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N.Y. GIANTS (2-0) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (1-1)

PRESEASON GAME 3
 THURSDAY, AUG. 22
 AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT WEEK: PRESEASON FINALE
 AUG. 29 VS. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 7 p.m. Eastern.

Television: Live coverage on the Bengals Preseason Network with broadcasters Mike Watts (play-by-play), Anthony Munoz (analyst) and Solomon Wilcotts (sideline analyst). The network is led by flagship WKRC-TV (CBS Channel 12) in Cincinnati. Also on the network are WKEF-TV (ABC Ch. 22) in Dayton, WSYX-TV (ABC Ch. 6) in Columbus, WLIO-TV (FOX Ch. 8.2) in Lima, WDKY-TV FOX Ch. 56) in Lexington, Ky. and WDRB-TV (FOX Ch. 41) in Louisville, Ky.

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 Cincinnati Bengals take the field at Paul Brown Stadium for the first time under new head coach Zac Taylor on Thursday night, when they face the visiting N.Y. Giants. The Bengals enter the contest 1-1 in preseason play, and fresh off of last week's 23-13 victory over the Washington Redskins.

"It feels good to win," Taylor said after notching his career first victory — albeit in preseason play. "You've got to get used to winning. But I told those guys we've got to raise our standards in every area coming off this week, because this week wasn't quite good enough and we've got a lot to improve on."

The Bengals' reserves stole the show against the Redskins, as all 23 of Cincinnati's points were scored after the first team had exited. Highlighting the night was the play of the Bengals' special teams units, which took control of the game by scoring the final 10 points of the evening.

Rookie K Tristan Vizcaino struck first, breaking a 13-13 tie with a 57-yard field goal, which had it come in the regular season would've been a record for longest in team history (current record is 55 yards by Chris Bahr and Mike Nugent). Two minutes later, WR Alex Erickson added to the lead with a 75-yard punt return for a TD.

But despite the late special teams fireworks, the talk of the night was the play of the young Bengals wide receivers. All eight receivers who played recorded at least one reception, including six who had a catch of at least 12 yards.

"We've been impressed by the receiver corps as a group," Taylor said. "(Wide receivers coach) Bob Bicknell and (assistant quarterbacks coach) Dan Pitcher have done a great job with those guys and being on top of the details, because it's so important in the system that guys do the little things the right way."

With 2017 first-round pick John Ross and seven-time Pro Bowler A.J. Green both missing nearly all of training camp thus far due to injuries, critics have taken aim at a young and unproven group of Bengals pass-catchers. But the receivers have responded by performing well in both practices and games.

Among the surprises has been college free agent Damion Willis, who after drawing rave reviews in practices took his show to the game field against the Redskins. Willis notched five catches for 59 yards, and also had a highlight-reel 35-yard TD catch wiped out by a controversial offensive pass interference penalty. Second-year WR Auden Tate, a 6-5, 228-pound target who excels in the red zone, has also turned heads. Tate has made several highlight-reel catches so far this preseason, and got into the end-zone against Washington with a three-yard score.

Among the other young WRs to impress in training camp have been college free agent Stanley Morgan, the University of Nebraska's all-time leading receiver, and third-year pro Josh Malone, who is fully healthy after battling a hamstring issue most of last season.

"It's still not perfect, but I've been impressed with that group as a whole," Taylor said. "Those guys have stepped up and made some big plays."

Also turning heads has been rookie QB Ryan Finley, a fourth-round pick of the Bengals in April's draft. Through two games, Finley has completed 75 percent of his passes (33 of 44), with three TDs and a 102.4 passer rating. He made headlines in the preseason opener at Kansas City by completing his first 10 passes, and then followed that up by completing his first nine attempts at Washington.

"It sounds like he has (regressed) because he was 10-for-10 last time," Taylor joked. "But he was very cool and calm, and we've got a lot of confidence with him in there. I thought he did a nice job."

On the other side of the ball, the story continues to be the Bengals' pass rush, despite DE Carl Lawson and seven-time Pro Bowl DT Geno Atkins sitting out the first two preseason contests. After consistent pressure that resulted in two sacks against Kansas City, the Bengals turned up the heat in Washington and notched four sacks. DEs Kerry Wynn, Jordan Willis and Immanuel Turner, along with LB Deshaun Davis, were all credited with sacks against the Redskins.

The defense is led by first-year coordinator Lou Anarumo, who will square off against his former team on Thursday. Anarumo, who is also a native of Staten Island, N.Y., served as defensive backs coach for the Giants last season.

The Giants enter Thursday's matchup 2-0 in preseason play, after wins over the N.Y. Jets (31-22) and Chicago Bears (32-13).

The series: The Bengals and Giants have played only four times in preseason, with the Giants holding a 3-1 series lead. The Bengals, however, won the last preseason meeting, 23-10 at Paul Brown Stadium in 2015.

The previous four Bengals-Giants preseason games were preseason openers for Cincinnati.

In regular-season meetings, the Bengals lead 6-4. The last regular-season matchup resulted in a 21-20 Giants win at MetLife Stadium in 2016. The Bengals and Giants will not meet in the 2019 regular season.

A complete recap of past Bengals-Giants regular-season results is on page 208 in the Bengals 2019 Media Guide.

BENGALS-GIANTS 2018 NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	GIANTS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored.....	17th (23.0)	16th(23.1)
Points allowed	30th (28.4)	23rd (25.8)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	26th (310.8)	17th (356.1)
Rushing	21st (105.1)	24th (103.1)
Passing.....	24th (205.6)	11th (252.9)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	32nd (413.6)	24th (371.4)
Rushing	29th (137.8)	20th (118.6)
Passing.....	32nd (275.9)	23rd (252.8)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-15th (plus-1)	T-13th (plus-2)

Bengals-Giants connections: Giants G Kevin Zeitler was originally a first-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2012, and was with the team through the '16 season ... Bengals OT Bobby Hart entered the NFL as a seventh-round draft pick (226th overall) of the Giants in 2015, and was with the team through the '17 season ... Bengals DE Kerry Wynn entered the NFL as a college free agent signee of the Giants in 2014, and was with the team through the '18 season ... Giants T George Asafo-Adjei is from West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West High School) and played at the University of Kentucky ... Bengals CB B.W. Webb was with the Giants in 2018 ... Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo was defensive backs coach for the Giants in 2018. Anarumo is also from Staten Island, N.Y., attended Wagner College, and coached at Wagner (1990) and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy ('89-90, '92-94) ... Bengals G John Jerry was with the Giants from 2014-17 ... Bengals CB Tony Lippett was with the Giants in 2018 ... Bengals K Randy Bullock was with the Giants in 2016 ... Giants WR Alonzo Russell was originally a college free agent signee of the Bengals in 2016, and was on Cincinnati's practice squad during the entire '16 season. Russell also played at the University of Toledo ... Bengals LS Clark Harris played at Rutgers University ... Giants WR Cody Latimer is from Dayton (Jefferson Township High School) ... Giants RB Rod Smith played at Ohio State University ... Giants TE CJ Conrad played at the University of Kentucky ... Giants assistant offensive line coach Ben Wilkerson played for the Bengals from 2005-06 ... Bengals linebackers coach Tem Lukabu is from Avenel, N.J., played (2000-03) and coached ('14) at Colgate University, and coached at Rutgers University ('06-07, '10-11) ... Bengals assistant quarterbacks coach Dan Pitcher is from Cortland, N.Y., played QB at Cortland State from 2008-11, and then coached at Cortland State in '12 ... Giants defensive backs coach Everett Withers coached at Ohio State University from 2012-13 ... Bengals assistant offensive line coach Ben Martin coached at Wagner College in 2013, and at Union College from '16-17.

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

- QB Andy Dalton has 3921 career pass attempts, 554 behind QB Ken Anderson (4475) for the Bengals' all-time lead.
- Dalton has 2443 career completions, 211 shy of Anderson (2654) for the Bengals' all-time lead
- Bengals WR Alex Erickson has 87 career punt returns, four shy of S Tommy Casanova (91) for fifth place all-time. WR Brandon Tate (153) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Erickson has 685 career punt return yards, 99 shy of Casanova (784) for fifth place all-time. Tate (1411) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Erickson has 107 career kickoff returns, eight shy of FB Eric Ball (115) for fifth place all-time. S/CB Tremain Mack (146) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Erickson has 2522 career kickoff return yards, 230 behind RB Stanford Jennings (2752) for fourth place all-time. Mack (3583) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- DE Carlos Dunlap has 72.5 career sacks, 11 short of DE Eddie Edwards* (83.5) for the Bengals' all-time lead.

- DT Geno Atkins has 71 career sacks, 1.5 short of Dunlap (72.5) for second place all-time. Edwards* (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader
- WR A.J. Green has 63 career receiving TDs, three behind WR Chad Johnson (66) for the Bengals' all-time lead.
- Green has 63 total TDs, one short of WR Carl Pickens and RB James Brooks (both with 64) for third place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

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

Bengals' 2018 O excelled in red zone: The Bengals' offense last season scored TDs on 32 of its 45 trips to the red zone, good for a 71.1 percentage that ranked third in the NFL. It was the Bengals' best red-zone ranking at year's end since the 2013 season, when they ranked second with a 73.9 percentage.

Of Cincinnati's 32 red-zone TDs, 20 came by pass and 12 came via the running game. Five of the passes went to WR Tyler Boyd, five went to WR John Ross III, four went to WR A.J. Green, and three went to TE C.J. Uzomah. TE Tyler Eifert, TE Matt Lengel and HB Joe Mixon each had one TD reception apiece. Mixon also had eight of Cincinnati's 12 rushing TDs in the red zone, while HB Giovani Bernard had three and QB Jeff Driskel had one.

Entering their Week 5 matchup with Miami, Cincinnati had come away with points on an NFL-best 34 consecutive trips to the red zone (25 TDs, nine FGs) dating back to Game 9 of 2017. But an INT on their first red-zone trip vs. Miami ended the streak, which was the team's longest since 2005-06 (40 straight).

BENGALS 2018 RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 45	Inside-20 possessions: 61
Total scores: 42 (93.3%)	Total scores: 57 (93.4%)
TDs: 32 (71.1%)	TDs: 39 (63.9%)
FGs: 10 (22.2%)	FGs: 18 (29.5%)
TD% rank: 3rd	TD% rank: 25th
No scores: 3 (6.7%)	No scores: 4 (6.6%)

GIANTS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 54	Inside-20 possessions: 58
Total scores: 48 (88.9%)	Total scores: 52 (89.7%)
TDs: 27 (50.0%)	TDs: 33 (56.9%)
FGs: 21 (38.9%)	FGs: 19 (32.8%)
TD% rank: T-27th	TD% rank: 12th
No scores: 6 (11.1%)	No scores: 6 (10.3%)

THE HEAD COACHES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

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

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

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

Pat Shurmur was named the 18th head coach in Giants franchise history on Jan. 22, 2018. In his first season, the Giants' per-game averages in points and rushing and passing yardage all improved. Shurmur came to the Giants after being named the NFL Assistant Coach of the Year by the Pro Football Writers Association when he served as offensive coordinator of the Minnesota Vikings.

This is the second head coaching assignment for Shurmur, who led the Cleveland Browns from 2011-12. His career record is 15-34.

A 20-year NFL coaching veteran, Shurmur has been a part of teams that have qualified for the playoffs nine times, won seven division titles, and

advanced to one Super Bowl (he was on the Eagles' staff when they played in Super Bowl XXXIX vs. New England).

In 2017, the Vikings were one of four teams with an NFL-best 13-3 record. Minnesota finished 10th in the NFL in scoring, 11th in total yardage, and were third in the league in third-down conversion percentage.

In 2016, Shurmur joined the Vikings as their tight ends coach. For the final nine games of the season, he was also the team's offensive coordinator, a title he held through the 2017 season.

Prior to his arrival in Minnesota, and between his head coaching jobs, Shurmur was an assistant for Philadelphia (1999-2008, '13-15) and the St. Louis Rams ('09-10).

A four-year letterman at Michigan State, Shurmur earned All-Big Ten conference honors and All-America honorable mention accolades as a center his senior year (1987). Shurmur was a co-captain as a senior when the Spartans defeated USC in the Rose Bowl. Shurmur earned a master's degree in financial administration and was the first-ever graduate student football player at MSU.

Shurmur coached collegiately at Michigan State (1988-'97) and Stanford ('98).

Shurmur was born on April 14, 1965 in Ann Arbor, Mich.. He and his wife Jennifer have four children — daughters Allyson, Erica and Claire, and a son, Kyle.

Taylor vs. Giants: No previous meetings.

Taylor vs. Shurmur: No previous meetings.

Shurmur vs. Bengals: The Bengals lead the series, 3-1. All four games were played while Shurmur was Cleveland Browns head coach from 2011-12.

BENGALS NOTES

Bengals' 2019 coaching staff: Bengals head coach Zac Taylor enters 2019 with 22 assistant coaches — 15 who are new this season and seven who return from the '18 staff. The team's offensive coordinator, Brian Callahan, and defensive coordinator, Lou Anarumo, highlight the new additions, while special teams coordinator Darrin Simmons, the longest-tenured coach on the staff at 17 years, highlights the returning coaches.

