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CINCINNATI BENGALS (2-0) AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS (1-1)

WEEK 3, GAME 3
SUNDAY, SEPT. 27
AT Acrisure Stadium

NEXT GAME: WEEK 4, GAME 4
OCT. 4 VS. JACKSONVILLE

GAME INFORMATION

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

Television: The game will air on CBS-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Ch. 7) in Dayton and WKYT-TV (Ch. 27) in Lexington. Broadcasters are Ian Eagle (play-by-play), Ross Tucker (analyst) and Evan Washburn (sideline reporter).

Radio: The game will air on the Bengals Radio Network, led by Cincinnati flagship radio stations WCKY-AM (1530) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play), Dave Lapham (analyst) and Tony Pike (analyst).

Setting the scene: Cincinnati aims for its first 3-0 start since 2015 when the team faces AFC North rival Pittsburgh on Sunday at Acrisure Stadium.

The Bengals have benefited from strong play out of all three phases during their wins over Tampa Bay and Houston. The team's 20-6 road victory over the Texans in Week 2 featured two TD catches by WR Ja'Marr Chase, 95 receiving yards by fellow receiver Tee Higgins and a pair of FGs from over 50 yards by K Evan McPherson. But the premier performance on the day came from a revamped Bengals defense, which held Houston to zero TDs, 60 rushing yards and a 29.4 percent success rate on third down (five-for-17).

"I thought the coverage really allowed the front to pressure," said head coach Zac Taylor on the defensive execution. "They kept them in the pocket and made things difficult. Obviously, anytime you can keep the running backs to 14 carries for 18 yards, it's really impressive."

The six points allowed were the Bengals' fewest given up in a road game since Dec. 6, 2015, when they beat Cleveland 37-3. Notable contributions in the victory at Houston came from the team's marquee offseason acquisitions as well as several emerging young players who look to build on a strong finish to the 2025 campaign. DT Dexter Lawrence II, a three-time Pro Bowler who Cincinnati acquired in a trade in April, provided perhaps the game's biggest momentum swing when he tackled Texans RB David Montgomery for a loss on fourth-and-inches from inside the red zone. Free agent signee Jonathan Allen recorded a sack for the second straight week, while third-year DE Cedric Johnson enjoyed his first career multi-sack game.

On the other side of the ball, QB Joe Burrow completed 20 of 31 passes for 207 yards and two TDs, steering an efficient and methodical approach against a talented Texans defense. While Burrow exercised caution in trying to surmise where the Bengals stand through just two games, he did praise the team's ability to win in a variety of different styles.

"It's hard to learn a ton in two weeks," said Burrow. "We're going to find ways to win — I know that. The defense is going to find ways to make plays. We're going to make plays on offense when it matters, and we're going to keep finding our rhythm and just keep getting better."

"We're not a finished product," echoed Taylor. "I think early in the season, it's about taking care of the ball and finding wins, so that you can continue to be in contention as you really find out what type of team you are as the season goes."

Cincinnati's test this week is against a Pittsburgh team that is coming off a 20-3 road loss at New England. The longstanding divisional rivalry has seen a gridlock recently, as the Bengals and Steelers are 6-6 against one another since the 2020 season, including 3-3 in games played at Acrisure Stadium.

The series: The Steelers lead 72-41 overall, including 2-0 in postseason. The two postseason games both were Steelers wins in Wild Card round contests at Paycor Stadium (formerly named Paul Brown Stadium), after

the 2005 and '15 seasons.

The Bengals have played more games against the Steelers (113) than any other foe. Cleveland is second in that category at 105, and Tennessee (formerly Houston Oilers) is third at 80.

A complete recap of the Bengals-Steelers series appears on page 224 of the 2026 Bengals Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 42, in a 42-7 win at Riverfront Stadium in 1988. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 35, from the '88 home win. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 27-3 win at Riverfront in 1990.

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

The last meetings: Summaries of the two 2025 Bengals-Steelers meetings are on page 12 of this news release.

BENGALS-STEELERS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	STEELERS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored.....	T-10th (26.5)	31st (11.5)
Points allowed	T-8th (16.5)	T-8th (16.5)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	T-16th (309.0)	30th (249.5)
Rushing	21st (95.5)	29th (74.5)
Passing.....	14th (213.5)	29th (175.0)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	16th (328.0)	8th (282.5)
Rushing	3rd (74.5)	25th (128.0)
Passing.....	27th (253.5)	3rd (154.5)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-1st (plus-3)	T-12th (plus-1)

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 6	Inside-20 possessions: 8
Total scores: 5 (83.3%)	Total scores: 4 (50.0%)
TDs: 3 (50.0%)	TDs: 2 (25.0%)
FGs: 2 (33.3%)	FGs: 2 (25.0%)
TD% rank: T-21st	TD% rank: 5th
No scores: 1 (20.0%)	No scores: 4 (50.0%)

STEELERS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 3	Inside-20 possessions: 1
Total scores: 2 (66.7%)	Total scores: 1 (100.0%)
TDs: 1 (33.3%)	TDs: 0 (0.0%)
FGs: 1 (33.3%)	FGs: 1 (100.0%)
TD% rank: T-28th	TD% rank: T-1st
No scores: 1 (33.3%)	No scores: 0 (0.0%)

Bengals-Steelers connections: Bengals S Kyle Dugger and WR KeShawn Williams both played for the Steelers in 2025 ... Steelers defensive line coach Domata Peko was a fourth-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2006 and played for Cincinnati from '06-16 ... Bengals defensive line coach/run game coordinator Jerry Montgomery was on Green Bay's coaching staff during the 2015-18 seasons, alongside Steelers head coach Mike McCarthy, offensive line coach James Campen, linebackers coach Scott McCurley and defensive coordinator Patrick Graham ('18) ... Graham also spent the 2020-21 seasons as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator for the N.Y. Giants, where he coached Bengals DT Dexter Lawrence II and DT B.J. Hill ('20) ... Bengals DT Jonathan Allen and Steelers LB Cole Holcomb were teammates on the Washington Commanders from 2019-22 ... Bengals DE Boye Mafe and Steelers WR DK Metcalf were teammates on the Seattle Seahawks from 2022-24 ... Bengals QB Joe Burrow and WR Ja'Marr Chase were teammates with Steelers LB Patrick Queen at Louisiana State University from 2018-19 ... Bengals G Dylan Fairchild and OT Amarius Mims were teammates with Steelers TE Darnell Washington at the University of Georgia from 2021-22 ... Steelers WR Roman Wilson played at the University of Michigan from 2020-23, alongside Bengals CB Dax Hill ('20-21), DT Kris Jenkins Jr. ('20-23), CB DJ Turner II ('20-22) and LS William Wagner ('20-23) ... Bengals QB Joe Flacco played at the University of Pittsburgh from 2003-04.

Bengals career records watch: As the Bengals continue the 2026 season, here is a look at potential upcoming movement on the team's career records lists (regular season):

- QB Joe Burrow has 2872 career passing attempts, which are the fifth-most in team history and 345 shy of QB Carson Palmer (3217) for fourth-most. QBs Ken Anderson (4475), Andy Dalton (4449) and Boomer Esiason (3564) hold the top three spots on the team's career list.

- Burrow has completed 1966 career passes, the fifth-most in team history and 49 shy of Esiason (2015) for fourth. Dalton (2757), Anderson (2654) and Palmer (2024) hold the top three spots.

- Burrow has 21,271 career passing yards, the fifth-most in team history and 1423 shy of Palmer (22,694) for fourth. Anderson (32,838), Dalton (31,594) and Esiason (27,149) hold the top three spots.

- Burrow has 160 career TD passes, fourth-most in team history and 27 shy of Esiason (187) for third place overall. Dalton (204) and Anderson (197) are the top two.

- Burrow has 28 career games with 300 or more passing yards, which are tied with Dalton for the team's all-time record.

- WR Ja'Marr Chase has 529 career receptions, the fourth-most in team history and one shy of WR Carl Pickens (530) for third. WRs Chad Johnson (751) and A.J. Green (649) hold the top two spots.

- Chase in Week 2 at Houston had 75 receiving yards, improving his career receiving yardage total to 6924. That surpassed Pickens (6887) for fourth-most in team history. Chase now is 177 yards shy of WR Isaac Curtis (7101) for third. Johnson (10,783) and Green (9430) hold the top two spots.

- Chase has 56 career receiving TDs, the fourth-most in team history and seven shy of Pickens (63) for third. Johnson (66) and Green (65) are the top two.

- Chase has 26 career games with 100 or more receiving yards, the third-most in team history and five shy of Johnson (31) for second. Green (33) has the team record for most such games.

- Chase has 6993 career yards from scrimmage (69 rushing, 6924 receiving), the seventh-most in team history. He is 184 scrimmage yards shy of Curtis (7177) for sixth-most and 1558 yards shy of HB Joe Mixon (8551) for fifth.

- WR Tee Higgins has 45 career receiving TDs, the sixth-most in team history and eight shy of Curtis (53) for fifth.

- K Evan McPherson has accounted for 584 career points, the fifth-most in team history and 76 shy of fourth-most, which is held by K Doug Pelfrey (660).

- McPherson has made 125 career FGs, recently surpassing K Horst Muhlmann (120) for the fifth-most in team history. He now is 28 FGs shy of Pelfrey (153) for fourth.

- McPherson has 209 career made PATs, the fourth-most in team history and 38 shy of K Mike Nugent (247) for third. Kickers Jim Breech (476) and Shayne Graham (248) hold the top two spots.

Uniform watch: Cincinnati will wear white jerseys, black pants (orange stripes) and white socks this week at Pittsburgh. The Bengals have worn this combination 13 previous times since their uniform redesign in 2021, compiling a 7-6 record in those contests. They last featured this look in Week 6 of last season at Green Bay.

The Bengals' redesign in 2021 marked the team's first significant change in uniform since '04. There are three different color options for the current jerseys — black, white and orange. The pants feature four options — black with orange stripes, white with orange stripes, white with black stripes, and orange with black stripes. Options for sock color include black, white and orange.

In 2022, with the league's approval for the use of alternate helmets, Cincinnati introduced a new white helmet with its iconic black stripes. When paired with white jerseys and white pants (with black stripes), a new uniform combination was created and was branded as the "White Bengal." The team has worn the white helmet six times and collected a 5-1 record in those games. The Bengals announced they will don the white helmet twice this season, in Week 10 against Pittsburgh on Sunday Night Football and in Week 17 against Baltimore on Thursday Night Football (both home games).

Here is a look at the Bengals' records in every possible uniform combination (regular season and postseason only) since the team redesigned the uniform in 2021:

JERSEY	PANTS (STRIPES)	SOCKS	HELMET	W-L-T	PCT.
Black	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	1-1-0	.500
Black	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	5-2-0	.714
Black	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	Black	Orange	1-2-0	.333
Black	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	4-2-0	.667
Black	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	7-7-0	.500
Black	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	Orange (Black)+	Black	Orange	1-2-0	.333
Black	Orange (Black)+	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	Orange (Black)+	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	0-1-0	.000
White	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	7-6-0	.538
White	White (Black)	Black	Orange	14-8-0	.636
White*	White (Black)	White	White*	3-1-0	.750
White (CR)*	White (Black)	White	White*	2-0-0	1.000
White	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Black)	White	Orange	1-1-0	.500
White	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Orange (Black)+	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Orange (Black)+	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Orange (Black)+	White	Orange	1-4-0	.200
Orange^	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	3-2-0	.600
Orange^	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	White (Black)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	White (Black)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	3-0-0	1.000
Orange^	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	Orange (Black)+	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	Orange (Black)+	Orange	Orange	0-1-0	.000
Orange^	Orange (Black)+	White	Orange	0-0-0	—

* — The league permitted teams to create alternate helmets for the 2022 season. However, teams were required to wear those alternate helmets only with alternate, throwback or color rush uniforms (CR) that season. The Bengals donned their new alternate white helmet in 2022 with their color rush jersey, which at the time had not been worn since '20, prior to the '21 primary uniform redesign. In 2023 and thereafter, the Bengals were permitted to wear their alternate white helmet with their primary white jersey.

^ — NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate and/or throwback and/or color rush uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. The Bengals' designated alternate uniform includes the team's orange jersey. The Bengals do not have a throwback uniform.

+ — The Bengals added orange pants with black stripes to their uniform lineup in 2024.

Records vs. Steelers: The following individual and team regular-season Bengals and Steelers entries are logged in Cincinnati's team record book:

- On Oct. 28, 1973 at Pittsburgh, Steelers S Mike Wagner became the first opponent to record three INTs in a game against the Bengals. Four players since have tied.

- On Nov. 10, 1974 at Cincinnati, QB Ken Anderson set the Bengals' game record for completion percentage (90.91), hitting 20 of 22 against the Steelers.

- On Nov. 29, 1992 at Cincinnati, the Steelers tied the record for most sacks against the Bengals in a game with 10, then tied the mark again on Oct. 13, 1996 at Pittsburgh. The record originally was set by Denver on Oct. 19, 1969 at Cincinnati.

- On Oct. 16, 1994 at Cincinnati, the Bengals set a team record with eight sacks, all on QB Neil O'Donnell. That mark was tied on Dec. 9, 2001 vs.

Jacksonville.

- On Oct. 15, 2000 at Pittsburgh, Steelers P Josh Miller tied for the most punts ever against the Bengals with 12.
- On Dec. 30, 2001 at Cincinnati, Jon Kitna had a Bengals-record 68 pass attempts in an overtime win over the Steelers. The 68 attempts also set a team record, which still stands.
- On Dec. 4, 2017 at Cincinnati, the Bengals set the dubious record of most penalty yardage incurred during a game at 173. That number shattered the previous mark of 134.
- On Sept. 26, 2021 at Pittsburgh, Steelers RB Najee Harris tied the mark for most receptions ever against the Bengals in a game with 14.
- On Oct. 16 last season, WR Ja'Marr Chase recorded a team-record 16 receptions. Chase now owns the top four receptions games in team history (also had 15 on 10-8-23 at Arizona, and 14 on both 12-9-24 at Dallas and 9-14-25 vs. Jacksonville).

Individually vs. Steelers: Here are career regular-season offensive statistics for current Cincinnati players in Bengals games against the Steelers (ordered by total games played):

- TE Drew Sample: 12 games; 13 receptions for 86 yards (6.6-yard average) and a TD.
- WR Tee Higgins: 10 games; 50 catches for 856 yards (17.1) and six TDs.
- WR Ja'Marr Chase: Eight games; 56 receptions for 687 yards (12.3) and six TDs.
- HB Samaje Perine: Eight games; 34 carries for 129 yards (3.8); 10 receptions for 112 yards (11.2) and three TDs.
- QB Joe Burrow: Seven games; 177-of-258 passing (68.6 percent) for 1854 yards, 15 TDs and 10 INTs (92.4 rating); 19 rushes for 75 yards (3.9) and one TD.
- WR Andrei Iosivas: Six games; 16 receptions for 168 yards (10.5) and one TD.
- HB Chase Brown: Five games; 45 rushes for 293 yards (6.5) and one TD; 13 receptions for 58 yards (4.5).
- TE Tanner Hudson: Five games; 13 receptions for 84 yards (6.5).
- QB Joe Flacco: Two games; 54-of-87 passing for 541 yards, four TDs and one INT (90.3 passer rating); Six rushes for two yards (0.3).
- TE Mike Gesicki: Two games; 13 receptions for 121 yards (9.3).
- HB Tahj Brooks: Two games; One rush for five yards (5.0).
- HB Kendall Milton (practice squad): One game; Two rushes for two yards (1.0).

THE HEAD COACHES

Zac Taylor was named the 10th head coach in Bengals history on Feb. 4, 2019. The 2026 season is his eighth in the position.

In 2025, Taylor once again orchestrated an offense which ranked near the top of the NFL in several metrics, including sixth in net passing yards per game (235.6), fifth in third-down efficiency (43.4 percent) and second in red zone TD percentage (66.7). After QB Joe Burrow sustained a toe injury early in the year that ultimately caused him to miss nine games, the team acquired QB Joe Flacco in a trade with Cleveland, and Taylor helped the 18th-year veteran quickly assimilate in his system. Over his six starts for the Bengals, Flacco ranked second leaguewide in completions (154) and fifth in passing yards (1636). With Burrow behind center for the final six weeks of the regular season, Taylor guided Cincinnati to top-10 league rankings in scoring (sixth; 27.7 points) and total yards (fourth; 369.7). Taylor also again helped WR Ja'Marr Chase compile an All-Pro season in 2025, as the fifth-year standout finished third in the NFL in receptions (125) and fourth in receiving yards (1412). Chase's running mate, sixth-year WR Tee Higgins, tied for second in the league with a career-high 11 receiving TDs. Taylor additionally continued to expand third-year HB Chase Brown's role in the offense, as he posted his first career 1000-yard rushing season and had a career-high 69 catches for 437 yards. The 2025 campaign also saw Taylor work with first-year defensive coordinator Al Golden as Cincinnati improved in nearly every statistical metric in the second half of the season compared to the first. Following the team's Week 10 bye, the Bengals tied for fifth in the NFL in takeaways (12) and tied for seventh in sacks (22).

In 2024, Taylor guided the Bengals to their fourth consecutive winning season with a record of 9-8. After falling to 4-8 in early December, he led Cincinnati to five straight wins to vault back into the AFC playoff picture. He oversaw one of the NFL's most dynamic offenses, serving as play-caller for a unit that led the league in passing yards (272.9) and ranked sixth in scoring (27.8). Burrow set numerous single-season Bengals records and led all NFL QBs in passing yards (4918) and TD passes (43), while Chase became the youngest player in the Super Bowl era to win the receiving "Triple Crown," as he paced the league in catches (127), receiving yards (1708) and TD catches (17). The individual performances earned Burrow his second career Pro Bowl nod and the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year award, while Chase was named a first-team All-Pro by the Associated Press.

In 2023, Taylor led Cincinnati to a 9-8 mark despite a few key players missing time due to injuries. In 2021 and '22, he led the Bengals to back-to-back AFC North titles, marking the first time in team history Cincinnati won its division in consecutive years.

The 2021 division title was the Bengals' first in six years. The team went on to win three postseason games and claim the AFC Championship (Cincinnati's first since 1988) and a berth in Super Bowl LVI. Burrow, playing in his first full season in Taylor's system, was named the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year after leading the league in completion percentage (70.4), while Chase took home Offensive Rookie of the Year honors after posting the most receiving yards by a rookie in the Super Bowl era (1455, since surpassed).

In 2022, the Bengals made a repeat appearance in the AFC Championship. After entering November with a 4-4 record, Taylor helped Cincinnati tie team regular-season records for consecutive wins (eight) and total wins (12) to earn the No. 3 seed in the AFC playoffs. Offensively, the Bengals ranked fifth in the

NFL in passing (265.0) and seventh in scoring (26.1), while defensively Cincinnati held opposing passers to a league-low 59.8 completion percentage. After the 2022 postseason, Taylor's postseason record improved to 5-2.

