; Placed DE Khalid Kareem on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2021 — Signed WR Trenton Irwin to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 6, 2021 — Signed DT Mike Daniels to the Practice Squad; Released CB Winston Rose from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 7, 2021 — Signed QB Jake Browning (FA) to the Practice Squad; Released P Drue Chrisman from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 14, 2021 — Waived CB Donnie Lewis from the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 15, 2021 — Signed WR Trenton Irwin off the Practice Squad; Placed S Ricardo Allen on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed S Sean Davis (FA) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 18, 2021 — Elevated S Sean Davis from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> | <p>Sept. 20, 2021 — S Sean Davis reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster; Placed G Keaton Sutherland (practice squad) on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Sept. 21, 2021 — Signed C Lamont Gaillard to the practice squad; HB Jacques Patrick signed off practice squad by San Francisco.</p> <p>Sept. 25, 2021 — Elevated S Sean Davis from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Sept. 27, 2021 — S Sean Davis reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Sept. 30, 2021 — Elevated S Trayvon Henderson to the active roster from the Practice Squad (standard elevation); Placed TE Thaddeus Moss on the Practice Squad/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 1, 2021 — Announced that G Keaton Sutherland returned to the Practice Squad from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; S Trayvon Henderson reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Oct. 5, 2021 — Signed P Drue Chrisman (FA) and S Michael Thomas (FA) to the practice squad; Released CB Tony Brown and S Sean Davis from the practice squad.</p> <p>Oct. 6, 2021 — Announced that S Ricardo Allen was designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 9, 2021 — Returned S Ricardo Allen (designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Placed G Xavier Su'a-Filo on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 11, 2021 — Placed LB Jordan Evans on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed G Jackson Carman and HB Samaje Perine on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 12, 2021 — Placed CB Trae Waynes on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed CB Holton Hill (FA) and HB Elijah Holyfield (FA) to the Practice Squad; Released P Drue Chrisman from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 13, 2021 — Announced that DE Khalid Kareem was designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 14, 2021 — Acquired CB Tre Flowers on waivers from Seattle.</p> <p>Oct. 15, 2021 — Returned G Jackson Carman to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 16, 2021 — Placed G D'Ante Smith on the Reserve/Injured list; Elevated LB Joe Bachie to the active roster from the Practice Squad (COVID-19 elevation); Elevated HB Trayveon Williams to the active roster from the Practice Squad (standard elevation).</p> <p>Oct. 18, 2021 — LB Joe Bachie and HB Trayveon Williams reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Oct. 20, 2021 — Announced that OT Hakeem Adeniji (Reserve/Non-Football Injury list) was eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 21, 2021 — Returned HB Samaje Perine to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 23, 2021 — Elevated LB Joe Bachie from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Oct. 25, 2021 — LB Joe Bachie reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> |
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* NOTE: Signed a new contract before pre-existing contract expired.

2021 PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

- P** — played as a substitute
- DNP** — did not play
- IL** — inactive list
- PS** — practice squad
- NWT** — not with team
- REX** — roster exemption
- RI** — reserve/injured list

- RPUP** — reserve/physically unable to perform list
- RNFI** — reserve/non-football injury list
- RNF-I** — reserve/non-football illness list
- RSBC** — reserve/suspended by commissioner list
- RSBT** — reserve/suspended by team list
- ROO** — reserve/opt-out
- RC19** — reserve/COVID-19 list