Here's a look at the new staff, which at 23 coaches is the largest in team history (an asterisk denotes a coach who returns from 2018):

HEAD COACH:

- Zac Taylor

ASSISTANT COACHES:

- Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator)
- Bob Bicknell* (wide receivers)
- Joey Boese (strength and conditioning)
- Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator)
- James Casey (tight ends)
- Gerald Chatman (defensive assistant)
- Brayden Coombs* (assistant special teams)
- Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant)
- Nick Eason (defensive line)
- Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Daronte Jones* (secondary/cornerbacks)
- Jordan Kovacs (defensive quality control)
- Brad Kragthorpe (offensive assistant)
- Robert Livingston* (secondary/safeties)
- Tem Lukabu (linebackers)
- Ben Martin (assistant offensive line)
- Dan Pitcher* (assistant quarterbacks)
- Darrin Simmons* (special teams coordinator)
- Jemal Singleton (running backs)
- Garrett Swanson (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Jim Turner (offensive line)
- Alex Van Pelt* (quarterbacks)

Mixon tops AFC in rushing yards: Bengals HB Joe Mixon finished the 2018 season atop the AFC in both rushing yards (1168) and attempts (237), and now stands as the only Bengals player to ever lead the AFC in rushing in a season (RB Paul Robinson led the AFL in rushing in 1968). The second-year pro, who achieved the feat despite missing Games 3-4 with a knee injury, finished 109 yards ahead of Tennessee RB Derrick Henry (1059) and 131 ahead of Denver RB Phillip Lindsay (1037).

Only four other AFC rushers topped 200 attempts in 2018 — Henry (215),

Pittsburgh RB James Conner (215), Houston RB Lamar Miller (210), and New England RB Sony Michel (209).

League wide, Mixon ranked fourth in rushing yards and eighth in attempts, with Dallas RB Ezekiel Elliott leading the way in both categories — 1434 rushing yards, 304 attempts.

Mixon's total of 1464 scrimmage yards ranked fourth in the AFC and 11th in the NFL. Chiefs WR Tyreek Hill (1630 yards) claimed the AFC lead in yards from scrimmage, while Giants RB Saquon Barkley (2028) held the top spot overall.

Mixon last season scored a team-high nine TDs (eight rushing, one receiving). He had four games of 100 or more yards rushing, and seven games of 100 or more yards from scrimmage.

Mixon tops 1000 yards: In Game 15 at Cleveland last season, HB Joe Mixon's 68 rushing yards pushed him north of the 1000-yard mark for the season, giving the second-year pro the 22nd 1000-yard rushing season in team history and making him the 11th Bengal to ever hit the mark. The last Bengal to rush for 1000 yards in a season had been HB Jeremy Hill (1124 yards) in 2014.

Mixon had four 100-yard rushing games in 2018, and hit the mark in three of the last four games.

In the four games after WR A.J. Green was placed on Reserve/Injured, the Bengals' offense leaned more heavily upon Mixon. The former second-round draft pick out of Oklahoma had 93 touches for 453 yards from scrimmage over the final four games, including 83 carries for 413 yards (5.0) and three TDs on the ground.

Mixon displays versatility: Bengals HB Joe Mixon totaled 100 yards from scrimmage seven times last season, the most by a Cincinnati RB since Cedric Benson did it eight times in 2009.

It should also be noted that Mixon missed Games 3-4 earlier in the season with a knee injury.

Here are Mixon's seven games of 100 or more yards from scrimmage in 2018.

DATE/GAME	RUSHING YDS	RECEIVING YDS	TOTAL YARDS
9-9 at Indianapolis	95	54	149
10-7 vs. Miami	93	22	115
10-28 vs. Tampa Bay	123	15	137
11-25 vs. Cleveland	89	66	155
12-9 at L.A. Chargers	111	27	138
12-16 vs. Oakland	129	1	130
12-31 at Pittsburgh	105	2	107

Boyd reaches 1000 receiving yards: Despite suffering a knee injury in Game 14 that ended his season prematurely, Bengals WR Tyler Boyd (1028 receiving yards) in 2018 notched the first 1000-yard season of his three-year career, the 27th 1000-yard season in Bengals history, and the first 1000-yard season by a player other than WR A.J. Green since 2009 (WR Chad Johnson, 1047).

Boyd reached the mark in the first half of Game 14 vs. Oakland, before leaving with the knee injury, which caused him to miss the final two contests (inactive for Game 15, placed on Reserve/Injured prior to Game 16).

Boyd, Green, Johnson and WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh were the only players to reach 1000 receiving yards during the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-18).

Green, who has six career 1000-yard seasons, did not get his seventh in 2018 after being placed on Reserve/Injured (toe) on Dec. 5.

Boyd grabs the spotlight: Since drafting star WR A.J. Green with the fourth overall pick in the 2011 draft, the Bengals have put a major emphasis on surrounding their superstar with a reliable and productive supporting group of pass-catchers. Over the years, that cast has included the likes of WRs Marvin Jones, Mohamed Sanu, Brandon LaFell and John Ross III, along with TEs Jermaine Gresham and Tyler Eifert.

Never, though, has someone from that supporting cast been as productive as Bengals third-year WR Tyler Boyd was in 2018. Despite missing the final two games due to a knee injury, Boyd's 76 catches and 1028 receiving yards easily eclipsed the previous best seasons by supporting cast members. Marvin Jones' 65 catches in the 2015 season and Brandon LaFell's 862 receiving yards in '16 were the previous bests for a full season.

Prior to Boyd's knee injury, which he suffered in Game 14 vs. Oakland, he had been thrust further into the spotlight after Green was limited to just nine games due to a toe injury.

T.B. a menace on third down: Despite missing the final two games of 2018 with a knee injury, Bengals WR Tyler Boyd's 24 third-down receptions on the season still ranked tied for third in the AFC and tied for 11th in the NFL. Atlanta's Julio Jones (32) led all players in the category. Boyd's 24 third-down grabs in 2018 went for 302 yards (12.6 average) and three TDs.

Having success on third down isn't new to the third-year pro, either. As a rookie in 2016, Boyd's 22 third-down receptions led all rookies, and his 16 third-down receptions that converted first downs tied for the rookie lead with the N.Y. Giants' Sterling Shepard.

Bates earns Bengals' tackle title as rookie: With a team-high 111 tackles in 2018, S Jessie Bates III became only the sixth rookie to ever lead the Bengals in tackles, and the first to do so since LB Vontaze Burfict in 2012 (127 tackles). Each of the previous five rookies to earn the tackle crown were linebackers.

Bates finished three tackles ahead of fellow S Shawn Williams (108), and 27 ahead of LB Nick Vigil (84).

In a season in which the Bengals were severely hampered by injuries (see "Injury tidal wave hits Cincinnati" item), Bates, a second-round draft pick (54th overall) out of Wake Forest, started all 16 games at FS for Cincinnati and was among the team's most reliable defenders. Bates' seven passes defended included three INTs (second on team), one of which he returned for a TD — a 21-yarder off of Jameis Winston in Game 8 vs. Tampa Bay.

Here's a list of the only Bengals rookies to ever lead the team in tackles.

PLAYER, POSITION	ROOKIE YEAR	HOW ACQUIRED	TACKLES
Reggie Williams, LB	1976	Draft, 3rd Round	106
James Francis, LB	1990	Draft, 1st Round	76
Takeo Spikes, LB	1998	Draft, 1st Round	112
Odell Thurman, LB	2005	Draft, 2nd Round	105
Vontaze Burfict, LB	2012	College free agent	127
Jessie Bates III, S	2018	Draft, 2nd Round	111

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

The Bengals were 6-0 in 2018 when scoring 25 points or more, but they

were 0-10 when failing to reach 25. They hit the mark in wins over Indianapolis (34-23), Baltimore (34-23), Atlanta (37-36), Miami (27-17), Tampa Bay (37-34) and Oakland (30-16).

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

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WINNING PCT.
Miami Dolphins	32	1	0	.970
Cincinnati Bengals	46	1	2	.959
Arizona Cardinals	35	3	0	.921
New England Patriots	79	8	0	.908
Denver Broncos	51	6	0	.895

Ross the TD machine: Bengals WR John Ross III in 2018 scored seven TDs on 21 catches, good for a 33.0 TD percentage, which is tied for the highest in a season in Bengals history with TE Bob Trumpy in 1976 (seven TDs, 21 catches), and WR Isaac Curtis in '74 (10 TDs, 30 catches). The percentage was also the highest of any NFL player in 2018 (minimum 20 catches).

But perhaps most surprising was the way Ross scored those TDs. Ross came to Cincinnati as a much-ballyhooed deep threat, after running a record 4.22-second 40-yard dash at the 2017 NFL Combine, however five of his seven TDs in 2018 came inside the 10-yard line, and only one was more than 25 yards.

Here's a look at the NFL players in 2018 with the highest percentage of receptions that went for a TD (minimum 20 catches).

PLAYER, TEAM	RECEPTIONS	TDs	PCT.
John Ross III, Cincinnati Bengals	21	7	33.3
Kareem Hunt, Kansas City Chiefs	26	7	26.9
Mike Williams, L.A. Chargers	43	10	23.3
Anthony Miller, Chicago	33	7	21.2
Jordan Thomas, Houston	20	4	20.0
Cameron Brate, Tampa Bay Buccaneers	30	6	20.0

Green and some gold jackets: Bengals WR A.J. Green has 10 career games of at least 150 receiving yards and one TD, making him one of only six receivers to ever reach as many games through their first eight NFL seasons (2018 was Green's eighth).

Here's a look at the list of players with 10 or more games of 150-plus receiving yards and a TD through their first eight seasons.

PLAYER	TEAM	NO. OF GAMES
Lance Alworth	San Diego Chargers	16
Jerry Rice	San Francisco 49ers	14
Calvin Johnson	Detroit Lions	12
Torry Holt	St. Louis Rams	11
A.J. Green	Cincinnati Bengals	10
Randy Moss	Minnesota Vikings	10

A.J. finds paydirt: Bengals WR A.J. Green has 63 receiving TDs since entering the NFL in 2011, which ranks sixth in the NFL over that span. He is one of only seven players with at least 60 receiving TDs since 2011.

Last season, Green suffered a toe injury in Game 8 vs. Tampa Bay that held him out of Games 9-11. He returned in Game 12 vs. Denver but re-aggravated the injury and was placed on Reserve/Injured on Dec. 5, prior to Game 13. Despite the missed time, Green finished the season with six receiving TDs.

Here's a look at the NFL's leaders in receiving TDs since 2011.

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEIVING TDs
Antonio Brown	Pittsburgh/Oakland	74
Rob Gronkowski	New England	69
Dez Bryant	Dallas/New Orleans	67
Jordy Nelson	Green Bay/Oakland	66
Jimmy Graham	New Orleans/Seattle/Green Bay	66
A.J. Green	Cincinnati	63

Andy and A.J. stretch the field: Since entering the NFL together in 2011, QB Andy Dalton and WR A.J. Green have connected on more passes of 50 yards or longer (21) than any other QB-WR tandem in the league.

The two have started 107 of a possible 128 regular-season games together over their eight seasons, but in 2018 they started just eight games together, as both players' seasons ended prematurely due to injuries.

Here's a look at QB-WR duos with the most pass plays of 50 or more yards since 2011 (regular season only).

QB	WR	TEAM	NO. OF 50+ PASS PLAYS
Andy Dalton	A.J. Green	Cincinnati	21
Aaron Rodgers	Jordy Nelson	Green Bay	19
Matthew Stafford	Calvin Johnson	Detroit	15
Matt Ryan	Julio Jones	Atlanta	15
Eli Manning	Odell Beckham	N.Y. Giants	13
Ben Roethlisberger	Antonio Brown	Pittsburgh	13
Andrew Luck	T.Y. Hilton	Indianapolis	13

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

Dalton missed the final five games for the 2018 season, after a right thumb injury landed him on Reserve/Injured on Nov. 26.

Dalton chasing Kenny in TDs: Bengals QB Andy Dalton's 2018 season ended on Nov. 26 due to a right thumb injury, thus stalling his pursuit of QB Ken Anderson for most career TDs by a Bengals QB. Dalton currently stands at 19 total TDs for his career, just one short of Anderson's record of 20. Dalton in 2018 was playing his eighth season, while Anderson played 16 Bengals seasons (1971-86).

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

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

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

'Ice-Water' Andy: Bengals QB Andy Dalton, whose season ended on Nov. 26 due to a right thumb injury, led four game-winning drives for the Bengals in 2018. His career total of 24 game-winning drives is the most in Bengals history, ahead of the 22 logged by former QB Boomer Esiason (1984-92, '97).

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

The Bengals' record for most game-winning drives in a season is five, set by former QB Jeff Blake in 1996, and then tied by former QB Carson Palmer in '09.

Since 2011, the year the Bengals drafted him, Dalton has the third-most game-winning drives in the NFL, trailing only Lions QB Matthew Stafford (31) and Saints QB Drew Brees (25).

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

QUARTERBACK	TEAM	GAME-WINNING DRIVES SINCE 2011
Matthew Stafford	Detroit	31
Drew Brees	New Orleans	25
Andy Dalton	Cincinnati	24
Eli Manning	N.Y. Giants	23
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	23
Russell Wilson	Seattle	23

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

- Dalton has posted 46 career games with a passer rating of 100 or more, and the Bengals are 39-7 (.848) in those contests.
- Dalton's .575 winning percentage (68-50-2) is the best of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts.
- Dalton holds club season records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33), both set in 2013.
- He is the only Bengals passer to throw for 300-plus yards in four consecutive games (2013).
- He opened his career with 77 consecutive regular-season starts, a Bengals record for quarterbacks at any point during a career. The previous mark

had been 61, posted by Boomer Esiason from 1985-89. Dalton's streak ranks tied for fourth in NFL history for the start of a career by a QB, trailing only Peyton Manning of Indianapolis (208), Joe Flacco of Baltimore (122) and Russell Wilson of Seattle (112 and counting). Dalton is tied with Miami QB Ryan Tannehill, whose streak of 77 ended in 2016 due to an injury.

Crunch-time Carlos: Throughout his Bengals career, DE Carlos Dunlap has earned a reputation for making big plays in key moments. The 2018 season was no different. Dunlap, who totaled eight sacks (second on team) in 2018, made critical plays in each of the Bengals' wins last year. Here's a roundup of Dunlap's big plays in key moments in 2018.

