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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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MINNESOTA VIKINGS (0-0) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (0-0)

REGULAR-SEASON OPENER
SUNDAY, SEPT. 12
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

UP NEXT: WEEK 2, GAME 2
SEPT. 19 AT CHICAGO

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

Television: The game will air on FOX-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WXIX-TV (Ch. 19) in Cincinnati, WGRT-TV (Ch. 45) in Dayton, WDKY-TV (Ch. 56) in Lexington, and WTTE-TV (Ch. 28) in Columbus. Broadcasters are Chris Myers (play-by-play), Daryl Johnston (analyst) and Jennifer Hale (reporter).

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

Setting the scene: The Bengals open their 2021 regular season this Sunday against the Minnesota Vikings at Paul Brown Stadium.

"It's an exciting time right now," said Bengals head coach Zac Taylor. "We feel good about the guys we have on this team and where we are as we head into the regular season. The Vikings provide a significant challenge for us right off the bat, but it'll be great being back out there and taking that on in front of a packed Paul Brown Stadium."

It's been an eventful offseason for Cincinnati, highlighted by new additions to the roster and the return of numerous healthy starters. When the Bengals take the field on Sunday, only seven of the 22 players who started last season's finale are expected to line up again as starters. Nearly half (22 of 46) of the players who saw action in that finale, including eight starters, are not on Cincinnati's current 53-player roster.

Last year was perhaps most infamous, though, for the number of key Bengals whose seasons ended early due to injury. Of the 15 listed starters on this year's depth chart (see page 17 of this release) who were with Cincinnati last season, six saw their 2020 seasons end early due to injuries — QB Joe Burrow, LOT Jonah Williams, HB Joe Mixon, TE C.J. Uzomah NT D.J. Reader and LB Logan Wilson. Two more — WR Tee Higgins and C Trey Hopkins — left the finale with injuries.

The most anticipated return, though, is that of Burrow, Cincinnati's second-year QB who missed the final six games of his rookie campaign due to a left knee injury. After a lengthy rehab process, Burrow was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28 and has participated fully in every practice since (save for one scheduled rest day). The 24-year old native of Athens, Ohio vowed shortly after the injury that he would start the 2021 opener, and it is expected that he will fulfill that promise when the offense takes the field on Sunday.

"I'm feeling great right now physically," Burrow said after the preseason finale, during which he played three snaps. It was his only game action of the preseason. "We're ready to go. I'm excited about this next week, and I'm excited to get a game plan and get ready."

"I'm happy that preseason is over and we can focus on the first game. We're tired of going against each other -- hitting each other and getting into fights in practice each day. It's going to be nice to get out there and hit someone else when it counts."

One of the other hotly anticipated storylines this Sunday revolves around the return of Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer, who was a popular and successful defensive coordinator for the Bengals from 2008-13. The Bengals boasted top-10 defenses in four of Zimmer's six seasons in Cincinnati ('09 and '11-13), with his defenses helping power the team to the playoffs in each of those years. Sunday will be Zimmer's first regular-season game back in Cincinnati since he

took the Vikings job in 2014.

"Mike Zimmer is one of the best coaches in this league," Taylor told the media this week. "He was a tremendous defensive coordinator for a long time. I remember we always had trouble with the Bengals when I was on the staff in Miami. And then when I was with the Rams, we played in Minnesota in 2017 and they beat us down pretty good."

Taylor, whose background is on offense, will lead Burrow and the Bengals against a formidable Vikings defense on Sunday.

"They're going to be well-coached," Taylor said. "They're probably one of the smartest defenses you'll play against. Their front is where you have to start with them, but then you have the intelligence and the talent at that second level with Eric Kendricks and Anthony Barr, who are as good a linebacker tandem as any over the last decade or two in pro football. And then you have Harrison Smith and Patrick Peterson in the back end — those are two of the smartest DBs you're ever going to face."

The game also features a number of other connections beyond Zimmer. Vikings senior defensive assistant Paul Guenther served as Bengals defensive coordinator from 2014-17, after Zimmer left for Minnesota. Vikings co-defensive coordinator Adam Zimmer (Mike Zimmer's son) was on Cincinnati's staff in 2013. Two Bengals starters — ROT Riley Reiff and CB Trae Wayne — previously played for the Vikings, while Vikings LB Nick Vigil and CB Mackensie Alexander are former Bengals.

Sunday will also mark a reunion of sorts between three high-profile college teammates — Bengals QB Joe Burrow, Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase and Vikings WR Justin Jefferson. Together at Louisiana State in 2019, Burrow, Chase and Jefferson formed one of the top passing attacks in college football history and helped lead LSU to an undefeated season and national championship.

"We made each other a lot of money (laughs)," Burrow said of the reunion. "I think I made a little more though, based on my draft slot (laughs)."

"Justin is a great guy and a great player. He was my go-to guy for my first year at LSU, and then Ja'Marr emerged and I could take my pick. Justin is a lot like Ja'Marr — they both are really smart players, and you don't have to tell him something more than once. People ask me if I was surprised by the year he had last year. No, I wasn't surprised at all. He's a great player that works really hard. I knew exactly what was going to happen."

The series: Minnesota leads by just one game, 7-6, but the series has been dominated by the home team. The Bengals lead 6-1 in Cincinnati, but have not won in six visits to Minnesota. The Vikings won the most recent meeting in Minnesota in 2017, 34-7.

Here are two memorable previous Bengals-Vikings meetings:

- Minnesota's 29-21 home victory in 1989 was the regular-season finale for both teams, a nationally televised Christmas night contest in which the Vikings clinched the NFC Central title at 10-6, while the defending AFC Champion Bengals were eliminated from the playoffs at 8-8. Former University of Cincinnati kicker Rich Karlis booted five field goals for the Vikings.

- Cincinnati's 27-24 home victory on Christmas Eve in 1995 featured a Bengals rally from a 21-point deficit, tying the biggest comeback in franchise history. The Bengals trailed 24-3 at halftime, but finished a 24-0 second-half surge on Doug Pelfrey's 51-yard field goal as time expired.

The last meetings: Summaries of the last two Bengals-Vikings meetings are on page 13 of this news release.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 42, in a 42-14 Bengals win in the last meeting, in 2013 at Paul Brown Stadium. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 29, in a 37-8 victory in 2005 at PBS. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (twice), most recently in a 14-0 win at Cincinnati in 1980.

Vikings — MOST POINTS: 42 (twice), most recently in a 42-7 victory at Cincinnati in 1992. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 35, in the 42-7 win in '92. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 24-3 win at Minnesota in 1998.

Bengals against ex-coaches: This week's game will mark the 30th time the Bengals have faced a team whose head coach is a former Bengals assistant coach or head coach. Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer was Bengals defensive coordinator from 2008-13.

The Bengals own a 16-12-1 record in the 29 previous meetings against their former assistants, including an 8-2-1 in their last 11 meetings. This week's game will be head coach Zac Taylor's first contest against a former Bengals coach.

Though it is not the case this week, there have been 11 instances in which a former Bengals assistant faces Cincinnati as a head coach against the Bengals head coach under whom he served. The Bengals are 7-3-1 in those 11 meetings.

Below is the listing of the 29 previous games:

DATE	OPP.	HEAD COACH	WITH CIN.	RESULT
12-8-74	DET.....	Rick Forzano	1968 (AC)	Lions, 23-19
12-6-81	S.F.....	Bill Walsh	1968-75 (AC)	49ers, 21-3
1-24-82	vs. S.F.*.....	Bill Walsh	1968-75 (AC)	49ers, 26-21
10-26-82	SEA.....	Mike McCormack	1976-79 (AC)	Bengals, 24-10
11-6-83	@Hou.....	Chuck Studley	1969-78 (AC)	Bengals, 55-14
11-20-83	HOU.....	Chuck Studley	1969-78 (AC)	Bengals, 38-10
11-4-84	@S.F.....	Bill Walsh	1968-75 (AC)	49ers, 23-17
11-3-85	@Buff.....	Hank Bullough	1980-83 (AC)	Bengals, 23-17
9-14-86	BUFF.....	Hank Bullough	1980-83 (AC)	Bengals, 36-33 (OT)
10-5-86	@G.B.**.....	Forrest Gregg	1980-83 (HC)	Bengals, 34-28
9-20-87	S.F.....	Bill Walsh	1968-75 (AC)	49ers, 27-26
12-6-87	K.C.....	Frank Gansz	1979-80 (AC)	Bengals, 30-27 (OT)
11-13-88	@K.C.....	Frank Gansz	1979-80 (AC)	Chiefs, 31-28
1-22-89	S.F.***.....	Bill Walsh	1968-75 (AC)	49ers, 20-16
9-9-90	NYJ.....	Bruce Coslet	1981-89 (AC)	Bengals, 25-20
11-15-92	@NYJ.....	Bruce Coslet	1981-89 (AC)	Jets, 17-14
11-21-93	@NYJ.....	Bruce Coslet	1981-89 (AC)	Jets, 17-12
10-8-95	@T.B.....	Sam Wyche	1984-91 (HC)	Bucs, 19-16
12-22-96	IND.....	Lindy Infante	1980-82 (AC)	Bengals, 31-24
11-9-97	@Ind.....	Lindy Infante	1980-82 (AC)	Bengals, 28-13
12-22-13	MINN.....	Leslie Frazier	2003-04 (AC)	Bengals, 42-14
10-23-16	CLE.....	Hue Jackson	'04-06; '12-15 (AC)	Bengals, 31-17
10-30-16	WASH.....	Jay Gruden	2011-13 (AC)	Tie, 27-27 (OT)
12-11-16	@Cle.....	Hue Jackson	04-06; '12-15 (AC)	Bengals, 23-10
10-1-17	CLE.....	Hue Jackson	04-06; '12-15 (AC)	Bengals, 31-7
11-19-17	@Den.....	Vance Joseph	2014-15 (AC)	Bengals, 20-17
11-26-17	CLE.....	Hue Jackson	04-06; '12-15 (AC)	Bengals, 30-16
12-17-17	@Minn.....	Mike Zimmer	'08-13 (AC)	Vikings, 34-7
12-2-18	DEN.....	Vance Joseph	'14-15 (AC)	Broncos, 24-10

AC—Assistant coach. HC—Head coach. *—Super Bowl XVI at Pontiac, Mich. **—At Milwaukee. ***—Super Bowl XXIII at Miami.

More on Bengals vs. ex-Bengals coaches: Here are additional notes related to the previous item "Bengals against ex-coaches":

• Mike McCormack was head coach of the Eagles from 1973-75 and was 1-0 against the Bengals, but he had yet to coach in Cincinnati at that time. He coached for the Bengals from 1976-79.

• Richard Williamson was head coach at Tampa Bay (1990-91), but did not play the Bengals. He later served as an assistant coach in Cincinnati ('92-94).

• Gary Moeller, a Bengals assistant in 1995-96, was head coach at Detroit for eight games in 2000 but did not oppose the Bengals.

• Lindy Infante was head coach at Green Bay from 1989-91 but did not oppose the Bengals, facing them as a head coach only with the Colts in 1996 and '97.

• Chuck Studley, who coached the Houston Oilers against the Bengals after being a Bengals assistant (games in chart in previous item), returned to the Bengals as an assistant from 1989-91.

• Bruce Coslet, who faced the Bengals three times as Jets head coach after his 1981-89 tenure as a Cincinnati assistant, later returned to the Bengals, as an assistant from '94-96 and head coach from '96-2000.

• Coslet and Dick Jauron are the only former Bengals players to later oppose Cincinnati as head coaches. Coslet was a Bengals TE from 1969-76, and as head coach of the Jets from '90-93, he was 2-1 against the Bengals. He made his head coaching debut against the Bengals in 1990, losing 25-20 at Riverfront Stadium. Jauron was a Bengals safety from 1978-81. Jauron was 2-1 against the Bengals as a head coach, winning with Chicago in 2001, losing with Detroit in '05 and winning with Buffalo in '07.

• Hue Jackson became Oakland Raiders head coach in 2011, following his first stint with the Bengals, but his '11 Raiders did not play the Bengals.

Records vs. Vikings: The longest pass completion in Bengals history was a 94-yarder for a TD from Ken Anderson to WR Billy Brooks on Nov. 13, 1977 at Minnesota.

The Bengals record for most penalties incurred in a game is 17, against the Vikings on Sept. 18, 2005 at Paul Brown Stadium.

Also on Sept. 18, 2005, the Bengals snagged five INTs against Vikings QB Daunte Culpepper, one of four times they have set that record against an opposing passer. Bengals CB Deltha O'Neal recorded three of those INTs, which tied a team record for most INTs by a single person in a game.

The Bengals tied the biggest comeback in franchise history on Christmas Eve of 1995, when they rallied from 21 down (24-3) for a 27-24 win over the Vikings at Riverfront Stadium. The first and only other time the Bengals came back from a 21-point deficit was in a 27-21 win vs. Seattle on Sept. 6, 1981.

On Sept. 27, 1992, Vikings CB Todd Scott recorded three INTs, which is tied for the most INTs in a game by an opposing player.

Individually vs. Vikings: Bengals TE C.J. Uzomah is the only current Bengal with career offensive statistics against Minnesota. He caught four passes for 24 yards in the 2017 contest.

BENGALS-VIKINGS 2020 NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	VIKINGS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored.....	29th (19.4)	11th (26.8)
Points allowed.....	22nd (26.5)	29th (29.7)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total.....	29th (319.8)	4th (393.3)
Rushing.....	24th (104.3)	5th (142.7)
Passing.....	27th (215.5)	14th (250.6)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total.....	26th (389.2)	27th (393.3)
Rushing.....	29th (148.0)	27th (134.4)
Passing.....	19th (241.2)	25th (258.5)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential.....	25th (minus-7)	20th (minus-1)

BENGALS 2020 RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 48	Inside-20 possessions: 58
Total scores: 39 (81.3%)	Total scores: 55 (94.8%)
TDs: 24 (50.0%)	TDs: 37 (63.8%)
FGs: 15 (31.3%)	FGs: 18 (31.0%)
TD% rank: T-29th	TD% rank: 24th
No scores: 9 (18.8%)	No scores: 3 (5.2%)

VIKINGS 2020 RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 59	Inside-20 possessions: 58
Total scores: 51 (86.4%)	Total scores: 50 (86.2%)
TDs: 49 (72.1%)	TDs: 34 (58.6%)
FGs: 9 (15.3%)	FGs: 16 (27.6%)
TD% rank: 6th	TD% rank: 11th
No scores: 8 (13.6%)	No scores: 8 (13.8%)

Bengals-Vikings connections: Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer was the Bengals' defensive coordinator from 2008-13 ... Vikings co-defensive coordinator/linebackers coach Adam Zimmer was on the Bengals'

coaching staff in 2013 ... Vikings senior defensive assistant Paul Guenther was on the Bengals' coaching staff from 2005-17, including as defensive coordinator from '14-17 ... Bengals OT Riley Reiff was with Minnesota from 2017-20 ... Bengals CB Trae Waynes originally was a first-round draft pick of Minnesota in 2015, and was with the Vikings through the '19 season ... Vikings LB Nick Vigil originally was a third-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2016, and was with Cincinnati through the '19 season ... Vikings CB Mackensie Alexander was with the Bengals in 2020 ... Vikings WR Justin Jefferson played collegiately at Louisiana State with Bengals QB Joe Burrow, WR Ja'Marr Chase, DT Tyler Shelvin and TE Thaddeus Moss (practice squad) ... Vikings G Wyatt Davis and LB Tuf Borland (practice squad) both played at Ohio State University ... Vikings P Jordan Berry played at Eastern Kentucky University ... Vikings RB A.J. Rose Jr. (practice squad) played at the University of Kentucky ... Bengals defensive line coach Marion Hobby was a third-round draft pick of the Vikings in 1990 ... Bengals wide receivers coach Troy Walters was a fifth-round draft pick of the Vikings in 2000, and was with the team from '00-01 ... Bengals assistant special teams coach Colt Anderson played for the Vikings in 2009 ... Bengals assistant head coach/special teams coordinator Darrin Simmons coached at the University of Minnesota in 1997.