- RF** — reserve/future list
- PSI** — practice squad/injured 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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	G-S	MINN.	@Chi.	@Pitt.	JAX.	G.B.	@Det.	@Balt.	@NYJ	CLE.	@L.V.	PITT.	LAC	S.F.	@Den.	BALT.	K.C.	@Cle.
Adeniji, Hakeem	0-0RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI*										
Allen, Brandon	2-0	.....DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	P										
Allen, Ricardo	4-0	.....P	RI	RI	RI	P^	P	P										
Apple, Eli	7-6	.....CB	CB	CB	CB	P	CB	CB										
Awuzie, Chidobe	6-6	.....CB	CB	CB	IL	CB	CB	CB										
Bachie, Joe	2-0	.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P+<	P+										
Bailey, Markus	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Bates, Jessie, III	6-6	.....S	S	S	IL	S	S	S										
Bell, Vonn	7-7	.....S	S	S	S	S	S	S										
Boyd, Tyler	7-5	.....P	WR	WR	WR	WR	P	WR										
Brown, Tony	0-0	.....PS+	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT										
Browning, Jake	0-0	.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Burrow, Joe	7-7	.....QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB										
Carman, Jackson	7-4	.....P	P	RG	RG	RG	P	RG										
Chase, Ja'Marr	7-7	.....WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR										
Chrisman, Drue	0-0	.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	NWT	NWT										
Daniels, Mike	0-0	.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Davis, Jalen	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Davis, Sean	2-0	.....NWT	P=	P+=	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT										
Davis-Gaither, Akeem	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Evans, Chris	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Evans, Jordan	5-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	RI	RI										
Flowers, Tre	1-0	.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	IL	P										
Gaillard, Lamont	0-0	.....NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Harris, Clark	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Henderson, Trayvon	1-0	.....PS	PS+	PS+	P=	PS+	PS	PS										
Hendrickson, Trey	7-6	.....RDE	P	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE										
Higgins, Tee	5-5	.....WR	WR	IL	IL	WR	WR	WR										
Hill, B.J.	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Hill, Holton	0-0	.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS+	PS										
Hill, Trey	5-1	.....DNP	DNP	P	P	P	RG	P										
Hilton, Mike	7-3	.....NCB	NCB	NCB	P	P	P	P										
Hodge, Darius	4-0	.....P	P	P	P	IL	IL	IL										
Holyfield, Elijah	0-0	.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS										
Hopkins, Trey	7-7	.....C	C	C	C	C	C	C										
Hubbard, Sam	7-7	.....LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE										
Huber, Kevin	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Hubert, Wyatt	0-0	.....RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI										
Irwin, Trenton	5-0	.....PS	IL	P	P	P	P	P										
Johnson, Fred	2-0	.....IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P										
Jones, Keandre	0-0	.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Kareem, Khalid	0-0	.....RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI^A	RI^A										
Lewis, Donnie, Jr.	0-0	.....RI	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT										
McCloud, Nick	2-0	.....IL	IL	IL	P	IL	P	IL										
McPherson, Evan	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Mixon, Joe	7-7	.....HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB										
Morgan, Stanley	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Moss, Thaddeus	0-0	.....PS	PS	PS	PSI	PSI	PSI	PSI										
Ogunjobi, Larry	7-7	.....DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT										
Ossai, Joseph	0-0	.....RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Patrick, Jacques	0-0	.....PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT										
Perine, Samaje	6-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	RC19	P										
Phillips, Darius	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Pratt, Germaine	7-7	.....LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB										
Prince, Isaiah	6-0	.....P	DNP	P	P	P	P	P										
Ray, Wyatt	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Reader, D.J.	7-7	.....NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT										
Reiff, Riley	7-7	.....ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT										
Sample, Cam	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Sample, Drew	7-3	.....2ndTE	P	2ndTE	P	P	2ndTE	P										
Schreck, Mason	0-0	.....PS+	PS+	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Shelvin, Tyler	0-0	.....IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL										
Smith, D'Ante	1-0	.....IL	IL	P	DNP	DNP	RI	RI										
Spain, Quinton	7-7	.....LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG										
Spence, Noah	0-0	.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Su'a-Filo, Xavier	2-2	.....RG	RG	IL	IL	RI	RI	RI										
Sutherland, Keaton	0-0	.....PS+	PS+	RC19	RC19	PS	PS+	PS+										
Tate, Auden	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Taylor, Trent	0-0	.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS+	PS	PS										
Thomas, Michael J.	0-0	.....NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS										
Thomas, Mike D.	4-1	.....P	P	P	WR	IL	IL	IL										
Tupou, Josh	7-5	.....P	2ndDT	P	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT										
Uzomah, C.J.	7-7	.....TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE										
Waynes, Trae	2-2	.....IL	IL	IL	CB	CB	RI	RI										
Wilcox, Mitchell	7-0	.....P	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Williams, Jonah	7-7	.....LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT										
Williams, Pooka, Jr.	0-0	.....PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Williams, Trayveon	1-0	.....PS	PS	PS+	PS	PS+	P+=	PS+										
Wilson, Brandon	7-1	.....P	P	P	S	P	P	P										
Wilson, Logan	7-7	.....LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB										
Wren, Renell	0-0	.....PS+	PS+	PS+	PS	PS+	PS	PS+										