- In Game 1 at Indianapolis, with the Bengals trailing by six points late in the third quarter, Dunlap sacked Andrew Luck for an eight-yard loss. The play pushed the Colts back to the Bengals' 37-yard line and set up a 55-yard FG attempt by K Adam Vinateri, which fell short. Cincinnati's offense would take advantage of the short field on the ensuing possession, when a Joe Mixon TD put the Bengals ahead for good.

- In Game 2 vs. Baltimore, with the Ravens driving in the third quarter and trying to cut into Cincinnati's 11-point lead, Dunlap raced around a blocker and hit the arm of Ravens QB Joe Flacco as he was releasing a deep pass. The hit caused the ball to fall well short of the intended receiver and into the arms of Bengals S Shawn Williams for an INT.

- In Game 4 at Atlanta, Dunlap sacked Matt Ryan on third-and-goal from the six-yard line in the third quarter. The sack forced a Falcons FG and allowed Cincinnati to maintain a one-point lead. Atlanta had considerable momentum at the time, after blocking a Bengals punt and recovering at Cincinnati's eight-yard line. The four saved points proved critical in the end, as Cincinnati went on to earn a narrow 37-36 win.

- In Game 5 vs. Miami, with Cincinnati clinging to a three-point lead late in the fourth quarter, Dunlap fought through a holding penalty (called on Dolphins OT Ja'Wuan James) and hit the arm of QB Ryan Tannehill, forcing a fumble that ended up in the hands of DE Sam Hubbard, who raced 19 yards for a TD that put the Bengals ahead 27-17 with 2:37 left to play. On the ensuing Dolphins possession, Dunlap again raced around James, causing Tannehill to scramble away from his pressure and force an errant throw downfield, which Bengals S Jessie Bates III intercepted to help seal a Cincinnati win.

- While he didn't have a singular game-changing play in Game 8 vs. Tampa Bay, Dunlap did help the Bengals to a win by posting two sacks, a four-yard TFL on a running play and an additional QB hit.

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

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

PLAYER	POS	TEAM	PDs SINCE 2016
Carlos Dunlap	DE	Cincinnati	30
Alec Ogletree	LB	St. Louis/L.A. Rams/N.Y. Giants	29
Deion Jones	LB	Atlanta	27
Cameron Jordan	LB	New Orleans	23
Eric Kendricks	LB	Minnesota	22

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

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

The Bengals are 7-1 since the beginning of the 2015 season when Dunlap records more than one sack, with the only outlier coming in a 20-17 overtime loss at Denver in 2015. Dunlap had a career-best three sacks in that Denver game and finished 2015 with a career-high 13.5, second-most in Bengals history.

Dunlap had one multi-sack game in 2018, which came in a win vs. Tampa Bay in Game 8 (two sacks).

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

Dunlap and Atkins signed contract extensions before the 2018 season that will keep them in Cincinnati through the '21 and '22 seasons, respectively. Dunlap (72.5 career sacks) currently stands second on the Bengals' all-time sack list, and Atkins (71) is third. The Bengals' leader in career sacks is DE Eddie Edwards, with 83.5.

Dunlap, Atkins neck-and-neck in career sacks: Just 1.5 sacks separate Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap (72.5 career sacks) and DT Geno Atkins (71), who rank second and third, respectively, on Cincinnati's all-time sack list behind all-time leader Eddie Edwards (83.5). And after signing contract extensions last preseason that keep them in Cincinnati for the foreseeable future — Dunlap through 2021, Atkins through '22 — the race is on to see who catches Edwards first.

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

Dunlap, a two-time Pro Bowler (2015 and '16) who turned 30 after the '18 season, has averaged 8.1 sacks over his first nine NFL seasons, while Edwards averaged just under seven over 12 seasons. In 2015, Dunlap set a career-high in sacks, with 13.5, the second-most in Bengals history. Besides his 72.5 sacks, Dunlap's career totals include 18 FFs, nine FRs, 56 PDs, four blocked FGs and three TDs.

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

Geno falls short of another crown: Bengals DT Geno Atkins in 2018 notched a team-high 10 sacks, a total that ranked fourth in the NFL among interior defensive linemen. It marked the first time in the last four seasons that Atkins failed to finish in at least a tie for the most sacks by an NFL interior defensive lineman. San Francisco DT DeForest Buckner (12) led the way league-wide in 2018, followed closely by Philadelphia DT Fletcher Cox (10.5) and Seattle DT Jarran Reed (10.5).

Atkins, though, has still claimed at least a share of the title in three of the last four seasons, and five times in his nine total NFL seasons. He claimed it outright in 2012 (12.5 sacks), '16 (nine) and '17 (nine), while sharing it in '11 (7.5) and '15 (11).

It should also be noted that the NFL's overall sack leader in 2018, L.A. Rams DE Aaron Donald (20.5), finished the season being listed by Elias Sports Bureau as a DE after having had his classification switched between DT and DE multiple times throughout the year. According to Elias, Donald's listed position depended on whether he lined up primarily on the inside or outside of the Rams' 3-4 defensive scheme. Donald typically lined up outside of NT Ndamukong Suh, which would make him a DE, however the Rams also employed defensive line formations where a defender is lined up outside of Donald.

Atkins has been selected to the Pro Bowl seven times in his nine previous seasons. Those seven selections are the most by a Bengals defensive player in team history, just ahead of CB Lemar Parrish (six). No other Bengals defensive lineman has been selected more than twice. Atkins currently stands at 71 career sacks, the most by a Bengals interior lineman and third overall.

Geno on HOF pace: Bengals DT Geno Atkins, who in 2018 played his ninth NFL season, currently stands at 71 career sacks, third in team history and the most ever by a Bengals interior defensive lineman.

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

Here's a look at the sack totals of notable Hall-of-Fame DTs through their ninth seasons, as well as where they stood at the end of their careers. It should also be noted that Atkins missed nearly half of the 2013 season, due to a torn ACL. (NOTE: This list includes only DTs whose careers started after 1982, when the NFL began counting sacks as official statistics):

NAME	YEARS ACTIVE	THRU 9 SEASONS	CAREER SACKS
John Randle.....	1990-2003.....	96	137.5
Warren Sapp.....	1995-2007.....	77	96.5
Geno Atkins	2010-present.....	*71	*71
Cortez Kennedy	1990-2000.....	50.5	58

*—Atkins played his ninth season in 2018.

15 carries for Gio does the trick: After missing Games 5-8 with a knee injury early in the 2018 season, Bengals HB Giovanni Bernard returned for the final eight games and finished with 56 rushes for 211 yards and three TDs, along with 35 catches for 218 yards.

But when examining Bernard's workload as a rusher throughout his career, a significant trend becomes apparent — the Bengals are 10-1-1 in games in which Bernard has at least 15 rushing attempts, including a 1-0 mark in 2018 (15 rushes for 69 yards in Game 4 at Atlanta).

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

Gio sets sights on Brooks: HB Giovanni Bernard enters the 2019 season within striking distance of the all-time Bengals leads in both receptions and receiving yards by a running back. With 265 career receptions, Bernard stands 32 short of James Brooks' record of 297. And with 2278 receiving yards, Bernard is 734 short of Brooks' record of 3012. Brooks played eight seasons with the Bengals (1984-91), while 2019 is Bernard's seventh.

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

Bengals draft picks stick in NFL: On the final day of the 2018 regular season, there were 44 players on active NFL rosters who entered the NFL as draft picks of the Bengals. That total counts as the second-most of any NFL team, behind the Baltimore Ravens (54). Cincinnati had been in the top spot prior Week 12, and earlier in the season it had a double-digit lead over the second-place team. But a slew of injuries that landed 18 Bengals — 13 of which originated as Bengals draft picks — on Reserve/Injured brought that number down significantly.

Of the 53 players on the Bengals' active roster for the season finale at Pittsburgh, 41 entered the NFL with Cincinnati, and of those players, only DE Michael Johnson, TE Matt Lengel and OT Andre Smith had played elsewhere. Johnson, a 2009 third-round pick of the Bengals, spent 2014 with Tampa Bay before rejoining Cincinnati as a free agent in '15. Lengel, a 2015 college free agent signee of the Bengals, spent time with New England and Cleveland in '16 and '17 before re-joining Cincinnati prior to Week 6 in '18. And Smith, a 2009 first-round pick of the Bengals, spent '16 with Minnesota and the first 11 games of '18 with Arizona. He re-joined the Bengals as a free agent on Nov. 29, 2018, after injuries hit the Bengals' offensive line.

Twenty-nine players on the Bengals' roster for the 2018 season finale originated as draft picks of Cincinnati. That total includes six first-round picks (including Smith), four second-rounders, five third-rounders (including Johnson), five fourth-rounders, five fifth-rounders, two sixth-rounders and two seventh-rounders. There are also 12 players (including Lengel) who entered the NFL as college free agent signees of Cincinnati.

It should also be noted that 16 of the 18 players on the Bengals' Reserve/Injured list entered the NFL with Cincinnati (13 draft picks, three CFAs). Players on reserve lists do not count toward a team's active roster.

Here's a look at the teams with the most draft picks on an active NFL roster for Week 17 games in 2018.

TEAM	DRAFT PICKS ON NFL ROSTERS
Baltimore Ravens	54
Cincinnati Bengals	44
New England Patriots	43
L.A. Rams	43
Dallas Cowboys	42

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

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

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

Brown’s first Bengals season came to an end on Nov. 20, when he was placed on Reserve/Injured due to a knee injury. He ended the year with 42 tackles and two INTs in seven games played.

Hubbard, a Moeller High School alum and former Ohio State standout, is now in his second season with the Bengals. A third-round draft pick (77th overall) in 2018, Hubbard went on to make a significant impact as a rookie, recording six sacks, two passes defensed, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery for a TD that helped seal a win vs. Miami.

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

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2009. He has played in all but two games over his career in Cincinnati, and he currently stands as the Bengals’ career leader in both gross (45.08) and net (39.79) punting average.

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

It should also be noted that the Bengals have two rookies this season with rookie G Michael Jordan was born in Fairfield, Ohio, just outside of Cincinnati, but attended high school in Michigan. Rookie S Tyree Kinnel is also from

Southwest Ohio. Kinnel is a native of Huber Heights (outside Dayton) and attended Wayne High School.

The Huber roundup: Already a considerable presence in the Bengals’ record book, P Kevin Huber in 2018 helped solidify his place in team history by taking over first place in two more Bengals career punting categories.

In Game 6 vs. Pittsburgh, Huber passed P Lee Johnson (32,196) for most career punting yards in Bengals history. Huber is now up to 34,618 career punting yards. Johnson played 11 seasons (1988-98) for Cincinnati, while Huber in 2018 played his 10th.

In Game 12 vs. Denver, the 10th-year pro passed Johnson (746) for most career punts. Huber is now up to 768 career punts.

Huber has particularly excelled throughout his career at pinning opponents inside the 20-yard line. In 2016, just his eighth season, Huber passed Johnson (186) for most inside-20 punts in team history. He’s now up to 266 career inside-20 punts.

Huber also owns the franchise’s all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (4.3-to-1, with 266 inside-20s and 62 touchbacks).

Huber’s other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

- He is the franchise leader in career gross average (45.08) and net average (39.79).

- He holds the top four Bengals season averages in gross yardage and the top five Bengals season averages in net. His gross record is 46.84, and his net record is 42.10 — both were set in 2014.

- He shares the team record for longest punt (75 yards) with Kyle Larson.

- His 33 inside-20 punts in 2012 is a single-season franchise record.

- His six inside-20 punts on Sept. 14, 2017 vs. Houston are tied with Lee Johnson (Nov. 2, 1997) for the most in a game in Bengals history.

Huber was an initial-ballot Pro Bowl selection in 2014 and also was named first-team All-Pro by The Sporting News that year.

Bengal bites: The tallest Bengal is QB Jake Dolegala, who is 6-7 ... The shortest Bengals player is HB Trayveon Williams, who is 5-8 ... There is a tie for heaviest Bengals player between DT Josh Tupou and OT Cordy Glenn, who are both 345 pounds ... The lightest Bengal is CB Tony McRae, who is 185 pounds ... The oldest Bengal is LS Clark Harris, who is 35 (born July 10, 1984) ... The youngest Bengal is G Michael Jordan, who is 21 (Jan. 25, 1998).

BENGALS QUOTES

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

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

Head coach Zac Taylor, on handling play-calling duties:

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

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

“Playing with (former Bengals head) coach (Marvin) Lewis, it was all about the defense. You didn’t show up the defense at practice. But at OTA No. 1 (this year), Zac was like, ‘We’re going to kick the defense’s butt.’ That’s what we like to hear on offense. I love the way he teaches. He’s not yelling at you — he’s teaching every little detail and having you understand why we run it a certain way.”

QB Andy Dalton, on the changes under new head coach Zac Taylor:

“With Zac getting here and the whole change, and trying to make it feel new and feel different, I think he’s done great. From the day he stepped in here, you felt the change. Obviously he had a plan for what he wanted, and they’re doing it.

You can see it with all the construction (around the building) and the way the staff came together. They’re all in for what Zac is wanting to do.”

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

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

WR John Ross III, on his outlook for his third NFL season:

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

C Billy Price, on going into his second season in 2019:

“Going into your second year, you kind of understand the resources and the support team you need around you — my wife, my massage therapist, and the guys in the training room. The strength (and conditioning) staff is a huge part of that, too.”