Bengals career records watch: With an eye looking to the Bengals' 2021 campaign, here is a look at potential upcoming movement in the team's career records book (regular-season):

- Bengals P Kevin Huber has played in 190 career Bengals games, two shy of QB Ken Anderson (192) for third place all-time. CB Ken Riley (207) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Bengals LS Clark Harris has played in 184 career Bengals games, one shy of OT Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place all-time.

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

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear white jerseys and white pants (black stripes) this week vs. Minnesota, in what will be the regular-season debut of the team's new uniforms, which were unveiled over the offseason. It was Cincinnati's first significant uniform redesign since 2004.

There are three different color options for the new jerseys — black, white and orange. The pants also feature three different options — black with orange stripes, white with orange stripes, and white with black stripes. The team's iconic striped helmet was unchanged.

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

JERSEY	PANTS/STRIPE	W-L-T	PCT.
Black	Black/Orange.....	0-0-0	—
Black	White/Orange.....	0-0-0	—
Black	White/Black.....	0-0-0	—
White	Black/Orange.....	0-0-0	—
White	White/Orange.....	0-0-0	—
White	White/Black.....	0-0-0	—
Orange	Black/Orange.....	0-0-0	—
Orange	White/Orange.....	0-0-0	—
Orange	White/Black.....	0-0-0	—

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

THE HEAD COACHES

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

In 2019, his first season as head coach, Taylor headed off a wave of early season injuries to lead Cincinnati to second-half turnarounds on both offense and defense. Offensively, the Bengals' per-game rushing average jumped 70.6 yards from the first half of the season (59.5) to the second (130.1), while their per-attempt average jumped 1.26 yards (3.17 to 4.43) and they allowed 10 fewer sacks (29 to 19). The team's top four WRs — Tyler Boyd, Alex Erickson, Auden Tate and John Ross III — all posted career-highs in both receptions and receiving yards. Defensively, Cincinnati notched 11 more sacks in the second half of the season compared to the first, and allowed 84.1 fewer yards per game. The team finished 2-14 that season.

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

Taylor came to Cincinnati after two seasons (2017-18) with the L.A. Rams, where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2017 and quarterbacks coach in '18. In 2018, he helped guide Rams QB Jared Goff to career highs in every major passing category. Goff ranked fourth in the NFL in passing yards and eighth in passer rating. The Rams' QB play was a key component to their offense, which finished the regular season ranked second in the NFL in total net yards (421.1 per game), fifth in net passing yards (281.7), second in scoring (32.9), first in first downs (401) and fifth in third-down percentage (45.0). Los Angeles won the NFC West with a 13-3 regular-season record and advanced to Super Bowl LIII against the New England Patriots.

In 2017, Taylor helped oversee an emerging Rams passing offense that ranked 10th in the NFL in passing yards per game (239.4). Taylor directed a young Rams receiving corps headed by rookie Cooper Kupp, who finished the season with 62 catches, a team-high 869 receiving yards and five TDs.

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

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

spent the final five games of '15 as the Dolphins' interim offensive coordinator and primary play-caller, after the team made coaching staff changes.

During his time in Miami, Taylor was instrumental in the development of QB Ryan Tannehill, the team's first-round draft pick in 2012.

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

As a player, Taylor began his college career at Wake Forest (2002-03), before transferring to Butler County Community College in Kansas ('04) and then playing his final two seasons ('05-06) at the University of Nebraska. Taylor had a decorated career with the Cornhuskers, setting numerous school records and passing for a combined 5850 yards and 45 touchdowns. In his senior season of 2006, Taylor was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year after passing for 3197 total yards and leading the Cornhuskers to a 9-3 record, an appearance in the Big 12 Championship Game and a berth in the Cotton Bowl. He was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

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

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

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

Mike Zimmer is entering his eighth season as Vikings head coach in 2021. Zimmer was hired as the ninth head coach in Vikings history on Jan. 15, 2014. A former defensive coordinator with the Bengals, Zimmer is entering his 28th season on an NFL sideline.

Zimmer has been a part of 14 playoff teams in his NFL tenure and teams that have won eight division titles. Zimmer coached the Cowboys defensive backs when the team won Super Bowl XXX over Pittsburgh after the 1995 season. Zimmer led top-10 defenses for Dallas in both a 4-3 and 3-4 scheme, and in 2003 led the NFL in total defense.

In 2008, upon Zimmer's arrival in Cincinnati, the Bengals notched four top-10 defensive rankings from 2008-13, after cracking the NFL's top 10 only once the previous 18 seasons.

Under Zimmer's direction, 13 defensive players have been selected to the Pro Bowl a total of 31 times, and six different players have posted 10-plus sacks.

In 2017 under Zimmer, the Vikings ranked second in franchise history in victories (13), trailing only the 15-1 1988 club.

Zimmer played QB and later LB at Illinois State (1974-77). He coached collegiately at Missouri (1979-80), Weber State ('81-88) and Washington State ('89-93).

Zimmer was born on June 5, 1956, in Peoria, Ill.. He has three children, son Adam and daughters Corri and Marki. Vikki Zimmer, Mike's wife of 27 years, passed away in Cincinnati in 2009. The family started the Mike Zimmer Foundation in 2016 to honor Vikki. Zimmer earned a degree in physical education from Illinois State.

Taylor vs. Minnesota: No previous meetings.

Taylor vs. Zimmer: No previous meetings.

Zimmer vs. Bengals: Zimmer leads 1-0 (the Vikings won a 2017 contest at Minnesota, 34-7).

BENGALS NOTES

At the top of the list: Here's a look at where the Bengals ranked — both individually and in team categories — among the top 10 in the NFL in 2020.

BENGALS OFFENSE

- Fourth in fourth-down percentage (70.4; 19 of 27).

BENGALS DEFENSE

- Sixth in lowest opponent completion percentage (62.8).

JESSIE BATES III

- Tied for sixth in passes defended (15).

VONN BELL

- Tied for third in defensive fumble recoveries (two).

BENGALS SPECIAL TEAMS

- Sixth in average drive start on offense (26.4-yard line).
- Sixth in average yards allowed per punt return (5.9).

KEVIN HUBER

- Tied for longest punt (72).
- Seventh in net punting average (42.8).
- Seventh in gross punting average (47.2).

BRANDON WILSON

- Tied for second in kickoff returns of at least 40 yards (five).
- Sixth in average yards per kickoff return (26.2).

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

Burrow ended his rookie campaign with 404 pass attempts, 264 completions, a 65.3 completion percentage, 13 TDs, five INTs and a passer rating of 89.8. He had five 300-yard passing games, and at the time of his injury — early in the third quarter of Game 10 — he needed just 97 more yards to make that total six, which would have tied former Colts QB Andrew Luck for the most ever by an NFL rookie (Chargers QB Justin Herbert surpassed Luck's mark later in 2020). Burrow had been on pace to shatter several other NFL rookie passing records, including the marks for attempts, completions and passing yards, as well as multiple Bengals single-season passing records.

Upon his return this season, the Athens, Ohio native looks to continue what has been one of the most productive starts to a career by a QB in league history. Despite missing nearly half of his 10th game, Burrow's 264 completions still count as the most ever by an NFL QB through their first 10 career games. His 404 pass attempts are the second-most ever in that same category, and his 2688 passing yards are fifth.

In Game 7 vs. Cleveland, Burrow posted one of the top single-game statistical performances by a rookie in NFL history, when he passed for 406 yards. It was just the sixth-ever 400-yard passing game by an NFL rookie, and 11th such game in Bengals history. Burrow's performance vs. Cleveland made him the first QB — of any experience — in league history to record 400 passing yards, three passing TDs and one rushing TD in a game. He also spread the ball around effectively, as the game was the first in team history in which six different players had at least 50 receiving yards.

Burrow's 300-yard games make history: Despite playing only 10 games as a rookie in 2020, Bengals QB Joe Burrow passed for 300 yards five times. That total at the time was tied for second-most ever among NFL rookies, and just one shy of the then-rookie record of six, set by Colts QB

Andrew Luck in 2012. Then, of course, came Burrow's season-ending left knee injury on Nov. 22 at Washington.

At the time of his injury — early in the third quarter — Burrow was just 97 yards shy of the 300-yard mark, which would have given him his sixth such performance and put him into a tie with Luck with six games remaining in the season. That never happened, of course, and later in the season Chargers QB Justin Herbert surpassed Luck and established his own rookie record of eight 300-yard games.

Earlier in season, Burrow became the first rookie QB in NFL history to ever throw for 300 yards in three consecutive games — Game 2 at Cleveland (316), Game 3 at Philadelphia (312) and Game 4 vs. Jacksonville (300).

Additionally, Burrow joined Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes as the only players in NFL history to top 300 passing yards in at least five of their first seven career games. Mahomes, though, did it over his first and second seasons, meaning Burrow is the only rookie in league history to accomplish the feat.

Burrow's five 300-yard passing games also put him into a tie for the single-season team record, alongside Boomer Esiason (strike-shortened 1987 season), Carson Palmer (2007) and Andy Dalton (2013). Burrow's three consecutive 300-yard games are tied for the second-most in Bengals history, and were just one shy of Dalton's team record of four, set in 2015.

Burrow's 400-yard day: On Oct. 25 vs. Cleveland last season, Bengals QB Joe Burrow completed 35 of 47 passes (74.5 percent), for 406 yards, three TDs and one INT (112.5 rating). He also added a rushing TD. With that performance, he became the first QB in NFL history to record 400 passing yards, three passing TDs and one rushing TD in a game. Burrow was also effective at spreading the ball around, as the game was the first in team history in which six different players recorded at least 50 receiving yards. Additionally, Burrow led seven drives into the red zone, the most by the Bengals since Sept. 30, 2012 at Jacksonville (seven).

Burrow's performance marked just the 11th 400-yard passing game in Bengals history, and the sixth such game ever by an NFL rookie. And it should be noted that Bengals head coach Zac Taylor had a hand in one of the previous five instances. Taylor was assistant QBs coach for the Miami Dolphins in 2012, when Ryan Tannehill threw for 431 yards in an overtime loss at Arizona.

Here's a look at the only 400-yard passing games by rookies in NFL history:

ROOKIE QB	DATE/OPPONENT	PASSING YARDS
Andrew Luck	11-4-12 vs. Miami	433
Cam Newton	9-18-11 vs. Green Bay	432
Ryan Tannehill	9-30-12 at Arizona	431 (OT)
Matthew Stafford	11-22-09 vs. Cleveland	422
Cam Newton	9-11-11 at Arizona	422
Joe Burrow	10-25-20 vs. Cleveland	406

Bengals complete QB trifecta: Three different quarterbacks started and won games for the Bengals in 2020 — Joe Burrow, Brandon Allen and Ryan Finley. It marks just the second season in Bengals history that as many QBs have gotten into the win column, joining the 1984 campaign when Ken Anderson, Boomer Esiason and Turk Schonert all did it.

Cincinnati was one of three teams in 2020 to have won games with at least three different starting quarterbacks, joining Washington and San Francisco.

Burrow and Allen are the only two QBs on Cincinnati's roster in 2021.

Burrow's college connections: Bengals QB Joe Burrow may only be in his second NFL season, but he has plenty familiar faces around him in Cincinnati. There are six current Bengals who played with Burrow in college at either Ohio State or LSU, meaning 11.5 percent of Burrow's 52 Bengals teammates suited up with him for at least one season in college.

Additionally, it should be noted that the Bengals have three practice squad players who played with Burrow in college, along with one assistant coach — assistant WRs coach Brad Kragthorpe — who was on LSU's staff in 2018, Burrow's first season with the Tigers.

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

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

* — Asterisk denotes practice squad player.

Roster flip noticeable in Year 3: Zac Taylor took over as Bengals head coach in 2019, and throughout his now three-year tenure there has been a steady but noticeable churn of the roster. Of the 53 players on the current roster (as of Tuesday, Sept. 7), only 13 suited up as Bengals prior to Taylor's arrival. That means 40 current Bengals — or 75.5 percent of the roster — have joined Cincinnati since 2019.

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

Higgins ties Collinsworth's rookie record: WR Tee Higgins last season finished his rookie campaign with 67 catches, tied with former WR Cris Collinsworth for most receptions ever by a Bengals rookie. Higgins entered Cincinnati's Jan. 3 season finale vs. Baltimore tied with Collinsworth and poised to capture sole possession of the record with just one catch. And he appeared to get it in style in the first quarter, when he hauled in a pass from QB Brandon Allen and darted for a 41-yard gain. But the play was negated by penalty, and at the end of the run Higgins aggravated a prior hamstring injury that caused him to miss the rest of the game.

Higgins, thus, was held without a catch in the finale. Still, his rookie season ended with 67 catches, despite several obstacles along the way. He did not have an offseason program or preseason games due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and a hamstring injury caused him to miss two weeks early in training camp. He was eased into the WR rotation the first two regular-season games, and then his starting QB — fellow rookie Joe Burrow — was lost for the final six games of the season due to injury. Higgins caught passes from three different QBs as a rookie.

Still, Higgins' 67 catches moved him ahead of some impressive names on Cincinnati's rookie receptions list— WR A.J. Green (65), HB Giovani Bernard (56), WR Tyler Boyd (54) and WR Eddie Brown (53).

Tee also chased other rookie records: WR Tee Higgins' impressive first season not only put him into a tie for the Bengals' rookie receptions title (see "Higgins ties Collinsworth's rookie record"), it also landed him among the top rookie seasons in several other categories. It should also be noted that Higgins entered the Jan. 3 season finale poised to challenge or break several Bengals rookie receiving records, but was then held without a catch after leaving the game with a hamstring injury midway through the first quarter.

Higgins finished his season with 908 receiving yards, good for the fourth-most ever by a Cincinnati rookie. WR A.J. Green (1057) holds the team's rookie record, while WRs Cris Collinsworth (1009) and Eddie Brown (942) are second and third. Higgins passed both Darnay Scott (866) and Isaac Curtis (843) in Game 15 at Houston.

Higgins also hauled in six TD catches, tied for fifth-most ever by a Bengals rookie. Isaac Curtis (nine) holds the team's rookie record, which was set in 1973. Collinsworth and Brown (each with eight) are tied for second place, Green (seven) is fourth, and Higgins and WR Chris Henry (six) are fifth.

Higgins had two 100-yard receiving games, and barely missed notching a third in Game 15 at Houston (99 receiving yards). Green (four) holds Cincinnati's rookie record in that category, and Curtis and Brown (three) are second.

Tee third in rookie catches, yards, TDs: Last season, Bengals WR Tee Higgins, the team's second-round pick (33rd overall) and the seventh receiver taken in the 2020 draft, finished his rookie campaign with 67 catches. That total led all AFC rookies, and was third among rookies league wide. Minnesota's Justin Jefferson (88), the 22nd overall pick, and Dallas' CeeDee Lamb (74), the 17th overall pick, were the only rookies ahead of Higgins.