In the postseason, Taylor guided Cincinnati to its first playoff win in 31 years, a home Wild Card victory over Las Vegas, before the team went on the road to defeat the AFC's top two seeds, Tennessee and Kansas City.

Taylor came 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. He broke into NFL coaching with Miami as assistant quarterbacks coach in 2012, then was elevated to quarterbacks coach for the Dolphins from 2013-15.

Taylor had two stints in the college coaching ranks, serving on staff at Texas A&M (2008-11) and Cincinnati (2016). At UC, he served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach under head coach Tommy Tuberville.

Taylor played QB at Wake Forest (2002-03), Butler County (Kan.) C.C. (2004) and Nebraska (2005-06). In 2006, he was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year and led the Cornhuskers to 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. He joined the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as a college free agent in 2007, but was waived prior to the start of training camp. He then spent the 2007 season with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League (did not play).

Taylor was born on May 10, 1983, in Norman, Okla. He graduated from Nebraska in 2006 with a degree in communication studies. He and his wife, Sarah, have four children — Brooks, Luke, Emma Claire and Milly. Sarah is the daughter of former Green Bay Packers and Texas A&M head coach Mike Sherman. Taylor's father, Sherwood, was a defensive back and captain at Oklahoma (1976-79), then later served as an assistant coach at Oklahoma and Kansas State. Taylor's younger brother, Press, played QB at Marshall and currently is the offensive coordinator for the Chicago Bears.

Mike McCarthy was named the 17th head coach in Steelers history on Jan. 27, 2026. As a head coach with Green Bay (2006-18) and Dallas (2020-24), McCarthy recorded a 174-112-2 (.608) regular-season record. He has the fourth-most wins among active NFL coaches, and the 15th-most in League history. His teams have won six NFC North Division titles, two NFC East Division titles, reached four NFC Championship Games and took home a Super Bowl XLV championship following the 2010 season.

McCarthy has registered 10 or more wins in 11 of his 18 seasons as head coach. He has recorded 12 or more wins in six different seasons, which is tied for fourth-most in NFL history, behind only by Bill Belichick (13), Andy Reid (10) and Don Shula (8).

Considered one of the NFL's most innovative offensive minds, McCarthy's offenses have routinely finished among the top-10 leaguewide in passing yards (14 times), total offense (11) and scoring (12). He has guided the NFL's highest-scoring offense four times, ranked in the top-five nine times, and in the top-10 on 11 occasions. Dallas and Green Bay averaged 26.8 and 25.9 points/game, respectively, ranking second and third in the NFL in scoring offense during his tenures.

McCarthy began his six-year collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant at Fort Hays State in 1987, just after completing his playing career at

nearby Baker University. He earned a degree in business administration and was an all-conference TE and senior captain in 1986, helping lead the Wildcats to an NAIA Division II national runner-up finish.

McCarthy was born in Greenfield, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 10, 1963. He and his wife, Jessica, are the parents of five children — Alexis, Jack, George, Gabrielle and Isabella.

Taylor vs. Steelers: The Steelers lead, 8-6.

Taylor vs. McCarthy: McCarthy leads, 2-1 (all three games occurred while McCarthy was head coach of the Cowboys).

McCarthy vs. Bengals: The series is tied, 3-3 (the Bengals led 2-1 when McCarthy was head coach of the Packers, and McCarthy led 2-1 when he was head coach of the Cowboys).

BENGALS NOTES

Bengals off to 2-0 start: Cincinnati has won its first two games of the regular season for the 16th time in team history. Following last season's 2-0 start, this marks the second time ever the Bengals have opened with two straight wins in consecutive years, as they previously did so in 2014 and '15.

Cincinnati is one of four teams to start each of the past two seasons with a 2-0 mark, alongside Buffalo, San Francisco and Philadelphia. Cincinnati has improved to 3-0 eight times, most recently accomplishing the feat in 2015, when it shot out to a franchise-best 8-0 start.

The Bengals have allowed 33 points so far in the 2026 campaign, their fewest given up through the first two games of a season since 2017 (also 33). Cincinnati's 149 rushing yards allowed are its fewest in an opening two-game stretch since 2018, when it yielded 141.

2026 coaching staff: Head coach Zac Taylor retained nearly the entire coaching staff from the 2025 season, with several assistant coaches on both sides of the ball receiving title changes. The lone addition to the staff during the offseason was Davis Koetter, who was hired as assistant wide receivers coach in February. Koetter spent the 2025 campaign as assistant quarterbacks coach at the University of South Carolina, following two years ('23-24) on staff at the University of Texas.

Four coaches received updated titles during the offseason, including James Casey, who now has the additional title of run game coordinator in addition to his existing role as tight ends coach. Jordan Salkin now serves as assistant QBs coach, after serving as assistant WRs coach in 2025. Ronnie Regula was promoted to assistant linebackers coach after previously serving as defensive assistant, while Mike Moon was promoted to assistant defensive line coach after also previously serving as defensive assistant.

Here is a look at the Bengals' entire 2026 coaching staff:

HEAD COACH:

- Zac Taylor

ASSISTANT COACHES:

- Joey Boese (director of player performance/head strength and conditioning)
- Charles Burks (secondary/cornerbacks)
- James Casey (tight ends/run game coordinator)
- Sean Desai (senior defensive assistant)
- Al Golden (defensive coordinator)
- Justin Hill (running backs)
- Mike Hodges (linebackers)
- Ben Jacobs (assistant special teams)
- Davis Koetter (assistant wide receivers)
- Jordan Kovacs (secondary/safeties)
- Brad Kragthorpe (quarterbacks)
- Michael McCarthy (assistant offensive line)
- Jerry Montgomery (defensive line/run game coordinator)
- Mike Moon (assistant defensive line)
- Scott Peters (offensive line)
- Dan Pitcher (offensive coordinator)
- Justin Rascati (pass game coordinator)
- Ronnie Regula (assistant linebackers)
- Jordan Salkin (assistant quarterbacks)
- Darrin Simmons (assistant head coach/special teams coordinator)
- Diamond Simmons (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Garrett Swanson (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Troy Walters (wide receivers)

OPERATIONS:

- Doug Rosfeld (chief of coaching staff)

2026 Bengals captains: The Bengals this season are led by seven captains who were elected via a players-only vote. Wearing the captains' patch are three offensive players, three defensive players and one special teams representative.

The offensive captains are seventh-year QB Joe Burrow, sixth-year WR

Ja'Marr Chase and 11th-year C Ted Karras. Burrow (2020-present) and Karras ('22-present) both have been captains every season they have played for the Bengals. This marks the sixth captaincy overall for Karras, who also wore the patch for the Miami Dolphins in 2020. Chase receives the role for the second straight season, after being recognized for the first time in his career in 2025.

The defensive captains are fifth-year S Bryan Cook, eighth-year DT Dexter Lawrence II and fourth-year CB DJ Turner II. Cook and Turner are serving as captains for the first time in their respective careers, while Lawrence holds the role for a fifth time after being voted a captain in each of the past four seasons while with the N.Y. Giants.

Sixth-year K Evan McPherson was voted a captain on special teams for the second time in his career. He previously served as a captain in the 2024 season.

2026 schedule notes: In addition to their six games against teams in the AFC North Division, the Bengals are slated to face all teams in the AFC South and NFC South in 2026.

Cincinnati also will play two games — on the road against Miami (Week 5) and at home against Kansas City (Week 14) — that were determined by divisional standings in the 2025 season. As third-place finishers in the AFC North, the Bengals are matched up against the third-place teams from the AFC East (Dolphins) and AFC West (Chiefs).

In 2021, the NFL added a 17th game to the regular-season schedule, and for Cincinnati in '26 that will be a road contest against Washington on Monday Night Football in Week 11. The additional game each year features an interconference matchup and is based on the prior season's standings on a rotating four-year cycle. These contests match a first-place team from one division with a first-place team in an opposite-conference division that the team is not scheduled to play that season. The second, third and fourth-place finishers in each division are matched the same way. The home conference for this game alternates each season, with the NFC hosting the game in 2026. The Bengals have won this matchup in each of the past three seasons.

For the second time in team history, Cincinnati is scheduled to face all three Florida-based teams in the same season, and each matchup will take place before mid-October. The Bengals defeated Tampa Bay in their Week 1 opener, will take on Jacksonville at Paycor Stadium in Week 4 and then travel to Miami in Week 5. The only other instance in team history in which all three Florida teams were on the schedule was 1995 — the Jaguars' inaugural season.

The Bengals' bye week in 2026 falls in Week 6, which marks the team's earliest bye since 2017 (also Week 6).

Here are Cincinnati's opponents in 2026, ordered by the date of the game:

HOME: Tampa Bay, Jacksonville, Tennessee, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, Kansas City, Baltimore, Cleveland.

AWAY: Houston, Pittsburgh, Miami, Baltimore, Atlanta (Madrid), Washington, Cleveland, Carolina, Indianapolis.

Bengals travel to Madrid in Week 9: The Bengals will go abroad for the third time in team history when they take on the Atlanta Falcons in Madrid, Spain as part of the NFL's 2026 International Games. The game, which officially counts as a road contest for Cincinnati, will be played on Sunday, Nov. 8 (Week 9) at Bernabéu Stadium, the home of historic soccer club Real Madrid.

The Bengals' two previous international games both were played in London at Wembley Stadium, as they faced Washington in the 2016 season and the L.A. Rams in '19. Both of those contests counted as home games for Cincinnati.

Madrid hosted its first NFL game in Week 11 of last season, when Miami defeated Washington in overtime. This year's Madrid game is one of nine international games to be played in 2026 across four continents, seven countries and eight stadiums.

Top-10 in 2025: Here is a look at where the Bengals finished — both individually and in team categories — among the top 10 in the NFL during the 2025 regular season:

S JORDAN BATTLE

- Tied for eighth in interceptions (four)

WR JA'MARR CHASE

- Third in receptions (125)
- Fourth in receiving yards (1412)
- Tied for fourth in third-down receptions (28)

WR TEE HIGGINS

- Tied for second in receiving TDs (11)

K EVAN McPHERSON

- Tied for ninth in made PATs (41)

P RYAN REHKOW

- Second in yards per punt (50.5; minimum 40 punts)
- Eighth in net yards per punt (42.9; minimum 40 punts)
- Tied for seventh in inside-20 punts (28)

CB DJ TURNER II

- Tied for third in passes defended (18)

BENGALS OFFENSE

- Second in red zone TD percentage (66.67)
- Third in fourth-down percentage (70.00)
- Fifth in third-down percentage (43.44)
- Sixth in net passing yards per game (235.6)
- Tied for eighth in first downs per game (20.7)
- 10th in sacks allowed per pass attempt (5.63 percent)

BENGALS DEFENSE

- Third in goal-to-go TD percentage (64.00)
- Tied for ninth in forced fumbles (11)
- Tied for 10th in takeaways (21)

Bengals net four Pro Bowlers in '25: Bengals QB Joe Burrow, WR Ja'Marr Chase, QB Joe Flacco and WR Tee Higgins were selected to the AFC team for the 2026 Pro Bowl Games. It marked the 15th time in team history in which Cincinnati had four or more Pro Bowlers.

Chase earned his fifth career, and fifth consecutive, selection. He also was voted a starter at his position for the second straight season. He became the second player in Bengals history to receive a Pro Bowl nod in each of his first five seasons, joining WR A.J. Green, who started his career with seven straight selections from 2011-17.

Burrow collected his third career Pro Bowl recognition after previously receiving the honor in the 2022 and '24 seasons. He is the fourth QB in team history to earn at least three Pro Bowl selections, joining Ken Anderson (four selections), Andy Dalton (three) and Boomer Esiason (three).

Flacco and Higgins each received their first career Pro Bowl recognition. Chase and Higgins became the first Bengals WR duo to make the Pro Bowl in the same season since T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Chad Johnson in 2007.

The 2026 Pro Bowl Games took place on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, Calif.

Here are the players with the most Pro Bowls during their Bengals careers:

PLAYER, POS.	TOTAL PRO BOWLS	PRO BOWL SEASONS
Anthony Munoz, OT.....	11	1981-91
Geno Atkins, DT.....	8	2011-12, '14-19
A.J. Green, WR.....	7	2011-17
Chad Johnson, WR.....	6	2003-07, '09
Lemar Parrish, CB.....	6	1970-71, '74-77
Ja'Marr Chase, WR.....	5	2021-25

On the mark: QB Joe Burrow, now in his seventh pro season, holds the NFL record for career completion percentage at 68.45 percent (minimum 1500 passing attempts). He has completed 1966 of 2872 passes for 21,271 yards (7.4 yards per attempt), with 160 TDs and 52 INTs.

Over his first six seasons (2020-25), Burrow compiled 28 games with a completion percentage of 70 or higher on at least 30 attempts. That marked the most such games in a player's first six years in NFL history, with the next closest being Kansas City QB Patrick Mahomes (25 games). Burrow then opened 2026 with his 29th such performance, connecting on 25 of 35 passes (71.4 percent) in the Week 1 win over Tampa Bay.

Burrow has ranked in the top five in the NFL in completion percentage in three of his first six seasons, as he led the league in 2021 with a 70.4 percentage, ranked second in '22 (68.3) and fourth in '24 (70.6). His official clip of 70.552 percent in 2024 set a Bengals single-season record, narrowly edging out QB Ken Anderson's completion rate of 70.550 in 1982.

Burrow enters Week 3 with 1966 career completions in 79 regular-season games played. Should he connect on 34 passes this week against the Steelers,

he would be the fastest QB in NFL history (in terms of games played) to reach 2000 completions. He has recorded 34 or more completions nine times previously in his career.

Here is a look at the all-time leaders in career completion percentage (min. 1500 attempts):

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	YEARS	COMP. %
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati.....	2020-26	68.45
Tua Tagovailoa	Miami.....	2020-25	68.03
Drew Brees	San Diego/New Orleans.....	2001-20	67.69
Jimmy Garoppolo	New England/San Francisco/ Las Vegas/L.A. Rams.....	2014-25	67.36
Kyler Murray	Arizona/Minnesota.....	2019-26	67.11

Burrow among his peers: QB Joe Burrow has ranked near the top of the league in virtually every passing category since entering the NFL as the No. 1 overall pick in the 2020 draft. Here is a look at where he stands among all QBs since the start of his rookie campaign:

- First in completion percentage (68.45; minimum 900 passing attempts)
- Third in passer rating (101.1; min. 900 att.)
- Sixth in completions (1966)
- Seventh in passing yards (21,271)
- Seventh in TD passes (160)

Joe hits career milestones in '25: QB Joe Burrow returned from a toe injury in late November of 2025 and started each of the Bengals' final six contests. During that stretch, he led the NFL in completions (152), was tied for second in TD passes (15), ranked third in passing yards (1620), fifth in completion percentage (68.2) and fifth in passer rating (102.2). Perhaps the most memorable performance over that span came in Week 16 at Miami, when he played in his 75th career regular-season game and reached a pair of passing milestones.

Early in the first quarter of the Dolphins game, Burrow eclipsed 20,000 career passing yards when he connected on a 35-yard pass to WR Tee Higgins. His 75 games needed to reach that mark were the fifth-fewest in NFL history, trailing only Kansas City QB Patrick Mahomes (67 games), former Detroit QB Matthew Stafford (71), former Miami QB Dan Marino (74) and former Indianapolis QB Andrew Luck (74). In the third quarter of the win over Miami, Burrow threw his 150th career TD pass when he hit HB Chase Brown for a nine-yard score. He became the third-fastest QB in league history to reach 150 passing TDs, trailing Marino (62 games) and Mahomes (63).

Burrow finished the Dolphins game with 25 completions on 32 attempts (78.1 percent) for 309 yards and four TDs with no INTs. He was named the AFC Offensive Player of the Week for the eighth time in his career, and his passer rating of 146.5 was the second-highest he has ever posted.

Burrow's career completions total following the Miami contest was 1868, the most in NFL history by a player through their first 75 games.

Joe to Ja'Marr: QB Joe Burrow and WR Ja'Marr Chase, who helped steer Louisiana State to a national title in 2019 before becoming teammates on the Bengals in '21, now are in their sixth NFL season together. They have connected for 50 TDs at the pro level, with the two most recent coming in the Week 2 win at Houston.

Burrow, who is 29 years old, and Chase, who is 26, are one of four duos in NFL history to reach 50 TD passes by a QB and receiver both under the age of 30. They joined Pro Football Hall of Famers Dan Marino and Mark Clayton (65 TDs with Miami), John Hadl and Hall of Famer Lance Alworth (53 TDs with San Diego Chargers) and Daunte Culpepper and HOF Randy Moss (53 TDs with Minnesota).

Burrow and Chase's 50 TDs also are the most by any QB-WR duo since the start of the 2021 season, four ahead of Detroit QB Jared Goff and WR Amon-Ra St. Brown (46). Per the NFL's Next Gen Stats service, 20 of Burrow's TD throws to Chase have been deep passes (20 or more air yards), the most by any duo since 2021.

Chasing history: Sixth-year WR Ja'Marr Chase enters this week with 6924 career receiving yards in 80 regular-season games played. With 76 receiving yards against the Steelers, he would become the fourth-fastest player in NFL history (in terms of games played) to reach 7000. The only players to record 7000 receiving yards in fewer than 80 games are Pro Football Hall of Famer Lance Alworth (72 games), former Atlanta WR Julio Jones (72) and Minnesota WR Justin Jefferson (73).

Chase played in his 80th career game in Week 2 at Houston, helping lead

the Bengals to a road win with seven catches for 75 yards and two TDs. Among all players in NFL history through their first 80 games, he ranks second in receptions (529), fourth in receiving yards and sixth in receiving TDs (56).

Since the start of his 2021 rookie season, Chase ranks second in the NFL in receptions, receiving yards and TD catches. He also ranks fourth in Bengals history in all three categories. Chase holds a career average of 86.6 receiving yards per game, the third-highest in league history behind L.A. Rams WR Puka Nacua (94.8) and Jefferson (89.9).

Chase's production from 2021-25 rivaled some of the NFL's all-time greats in the early stages of their respective careers. He is the only player in league history with at least 500 receptions for 50 receiving TDs in his first five seasons, and he is one of five players ever to begin his career with five straight 1000-yard seasons. The players who accomplished that feat before Chase were Hall of Famer Randy Moss, former Cincinnati WR A.J. Green, former Tampa Bay WR Mike Evans and Jefferson.