HB Joe Mixon, on his approach for the season:

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

S Shawn Williams, on new defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo:

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

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: Veteran **Andy Dalton** takes the reigns as the Bengals' starting QB for the ninth consecutive season, and looks to bounce back after being limited to just 11 games last year by a thumb injury (suffered in Game 11 vs. Cleveland). Prior to his injury last season, Dalton was 226 of 365 for 2566 yards, 21 TDs and 11 INTs (89.6 rating). Through eight NFL seasons, Dalton owns a 68-50-2 regular-season record as a starter, good for the top winning percentage (.575) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts. He stands as the Bengals' all-time leader in career passer rating (88.8) and 300-yard passing games (24), and is second in career completions (2443), passing yards (28,100), passing TDs (188) and completion percentage (62.31). His 188 career TD passes and 104 INTs are good for a ratio of 1.81-to-1, the best in Bengals history ahead of second-place Carson Palmer at 1.54-to-1 (154-100). Dalton has posted 46 career games with a passer rating at 100 or above, and the Bengals' record in those contests is 39-7 (.848). Dalton's injury in 2018 limited him to just 2566 passing yards, the first time in his eight seasons he failed to reach 3000 passing yards in a season; Dalton, Carolina's Cam Newton and former Colts/Broncos QB Peyton Manning had previously been the only NFL passers to hit 3000 passing yards in each of their first seven seasons (Newton hit the mark for the eighth time in 2018). Fourth-year pro **Jeff Driskel** returns in 2019 and looks to again secure the backup QB job. Driskel saw his first NFL action early in 2018, then was thrust into the starting role for Games 12-16 after Dalton's injury. Driskel finished the season 105 of 175 passing, for 1003 yards, six TDs and two INTs (82.2 rating). Driskel also made a mark with his legs, rushing 25 times for 130 yards (5.2 average) and two TDs. Driskel spent the entire 2017 season on Reserve/Injured, after suffering a hand injury in the preseason finale. He joined the Bengals in 2016 prior to Week 1, as a waiver acquisition from San Francisco, but did not play that season. Teammates have touted Driskel, who was a 29th-round draft selection of the Boston Red Sox in 2013, for his athleticism, with A.J. Green saying last season that Driskel "is the most athletic guy on our team." The Bengals traded up in April's draft to select N.C. State's **Ryan Finley** in the fourth round. Touted by scouts for his accuracy and football intelligence, Finley left N.C. State with the top career completion percentage (.645) in school history. Despite playing only three seasons (2016-18) at N.C. State, Finley finished his career ranked third in ACC history in both passing yards (10,505) and 300-yard passing games (18). Finley began his career at Boise State (2013-15), then graduated and played his final three seasons ('16-18) at N.C. State. Also in the mix at QB this preseason is college free agent **Jake Dolegala** of Central Connecticut State. Dolegala is a tall (6-foot-7), athletic and strong-armed passer who set school records in college for career passing yards (8129) and TDs (48).

Running backs: **Joe Mixon** enters his third season with the Bengals, after a 2018 season in which he rushed for 1168 yards and became the first Cincinnati RB ever to lead the AFC in rushing yards in a season (Paul Robinson led the AFL in rushing as a rookie in 1968). In 28 career games (20 starts), Mixon has five 100-yard rushing performances, and 10 games of at least 100 yards from scrimmage. In 2018, he topped 100 yards from scrimmage in seven of his 14 games played. Also a threat through the air, he caught 43 passes for 296 yards and a TD in '18. A 2017 second-round pick out of Oklahoma, Mixon began his rookie season listed as the Bengals' No. 3 HB, but he worked his way to the No. 1 spot by mid-season. **Giovani Bernard**, a 2013 second-round pick of the Bengals, will again serve as Mixon's backup. Bernard played in 12 games in 2018, missing four due to a knee injury, and totaled 56 rushes for 211 yards and three TDs on the ground, and 35 catches for 218 yards through the air. Bernard enters 2019 second in Bengals history in both receptions (265) and receiving yards (2278) by a RB, trailing only James Brooks (297 and 3012). Brooks played seven Bengals seasons (1984-91), and Bernard in 2019 is playing his seventh season. Bernard also owns the Bengals' record for receiving yards in a game by a RB (128), which he set in 2015 at Arizona, and his 89-yard TD run vs. Carolina in '14 stands as the second-longest rush in team history. New to the Bengals' backfield this season is rookie sixth-round pick **Trayveon Williams** of Texas A&M. In three seasons at A&M, Williams amassed 4176 yards from scrimmage and 35 total TDs. Last season, Williams led the Southeastern Conference in rushing yards (1760) and TDs (18), while ranking second among SEC running backs in receptions (27) and third in receiving yards (278). Fellow sixth-round pick **Rodney Anderson** of Oklahoma will also look to make an impact as a

Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo, on his coaching philosophy:

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

rookie, but he faces continued rehab while recovering from a knee injury suffered in the Sooners' second game last season (Sept. 8). Knee, neck and leg injuries limited Anderson to just 18 games in college, but when healthy he proved to be a dynamic and productive playmaker for powerful Sooners offenses. Despite his missed time, Anderson recorded career totals of 200 rushes for 1285 yards and 16 TD at OU, along with 17 receptions for 281 yards and five TDs. Anderson hails from the same hometown (Katy, Texas) and attended the same high school (Katy) as Andy Dalton. First-year HB **Quinton Flowers** looks to crack the roster in his second season in Cincinnati, after spending a majority of his rookie season on the practice squad before being called up to the active roster prior to the finale (inactive). Flowers, a 2018 CFA signee, converted to HB after a prolific career as a QB at USF, where he set 42 school records. Also in the mix at HB is college free agent **Jordan Ellis** of Virginia.

Wide receivers: After being limited by a toe injury to just nine games in 2018, ninth-year pro **A.J. Green** returns healthy and leads a group of talented young Bengals receivers. He enters 2019 ranked second in team history in career receptions (602) and receiving yards (8907); Chad Johnson, who played 10 Bengals seasons, is first in both categories (751 and 10,783). Green now stands as the Bengals' all-time leader in 100-yard receiving games (33), after passing Johnson (31) last season. Despite his limited action in 2018, Green finished second on the team in receptions (46), receiving yards (694) and receiving TDs (six); it was the first time in his eight seasons he did not lead the team in receptions and receiving yards. Green's streak of seven consecutive Pro Bowl nominations to begin his career also ended in 2018, as he was not selected, but he still stands as the only NFL WR since the 1970 merger to start his career with seven consecutive Pro Bowl nominations. Green's seven Pro Bowl selections are tied with DT Geno Atkins for second in Bengals history, behind HOF OT Anthony Munoz (11). **Tyler Boyd**, a 2016 second-round pick who enjoyed a breakout season in '18, signed a contract extension in July that will keep him in Cincinnati through the 2023 season. Last season, Boyd led the Bengals in receptions (76) and receiving yards (1028), despite missing the final two games of the season due to a knee injury. Boyd's 1000-yard season was the first of his career, and the first by a Bengals other than Green since Johnson in 2009. Boyd enters 2019 having caught at least one pass in all 40 of his career games. **John Ross III**, the Bengals' first-round pick out of Washington in 2017, looks to continue his ascension in his third NFL season. Known for his record-breaking speed — his 4.22-second 40-yard dash at the 2017 NFL Combine is considered to be the fastest in the event's history — Ross surprised many last season by making an impact primarily in the red zone, as five of his seven TDs (tied for team lead) came from inside the 20. His seven TDs came on 21 catches last season, the highest percentage in the NFL in 2018 and tied with TE Bob Trumpy in 1976 (seven TDs, 21 catches) and WR Isaac Curtis in '74 (10 TDs, 30 receptions) for highest TD percentage for a season in Bengals history. **Alex Erickson**, who has served as the Bengals' No. 1 PR and KOR since joining the team as a CFA in 2016, also figures into the WR rotation again this season. A versatile weapon, Erickson has seen time at both returner spots, WR and even as an emergency RB. In 2018, Erickson started six games at WR and caught 20 passes for 167 yards. Erickson has played in all 48 games of his NFL career. **Josh Malone**, a 2017 fourth-round selection out of Tennessee, looks to increase his role on offense in his third NFL season. Malone battled a hamstring injury much of last season and recorded one catch for 12 yards. **Cody Core**, a 2016 sixth-round pick of the Bengals, is known primarily as a special teams contributor but has also seen action on offense as a rotational receiver. Last season, he had 13 catches for 160 yards and a TD. Second-year pro **Auden Tate**, a 6-5 WR out of Florida State, looks to carve out a roster spot for the second straight year. As a rookie last season, Tate caught four passes for 35 yards in limited offensive action. In college at FSU, 15 of Tate's 16 career TDs came from the 20-yard line or closer. Also in the mix is first-year pro **Hunter Sharp**, who joined the Bengals mid-season in 2018, and a trio of college free agent signees in **Ventell Bryant** of Temple, **Stanley Morgan** of Nebraska and **Damion Willis** of Troy.

Tight ends: **Tyler Eifert** enters 2019 healthy, after being limited to just 14 games the past three seasons due to back and ankle injuries. He started the 2018 season strong, with 15 catches for 179 yards and a TD, before suffering a serious ankle injury in the second half of Game 4 at Atlanta. When healthy, Eifert

has proved to be among the top pass-catching TEs in the NFL. In 2015, Eifert caught 13 TDs (in just 13 games), the most ever by a Bengals TE. Fifth-year pro **C.J. Uzomah**, who signed a three-year contract extension (through 2021) with the Bengals over the offseason, enjoyed a career season in 2018. After the Bengals lost three TEs to season-ending injuries by mid-season, Uzomah stepped in to shoulder the load and notched career-highs in catches (43), receiving yards (439) and TDs (three). Cincinnati invested a second-round pick in April's draft in **Drew Sample** of Washington, who was touted by scouts as a well-rounded prospect who excels in the blocking game. Sample caught 46 career passes for 487 yards and five TDs at Washington, and he was a key part of a blocking effort that helped Huskies RB Myles Gaskin top 1200 rushing yards and score double-digit TDs in each of his four seasons. **Cethan Carter**, a third-year player out of Nebraska, missed all of 2018 due to a shoulder injury suffered in the preseason finale. As a rookie in 2017, Carter saw limited time on offense (no statistics) but was one of the Bengals' top special teams contributors. Second-year pro **Jordan Franks**, a 2018 CFA signee out of Central Florida, looks to carve out a roster spot in '19 after spending the last nine games on the active roster as a rookie. Franks played sparingly on offense in 2018, but recorded two catches for 37 yards. Third-year pro **Mason Schreck**, a 2017 seventh-round pick out of Buffalo, looks to make an impact after missing most of his first two seasons due to knee injuries. Schreck suffered a left knee injury in 2017 preseason, landing him on Reserve/Injured, then played the first six games of '18 before suffering another season-ending left knee injury at Kansas City. **Moritz Böhringer** returns for his second season in Cincinnati, after joining the team in May 2018 as part of the NFL's International Player Pathway program. A native of Aalen, Germany, Böhringer began playing competitive American football in 2013, then in '16 he became the first-ever player drafted by an NFL team directly from Europe, when the Minnesota Vikings selected him in the sixth round. Böhringer spent the entire 2018 season on the Bengals' practice squad.

Offensive linemen: **C Billy Price**, the Bengals' 2018 first-round pick out of Ohio State, takes the reins as the leader of Cincinnati's offensive line in '19. After starting an OSU-record 55 straight games in college, Price suffered a foot injury in Game 2 last year and missed the next six contests. He ultimately played in/started 10 games as a rookie, and helped pave the way for Joe Mixon's AFC-best 1168 rushing yards. Lined up next to Price will be RG **John Miller**, an unrestricted free agent signee who spent his first four seasons with the Buffalo Bills. At 6-3, 315, Miller is considered a powerful run-blocker and helped the Bills rank in the top 10 in rushing offense in each of his four seasons with the team. In 47 career starts with the Bills, Miller helped the team top 100 net yards rushing 33 times, and top 200 yards 10 times. **Bobby Hart** again fills in the ROT position in 2019, after starting all 16 games there last season. Hart was originally a seventh-round pick of the N.Y. Giants in 2015 and spent his first three seasons there, before joining Cincinnati in the '18 offseason. The Bengals invested a first-round pick in OT **Jonah Williams** of Alabama, who was slated at the 2019 starter at LOT, but a shoulder injury suffered in OTAs will cause Williams to miss his entire rookie season. Instead, veteran **Cordy Glenn**, last year's No. 1 LOT who had been slated to move inside to LG, will return back outside to LOT. Glenn, who has played all 91 of his career NFL games at LOT, was acquired in a trade with Buffalo during the 2018 offseason. Backing up both OT positions is **Andre Smith**, the Bengals' 2009 first-round draft choice. Smith, who has played the majority of his 10 NFL seasons with Cincinnati, re-signed with the Bengals as a free agent on July 25. His career totals include 110 games played, with 93 starts. After longtime G Clint Boling's retirement in July, the Bengals' LG position is open for the taking. One of the leading contenders is veteran G **John Jerry**, who signed with the Bengals in June. Jerry last played in the NFL in 2017 with the N.Y. Giants, and has valuable experience under offensive line coach Jim Turner and head coach Zac Taylor from their time together with the Miami Dolphins. Jerry has played in 121 career games, with 101 starts, and has twice filled in as a starter at LOT. Also in the mix is G/C **Trey Hopkins**, now in his sixth season in Cincinnati, who brings versatility and experience (21 career starts) to the competition. Another candidate is G **Christian Westerman**, a 2016 fourth-round pick out of Arizona who spent his first three seasons in a reserve role. Also in the mix is rookie fourth-round pick **Michael Jordan**, the youngest Bengal on the roster (turns 22 in January). Jordan, a three-year starter in college at Ohio State, is one of only six players, and the first offensive lineman since Pro Football Hall of Famer Orlando Pace in 1994, to ever start an opening game as a true freshman at OSU. **Alex Redmond**, who last year started 15 games at RG, will miss the first four games of the season due to a suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances. At 6-5, 320, Redmond is considered a powerful run-blocker. Also looking to carve out a roster spot is first-year C **Brad Lundblade**, an '18 CFA signee out of Oklahoma State. Lundblade

spent all of his rookie season in 2018 on the practice squad. Rounding out the offensive line group is first-year OT **Justin Evans**, and 2019 CFA signee **O'Shea Dugas** of Louisiana Tech and **Keaton Sutherland** of Texas A&M.