Higgins' 908 receiving yards also led all AFC rookies, and were third league wide behind Jefferson (1267) and Lamb (936). And in the category of receiving TDs by a rookie, Higgins' six scores were third behind Pittsburgh's Chase Claypool (nine) and Jefferson (seven).

Higgins had been in position to move up all three lists going into Cincinnati's season finale, but he was held without a catch after leaving the game midway through the first quarter with a hamstring injury.

Boyd falls short of third thousand: Bengals WR Tyler Boyd ended his 2020 season with 841 receiving yards, just 159 shy of reaching the 1000-yard mark for what would have been the third consecutive season. Boyd had been aiming to become just the fourth Bengal ever to reach 1000 receiving yards in at least three consecutive seasons. He was on pace to do just that before he left Game 14 vs. Pittsburgh in the first quarter with a concussion, and then missed the following week at Houston.

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

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

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

"Ja'Marr is one of the best receivers I've evaluated in the draft," said Bengals head coach Zac Taylor. "You can see the chemistry that he and Joe had together in that 2019 season. He comes in and adds to a great receiver room that we already have, and gives us one more great playmaker. Adding a guy like Ja'Marr when we already have Tyler Boyd and Tee Higgins, you're able to put pressure on the defense."

Mixon fastest Bengal to 3K/1K: Bengals HB Joe Mixon currently stands at 3359 career rushing yards and 1008 receiving yards. It took the 2017 second-round pick just 45 career games to hit 3000 career rushing yards, and then another five to top 1000 career receiving yards. That made him one of just seven Bengals ever to hit both marks, however it took him the fewest number of games (50) to do so.

Corey Dillon, James Brooks, Pete Johnson, Harold Green, Giovani Bernard and Essex Johnson are the only other players to accomplish the 3000/1000 feat as Bengals. And of those players, only Dillon, Brooks and Johnson reached 4000 career rushing yards as Bengals, a figure Mixon stands just 641 yards shy of matching.

Here's a look at the fastest players ever to top 3000 career rushing yards and 1000 career receiving yards in a Bengals uniform. It should be noted that Brooks began his career with the San Diego Chargers (1981-83), however the data counts only rushing/receiving yardage and games played as a Bengal.

NAME	BENGALS GAME TO REACH 3K/1K
Joe Mixon.....	50
James Brooks	61
Corey Dillon	71
Giovani Bernard	75
Pete Johnson	77

Bengals tough when Mixon hits 20 carries: The Bengals hold an 8-6 record when HB Joe Mixon reaches the 20-carry mark. And in those 13 games, Mixon has topped 100 rushing yards nine times. Eight of his last 10 games with 20 carries have resulted in 100-yard rushing performances.

Despite being limited by a foot injury to just six games, Mixon hit the 20-carry mark twice in 2020, and the Bengals were 1-1 in those contests. He had 25 carries (for 151 yards) in a win over Jacksonville in Game 4, and 24 carries (for 59 yards) in a loss at Baltimore in Game 5.

Mixon injured his foot last season in Game 6, Oct. 18 at Indianapolis, and he did not play the rest of the season. The Bengals carried him on the active roster for the next three games in hopes that he could return, before placing him on Reserve/Injured on Nov. 21.

Mixon secures the rock: Not only is Bengals HB Joe Mixon considered one of the top rushers in the NFL, he's also proven effective at protecting the football. Mixon has fumbled just four times (two lost) since entering the league in 2017, a span that covers 941 combined touches on offense (812 rushes, 129 catches). That includes just one fumble (lost) since the start of the 2018 season. He also put together a streak of 541 consecutive rushing attempts without a fumble (ended in Game 1 last season), which was the second-longest by a Bengal since the Elias Sports Bureau began tracking the stat in 1990.

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

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

Mr. Reliable wears No. 30: Jessie Bates earned a starting S spot midway through his first preseason in Cincinnati, and he hasn't looked back since. The 2018 second-round pick has started all 48 possible games since joining the team, good for the seventh-most consecutive starts by a player to begin their career as a Bengal. It also should be noted that Bates stands just four starts shy of LB Takeo Spikes (52) for most consecutive starts by a defender to begin a Bengals career. At his current pace, he would tie Spikes this season in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville, and then pass him in Game 5 vs. Green Bay.

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

PLAYER	CONSECUTIVE STARTS TO BEGIN CAREER
C Bob Johnson	94
QB Andy Dalton	77
TE Dan Ross	65
C Russell Bodine	64
LB Takeo Spikes.....	52
LB Bill Bergey	51
S Jessie Bates.....	48

Bates coming off his best season: Bengals S Jessie Bates was among the top performers — offense or defense — on the team in 2020, drawing praise from many observers as one of the top safeties in the NFL.

Bates, a 2018 second-round pick, started all 16 games and recorded 107 tackles (second on team), including two for losses, along with 15 PDs (tied for sixth in NFL), three INTs and a FF. He also made two tackles on special teams, including one big one — a touchdown-saving stop on a kickoff return on Dec. 13 vs. Dallas, as Cowboys RB Tony Pollard began to break into the clear.

And opposing coaches took notice when watching the film. "I don't know how many interceptions Jessie Bates has, but this is a good player," said Dolphins head coach Brian Flores. "I'll tell you that right now, this is a damn good player."

Added Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin: "I just can't say enough about the play of (the Bengals') safety tandem, specifically Jessie Bates. He's a good player. They are asking him to do more, and he's delivering more."

Said Bates of all the praise: "That only means so much. I play this game to win football games. I'm a leader of this team on the defensive side, and my main goal is to win football games. I look at national media when I need to, but right now I'm just focusing on building the right environment around here."

Bates has started all 48 games of his career, and has topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons.

Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal: DE Sam Hubbard, a third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, ranks third in sacks (16.5) among all players from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

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

Hubbard has been the Bengals' starting RDE since 2019, and signed a contract extension with the Bengals in July that keeps him in Cincinnati through the end of the 2025 season.

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

PLAYER/POSITION	TEAM	PICK (ROUND)	SACKS
Bradley Chubb/DE	Denver	No. 5 (1st)	20.5
Harold Landry/EDGE	Tennessee	No. 41 (2nd)	19.0
Sam Hubbard/DE	Cincinnati	No. 77 (3rd)	16.5
Darius Leonard/OLB	Indianapolis.....	No. 36 (2nd)	15.0
Marcus Davenport/DE	New Orleans	No. 14 (1st)	12.0

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

Here's an overview of Simmons' players' dominance in the records (for more info, see the Bengals' records section on page 168 in the 2020 media guide):

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

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

- Simmons, who punted at the University of Kansas, has had particular success coaching his former position. Current P Kevin Huber holds the top spot in every Bengals career punting category, along with the top five single seasons for gross average, net average and inside-20s. Former P Kyle Larson, who spent his entire Bengals term (2004-08) under Simmons, ranks within the top four in every career punting category, and shares with Huber the record for longest punt in team history (75 yards).

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

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

And although the category is not kept as an official team record, it should be noted that LS Clark Harris has executed 1699 deep snaps without a single unplayable delivery since joining the Bengals in mid-2009.

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

Wilson goes long: On Cincinnati's opening possession of Game 11 vs. the N.Y. Giants, S Brandon Wilson fielded the kickoff in the end zone and darted 103 yards for a TD. It counted officially as the longest play of any kind in Bengals history, topping a 102-yard kickoff return by RB Eric Bieniemy (Oct. 26, 1997 at NYG) and a pair of 102-yard INT returns by CBs Artrell Hawkins (Nov. 3, 2002 at Houston) and Louis Breeden (Nov. 8, 1981 at S.D.). It was also the longest play in the AFC in 2020.

According to the NFL's Next Gen Stats service, which uses GPS to track players' speed, Wilson reached a top speed of 21.05 MPH during the return. It didn't, however, match the 22.03 MPH he recorded on a kickoff return for a TD in 2019, which still stands as fastest by a Bengal since NGS' launch in '16.

Wilson now has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with former S/CB Tremaine Mack for the most in team history.

Bengals' 19 fourth downs second in NFL history: The Bengals' offense in 2020 successfully converted 19 of its 27 fourth-down attempts, good for a 70.4 percentage that ranked fourth in the NFL.

But while their percentage wasn't historically significant, their league-best 19 fourth-down conversions were. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, whose

records on fourth-down conversions go back to 1977, 19 fourth-down conversions is tied for the second-most in a single season in NFL history. That mark also easily outpaces the previous Bengals record of 14, set in 1992 (Bengals records go back to '82).

The Bengals fell just one fourth-down conversion shy of tying the NFL record of 20, set by the 1996 Chicago Bears. But for a moment in time it appeared they had tied the record. In Game 15 at Houston, Cincinnati was driving to break a 24-24 tie when QB Brandon Allen gained the necessary one yard on a fourth-down QB sneak. But Cincinnati was flagged for an illegal formation on the play, which negated the conversion. The Bengals instead settled for a FG and went on to win the game.

Here's a look at the teams with the most successful fourth-down conversions in a single season (since 1977).

SEASON	TEAM	ATTEMPTED	MADE
1996	Chicago Bears	28	20
2020	Cincinnati Bengals	27	19
1996	New England Patriots	34	19
2007	Jacksonville Jaguars	33	19
1994	New England Patriots	35	18
2002	Jacksonville Jaguars	26	18

25 points does the trick: Since 2011, the Bengals own a 51-5-2 record when scoring 25 or more points. That's good for the third-best winning percentage (.897) in the NFL when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals are 5-4 under head coach Zac Taylor (4-3 last season) when reaching the 25-point plateau.

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

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WINNING PCT.
Miami Dolphins	42	4	0	.913
New England Patriots	91	9	0	.910
Cincinnati Bengals	51	5	2	.897
Denver Broncos	56	8	0	.875
Kansas City Chiefs	70	11	0	.864

Huber, Harris chasing down Kenny: One of the most prestigious Bengals records in existence, and one that has stood for 38 years, could be matched by the end of the 2021 season. Longtime CB Ken Riley's Bengals record 207 games played is currently 17 clear of current P Kevin Huber (190), meaning that if Huber plays in every game this season, he would tie The Rattler's historic mark that has stood since his retirement in 1983.

Huber currently stands fourth in career games played as a Bengal, trailing only Riley (207), LB Reggie Williams (206) and QB Ken Anderson (192). Not far behind, though, is current LS Clark Harris, who has snapped to Huber since joining Cincinnati midway through the 2009 season. Harris has played in 184 games as a Bengal, just one shy of Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place.

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

PLAYER	GAMES AS A BENGAL	YEARS
CB Ken Riley	207	1969-83
LB Reggie Williams	206	1976-85
QB Ken Anderson	192	1971-86
P Kevin Huber	190	2009-present
DT Tim Krumrie	188	1983-94
OT Anthony Munoz	185	1980-92
LS Clark Harris	184	2009-present

The Huber roundup: Bengals P Kevin Huber, a 2009 Bengals fifth-round pick who is now in his 13th season in stripes, has long been considered the top punter in team history. He has cemented that legacy in recent seasons by taking over the top spot in the few remaining career punting categories he did not already own.

Huber now stands first in team history in the following categories:

- Punts (914)
- Punting yards (41,362)
- Gross average (45.25)
- Net average (40.22)
- Inside-20 punts (315)

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

- He holds the top five Bengals season averages in both gross and net punting yardage, and in 2020, his 12th NFL season, he re-set his own single-season team records in both categories (47.18 gross, 42.82 net).
- He shares the team record for longest punt (75 yards) with Kyle Larson.
- His 33 inside-20 punts in 2012 is a single-season franchise record.
- His six inside-20 punts on Sept. 14, 2017 vs. Houston are tied with Lee Johnson (Nov. 2, 1997) for the most in a game in Bengals history.

Huber among NFL's best at pinning 'em: As the evidence shows, no Bengals punter has ever been nearly as successful as Kevin Huber at pinning opponents inside the 20-yard line. The 2009 fifth-round draft choice currently has 315 career inside-20 punts, a margin of more than 100 over the next-best in team history (Lee Johnson, 186).

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

Here's a look at the four active NFL punters with the most career inside-20 punts:

PUNTER	2020 TEAM	NFL EXP.	CAREER INSIDE-20s
Andy Lee	Arizona	18	446
Sam Koch	Baltimore	16	427
Brett Kern	Tennessee	14	377
Kevin Huber	Cincinnati	13	315

Bengals leaned on 2020 rookies: Despite the lack of an offseason program to ease the college-to-pro adjustment, the Bengals in 2020 leaned heavily upon their draft class. The seven players drafted by Cincinnati in April combined to play in 96 games, with 33 starts. For perspective, the most combined games played by a Bengals draft class since 1994 (the year the draft went to seven rounds) is 99, achieved by the 11-player draft class of 2017. The most combined starts over the same period is 50, by the nine-player draft class of 1998.

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

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

- WR Ja'Marr Chase, LSU (Round 1, Pick 5): Cincinnati looks to re-create the magic of Louisiana State's 2019 season, when Chase and then-Tigers QB Joe Burrow helped lead their team to a national championship. Chase set SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20) that year, en route to winning the Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver.
- G Jackson Carman, Clemson (Round 2, Pick 46): Carman is a native of nearby Fairfield, Ohio, which is about 35 minutes north of Paul Brown Stadium. At Clemson, he played LOT and protected the blindside of QB Trevor Lawrence, the 2021 No. 1 overall draft pick. The Bengals, though, have moved the 6-5, 322-pound Carman to G, where he helps protect the No. 1 overall pick from a year ago, QB Joe Burrow.
- DE Joseph Ossai, Texas (Round 3, Pick 69): Ossai was set to be the youngest Bengal on the roster at 21 years old, born (4-12-00) just four months prior to the opening of Paul Brown Stadium (8-19-00). He showed great promise early, recording a sack and two additional QB hurries in the preseason opener at Tampa Bay, but a knee injury suffered in that same game landed him on Reserve/Injured at final cuts and ended his rookie season before it started.
- DE Cam Sample, Tulane (Round 4: Pick 111): Sample earned Defensive MVP honors at the 2021 Senior Bowl, and was rated last season by Pro Football Focus as the most valuable defensive lineman in college football. He is known for his relentless effort and outstanding production in college against both the pass and run.
- DT Tyler Shelvin: LSU (Round 4, Pick 122): The heaviest Bengal on the roster at 350 pounds, Shelvin played NT at LSU and was the man in the middle of the Tigers' national championship defense in 2019. He did not play for LSU in 2020, after opting out of the college season due to COVID-19.
- OT D'Ante Smith, East Carolina (Round 4, Pick 139): Bengals coaches initially called Smith a pure OT prospect due to his size (6-5) and length (35-inch arms), but during training camp practices he impressed with his play at G, so that's where he is listed to begin his NFL career. Smith entered last season at East Carolina considered by scouts as a possible riser on draft boards, but he suffered an injury in the Pirates' opener and did not take the field again until the Senior Bowl in January.

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

● C/G Trey Hill, Georgia (Round 6, Pick 190): Hill was the starting C the last two seasons at Georgia, which was widely considered to have one of the top offensive lines in college football. He is considered a stout interior blocker at 6-4, 319 pounds, and the Bengals have worked him at both C and G.

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

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

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

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

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

Four Bengals hail from Queen City: The Bengals have four players — DE Sam Hubbard, P Kevin Huber, G Jackson Carman and P Drue Chrisman (practice squad) — who grew up in Greater Cincinnati.

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

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

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2009. He is the longest-tenured player on the roster and has played in all but two games throughout his career in Cincinnati. He currently stands as the Bengals' career leader in both gross (45.25) and net (40.22) punting average.