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

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

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											
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND											
Nov. 14	—BYE—											
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas											
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH											
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DEPTH CHART

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OFFENSE

WR	1	<u>Ja'Marr Chase</u>		19	Auden Tate		
LOT	73	Jonah Williams		75	Isaiah Prince		
LG	67	Quinton Spain		74	Fred Johnson		
C	66	Trey Hopkins		<u>63</u>	<u>Trey Hill</u>		
RG	<u>79</u>	<u>Jackson Carman</u>		<u>63</u>	<u>Trey Hill</u>		
ROT	71	Riley Reiff		74	Fred Johnson		
TE	87	C.J. Uzomah		89	Drew Sample	84	Mitchell Wilcox
WR	83	Tyler Boyd		17	Stanley Morgan	16	Trenton Irwin
WR	85	Tee Higgins		80	Mike Thomas		
QB	9	Joe Burrow		8	Brandon Allen		
HB	28	Joe Mixon		34	Samaje Perine	<u>25</u>	<u>Chris Evans</u>

DEFENSE

LDE	94	Sam Hubbard		<u>96</u>	<u>Cam Sample</u>		93	Wyatt Ray
NT	98	D.J. Reader		68	Josh Tupou		<u>99</u>	<u>Tyler Shelvin</u>
DT	65	Larry Ogunjobi		92	B.J. Hill			
RDE	91	Trey Hendrickson		<u>44</u>	<u>Darius Hodge</u>			
LB	55	Logan Wilson		59	Akeem Davis-Gaither			
LB	57	Germaine Pratt		51	Markus Bailey			
NCB	21	Mike Hilton		35	Jalen Davis			
CB	20	Eli Apple		<u>29</u>	<u>Nick McCloud</u>			
CB	22	Chidobe Awuzie		23	Darius Phillips	33	Tre Flowers	
S	24	Vonn Bell		37	Ricardo Allen			
S	30	Jessie Bates III		40	Brandon Wilson			

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber					
K	<u>2</u>	<u>Evan McPherson</u>					
LS	46	Clark Harris					
H	10	Kevin Huber					
PR	23	Darius Phillips	16	Trenton Irwin	83	Tyler Boyd	
KOR	40	Brandon Wilson	23	Darius Phillips			

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
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
59	Davis-Gaither, Akeem	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
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
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/G	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
44	Hodge, Darius	DE	6-1	248	7-3-98	R	Marshall	Wake Forest, N.C.	CFA'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/G	6-6	325	6-5-97	3	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
29	McCloud, Nick	CB	6-1	190	7-9-98	R	Notre Dame	Rock Hill, S.C.	W(Buff.)'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
65	Ogunjobi, Larry	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Cle.)'21
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	5	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
23	Phillips, Darius	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
57	Pratt, Germaine	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	3	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
75	Prince, Isaiah	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
71	Reiff, Riley	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.	FA'21
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	Belleveue, Wash.	D2'19
99	Shelvin, Tyler	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	R	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21
67	Spain, Quinton	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.	FA'20
19	Tate, Auden	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
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
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
40	Wilson, Brandon	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
55	Wilson, Logan	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	2	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20

PRACTICE SQUAD (date signed to PS)