In the 2024 campaign, Chase became the sixth player in the Super Bowl era — and the youngest — to claim the receiving "Triple Crown," as he paced the league in receptions (127; Bengals single-season record), yards (1708; Bengals record) and TDs (17; tied Bengals record). He was voted a first-team All-Pro by the Associated Press in both the 2024 and '25 seasons, becoming the fourth Bengals offensive player to receive multiple All-Pro honors in his career. The other players to do so have all been inducted into the team's Ring of Honor — OT Anthony Munoz (nine All-Pro selections), OT Willie Anderson (three) and WR Chad Johnson (two).

Ja'Marr jumps Pickens, Johnson: With 75 receiving yards in Week 2 at Houston, WR Ja'Marr Chase improved his career receiving yardage total to 6924, which surpassed former WR Carl Pickens (6887) for the fourth-most in Bengals history.

Chase also had two receiving TDs against the Texans, marking his 14th career game with multiple scoring catches. He surpassed Pickens and former WR Chad Johnson (13 each) for the most such games in team history. It also is the second-most such games by any NFL player since Chase entered the league in 2021, trailing only former Green Bay/Las Vegas/N.Y. Jets and current L.A. Rams WR Davante Adams (16 games).

Always open: After leading the NFL with a Bengals-record 127 receptions in 2024, WR Ja'Marr Chase followed up with 125 catches in '25, which ranked third in the league and second in team history. He became the third player in NFL history with at least 125 receptions in consecutive seasons, joining former Pittsburgh WR Antonio Brown (2014-15) and former New Orleans WR Michael Thomas ('18-19).

Chase totaled 10 or more catches five times during the 2025 season, including a stretch of three straight contests from Weeks 6-8. He brought in 10 receptions in Week 6 at Green Bay, had a Bengals-record 16 in Week 7 vs. Pittsburgh just four days later, then logged 12 in Week 8 vs. the N.Y. Jets. He became the first player in team history to register double-digit catches in three consecutive games.

Chase's 16 catches against the Steelers broke his own previous Bengals single-game record of 15 receptions, which he amassed in Week 5 of the 2023 season at Arizona. He now owns the four highest single-game reception totals in team history.

Chase's four career games with 14 or more catches are tied with Brown for the second-most in NFL history. Former L.A. Chargers/Chicago and current Indianapolis WR Keenan Allen holds the league record with six such games in his career.

1+5=6: WR Ja'Marr Chase is tied for the NFL lead with 27 receiving TDs since the start of the 2024 season, with a Bengals-record 17 in the '24 campaign (led NFL), eight in '25 and two so far in '26. Not far behind him in that category is teammate Tee Higgins, whose 21 total TD catches in that span rank fourth leaguewide. Higgins caught 10 scoring passes in 2024 (tied for sixth in NFL), then set a career high with 11 last season (tied for second).

Chase and Higgins' 46 combined TD grabs from 2024-25 marked the most by any NFL duo over a span of two seasons since 2013-14, when Denver WR Demaryius Thomas and TE Julius Thomas teamed up for 49.

Chase's 56 career receiving TDs are the second-most in the league since the start of his 2021 rookie season, and already are the fourth-most ever by a Bengal. He currently needs 10 TDs to tie former WR Chad Johnson's team record of 66.

Higgins became the third player in Bengals history with double-digit receiving

TDs in consecutive seasons, joining former WRs Carl Pickens (1994-96) and A.J. Green (2012-13). He currently has 45 career TD catches, which are the sixth-most in Bengals history and tied for the eighth-most in the NFL since he entered the league as a second-round draft pick of Cincinnati in 2020.

Here are the league leaders in receiving TDs since 2024:

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEIVING TDs SINCE '24
Ja'Marr Chase	Cincinnati Bengals.....	27
Amon-Ra St. Brown	Detroit Lions	27
Davante Adams	Las Vegas/N.Y. Jets/L.A. Rams	24
Tee Higgins	Cincinnati Bengals.....	21
Jaxon Smith-Njigba	Seattle Seahawks.....	20

Brown does it all: Fourth-year HB Chase Brown took over the role as the Bengals' primary ball carrier midway through the 2024 season, and over the past two-plus years he has emerged as one of the NFL's most versatile threats. In 2025, he totaled 232 rushing attempts and 69 receptions for 1456 yards from scrimmage, the ninth-most among all running backs.

Brown in 2025 eclipsed the 1000-yard rushing mark for the first time in his career (1019), and set a career high with 437 receiving yards. He was one of five players leaguewide with at least 1000 yards on the ground and 400 through the air, alongside Miami RB De'Von Achane, Detroit RB Jahmyr Gibbs, San Francisco RB Christian McCaffrey and Atlanta RB Bijan Robinson. Brown's 69 catches also were the most ever in a season by a Bengals player listed as an RB/HB/DB, surpassing Joe Mixon's 60 receptions in 2022.

Brown totaled 100 or more yards from scrimmage in eight games in 2025, highlighted by a streak of six consecutive games from Weeks 7-13. That marked the longest such streak in Bengals history, and tied for the second-longest in the NFL in 2025 behind a seven-game stretch by McCaffrey (Weeks 1-7).

Brown additionally tied his career high with 11 total TDs in 2025 (six rushing, five receiving), matching his total from the '24 campaign. He became the first Bengals running back with double-digit TDs in consecutive seasons since HB Rudi Johnson (2004-06).

Brown's 1456 scrimmage yards also marked the most in a season by a Canadian-born player in NFL history. A native of London, Ontario, he was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals out of the University of Illinois in 2023.

Through two games in 2026, Brown has 36 carries for 136 yards and a TD to go along with eight catches for 24 yards. He averaged 4.0 yards per carry in Week 2 at Houston, churning out 80 yards on 20 attempts against a Texans defense that ranked fourth in the NFL in rushing yards allowed per game last season (93.7).

Defense on sack spree: The Bengals have recorded eight sacks through the first two weeks of this season, tied for the NFL lead with Las Vegas and Minnesota. Cincinnati logged four sacks in its season-opening win over Tampa Bay, then followed up with four more in the road victory at Houston.

Seven Bengals players have gotten in the sack column, including DT Jonathan Allen, who has posted a sack in both games for a total loss of 17 yards. DE Cedric Johnson had his first career multi-sack game against the Texans, with both coming in the fourth quarter to help seal the win. DE Boye Mafe, DE Shemar Stewart and DT Kris Jenkins Jr. each have been credited with a full sack, while DE Myles Murphy and LB Barrett Carter split a sack against the Buccaneers.

Though the new-look Bengals defensive line has contributed to an overall improved pass rush, Cincinnati has been among the NFL leaders in sacks dating back to last November. Since Week 13 of the 2025 season (Thanksgiving week), the Bengals have totaled 28 sacks, which are the second-most by any team behind only Minnesota (30). Of the eight games the Bengals have played in that time frame, they recorded three or more sacks in seven of them.

Cincinnati also has at least four sacks in five of its past six games played, including six in last year's finale against Cleveland which marked a season high.

The current run marks the Bengals' most sacks over an eight-game stretch since Weeks 4-11 of the 2013 campaign, when they also had 28.

2026 veteran defensive additions: Highlighting the Bengals' offseason acquisitions were five defensive veterans who figure to play significant roles for the team in 2026. Four signed with Cincinnati as unrestricted free agents and one — DT Dexter Lawrence II — was acquired via trade. Here is a closer look at those additions, ordered by the date of their signing:

- **S Bryan Cook:** A Cincinnati native who played his final two collegiate seasons (2020-21) at the University of Cincinnati, Cook signed with his hometown Bengals on March 12, the first full day of free agency. He was a member of two Super Bowl-winning Chiefs teams in 2022 and '23, and is coming

off career highs in tackles (82) and passes defended (six) in the '25 campaign. Cook opened his Bengals tenure with a forced fumble and fumble recovery against Tampa Bay.

- **DE Boye Mafe:** Mafe won a Super Bowl title with Seattle in February, then signed with Cincinnati just over a month later on March 12. A second-round draft pick of the Seahawks in 2022, he racked up 20 sacks over his first four NFL seasons. In 2023, he recorded a sack in seven straight games, the longest streak in Seahawks history. He had a strip-sack and a FR in his Bengals debut vs. Tampa Bay.

- **DT Jonathan Allen:** Allen signed with the Bengals for his 10th NFL season on March 13, providing Cincinnati with a proven interior defensive lineman. He spent his first eight years (2017-24) with Washington, before playing for Minnesota in '25. A two-time Pro Bowler (2021-22 seasons), he has 47.5 career sacks, the fifth-most by any NFL defensive tackle since he entered the league. He has posted a sack in each of his first two games with the Bengals, dropping Tampa Bay QB Baker Mayfield for a loss of nine yards and Houston QB C.J. Stroud for a loss of eight yards.

- **S Kyle Dugger:** After spending the final nine games of the 2025 season with Pittsburgh, Dugger moved across the division by signing with Cincinnati on April 2. He played for New England from 2020 through October '25, spending most of that time as a starting safety for the Patriots, before being acquired by the Steelers in a trade. He has 29 career PDs and 11 INTs, including a pick-six against the Bengals while playing for Pittsburgh in Week 11 of last season.

- **DT Dexter Lawrence II:** Perhaps one of the most notable transactions of the NFL offseason occurred on April 19, when less than a week ahead of the draft, the Bengals sent the 10th overall selection to the N.Y. Giants in exchange for Lawrence. A three-time Pro Bowler and two-time second-team All-Pro (Associated Press), Lawrence established himself as one of the game's top interior defensive linemen over his seven seasons with New York. He has 41 career TFLs and 30.5 sacks while regularly drawing double-teams from opposing offensive lines. His latest TFL came in Week 2 at Houston, when he tackled RB David Montgomery on fourth-and-inches to deny the Texans in the red zone.

Turner shuts it down: CB DJ Turner II broke out in the 2025 season with 18 PDs, which marked a career high and tied for third-most in the NFL. It also was the most PDs by a Bengals player since the 2009 campaign, when CB Leon Hall had 24 and CB Johnathan Joseph had 20.

Turner's top statistical performance of 2025 came in Week 6 at Green Bay, when he logged a career-best five PDs. He became the first Cincinnati player with at least five PDs in a game since Joseph also had five on Nov. 8, 2009 against Baltimore.

Turner also registered his first two career INTs and forced two fumbles during the 2025 season. He was the only player in the NFL with at least 15 PDs, two INTs and two FFs.

A second-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2023, Turner started a combined 18 games over his first two seasons, then worked his way into the starting lineup for 16 contests in '25. He is coming off a two-PD performance in the Week 2 victory at Houston.

Defense opens 2026 with four FRs: The Bengals' win over Tampa Bay in Week 1 was highlighted by four takeaways from the defense, which all came via fumble recoveries. Cincinnati was the only NFL team to force four turnovers in the opening week.

The first fumble occurred midway through the opening quarter, when DE Myles Murphy knocked the ball free from Buccaneers QB Baker Mayfield while teaming up for a sack alongside LB Barrett Carter. Fellow LB Demetrius Knight Jr. scooped up the loose ball and ran it back 27 yards for the Bengals' first TD of the season. It marked the first career forced fumble for Murphy and first recovery for Knight.

Just three plays from scrimmage later, Buccaneers RB Bucky Irving took a short pass on third-and-14 and was met by S Bryan Cook. Cook ripped the ball free, and DE Boye Mafe emerged from the bottom of the pile to set up the Bengals' offense at the Tampa Bay 33-yard line. On the following Buccaneers possession, Mayfield scrambled in the red zone and appeared to have a lane for a potential TD, but Carter punched the ball out and Cook recovered in the Cincinnati end zone.

The three recoveries in successive fashion marked the first time the Bengals recovered three fumbles on three straight opponent drives since Week 1 of the 2007 campaign, in a season-opening win over Baltimore. The last NFL team to accomplish that feat was New Orleans in Week 5 of the 2025 season against the N.Y. Giants.

Cincinnati's fourth takeaway came early in the fourth quarter, when Mafe strip-sacked Mayfield and DT T.J. Slaton Jr. recovered. It was the fourth career FF for Mafe, who had one in each of the past three seasons while playing for Seattle.

The Bengals' revamped line also logged four sacks and allowed just 89 total rushing yards. It marked the third game in team history in which Cincinnati had at least four sacks and four FRs, with the other instances occurring on Nov. 6, 1983 at the Houston Oilers, and Sept. 18, 1988 at Pittsburgh.

Defense improves following '25 bye: The Bengals' defense improved in nearly every statistical metric over the final eight weeks of the 2025 regular season (Weeks 11-18) compared to the first nine. Following the team's bye in Week 10, Cincinnati allowed an average of 9.3 fewer points per game, 97.1 fewer total yards, 41.1 fewer rushing yards and 85.7 fewer passing yards.

The Bengals also recorded 12 takeaways over their final eight games, tied for the fifth-most in the NFL in that span. The surge included a streak of five consecutive games (Weeks 12-16) in which Cincinnati forced at least one turnover. Highlighting that run was a season-high five takeaways in the team's victory at Baltimore on Thanksgiving, which marked the seventh-most by the Bengals in a game since 2000.

Cincinnati additionally tied for seventh in the NFL in team sacks (22) over the final eight weeks. Leading the charge was DE Myles Murphy, who notched four of his career-best 5.5 sacks during the back-half of the season.

Of the final eight opposing offenses faced by the Bengals in 2025, six were held to 20 or fewer points. The defense has extended that run to eight of its last 10 opponents, as Tampa Bay's offense was kept to 20 points in the 2026 season opener and Houston was limited to six points the following week.

McPherson on a heater: K Evan McPherson has converted each of his last 18 FG attempts dating back to Week 11 of the 2025 season at Pittsburgh. It marks the second-longest streak of consecutive FGs without a miss in Bengals history (regular season), trailing 21 straight made kicks by Shayne Graham in 2007.

McPherson's last missed FG occurred in the fourth quarter of the Bengals' Week 9 game against Chicago on Nov. 2, 2025. His previous longest streak of made FGs was 15, which was recorded during the 2021 campaign.

McPherson's top highlight during his current stretch came in Cincinnati's win at Baltimore on Thanksgiving night, when he went six-for-six on FG attempts. The six FGs were a career high for McPherson, tied for the second-most in a game in Bengals history and tied for the most by any kicker in 2025. He was recognized with his fourth career AFC Special Teams Player of the Week honor.

McPherson then collected his fifth weekly award following Cincinnati's win over Tampa Bay to open the 2026 season, when he knocked through each of his four FG attempts including a pair from beyond 55 yards. He has made 23 consecutive attempts from inside of 50 yards, a streak that dates back to Week 13 of the 2024 season.

Money Mac from deep: Of Evan McPherson's perfect six-for-six start on FG attempts to begin this season, four have been from a distance of 50 or more yards. He converted from 58 and 55 yards in Week 1 vs. Tampa Bay, becoming the first kicker in Bengals history to make multiple FGs from at least 55 yards in a game. He then followed up with kicks of 57 and 51 yards in the Week 2 win at Houston.

McPherson's 58-yarder against the Buccaneers tied for the fourth-longest made FG in Bengals history. He owns nine of the 11 longest made kicks in team history, including a team-record 63-yarder in Week 12 of the 2025 season against New England.

McPherson now has 33 career made FGs from 50 or more yards, which are more than four times the amount of the next closest total by a Bengals kicker (three former Cincinnati kickers have eight such FGs). It also is the fifth-most 50-yard FGs in the NFL since he entered the league in 2021.

Overall for his career, McPherson has made 125 of 149 FGs, good for the third-highest percentage in team history (83.89). During the Week 1 victory over the Buccaneers, he surpassed former K Horst Muhlmann (120) for fifth on the Bengals' all-time FG list.

Here is a look at the longest made FGs in Bengals history:

PLAYER	DATE	OPPONENT	FG DISTANCE
Evan McPherson	Nov. 23, 2025	vs. New England Patriots	63
Evan McPherson	Sept. 11, 2022	vs. Pittsburgh Steelers.....	59
Cade York	Dec. 22, 2024	vs. Cleveland Browns	59
Evan McPherson	Dec. 19, 2021	at Denver Broncos	58
Evan McPherson	Sept. 13, 2026	vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers.....	58

Rehkwow's ranks: Third-year P Ryan Rehkwow holds the Bengals' career records for both gross punting average (49.48 yards; minimum 100 punts) and net punting average (42.63; min. 100). Both marks also rank near the top of the NFL, with his gross average ranking second among all punters and his net average ranking eighth since the start of the 2024 season.

Rehkwow's gross average of 50.5 yards per punt in 2025 ranked second leaguewide and set a Bengals single-season record, surpassing his own team mark of 49.1 in his '24 rookie season. He averaged 50 or more yards per punt in 11 games last season, including a season-high 58.0 (three punts for 174 yards) in Week 8 against the N.Y. Jets.

Rehkwow opened his career with a historic debut in Week 1 of the 2024 season, as his 64.5 yards per punt against New England set an NFL single-game record which still stands. Highlighting his performance that day was a team-record 80-yard punt. He finished his rookie campaign with a net punting average of 42.9 yards, good for a Bengals single-season record and sixth in the NFL that year. Following that season, he was recognized on the Pro Football Writers of America All-Rookie Team.

Rehkwow also has 57 career punts downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line, the fifth-most by a Bengal since the statistic began being tracked in 1976 and the sixth-most in the NFL since his 2024 debut. He tied his single-game career high with four inside-20 punts in Cincinnati's Week 2 win at Houston.

Trumpy, Brooks to enter ROH: The Bengals announced in July that former TE Bob Trumpy and HB James Brooks will be inducted into the team's Ring of Honor at halftime of the Week 8 game against Tennessee. They will become the 13th and 14th members of the Ring of Honor, which was established in 2021 to recognize former players, coaches and individuals who have played a significant role in the franchise's storied history and tradition.

Trumpy, who entered the NFL as a 12th-round pick of the Bengals in their inaugural 1968 season, spent his entire 10-year playing career ('68-'77) with Cincinnati. He scored the team's first-ever receiving TD on Sept. 15, 1968, and went on to play in 128 games with 120 starts. Among all tight ends in team history, he has the most receiving yards (4600), receiving TDs (35), yards per reception (15.4) and Pro Bowl selections (four).

Brooks played eight seasons (1984-91) in Cincinnati and was one of the most versatile and complete running backs to don the Bengals jersey. He remains the franchise's career record holder for average yards per carry (4.8), while ranking second in team history in rushing yards (6447) and tied for fifth in rushing TDs (37). He also had 3012 receiving yards which contributed to a total of 9459 yards from scrimmage, the fourth-most ever by a Bengal. He holds three of the team's top 10 scrimmage yardage totals in a season, highlighted by a franchise-record 1773 yards in 1986.

Trumpy and Brooks will join the 12 current Ring of Honor inductees, which include QB Ken Anderson, OT Willie Anderson, team founder/head coach Paul Brown, WR Isaac Curtis, HB Corey Dillon, QB Boomer Esiason, WR Chad Johnson, OT Dave Lapham, NT Tim Krumrie, OT Anthony Munoz, CB Lemar Parrish and CB Ken Riley. Inductees are voted in each offseason by Bengals Season Ticket Members, then are officially enshrined in the ring during halftime of a Bengals home game that year.