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

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

second round of the 2021 draft.

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

Chrisman, also a rookie, is a native of Lawrenceburg, Ind., roughly 35 minutes west of the city on the Ohio/Indiana border. He attended La Salle High School, and then spent five seasons at Ohio State University. The Bengals signed him as a college free agent in May, and he is currently on the team's practice squad.

Ring of Honor launches with four members: The Bengals this offseason announced the formation of a Ring of Honor, which will recognize former players, coaches and individuals who have played a significant role in the franchise's history and tradition. The Ring of Honor will be displayed on the east façade inside Paul Brown Stadium, as well as on the Bengals' digital media channels.

The Ring of Honor this year will induct a four-member inaugural class during a halftime ceremony at the Bengals' Sept. 30 home game vs. Jacksonville (Thursday Night Football). The Bengals announced upon the Ring of Honor's formation that the first two members would be Paul Brown, the organization's founder and first head coach, and OT Anthony Munoz, who is widely considered among the top offensive linemen in NFL history. Both Brown (1967) and Munoz ('98) are members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"The Bengals Ring of Honor is a way to show our appreciation for individuals who have made a significant impact on our franchise," said Bengals President Mike Brown. "We selected Paul Brown and Anthony Munoz. They are in the Hall of Fame in Canton, and it pleases me to put them out front as our initial inductees. We have a lot great players and coaches to honor, and it will be fun to reminisce as we go about this process."

The other two members of the Ring of Honor's inaugural class were decided via vote over the summer by Bengals season ticket holders. They selected QB Ken Anderson and CB Ken Riley, two longtime Bengals who were pillars of Cincinnati's first Super Bowl team in 1981.

"We have a long history of players, many of them great players. Ken Anderson and Ken Riley are at the top of that list of great players," Mike Brown said. "They were the type of players that we like to think our team is all about. I am pleased they are the top picks of the fans."

In addition to the aforementioned halftime ceremony during the Jacksonville game, the Bengals will also celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the 1981 team's Super Bowl appearance during a pregame ceremony. Munoz, Riley and Anderson all played on that Super Bowl team, and Paul Brown was its general manager.

Bengal bites: Rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase, Cincinnati's first-round pick in April's draft, is the first player in Bengals history to wear uniform No. 1 ... According to the NFL's Next Gen Stats service, which tracks players' speed by using GPS, S Brandon Wilson's kickoff return for a TD at Baltimore in 2019 (22.03 MPH) stands as the fastest speed by a Bengal ball-carrier since NGS' launch in '16 ... The longest-tenured player on the roster in 2021 is P Kevin Huber, a 13th-year pro who joined the Bengals as a fifth-round pick in 2009 ... The oldest Bengal on the roster is LS Clark Harris, who is 37 (born July 10, 1984) ... The youngest Bengal is WR Ja'Marr Chase, who is 21 (born March 1, 2000) ... The lightest Bengal on the roster is CB Mike Hilton, who is 184 pounds ... The heaviest Bengal is DT Tyler Shelvin, who is 350 pounds ... The tallest Bengal is OT Isaiah Prince, who is 6-7 ... There is a tie for shortest Bengals between CB Mike Hilton and S Ricardo Allen, who are both 5-9.

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: Second-year pro **Joe Burrow** returns to action this season, after his rookie campaign was limited to just 10 games due to a left knee injury. Burrow was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28, and on Sunday he figures to make good on the vow he made shortly after his injury that he would start the regular-season opener. After winning the Heisman Trophy and leading the LSU Tigers to a national championship in 2019, the Bengals made Burrow, a native of Athens, Ohio, the No. 1 pick in the '20 draft. Despite the absence of an offseason program and preseason his rookie year, Burrow got off to one of the best statistical starts to a career by a QB in NFL history, and at the time of his injury had been on pace to shatter numerous NFL rookie records. Still, his five 300-yard passing games tied the Bengals' single-season record and stand third-most by a rookie in NFL history, while he also became the first rookie in NFL history to pass for 300 yards in three consecutive games (Games 2-4) and the sixth to top 400 yards in a single game (Oct. 25, 2020 at Cleveland). Listed second on the depth chart is

veteran **Brandon Allen**, who filled in as starter in Burrow's absence late last season. Allen started five of Cincinnati's final six games in 2020, and completed 63.4 percent of his passes for 925 yards, five TDs and four INTs (82.0 rating). Allen joined the Bengals in August of 2020, and then began that season on the practice squad as the team's "quarantine QB" that was kept away from the rest of the QBs at practice/meetings in case they could not play due to COVID-19.

Running backs: Leading the Bengals' running back room is fifth-year pro **Joe Mixon**, who returns to action this season after his 2020 campaign was limited to just six games due to a right foot injury. Originally a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2017, Mixon has shouldered a heavy load for Cincinnati, and when healthy is considered one of the NFL's top running backs. Mixon topped 1000 yards rushing in both 2018 and '19, before his foot injury last season prevented him from making it three seasons in a row. Mixon currently has 10 career 100-yard rushing performances, and 17 games with at least 100 yards from scrimmage. Mixon signed a contract extension in 2020 that keeps him in

Cincinnati through the '24 season. Fifth-year pro **Samaje Perine**, who also shared a backfield with Mixon in college at Oklahoma, is in his third Bengals season after beginning his career with Washington. Perine saw increased playing time late last year in Mixon's absence, and he impressed with a 4.8-yard-per-carry rushing average and three TDs on 63 carries. At 5-11, 240 pounds, Perine brings size and a physical rushing style, and he's also used extensively on special teams. Cincinnati spent a sixth-round pick this year on HB **Chris Evans**, who is known for his receiving ability out of the backfield. Bengals coaches say they first took notice of Evans' route-running and hands during receiving drills at 2021 Senior Bowl practices.

Wide receivers: Considered one of the top slot receivers in football, sixth-year pro **Tyler Boyd** leads a young and talented group of Bengals wide receivers. Boyd led the team in catches the last three seasons (2018-20), and stands as one of six Bengals ever to top 1000 receiving yards in consecutive seasons ('18-19). Boyd has nine career 100-yard receiving games, and five games with at least 10 catches. Boyd signed a contract extension in 2019 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '23 season. **Tee Higgins**, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, looks to build on a strong rookie campaign in which he led Cincinnati in receiving yards (908) and tied for the franchise's rookie receptions record (67). Higgins brings considerable size (6-4, 216) to the receiving corps, and coaches have credited him for transforming his body over the offseason to get stronger. Higgins caught six TDs as a rookie last season, after a three-year career at Clemson in which he tied a school record with 27 TDs. The newest and most-anticipated addition to the Bengals' offense this season is first-round draft pick **Ja'Marr Chase**, who brings previous experience with Joe Burrow from their time together in college at LSU. With Burrow as his QB in 2019 at LSU, Chase set single-season SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20), and won the prestigious Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver. Chase has been assigned uniform No. 1, and is the first player in Bengals history to wear that number. Providing valuable depth is **Auden Tate**, a 2018 seventh-round pick who at 6-5, 228 pounds is known as a big-bodied receiver with a knack for making acrobatic catches. Tate battled a shoulder injury last season and was limited to just nine games, but when healthy the Bengals have utilized his wide catch radius and ability to come down with contested catches. Sixth-year pro **Mike Thomas** is expected to add value as a speedy rotational receiver, as well as on special teams. Thomas joined the Bengals in 2020 but spent his first four NFL seasons with the L.A. Rams, where in '17 his assistant WRs coach was Zac Taylor. Third-year pro **Stanley Morgan**, a 2019 college free agent signee of the Bengals, also adds depth at receiver, but he has excelled most in the NFL as a gunner on special teams.

Tight ends: **C.J. Uzomah**, a 2015 fifth-round pick of the Bengals, has returned to action this year after suffering a season-ending right Achilles injury in the second game of 2020. Uzomah is known for his veteran leadership off the field, and his combination of blocking and receiving ability on it. Also known as complete tight end, with both receiving and blocking ability, is 2019 second-round pick **Drew Sample**. After Uzomah's injury last season, Sample shouldered a heavier work load that saw him start 13 games, play more than 80 percent of the team's offensive snaps, and catch 40 passes and a TD. **Mitchell Wilcox**, a 2020 college free agent signee of the Bengals, spent nearly all of his rookie season on Cincinnati's practice squad; he was promoted to the active roster for the final game, but was inactive. Wilcox is also considered a complete TE prospect — he left USF in 2019 with every single-season and career receiving record for a TE, and also helped block for three different 1000-yard rushers.

Offensive linemen: Now in his second season as Cincinnati's starting LOT is 2019 first-round pick **Jonah Williams**. After missing his entire rookie season to a shoulder injury, Williams started 10 games in his sophomore campaign in 2020. A right knee injury ended Williams' 2020 season early, but it was not deemed serious and he participated fully in the Bengals' offseason program. At ROT this season is 10th-year pro **Riley Reiff**, who signed with Cincinnati in March after spending his first nine NFL seasons with Detroit and Minnesota. Reiff has played LOT for a majority of his career, with his one season as a full-time ROT coming in 2016 with Detroit. Reiff, though, told the local media after signing with Cincinnati that he welcomes the opportunity to play ROT in Cincinnati, and if needed would even move inside to G for the first time in his pro career. Cincinnati's starting C since 2019 has been **Trey Hopkins**, who originally was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in '14. Hopkins battled injuries and bounced between the practice squad and roster for his first three seasons, before settling into a regular role and gaining starting experience at all three interior OL spots. Hopkins suffered a torn left ACL in last season's finale, but he was medically cleared in time to participate in the first practice of training camp on July 28. Seventh-year pro **Quinton Spain**, a proven starter at G for the Titans

and Bills, joined the Bengals mid-season in 2020 and is listed this year as Cincinnati's starting LG. Spain played in nine games (eight starts) last season for Cincinnati, and made starts at both RG and LG, as well as at ROT when the line was dealing with injuries and COVID-19 issues. Another valuable veteran on the interior of the line is G **Xavier Su'a-Filo**, who is listed as the starting RG. Su'a-Filo, who is known for his athleticism and intelligence, opened 2020 as the Bengals' No. 1 RG but suffered an ankle injury in the opener and then switched to the starting LG spot upon his return late in the year. Adding depth at OT is third-year pro **Fred Johnson**, who stands at an imposing 6-6, 325 pounds. Johnson has starts at both OT and G during his now three-year career in Cincinnati, but he figures to work mostly at OT this season. Johnson has been a reserve at OT to this point in his career, but the Bengals are a combined 4-1 when he fills in as a starter at either OT spot. The Bengals added three offensive linemen in April's draft. The first was second-rounder **Jackson Carman**, a native of Fairfield, Ohio, about 35 minutes north of Paul Brown Stadium. The 6-5, 322-pound Carman played LOT at Clemson, but he is listed at G for the Bengals. In the fourth round, Cincinnati selected **D'Ante Smith** from East Carolina. Bengals coaches called Smith a "pure OT prospect" due to his size (6-5), length (35-inch arms) and agility, but he excelled at G during training camp, so that is where he is currently listed on the depth chart. In the sixth round, Cincinnati selected Georgia's **Trey Hill**, who is touted as a stout interior blocker with good movement skills and a high football IQ. Hill started 26 career games at C at Georgia, considered one of college football's top offensive lines, and is listed by the Bengals at C. Adding depth at OT is the tallest Bengal on the roster, **Isaiah Prince** (6-7), who returns to action in 2021 after opting out of the '20 season due to COVID-19.

Defensive linemen: Cincinnati native and Archbishop Moeller graduate **Sam Hubbard** is in his fourth Bengals season, including his third as a starter, and is considered the leader of the defensive line. A third-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2018, Hubbard's 16.5 career sacks are third-most among players from his draft class (including college free agents), and he's also considered among the best DEs in the NFL against the run. Hubbard signed a contract extension in July that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2025 season. At the LDE is **Trey Hendrickson**, one of Cincinnati's most high-profile additions from free agency in March. Hendrickson spent the last four seasons (2017-20) with New Orleans, and last year his 13.5 sacks tied for the NFC lead and tied for second in the NFL. Last year's high-profile addition in free agency was DT **D.J. Reader**, a 6-3, 347-pound nose tackle who excels against the run. Reader was limited to just five games last season due to a left quad injury, but he has returned healthy and is slotted to anchor the interior of Cincinnati's defensive line. Lining up next to Reader is DT **Larry Ogunjobi**, who signed a one-year deal with Cincinnati in March. Ogunjobi spent his first four NFL seasons with Cleveland, where he played NT, however in Cincinnati he will play three-technique DT, which he has called his "natural position." Also in the rotation at three-technique DT is **B.J. Hill**, who was acquired in an Aug. 30 trade with the N.Y. Giants. Hill stands 6-3, 311 pounds, and has played in every possible game over his now four-year career. In the fourth round of April's draft, the Bengals selected DE **Cam Sample** of Tulane. Sample is known as a productive, versatile and high-energy player, and last season he was rated the most valuable defensive lineman in college football by Pro Football Focus. Bengals coaches say that Sample caught their eye during the 2021 Senior Bowl, where he earned Defensive MVP honors. Later in the fourth round, the Bengals selected 6-2, 350-pound DT **Tyler Shelvin**, a space-eater with a rare blend of strength and athleticism. Shelvin was a key player on LSU's defense during their national championship run in 2019, but he opted out of the '20 college season due to COVID-19. Back in the lineup this season is 6-3, 345-pound DT **Josh Tupou**, who opted out of last season due to COVID-19. Tupou was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in 2017, and has worked his way into the regular defensive rotation as a reliable run-stuffer. Adding depth at DE is second-year pro **Wyatt Ray**, who was acquired on waivers from Tennessee on Sept. 1. Ray originally was a college free agent signee of the Cleveland Browns in 2019, and has also spent time with Houston, Buffalo, the N.Y. Jets and Tennessee. Rounding out the defensive line group is 6-1, 248-pound rookie DE **Darius Hodge**, a college free agent signee out of Marshall. Hodge, who initially was listed at LB, excelled as a pass-rusher during preseason and earned a roster spot out of training camp.

Linebackers: Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is second-year pro **Logan Wilson**, the team's third-round draft pick in 2020. Wilson battled injuries as a rookie in 2020 and was limited to 12 games (two starts), but when healthy he saw his role on defense increase. **Germaine Pratt**, a 2019 third-round pick of the Bengals, has grown into a regular contributor on defense after being considered a raw prospect coming out of the draft, due to switching from S to LB late in his college career. Pratt, who earned a starting LB spot

midway through his rookie season, has drawn praise from coaches this season for his grasp of the defense. At 26 years old, fifth-year pro **Jordan Evans** is Cincinnati's longest-tenured linebacker by two years. Evans originally was a sixth-round pick of the Bengals in 2017, and has developed into a valuable rotational LB and special teams contributor. **Akeem Davis-Gaither**, a fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, will also be in the LB rotation this year. Davis-Gaither is known for his speed and playmaking ability, and played in all 16 games (two starts) as a rookie. Drawing rave reviews this season is second-year LB **Markus Bailey**, a seventh-round pick of the Bengals in 2020. Bailey suffered an ACL tear his final season (2019) at Purdue, which coaches cite for bringing him along slowly as a rookie, but he did begin to see action on defense late last season.