Defensive linemen: Considered one of the top interior defensive linemen in football, 10th-year DT **Geno Atkins** again anchors the Bengals' defensive line and continues his climb up the Bengals' all-time sack list. Atkins' 71 career sacks are third-most in team history, most by a Bengals interior lineman and 12.5 shy of the all-time lead. Atkins in 2018 led the Bengals in sacks (10) for the fifth time in his career. In his nine previous seasons, Atkins has finished in at least a share of the NFL lead for sacks by an interior defensive lineman five different times — he claimed it outright three times (2012, '16, '17) and shared it twice ('11 and '15). Atkins has 12 career games with more than one sack, and the Bengals are 8-4 in those contests, including 6-2 since 2015 and 3-0 last season. Atkins' seven Pro Bowl selections are the most ever by a Bengals defensive player, and tied with teammate A.J. Green for the second-most in team history behind Hall of Fame OT Anthony Munoz (11). Standing in second place on the Bengals' all-time career sack list is 10th-year DE **Carlos Dunlap**, whose 72.5 sacks stand 1.5 ahead of Atkins and just 11 shy of all-time leader Eddie Edwards (83.5). Dunlap finished second on the team in sacks (eight) last season. Dunlap has 16 career games with more than one sack, and the Bengals are 10-6 in those contests, including 7-1 since the beginning of 2015. Also considered one of the NFL's most proficient defensive linemen at batting down passes, Dunlap's 30 PDs between 2016-18 were the most in the NFL among non-defensive backs. In 2016, he became the first-ever defensive lineman to lead the Bengals in passes defended (15). And in 2015, Dunlap's career-best 13.5 sacks were the second-most in a season in Bengals history. Fourth-year DT **Andrew Billings** returns in 2019 for his second season as Cincinnati's No. 1 NT. Last season, Billings started all 16 games and totaled 32 tackles and 2.5 sacks. Billings missed his entire rookie season in 2016 due to a knee injury (meniscus tear) suffered early in training camp, and then saw rotational action in '17 before taking over full-time NT duties in '18. Second-year DE **Sam Hubbard**, a Cincinnati native (Archbishop Moeller High School), is among the top candidates to fill the open No. 1 RDE spot. Hubbard played in all 16 games as a rookie in 2018, and saw action on 45 percent of defensive snaps as a rotational defensive lineman. He totaled six sacks on the season, and made one of the year's most memorable plays when he recovered a fumble by Miami QB Ryan Tannehill late in the fourth quarter and returned it 19 yards for a score, helping seal a Bengals victory. Also in the mix at RDE is third-year pro **Jordan Willis**, who has been a reliable rotational DE since joining the Bengals as a third-round pick out of Kansas State in 2017. Willis, who has not missed a game in his NFL career, saw action on 47 percent of defensive snaps last year and totaled 20 tackles, including four for losses and one sack. Third-year DT **Ryan Glasgow** looks to bounce back in 2019, after a right knee injury (torn ACL) suffered in Game 3 last season ended his sophomore campaign. As a rookie in 2017, Glasgow was a reliable rotational DT, playing in 16 games (one start) and totaling 23 tackles. Third-year DE **Carl Lawson**, considered one of the Bengals' most talented young defenders, also had his 2018 season cut short by a torn ACL in his right knee. Lawson turned heads in 2017, when his 8.5 sacks led all NFL rookies and tied for the second-most ever by a Bengals rookie. Lawson, who suffered his knee injury in Game 8 last season, had just one sack early in the season but was praised by analysts and coaches for his consistent pressure (eight QB hits). New to the roster this season is veteran DE **Kerry Wynn**, an unrestricted free agent signee who spent his first five seasons with the N.Y. Giants. Wynn played in 63 career games (15 starts) for the Giants, and totaled 122 tackles and 4.5 sacks. The only rookie on the defensive line entering 2019 is DT **Renell Wren**, a fourth-round pick out of Arizona State. Wren, who checks in at a massive 6-5, 318, totaled 14.5 tackles for losses and three sacks in four seasons at ASU. Veteran DT **Josh Tupou**, who is tied for the heaviest Bengal on the roster, adds a massive run-stuffing presence to the middle of the Bengals' defensive line. Tupou spent his first two Bengals seasons between the roster and practice squad, and played in seven games with nine tackles. Tupou missed the final six games of 2018 due to a torn pectoral muscle. DT **Christian Ringo**, who joined the Bengals late last season due to the wave of injuries along the defensive line, also looks to make a successful roster bid in 2019. Ringo played in the final five contests last season and logged 1.5 sacks. DT **Andrew Brown**, a 2018 Bengals fifth-round draft pick out of Virginia, spent his rookie year on Cincinnati's practice squad and Practice Squad/Injured list (hand). Brown was the Gatorade National Player of the Year coming out of high school in 2013, and totaled 26.5 TFLs and 10.5 sacks in four seasons at UVA. Also in the mix is DE **Immanuel Turner**, a rookie out of Louisiana Tech, and DT **Dare Odeyingbo**, a rookie from Vanderbilt.

Linebackers: The Bengals' linebackers are led in 2019 by fourth-year pro **Nick Vigil**, who enters his third season as the No. 1 SLB. Last season, Vigil

finished third on the team in tackles (84), despite missing five games due to a knee injury. He had three games of 10 or more tackles, including a 17-tackle performance in the season finale at Pittsburgh. Lining up next to Vigil is sixth-year pro and Cincinnati native (Northwest High School) **Preston Brown**, who is in his second season with the Bengals. After playing in all 64 possible games over his first four seasons in Buffalo, Brown suffered an ankle injury in last season's opener and that limited him to just seven games. When healthy, Brown has proven to be one of the NFL's most productive tacklers, after recording an NFL-best 504 combined tackles from 2014-17. Third-year pro **Jordan Evans**, a 2017 sixth-round pick of the Bengals, saw time mainly as a rotational linebacker in his first two seasons, with 29 games played and nine starts. For now, Evans is penciled in as the starter at WLB. He ended 2018 on Reserve/Injured, due to an ankle injury suffered in Game 14. The Bengals have invested third-round picks on LBs in each of the last two drafts. This year's selection was **Germaine Pratt** of North Carolina State, who began his college career at S before switching to LB. Last season was Pratt's first as a starting LB, and he ended up leading the team in tackles (104) and earning first-team All-ACC honors. **Malik Jefferson**, a 2018 third-round pick out of Texas, looks to expand his role on defense in his second season. Jefferson's role was limited mainly to special teams as a rookie, before a right foot injury ended his season in December. The Bengals invested a sixth-round pick this year in LB **Deshaun Davis** of Auburn, who is known for his instincts, production and leadership. Davis hit double digit tackles in six games for Auburn last year, including five of his team's eight SEC contests. **Hardy Nickerson**, a 2017 college free agent signee out of Illinois, returns for his third season in Cincinnati. Nickerson played in all 16 games last season, seeing action on 48 percent of the defensive snaps, and totaled 54 tackles. Also in the mix at LB are college free agent signees **Curtis Akins** of Memphis, **Sterling Sheffield** of Maine and **Noah Dawkins** of The Citadel.

Defensive backs: Considered one of Cincinnati's top young defenders, **William Jackson III** enters his fourth season, and second as a full-time starting CB. Jackson holds the No. 1 RCB position, where he started all 16 games a year ago. Jackson, the Bengals' first-round pick in 2016, has just one career INT — a 75-yard pick-six off of Packers QB Aaron Rodgers in 2017 — however many analysts have noted opposing offenses' reluctance to throw his way. Manning the No. 1 LCB spot for the fifth straight season is **Dre Kirkpatrick**, a first-round pick of the Bengals in 2012. Kirkpatrick struggled with a shoulder injury late last season and missed three games, but he's proven mostly durable over his career, playing in 90 of the last 96 possible games (including postseason). Kirkpatrick has 10 career INTs, one behind teammate **Shawn Williams** (11) for the lead among active Bengals. Williams, a 2013 third-round draft pick, fills the No. 1 SS position for the fourth straight season. In 2018, Williams started all 16 games, led the Bengals with five INTs (second in AFC), and ranked second on the team in tackles with a career-high 108. At FS, second-year pro **Jessie Bates III** looks to build off of a strong rookie campaign in which he started all 16 games and became just the sixth Bengals rookie, and the first since 2012, to lead the team in tackles (111). Bates, the Bengals' second-round pick out of Wake Forest in 2018, played 98.7 of Cincinnati's defensive snaps as a rookie and recorded three INTs, including a pick-six off of Tampa Bay QB Jameis Winston. At nickel DB, the Bengals again turn to 2014 first-round pick **Darqueze Dennard**, who is considered one of the Bengals' most versatile players and best tacklers. Dennard finished fourth on the team in tackles (67) in 2018, despite missing three games due to a sternoclavicular injury. And in addition to his duties as a slot CB, he's started games at both RCB and LCB as an injury replacement during his career. Joining Dennard in the slot is veteran CB **B.W. Webb**, an unrestricted free agent signee who has spent time with the N.Y. Giants (2018), Cleveland ('17), New Orleans ('16), Tennessee ('15), Pittsburgh ('14) and Dallas ('13). Last season with the Giants, Webb's defensive backs coach was current Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo. Adding depth at safety is **Clayton Fejedelem**, a seventh-round pick of the Bengals in 2016 who has become a core special teams player and valuable reserve on defense. Fejedelem has played in all 48 possible games over his career (six starts), and he's led the Bengals in special teams tackles in each of his first three seasons. Fejedelem made perhaps the defensive play of the year for the Bengals in the 2018 season-opener at Indianapolis, when with 24 seconds left and the Bengals clinging to a three-point lead deep in their own territory, he forced a fumble by Colts TE Jack Doyle and returned it 83 yards for a game-sealing TD. Adding depth at CB are a pair of 2018 fifth-round picks in **Darius Phillips** and **Davontae Harris**. Phillips played in 15 games as a rookie, with one

start at nickel DB, and had 19 tackles, two TDs and a FF on defense. Phillips did not see much action as a returner as a rookie, but in college at Western Michigan he ranked as one of the top returners in college football history and set the FBS record with 12 total returns for TDs (five KOR, one PR, five INT, three FRs). Harris was limited as a rookie to just three games, after spending the Bengals' first 12 games on Reserve/Injured due to a knee injury he suffered in preseason. Coming out of Illinois State, Harris was considered a raw CB prospect with strong developmental tools — he ran a 4.43 40-yard dash and recorded 22 bench-press reps of 225 pounds (third among DBs) at the 2018 NFL Combine. S **Brandon Wilson**, a 2017 sixth-round pick of the Bengals, has seen limited time on defense throughout his career but is considered a valuable part of Cincinnati's special teams units. Wilson played in all 16 games last season and finished second in special teams tackles (nine). The Bengals spent a seventh-round pick this year on South Dakota State CB **Jordan Brown**, a long, lean and athletic corner prospect who began his college career at WR before switching to CB as a redshirt freshman. Brown compiled 148 career tackles at SDSU, with eight INTs, 35 PDs and four FFs. CB **KeiVarae Russell** returns for his fourth season in Cincinnati, and looks to expand his role on the defense. Russell has played in 20 games (one start) for the Bengals, serving mostly as a reserve CB and special teams player. CB **Tony McRae**, a rotational defensive player and special teams regular, also returns in 2019. McRae has played in 16 games for Cincinnati over the last two seasons, and has five tackles on defense and nine on special teams. Adding depth at CB is **Tony Lippett**, a veteran who spent three seasons (2015-17) with Miami and one season ('18) with the N.Y. Giants, all with Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo as his position coach. Also in the mix at CB is rookie **Anthony Chesley**, a CFA out of Coastal Carolina. **Demetrious Cox**, a Bengals CFA in 2017 who has spent time with Carolina and Arizona, is also in the mix at safety, as are '18 CFA **Trayvon Henderson** of Hawaii and '19 CFA **Tyree Kinnel** of Michigan.

Special teams: WR **Alex Erickson** has held the Bengals' No. 1 PR and KOR positions since joining the team as a CFA in 2016. Last season, he averaged 26.2 yards on kickoff returns, and his 1049 kickoff return yards were second-most in the NFL. Erickson also averaged a career-best 10.6 yards per punt return last season. As a rookie in 2016, Erickson posted an AFC-best 27.9-yard average on kickoff returns, the second-best mark in team history. Eighth-year pro **Randy Bullock** has served as the Bengals' placekicker since midway through the 2016 season, when he joined Cincinnati on waivers from Pittsburgh. Last season, he converted 19 of 23 FG attempts (82.6 percent), and two of his four misses were blocked. He also converted 95.1 percent (39 of 41) on PATs, his best percentage for a season since the PAT distance was moved to 33 yards in 2015. Behind Bullock on the depth chart is K **Tristan Vizcaino**, a rookie out of the University of Washington. Handling punting duties again this season is 11th-year pro **Kevin Huber**, the longest-tenured Bengal on the roster. Huber, a Cincinnati native (McNicholas High School), stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (768), punting yards (34,618), gross average (45.08), net average (39.79) and inside-20 punts (266). He also shares the franchise record for longest punt (75), and owns the Bengals' best career ratio for inside-20s to touchbacks (4.3-to-1; 266-62). Huber, who also serves as the holder for placekicks, has played in 162 of 164 possible games (including postseason) since joining the team as a fifth-round draft pick in 2009. LS **Clark Harris**, the oldest Bengal on the roster at 35, has served as the Bengals' long snapper since midway through the 2009 season. Harris has been a paragon of reliability throughout his career in Cincinnati, with no unplayable snaps in 1428 attempts as a Bengal (756 punts, 663 placekicks). In 2017, Harris became the first-ever Bengals long snapper to earn a Pro Bowl nod. Harris has also been solid in kick coverage throughout his time in Cincinnati, with 33 career special teams tackles. The Bengals return their top four special teams tacklers from a year ago, including S **Clayton Fejedelem**, whose 13 tackles led the team. Fejedelem led the Bengals in special teams snaps in each of his first three seasons (2016-18), and led the team in special teams tackles in each of the last two seasons. Fejedelem has made a mark on special teams outside of kick coverage as well — last season, he had a blocked punt and ran for a first down on a fake punt. S **Brandon Wilson**, a 2017 sixth-round pick out of Houston, ranked second in special teams tackles last year. Known for his speed, Wilson excels on punt and kick coverage. LB **Malik Jefferson**, a 2018 third-round pick, and CB **Tony McRae**, a third-year player, ranked second and third respectively in special teams tackles last season, and return again in 2019. Also contributing in kick coverage are WR **Cody Core** and LB **Hardy Nickerson**, who both saw less time on special teams last year after they were called to action on offense/defense due to a wave of injuries.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Lou Anarumo (Defensive Coordinator).....	ann-ah-ROO-mo	Davontae Harris	duh-VAHN-tay
Geno Atkins	JEE-no	Trayvon Henderson	TRAY-vahn
Giovani Bernard	jee-o-VAHN-ee	Malik Jefferson	muh-LEEK
Joey Boese (Strength and Conditioning Coach).....	bo-ZAY	Daronte Jones (Secondary/Cornerbacks Coach)	duh-RAHN-tay
Moritz Böhringer	BOAR-ringer	Tyree Kinnel	TIE-ree KINN-ell
Ventell Bryant.....	venn-TELL	Dre Kirkpatrick	DRAY
Randy Bullock	BULL-luck	Tem Lukabu (Linebackers coach)	TEMM LUKE-uh-boo
Cethan Carter.....	SEE-thin	Dare Odeyingbo	DAR-ay o-DANG-bo
Darqueze Dennard	dar-KWEZ deh-NARD	KeiVarae Russell.....	kee-VAR-ay
Jake Dolegala	DOLE-leh-gah-lah	Josh Tupou	TEW-po
O'Shea Dugas	DOO-gah	C.J. Uzomah	yew-ZAH-mah
Tyler Eifert	EYE-fert	Tristan Vizcaino	TRISS-tinn vizz-KAY-no
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Ryan Glasgow	GLASS-go		