The Jungle can jam: The announced attendance figure for the Bengals' Week 1 contest against Tampa Bay was 66,625, which marked the fourth-largest announced crowd for a home game in team history. Each of the 17 highest attended games played in Cincinnati, in terms of announced attendance figure, have occurred since the start of the 2022 calendar year.

The Bengals had an announced crowd of 65,000 or more in 30 consecutive regular-season home games from Week 1 of the 2022 campaign through Week 12 of '25. That was the longest such streak in team history, surpassing a span of 24 straight games from 2005-07. The largest home attendance figure in team history is 67,260, which came in Week 4 of the 2022 season when the Bengals defeated Miami on Thursday Night Football. That figure also marked the largest announced crowd for a sporting event in Cincinnati history.

Here is a list of the five largest announced home crowds in Bengals franchise history:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATTENDANCE
Sept. 29, 2022	Miami	W, 27-15	67,260
Oct. 27, 2024	Philadelphia	L, 17-37	67,239
Nov. 5, 2023	Buffalo	W, 24-18	66,965
Sept. 13, 2026	Tampa Bay	W, 33-27	66,625
Oct. 16, 2025	Pittsburgh	W, 33-31	66,569

Bengal bites: The average age of the Bengals' active roster is 26.9 years ... The Bengals have netted 25 AFC Player of the Week honors (Offensive, Defensive or Special Teams) since the start of the 2021 season, the third-most by any NFL team in that span, regardless of conference ... The longest-tenured player on the Bengals' active roster is TE Drew Sample, who is in his eighth season with the team ... The oldest player on the roster is QB Joe Flacco, who is 41 (born Jan. 16, 1985) ... The youngest player on the roster is C Connor Lew, who is 21 (born Aug. 30, 2005) ... There is a tie for the tallest player on the roster between OTs Orlando Brown Jr. and Amarius Mims, who both are listed at 6-8 ... There also is a tie for shortest player on the roster between HB Tajh Brooks and WR Ke'Shawn Williams, who both are listed at 5-9 ... Brown, Mims and DT Dexter Lawrence II are tied for the heaviest player on the roster at 350 pounds ... McPherson and CB DJ Turner II are tied for the lightest player on the roster at 185 pounds.

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Quarterbacks: Starting QB Joe Burrow is in his seventh NFL season and already has placed himself among the top QBs both in Bengals history and the modern NFL era. He holds the highest career completion percentage in league history (68.5; minimum 1500 passing attempts), and late last season he became the third-fastest player ever to reach 150 TD passes as well as the fifth-fastest to 20,000 passing yards (both accomplished in his 75th regular-season game played). He missed nine games in the 2025 campaign due to a toe injury, but returned in late November and started each of the final six contests. A three-time Pro Bowler and two-time NFL Comeback Player of the Year, he ranks in the top five in Bengals history in passing attempts (fifth), completions (fifth), passing yards (fifth), TD passes (fourth), passer rating (first) and 300-yard games (T-first). Through the first two games of the 2026 season, Burrow has completed 68.2 percent of his passes (45 of 66) for 461 yards and three TDs with an INT. 19th-year veteran Joe Flacco re-signed with Cincinnati in March after starting six games during Burrow's injury absence in 2025. He was acquired by the Bengals in a trade with Cleveland last October, and made his first Bengals start just five days later. Over the span of his six starts, he ranked second in the NFL in completions, tied for third in TD passes and ranked fifth in passing yards. Now 41 years old (born Jan. 16, 1985), he is the oldest player on the Bengals' roster and the oldest QB to start a game in team history. Flacco spent his first 11 seasons with Baltimore, highlighted by a Super Bowl victory following the 2012 season, and has also seen game action for Denver (2019), the N.Y. Jets ('20-'22), Cleveland ('23 and '25), and Indianapolis ('24). He ranks in the top 25 in NFL history in career passing yards (14th; 48,176) and TD passes (T-21st; 272).

Running backs: Fourth-year HB Chase Brown leads the Bengals with 136 rushing yards on 36 carries through the first two games of this season, while also adding 24 receiving yards on eight catches. He enjoyed a breakout

2025 campaign in which he set career highs in rushing attempts (232), rushing yards (1019), receptions (69) and receiving yards (437). He was one of five players in the NFL last season with at least 1000 rushing yards and 400 receiving yards, and his catch total marked the most ever in a season by a Bengals running back. A native of London, Ontario, his 1456 yards from scrimmage were the most in a season by a Canadian-born player in NFL history, and were highlighted by a Bengals-record streak of six straight games with 100 or more scrimmage yards from Weeks 7-13. Listed second on the depth chart is 10th-year veteran Samaje Perine, who is in his second Bengals stint. Perine played for the team from 2019-22, then spent '23 with Denver and '24 with Kansas City before returning to Cincinnati in '25. A physical and versatile back, he has 565 career rushing attempts, 200 receptions and 25 kickoff returns for a total of 4630 all-purpose yards. He contributed 382 rushing yards last season, his most since the 2022 campaign. Perine has four catches for 46 yards this season, with three of those receptions going for a first down. Tajh Brooks, a sixth-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2025, saw action in 16 contests as a rookie last season. He had 16 carries for 45 yards and one catch for nine yards offensively, while also returning 10 kickoffs for 258 yards. Brooks compiled a record-setting collegiate career at Texas Tech University, where he set school career marks for rushing attempts (879), rushing yards (4557) and 100-yard rushing games (23). He was a first-team All-Big 12 Conference choice in 2023 then followed up with second-team honors in '24, and in both of those seasons was named a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award (nation's top running back).

Wide receivers: Sixth-year WR Ja'Marr Chase has been selected to the Pro Bowl in each of his first five seasons and already ranks fourth in Bengals history in receptions (529), receiving yards (6924) and receiving TDs (56). Cincinnati's first-round draft choice (No. 5 overall) in 2021, he is one of five

players in NFL history to begin his career with five consecutive 1000-yard receiving seasons. He also is one of just three players in league history to record at least 125 catches in consecutive seasons, doing so in '24 and '25, and in both years he was recognized as a first-team All-Pro by the Associated Press. In 2024, he became the sixth player in the Super Bowl era to claim the receiving "Triple Crown," leading the NFL in catches, receiving yards and receiving TDs, and he then followed up in '25 by ranking third leaguewide in receptions (125) and fourth in yards (1412). He also set a Bengals single-season record with seven 100-yard receiving games last year. Chase has nine catches for 87 yards and two TDs on the young 2026 campaign, with both scoring catches coming in the Week 2 victory at Houston. Chase is one-half of arguably the top receiving duo in the NFL alongside seventh-year pro **Tee Higgins**, who led Cincinnati with 95 yards on five receptions against the Texans. Since entering the NFL as a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, Higgins ranks 10th in the league in TD catches (45) and 16th in receiving yards (5595). He brought in a career-high 11 receiving TDs in 2025 (tied for second in NFL) after scoring 10 in '24, and in doing so became the third player in Bengals history with double-digit TD catches in consecutive seasons. His other totals in 2025 were 59 receptions for 846 yards, helping him earn his first career Pro Bowl nod. **Andrei Iosivas**, a 2023 sixth-round draft selection out of Princeton, has served as the team's third option at WR over the past two-plus seasons. He logged career highs in catches (36), receiving yards (479) and TDs (six) in 2024, then followed up with 33 grabs for 435 yards and two scores in '25. He has shown a knack for getting open in the low red zone, as 11 of his 12 career receiving TDs have come on plays inside the opponent's 10-yard line. Iosivas was an All-American heptathlete for the Princeton men's track and field team, in addition to achieving All-America status in football at the FCS level. Cincinnati used one of its two fourth-round draft choices this past April to select **Colbie Young** out of the University of Georgia. Young, a 6-4, 218-pound athlete, had a five-year college career that saw him go from Lackawanna College (junior college; 2021), to the University of Miami (Fla.; '22-23) to Georgia ('24-25). In four seasons at the Division I level, he had 116 catches for 1437 yards and 13 TDs. He missed time last season due to a leg injury, but in eight games played he caught 26 passes for 358 yards and one score. Young recorded his first NFL reception in Week 2 at Houston on a seven-yard pass from Burrow. One of the top stories out of training camp was **Dohnte Meyers**, who made the team's initial 53-man active roster after originally signing a Reserve/Future contract in January. A slot receiver listed at 5-11, 186 pounds, he led Cincinnati in receptions (11) and receiving yards (121) during the preseason. He made his regular-season career debut in Week 1 vs. Tampa Bay, contributing an 18-yard catch-and-run on the game's final drive. Meyers spent the past two seasons with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League, where he had 89 receptions for 1405 yards and nine TDs, while also logging 11 KORs and nine PRs in 19 games played. He enjoyed a breakout 2025 season in which he averaged 16.2 yards per catch (65 for 1056 yards) and helped the Roughriders win the Grey Cup. He began his college career in 2018-19 at Presbyterian College (FCS) in Clinton, S.C., then spent the '21-22 seasons in Cleveland, Miss. at Delta State University (NCAA Division II). **Ke'Shawn Williams**, a second-year pro, played in Cincinnati's final three games of last season after being acquired on waivers from Pittsburgh in December. Originally a college free agent signee of the Steelers in the 2025 offseason, he saw action in eight games as a rookie prior to being waived. Williams finished his college career at Indiana University in 2024, following four years at Wake Forest University. He finished this year's preseason with seven catches for 81 yards, including an 11-yard TD grab in the preseason finale at Philadelphia.

Tight ends: A second-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2019, **Drew Sample** has played in 97 career games with 64 starts and serves as a key blocking TE in Cincinnati's offense. After missing most of the 2022 season with a knee injury, he has suited up for 53 consecutive games with 39 starts since the start of the '23 campaign. In addition to his blocking responsibilities, he has contributed 118 career catches for 855 yards and five TDs. **Mike Gesicki** caught five passes for a team-high 78 yards, including a two-yard TD, in the season opener against Tampa Bay. A 2024 free agent signee, he has played in 32 games for the Bengals and serves as an athletic pass catcher who often lines up as a slot receiver. In 2024, he had the second-most receptions in a season by a TE in team history (65) for 665 yards. Originally a second-round pick of Miami in 2022, he spent his first five seasons with the Dolphins, then played for New England in '24 before arriving in Cincinnati. **Erick All Jr.**, a 2024 fourth-round pick of the Bengals, saw his first game action in nearly two years in the team's preseason contest against Chicago on Aug. 22. A native of Fairfield, Ohio (north of Cincinnati), All showed promise as a versatile TE in his rookie season before a knee injury kept him out for the second half of that year and all of the '25

campaign. His statistical totals as a rookie included 20 receptions for 158 yards. He has lined up for 45 offensive snaps through the first two contests of this regular season and has two catches for five yards. All spent four college seasons (2019-22) at the University of Michigan and one ('23) at the University of Iowa. Rookie **Jack Endries**, a seventh-round pick in this year's draft, made his NFL debut in Week 2 at Houston. He was a productive pass-catching TE during his collegiate career at the University of California (2023-24) and the University of Texas ('25). In 39 games (all starts) at the college level, he had 124 receptions for 1376 yards and seven TDs, with 33 for 346 and three scores coming with the Longhorns last season. He was named honorable mention All-ACC in 2024, when he led California in catches (65) and receiving yards (623) as the primary pass-catcher for former Golden Bears QB and the No. 1 overall pick in the '26 draft, Fernando Mendoza.

Offensive line: The nucleus of the Bengals' offensive line is center **Ted Karras**, who is in his 11th NFL season and fifth with Cincinnati. A 2022 free agent acquisition, he has been voted a team captain in each of his four Bengals seasons and started 72 straight games, including postseason. Off the field, he is involved in numerous charitable efforts in the Cincinnati area and has twice been named the team's Club Winner for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award (2023 and '25). Karras spent five of his first six pro seasons with New England, where he was a member of two Super Bowl-winning teams (2016 and '18). He also had a one-year stint with Miami in 2020. Four-time Pro Bowler **Orlando Brown Jr.** has started at LOT in all 47 games he has played in for the Bengals since signing with the team as a free agent in the 2023 offseason. He spent his first three NFL seasons (2018-20) with Baltimore, then played for Kansas City for two seasons and helped the Chiefs win Super Bowl LVII in the '22 campaign. He lined up for all 1110 offensive snaps for Cincinnati last season, anchoring a pass protection unit that contributed to the Bengals ranking sixth in the NFL in net passing yards per game (235.6). His father, the late Orlando Brown Sr., played nine NFL seasons (1994-99, 2003-05), spending time with Cleveland and Baltimore. **Dalton Risner** signed with the Bengals as a free agent following training camp in 2025 and played in 14 games with 11 starts (nine at RG and two at LG) last season. An eighth-year veteran in 2026, he also has played for Denver ('19-22) and Minnesota ('23-24), logging 101 games of regular-season experience. **Amarius Mims**, Cincinnati's first-round draft pick in 2024, has started at ROT in 32 of 34 games played through two seasons. A physically imposing tackle listed at 6-8, 350 pounds, he has been called for just one holding penalty in his career thus far, with zero committed on 1051 offensive snaps played last season. Through two games in 2026, Mims is widely credited with zero pressures allowed on 72 pass blocking snaps, while primarily lining up against Tampa Bay's Rueben Bain Jr., and Houston's Will Anderson Jr. and Danielle Hunter. The Bengals selected Mims out of the University of Georgia, where he played in 29 games over three seasons (2021-23) and was part of two national championship squads. A teammate of Mims' at Georgia was **Dylan Fairchild**, who the Bengals selected in the third round of the 2025 draft. Fairchild stepped into the starting LG role early in his rookie season, lining up in that spot for 15 games and playing 961 offensive snaps (fifth-most on team). He started 24 career games at Georgia, and in 2024 was named a second-team AP All-American. He also has an impressive background in wrestling, as he compiled a 67-0 career record at West Forsyth High School in Cumming, Ga., and won two Georgia state titles in the Class 7A heavyweight division. **Javon Foster** started at ROT in the team's second preseason game this year against Chicago, then lined up at LOT in the preseason finale at Philadelphia. He spent the 2025 season on Cincinnati's practice squad, after seeing action in four games for Jacksonville as a rookie in '24. Foster entered the league as a fourth-round pick of the Jaguars, following a five-year career (2019-23) at the University of Missouri. He played in 49 contests with 38 starts for the Tigers, highlighted by a 2023 season in which he earned first-team All-SEC and third-team All-America honors. Lining up opposite Foster in those two preseason contests was OT **Jalen Rivers**, a fifth-round pick of the Bengals in 2025. Rivers played in 16 games with seven starts at RG as a rookie last season. He started at LOT in each of his first 21 games played at the University of Miami (Fla.), where he collected second-team All-ACC honors in 2023 and honorable mention in '24. He was the Bengals' nominee for the Salute to Service Award last season, as his father, mother and stepfather all served in the U.S. Navy. The starting center for the Bengals' final two preseason games was rookie **Connor Lew**, who Cincinnati selected in the fourth round of this year's draft. The youngest player on the Bengals' active roster (turned 21 on Aug. 30), Lew started 25 out of 31 games played over a three-year career (2023-25) at Auburn University. That included a streak of 19 consecutive starts that was halted by the knee injury which occurred midway through last season. He was a Southeastern Conference All-Freshman Team pick in 2023, when he was credited with zero sacks allowed on 228 pass block snaps, according to Pro Football Focus. Lew lettered in wrestling in

addition to football at Kennesaw Mountain High School (Ga.), where he also maintained a 4.0 grade point average through all four years. C **Jacob Bayer** spent the final eight games of last season on Cincinnati's practice squad, after going through the offseason and training camp with Buffalo. He signed with the Bills as a college free agent in May 2025, following a collegiate career that included two seasons at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, and two at Arkansas State University. He was a first-team All-Sun Belt Conference performer in 2023, then followed up with second-team status in '24. Bayer lined up for 168 offensive snaps for the Bengals this preseason, the second-most among the team's O-linemen. The most recent addition to the line is OT **Myles Hinton**, who Cincinnati acquired on waivers from Philadelphia on Aug. 31. Listed at 6-6, 342 pounds, Hinton was a sixth-round draft pick of the Eagles in 2025 and spent his entire rookie campaign on the Reserve/Injured list due to a back injury. He played his first three collegiate seasons (2020-22) at Stanford University, then spent the '23-24 seasons at the University of Michigan. He was an honorable mention All-Big Ten choice for the Wolverines in 2024.