Defensive backs: S **Jessie Bates**, a fourth-year pro and 2018 Bengals second-round pick, is considered one of the core leaders of the team. Bates earned a starting S spot in training camp as a rookie and has started every game since, becoming one of Cincinnati's most productive players. Bates topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons (2018-20), and last year showed off his coverage ability with 15 PDs (sixth in the NFL). Next to Bates at S is sixth-year pro **Vonn Bell**, who joined the Bengals in 2020 after spending his first four seasons with New Orleans. Last year, in his first season with the Bengals, Bell played all 1059 defensive snaps and led the team in both tackles (114) and FFs (three). One of the headliners of the Bengals' 2020 free agency haul was CB **Trae Waynes**, who holds one of the two starting outside CB spots. Last year, Waynes suffered a pectoral injury early in training camp and ended up missing the entire season. Depth at CB was a primary focus for the Bengals in 2020 free agency, as the team added three veteran corners. The first is **Chidobe Awuzie**, a former second-round pick of the Cowboys who spent his first four seasons in Dallas. Awuzie, who is under contract through the 2023 season, mans the other outside CB spot opposite Waynes. The second free agency addition was **Mike Hilton**, who is widely considered among the top slot CBs in the NFL. Hilton, who is under contract through the 2024 season, is among the smallest players on the roster at 5-9, 184 pounds, but he is known as a sure tackler and outstanding blitzler. The third free agent addition over the offseason was **Eli Apple**, a former first-round pick of the Giants. Apple brings familiarity with Bell, whom he played alongside in college at Ohio State, as well as with defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo, who was his position coach with the Giants in 2018. Bringing experience and a veteran presence at CB is **Darius Phillips**, a 2018 sixth-round pick of the Bengals who, when healthy, has proven to be a playmaker in the secondary. Phillips led the team in INTs (four) in 2019 despite playing only 108 snaps on defense, but then he battled injuries throughout '20. At safety, 2017 sixth-round pick **Brandon Wilson** fills a rotational role on defense and primary role on special teams. Wilson is considered one of the top kickoff returners in the

NFL, and has two career KORs for TDs (tied for most in team history). Another veteran safety in a key role is **Ricardo Allen**, who joined the Bengals in March after spending the last six seasons a regular starter and defensive leader for the Atlanta Falcons. Allen played collegiately at Purdue, where his position coach his first two seasons (2010-11) was Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo. CB **Jalen Davis** joined the Bengals in mid-2020 and was immediately thrust into action while the team dealt with a wave of injuries and COVID-19 issues. Davis, who previously spent time with the Dolphins and Cardinals, drew praise from coaches during his six games of action in 2020, and earned a contract extension with the Bengals in March. Rounding out the defensive backfield is CB **Nick McCloud**, who was acquired on waivers from Buffalo on Sept. 1. McCloud, a rookie out of Notre Dame, was a college free agent signee of the Bills in May.

Special teams: Cincinnati native and the longest-tenured player on the roster **Kevin Huber** is handling the Bengals' punting duties for the 13th consecutive season. Huber, a graduate of Archbishop McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, originally was a fifth-round pick of his hometown Bengals in 2009. He is considered the top punter in team history, and stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (914), punting yards (41,362), gross average (45.25), net average (40.22) and inside-20 punts (315). Huber was a Pro Bowl selection in 2014, but he has maintained a high level of play and last season posted career-highs in both gross (47.2) and net (42.8) average. Huber also ranks fourth in team history in games played (190), and is within striking distance this season of leaders Ken Anderson (192), Reggie Williams (206) and Ken Riley (207). The oldest Bengal on the roster is LS **Clark Harris** (37 years old), who joined the Bengals early in 2009 and has snapped to Huber nearly his entire career. Harris has been a paragon of reliability for Cincinnati, and has never had an unplayable snap in 1699 career attempts (911 punts, 786 placekicks) as a Bengal. Harris, a Pro Bowler in 2017, has also been strong in kick coverage throughout his career. Harris has played in 184 career games as a Bengal, one shy of OT Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth-most in team history. Among the youngest players on the roster is 21-year-old rookie K **Evan McPherson**, whom the Bengals selected in the fifth round of April's draft. McPherson is known for his strong leg and accuracy, and left the University of Florida as the SEC's all-time leader in FG percentage (85.0). In the return game, S **Brandon Wilson** is considered among the top kickoff returners in the NFL. Wilson has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with Tremain Mack for most in team history, and his 103-yarder last season against the N.Y. Giants stands as the longest play of any kind in team history. Listed as the No. 1 PR is CB **Darius Phillips**, who prior to 2021 has five career punt returns in the NFL. In college though, Phillips was considered among the top returners in college football history, as he set an FBS career record with 12 career TDs on returns (five KOR, one PR, five INT, one FR). The Bengals also feature a number of experienced players in kick and punt coverage, including Wilson, LB **Jordan Evans**, LB **Akeem Davis-Gaither**, WR **Stanley Morgan** and WR **Mike Thomas**.

IMPORTANT DATES

2021	
Sept. 6-11	— In accordance with the Personnel (Injury) Report Policy, each club is required to file a Practice Report with the NFL Communications department by 4 p.m. Eastern, (or as soon as possible after the completion of practice) every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for a regular season Sunday game; Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for a Thursday game; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for a Monday game; and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for a Saturday game. Each club must also file a weekly regular season Game Status Report with the NFL Communications department by 4 p.m. Eastern (or as soon as possible after the completion of practice) on Wednesday for a Thursday game, Friday for a Sunday game, Saturday for a Monday game, and Thursday for a Saturday game. An update must be reported if there is any change in a player's condition after the initial Game Status Report is filed.
Sept. 8	— At 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for all NFL Player Contracts, Practice Player Contracts, tender offers, and miscellaneous amounts to fit within each Club's 2021 Salary Cap, in anticipation of the midnight expiration of the Top 51 Rule.
Sept. 9	— At 12 a.m. Eastern, the Top 51 Rule expires for all NFL Clubs.
Sept. 9, 12-13	— First Week of Regular Season Games.
Sept. 10, 13-14	— Beginning on these dates, any player with at least four previous pension-credited seasons who is released from his Club's Active List or Inactive List (or from his Club's Reserve/Injured List if placement occurred after the club's first regular season game) is entitled to claim Termination Pay, after the end of the regular season, subject to the terms and conditions of CBA Article 30.
Sept. 28	— Beginning on the Tuesday following the third weekend of regular season games, the claiming priority is based on the inverse order of the standing of clubs in the current season's games.
Oct. 12-13	— Fall League Meeting, TBD
Mid-Oct.	— Beginning on the sixth calendar day prior to a club's seventh regular season game (including any bye week) clubs are permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness (if the player failed his preseason physical due to a non-football injury or illness) for a period not to exceed 21 days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period, provided that no player may be activated to participate in a Week Six game.
Nov. 2	— All trading ends for 2021 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
Nov. 3	— Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons are subject to the waiver system for the remainder of the regular season and postseason.
Nov. 8	— Any increase in a player's 2021 Salary from a renegotiation or extension that is received by the Management Council after 4 p.m. Eastern, on this day, will be treated as Signing

- Nov. 16 — Bonus, and prorated over the entire term of the Player Contract, including 2021.
- Nov. 16 — At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.
- Nov. 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their unsigned Franchise and Transition Players, including Franchise Players who were eligible to receive Offer Sheets until this date. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
- Nov. 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "UFA Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
- Nov. 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the "June 1 Tender" was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
- Nov. 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Drafted Rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
- Nov. 30 — Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of players who received, or filed a grievance for, the Basic or Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2021 season.
- Dec. 1 — Beginning this date through Jan. 31, 2022, NFL clubs are permitted to conduct non-contact tryouts and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2022, or whose 2021 contracts are due to expire on Feb. 8, 2022. Prior to any tryout or negotiation, NFL clubs must first receive written permission from the player's CFL club.
- Dec. 2, 4, 6 — Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the last business day prior to a club's Week 13 game for reinstatement of players in Reserve List categories of Retired, Did Not Report, and Exclusive Rights, and of players who were placed on Reserve/Left Squad in a previous season.
- Dec. 14 — NFLMC Labor Seminar, TBD.
- Dec. 14-15 — Special League Meeting, TBD.

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- Jan. 8 — A claiming period of 24 hours shall be in effect for any waivers requested during the period from the Saturday of the final regular season weekend through the conclusion of the final postseason game, except for waiver requests on Friday and Saturday of each week, which shall expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday. Assignment of player contracts will be deferred until the first business day after the Pro Bowl or the Super Bowl, whichever occurs later. Terminations of player contracts will occur at the expiration of the claiming period. A club that is participating in the playoffs may sign players whose contracts have been terminated to its Active/Inactive List, Practice Squad, or Reserve/Future List. A club whose playing season has concluded may sign such players to its Reserve/Future List only.
- Jan. 10 — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2022 season.
- Jan. 10 — NCAA National Championship Game, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Jan. 10 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2019 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2020. Any permissible renegotiated or extended Player Contract will not be considered a Rookie Contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit Rookie Contracts.
- Jan. 10 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2019 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 10, 2022, but prior to May 3, 2022 (i.e., not later than May 2).

- Jan. 10 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club's owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club's 2021 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2022 Team Salary.
- Jan. 15-16 — Wild Card Playoff Games.
- Jan. 17 — Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2022 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 21.
- Jan. 22 — NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
- Jan. 22-23 — Divisional Playoff Games.
- Jan. 28 — HBCU Combine, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala.
- Jan. 30 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 31 — Deadline for NFL clubs to try out and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2022, or whose 2021 contracts are due to expire at noon Eastern, on Feb. 8, 2022.
- Jan. 31 — Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2022 season to notify his former Club in writing.
- Feb. 1 — Deadline for non-playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 3 — East-West Shrine Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.
- Feb. 5 — Senior Bowl, Hancock Whitney Stadium, Mobile, Ala.
- Feb. 6 — NFL Pro Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.
- Feb. 8 — Beginning at noon Eastern, NFL clubs may begin to sign players whose 2021 CFL contracts have expired. Players under contract to a CFL club for the 2022 season or who have an option for the 2022 season are not eligible to be signed.
- Feb. 13 — Super Bowl LVI, SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif.
- Feb. 14 — Waiver system begins for 2022. A 24-hour claiming period will be in effect through the Friday prior to the last regular season game (waiver requests made on Friday and Saturday of each week will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday.) Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons whom a club desires to terminate are not subject to the waiver system until after the trading deadline.
- Feb. 14 — Beginning the first business day after the Super Bowl through the opening of the first training camp for Rookies in 2022, clubs must report all tryouts and visits to the League office; however, such transactions will not be reported to other clubs.
- Feb. 19 — HBCU Legacy Bowl, Yulman Stadium, New Orleans, La.
- Feb. 21 — Deadline for playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 22 — Beginning this date through 4 p.m. Eastern on March 8 clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- March 1-7 — NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.
- March 8 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- March 10 — Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2022 season.
- March 14-16 — During the period beginning at noon Eastern, on March 14 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with, the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2021 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. During the above two-day negotiating period, a prospective UFA who is not represented by an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor is permitted to communicate directly with a new club's front office officials (excluding the Head Coach and other members of the club's coaching staff) regarding contract negotiations. No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern, on

(Important dates, continued)

March 16	March 16. — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must exercise options for 2022 on all players who have option clauses in their 2021 contracts.	April 20	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.
March 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation.	April 22	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
March 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2021 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.	April 27	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
March 16	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2022 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern.	April 27	— Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.
March 16	— All 2021 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern.	April 28-30	— Annual Player Selection Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev.
March 16	— The 2022 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. The first day of the 2022 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. Clubs will receive a Personnel Notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern, and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16.	May 2	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "UFA Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern, only with his Prior Club.
March 16	— Trading period for 2022 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2021 contracts.	May 2	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2019 Draft.
March 16	— Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2022 and if not renegotiated after Jan. 9, 2022, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).	May 6-9 or May 13-16	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie mini-camp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
March 18	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2022 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.	May 16	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
March 27-30	— Annual League Meeting, The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla.	May 19-22 (Tentative)	— NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their respective clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period.
March 31	— Deadline for clubs to meet 2022 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.	May 23-25	— Spring League Meeting, TBD.
April 4	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2021 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.	June 1	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "June 1 Tender" to its unsigned Restricted Free Agents who received a Qualifying Offer for a Right of First Refusal Only in order for such player to be subject to the CBA's "June 15 Tender" provision.
April 18	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.	June 2	— For any player removed from the Club's roster or whose contract is assigned via waivers or trade on or after June 2, any unamortized Signing Bonus amounts for future years will be included fully in Team Salary at the start of the 2022 League Year.
		June 15	— Deadline for club to withdraw Qualifying Offer to Restricted Free Agents and still retain exclusive negotiating rights by substituting "June 15 Tender" of one-year contract at 110 percent of the player's prior-year Paragraph 5 Salary (with all other terms of his prior-year contract carried forward unchanged).
		Late June	— Rookie Readiness Program to be held at individual clubs.

THE LAST BENGALS-VIKINGS MEETINGS

2013 SEASON

WEEK 16, GAME 15

Cincinnati Bengals 42, Minnesota Vikings 14
Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals rolled over Minnesota, which came in at 4-9-1, and Cincinnati finished the day with the AFC North Division title. Cincinnati clinched at least a playoff spot when Miami lost at Buffalo in a game played at the same time, and when Baltimore lost vs. New England in a late afternoon contest, the Bengals became division champs. Cincinnati posted its largest net yards differential of the season, outgaining the Vikings 429-209, and the Bengals were nine-of-16 on third-down and fourth-down conversions while holding the Vikings to zero-for-11. Cincinnati QB Andy Dalton posted a career-high 136.5 passer rating, including four TD passes and no INTs. The defense set up one TD, when DE Carlos Dunlap logged a 42-yard return of a sack/fumble forced by LB Vincent Rey on Vikings QB Matt Cassel. Later in the second quarter, the defense recorded a TD itself when Rey returned an INT 25 yards for a score. The Bengals improved to 10-5 with the win.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Minnesota.....	7	0	7	0	—	14
Cincinnati.....	14	14	14	0	—	42

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — B.Green-Ellis 4 run (M.Nugent kick).....	1-13:12
Minn. — J.Wright 36 pass from M.Cassel (B.Walsh kick).....	1-10:02
Cin. — A.Green 29 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	1-0:57
Cin. — V.Rey 25 interception return (M.Nugent kick).....	2-10:02
Cin. — J.Gresham 16 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	2-2:22
Cin. — M.Sanu 7 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	3-10:35
Cin. — A.Green 2 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	3-3:19
Minn. — C.Patterson 35 run (B.Walsh kick).....	3:1:34

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 61,555. **Time:** 2:55.