TRANSACTIONS

(Transactions from 9-3-18 through 6-27-19 are in Bengals' 2019 media guide.)

June 27, 2019	— Signed LB Germaine Pratt (D3).	Aug. 8, 2019	— Placed DT Niles Scott on the Reserve/Injured list.
July 15, 2019	— Placed G Clint Boling on the Reserve/Retired list.	Aug. 13, 2019	— Waived OT Kent Perkins (left squad).
July 23, 2019	— Signed WR Tyler Boyd* to a contract extension.	Aug. 14, 2019	— Acquired DT Dare Odeyingbo on waivers from Tampa Bay.
July 25, 2019	— Signed OT Andre Smith (FA) and LS Dan Godsil (CFA-Indiana); Waived WR Kermit Whitfield .		
July 26, 2019	— Signed DE Immanuel Turner (FA); Waived HB Darrin Hall .		
July 30, 2019	— Signed CB Tony Lippett (FA); Waived LB Chris Worley .		

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

IMPORTANT DATES

2019			
Aug. 29	— Final Preseason Games.	Sept. 4	— At 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for all NFL Player Contracts, Practice Player Contracts, tender offers, and miscellaneous amounts to fit within each Club's 2019 Salary Cap, in anticipation of the midnight expiration of the Top 51 Rule.
Aug. 31	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must reduce rosters to a maximum of 53 players on the Active/Inactive List.	Sept. 5	— At 12 a.m. Eastern, the Top 51 Rule expires for all NFL Clubs.
Aug. 31	— Simultaneously with the cut-down to 53, clubs that have players in the categories of Active/Physically Unable to Perform or Active/Non-Football Injury or Illness must select one of the following options: place player on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform or Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness, whichever is applicable; request waivers; terminate contract; trade contract; or continue to count the player on the Active List.	Sept. 5, 8-9	— Regular Season Week 1.
Sept. 1	— Final day of preseason training camp for all clubs, as defined in CBA Article 23, Section 9.	Sept. 6, 9-10	— Beginning on these dates, any player with at least four previous pension-credited seasons who is released from his Club's Active List or Inactive List (or from his Club's Reserve/Injured List if placement occurred after the club's first regular-season game) is entitled to claim Termination Pay, after the end of the regular season, subject to the terms and conditions of CBA Article 30.
Sept. 1	— Claiming period for players placed on waivers at the final roster reduction will expire at noon Eastern.	Sept. 24	— Beginning on the Tuesday following the third weekend of regular-season games, the claiming priority is based on the inverse order of the standing of clubs in the current season's games.
Sept. 1	— Upon receipt of the Personnel Notice at approximately 1 p.m. Eastern, clubs may establish a Practice Squad of 10 players (clubs participating in the International Player Development Program may sign one additional international player to a Practice Player Contract.) No club, including the player's prior club, will be permitted to sign a player to a Practice Player Contract until all clubs have received simultaneous notification via the above Personnel Notice that such player's prior NFL Player Contract has been terminated via the waiver system.	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.
Sept. 1	— All tryouts on this date and for the remainder of the season must be reported to the League office.	Mid-Oct.	— At any time after six weeks have elapsed since a player was placed on Reserve/Injured or Reserve/Non-Football Injury/Illness, each club is permitted to designate two players for return from either list to the Club's 53-player Active/Inactive List. A player who is "Designated For Return" must have suffered a major football-related injury or non-football-related injury or illness after reporting to training camp and passing his preseason physical examination and must have been placed on the applicable Reserve List after 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day following the final roster reduction. A player whom the Club wishes to designate for return is permitted to return to practice for a period not to exceed 21 days. The Club is required to notify the League office that the player has been "Designated For Return" on the first day the player begins to practice. The player cannot be returned to the Active/Inactive List until eight games have elapsed
Sept. 2-7	— In accordance with the Personnel (Injury) Report Policy, each club is required to file a Practice Report with the NFL Communications department by 4 p.m. Eastern, (or as soon as possible after the completion of practice) every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for a regular-season Sunday game; Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for a Thursday game; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for a Monday game; and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for a Saturday game. Each club must also file a weekly regular-season Game Status Report with the NFL Communications department by 4 p.m. Eastern (or as soon as possible after the completion of practice) on Wednesday for a Thursday game, Friday for a Sunday game, Saturday for a Monday game, and Thursday for a Saturday game. An update must be reported if there is any change in a player's condition after the initial Game Status Report is filed.		

(Important dates, continued)

- since the date he was placed on Reserve.
- Oct. 15-16 — Fall League Meeting, Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- Oct. 29 — All trading ends for 2019 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
- Oct. 30 — Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons are subject to the waiver system for the remainder of the regular season and postseason.
- Nov. 4 — Any increase in a player's 2019 Salary from a renegotiation or extension that is received by the Management Council after 4 p.m. Eastern, on this day, will be treated as Signing Bonus, and prorated over the entire term of the Player Contract, including 2019.
- Nov. 12 — At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.
- Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their unsigned Franchise and Transition Players, including Franchise Players who were eligible to receive Offer Sheets until this date. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
- Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "May 7 Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
- Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the "June 1 Tender" was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
- Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Drafted Rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
- Nov. 28, 30, Dec. 2 — Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the last business day prior to a club's Week 13 game for reinstatement of players in Reserve List categories of Retired, Did Not Report, and Exclusive Rights, and of players who were placed on Reserve/Left Squad in a previous season.
- Nov. 29 — Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of players who received, or filed a grievance for, the Basic or Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2019 season.
- Dec. 1 — Beginning this date through Jan. 31, 2020, NFL clubs are permitted to conduct non-contact tryouts and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2020, or whose 2019 contracts are due to expire on Feb. 11, 2020. Prior to any tryout or negotiation, NFL clubs must first receive written permission from the player's CFL club.
- Dec. 1 — All salary paid to a Practice Squad player during the postseason will count as Salary if the player's practice player contract was executed or renegotiated on or after this date for more than the minimum Practice Squad salary.
- Dec. 10 — NFLMC Labor Seminar, Four Seasons Resort, Las Colinas, Texas.
- Dec. 11 — Special League Meeting, Four Seasons Resort, Las Colinas, Texas.
- Dec. 28 — A claiming period of 24 hours shall be in effect for any waivers requested during the period from the Saturday of the final regular-season weekend through the conclusion of the final postseason game, except for waiver requests on Friday and Saturday of each week, which shall expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday. Assignment of player contracts will be deferred until the first business day after the Pro Bowl or the Super Bowl, whichever occurs later. Terminations of player contracts will occur at the expiration of the claiming period. A club that is participating in the playoffs may sign players whose contracts have been terminated to its Active/Inactive List, Practice Squad, or Reserve/Future List. A club whose playing season has concluded may sign such players to its Reserve/Future List only.
- Dec. 29 — Final Week of Regular-season Games.
- Dec. 30 — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2020 season.

- Dec. 30 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2017 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Dec. 30, 2019, but prior to May 5, 2020 (i.e., not later than May 4).
- Dec. 30 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2017 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2018. Any permissible renegotiated or extended Player Contract will not be considered a Rookie Contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit Rookie Contracts.
- Dec. 30 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club's owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club's 2019 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2020 Team Salary.

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

(Important dates, continued)

March 2	Indiana.	March 18	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2020 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern.
Feb. 25	— First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	March 18	— All 2019 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern.
Feb. 27	— Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 4(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2020 season.	March 18	— The 2020 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. The first day of the 2020 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 18. Clubs will receive a Personnel Notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern, and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 18.
March 2	— Beginning this date, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an assistant coach, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as its head coach, the employer club is under no obligation to grant the coach the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.	March 18	— Trading period for 2020 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2019 contracts.
March 2	— Beginning this date through the conclusion of the Annual Selection Meeting, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an individual, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as a high-level club employee, the employer club is under no obligation to grant the individual the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club if his current responsibilities include gathering information on and evaluating draft-eligible players or veteran free agent players. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.	March 18	— Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2020 and if not renegotiated after Dec. 29, 2019, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).
March 10	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	March 29- April 1	— Annual League Meeting, The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla.
March 13	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2020 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.	April 1	— Deadline for Clubs to meet 2020 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.
March 16-18	— During the period beginning at noon Eastern, on March 16 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 18, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with, the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2019 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 18. During the above two-day negotiating period, a prospective UFA who is not represented by an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor is permitted to communicate directly with a new club's front office officials (excluding the Head Coach and other members of the club's coaching staff) regarding contract negotiations. No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 18.	April 6	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2019 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
March 18	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must exercise options for 2020 on all players who have option clauses in their 2019 contracts.	April 15	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.
March 18	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation.	April 17	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
March 18	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2019 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.	April 20	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
		April 22	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
		April 22	— Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.
		April 23-25	— Annual Player Selection Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev.
		April 30-May 4	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie mini-camp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
		May 4	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2017 Draft.
		May 5	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "May 5 Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern, only with his Prior Club.
		May 7-11	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
		May 11	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
		May 14-17	— NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their respective clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period.
		May 19-20	— Spring League Meeting, Ritz-Carlton, Marina Del Ray, Calif.

2019 PRESEASON PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

P (NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)
DNP — played as a substitute
 — did not play

RI — reserve/injured list
RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list
RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list

NWT — not with team
REX — roster exemption
— unsigned

NAME	Cin. G-S	1 @K.C.	2 @Wash. NYG	3	4 IND
Akins, Curtis	-1-0	P	DNP		
Anderson, Rodney	-0-0	DNP	DNP		
Atkins, Geno	-0-0	DNP	DNP		
Bates, Jessie, III	-2-2	FS	FS		
Bernard, Giovanni	-1-0	DNP	P		
Billings, Andrew	-2-2	NT	NT		
Böhringer, Moritz	-1-0	P	DNP		
Boyd, Tyler	-2-2	WR	WR		
Brown, Andrew	-2-0	P	P		
Brown, Jordan	-2-0	P	P		
Brown, Preston	-2-2	MLB	MLB		
Bryant, Ventell	-2-0	P	P		
Bullock, Randy	-2-0	P	P		
Carter, Cethan	-1-0	P	DNP		
Chesley, Anthony	-2-0	P	P		
Core, Cody	-2-2	WR	WR		
Cox, Demetrious	-2-0	P	P		
Dalton, Andy	-2-2	QB	QB		
Davis, Deshaun	-2-0	P	P		
Dawkins, Noah	-2-0	P	P		
Dennard, Darqueze	-0-0	DNP	DNP		
Dolegala, Jake	-0-0	DNP	DNP		
Driskel, Jeff	-2-0	P	P		
Dugas, O'Shea	-2-0	P	P		
Dunlap, Carlos	-2-2	LDE	LDE		
Efertz, Tyler	-1-0	DNP	P		
Ellis, Jordan	-2-0	P	P		
Erickson, Alex	-2-0	P	P		
Evans, Jordan	-2-2	WLB	WLB		
Evans, Justin	-2-0	P	P		
Fejedelem, Clayton	-1-0	P	DNP		
Finley, Ryan	-2-0	P	P		
Flowers, Quinton	-2-0	P	P		
Franks, Jordan	-1-0	P	DNP		
Glasgow, Ryan	-2-2	DT	DT		
Glenn, Cordy	-2-2	LOT	LOT		
Godsil, Dan	-2-0	P	P		
Green, A.J.	-0-0	DNP	DNP		
Harris, Clark	-2-0	P	P		
Harris, Davontae	-2-0	P	P		
Hart, Bobby	-2-2	ROT	ROT		
Henderson, Trayvon	-2-0	P	P		
Hopkins, Trey	-2-1	P	C		
Hubbard, Sam	-2-2	RDE	RDE		
Huber, Kevin	-2-0	P	P		
Jackson, William, III	-1-1	DNP	RCB		
Jefferson, Malik	-2-0	P	P		
Jerry, John	-2-1	LG	P		
Jordan, Michael	-2-1	P	LG		
Kinnel, Tyree	-2-0	P	P		
Kirkpatrick, Dre	-1-1	LCB	DNP		
Lawson, Carl	-0-0	DNP	DNP		
Lippett, Tony	-2-0	P	P		
Lundblade, Brad	-2-0	P	P		
Malone, Josh	-2-2	WR	WR		
McRae, Tony	-2-0	P	P		
Miller, John	-2-2	RG	RG		
Mixon, Joe	-1-1	DNP	HB		
Morgan, Stanley	-2-0	P	P		
Nickerson, Hardy	-2-0	P	P		
Odeyingbo, Dare	-0-0	NWT	DNP		
Perkins, Kent	-1-0	P	NWT		
Phillips, Darius	-2-0	P	P		
Pratt, Germaine	-2-0	P	P		
Price, Billy	-2-1	C	P		
Redmond, Alex	-0-0	DNP	DNP		
Ringo, Christian	-1-0	P	DNP		
Ross, John, III	-0-0	DNP	DNP		
Russell, KeiVarae	-0-0	DNP	DNP		
Sample, Drew	-2-0	P	P		
Schreck, Mason	-2-0	P	P		
Scott, Niles	-0-0	RI	RI		
Sharp, Hunter	-1-0	P	DNP		
Sheffield, Sterling	-2-0	P	P		
Smith, Andre	-2-0	P	P		
Sutherland, Keaton	-2-0	P	P		
Tate, Auden	-2-0	P	P		
Tupou, Josh	-2-0	P	P		
Turner, Immanuel	-2-0	P	P		
Uzomah, C.J.	-2-2	TE	TE		
Vigil, Nick	-2-2	SLB	SLB		
Vizcaino, Tristan	-2-0	P	P		
Webb, B.W.	-2-2	RCB	LCB		
Westerman, Christian	-1-0	P	DNP		
Williams, Jonah	-0-0	DNP	DNP		
Williams, Shawn	-2-2	SS	SS		
Williams, Trayveon	-2-1	HB	P		
Willis, Damion	-2-0	P	P		
Willis, Jordan	-2-0	P	P		
Wilson, Brandon	-2-0	P	P		
Wren, Renell	-1-0	DNP	P		
Wynn, Kerry	-1-0	DNP	P		