Defensive line: Perhaps the headline addition of the offseason for Cincinnati was DT **Dexter Lawrence II**, who the Bengals acquired in a trade with the N.Y. Giants less than a week before the NFL Draft. An eighth-year veteran, Lawrence has played in 111 career regular-season contests with 104 starts, been voted to the Pro Bowl three times and been named to the AP All-Pro Second Team on two occasions (2022 and '23). He has 30.5 career sacks, the 12th-most by any DT since he entered the league as a first-round pick of the Giants in 2019. His other career statistics include 41 TFLs, 15 PDs, one INT and five FFs. He logged his first TFL as a member of the Bengals in Week 2 at Houston, stopping the Texans behind the line of scrimmage on a fourth-and-inches inside the red zone. Two-time Pro Bowler DT **Jonathan Allen** joined the Bengals as an unrestricted free agent this offseason. A former first-round pick of Washington in 2017, he spent his first eight seasons with the Commanders before playing for Minnesota in '25. His career stats include 71 TFLs and 47.5 sacks, the fifth-most among DTs since he entered the NFL. His 68 total tackles last season with the Vikings were his most since 2019. Allen has a sack in each of his first two games as a Bengal, and is coming off a three-TFL performance at Houston. One of Lawrence's former Giants teammates, DT **B.J. Hill**, came over to Cincinnati via trade shortly before the 2021 season. Hill has played in 82 regular-season games and seven postseason contests for the Bengals. He has 27.5 sacks in his career, with four recorded in 2025. He also has a knack for batting down passes at the line of scrimmage, with 16 career PDs. Hill began training camp on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform list, then was cleared to resume practicing in mid-August. He was inactive for the Week 2 contest against the Texans due to an Achilles injury. Another key offseason acquisition for the Bengals was fifth-year DE **Boye Mafe**, who signed with Cincinnati in March after helping Seattle win Super Bowl LX a month prior. Mafe made an impact in his Cincinnati regular-season debut, recovering a fumble in the first half and then strip-sacking Buccaneers QB Mayfield in the fourth quarter (led to Bengals recovery). He then followed up with two tackles at Houston. A second-round pick of the Seahawks in 2022, he played in 68 of a possible 72 games during his Seahawks tenure, including postseason. He had a career-best nine sacks in the 2023 campaign, which led the Seahawks that year and included a franchise-record seven consecutive games with at least one sack. He totaled five tackles in three postseason contests during Seattle's run earlier this calendar year. DE **Myles Murphy** is in his fourth NFL season and looks to build on his top statistical campaign in 2025. The Bengals' first-round pick in 2023 emerged last season with career highs in total tackles (52), TFLs (six), sacks (team-leading 5.5) and PDs (three). His productivity increased particularly in the second half of the year, as over the final nine games he recorded 37 tackles, four sacks and his first career fumble recovery. In the first quarter of Week 1 vs. Tampa Bay, he forced a fumble that was recovered by LB **Demetrius Knight Jr.** and returned for a Bengals TD. DT **T.J. Slaton Jr.** started all 17 games in his first Bengals season in 2025, netting 52 tackles, four TFLs and three sacks. Originally a fifth-round draft choice of Green Bay in 2021, he spent his first four seasons with the Packers. Slaton recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter of the season opener vs. Tampa Bay, setting up a Bengals FG drive. He then had a pair of tackles in Week 2 at Houston, including a stop on third-and-short in the second half to force a Texans FG attempt. Second-year DE **Shemar Stewart** made his 2026 debut in the win over the Texans and registered a sack late in the fourth quarter. Cincinnati's first-round pick in 2025, he missed most of this year's training camp due to a lower-body injury sustained in the team's first practice, but he returned to participation in early September. Stewart played in eight games with five starts as a rookie last season, contributing 11 tackles with two TFLs and a sack. A product of Texas A&M, he was noted during his draft process for standout

physical traits, and was one of two players in the 2025 class to produce a perfect 10.0 on the Relative Athletic Score (grades players' measurements compared to peer group). Stewart's former teammate at Texas A&M, DE **Cashius Howell**, was selected by the Bengals in the second round of this year's draft. He is coming off a breakout year with the Aggies in 2025, as he racked up 11.5 sacks, was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year and earned first-team All-America along with first-team All-SEC honors. Howell spent his final two collegiate seasons at Texas A&M, after playing his first three years at Bowling Green State University in northwest Ohio. Regarded for his athleticism and quickness off the edge, he clocked a 40-yard dash time of 4.59 seconds and recorded a vertical jump of 32.5 inches at this year's NFL Combine. Howell has lined up for 46 defensive snaps through the first two games of this season, recording an assisted tackle and a quarterback hit. Third-year DE **Cedric Johnson** is an emerging contributor along the Bengals' defensive line, posting four sacks over his last four games dating back to late last season. He is coming off his first career multi-sack game in the win at Houston, as he took down QB C.J. Stroud for losses of five yards and 19 yards (both in fourth quarter). Johnson began the 2025 season on the Reserve/Injured list due to a calf injury, but has played in 11 straight contests since returning to action last October. A sixth-round Bengals draft pick in 2024, he now has seen action in 20 career games, totaling 20 tackles with five sacks and two fumble recoveries. DT **Kris Jenkins Jr.**, the Bengals' second-round draft choice in 2024, has played in 31 games with 13 starts in his career, contributing 69 tackles, six TFLs, 5.5 sacks and a PD. He had a sack in this season's opening win over Tampa Bay, and has lined up for 37 defensive snaps across the first two games. He capped off his collegiate career at the University of Michigan with second-team All-America honors while helping the Wolverines win the national championship in 2023. His father, Kris Jenkins Sr., played 10 NFL seasons (2001-10) as a DT with Carolina and the N.Y. Jets, earning four Pro Bowl selections. Rookie DT **Landon Robinson**, a seventh-round pick of the Bengals, earned a spot on the 53-man roster after leading the team with 2.5 sacks during the preseason. He compiled a decorated career at the United States Naval Academy, highlighted by first-team All-America (AP) honors last season. He also was named first-team All-American Athletic Conference in each of the past two years, and in '25 was the AAC Defensive Player of the Year. In 38 games played over three seasons at Navy, he logged 153 tackles, 18.5 TFLs, 14.5 sacks, two FFs, one FR and one blocked kick. He grew up in Fairlawn, Ohio, and attended Copley High School in Copley, Ohio.

Linebackers: Cincinnati's second-round draft choice in 2025, **Demetrius Knight Jr.** has been a starting LB for the Bengals since early in his rookie season. His 106 total tackles last season ranked second on the team and second among all NFL rookies. He opened the 2026 campaign with seven tackles and returned a fumble recovery 27 yards for his first career TD in the win over Tampa Bay, then led the Bengals with a career-high-tying 12 stops at Houston. Knight spent his first four college seasons at Georgia Tech, then played one year at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and finished off his career at the University of South Carolina in '24. Knight's fellow starting LB is **Barrett Carter**, who registered 102 tackles in his own rookie campaign in 2025 (third among NFL rookies). Carter was picked by the Bengals in the fourth round of the 2025 draft after a four-year career at Clemson University that saw him earn two All-ACC honors. Over the course of his four collegiate seasons (2021-24), he was the nation's only player with at least 30 TFLs, 20 pass breakups and three INTs. Carter led the Bengals with eight tackles in the season opener against Tampa Bay and forced a fumble that was recovered by S Bryan Cook in the Cincinnati end zone. **Oren Burks** is in his ninth NFL season and his second with the Bengals. A 2025 free agency acquisition, he played in all 17 games with nine starts last year, collecting 34 tackles, one PD, one FF and one FR defensively while also posting 14 special teams tackles. He previously spent the 2024 campaign with Philadelphia, emerging as one of the Eagles' top performers during their postseason run to a Super Bowl LIX title. He entered the league with Green Bay in 2018 and spent his first four seasons with the Packers, before playing for San Francisco from '22-23. Burks has played 45 special teams snaps through the first two games of this season. **Swayze Bozeman**, who Cincinnati acquired on waivers from the N.Y. Giants in May, impressed the Bengals' coaching staff with 11 tackles (two TFLs) and a PD during the preseason. He entered the league as a college free agent signee of Kansas City in 2024 and saw action in six total contests as a rookie for the Chiefs, including three postseason games. He then played in six games for the N.Y. Giants in 2025.

Defensive backs: Fourth-year CB **DJ Turner II** was voted a team captain for the first time in his career this season, after emerging as one of the NFL's top boundary CBs in 2025. He tied for third in the league with a career-high 18 PDs while adding his first two career INTs and two FFs. A second-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2023, he played in all 17 games with 12 starts as a rookie and then saw action in 11 contests in '24, but missed the final six games

of that season due to a collarbone injury. A two-time All-Big Ten honoree at the University of Michigan, he clocked the fastest time in the 40-yard dash of any player at the 2023 NFL Combine (4.26 seconds). Turner opened the 2026 campaign with four tackles against Tampa Bay, then recorded five tackles and two PDs at Houston. A Cincinnati native who spent his final two collegiate seasons (2020-21) at the University of Cincinnati, **Bryan Cook** returned to the Queen City as an unrestricted free agent signee of the Bengals in March. He spent his first four NFL seasons with Kansas City, where he was a member of the Chiefs' back-to-back Super Bowl winning teams in the 2022 and '23 campaigns. He earned a starting safety role for the Chiefs entering the 2023 season and has started each of his last 51 games played, including his first two games with the Bengals. Cook contributed to the win over Tampa Bay with six tackles, his first career FF and a FR, then recorded four tackles in the following week against the Texans. Cook attended nearby Mount Healthy High School, then began his college career at Howard University before transferring to Cincinnati. **Jordan Battle** took over as a full-time starting safety for the Bengals in his third pro season in 2025. He led Cincinnati with 112 tackles and four INTs last season, both of which marked a career high. A Bengals third-round pick in 2023, he started seven contests in his rookie campaign and then six in '24. He has six career picks to go along with 248 tackles. Battle has totaled 14 defensive tackles, two special teams stops and a PD through the first two weeks of the season. A former teammate of Turner's at Michigan, **Dax Hill**, has lined up at CB for his last 24 games played after transitioning from safety in the 2024 offseason. He missed most of the 2024 campaign due to a knee injury, but returned to start all 17 contests last season and tied his career high with 11 PDs. He is coming off a single-game career high of four PDs in Week 2 at Houston, and he also has 17 total tackles through the first two weeks of this season. The Bengals' first-round draft choice in 2022, he lined up at safety for his first 32 career games, and in the '23 season recorded 110 tackles. His brother, Justice Hill, currently plays RB for the Baltimore Ravens. **Jalen Davis** is a nickel CB who played in the final seven games of the 2025 season with three starts. In that stretch, he had a career-high 19 tackles with two TFLs and a sack, along with one FF and his first career INT. Prior to the back-half of last season, he bounced between Cincinnati's active roster and practice squad after initially joining the team midway through the 2020 campaign. He entered the NFL with Miami in 2018 and spent his rookie year with the Dolphins, then was with Arizona for the entire '19 season and early part of '20. Davis has totaled eight tackles, two PDs and a TFL through the first two games of this season. The Bengals added another veteran presence to the safeties room this offseason when they signed seventh-year pro **Kyle Dugger** during free agency. Originally a second-round draft choice of New England in 2020, Dugger spent his first five-plus seasons with the Patriots, then was traded to Pittsburgh last October and started nine games for the Steelers. In 92 regular-season games played (78 starts), he has 454 defensive tackles and 30 special teams stops. He also has 11 INTs with three pick-sixes, including one against the Bengals in Week 11 of last season. Dugger has played 36 special teams snaps through the first two weeks of this season. **Tacario Davis**, Cincinnati's third-round pick in this year's draft, has lined up for 16 defensive snaps and 18 special teams snaps through his first two career regular-season games. A rangy CB with a 6-4 frame, Davis had a strong preseason with 11 tackles, a TFL, two PDs and an INT over the final two games. He spent his final college season in 2025 at the University of Washington, where he started seven games but missed time throughout the year due to injuries. He played the previous three years at Arizona State University, where in 2023 he led the Pac-12 Conference with 15 PBUs. He was recognized as an all-league performer in three different conferences during his college career, as he was named honorable mention All-Pac-12 in 2023, second-team All-Big 12 in '24 and honorable mention All-Big Ten in '25. **Josh Newton**, a fifth-round pick of the Bengals in 2024, has played in 31 games with eight starts over his first two pro seasons. He logged 29 tackles, seven PDs and an INT as a rookie, then followed up with 11 stops and three PDs

in 2025. He finished his collegiate career at Texas Christian University (2022-23), after three seasons ('19-21) at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. **DJ Ivey** has contributed as a core special teamer and reserve CB over his three-plus seasons with the Bengals. A seventh-round pick in 2023, he has seen action in 38 games and logged 13 defensive tackles along with 13 tackles and a fumble recovery on special teams. He played in 58 contests during his college career at the University of Miami (Fla.), then earned a roster spot coming out of his rookie training camp with Cincinnati. Ivey notched two ST tackles in the Week 2 win at Houston. **PJ Jules** played in 14 games for the Bengals in 2025 and tied for second on the team with 16 special teams tackles, after spending his entire '24 rookie season on Cincinnati's practice squad. He joined the team as a college free agent signee following a five-year college career at Southern Illinois University. He capped off his time with the Salukis by recording 111 tackles and earning consensus first-team FCS All-America honors in 2023. Jules posted 10 defensive tackles during this year's preseason, and has played 45 special teams snaps through the first two weeks of the regular season.

Special Teams: Seventh-year K **Evan McPherson** ranks in the top five in Bengals history in FG percentage (83.9; third), PATs (209; fourth), made FGs (125; fifth) and points scored (584; fifth). He has made 33 FGs from a distance of 50 or more yards, which is a team record and the fifth-most among all NFL kickers since he entered the league as a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2021. He owns nine of the 11 longest made kicks in team history, including a record 63-yarder in Week 12 of last season. He earned his fifth career AFC Special Teams Player of the Week honor for his performance in this year's season opener against Tampa Bay, when he hit each of his four FG attempts and three PATs. He followed up with a pair of FGs in Week 2 at Houston, converting from 51 and 57 yards. **Ryan Rehkow** has been Cincinnati's punter and holder on placekicks since joining the team as a free agent in the 2024 offseason. Now in his third season, he maintains the Bengals' career records for gross punting average (49.5 yards; minimum 100 punts) and net punting average (42.6; min. 100). He has 57 punts downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line, the fifth-most by a Bengal since the stat began being tracked in 1976 and sixth-most in the NFL since the start of the 2024 campaign. Last season, he ranked second in the NFL and broke his own Bengals single-season record with 50.5 yards per punt. Rehkow saw four of his eight punts in Week 2 at Houston downed inside the Texans' 20, including a pair inside the 10. **William Wagner** has recorded 157 long snaps without an unplayable delivery since joining the team as a college free agent in the 2025 offseason. In 2024 at the University of Michigan, he was a finalist for the Patrick Mannelly Award, given to the top long snapper in college football. WR **Dohnté Meyers** returned four kickoffs for 93 yards in his NFL debut against Tampa Bay, then added three punt returns for 19 yards and three kickoff returns for 90 yards, including a 40-yard long, in Week 2 at Houston. In his two seasons (2024-25) with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the CFL, he logged 11 KORs for 319 yards (29.0) along with nine PRs for 94 yards (10.4). Meyers also had two KORs for 54 yards and three PRs for 45 yards in the preseason for the Bengals. WR **Ke'Shawn Williams** stepped into the primary returning role for Cincinnati late last season, after being acquired on waivers from Pittsburgh in December. He contributed nine PRs for 95 yards and eight KORs for 203 yards. He had a career-long 43-yard PR in Week 17 vs. Arizona which set up a Bengals TD drive. He played in eight games for the Steelers in the first half of his 2025 rookie campaign, logging 11 PRs for 112 yards (10.2) and 18 KORs for 425 yards (23.6). Williams ran back a 48-yard KOR late in the first half in this year's preseason opener against Detroit on Aug. 13. Also in the mix to return kickoffs is veteran HB **Samaje Perine**, who has 25 career KORs for 654 yards (26.2), including a career-high 17 for 430 last season with Cincinnati. His 38-yard return in Week 9 vs. Chicago was the second-longest of his career, behind a 56-yarder in 2024 while playing for Kansas City. Second-year HB **Tahj Brooks** returned two kicks for 49 yards in Week 1 vs. Tampa Bay, including a 26-yarder to set up a Bengals FG drive at the start of the second half. As a rookie last season, he logged 10 KORs for 258 yards, with a long of 41 yards in Week 16 at Miami.

THE LAST BENGALS-STEELERS MEETINGS

2025 SEASON WEEK 7, GAME 7

Cincinnati Bengals 33, Pittsburgh Steelers 31 Thursday night, Oct. 16, 2025 at Paycor Stadium

In a nationally televised matchup which saw the two offenses combine for 866 net yards, the Bengals put together a late drive to set up K Evan McPherson's 36-yard game-winning FG on Thursday Night Football. It marked the third regular-season game in NFL history between two starting QBs over 40 years old, as Joe Flacco, 40, passed for 342 yards and three TDs for the Bengals, while Aaron Rodgers, 41, had 249 yards and four passing TDs for the Steelers. Flacco leaned heavily on WR Ja'Marr Chase, who finished with a Bengals-record 16 receptions for 161 yards and a TD. The Steelers took the lead with 2:21 left when Rodgers found TE Pat Freiermuth for a 68-yard TD, but Flacco engineered a quick drive down the field and connected on a 28-yard pass to WR Tee Higgins to get inside McPherson's range. Cincinnati picked off Rodgers twice in the second quarter and scored 17 points late in the period to pull ahead at halftime. Bengals HB Chase Brown averaged 9.8 yards per carry. Cincinnati improved to 3-4, while Pittsburgh fell to 4-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Pittsburgh	7	3	7	14	—	31
Cincinnati	0	17	3	13	—	33

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Pitt. — J.Smith 10 pass from A.Rodgers (C.Boswell kick)	1-10:51
Pitt. — C.Boswell 41 field goal	2-10:26
Cin. — J.Chase 8 pass from J.Flacco (E.McPherson kick)	2-4:38
Cin. — T.Higgins 29 pass from J.Flacco (E.McPherson kick)	2-2:52
Cin. — E.McPherson 49 field goal	2-0:00
Cin. — E.McPherson 23 field goal	3-7:55
Pitt. — P.Freiermuth 19 pass from A.Rodgers (C.Boswell kick)	3-3:55
Cin. — N.Fant 5 pass from J.Flacco (E.McPherson kick)	4-14:57
Pitt. — D.Washington 2 pass from A.Rodgers (C.Boswell kick)	4-11:03
Cin. — E.McPherson 45 field goal	4-6:58
Pitt. — P.Freiermuth 68 pass from A.Rodgers (C.Boswell kick)	4-2:21
Cin. — E.McPherson 36 field goal	4-0:07

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 66,569. **Time:** 3:12.