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN.	CIN.
First downs.....	10	24
Third down conversions-attempts.....	0-9	8-14
Total net yards.....	209	426
Net yards rushing.....	115	81
Net yards passing.....	94	345
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	27-13-3	38-27-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-20	2-18
Punts-average.....	5-39.4	4-40.0
Punt returns-yards.....	1-22	2-27
Kickoff returns-yards.....	6-158	1-3
Penalties-yards.....	5-40	6-55
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	1-1
Time of possession.....	20:28	39:32

RUSHING

MINN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Patterson	3	54	35t	1	B.Green-Ellis	12	24	8	1
A.Peterson	11	45	11	0	G.Bernard	13	20	4	0
M.Cassel	3	16	13	0	M.Sanu	3	12	9	0
					A.Dalton	1	10	10	0
					M.Jones	2	6	5	0
					C.Peerman	2	6	4	0
					J.Johnson	4	3	3	0
TOTALS	17	115	35t	1	TOTALS	37	81	10	1

PASSING

MINN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
M.Cassel	27	13	114	1-3	A.Dalton	38	27	363	4-0
TOTALS	27	13	114	1-3	TOTALS	38	27	363	4-0

RECEIVING

MINN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
G.Jennings	4	27	14	0	A.Green	7	97	29t	2
C.Patterson	3	8	11	0	M.Jones	6	85	21	0
R.Ellison	2	22	17	0	M.Sanu	4	35	13	1
J.Wright	1	36	36t	1	J.Gresham	3	46	19	1
J.Banyard	1	11	11	0	A.Hawkins	3	37	34	0
J.Simpson	1	8	8	0	G.Bernard	2	47	41	0
A.Peterson	1	2	2	0	B.Green-Ellis	1	10	10	0
					T.Eifert	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	13	114	36t	1	TOTALS	27	363	41	4

DEFENSE

Minnesota (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** E.Henderson 7-5-12, C.Greenway 4-4-8, M.Sherels 5-2-7, H.Smith 4-2-6, M.Mitchell 2-4-6, C.Cook 4-1-5, E.Griffen 4-1-5, J.Allen 1-3-4, B.Robison 2-1-3, J.Sanford 2-1-3, A.Sendejo 2-1-3, R.Blanton 1-2-3, S.Floyd 1-2-3, S.Prater 1-1-2, L.Guion 0-2-2, K.Williams 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** E.Griffen 1.5-12.5, J.Allen 0.5-5.5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** M.Sherels 2, C.Cook 1, S.Floyd 1. **FF:** E.Henderson 1. **FR-YDS.:** J.Sanford 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** C.Dunlap 5-1-6, V.Burfict 4-2-6, D.Peko 3-3-6, R.Nelson 4-1-5, M.Johnson 2-3-5, A.Jones 3-1-4, R.Maulaluga 2-2-4, C.Crocker 2-1-3, B.Thompson 0-3-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-0-2, G.Iloka 1-1-2, M.Boley 1-0-1, M.Hunt 1-0-1, V.Rey 1-0-1, W.Gilberry 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** V.Burfict 2-10, C.Dunlap 0.5-0.5, D.Peko 0.5-0.5. **INT.-YDS.:** V.Rey 1-25, R.Maulaluga 1-14, G.Iloka 1-(-1). **PD:** C.Dunlap 2, A.Jones 2, W.Gilberry 1, B.Ghee 1, G.Iloka 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, R.Maulaluga 1, R.Nelson 1, V.Rey 1. **FF:** V.Rey 1. **FR-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-42.

2017 SEASON

WEEK 15, GAME 14

Minnesota Vikings 34, Cincinnati Bengals 7
Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017 at U.S. Bank Stadium

The Bengals entered the game without six regular starters, including five on defense, and in the end, the results were similar to those the previous week. Minnesota, poised to clinch a coveted bye on Wild Card weekend and possibly home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs, capitalized on Cincinnati's depleted units and controlled much of the game in front of an energized home crowd. The Vikings jumped out to 24-0 halftime lead, and the deficit continued to grow throughout the game. Cincinnati added a late score with 6:22 left when HB Giovanni Bernard had a two-yard TD run for the game's final points, but it was one of few Bengals highlights. The Vikings topped the Bengals in net yards (346-161), total first downs (18-8), net rushing yards (124-46) and time of possession (35:52-24:08). QB Case Keenum was nearly flawless for Minnesota, completing 20 of 23 passes for 236 yards, two TDs and no INTs. Vikings RB Jerick McKinnon caught seven passes for 114 yards on top of his 27 yards rushing. For the Bengals, QB Andy Dalton recorded a 27.3 passer rating — his lowest of the season — while completing 11 of 22 passes for 113 yards, zero TDs and two INTs (one INT was returned for a TD). The loss secured a second straight losing season for the Bengals and officially eliminated their chances of qualifying for postseason. The Bengals fell to 5-9, while the Vikings improved to 11-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	0	0	7	—	7
Minnesota.....	17	7	3	7	—	34

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Minn. — L.Murray 1 run (K.Forbath kick).....	1-10:31
Minn. — E.Kendricks 31 interception return (K.Forbath kick).....	1-5:54
Minn. — K.Forbath 53 field goal.....	1-1:30
Minn. — S.Diggs 20 pass from C.Keenum (K.Forbath kick).....	2-6:41
Minn. — K.Forbath 35 field goal.....	3-6:34
Minn. — K.Rudolph 1 pass from C.Keenum (K.Forbath kick).....	4-12:53
Cin. — G.Bernard 2 run (R.Bullock kick).....	4-6:22

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 66,833. **Time:** 3:01.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	MINN.
First downs.....	8	18
Third down conversions-attempts.....	1-13	4-12
Total net yards.....	161	346
Net yards rushing.....	46	124
Net yards passing.....	115	222
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	28-14-2	25-20-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-17	2-14
Punts-average.....	8-45.6	5-43.4
Punt returns-yards.....	2-12	5-41
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-44	0-0
Penalties-yards.....	5-44	11-93
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	24:08	35:52

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	MINN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	14	30	4	1	L.Murray	20	76	14	1
B.Hill	5	12	8	0	J.McKinnon	9	24	9	0
J.Malone	1	4	4	0	C.Keenum	1	20	20	0
					S.Diggs	1	7	7	0
					T.Bridgewater	3	-3	-1	0
TOTALS	20	46	8	1	TOTALS	34	124	20	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	MINN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	22	11	113	0-2	C.Keenum	23	20	236	2-0
A.McCarron	6	3	19	0-0	T.Bridgewater	2	0	0	0-1
TOTALS	28	14	132	0-2	TOTALS	25	20	236	2-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	MINN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Uzomah	4	24	9	0	J.McKinnon	7	114	41	0
G.Bernard	3	13	12	0	S.Diggs	5	30	20t	1
B.LaFell	2	53	45	0	A.Thielen	3	30	21	0
A.Green	2	30	16	0	K.Rudolph	2	17	16	1
T.Kroft	2	1	6	0	L.Murray	1	28	28	0
A.Erickson	1	11	11	0	J.Wright	1	11	11	0
					C.Ham	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	14	132	45	0	TOTALS	20	236	41	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Rey 7-4-11, C.Fejedele 4-5-9, J.Evans 3-3-6, W.Jackson 4-1-5, D.Dennard 3-2-5, H.Nickerson 4-0-4, G.Atkins 3-1-4, S.Williams 2-2-4, M.Johnson 1-3-4, C.Dunlap 2-0-2, J.Shaw 1-1-2, C.Smith 1-1-2, T.McRae 1-0-1, P.Sims 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1, R.Glasgow 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 2-14. **INT.-YDS.:** S.Williams 1-7. **PD:** G.Iloka 1, S.Williams 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Minnesota (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** E.Kendricks 3-2-5, E.Lamur 1-4-5, X.Rhodes 3-1-4, L.Joseph 2-2-4, B.Robison 3-0-3, J.Kearse 2-1-3, A.Sendejo 2-1-3, A.Barr 1-2-3, D.Hunter 1-2-3, T.Johnson 0-3-3, K.Brothers 1-1-2, B.Gedeon 1-1-2, E.Griffen 1-1-2, H.Smith 1-1-2, S.Stephen 0-2-2, T.Newman 1-0-1, T.Wayne 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** B.Robison 2-8, D.Hunter 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** E.Kendricks 1-31, T.Newman 1-3. **PD:** T.Newman 2, E.Kendricks 1, E.Lamur 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

IN 2020, THE BENGALS WERE:

REGULAR SEASON

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

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

UNDER ZAC TAYLOR, THE BENGALS ARE:

2019-PRESENT

5-11-0 at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)
1-14-1 on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)
4-11-0 when scoring first
2-14-1 when opponent scores first
0-6-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
1-12-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
5-8-0 when leading after one quarter
0-3-1 when tied after one quarter
1-14-0 when trailing after one quarter
4-8-0 when leading at halftime
1-1-0 when tied at halftime
1-16-1 when trailing at halftime
5-5-1 when leading after three quarters
1-1-0 when tied after three quarters
0-19-0 when trailing after three quarters
6-6-1 when scoring 20 or more points
4-20-1 when opponent scores 20 or more points

6-25-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
0-0-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
0-11-1 on natural grass
6-14-0 on synthetic surface
3-6-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
2-15-1 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
2-19-1 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
4-10-0 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
2-10-1 when passing for 250 or more net yards
2-9-0 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
4-15-0 when passing for less than 250 net yards
4-16-1 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
4-2-1 with plus turnover differential
2-7-0 with even turnover differential
0-16-0 with minus turnover differential
4-15-1 with fewer penalties than opponent
5-15-1 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

TRANSACTIONS

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

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| <p>June 2, 2021 — Signed WR Ja'Marr Chase (D1) and DE Joseph Ossai (D3); Placed LS Dan Godsil on the Reserve/Retired list.</p> <p>July 22, 2021 — Acquired C Lamont Gaillard on waivers from Arizona.</p> <p>July 26, 2021 — Signed DE Sam Hubbard* to a contract extension; Signed WR Reece Horn (FA).</p> <p>July 27, 2021 — Signed OT Gunnar Vogel (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 16, 2021 — Waived WR Reece Horn, WR Riley Lees and TE Pro Wells.</p> <p>Aug. 22, 2021 — Signed DE Noah Spence (FA); Terminated the contract of S Kavon Frazier; Waived DE Freedom Akinmoladun, QB Eric Dungey, C Lamont Gaillard and TE Cheyenne O'Grady.</p> <p>Aug. 23, 2021 — Waived (injured) CB Donnie Lewis Jr..</p> <p>Aug. 24, 2021 — CB Donnie Lewis Jr. cleared waivers and reverted to Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 30, 2021 — Acquired DT B.J. Hill in a trade with the N.Y. Giants for C Billy Price.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2021 — Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list: OT Hakeem Adeniji and DE Wyatt Hubert; Placed DE Joseph Ossai on the Reserve/Injured list; Terminated the contracts of the following four vested veterans: DT Mike Daniels, TE Mason Schreck, DE Noah Spence and WR Trent Taylor; Waived the following 20 players: LB Joe Bachie, DE Amani Bledsoe, CB Tony</p> | <p>Brown, P Drue Chrisman, S Trayvon Henderson, LB Keandre Jones, G Michael Jordan, DT Kahlil McKenzie, TE Thaddeus Moss, HB Jacques Patrick, CB Antonio Phillips, CB Winston Rose, K Austin Seibert, QB Kyle Shurmur, G Keaton Sutherland, OT Gunnar Vogel, WR Scotty Washington, HB Pooka Williams Jr., HB Trayveon Williams and DT Renell Wren.</p> <p>Sept. 1, 2021 — Acquired the following two players on waivers: DE Wyatt Ray (from Tennessee) and CB Nick McCloud (from Buffalo); Terminated the contract of WR Mike Thomas; Waived WR Trenton Irwin; Signed the following 15 players to the practice squad: LB Joe Bachie, P Drue Chrisman, S Trayvon Henderson, LB Keandre Jones, TE Thaddeus Moss, HB Jacques Patrick, CB Tony Brown, CB Winston Rose, TE Mason Schreck, DE Noah Spence, G Keaton Sutherland, WR Trent Taylor, HB Pooka Williams Jr., HB Trayveon Williams and DT Renell Wren.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2021 — Re-signed WR Mike Thomas; Placed DE Khalid Kareem on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2021 — Signed WR Trenton Irwin to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 6, 2021 — Signed DT Mike Daniels to the practice squad; Released CB Winston Rose from the practice squad.</p> |
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* *NOTE: Signed a new contract before pre-existing contract expired.*

2021 PRESEASON PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

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

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

NWT — not with team
REX — roster exemption
— unsigned

NAME	Cin. G-S	1 @T.B.	2 @Wash. MIA	3
Adeniji, Hakeem	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Akinmoladun, Freedom	2-0	P	P	NWT
Allen, Brandon	3-2	QB	QB	P
Allen, Ricardo	1-1	DNP	DNP	S
Apple, Eii	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Awuzie, Chidobe	2-2	CB	CB	DNP
Bachie, Joe	3-0	P	P	P
Bailey, Markus	3-1	P	P	LB
Bates, Jessie, III	2-2	S	S	DNP
Bell, Vonn	2-2	S	S	DNP
Bledsoe, Amani	3-0	P	P	P
Boyd, Tyler	3-3	WR	WR	WR
Brown, Tony	3-1	P	P	CB
Burrow, Joe	1-1	DNP	DNP	QB
Carman, Jackson	3-0	P	P	P
Chase, Ja Marr	3-3	WR	WR	WR
Chrisman, Drue	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Daniels, Mike	2-1	2ndDT	P	DNP
Davis, Jalen	3-1	P	P	NCB
Davis-Gaither, Akeem	3-1	P	P	LB
Dungey, Eric	1-0	DNP	P	NWT
Evans, Chris	3-0	P	P	P
Evans, Jordan	3-0	P	P	P
Frazier, Kavon	2-0	P	P	NWT
Gaillard, Lamont	2-0	P	P	NWT
Harris, Clark	3-0	P	P	P
Henderson, Trayvon	3-0	P	P	P
Hendrickson, Trey	2-2	RDE	RDE	DNP
Higgins, Tee	2-2	WR	WR	DNP
Hill, Trey	3-0	P	P	P
Hilton, Mike	2-1	P	NCB	DNP
Hodge, Darius	3-0	P	P	P
Hopkins, Trey	1-1	DNP	DNP	C
Horn, Reece	1-0	P	NWT	NWT
Hubbard, Sam	2-2	LDE	LDE	DNP
Huber, Kevin	3-0	P	P	P
Hubert, Wyatt	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Irwin, Trenton	3-0	P	P	P
Johnson, Fred	2-0	DNP	P	P
Jones, Keandre	3-0	P	P	P
Jordan, Michael	3-1	RG	P	P
Kareem, Khalid	1-1	DNP	DNP	RDE
Lees, Riley	1-0	P	NWT	NWT
Lewis, Donnie, Jr.	0-0	DNP	DNP	RI
McKenzie, Kahlil	3-0	P	P	P
McPherson, Evan	3-0	P	P	P
Mixon, Joe	3-3	HB	HB	HB
Morgan, Stanley	3-0	P	P	P
Moss, Thaddeus	3-0	P	P	P
O'Grady, Cheyenne	1-0	DNP	P	NWT
Ogunjobi, Larry	1-1	DNP	DT	DNP
Ossai, Joseph	1-0	P	DNP	DNP
Patrick, Jacques	3-0	P	P	P
Perine, Samaje	3-0	P	P	P
Phillips, Antonio	2-0	P	DNP	P
Phillips, Darius	3-1	P	P	CB
Pratt, Germaine	2-2	LB	LB	DNP
Price, Billy	3-2	C	C	P
Prince, Isaiah	3-0	P	P	P
Reader, D.J.	2-2	NT	NT	DNP
Reiff, Riley	3-3	ROT	ROT	ROT
Rose, Winston	3-0	P	P	P
Sample, Cam	3-1	P	P	LDE
Sample, Drew	3-0	P	P	P
Schreck, Mason	3-0	P	P	P
Seibert, Austin	3-0	P	P	P
Shelvin, Tyler	3-0	P	P	P
Shurmur, Kyle	3-0	P	P	P
Smith, D'Ante	2-0	P	DNP	P
Spain, Quinton	3-3	LG	LG	LG
Spence, Noah	1-0	NWT	NWT	P
Su'a-Filo, Xavier	3-2	P	RG	RG
Sutherland, Keaton	3-0	P	P	P
Tate, Auden	3-0	P	P	P
Taylor, Trent	3-0	P	P	P
Thomas, Mike	3-1	P	P	WR
Tupou, Josh	3-2	DT	P	NT
Uzomah, C.J.	3-3	TE	TE	TE
Vogel, Gunnar	3-0	P	P	P
Washington, Scotty	3-0	P	P	P
Waynes, Trae	2-2	CB	CB	DNP
Wells, Pro	0-0	DNP	NWT	NWT
Wilcox, Mitchell	2-0	P	DNP	P
Williams, Jonah	3-3	LOT	LOT	LOT
Williams, Pooka, Jr.	1-0	DNP	P	DNP
Williams, Trayveon	1-0	DNP	DNP	P
Wilson, Brandon	3-1	P	P	S
Wilson, Logan	2-2	LB	LB	DNP
Wren, Renell	3-1	P	P	DT