49	Bachie, Joe (9-1-21)	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	2	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
6	Browning, Jake (9-7-21)	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	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
27	Hill, Holton (10-12-21)	CB	6-2	196	3-28-97	4	Texas	Houston, Texas	FA'21
36	Holyfield, Elijah (10-12-21)	HB	5-10	215	11-30-97	2	Georgia	College Park, Ga.	FA'21
47	Jones, Keandre (9-1-21)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	1	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
86	Schreck, Mason (9-1-21)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
52	Spence, Noah (9-1-21)	DE	6-2	251	1-8-94	5	Eastern Kentucky	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'21
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
31	Thomas, Michael J. (10-5-21)	S	5-11	195	3-17-90	8	Stanford	Houston, Texas	FA'21
12	Williams, Pooka, Jr. (9-1-21)	WR	5-9	175	6-19-99	R	Kansas	New Orleans, La.	CFA'21
32	Williams, Trayveon (9-1-21)	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
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 (9-30-21; head/neck)	TE	6-3	249	5-14-98	2	Louisiana State	Charlotte, N.C.	W(Wash.)'21
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RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY (date assigned to RI; injury)

77	= Adeniji, Hakeem (8-31-21; pectoral)	OT	6-4	302	12-8-97	2	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
56	Hubert, Wyatt (8-31-21; pectoral)	DE	6-3	258	6-13-98	R	Kansas State	Topeka, Kan.	D7'21

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned to RI; injury)

50	Evans, Jordan (10-11-21; knee)	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	5	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
90	= Kareem, Khalid (9-2-21; shoulder)	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	2	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20
58	Ossal, Joseph (8-31-21; knee)	DE	6-4	256	4-12-00	R	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
70	Smith, D'Ante (10-16-12; knee)	G	6-5	305	6-9-98	R	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
72	Su'a-Filo, Xavier (10-9-21; knee)	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	8	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20
26	Waynes, Trae (10-12-21; hamstring)	CB	6-0	190	7-25-92	7	Michigan State	Kenosha, Wis.	UFA(Minn.)'20

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

OCT. 26, 2021

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
1	Ja'Marr Chase	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	R	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.	D1'21
2	Evan McPherson	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	R	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
8	Brandon Allen	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	5	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
9	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	2	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	13	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
16	Trenton Irwin	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
17	Stanley Morgan	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
19	Auden Tate	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
20	Eli Apple	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	6	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.	FA'21
21	Mike Hilton	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	5	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
22	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	5	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
23	Darius Phillips	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	6	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
25	Chris Evans	HB	5-11	211	10-5-97	R	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	5	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
29	Nick McCloud	CB	6-1	190	7-9-98	R	Notre Dame	Rock Hill, S.C.	W(Buff.)'21
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	4	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
33	Tre Flowers	CB	6-3	203	6-2-95	4	Oklahoma State	Converse, Texas	W(Sea.)'21
34	Samaje Perine	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	5	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
35	Jalen Davis	CB	5-10	185	2-2-96	2	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
37	Ricardo Allen	S	5-9	186	12-18-91	7	Purdue	Daytona Beach, Fla.	FA'21
40	Brandon Wilson	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
44	Darius Hodge	DE	6-1	248	7-3-98	R	Marshall	Wake Forest, N.C.	CFA'21
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	13	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
51	Markus Bailey	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	2	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
55	Logan Wilson	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	2	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	3	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
63	Trey Hill	C/G	6-4	319	1-23-00	R	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
65	Larry Ogunjobi	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Cle.)'21
66	Trey Hopkins	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	6	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
67	Quinton Spain	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.	FA'20
68	Josh Tupou	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
71	Riley Reiff	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.	FA'21
73	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	3	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
74	Fred Johnson	OT/G	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
79	Jackson Carman	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	R	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
80	Mike D. Thomas	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	6	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	6	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
84	Mitchell Wilcox	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	1	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
85	Tee Higgins	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	2	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
87	C.J. Uzomah	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	7	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	3	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
91	Trey Hendrickson	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	5	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
92	B.J. Hill	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	4	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
93	Wyatt Ray	DE	6-3	255	10-24-96	2	Boston College	Boca Raton, Fla.	W(Tenn.)'21
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