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT.	CIN.
First downs	19	27
Third down conversions-attempts	7-10	7-14
Total net yards	396	470
Net yards rushing	147	142
Net yards passing	249	328
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	34-23-2	47-31-0
Sacks against-yards lost	0-0	2-14
Punts-average	2-42.0	3-45.0
Punt returns-yards	2-27	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards	6-179	5-128
Penalties-yards	7-59	4-35
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Time of possession	25:28	34:32

RUSHING									
PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Warren	16	127	37	0	C.Brown	11	108	37	0
K.Gainwell	3	14	11	0	S.Perine	7	31	9	0
A.Rodgers	1	6	6	0	J.Flacco	5	3	12	0
TOTALS	20	147	37	0	TOTALS	23	142	37	0

PASSING									
PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Rodgers	34	23	249	4-2	J.Flacco	47	31	342	3-0
TOTALS	34	23	249	4-2	TOTALS	47	31	342	3-0

RECEIVING									
PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
P.Freiermuth	5	111	68t	2	J.Chase	16	161	18	1
J.Warren	4	31	15	0	T.Higgins	6	96	29t	1
D.Metcalf	3	50	39	0	N.Fant	4	44	25	1
J.Smith	3	28	10t	1	A.Iosivas	3	49	37	0
D.Washington	3	2	8	1	C.Brown	2	-8	-2	0
R.Wilson	2	17	13	0					
K.Gainwell	2	1	4	0					
S.Miller	1	9	9	0					
TOTALS	23	249	68t	4	TOTALS	31	342	37	3

DEFENSE

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Elliott 6-3-9, C.Holcomb 4-3-7, J.Ramsey 3-3-6, J.Porter 5-0-5, D.Slay 3-1-4, J.Thornhill 3-1-4, P.Wilson 2-2-4, P.Queen 1-3-4, K.Benton 3-0-3, B.Echols 2-1-3, Ca.Heyward 2-1-3, A.Highsmith 1-2-3, C.Clark 2-0-2, N.Herbig 1-1-2, D.Harmon 0-2-2, T.Watt 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** K.Benton 1-6, Ca.Heyward 0.5-4, T.Watt 0.5-4. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Porter 2, C.Clark 1, B.Echols 1, J.Ramsey 1, J.Sawyer 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** B.Carter 8-4-12, J.Battle 3-2-5, G.Stone 3-2-5, D.Knight 2-2-4, B.Hill 2-1-3, D.Hill 2-1-3, K.Jenkins 2-0-2, O.Burks 1-1-2, M.Murphy 1-1-2, J.Ossai 1-1-2, T.Slaton 0-2-2, L.Wilson 0-2-2, J.Newton 1-0-1, C.Sample 1-0-1, D.Turner 1-0-1, M.Wilson 1-0-1, M.Pennell 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** J.Battle 1-0, D.Turner 1-0. **PD:** D.Turner 2, J.Battle 1, D.Ivey 1, G.Stone 1, L.Wilson 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

2025 SEASON WEEK 11, GAME 10

Pittsburgh Steelers 34, Cincinnati Bengals 12 Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025 at Acrisure Stadium

The Steelers scored two defensive TDs in the second half to pull away in a divisional win over Cincinnati. After the two teams exchanged TDs on their opening offensive possession, together they proceeded to punt on each of the game's next six drives before a Steelers FG late in the first half gave them a 10-6 lead at the break. The Bengals drove inside Pittsburgh territory while trailing by four late in the third quarter, but S Kyle Dugger intercepted a pass by QB Joe Flacco and returned it 73 yards for a pick-six. Bengals K Evan McPherson's second FG of the afternoon closed the gap to one possession again, but Steelers backup QB Mason Rudolph answered by leading a six-minute TD drive, and another Pittsburgh defensive score on a fumble recovery return broke the game open. Bengals HB Chase Brown totaled 127 yards from scrimmage in the loss. Cincinnati fell to 3-7, while Pittsburgh improved to 6-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	6	0	3	3	—	12
Pittsburgh	7	3	10	14	—	34

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Pitt. — K.Gainwell 11 pass from A.Rodgers (C.Boswell kick)	1-10:12
Cin. — T.Higgins 28 pass from J.Flacco (run failed)	1-5:10
Pitt. — C.Boswell 25 field goal	2-0:10
Cin. — E.McPherson 43 field goal	3-11:53
Pitt. — C.Boswell 30 field goal	3-4:16
Pitt. — K.Dugger 73 interception return (C.Boswell kick)	3-0:37
Cin. — E.McPherson 48 field goal	4-9:41
Pitt. — K.Gainwell 5 pass from M.Rudolph (C.Boswell kick)	4-3:40
Pitt. — J.Pierre 34 fumble recovery return (C.Boswell kick)	4-3:22

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 66,132. **Time:** 3:10.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	PITT.
First downs	17	22
Third down conversions-attempts	7-15	7-13
Total net yards	297	343
Net yards rushing	105	111
Net yards passing	192	232
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	40-23-1	31-21-0
Sacks against-yards lost	1-7	1-11
Punts-average	3-57.0	3-44.3
Punt returns-yards	1-4	2-15
Kickoff returns-yards	6-138	3-64
Penalties-yards	8-67	8-76
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Time of possession	29:55	30:05

RUSHING									
CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Brown	18	99	35	0	J.Warren	10	62	35	0
T.Brooks	1	5	5	0	K.Gainwell	9	24	12	0
K.Milton	2	2	2	0	K.Johnson	5	15	7	0
J.Flacco	1	-1	-1	0	A.Rodgers	1	8	8	0
					Co.Hayward	2	3	2	0
					M.Rudolph	1	-1	-1	0
TOTALS	22	105	35	0	TOTALS	28	111	35	0

PASSING									
CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Flacco	40	23	199	1-1	M.Rudolph	16	12	127	1-0
					A.Rodgers	15	9	116	1-0
TOTALS	40	23	199	1-1	TOTALS	31	21	243	2-0

RECEIVING									
CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Brown	6	28	17	0	K.Gainwell	7	81	28	2
N.Fant	5	36	15	0	D.Metcalf	5	49	17	0
T.Higgins	3	63	28t	1	D.Washington	4	67	31	0
J.Chase	3	30	16	0	J.Warren	2	5	6	0
T.Hudson	3	22	9	0	P.Freiermuth	1	19	19	0
A.Iosivas	3	20	11	0	R.Wilson	1	17	17	0
					C.Austin	1	5	5	0
TOTALS	23	199	28t	1	TOTALS	21	243	31	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** G.Stone 4-5-9, O.Burks 2-6-8, M.Murphy 4-3-7, J.Battle 3-3-6, D.Hill 3-3-6, C.Taylor-Britt 3-1-4, D.Turner 2-2-4, B.Carter 1-3-4, C.Johnson 2-1-3, J.Ossai 2-1-3, B.Hill 1-1-2, D.Knight 1-1-2, M.Jackson 0-2-2, K.Jenkins 0-2-2, J.Newton 1-0-1, C.Sample 1-0-1, T.Slaton 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** M.Murphy 1-11. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** D.Hill 1, D.Knight 1, J.Newton 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** P.Queen 5-5-10, B.Echols 3-4-7, J.Pierre 3-3-6, P.Wilson 1-4-5, C.Clark 0-5-5, Ca.Heyward 0-5-5, J.Ramsey 2-2-4, K.Dugger 3-0-3, K.Benton 1-2-3, J.Porter 1-2-3, N.Herbig 2-0-2, E.Otomewo 2-0-2, M.Harrison 1-1-2, Y.Black 0-2-2, J.Sawyer 0-2-2, D.Harmon 1-0-1, T.Watt 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** N.Herbig 1-7. **INT.-YDS.:** K.Dugger 1-73. **PD:** K.Dugger 2, J.Pierre 2, T.Watt 2, J.Porter 1, J.Ramsey 1. **FF:** B.Echols 1. **FR-YDS.:** J.Pierre 1-34.

2026 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Cincinnati Bengals 33, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 27 Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026 at Paycor Stadium

The Bengals' defense had four takeaways which were converted into 24 points in a season-opening win. All of the takeaways were fumble recoveries, including three on consecutive Buccaneers drives in the first half. LB Demetrius Knight Jr. scored on a 27-yard fumble return for a TD. The Bengals built a 17-point lead in the third quarter before a Tampa Bay FG and 38-yard pick-six by LB Josiah Trotter made it a one-possession game. K Evan McPherson made all of his four FG attempts, including a pair in the fourth quarter to regain a double-digit advantage. The Buccaneers pulled to within one score again with 3:19 left, but the Cincinnati offense responded with an eight-play, 59-yard drive to drain the remaining clock. Bengals defensive veteran free agent acquisitions made an impact, as Jonathan Allen and Boye Mafe both had a sack, while S Bryan Cook had a FF and FR.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Tampa Bay.....	3	7	10	7	—	27
Cincinnati.....	14	10	3	6	—	33

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR-LEFT
T.B. — C.McLaughlin 34 field goal.....	1-9:09
Cin. — D.Knight 27 fumble return (E.McPherson kick).....	1-6:18
Cin. — M.Gesicki 2 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	1-1:48
Cin. — C.Brown 5 run (E.McPherson kick).....	2-5:32
T.B. — B.Irving 10 run (C.McLaughlin kick).....	2-1:49
Cin. — E.McPherson 20 field goal.....	2-0:06
Cin. — E.McPherson 55 field goal.....	3-10:03
T.B. — C.McLaughlin 51 field goal.....	3-3:41
T.B. — J.Trotter 38 interception return (C.McLaughlin kick).....	3-2:16
Cin. — E.McPherson 58 field goal.....	4-14:04
Cin. — E.McPherson 32 field goal.....	4-5:19
T.B. — B.Mayfield 9 run (C.McLaughlin kick).....	4-3:19

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 66,625. **Time:** 3:03.

TEAM STATISTICS	T.B.	CIN.
First downs.....	19	26
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-10	8-14
Total net yards.....	282	351
Net yards rushing.....	89	106
Net yards passing.....	193	245
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	28-23-0	35-25-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-23	1-9
Punts-average.....	0-0-0	1-51.0
Punt returns-yards.....	1-13	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	7-206	6-142
Penalties-yards.....	8-39	7-47
Fumbles-lost.....	4-4	0-0
Time of possession.....	28:35	31:25

RUSHING

T.B.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
B.Irving	8	45	10t	1	C.Brown	16	56	13	1
B.Mayfield	5	30	9t	1	J.Burrow	5	20	12	0
K.Gainwell	5	15	7	0	S.Perine	5	20	8	0
C.Godwin	1	3	3	0	D.Meyers	1	10	10	0
T.Johnson	1	-4	-4	0					
TOTALS	20	89	10	2	TOTALS	27	106	13	1

PASSING

T.B.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Mayfield	28	23	216	0-0	J.Burrow	35	25	254	1-1
TOTALS	28	23	216	0-0	TOTALS	35	25	254	1-1

RECEIVING

T.B.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
B.Irving	7	48	22	0	M.Gesicki	5	78	25	1
E.Egbuka	5	63	17	0	C.Brown	5	22	9	0
C.Godwin	4	40	30	0	T.Higgins	3	59	29	0
T.Hurst	3	36	16	0	S.Perine	3	30	14	0
C.Ottom	3	26	13	0	D.Sample	3	19	11	0
K.Gainwell	1	3	3	0	J.Chase	2	12	16	0
					A.Iosivas	2	12	12	0
					D.Meyers	1	18	18	0
					T.Hudson	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	23	216	30	0	TOTALS	25	254	29	1

DEFENSE

Tampa Bay (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Trotter 3-7-10, Z.McCollum 8-1-9, A.Winfield 7-2-9, A.Anzalone 2-5-7, A.Robinson 3-2-5, B.Morrison 4-0-4, K.Scott 4-0-4, T.Smith 3-1-4, J.Parrish 2-0-2, A.Nelson 1-1-2, R.Bain 1-0-1, Y.Diaby 1-0-1, A.Muhammad 1-0-1, R.Nunez-Roches 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Trotter 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** J.Trotter 1-38. **PD:** Z.McCollum 2, B.Morrison 1, J.Parrish 1, J.Trotter 1, T.Smith 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** B.Carter 5-3-8, D.Hill 7-0-7, D.Knight 5-2-7, J.Battle 5-1-6, B.Cook 4-2-6, J.Davis 2-3-5, D.Turner 3-1-4, J.Allen 2-1-3, M.Murphy 1-1-2, K.Jenkins 1-0-1, B.Mafe 1-0-1, T.Slaton 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Allen 1-9, K.Jenkins 1-4, B.Mafe 1-3, B.Carter 0.5-3.5, M.Murphy 0.5-3.5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Davis 1. **FF:** B.Carter 1, B.Cook 1, B.Mafe 1, M.Murphy 1. **FR-YDS.:** D.Knight 1-27, B.Cook 1-0, B.Mafe 1-0, T.Slaton 1-0.

WEEK 2, GAME 2

Cincinnati Bengals 20, Houston Texans 6 Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026 at Reliant Stadium

WR Ja'Marr Chase had two TD catches and Cincinnati's defense held Houston to just six points in a road win. The Texans elected to go for it on fourth-and-inches inside the red zone midway through the second quarter, but DT Dexter Lawrence II broke through the line and tackled RB David Montgomery for a loss to force a turnover on downs. The Bengals' offense responded with an 81-yard drive capped by a 32-yard TD pass from Burrow to Chase, who came down with an acrobatic catch near the front pylon. Burrow found Chase for another TD in the third quarter to increase the lead to 17-3. K Evan McPherson knocked through a pair of FGs from beyond 50 yards, while defensively the Bengals kept the Texans to 60 total rushing yards. Cincinnati recorded four sacks, with two coming from DE Cedric Johnson. The Bengals improved to 2-0, while Houston fell to 0-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	7	10	3	—	20
Houston.....	0	3	3	0	—	6

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR-LEFT
Cin. — J.Chase 32 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	2-3:29
Hou. — K.Fairbairn 37 field goal.....	2-1:17
Cin. — E.McPherson 51 field goal.....	3-12:28
Cin. — J.Chase 18 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	3-3:03
Hou. — K.Fairbairn 45 field goal.....	3-0:35
Cin. — E.McPherson 57 field goal.....	4-12:16

Missed FGs: K.Fairbairn (58SH). **Attendance:** 70,747. **Time:** 3:14.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	HOU.
First downs.....	12	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-15	5-17
Total net yards.....	267	374
Net yards rushing.....	85	60
Net yards passing.....	182	314
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	31-20-0	56-30-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	5-25	4-39
Punts-average.....	8-43.1	5-41.4
Punt returns-yards.....	3-19	3-32
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-90	4-93
Penalties-yards.....	12-78	9-83
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	30:49	29:11

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	HOU.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Brown	20	80	11	0	C.Stroud	3	29	14	0
S.Perine	2	6	4	0	J.Noel	1	13	13	0
J.Burrow	1	-1	-1	0	D.Montgomery	6	10	4	0
					W.Marks	8	8	3	0
TOTALS	23	85	11	0	TOTALS	18	60	14	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	HOU.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Burrow	31	20	207	2-0	C.Stroud	55	30	353	0-0
					K.Kroeger	1	0	0	0-0
TOTALS	31	20	207	2-0	TOTALS	56	30	353	0-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	HOU.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Chase	7	75	32t	2	D.Schultz	12	140	35	0
T.Higgins	5	95	23	0	W.Marks	5	27	12	0
C.Brown	3	2	6	0	X.Hutchinson	3	37	18	0
E.All	2	5	5	0	K.Boutte	3	37	21	0
S.Perine	1	16	16	0	F.Moreau	2	34	25	0
A.Iosivas	1	7	7	0	J.Wayne	2	33	18	0
C.Young	1	7	7	0	D.Montgomery	2	14	8	0
					J.Noel	1	31	31	0
TOTALS	20	207	32t	2	TOTALS	30	353	35	0

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Knight 4-8-12, D.Hill 4-6-10, J.Battle 4-4-8, D.Turner 4-1-5, B.Carter 2-3-5, B.Cook 3-1-4, J.Allen 3-0-3, J.Davis 2-1-3, C.Johnson 2-1-3, D.Lawrence 2-1-3, T.Slaton 2-0-2, S.Stewart 2-0-2, B.Mafe 1-1-2, T.Davis 1-0-1, K.Jenkins 1-0-1, M.Murphy 1-0-1, C.Howell 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Johnson 2-24, J.Allen 1-8, S.Stewart 1-7. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** D.Hill 4, D.Turner 2, J.Battle 1, J.Davis 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Houston (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** A.Al-Shaair 6-6-12, W.Anderson 4-4-8, T.Togiai 1-5-6, K.Lassiter 4-1-5, R.Blankenship 3-2-5, J.Pitre 3-1-4, J.Hansen 1-3-4, M.Edwards 0-4-4, L.Hall 2-1-3, S.Rankins 2-1-3, D.Stingley 2-1-3, S.Harsh 1-1-2, D.Hunter 1-0-1, J.Smith 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.Rankins 1-8, D.Hunter 1-6, L.Hall 1-6, W.Anderson 1-5, M.Edwards 0.5-0, S.Harsh 0.5-0. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** W.Anderson 1, D.Hunter 1, D.Stingley 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

THE BENGALS ARE:

REGULAR SEASON

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

1-0 when game is outdoors (no permanent roof/open retractable roof)
1-0 when game is inside (with permanent roof/closed retractable roof)
0-0 on natural grass
2-0 on synthetic surface
0-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
0-0 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
2-0 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
2-0 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
0-0 when passing for 250 or more net yards
1-0 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
2-0 when passing for less than 250 net yards
1-0 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
1-0 with plus turnover differential
1-0 with even turnover differential
0-0 with minus turnover differential
1-0 with fewer penalties than opponent
1-0 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

UNDER ZAC TAYLOR (REGULAR SEASON; 2019-PRESENT)

29-30-0 at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)
25-33-1 on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)
35-27-0 when scoring first
19-36-1 when opponent scores first
10-20-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
23-35-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
32-17-0 when leading after one quarter
11-14-1 when tied after one quarter
11-32-0 when trailing after one quarter
41-17-0 when leading at halftime
5-3-0 when tied at halftime
8-43-1 when trailing at halftime
42-12-1 when leading after three quarters
6-1-0 when tied after three quarters
6-50-0 when trailing after three quarters
48-25-1 when scoring 20 or more points
25-55-1 when opponent scores 20 or more points

49-60-1 when game is outdoors (no permanent roof/open retractable roof)
5-3-0 when game is inside (with permanent roof/closed retractable roof)
15-24-1 on natural grass
39-39-0 on synthetic surface
17-10-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
15-39-1 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
36-53-1 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
39-24-0 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
29-25-1 when passing for 250 or more net yards
24-25-0 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
25-38-0 when passing for less than 250 net yards
30-38-1 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
34-12-1 with plus turnover differential
13-16-0 with even turnover differential
7-35-0 with minus turnover differential
33-34-1 with fewer penalties than opponent
35-40-1 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

80 — Chase Brown, Sept. 20 at Houston
 56 — Chase Brown, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 20 — (two times)

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

20 — Chase Brown, Sept. 20 at Houston
 16 — Chase Brown, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 5 — (two times)

LONGEST RUSHES

13 — Chase Brown, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 12 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 11 — (two times)

RECEPTIONS

7 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 20 at Houston
 5 — (three times)

RECEIVING YARDS

95 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 20 at Houston
 78 — Mike Gesicki, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 75 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 20 at Houston

PASSING YARDS

254 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 207 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 20 at Houston

PASS ATTEMPTS

35 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 31 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 20 at Houston

PASS COMPLETIONS

25 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 20 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 20 at Houston

LONGEST PASSES

32 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 20 at Houston (TD)
 29 — Joe Burrow to Tee Higgins, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 25 — Joe Burrow to Mike Gesicki, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

95 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 20 at Houston (0 rushing, 95 receiving)
 82 — Chase Brown, Sept. 20 at Houston (80 rushing, 2 receiving)
 78 — (two times)

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

40 — Dohnte Meyers, Sept. 20 at Houston
 26 — Tahj Brooks, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 25 — (three times)

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

15 — Dohnte Meyers, Sept. 20 at Houston
 4 — Dohnte Meyers, Sept. 20 at Houston
 0 — Dohnte Meyers, Sept. 20 at Houston

COMBINED TACKLES AND ASSISTS

12 — Demetrius Knight Jr., Sept. 20 at Houston
 10 — Dax Hill, Sept. 20 at Houston
 8 — (two times)

TACKLES

7 — Dax Hill, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 5 — (three times)

GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	ATT-COMP	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 13	TAMPA BAY	351	27-106	245	35-25	1/1	1-9	26	8-14	0-0	31:25
Sept. 20	at Houston	267	23-85	182	31-20	2/0	5-25	12	5-15	0-0	30:49
Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh										
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 11	at Miami										
Oct. 18	— BYE —										
Oct. 25	at Baltimore										
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE										
Nov. 8	vs. Atlanta (Madrid)										
Nov. 15	PITTSBURGH										
Nov. 23	at Washington										
Nov. 29	NEW ORLEANS										
Dec. 6	at Cleveland										
Dec. 13	KANSAS CITY										
Dec. 20	at Carolina										
(TBD)	at Indianapolis										
Dec. 31	BALTIMORE										
(TBD)	CLEVELAND										
TOTALS		618	50-191	427	66-45	3/1	6-34	38	13-29	0-0	31:07

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	ATT-COMP	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 13	TAMPA BAY	282	20-89	193	28-23	0/0	4-23	19	5-10	4-4	28:35
Sept. 20	at Houston	374	18-60	314	56-30	0/0	4-39	22	5-17	1-0	29:11
Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh										
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 11	at Miami										
Oct. 18	— BYE —										
Oct. 25	at Baltimore										
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE										
Nov. 8	vs. Atlanta (Madrid)										
Nov. 15	PITTSBURGH										
Nov. 23	at Washington										
Nov. 29	NEW ORLEANS										
Dec. 6	at Cleveland										
Dec. 13	KANSAS CITY										
Dec. 20	at Carolina										
(TBD)	at Indianapolis										
Dec. 31	BALTIMORE										
(TBD)	CLEVELAND										
TOTALS		656	38-149	507	84-53	0/0	8-62	41	10-27	5-4	28:53

TRANSACTIONS

(TRANSACTIONS FROM 6-10-25 THROUGH 6-9-26 ARE IN BENGALS' 2026 MEDIA GUIDE)

June 9, 2026	— Renegotiated the contract of QB Joe Burrow* ; Signed the following draft pick: DE Cashius Howell (D2).	Aug. 31, 2026	— Acquired OT Myles Hinton on waivers from Philadelphia; Terminated the contract of TE Tanner Hudson ; Signed the following 11 players to the Practice Squad: HB Kentrel Bullock , QB Sean Clifford , DT Howard Cross III , DE Isaiah Foskey , LB Joe Giles-Harris , LB Shaka Heyward , CB Bralyn Lux , HB Kendall Milton , WR Jordan Moore , WR Noah Thomas and S Russ Yeast .
Aug. 8, 2026	— Waived S Isaiah Nwokobia (injury settlement).	Sept. 1, 2026	— Signed the following five players to the Practice Squad: CB Trikweze Bridges , OT Blake Freeland , TE Tanner Hudson , QB Josh Johnson and DE Garmon Randolph .
Aug. 15, 2026	— Signed CB Matthew McDoom (FA); Placed CB Ceyair Wright on the Exempt/Left Squad list.	Sept. 12, 2026	— Elevated LB Joe Giles-Harris and TE Tanner Hudson from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevations).
Aug. 24, 2026	— Terminated the contract of OT Cody Ford .	Sept. 14, 2026	— LB Joe Giles-Harris and TE Tanner Hudson reverted from the active roster to the Practice Squad.
Aug. 30, 2026	— Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Injured list and were designated for return: G Brian Parker II and CB Ja'Sir Taylor ; Terminated the contracts of the following four vested veterans: HB Gary Brightwell , LB Joe Giles-Harris , QB Josh Johnson and S Russ Yeast ; Waived the following 30 players: LB Liam Anderson , S Daijahn Anthony , G Liam Brown , HB Kentrel Bullock , QB Sean Clifford , OT Andrew Coker , DT Howard Cross III , LB Jack Dingle , DE Isaiah Foskey , LB Eric Gentry , TE Cam Grandy , HB Jamal Haynes , LB Shaka Heyward , DT McKinnley Jackson , DT Jordan Jefferson , WR Xavier Johnson , WR Charlie Jones , OT Christian Jones , TE Josh Kattus , CB Jalen Kimber , CB Bralyn Lux , CB Matthew McDoom , HB Kendall Milton , WR Jordan Moore , DE Antwaun Powell-Ryland , WR Kendric Pryor , OT Corey Robinson II , WR Noah Thomas , WR Mitch Tinsley and CB Ceyair Wright (Exempt/Left Squad).	Sept. 19, 2026	— Elevated LB Joe Giles-Harris and QB Josh Johnson from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevations).
		Sept. 21, 2026	— LB Joe Giles-Harris and QB Josh Johnson reverted from the active roster to the Practice Squad.

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

PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

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

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

RF — reserve/future list
PSli — practice squad/injured list
= — standard elevation from practice squad
^ — reserve/injured player designated for return
***** — returned to practice while on a reserve list
+ — designated third quarterback

GAME→	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
NAME↓	G-S	T.B.	@Hou.	@Pitt.	JAX.	@Mia.	@Balt.	TENN.	@Atl.	PITT.	@Wash.	N.O.	@Cle.	K.C.	@Car.	@Ind.	BALT.	CLE.
All, Erick, Jr.	2-0	P	P															
Allen, Jonathan	2-2	DT	DT															
Battle, Jordan	2-2	S	S															
Bayer, Jacob	2-0	P	P															
Bozeman, Swayze	2-0	P	P															
Bridges, Trikweze	0-0	PS	PS															
Brooks, Tahj	2-0	P	P															
Brown, Chase	2-2	HB	HB															
Brown, Orlando, Jr.	2-2	LOT	LOT															
Bullock, Kentrel	0-0	PS	PS															
Burks, Oren	2-0	P	P															
Burrow, Joe	2-2	QB	QB															
Carter, Barrett	2-2	LB	LB															
Chase, Ja'Marr	2-2	WR	WR															
Clifford, Sean	0-0	PS	PS															
Cook, Bryan	2-2	S	S															
Cross, Howard, III	0-0	PS	PS															
Davis, Jalen	2-2	NCB	NCB															
Davis, Tacario	2-0	P	P															
Dugger, Kyle	2-0	P	P															
Endries, Jack	1-0	IL	P															
Fairchild, Dylan	2-2	LG	LG															
Flacco, Joe	1-0	P	DNP															
Foskey, Isaiah	0-0	PS	PS															
Foster, Javon	1-0	DNP	P															
Freeland, Blake	0-0	PS	PS															
Gesicki, Mike	2-0	P	P															
Giles-Harris, Joe	2-0	P=	P=															
Heyward, Shaka	0-0	PS	PS															
Higgins, Tee	2-2	WR	WR															
Hill, B.J.	1-0	P	IL															
Hill, Dax	2-2	CB	CB															
Hinton, Myles	0-0	IL	IL															
Howell, Cashius	2-0	P	P															
Hudson, Tanner	1-0	P=	PS															
Iosivas, Andrei	2-2	WR	WR															
Ivey, DJ	2-0	P	P															
Jenkins, Kris, Jr.	2-0	P	P															
Johnson, Cedric	2-0	P	P															
Johnson, Josh	0-0	PS	IL=															
Jules, PJ	2-0	P	P															
Karras, Ted	2-2	C	C															
Knight, Demetrius, Jr.	2-2	LB	LB															
Lawrence, Dexter, II	2-2	NT	NT															
Lew, Connor	0-0	IL	IL															
Lux, Bralyn	0-0	PS	PS															
Mafe, Boye	2-2	RDE	RDE															
McPherson, Evan	2-0	P	P															
Meyers, Dohnte	2-0	P	P															
Milton, Kendall	0-0	PS	PS															
Mims, Amarius	2-2	ROT	ROT															
Moore, Jordan	0-0	PS	PS															
Murphy, Myles	2-2	LDE	LDE															
Newton, Josh	0-0	IL	IL															
Parker, Brian, II	0-0	RI	RI															
Perine, Samaje	2-0	P	P															
Randolph, Garmon	0-0	PS	PS															
Rehkov, Ryan	2-0	P	P															
Risner, Dalton	2-2	RG	RG															
Rivers, Jalen	2-0	P	P															
Robinson, Landon	0-0	IL	IL															
Sample, Drew	2-2	TE	TE															
Slaton, T.J., Jr.	2-0	P	P															
Stewart, Shemar	1-0	IL	P															
Taylor, Ja'Sir	0-0	RI	RI															
Thomas, Noah	0-0	PS	PS															
Turner, DJ, II	2-2	CB	CB															
Wagner, William	2-0	P	P															
Williams, Ke'Shawn	0-0	IL	IL															
Yeast, Russ	0-0	PS	PS															
Young, Colbie	2-0	P	P															

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 13	TAMPA BAY	Chase	O.Brown	Fairchild	Karras	Risner	Mims	Sample	Iosivas	Higgins	Burrow	C.Brown
Sept. 20	at Houston	Chase	O.Brown	Fairchild	Karras	Risner	Mims	Sample	Iosivas	Higgins	Burrow	C.Brown
Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh											
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE											
Oct. 11	at Miami											
Oct. 18	— BYE —											
Oct. 25	at Baltimore											
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE											
Nov. 8	vs. Atlanta (Madrid)											
Nov. 15	PITTSBURGH											
Nov. 23	at Washington											
Nov. 29	NEW ORLEANS											
Dec. 6	at Cleveland											
Dec. 13	KANSAS CITY											
Dec. 20	at Carolina											
(TBD)	at Indianapolis											
Dec. 31	BALTIMORE											
(TBD)	CLEVELAND											

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	LB	LB	NCB	CB	CB	S	S
Sept. 13	TAMPA BAY	Murphy	Lawrence	Allen	Mafe	Carter	Knight	J.Davis	D.Hill	Turner	Cook	Battle
Sept. 20	at Houston	Murphy	Lawrence	Allen	Mafe	Carter	Knight	J.Davis	D.Hill	Turner	Cook	Battle
Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh											
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE											
Oct. 11	at Miami											
Oct. 18	— BYE —											
Oct. 25	at Baltimore											
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE											
Nov. 8	vs. Atlanta (Madrid)											
Nov. 15	PITTSBURGH											
Nov. 23	at Washington											
Nov. 29	NEW ORLEANS											
Dec. 6	at Cleveland											
Dec. 13	KANSAS CITY											
Dec. 20	at Carolina											
(TBD)	at Indianapolis											
Dec. 31	BALTIMORE											
(TBD)	CLEVELAND											

DEPTH CHART

SEPT. 22, 2026

OFFENSE

WR	1	Ja'Marr Chase	12	Ke'Shawn Williams	
LOT	75	Orlando Brown Jr.	73	Javon Foster	
LG	63	Dylan Fairchild	74	Jalen Rivers	
C	64	Ted Karras	<u>65</u>	<u>Connor Lew</u>	
RG	66	Dalton Risner	69	Jacob Bayer	
ROT	71	Amarius Mims	77	Myles Hinton	
TE	89	Drew Sample	88	Mike Gesicki	83 Erick All Jr. <u>84</u> <u>Jack Endries</u>
WR	80	Andrei Iosivas	81	Dohnte Meyers	
WR	5	Tee Higgins	<u>86</u>	<u>Colbie Young</u>	
QB	9	Joe Burrow	16	Joe Flacco	
HB	30	Chase Brown	34	Samaje Perine	25 Tahj Brooks

DEFENSE

LDE	99	Myles Murphy	94	Shemar Stewart	52 Cedric Johnson
NT	97	Dexter Lawrence II	98	T.J. Slaton Jr.	
DT	93	Jonathan Allen	92	B.J. Hill	90 Kris Jenkins Jr. <u>96</u> <u>Landon Robinson</u>
RDE	53	Boye Mafe	<u>55</u>	<u>Cashius Howell</u>	
LB	49	Barrett Carter	47	Swayze Bozeman	
LB	44	Demetrius Knight Jr.	42	Oren Burks	
NCB	35	Jalen Davis	28	Josh Newton	
CB	23	Dax Hill	<u>20</u>	<u>Tacario Davis</u>	
CB	0	DJ Turner II	38	DJ Ivey	
S	6	Bryan Cook	37	PJ Jules	
S	27	Jordan Battle	29	Kyle Dugger	

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	8	Ryan Rehkow			
K	2	Evan McPherson			
LS	46	William Wagner			
H	8	Ryan Rehkow			
PR	81	Dohnte Meyers	12	Ke'Shawn Williams	
KOR	12	Ke'Shawn Williams	81	Dohnte Meyers	34 Samaje Perine 25 Tahj Brooks

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jacob Bayer (pronounced as "bear")	Andrei Iosivas AHN-dray YO-see-vahsh
Joey Boese (Strength and Conditioning Coach) bo-ZAY	PJ Jules (pronounced as "jewels")
Swayze Bozeman SWAY-zee	Davis Koetter (Assistant Wide Receivers Coach) (pronounced as "cutter")
Trikweze Bridges (Practice Squad) TRY-quez	Connor Lew LOO
Tahj Brooks (pronounced as second syllable of "montage")	Bralyn Lux (Practice Squad) BRAY-linn LUX
Kentrel Bullock (Practice Squad) KENN-trell	Boye Mafe BOY-yay MAH-fay
Tacario Davis tuh-CAR-ee-o	Evan McPherson mick-FEAR-son
Sean Desai (Senior Defensive Assistant Coach) deh-SIGH	Dohnte Meyers DAHN-tay
Kyle Dugger DUG-er (first syllable pronounced as "Doug")	Amarius Mims uh-MARR-ee-us
Jack Endries ENN-drees	Samaje Perine suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine
Joe Flacco FLACK-o	Justin Rascati (Pass Game Coordinator) rah-SCOTT-ee
Javon Foster juh-VONN	Ronnie Regula (Assistant Linebackers Coach) reh-GHOUL-uh
Mike Gesicki geh(hard "g")-SICK-ee	Ryan Rehkow REE-ko
Joe Giles-Harris (Practice Squad) jiles-HAIR-iss	Dalton Risner RISE-ner
Shaka Heyward (Practice Squad) SHAH-kah	Ja'Sir Taylor (Reserve/Injured) JAH-sear
Cashius Howell CASH-us	Ke'Shawn Williams KEY-shawn

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

SEPT. 22, 2026

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
83	All, Erick, Jr.	TE	6-5	255	9-13-00	3	Iowa	Fairfield, Ohio	D4'24
93	Allen, Jonathan	DT	6-3	300	1-16-95	10	Alabama	Ashburn, Va.	FA'26
27	Battle, Jordan	S	6-1	215	12-14-00	4	Alabama	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3'23
69	Bayer, Jacob	C	6-3	310	12-12-02	1	Arkansas State	Grandview, Texas	FA'25
47	Bozeman, Swayze	LB	6-2	225	11-2-98	2	Southern Mississippi	Flora, Miss.	W(NYG)'26
25	Brooks, Tahj	HB	5-9	220	5-13-02	2	Texas Tech	Manor, Texas	D6'25
30	Brown, Chase	HB	5-10	210	3-21-00	4	Illinois	London, Ontario (Canada)	D5'23
75	Brown, Orlando, Jr.	OT	6-8	350	5-2-96	9	Oklahoma	Baltimore, Md.	UFA(K.C.)'23
42	Burks, Oren	LB	6-3	233	3-21-95	9	Vanderbilt	Lorton, Va.	UFA(Phil.)'25
9	Burrow, Joe	QB	6-4	215	12-10-96	7	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
49	Carter, Barrett	LB	6-0	231	10-23-02	2	Clemson	Suwanee, Ga.	D4'25
1	Chase, Ja'Marr	WR	6-0	205	3-1-00	6	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.	D1'21
6	Cook, Bryan	S	6-1	210	9-7-99	5	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	UFA(K.C.)'26
35	Davis, Jalen	CB	5-10	186	2-2-96	6	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
20	Davis, Tacario	CB	6-4	194	8-17-04	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D3'26
29	Dugger, Kyle	S	6-1	216	3-22-96	7	Lenoir-Rhyne	Decatur, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'26
84	Endries, Jack	TE	6-5	245	3-26-04	R	Texas	Danville, Calif.	D7a'26
63	Fairchild, Dylan	G	6-5	318	5-8-03	2	Georgia	Cumming, Ga.	D3'25
16	Flacco, Joe	QB	6-6	245	1-16-85	19	Delaware	Audubon, N.J.	T(Cle.)'25
73	Foster, Javon	OT	6-5	319	3-31-00	2	Missouri	Detroit, Mich.	FA'25
88	Gesicki, Mike	TE	6-6	245	10-3-95	9	Penn State	Stafford, N.J.	UFA(N.E.)'24
5	Higgins, Tee	WR	6-4	220	1-18-99	7	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
92	Hill, B.J.	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	9	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
23	Hill, Dax	CB	6-0	195	9-29-00	5	Michigan	Tulsa, Okla.	D1'22
77	Hinton, Myles	OT	6-6	342	1-9-02	2	Michigan	Norcross, Ga.	W(Phil.)'26
55	Howell, Cashius	DE	6-3	255	4-16-03	R	Texas A&M	Kansas City, Mo.	D2'26
80	Iosivas, Andrei	WR	6-3	210	10-15-99	4	Princeton	Honolulu, Hawaii	D6a'23
38	Ivey, DJ	CB	6-1	192	2-25-00	4	Miami (Fla.)	Florida City, Fla.	D7'23
90	Jenkins, Kris, Jr.	DT	6-3	310	10-10-01	3	Michigan	Olney, Md.	D2'24
52	Johnson, Cedric	DE	6-3	264	9-6-02	3	Mississippi	Mobile, Ala.	D6b'24
37	Jules, P.J.	S	6-0	203	5-14-01	2	Southern Illinois	Orlando, Fla.	CFA'24
64	Karras, Ted	C	6-4	310	3-15-93	11	Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.	UFA(N.E.)'22
44	Knight, Demetrius, Jr.	LB	6-2	240	7-21-00	2	South Carolina	Locust Grove, Ga.	D2'25
97	Lawrence, Dexter, II	DT	6-5	350	11-12-97	8	Clemson	Wake Forest, N.C.	T(NYG)'26
65	Lew, Connor	C	6-4	310	8-30-05	R	Auburn	Kennesaw, Ga.	D4a'26
53	Mafe, Boye	DE	6-4	265	11-30-98	5	Minnesota	Minnetonka, Minn.	UFA(Sea.)'26
2	McPherson, Evan	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	6	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
81	Meyers, Dohnte	WR	5-11	186	7-6-00	1	Delta State	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'26
71	Mims, Amarius	OT	6-8	350	10-14-02	3	Georgia	Cochran, Ga.	D1'24
99	Murphy, Myles	DE	6-5	275	1-3-02	4	Clemson	Marietta, Ga.	D1'23
28	Newton, Josh	CB	5-11	190	9-14-00	3	Texas Christian	Monroe, La.	D5'24
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	10	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	UFA(K.C.)'25
8	Rehkow, Ryan	P	6-4	235	9-11-98	3	Brigham Young	Veradale, Wash.	FA'24
66	Risner, Dalton	G	6-5	312	7-13-95	8	Kansas State	Wiggins, Colo.	FA'25
74	Rivers, Jalen	G	6-6	319	9-12-02	2	Miami (Fla.)	Jacksonville, Fla.	D5'25
96	Robinson, Landon	DT	6-0	295	1-3-03	R	Navy	Fairlawn, Ohio	D7b'26
89	Sample, Drew	TE	6-5	260	4-16-96	8	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
98	Slaton, T.J., Jr.	DT	6-5	340	10-3-97	6	Florida	Plantation, Fla.	UFA(G.B.)'25
94	Stewart, Shemar	DE	6-5	267	11-12-03	2	Texas A&M	Miami, Fla.	D1'25
0	Turner, DJ, II	CB	5-11	185	11-9-00	4	Michigan	Suwanee, Ga.	D2'23
46	Wagner, William	LS	6-2	240	12-20-00	2	Michigan	Alpharetta, Ga.	CFA'25
12	Williams, Ke'Shawn	WR	5-9	189	12-27-01	2	Indiana	Philadelphia, Pa.	W(Pitt.)'25
86	Young, Colbie	WR	6-4	218	7-24-02	R	Georgia	Binghamton, N.Y.	D4b'26