DEPTH CHART

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OFFENSE

WR	1	<u>Ja'Marr Chase</u>		19	Auden Tate			
LOT	73	Jonah Williams		75	Isaiah Prince			
LG	67	Quinton Spain		<u>70</u>	<u>D'Ante Smith</u>			
C	66	Trey Hopkins		<u>63</u>	<u>Trey Hill</u>			
RG	72	Xavier Su'a-Filo		<u>79</u>	<u>Jackson Carman</u>			
ROT	71	Riley Reiff		74	Fred Johnson			
TE	87	C.J. Uzomah		89	Drew Sample		84	Mitchell Wilcox
WR	83	Tyler Boyd		17	Stanley Morgan			
WR	85	Tee Higgins		80	Mike Thomas			
QB	9	Joe Burrow		8	Brandon Allen			
HB	28	Joe Mixon		34	Samaje Perine		<u>25</u>	<u>Chris Evans</u>

DEFENSE

LDE	94	Sam Hubbard		<u>96</u>	<u>Cam Sample</u>		93	Wyatt Ray
NT	98	D.J. Reader		68	Josh Tupou		<u>99</u>	<u>Tyler Shelvin</u>
DT	65	Larry Ogunjobi		92	B.J. Hill			
RDE	91	Trey Hendrickson		<u>44</u>	<u>Darius Hodge</u>			
LB	55	Logan Wilson		59	Akeem Davis-Gaither		51	Markus Bailey
LB	57	Germaine Pratt		50	Jordan Evans			
NCB	21	Mike Hilton		35	Jalen Davis			
CB	26	Trae Waynes		20	Eli Apple		<u>29</u>	<u>Nick McCloud</u>
CB	22	Chidobe Awuzie		23	Darius Phillips			
S	24	Vonn Bell		37	Ricardo Allen			
S	30	Jessie Bates III		40	Brandon Wilson			

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
8	Allen, Brandon	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	5	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
37	Allen, Ricardo	S	5-9	186	12-18-91	7	Purdue	Daytona Beach, Fla.	FA'21
20	Apple, Eii	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	6	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.	FA'21
22	Awuzie, Chidobe	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	5	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
51	Bailey, Markus	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	2	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
30	Bates, Jessie, III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	4	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
24	Bell, Vonn	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	6	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	6	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
9	Burrow, Joe	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	2	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
79	Carman, Jackson	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	R	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
1	Chase, Ja'Marr	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	R	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.	D1'21
35	Davis, Jalen	CB	5-10	185	2-2-96	2	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
59	Davis-Gaither, Akeem	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
25	Evans, Chris	HB	5-11	211	10-5-97	R	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
50	Evans, Jordan	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	5	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	13	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
91	Hendrickson, Trey	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	5	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
85	Higgins, Tee	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	2	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
92	Hill, B.J.	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	4	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
63	Hill, Trey	C	6-4	319	1-23-00	R	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
21	Hilton, Mike	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	5	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
44	Hodge, Darius	DE	6-1	248	7-3-98	R	Marshall	Wake Forest, N.C.	CFA'21
66	Hopkins, Trey	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	6	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
94	Hubbard, Sam	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	4	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	13	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
74	Johnson, Fred	OT	6-6	325	6-5-97	3	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
29	McCloud, Nick	CB	6-1	190	7-9-98	R	Notre Dame	Rock Hill, S.C.	W(Buff.)'21
2	McPherson, Evan	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	R	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	5	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
17	Morgan, Stanley	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
65	Ogunjobi, Larry	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Cle.)'21
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	5	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
23	Phillips, Darius	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
57	Pratt, Germaine	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	3	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
75	Prince, Isaiah	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
93	Ray, Wyatt	DE	6-3	255	10-24-96	2	Boston College	Boca Raton, Fla.	W(Tenn.)'21
98	Reader, D.J.	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	6	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
71	Reiff, Riley	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.	FA'21
96	Sample, Cam	DE	6-3	267	9-20-99	R	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
89	Sample, Drew	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	3	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
99	Shelvin, Tyler	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	R	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21
70	Smith, D'Ante	G	6-5	305	6-9-98	R	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
67	Spain, Quinton	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.	FA'20
72	Su'a-Filo, Xavier	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	8	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20
19	Tate, Auden	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
80	Thomas, Mike	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	6	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
68	Tupou, Josh	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
87	Uzomah, C.J.	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	7	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
26	Waynes, Trae	CB	6-0	190	7-25-92	7	Michigan State	Kenosha, Wis.	UFA(Minn.)'20
84	Wilcox, Mitchell	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	1	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
73	Williams, Jonah	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	3	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
40	Wilson, Brandon	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
55	Wilson, Logan	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	2	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

49	Bachie, Joe (9-1-21)	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	2	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
27	Brown, Tony (9-1-21)	CB	6-0	198	7-13-95	4	Alabama	Beaumont, Texas	W(G.B.)'20
4	Chrisman, Drue (9-1-21)	P	6-3	209	6-30-97	R	Ohio State	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	CFA'21
7	Daniels, Mike (9-6-21)	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	10	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.	FA'20
41	Henderson, Trayvon (9-1-21)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
16	Irwin, Trenton (9-3-21)	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
47	Jones, Keandre (9-1-21)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	1	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
81	Moss, Thaddeus (9-1-21)	TE	6-3	249	5-14-98	2	Louisiana State	Charlotte, N.C.	W(Wash.)'21
31	Patrick, Jacques (9-1-21)	HB	6-2	231	1-7-97	1	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'20
86	Schreck, Mason (9-1-21)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
52	Spence, Noah (9-1-21)	DE	6-2	251	1-8-94	5	Eastern Kentucky	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'21
64	Sutherland, Keaton (9-1-21)	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	3	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	FA'20
11	Taylor, Trent (9-1-21)	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA'21
12	Williams, Pooka, Jr. (9-1-21)	WR	5-9	175	6-19-99	R	Kansas	New Orleans, La.	CFA'21
32	Williams, Trayveon (9-1-21)	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
95	Wren, Renell (9-1-21)	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	3	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19

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

77	Adeniji, Hakeem (8-31-21; pectoral)	OT	6-4	302	12-8-97	2	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
56	Hubert, Wyatt (8-31-21; pectoral)	DE	6-3	258	6-13-98	R	Kansas State	Topeka, Kan.	D7'21
90	Kareem, Khalid (9-2-21; shoulder)	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	2	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned to RI; injury)

33	Lewis, Donnie, Jr. (8-24-21; hamstring)	CB	6-0	195	7-21-96	1	Tulane	Baton Rouge, La.	FA'20
58	Ossai, Joseph (8-31-21; knee)	DE	6-4	256	4-12-00	R	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21

COACHING STAFF: HEAD COACH: Zac Taylor. ASSISTANT COACHES: Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator), Colt Anderson (assistant special teams), Joey Boese (strength and conditioning), Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator), James Casey (tight ends), Louie Cioffi (defensive quality control), Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant), Al Golden (linebackers), Justin Hill (running backs), Marion Hobby (defensive line), Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning), Steve Jackson (secondary/cornerbacks), Jordan Kovacs (defensive quality control), Brad Krugthorpe (assistant wide receivers), Robert Livingston (secondary/safeties), Ben Martin (assistant offensive line), Dan Pitcher (quarterbacks), Frank Pollack (offensive line/run game coordinator), Darrin Simmons (assistant head coach/special teams coordinator), Garrett Swanson (assistant strength and conditioning), Troy Walters (wide receivers). **STAFF:** Doug Rosfeld (director of coaching operations).

NUMERICAL ROSTER

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
1	Ja'Marr Chase	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	R	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.	D1'21
2	Evan McPherson	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	R	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
8	Brandon Allen	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	5	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
9	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	2	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	13	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
17	Stanley Morgan	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
19	Auden Tate	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
20	Eli Apple	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	6	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.	FA'21
21	Mike Hilton	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	5	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
22	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	5	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
23	Darius Phillips	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	6	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
25	Chris Evans	HB	5-11	211	10-5-97	R	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
26	Trae Waynes	CB	6-0	190	7-25-92	7	Michigan State	Kenosha, Wis.	UFA(Minn.)'20
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	5	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
29	Nick McCloud	CB	6-1	190	7-9-98	R	Notre Dame	Rock Hill, S.C.	W(Buff.)'21
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	4	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
34	Samaje Perine	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	5	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
35	Jalen Davis	CB	5-10	185	2-2-96	2	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
37	Ricardo Allen	S	5-9	186	12-18-91	7	Purdue	Daytona Beach, Fla.	FA'21
40	Brandon Wilson	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
44	Darius Hodge	DE	6-1	248	7-3-98	R	Marshall	Wake Forest, N.C.	CFA'21
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	13	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
50	Jordan Evans	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	5	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
51	Markus Bailey	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	2	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
55	Logan Wilson	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	2	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	3	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
63	Trey Hill	C	6-4	319	1-23-00	R	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
65	Larry Ogunjobi	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Cle.)'21
66	Trey Hopkins	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	6	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
67	Quinton Spain	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.	FA'20
68	Josh Tupou	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
70	D'Ante Smith	G	6-5	305	6-9-98	R	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
71	Riley Reiff	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.	FA'21
72	Xavier Su'a-Filo	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	8	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20
73	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	3	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
74	Fred Johnson	OT	6-6	325	6-5-97	3	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
75	Isaiah Prince	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
79	Jackson Carman	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	R	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
80	Mike Thomas	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	6	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	6	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
84	Mitchell Wilcox	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	1	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
85	Tee Higgins	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	2	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
87	C.J. Uzomah	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	7	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	3	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
91	Trey Hendrickson	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	5	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
92	B.J. Hill	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	4	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
93	Wyatt Ray	DE	6-3	255	10-24-96	2	Boston College	Boca Raton, Fla.	W(Tenn.)'21
94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	4	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
96	Cam Sample	DE	6-3	267	9-20-99	R	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
98	D.J. Reader	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	6	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
99	Tyler Shelvin	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	R	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

4	Drue Chrisman (9-1-21)	P	6-3	209	6-30-97	R	Ohio State	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	CFA'21
11	Trent Taylor (9-1-21)	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA'21
16	Trenton Irwin (9-3-21)	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
27	Tony Brown (9-1-21)	CB	6-0	198	7-13-95	4	Alabama	Beaumont, Texas	W(G.B.)'20
31	Jacques Patrick (9-1-21)	HB	6-2	231	1-7-97	1	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'20
32	Trayveon Williams (9-1-21)	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
12	Pooka Williams Jr. (9-1-21)	WR	5-9	175	6-19-99	R	Kansas	New Orleans, La.	CFA'21
41	Trayvon Henderson (9-1-21)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
47	Keandre Jones (9-1-21)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	1	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
49	Joe Bachie (9-1-21)	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	2	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
52	Noah Spence (9-1-21)	DE	6-2	251	1-8-94	5	Eastern Kentucky	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'21
64	Keaton Sutherland (9-1-21)	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	3	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	FA'20
76	Mike Daniels (9-6-21)	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	10	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.	FA'20
81	Thaddeus Moss (9-1-21)	TE	6-3	249	5-14-98	2	Louisiana State	Charlotte, N.C.	W(Wash.)'21
86	Mason Schreck (9-1-21)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
95	Renell Wren (9-1-21)	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	3	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19

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

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

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned to RI; injury)

33	Donnie Lewis Jr. (8-24-21; hamstring)	CB	6-0	195	7-21-96	1	Tulane	Baton Rouge, La.	FA'20
58	Joseph Ossai (8-31-21; knee)	DE	6-4	256	4-12-00	R	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
90	Khalid Kareem (9-2-21; shoulder)	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	2	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20

COACHING STAFF: HEAD COACH: Zac Taylor. **ASSISTANT COACHES:** Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator), Colt Anderson (assistant special teams), Joey Boese (strength and conditioning), Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator), James Casey (tight ends), Louie Cioffi (defensive quality control), Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant), Al Golden (linebackers), Justin Hill (running backs), Marion Hobby (defensive line), Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning), Steve Jackson (secondary/cornerbacks), Jordan Kovacs (defensive quality control), Brad Krugthorpe (assistant wide receivers), Robert Livingston (secondary/safeties), Ben Martin (assistant offensive line), Dan Pitcher (quarterbacks), Frank Pollack (offensive line/run game coordinator), Darrin Simmons (assistant head coach/special teams coordinator), Garrett Swanson (assistant strength and conditioning), Troy Walters (wide receivers). **STAFF:** Doug Rosfeld (director of coaching operations).