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86	Mason Schreck (9-1-21)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
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70	D'Ante Smith (10-16-12; knee)	G	6-5	305	6-9-98	R	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
72	Xavier Su'a-Filo (10-9-21; knee)	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	8	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20
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2021 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

RECORD: 5-2

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-12-21	W	27-24 (OT)	MINNESOTA	56,525
9-19-21	L	17-20	at Chicago	60,840
9-26-21	W	24-10	at Pittsburgh	58,076
9-30-21	W	24-21	JACKSONVILLE	63,198
10-10-21	L	22-25 (OT)	GREEN BAY	64,195
10-17-21	W	34-11	at Detroit	50,831
10-24-21	W	41-17	at Baltimore	70,659
11-7-21			CLEVELAND	
11-14-21			—BYE—	
11-21-21			at Las Vegas	
11-28-21			PITTSBURGH	
12-5-21			L.A. CHARGERS	
12-12-21			SAN FRANCISCO	
12-19-21			at Denver	
12-26-21			BALTIMORE	
1-2-22			KANSAS CITY	
1-9-22			at Cleveland	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	124	138
Rushing	34	40
Passing	82	87
Penalty	8	11
3rd Down: Made-Att	34-87	41-103
3rd Down Pct.	39.1	39.8
4th Down: Made-Att	7-10	5-13
4th Down Pct.	70.0	38.5
POSSESSION AVG.	29:48	30:12
TOTAL NET YARDS	2587	2379
Avg. Per Game	369.6	339.9
Total Plays	416	463
Avg. Per Play	6.2	5.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	748	658
Avg. Per Game	106.9	94.0
Total Rushes	186	165
NET YARDS PASSING	1839	1721
Avg. Per Game	262.7	245.9
Sacked-Yards Lost	17-124	19-121
Gross Yards	1963	1842
Att.-Completions	213-147	279-182
Completion Pct.	69.0	65.2
Had Intercepted	8	5
PUNTS-AVG.	29-47.0	34-46.5
Net Punting Avg.	29-40.8	34-40.8
PENALTIES-YARDS	30-256	48-402
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	3-1	5-1
TOUCHDOWNS	23	14
Rushing	5	6
Passing	18	7
Returns	0	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	24	41	58	63	3	189
OPPONENTS	14	47	17	47	3	128

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	22-22	9-12	0	49
Ja'Marr Chase	6	0	6	0	—	—	0	36
Joe Mixon	5	4	1	0	—	—	0	30
C.J. Uzomah	5	0	5	0	—	—	0	30
Tee Higgins	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	14
Samaje Perine	2	1	1	0	—	—	0	12
Tyler Boyd	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Chris Evans	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Auden Tate	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	23	5	18	0	22-22	9-12	0	189
OPPONENTS	14	6	7	1	12-13	10-14	0	128

Two-point conversions: Tee Higgins 1. BENGALS 1-1 (0-0 R, 1-1 P), OPPONENTS 1-1 (0-0 R, 1-1 P).

Sacks-yards: Trey Hendrickson 6.5-51.5, Sam Hubbard 4-18, B.J. Hill 3-22, Larry Ogunjobi 2.5-14.5, D.J. Reader 1-8, Cam Sample 1-5, Logan Wilson 1-2. BENGALS 19-121, OPPONENTS 17-124.