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

24	Bridges, Trikweze (9-1-26)	CB	6-2	200	9-20-00	2	Florida	Lanett, Ala.	FA'26
31	Bullock, Kentrel (8-31-26)	HB	5-10	204	3-31-02	R	South Alabama	Columbia, Miss.	CFA'26
4	Clifford, Sean (8-31-26)	QB	6-2	212	7-14-98	2	Penn State	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA'25
95	Cross, Howard, III (8-31-26)	DT	6-1	285	7-31-01	2	Notre Dame	Paramus, N.J.	CFA'25
51	Foskey, Isaiah (8-31-26)	DE	6-5	280	10-30-00	4	Notre Dame	Concord, Calif.	FA'25
76	Freeland, Blake (9-1-26)	OT	6-8	305	5-3-01	4	Brigham Young	Herriman, Utah	FA'26
43	Giles-Harris, Joe (8-31-26)	LB	6-2	234	4-1-97	3	Duke	Montvale, N.J.	FA'25
50	Heyward, Shaka (8-31-26)	LB	6-3	238	4-19-00	3	Duke	Dacula, Ga.	CFA'23
87	Hudson, Tanner (9-1-26)	TE	6-5	241	11-12-94	7	Southern Arkansas	Camden, Tenn.	FA'22
11	Johnson, Josh (9-1-26)	QB	6-3	219	5-15-86	14	San Diego	Oakland, Calif.	UFA(Wash.)'26
21	Lux, Bralyn (8-31-26)	CB	5-10	180	8-28-00	1	Texas Tech	San Jose, Calif.	CFA'25
36	Milton, Kendall (8-31-26)	HB	6-1	230	2-10-02	1	Georgia	Fresno, Calif.	FA'24
14	Moore, Jordan (8-31-26)	WR	6-0	191	4-18-02	1	Duke	Sykesville, Md.	CFA'25
56	Randolph, Garmon (9-1-26)	DE	6-8	260	10-5-00	1	Baylor	Jefferson, Ga.	FA'26
17	Thomas, Noah (8-31-26)	WR	6-5	203	1-13-04	R	Georgia	Pearland, Texas	CFA'26
22	Yeast, Russ (8-31-26)	S	5-10	195	5-8-99	3	Kansas State	Danville, Ky.	FA'25

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

62	Parker, Brian, II (8-30-26; knee)	G	6-5	310	1-6-04	R	Duke	Cincinnati, Ohio	D6'26
26	Taylor, Ja'Sir (8-30-26; hamstring)	CB	5-11	185	1-8-99	5	Wake Forest	Asbury Park, N.J.	UFA(NYJ)'26

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
0	DJ Turner II.....	CB	5-11	185	11-9-00	4	Michigan	Suwanee, Ga.....	D2'23
1	Ja'Marr Chase.....	WR	6-0	205	3-1-00	6	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.....	D1'21
2	Evan McPherson.....	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	6	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.....	D5'21
5	Tee Higgins.....	WR	6-4	220	1-18-99	7	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.....	D2'20
6	Bryan Cook.....	S	6-1	210	9-7-99	5	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	UFA(K.C.)'26
8	Ryan Rehkow.....	P	6-4	235	9-11-98	3	Brigham Young	Veradale, Wash.....	FA'24
9	Joe Burrow.....	QB	6-4	215	12-10-96	7	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio.....	D1'20
12	Ke'Shawn Williams.....	WR	5-9	189	12-27-01	2	Indiana	Philadelphia, Pa.....	W(Pitt.)'25
16	Joe Flacco.....	QB	6-6	245	1-16-85	19	Delaware	Audubon, N.J.....	T(Cle.)'25
20	Tacario Davis.....	CB	6-4	194	8-17-04	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.....	D3'26
23	Dax Hill.....	CB	6-0	195	9-29-00	5	Michigan	Tulsa, Okla.....	D1'22
25	Tahj Brooks.....	HB	5-9	220	5-13-02	2	Texas Tech	Manor, Texas.....	D6'25
27	Jordan Battle.....	S	6-1	215	12-14-00	4	Alabama	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.....	D3'23
28	Josh Newton.....	CB	5-11	190	9-14-00	3	Texas Christian	Monroe, La.....	D5'24
29	Kyle Dugger.....	S	6-1	216	3-22-96	7	Lenoir-Rhyne	Decatur, Ga.....	UFA(Pitt.)'26
30	Chase Brown.....	HB	5-10	210	3-21-00	4	Illinois	London, Ontario (Canada).....	D5'23
34	Samaje Perine.....	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	10	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas.....	UFA(K.C.)'25
35	Jalen Davis.....	CB	5-10	186	2-2-96	6	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.....	FA'20
37	PJ Jules.....	S	6-0	203	5-14-01	2	Southern Illinois	Orlando, Fla.....	CFA'24
38	DJ Ivey.....	CB	6-1	192	2-25-00	4	Miami (Fla.)	Florida City, Fla.....	D7'23
42	Oren Burks.....	LB	6-3	233	3-21-95	9	Vanderbilt	Lorton, Va.....	UFA(Phil.)'25
44	Demetrius Knight Jr.....	LB	6-2	240	7-21-00	2	South Carolina	Locust Grove, Ga.....	D2'25
46	William Wagner.....	LS	6-2	240	12-20-00	2	Michigan	Alpharetta, Ga.....	CFA'25
47	Swayze Bozeman.....	LB	6-2	225	11-2-98	2	Southern Mississippi	Flora, Miss.....	W(NYG)'26
49	Barrett Carter.....	LB	6-0	231	10-23-02	2	Clemson	Suwanee, Ga.....	D4'25
52	Cedric Johnson.....	DE	6-3	264	9-6-02	3	Mississippi	Mobile, Ala.....	D6b'24
53	Boye Mafe.....	DE	6-4	265	11-30-98	5	Minnesota	Minnetonka, Minn.....	UFA(Sea.)'26
55	Cashius Howell.....	DE	6-3	255	4-16-03	R	Texas A&M	Kansas City, Mo.....	D2'26
63	Dylan Fairchild.....	G	6-5	318	5-8-03	2	Georgia	Cumming, Ga.....	D3'25
64	Ted Karras.....	C	6-4	310	3-15-93	11	Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.....	UFA(N.E.)'22
65	Connor Lew.....	C	6-4	310	8-30-05	R	Auburn	Kennesaw, Ga.....	D4a'26
66	Dalton Risner.....	G	6-5	312	7-13-95	8	Kansas State	Wiggins, Colo.....	FA'25
69	Jacob Bayer.....	C	6-3	310	12-12-02	1	Arkansas State	Grandview, Texas.....	FA'25
71	Amarius Mims.....	OT	6-8	350	10-14-02	3	Georgia	Cochran, Ga.....	D1'24
73	Javon Foster.....	OT	6-5	319	3-31-00	2	Missouri	Detroit, Mich.....	FA'25
74	Jalen Rivers.....	G	6-6	319	9-12-02	2	Miami (Fla.)	Jacksonville, Fla.....	D5'25
75	Orlando Brown Jr.....	OT	6-8	350	5-2-96	9	Oklahoma	Baltimore, Md.....	UFA(K.C.)'23
77	Myles Hinton.....	OT	6-6	342	1-9-02	2	Michigan	Norcross, Ga.....	W(Phil.)'26
80	Andrei Iosivas.....	WR	6-3	210	10-15-99	4	Princeton	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	D6a'23
81	Dohnte Meyers.....	WR	5-11	186	7-6-00	1	Delta State	Atlanta, Ga.....	FA'26
83	Erick All Jr.....	TE	6-5	255	9-13-00	3	Iowa	Fairfield, Ohio.....	D4'24
84	Jack Endries.....	TE	6-5	245	3-26-04	R	Texas	Danville, Calif.....	D7a'26
86	Colbie Young.....	WR	6-4	218	7-24-02	R	Georgia	Binghamton, N.Y.....	D4b'26
88	Mike Gesicki.....	TE	6-6	245	10-3-95	9	Penn State	Stafford, N.J.....	UFA(N.E.)'24
89	Drew Sample.....	TE	6-5	260	4-16-96	8	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.....	D2'19
90	Kris Jenkins Jr.....	DT	6-3	310	10-10-01	3	Michigan	Olney, Md.....	D2'24
92	B.J. Hill.....	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	9	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.....	T(NYG)'21
93	Jonathan Allen.....	DT	6-3	300	1-16-95	10	Alabama	Ashburn, Va.....	FA'26
94	Shemar Stewart.....	DE	6-5	267	11-12-03	2	Texas A&M	Miami, Fla.....	D1'25
96	Landon Robinson.....	DT	6-0	295	1-3-03	R	Navy	Fairlawn, Ohio.....	D7b'26
97	Dexter Lawrence II.....	DT	6-5	350	11-12-97	8	Clemson	Wake Forest, N.C.....	T(NYG)'26
98	T.J. Slaton Jr.....	DT	6-5	340	10-3-97	6	Florida	Plantation, Fla.....	UFA(G.B.)'25
99	Myles Murphy.....	DE	6-5	275	1-3-02	4	Clemson	Marietta, Ga.....	D1'23

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

4	Sean Clifford (8-31-26).....	QB	6-2	212	7-14-98	2	Penn State	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	FA'25
11	Josh Johnson (9-1-26).....	QB	6-3	219	5-15-86	14	San Diego	Oakland, Calif.....	UFA(Wash.)'26
14	Jordan Moore (8-31-26).....	WR	6-0	191	4-18-02	1	Duke	Sykesville, Md.....	CFA'25
17	Noah Thomas (8-31-26).....	WR	6-5	203	1-13-04	R	Georgia	Pearland, Texas.....	CFA'26
21	Bralyn Lux (8-31-26).....	CB	5-10	180	8-28-00	1	Texas Tech	San Jose, Calif.....	CFA'25
22	Russ Yeast (8-31-26).....	S	5-10	195	5-8-99	3	Kansas State	Danville, Ky.....	FA'25
24	Trikweze Bridges (9-1-26).....	CB	6-2	200	9-20-00	2	Florida	Lanett, Ala.....	FA'26
31	Kentrel Bullock (8-31-26).....	HB	5-10	204	3-31-02	R	South Alabama	Columbia, Miss.....	CFA'26
36	Kendall Milton (8-31-26).....	HB	6-1	230	2-10-02	1	Georgia	Fresno, Calif.....	FA'24
43	Joe Giles-Harris (8-31-26).....	LB	6-2	234	4-1-97	3	Duke	Montvale, N.J.....	FA'25
50	Shaka Heyward (8-31-26).....	LB	6-3	238	4-19-00	3	Duke	Dacula, Ga.....	CFA'23
51	Isaiah Foskey (8-31-26).....	DE	6-5	280	10-30-00	4	Notre Dame	Concord, Calif.....	FA'25
56	Garmon Randolph (9-1-26).....	DE	6-8	260	10-5-00	1	Baylor	Jefferson, Ga.....	FA'26
76	Blake Freeland (9-1-26).....	OT	6-8	305	5-3-01	4	Brigham Young	Herriman, Utah.....	FA'26
87	Tanner Hudson (9-1-26).....	TE	6-5	241	11-12-94	7	Southern Arkansas	Camden, Tenn.....	FA'22
95	Howard Cross III (8-31-26).....	DT	6-1	285	7-31-01	2	Notre Dame	Paramus, N.J.....	CFA'25

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

26	Ja'Sir Taylor (8-30-26; hamstring).....	CB	5-11	185	1-8-99	5	Wake Forest	Asbury Park, N.J.....	UFA(NYJ)'26
62	Brian Parker II (8-30-26; knee).....	G	6-5	310	1-6-04	R	Duke	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	D6'26

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STATISTICS

RECORD: 2-0

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
Sept. 13	W	33-27	TAMPA BAY	66,625
Sept. 20	W	20-6	at Houston	70,747
Sept. 27			at Pittsburgh	
Oct. 4			JACKSONVILLE	
Oct. 11			at Miami	
Oct. 18			— BYE —	
Oct. 25			at Baltimore	
Nov. 1			TENNESSEE	
Nov. 8			vs. Atlanta (Madrid)	
Nov. 15			PITTSBURGH	
Nov. 23			at Washington	
Nov. 29			NEW ORLEANS	
Dec. 6			at Cleveland	
Dec. 13			KANSAS CITY	
Dec. 20			at Carolina	
(TBD)			at Indianapolis	
Dec. 31			BALTIMORE	
(TBD)			CLEVELAND	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	38	41
Rushing	13	8
Passing	23	27
Penalty	2	6
3rd Downs (Pct.)	13-29 (44.8)	10-27 (37.0)
4th Downs (Pct.)	0-0 (0.0)	0-4 (0.0)
AVG. POSSESSION PER 60 MINS	31:07	28:53
TOTAL NET YARDS	618	656
Avg. Per Game	309.0	328.0
Total Plays	122	130
Avg. Per Play	5.1	5.0
NET YARDS RUSHING	191	149
Avg. Per Game	95.5	74.5
Attempts	50	38
NET YARDS PASSING	427	507
Avg. Per Game	213.5	253.5
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-34	8-62
Gross Yards	461	569
Att-Completions (Pct.)	66-45 (68.2)	84-53 (63.1)
Had Intercepted	1	0
PUNTS-AVG	9-44.0	5-41.4
Net Punting Avg.	39.0	37.6
PENAL TIES-YARDS	19-125	17-122
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	0-0	5-4
TOUCHDOWNS	5	3
Rushing	1	2
Passing	3	0
Returns	1	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	14	17	13	9	0	53
OPPONENTS	3	10	13	7	0	33

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	XPK	XP2	FG	S	PTS
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	5-5	0	6-6	0	23
Ja'Marr Chase	2	0	2	0	—	0	—	0	12
Chase Brown	1	1	0	0	—	0	—	0	6
Mike Gesicki	1	0	1	0	—	0	—	0	6
Demetrius Knight Jr.	1	0	0	1	—	0	—	0	6
BENGALS	5	1	3	1	5-5	0-0	6-6	0	53
OPPONENTS	3	2	0	1	3-3	0-0	4-5	0	33

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

Sacks-yards: Cedric Johnson 2-24, Jonathan Allen 2-17, Shemar Stewart 1-7, Kris Jenkins Jr. 1-4, Boye Mafe 1-3, Barrett Carter 0.5-3.5, Myles Murphy 0.5-3.5. BENGALS 8-62, OPPONENTS 6-34.

Fumbles-lost: None. BENGALS 0-0, OPPONENTS 5-4.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	66	45	461	68.2	6.98	3	4.5	1	1.5	32t	6-34	96.8
BENGALS	66	45	461	68.2	6.98	3	4.5	1	1.5	32t	6-34	96.8
OPPONENTS	84	53	569	63.1	6.77	0	0.0	0	0.0	35	8-62	82.9

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Chase Brown	36	136	3.8	13	1
Samaje Perine	7	26	3.7	8	0
Joe Burrow	6	19	3.2	12	0
Dohnte Meyers	1	10	10.0	10	0
BENGALS	50	191	3.8	13	1
OPPONENTS	38	149	3.9	14	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Tee Higgins	8	154	19.3	29	0
Ja'Marr Chase	9	87	9.7	32t	2
Mike Gesicki	5	78	15.6	25	1
Samaje Perine	4	46	11.5	16	0
Chase Brown	8	24	3.0	9	0
Andrej Iosivas	3	19	6.3	12	0
Drew Sample	3	19	6.3	11	0
Dohnte Meyers	1	18	18.0	18	0
Colbie Young	1	7	7.0	7	0
Erick All Jr.	2	5	2.5	5	0
Tanner Hudson	1	4	4.0	4	0
BENGALS	45	461	10.2	32t	3
OPPONENTS	53	569	10.7	35	0

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
(None)	0	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	0	0	—	—	0
OPPONENTS	1	38	38.0	38t	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK
Ryan Rehkow	9	396	44.0	39.0	0	4	59	0
BENGALS	9	396	44.0	39.0	0	4	59	0
OPPONENTS	5	207	41.4	37.6	0	2	49	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Dohnte Meyers	3	2	19	6.3	15	0
BENGALS	3	2	19	6.3	15	0
OPPONENTS	4	3	45	11.3	17	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Dohnte Meyers	7	183	26.1	40	0
Tahj Brooks	2	49	24.5	26	0
BENGALS	9	232	25.8	40	0
OPPONENTS	11	299	27.2	47	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOT
Evan McPherson	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	4-4	6-6
BENGALS	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	4-4	6-6
OPPONENTS	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	1-2	4-5

Evan McPherson: (20G, 55G, 58G, 32G), (51G, 57G).

Opponents: (34G, 51G), (37G, 58SH, 45G).

DEFENSE*	TK	AS	CM	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Demetrius Knight Jr.	9	10	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-27
Dax Hill	11	6	17	0-0	0-0	4	0	0-0
Jordan Battle	9	5	14	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Barrett Carter	7	6	13	0.5-3.5	0-0	0	1	0-0
Bryan Cook	7	3	10	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-0
DJ Turner II	7	2	9	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Jalen Davis	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Jonathan Allen	5	1	6	2-17	0-0	0	0	0-0
T.J. Slaton Jr.	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0
Cedric Johnson	2	1	3	2-24	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dexter Lawrence II	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Boye Mafe	2	1	3	1-3	0-0	0	1	1-0
Myles Murphy	2	1	3	0.5-3.5	0-0	0	1	0-0
Kris Jenkins Jr.	2	0	2	1-4	0-0	0	0	0-0
Shemar Stewart	2	0	2	1-7	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tacario Davis	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Cashius Howell	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Jordan Battle	1	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Swayze Bozeman	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Oren Burks	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kyle Dugger	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
DJ Ivey	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cedric Johnson	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Samaje Perine	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tacario Davis	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Joe Giles-Harris	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
PJ Jules	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Evan McPherson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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