DEPTH CHART

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OFFENSE

WR	(18 A.J. Green)	80 Josh Malone	19 Auden Tate
			81 <u>Ventell Bryant</u>
LOT	77 Cordy Glenn	71 Andre Smith	65 Justin Evans
			(73 <u>Jonah Williams</u>)
LG	64 John Jerry	60 <u>Michael Jordan</u>	
C	53 Billy Price	66 Trey Hopkins	61 Brad Lundblade
RG	67 John Miller	62 Alex Redmond	74 <u>Keaton Sutherland</u>
ROT	68 Bobby Hart	71 Andre Smith	70 <u>O'Shea Dugas</u>
TE	87 C.J. Uzomah	85 Tyler Eifert	89 <u>Drew Sample</u>
			82 Cethan Carter
			88 Jordan Franks
			86 Mason Schreck
			49 Moritz Böhringer
WR	83 Tyler Boyd	12 Alex Erickson	15 Hunter Sharp
WR	11 John Ross III	16 Cody Core	9 <u>Damion Willis</u>
			8 <u>Stanley Morgan</u>
QB	14 Andy Dalton	6 Jeff Driskel	5 <u>Ryan Finley</u>
			7 <u>Jake Dolegala</u>
HB	28 Joe Mixon	25 Giovanni Bernard	32 <u>Trayveon Williams</u>
			33 <u>Rodney Anderson</u>
			34 Quinton Flowers
			31 <u>Jordan Ellis</u>

DEFENSE

LDE	96 Carlos Dunlap	75 Jordan Willis	72 Kerry Wynn
			92 <u>Immanuel Turner</u>
NT	99 Andrew Billings	91 Josh Tupou	95 <u>Renell Wren</u>
DT	97 Geno Atkins	98 Ryan Glasgow	79 Christian Ringo
			90 <u>Dare Odeyingbo</u>
RDE	94 Sam Hubbard	58 Carl Lawson	93 Andrew Brown
SLB	59 Nick Vigil	48 <u>Deshaun Davis</u>	55 <u>Curtis Akins</u>
MLB	52 Preston Brown	56 Hardy Nickerson	44 <u>Noah Dawkins</u>
			51 <u>Sterling Sheffield</u>
WLB	50 Jordan Evans	57 <u>Germaine Pratt</u>	45 Malik Jefferson
LCB	27 Dre Kirkpatrick	21 Darqueze Dennard [nickel]	20 KeiVarae Russell
			29 Tony McRae
			35 Davontae Harris
RCB	22 William Jackson III	24 B.W. Webb [nickel]	39 Tony Lippett
			23 Darius Phillips
			26 <u>Jordan Brown</u>
			38 <u>Anthony Chesley</u>
SS	36 Shawn Williams	42 Clayton Fejedelem	37 Demetrious Cox
			43 <u>Tyree Kinneel</u>
FS	30 Jessie Bates III	40 Brandon Wilson	41 Trayvon Henderson

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10 Kevin Huber		
K	4 Randy Bullock	3 <u>Tristan Vizcaino</u>	
LS	46 Clark Harris	84 <u>Dan Godsil</u>	
H	10 Kevin Huber		
PR	12 Alex Erickson	23 Darius Phillips	24 B.W. Webb
			83 Tyler Boyd
KOR	12 Alex Erickson	23 Darius Phillips	80 Josh Malone

NOTE: Rookies are underlined. Injured players expected to miss significant playing time are in (parentheses).

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

AUG. 18, 2019

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
55	Akins, Curtis.....	LB	6-1	235	9-28-95	R	Memphis	Byhalia, Miss.	CFA'19
33	Anderson, Rodney.....	HB	6-0	224	9-12-96	R	Oklahoma	Katy, Texas	D6c'19
97	Atkins, Geno.....	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	10	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
30	Bates, Jessie, III.....	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	2	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
25	Bernard, Giovanni.....	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	7	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
99	Billings, Andrew.....	DT	6-1	328	3-6-95	4	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16
49	+ Böhringer, Moritz.....	TE	6-5	250	10-16-93	1	Aalen (Germany)	Aalen (Germany)	FA'18
83	Boyd, Tyler.....	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	4	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
93	Brown, Andrew.....	DE	6-3	290	12-30-95	1	Virginia	Chesapeake, Va.	D5b'18
26	Brown, Jordan.....	CB	6-0	201	3-26-96	R	South Dakota State	Scottsdale, Ariz.	D7'19
52	Brown, Preston.....	LB	6-1	255	10-27-92	6	Louisville	Cincinnati, Ohio	UFA(Buff.)'18
81	Bryant, Ventell.....	WR	6-3	205	8-24-96	R	Temple	Tampa, Fla.	CFA'19
4	Bullock, Randy.....	K	5-9	210	12-16-89	8	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
82	Carter, Cethan.....	TE	6-3	248	9-5-95	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
38	Chesley, Anthony.....	CB	6-0	190	5-31-96	R	Coastal Carolina	Temple Hills, Md.	CFA'19
16	Core, Cody.....	WR	6-3	205	4-17-94	4	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
37	Cox, Demetrious.....	S	6-0	200	4-20-94	2	Michigan State	Jeannette, Pa.	FA'18
14	Dalton, Andy.....	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	9	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
48	Davis, Deshaun.....	LB	5-11	236	12-31-95	R	Auburn	Prichard, Ala.	D6b'19
44	Dawkins, Noah.....	LB	6-1	235	8-13-97	R	The Citadel	Lyman, S.C.	CFA'19
21	Dennard, Darqueze.....	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	6	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
7	Dolegala, Jake.....	QB	6-7	242	10-7-96	R	Central Connecticut State	Hamburg, N.Y.	CFA'19
6	Driskel, Jeff.....	QB	6-4	235	4-23-93	4	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
70	Dugas, O'Shea.....	OT	6-4	335	9-22-96	R	Louisiana Tech	Lafayette, La.	CFA'19
96	Dunlap, Carlos.....	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	10	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
85	Eifert, Tyler.....	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	7	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
31	Ellis, Jordan.....	HB	5-10	225	3-22-96	R	Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	CFA'19
12	Erickson, Alex.....	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	4	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
50	Evans, Jordan.....	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	3	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
65	Evans, Justin.....	OT	6-5	315	8-19-95	1	South Carolina State	Florence, S.C.	FA'19
42	Fejedelem, Clayton.....	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	4	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
5	Finley, Ryan.....	QB	6-4	207	12-26-94	R	North Carolina State	Phoenix, Ariz.	D4a'19
34	Flowers, Quinton.....	HB	5-10	211	12-2-94	1	South Florida	Miami, Fla.	CFA'18
88	Franks, Jordan.....	TE	6-4	240	2-1-96	2	Central Florida	Wakulla, Fla.	CFA'18
98	Glasgow, Ryan.....	DT	6-3	300	9-30-93	3	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
77	Glenn, Cordy.....	OT	6-6	345	9-18-89	8	Georgia	Riverdale, Georgia	T(Buff.)'18
84	Godsil, Dan.....	LS	6-4	240	8-19-96	R	Indiana	Ottawa, Ohio	CFA'19
18	Green, A.J.....	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	9	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
46	Harris, Clark.....	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	11	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
35	Harris, Davontae.....	CB	5-11	200	1-21-95	2	Illinois State	Wichita, Kan.	D5a'18
68	Hart, Bobby.....	OT	6-5	310	8-21-94	5	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'18
41	Henderson, Trayvon.....	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
66	Hopkins, Trey.....	C/G	6-3	316	7-6-92	4	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
94	Hubbard, Sam.....	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	2	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin.....	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	11	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
22	Jackson, William, III.....	CB	6-0	196	10-27-92	4	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
45	Jefferson, Malik.....	LB	6-2	241	11-15-96	2	Texas	Mesquite, Texas	D3b'18
64	Jerry, John.....	G	6-5	340	6-14-86	9	Mississippi	Batesville, Miss.	FA'19
60	Jordan, Michael.....	G	6-6	315	1-25-98	R	Ohio State	Canton, Mich.	D4c'19
43	Kinnel, Tyree.....	S	5-11	207	1-31-97	R	Michigan	Huber Heights, Ohio	CFA'19
27	Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	CB	6-2	190	10-26-89	8	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
58	Lawson, Carl.....	DE	6-2	265	6-29-95	3	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
39	Lippett, Tony.....	CB	6-3	192	7-2-92	5	Michigan State	Detroit, Mich.	FA'19
61	Lundblade, Brad.....	C	6-3	305	9-21-95	1	Oklahoma State	Argyle, Texas	CFA'18
80	Malone, Josh.....	WR	6-3	205	3-21-96	3	Tennessee	Gallatin, Tenn.	D4b'17
29	McRae, Tony.....	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	3	North Carolina A&T	Laurensburg, N.C.	FA'17
67	Miller, John.....	G	6-3	315	8-12-93	5	Louisville	Miami, Fla.	UFA(Buff.)'19
28	Mixon, Joe.....	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	3	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
8	Morgan, Stanley.....	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	R	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
56	Nickerson, Hardy.....	LB	6-0	235	1-5-94	3	Illinois	Oakland, Calif.	CFA'17
90	Odeyingbo, Dare.....	DT	6-2	282	11-25-96	R	Vanderbilt	Irvine, Texas	FA'19
23	Phillips, Darius.....	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	2	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
57	Pratt, Germaine.....	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	R	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
53	Price, Billy.....	C	6-4	310	10-11-94	2	Ohio State	Austintown, Ohio	D1'18
62	Redmond, Alex.....	G	6-5	320	1-18-95	3	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
79	Ringo, Christian.....	DT	6-1	300	3-10-92	4	Louisiana-Lafayette	Jackson, Miss.	PS(Dall.)'18
11	Ross, John, III.....	WR	5-11	194	11-27-95	3	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
20	Russell, KeiVarae.....	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	4	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
89	Sample, Drew.....	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	R	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
86	Schreck, Mason.....	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	3	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
15	Sharp, Hunter.....	WR	5-11	198	4-25-94	1	Utah State	Palmdale, Calif.	FA'18
51	Sheffield, Sterling.....	LB	6-0	235	11-30-96	R	Maine	Mullica Hill, N.J.	CFA'19
71	Smith, Andre.....	OT	6-4	325	1-25-87	11	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'19
74	Sutherland, Keaton.....	G	6-5	316	2-12-97	R	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	CFA'19
19	Tate, Auden.....	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	2	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
91	Tupou, Josh.....	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	3	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
92	Turner, Immanuel.....	DE	6-3	287	12-16-96	R	Louisiana Tech	Magnolia, Ark.	FA'19
87	Uzomah, C.J.....	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	5	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
59	Vigil, Nick.....	LB	6-2	235	8-20-93	4	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
3	Vizcaino, Tristan.....	K	6-2	205	7-31-96	R	Washington	Chino Hills, Calif.	FA'19
24	Webb, B.W.....	CB	5-11	190	5-3-90	6	William & Mary	Newport News, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19
63	= Westerman, Christian.....	G	6-3	315	2-23-93	4	Arizona State	Chandler, Ariz.	D5'16
73	Williams, Jonah.....	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	R	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
36	Williams, Shawn.....	S	6-0	212	5-13-91	7	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
32	Williams, Trayveon.....	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	R	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
9	Willis, Damion.....	WR	6-3	204	6-20-97	R	Troy	Meridian, Miss.	CFA'19
75	Willis, Jordan.....	DE	6-4	270	5-2-95	3	Kansas State	Kansas City, Mo.	D3'17
40	Wilson, Brandon.....	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	3	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
95	Wren, Renell.....	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	R	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19
72	Wynn, Kerry.....	DE	6-5	261	2-12-91	6	Richmond	Louisa, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19

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69	Scott, Niles (8-8-19; foot).....	DT	6-2	320	9-30-95	2	Frostburg State	Elkton, Md.	PS(Den.)'18
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NUMERICAL ROSTER