Fumbles-lost: Tee Higgins 1-1, Ja'Marr Chase 1-0, Joe Mixon 1-0. BENGALS 3-1, OPPONENTS 5-1.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	212	146	1956	68.9	9.23	17	8.0	8	3.8	82t	17-124	108.9
Brandon Allen	1	1	7	100.0	7.00	1	100.0	0	0.0	7t	0-0	135.4
BENGALS	213	147	1963	69.0	9.22	18	8.5	8	3.8	82t	17-124	110.5
OPPONENTS	279	182	1842	65.2	6.60	7	2.5	5	1.8	59	19-121	84.8

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	123	539	4.4	27	4
Samaje Perine	31	139	4.5	46t	1
Joe Burrow	18	44	2.4	9	0
Chris Evans	4	18	4.5	6	0
Trayveon Williams	6	13	2.2	6	0
Ja'Marr Chase	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
Brandon Allen	3	-3	-1.0	-1	0
BENGALS	186	748	4.0	46t	5
OPPONENTS	165	658	4.0	57	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Ja'Marr Chase	35	754	21.5	82t	6
Tyler Boyd	32	329	10.3	33	1
Tee Higgins	25	256	10.2	28	2
C.J. Uzomah	17	256	15.1	55t	5
Joe Mixon	13	90	6.9	40t	1
Chris Evans	8	104	13.0	24t	1
Samaje Perine	8	77	9.6	23	1
Auden Tate	3	39	13.0	18	1
Mike Thomas	3	24	8.0	19	0
Drew Sample	2	9	4.5	6	0
Trenton Irwin	1	25	25.0	25	0
BENGALS	147	1963	13.4	82t	18
OPPONENTS	182	1842	10.1	59	7

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Logan Wilson	4	31	7.8	18	0
Chidobe Awuzie	1	42	42.0	42	0
BENGALS	5	73	14.6	42	0
OPPONENTS	8	108	13.5	53t	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	29	1363	47.0	40.9	4	11	61	0
BENGALS	29	1363	47.0	40.9	4	11	61	0
OPPONENTS	34	1580	46.5	40.8	3	11	64	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Darius Phillips	15	7	108	7.2	16	0
Trenton Irwin	2	2	26	13.0	15	0
BENGALS	17	9	134	7.9	16	0
OPPONENTS	9	8	97	10.8	21	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Wilson	10	238	23.8	44	0
Darius Phillips	2	43	21.5	24	0
Germaine Pratt	1	2	2.0	2	0
BENGALS	13	283	21.8	44	0
OPPONENTS	11	230	20.9	28	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Evan McPherson	0-0	0-0	4-4	2-4	3-4
BENGALS	0-0	0-0	4-4	2-4	3-4
OPPONENTS	0-0	4-4	1-2	4-6	1-2

Evan McPherson: (53G, 33G), (53G), (43G), (43WL, 35G), (57RU, 49WL), (38G, 40G), (52G, 30G).

Opponents: (53G), (28G, 22G), (42WL, 26G), (—), (44G, 44G, 22G, 36WL, 51WL, 40WL, 49G), (35G), (45G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Logan Wilson	28	30	58	1-2	4-31	4	0	0-0
Vonn Bell	33	10	43	0-0	0-0	3	1	0-0
Jessie Bates	31	11	42	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Germaine Pratt	21	11	32	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-0
Sam Hubbard	18	12	30	4-18	0-0	1	0	0-0
Mike Hilton	19	7	26	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Chidobe Awuzie	21	4	25	0-0	1-42	6	0	0-0
Larry Ogunjobi	16	9	25	2.5-14.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
D.J. Reader	9	15	24	1-8	0-0	0	0	0-0
Eli Apple	18	5	23	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	17	6	23	0-0	0-0	3	1	0-0
B.J. Hill	9	7	16	3-22	0-0	0	0	0-0
Trey Hendrickson	8	5	13	6.5-51.5	0-0	1	1	0-0
Cam Sample	6	2	8	1-5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Wyatt Ray	2	6	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Ricardo Allen	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Joe Bachie	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Darius Phillips	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Trae Wayne	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jordan Evans	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jalen Davis	0	4	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Markus Bailey	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Brandon Wilson	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tre Flowers	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Chris Evans	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Stanley Morgan	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jalen Davis	2	0	2	1	0-0	0	0	0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Samaje Perine	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Logan Wilson	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ricardo Allen	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Joe Bachie	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Evans	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Darius Phillips	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Germaine Pratt	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brandon Wilson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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