AUG. 18, 2019

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
3	Tristan Vizcaino	K	6-2	205	7-31-96	R	Washington	Chino Hills, Calif.	FA'19
4	Randy Bullock	K	5-9	210	12-16-89	8	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
5	Ryan Finley	QB	6-4	207	12-26-94	R	North Carolina State	Phoenix, Ariz.	D4a'19
6	Jeff Driskel	QB	6-4	235	4-23-93	4	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
7	Jake Dolegala	QB	6-7	242	10-7-96	R	Central Connecticut State	Hamburg, N.Y.	CFA'19
8	Stanley Morgan	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	R	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
9	Damion Willis	WR	6-3	204	6-20-97	R	Troy	Meridian, Miss.	CFA'19
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	11	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	John Ross III	WR	5-11	194	11-27-95	3	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
12	Alex Erickson	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	4	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
14	Andy Dalton	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	9	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
15	Hunter Sharp	WR	5-11	198	4-25-94	1	Utah State	Palmdale, Calif.	FA'18
16	Cody Core	WR	6-3	205	4-17-94	4	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
18	A.J. Green	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	9	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
19	Auden Tate	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	2	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
20	KeiVarae Russell	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	4	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
21	Darqueze Dennard	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	6	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
22	William Jackson III	CB	6-0	196	10-27-92	4	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
23	Darius Phillips	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	2	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
24	B.W. Webb	CB	5-11	190	5-3-90	6	William & Mary	Newport News, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19
25	Giovani Bernard	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	7	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
26	Jordan Brown	CB	6-0	201	3-26-96	R	South Dakota State	Scottsdale, Ariz.	D7'19
27	Dre Kirkpatrick	CB	6-2	190	10-26-89	8	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	3	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
29	Tony McRae	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	3	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'17
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	2	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
31	Jordan Ellis	HB	5-10	225	3-22-96	R	Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	CFA'19
32	Trayveon Williams	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	R	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
33	Rodney Anderson	HB	6-0	224	9-12-96	R	Oklahoma	Katy, Texas	D6c'19
34	Quinton Flowers	HB	5-10	211	12-2-94	1	South Florida	Miami, Fla.	CFA'18
35	Davontae Harris	CB	5-11	200	1-21-95	2	Illinois State	Wichita, Kan.	D5a'18
36	Shawn Williams	S	6-0	212	5-13-91	7	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
37	Demetrious Cox	S	6-0	200	4-20-94	2	Michigan State	Jeannette, Pa.	FA'18
38	Anthony Chesley	CB	6-0	190	5-31-96	R	Coastal Carolina	Temple Hills, Md.	CFA'19
39	Tony Lippett	CB	6-3	192	7-2-92	5	Michigan State	Detroit, Mich.	FA'19
40	Brandon Wilson	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	3	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
41	Trayvon Henderson	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
42	Clayton Fejedelem	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	4	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
43	Tyree Kinnel	S	5-11	207	1-31-97	R	Michigan	Huber Heights, Ohio	CFA'19
44	Noah Dawkins	LB	6-1	235	8-13-97	R	The Citadel	Lyman, S.C.	CFA'19
45	Malik Jefferson	LB	6-2	241	11-15-96	2	Texas	Mesquite, Texas	D3b'18
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	11	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
48	Deshawn Davis	LB	5-11	236	12-31-95	R	Auburn	Prichard, Ala.	D6b'19
49	+ Moritz Böhringer	TE	6-5	250	10-16-93	1	Aalen (Germany)	Aalen (Germany)	FA'18
50	Jordan Evans	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	3	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
51	Sterling Sheffield	LB	6-0	235	11-30-96	R	Maine	Mullica Hill, N.J.	CFA'19
52	Preston Brown	LB	6-1	255	10-27-92	6	Louisville	Cincinnati, Ohio	UFA(Buff.)'18
53	Billy Price	C	6-4	310	10-11-94	2	Ohio State	Austintown, Ohio	D1'18
55	Curtis Atkins	LB	6-1	235	9-28-95	R	Memphis	Byhalia, Miss.	CFA'19
56	Hardy Nickerson	LB	6-0	235	1-5-94	3	Illinois	Oakland, Calif.	CFA'17
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	R	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
58	Carl Lawson	DE	6-2	265	6-29-95	3	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
59	Nick Vigil	LB	6-2	235	8-20-93	4	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
60	Michael Jordan	G	6-6	315	1-25-98	R	Ohio State	Canton, Mich.	D4c'19
61	Brad Lundblade	C	6-3	305	9-21-95	1	Oklahoma State	Argyle, Texas	CFA'18
62	Alex Redmond	G	6-5	320	1-18-95	3	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
63	= Christian Westerman	G	6-3	315	2-23-93	4	Arizona State	Chandler, Ariz.	D5'16
64	John Jerry	G	6-5	340	6-14-86	9	Mississippi	Batesville, Miss.	FA'19
65	Justin Evans	OT	6-5	315	8-19-95	1	South Carolina State	Florence, S.C.	FA'19
66	Trey Hopkins	C/G	6-3	316	7-6-92	4	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
67	John Miller	G	6-3	315	8-12-93	5	Louisville	Miami, Fla.	UFA(Buff.)'19
68	Bobby Hart	OT	6-5	310	8-21-94	5	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'18
70	O'Shea Dugas	OT	6-4	335	9-22-96	R	Louisiana Tech	Lafayette, La.	CFA'19
71	Andre Smith	OT	6-4	325	1-25-87	11	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'19
72	Kerry Wynn	DE	6-5	261	2-12-91	6	Richmond	Louisa, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19
73	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	R	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
74	Keaton Sutherland	G	6-5	316	2-12-97	R	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	CFA'19
75	Jordan Willis	DE	6-4	270	5-2-95	3	Kansas State	Kansas City, Mo.	D3'17
77	Cordy Glenn	OT	6-6	345	9-18-89	8	Georgia	Riverdale, Georgia	T(Buff.)'18
79	Christian Ringo	DT	6-1	300	3-10-92	4	Louisiana-Lafayette	Jackson, Miss.	PS(Dall.)'18
80	Josh Malone	WR	6-3	205	3-21-96	3	Tennessee	Gallatin, Tenn.	D4b'17
81	Ventell Bryant	WR	6-3	205	8-24-96	R	Temple	Tampa, Fla.	CFA'19
82	Cethan Carter	TE	6-3	248	9-5-95	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	4	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
84	Dan Godsil	LS	6-4	240	8-19-96	R	Indiana	Ottawa, Ohio	CFA'19
85	Tyler Eifert	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	7	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
86	Mason Schreck	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	3	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
87	C.J. Uzomah	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	5	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
88	Jordan Franks	TE	6-4	240	2-1-96	2	Central Florida	Wakulla, Fla.	CFA'18
89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	R	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
90	Dare Odeyngbo	DT	6-2	282	11-25-96	R	Vanderbilt	Irving, Texas	FA'19
91	Josh Tupou	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	3	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
92	Immanuel Turner	DE	6-3	287	12-16-96	R	Louisiana Tech	Magnolia, Ark.	FA'19
93	Andrew Brown	DE	6-3	290	12-30-95	1	Virginia	Chesapeake, Va.	D5b'18
94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	2	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
95	Renell Wren	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	R	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19
96	Carlos Dunlap	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	10	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	10	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
98	Ryan Glasgow	DT	6-3	300	9-30-93	3	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
99	Andrew Billings	DT	6-1	328	3-6-95	4	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16

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69	Niles Scott (8-8-19; foot)	DT	6-2	320	9-30-95	2	Frostburg State	Elkton, Md.	PS(Den.)'18
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2019 PRESEASON STATISTICS

RECORD: 1-1

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
8-10-19	L	17-38	at Kansas City	69,813
8-15-19	W	23-13	at Washington	80,001
8-22-19			N.Y. GIANTS	
8-29-19			INDIANAPOLIS	

TEAM STATISTICS		BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	.....	35	31
Rushing	.....	5	8
Passing	.....	26	21
Penalty	.....	4	2
3rd Down: Made-Att	.....	12-29	8-24
3rd Down Pct.	.....	41.4	33.3
4th Down: Made-Att	.....	0-1	0-1
4th Down Pct.	.....	0.0	0.0
POSSESSION AVG.	.....	32:25	27:36
TOTAL NET YARDS	.....	609	612
Avg. Per Game	.....	304.5	306.0
Total Plays	.....	128	108
Avg. Per Play	.....	4.8	5.7
NET YARDS RUSHING	.....	113	174
Avg. Per Game	.....	56.5	87.0
Total Rushes	.....	36	42
NET YARDS PASSING	.....	496	438
Avg. Per Game	.....	248.0	219.0
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....	3-15	5-31
Gross Yards	.....	511	469
Att.-Completions	.....	89-58	61-35
Completion Pct.	.....	65.2	57.4
Had Intercepted	.....	3	1
PUNTS-AVG.	.....	11-44.1	11-49.5
Net Punting Avg.	.....	11-37.4	11-37.4
PENALTIES-YARDS	.....	22-200	21-196
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	.....	3-2	1-1
TOUCHDOWNS	.....	5	7
Rushing	.....	1	2
Passing	.....	3	4
Returns	.....	1	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	7	6	10	17	0	40
OPPONENTS	13	17	14	7	0	51

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Tristan Vizcaino	0	0	0	0	3-3	2-3	0	9
Jordan Ellis	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Alex Erickson	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Drew Sample	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Auden Tate	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Trayveon Williams	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	1-2	0-0	0	1
BENGALS	5	1	3	1	4-5	2-3	0	40
OPPONENTS	7	2	4	1	6-7	1-2	0	51

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

Sacks-yards: Immanuel Turner 1-11, Kerry Wynn 1-8, Andrew Brown 1-6, Deshaun Davis 1-6, Jordan Willis 1-0. BENGALS 5-31, OPPONENTS 3-15.

Fumbles-lost: Darius Phillips 2-1, Davontae Harris 1-1. BENGALS 3-2. OPPONENTS 1-1.

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Jordan Ellis	18	63	3.5	7	0
Quinton Flowers	7	18	2.6	9	0
Jeff Driskel	2	17	8.5	13	0
Trayveon Williams	7	9	1.3	4	1
Giovani Bernard	1	3	3.0	3	0
Joe Mixon	1	3	3.0	3	0
BENGALS	36	113	3.1	13	1
OPPONENTS	42	174	4.1	47	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Jordan Ellis	10	63	6.3	13	1
Auden Tate	7	58	8.3	26	1
Damion Willis	6	63	10.5	19	0
Stanley Morgan	5	63	12.6	19	0
Cody Core	4	49	12.3	16	0
Tyler Boyd	4	33	8.3	12	0
Alex Erickson	4	24	6.0	12	0
Josh Malone	3	36	12.0	13	0
Drew Sample	3	22	7.3	10	1
Mason Schreck	2	25	12.5	18	0
Hunter Sharp	2	22	11.0	16	0
Trayveon Williams	2	21	10.5	13	0
Quinton Flowers	2	6	3.0	4	0
Ventell Bryant	1	16	16.0	16	0
Cethan Carter	1	7	7.0	7	0
Jordan Franks	1	2	2.0	2	0
C.J. Uzomah	1	1	1.0	1	0
BENGALS	58	511	8.8	26	3
OPPONENTS	35	469	13.4	55t	4

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Nickerson	1	7	7.0	7	0
BENGALS	1	7	7.0	7	0
OPPONENTS	3	163	54.3	96t	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	11	485	44.1	37.4	1	3	55	0
BENGALS	11	485	44.1	37.4	1	3	55	0
OPPONENTS	11	544	49.5	37.4	1	5	69	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	5	1	113	22.6	75t	1
Darius Phillips	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Davontae Harris	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Hunter Sharp	0	1	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	8	2	113	14.1	75t	1
OPPONENTS	5	1	54	10.8	27	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Darius Phillips	4	128	32.0	40	0
Stanley Morgan	3	72	24.0	30	0
Josh Malone	1	31	31.0	31	0
BENGALS	8	231	28.9	40	0
OPPONENTS	6	197	32.8	50	0

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

Tristan Vizcaino: (47G), (46WR, 57G).
Randy Bullock: (—), (—).
Bengals: (47G), (46WR, 57G).
Opponents: (35G), (50SH).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Tony McRae	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Jordan Evans	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Demetrius Cox	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Shawn Williams	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Malik Jefferson	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Germaine Pratt	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Davontae Harris	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Trayvon Henderson	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Andrew Brown	3	0	3	1-6	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jordan Brown	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Anthony Chesley	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Darius Phillips	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Brandon Wilson	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Kerry Wynn	1	2	3	1-8	0-0	0	0	1-0
Deshaun Davis	2	0	2	1-6	0-0	0	0	0-0
Hardy Nickerson	2	0	2	0-0	1-7	1	0	0-0
Jordan Willis	2	0	2	1-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
Tony Lippett	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Noah Dawkins	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tyree Kinnel	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Immanuel Turner	1	0	1	1-11	0-0	0	0	0-0
Nick Vigil	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
B.W. Webb	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Renell Wren	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Jessie Bates	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Darius Phillips	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cethan Carter	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Demetrius Cox	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Deshaun Davis	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Evans	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Clayton Fejedelem	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Dan Godsil	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Trayvon Henderson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Mason Schreck	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kerry Wynn	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Malik Jefferson	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Ryan Finley	44	33	259	75.0	5.89	3	6.8	1	2.3	19	1-2	102.4
Jeff Driskel	27	13	136	48.1	5.04	0	0.0	1	3.7	16	2-13	47.8
Andy Dalton	18	12	116	66.7	6.44	0	0.0	1	5.6	26	0-0	61.3
BENGALS	89	58	511	65.2	5.74	3	3.4	3	3.4	26	3-15	77.5
OPPONENTS	61	35	469	57.4	7.69	4	6.6	1	1.6	55t	5-31	97.0

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