2020 GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 13	L.A. CHARGERS	295	28-122	173	23-36	0/1	3-20	19	6-14	2-1	29:50
Sept. 17	at Cleveland	353	24-68	285	37-61	3/0	3-31	30	8-18	2-1	33:39
Sept. 27	at Philadelphia	304	18-48	256	31-44	2/0	8-56	24	3-13	0-0	32:16
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE	505	34-205	300	25-36	1/1	1-0	28	4-11	0-0	33:11
Oct. 11	at Baltimore	205	28-70	135	19-30	0/1	7-48	12	3-16	3-2	34:39
Oct. 18	at Indianapolis	398	32-98	300	25-39	0/1	2-13	22	8-17	1-0	34:28
Oct. 25	CLEVELAND	468	21-81	387	36-48	3/1	4-35	31	6-9	3-1	32:55
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE	367	32-118	249	26-37	2/0	0-0	27	10-15	1-0	35:57
Nov. 8	— BYE —										
Nov. 15	at Pittsburgh	324	21-139	185	21-40	1/0	4-28	16	0-13	2-2	29:32
Nov. 22	at Washington	272	18-70	202	25-44	1/1	4-31	18	3-13	1-1	29:14
Nov. 29	N.Y. GIANTS	155	15-40	115	17-29	1/1	2-21	11	3-10	2-2	22:34
Dec. 6	at Miami	196	17-40	156	17-27	1/2	6-37	12	3-12	0-0	27:44
Dec. 13	DALLAS	309	30-101	208	28-38	1/0	2-14	18	9-16	3-3	34:41
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH	230	41-152	78	7-13	1/0	2-11	13	4-14	0-0	32:03
Dec. 27	at Houston	540	33-169	371	29-38	2/0	0-0	27	6-13	0-0	36:10
Jan. 3	BALTIMORE	195	19-147	48	6-21	0/2	0-0	10	1-9	0-0	19:29
TOTALS		5116	411-1668	3448	372-581	19/11	48-345	318	77-213	20-13	30:50

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 13	L.A. CHARGERS	362	39-155	207	16-30	0/0	2-1	19	6-16	0-0	30:10
Sept. 17	at Cleveland	434	35-215	219	16-23	2/1	0-0	23	5-8	0-0	26:21
Sept. 27	at Philadelphia	378	36-172	206	29-47	1/2	3-19	27	10-21	2-0	37:44
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE	429	20-89	340	27-40	2/1	3-11	25	2-10	0-0	26:49
Oct. 11	at Baltimore	332	24-161	171	19-37	2/1	1-9	17	7-15	0-0	25-21
Oct. 18	at Indianapolis	430	15-59	371	29-44	3/1	1-0	23	7-11	1-1	25:32
Oct. 25	CLEVELAND	398	22-82	316	23-29	5/1	0-0	23	5-7	0-0	27:05
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE	441	29-218	223	18-30	2/1	1-10	27	5-9	0-0	24:03
Nov. 8	— BYE —										
Nov. 15	at Pittsburgh	377	20-44	333	27-46	4/0	0-0	22	6-16	0-0	30:28
Nov. 22	at Washington	325	34-164	161	17-25	1/1	2-5	20	4-13	1-0	30:46
Nov. 29	N.Y. GIANTS	386	42-142	244	22-38	0/0	0-0	19	9-21	1-1	37:26
Dec. 6	at Miami	406	28-110	296	26-39	1/0	0-0	23	1-10	2-1	32:16
Dec. 13	DALLAS	272	25-101	171	16-23	2/0	2-14	16	5-11	0-0	25:19
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH	244	23-86	158	20-38	1/1	1-12	12	4-16	3-2	27:57
Dec. 27	at Houston	488	17-166	322	24-33	3/0	1-2	23	4-9	4-1	23:50
Jan. 3	BALTIMORE	525	54-404	121	11-19	3/1	0-0	24	11-17	0-0	40:31
TOTALS		6227	463-2368	3859	340-541	32/11	17-83	343	91-210	14-6	29:10

2020 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

RECORD: 4-11-1

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-13-20	L	13-16	L.A. CHARGERS	—
9-17-20	L	30-35	at Cleveland	6000
9-27-20	T	23-23 (OT)	at Philadelphia	—
10-4-20	W	33-25	JACKSONVILLE	6243
10-11-20	L	3-27	at Baltimore	—
10-18-20	L	27-31	at Indianapolis	12,453
10-25-20	L	34-37	CLEVELAND	9732
11-1-20	W	31-20	TENNESSEE	9712
11-8-20	—	—	— BYE —	—
11-15-20	L	10-36	at Pittsburgh	5909
11-22-20	L	9-20	at Washington	—
11-29-20	L	17-19	N.Y. GIANTS	10,208
12-6-20	L	7-19	at Miami	12,577
12-13-20	L	7-30	DALLAS	10,322
12-21-20	W	27-17	PITTSBURGH	10,249
12-27-20	W	37-31	at Houston	12,344
1-3-21	L	3-38	BALTIMORE	10,499

TEAM STATISTICS		BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	.....	318	343
Rushing	.....	92	126
Passing	.....	201	192
Penalty	.....	25	25
3rd Down: Made-Att	.....	77-213	91-210
3rd Down Pct.	.....	36.2	43.3
4th Down: Made-Att	.....	19-27	10-16
4th Down Pct.	.....	70.4	62.5
POSSESSION AVG.	.....	30:50	29:10
TOTAL NET YARDS	.....	5116	6227
Avg. Per Game	.....	319.8	389.2
Total Plays	.....	1040	1021
Avg. Per Play	.....	4.9	6.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	.....	1668	2368
Avg. Per Game	.....	104.3	148.0
Total Rushes	.....	411	463
NET YARDS PASSING	.....	3448	3859
Avg. Per Game	.....	215.5	241.2
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....	48-345	17-83
Gross Yards	.....	3793	3942
Att.-Completions	.....	581-372	541-340
Completion Pct.	.....	64.0	62.8
Had Intercepted	.....	11	11
PUNTS-AVG.	.....	71-47.2	59-47.4
Net Punting Avg.	.....	71-42.8	59-41.4
PENALTIES-YARDS	.....	83-675	99-795
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	.....	20-13	14-6
TOUCHDOWNS	.....	33	47
Rushing	.....	13	13
Passing	.....	19	32
Returns	.....	1	2

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	61	107	53	90	0 311
OPPONENTS	76	121	98	129	0 424

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	24-25	21-26	0 87
Giovani Bernard	6	3	3	0	—	—	0 36
Tee Higgins	6	0	6	0	—	—	0 36
Austin Seibert	0	0	0	0	8-8	6-8	0 26
Tyler Boyd	4	0	4	0	—	—	0 24
Joe Mixon	4	3	1	0	—	—	0 24
Joe Burrow	3	3	0	0	—	—	0 18
Samaje Perine	3	3	0	0	—	—	0 18
A.J. Green	2	0	2	0	—	—	0 12
Ryan Finley	1	1	0	0	—	—	0 6
Drew Sample	1	0	1	0	—	—	0 6
Mike Thomas	1	0	1	0	—	—	0 6
C.J. Uzomah	1	0	1	0	—	—	0 6
Brandon Wilson	1	0	0	1	—	—	0 6
BENGALS	33	13	19	1	32-33	27-34	0 311
OPPONENTS	47	13	32	2	43-44	33-38	0 424

Two-point conversions: (None). BENGALS 0-0 (0-0 R, 0-0 P), OPPONENTS 0-3 (0-0 R, 0-3 P).

Fumbles-lost: Joe Burrow 9-4, Alex Erickson 2-2, Brandon Allen 1-1, Giovani Bernard 1-1, Tee Higgins 1-1, Joe Mixon 1-1, Drew Sample 1-1, Mike Thomas 1-1, Trayveon Williams 1-1, Tyler Boyd 1-0, Billy Price 1-0. BENGALS 20-13, OPPONENTS 14-6.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT	
Joe Burrow	404	264	2688	65.3	6.65	13	3.2	5	1.2	67	32-231	89.8
Brandon Allen	142	90	925	63.4	6.51	5	3.5	4	2.8	72t	7-51	82.0
Ryan Finley	32	17	164	53.1	5.13	1	3.1	2	6.3	30	9-63	52.1
Tyler Boyd	2	1	16	50.0	8.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	0-0	77.1
Alex Erickson	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	—	0-0	39.6
BENGALS	581	372	3793	64.0	6.53	19	3.3	11	1.9	72t	48-345	85.7
OPPONENTS	541	340	3942	62.8	7.29	32	5.9	11	2.0	55	17-83	96.1

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
Joe Mixon	119	428	3.6	34t	3
Giovani Bernard	124	416	3.4	15	3
Samaje Perine	63	301	4.8	46t	3
Trayveon Williams	26	157	6.0	55	0
Joe Burrow	37	142	3.8	23t	3
Ryan Finley	11	66	6.0	23t	1
Tyler Boyd	5	49	9.8	25	0
Shawn Williams	2	46	23.0	39	0
Tee Higgins	5	28	5.6	13	0
Brandon Allen	13	27	2.1	4	0
Alex Erickson	5	7	1.4	7	0
Mike Thomas	1	1	1.0	1	0
BENGALS	411	1668	4.1	55	13
OPPONENTS	463	2368	5.1	72t	13

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
Tyler Boyd	79	841	10.6	72t	4
Tee Higgins	67	908	13.6	67	6
A.J. Green	47	523	11.1	33	2
Giovani Bernard	47	355	7.6	42	3
Drew Sample	40	349	8.7	23	1
Joe Mixon	21	138	6.6	19	1
Auden Tate	14	150	10.7	19	0
Mike Thomas	13	132	10.2	29	1
Alex Erickson	12	139	11.6	42	0
Samaje Perine	11	66	6.0	15	0
C.J. Uzomah	8	87	10.9	23t	1
Cethan Carter	5	53	10.6	24	0
Trayveon Williams	5	30	6.0	13	0
John Ross III	2	17	8.5	15	0
Trenton Irwin	1	5	5.0	5	0
BENGALS	372	3793	10.2	72t	19
OPPONENTS	340	3942	11.6	55	32

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
Jessie Bates III	3	12	4.0	12	0
Logan Wilson	2	0	0.0	0	0
William Jackson III	1	30	30.0	30	0
Mackensie Alexander	1	21	21.0	21	0
Darius Phillips	1	21	21.0	21	0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jordan Evans	1	0	0.0	0	0
LeShaun Sims	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	11	84	7.6	30	0
OPPONENTS	11	23	2.1	12	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.	
Kevin Huber	71	3350	47.2	42.8	7	19	72	0
BENGALS	71	3350	47.2	42.8	7	19	72	0
OPPONENTS	59	2797	47.4	41.4	6	21	63	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
Alex Erickson	23	20	232	10.1	29	0
BENGALS	23	20	232	10.1	29	0
OPPONENTS	29	16	170	5.9	42	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
Brandon Wilson	24	629	26.2	103t	1
Alex Erickson	3	71	23.7	24	0
Giovani Bernard	2	38	19.0	24	0
Khalid Kareem	1	13	13.0	13	0
Samaje Perine	1	13	13.0	13	0
BENGALS	31	764	24.6	103t	1
OPPONENTS	18	415	23.1	60	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	
Randy Bullock	0-0	3-3	8-10	7-8	3-5
Austin Seibert	0-0	0-0	5-5	1-2	0-1
BENGALS	0-0	3-3	13-15	8-10	3-6
OPPONENTS	1-1	9-9	9-10	10-11	4-7

Randy Bullock: (50G, 43G, 31WR), (38G, 43G, 27G), (48G, 31G, 25G), (35G, 40G, 46G, 30G), (38G), (47G, 55G, 48RU), (37G, 23G), (33G), (37G), (34RU, 53G, 58RU), (44G), (53WL), (—), (—), (—), (—).

Austin Seibert: (—), (—), (—), (—), (—), (—), (—), (—), (—), (—), (—), (—), (34G, 55WR, 33G), (49WL, 35G, 48G, 36G), (38G).

Opponents: (24G, 43G, 50WR, 22G), (—), (27G, 42G, 54G), (48WL, 32G, 20G, 50G, 30G), (46G, 61WR, 39G), (40G), (43G), (53RU), (41G, 30G, 45G), (32G, 50G, 38WR), (49G, 40G, 39G, 32G), (25G, 48G, 22G, 10G), (34G, 20G, 55G), (25G), (21G), (34G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS	
Vonn Bell	67	47	114	0-0	0-0	5	3	2-65
Jessie Bates III	76	31	107	0-0	3-12	15	1	0-0
Josh Bynes	53	46	99	1-0	0-0	2	0	1-0
Germaine Pratt	54	34	88	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	33	29	62	2-8	0-0	3	1	0-0
LeShaun Sims	38	14	52	0-0	1-0	4	0	0-0
Mackensie Alexander	32	15	47	0-0	1-21	6	0	0-0
William Jackson III	38	7	45	0-0	1-30	11	0	0-0
Christian Covington	14	25	39	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Darius Phillips	29	7	36	0-0	1-21	12	2	0-0
Carl Lawson	18	18	36	5.5-31	0-0	2	0	0-0
Logan Wilson	19	8	27	1-10	2-0	3	0	0-0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	16	10	26	0.5-0	1-0	3	0	0-0
Xavier Williams	10	12	22	1-0	0-0	0	0	1-0
Khalid Kareem	9	10	19	1-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
D.J. Reader	8	11	19	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	13	5	18	1-9	0-0	2	0	0-0
Mike Daniels	7	10	17	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Amani Bledsoe	6	11	17	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Tony Brown	7	4	11	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Shawn Williams	7	2	9	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Kahlil McKenzie	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jordan Evans	4	3	7	2-17	1-0	1	0	1-0
Margus Hunt	5	1	6	1-4	0-0	4	0	1-0
Brandon Wilson	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
Jalen Davis	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Freedom Akinmoladun	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Andrew Brown	1	1	2	1-4	0-0	0	0	0-0
Geno Atkins	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Markus Bailey	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP	
Cethan Carter	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0
Brandon Wilson	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0
Shawn Williams	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0
Logan Wilson	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0

2021 PRESEASON STATISTICS

RECORD: 1-2

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
8-14-21	W	19-14	at Tampa Bay	64,866
8-20-21	L	13-17	at Washington	38,817
8-29-21	L	26-29	MIAMI	34,667

TEAM STATISTICS		BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	.....	54	61
Rushing	.....	16	19
Passing	.....	29	38
Penalty	.....	9	4
3rd Down: Made-Att	.....	18-42	18-40
3rd Down Pct.	.....	42.9	45.0
4th Down: Made-Att	.....	1-3	1-4
4th Down Pct.	.....	33.3	25.0
POSSESSION AVG.	.....	30:18	29:42
TOTAL NET YARDS	.....	930	882
Avg. Per Game	.....	310.0	294.0
Total Plays	.....	182	190
Avg. Per Play	.....	5.1	4.6
NET YARDS RUSHING	.....	347	239
Avg. Per Game	.....	115.7	79.7
Total Rushes	.....	88	79
NET YARDS PASSING	.....	583	643
Avg. Per Game	.....	194.3	214.3
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....	1-4	9-54
Gross Yards	.....	587	697
Att.-Completions	.....	93-57	102-59
Completion Pct.	.....	61.3	57.8
Had Intercepted	.....	2	3
PUNTS-AVG.	.....	11-47.4	12-42.3
Net Punting Avg.	.....	11-43.6	12-39.9
PENALTY-YARDS	.....	27-195	16-126
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	.....	6-3	3-2
TOUCHDOWNS	.....	5	7
Rushing	.....	3	4
Passing	.....	2	2
Returns	.....	0	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	3	20	23	12	0	58
OPPONENTS	16	10	3	31	0	60

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	1-1	5-5	0	16
Chris Evans	2	1	1	0	—	—	0	12
Austin Seibert	0	0	0	0	3-3	3-3	0	12
Brandon Allen	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Jacques Patrick	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Scotty Washington	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	5	3	2	0	4-4	8-8	0	58
OPPONENTS	7	4	2	1	3-3	3-3	0	60

Two-point conversions: (None). BENGALS 0-1 (0-0 R, 0-1 P), OPPONENTS 3-4 (0-1 R, 3-3 P).

Sacks-yards: Darius Hodge 2.5-16.5, Cam Sample 2-12, Khalid Kareem 1-10, Joseph Ossai 1-8, Sam Hubbard 1-4, Amani Bledsoe 0.5-2.5, (team) 1-1. BENGALS 9-54, OPPONENTS 1-4.

Fumbles-lost: Kyle Shurmur 3-1, Samaje Perine 1-1, Mike Thomas 1-1, Thaddeus Moss 1-0. BENGALS 6-3, OPPONENTS 3-2.

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Jacques Patrick	31	156	5.0	24	1
Chris Evans	24	68	2.8	15	1
Trayveon Williams	9	44	4.9	15	0
Brandon Allen	3	20	6.7	13	1
Eric Dungey	2	12	6.0	11	0
Joe Mixon	4	12	3.0	5	0
Samaje Perine	6	11	1.8	5	0
Kyle Shurmur	5	9	1.8	6	0
Pooka Williams Jr.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Trent Taylor	1	4	4.0	4	0
Tyler Boyd	1	2	2.0	2	0
Scotty Washington	1	1	1.0	1	0
BENGALS	88	347	3.9	24	3
OPPONENTS	79	239	3.0	14	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Thaddeus Moss	8	64	8.0	18	0
Trenton Irwin	7	98	14.0	23	0
Mike Thomas	7	86	12.3	32	0
Chris Evans	5	62	12.4	29t	1
Stanley Morgan	5	42	8.4	13	0
Trent Taylor	4	62	15.5	45	0
Auden Tate	4	36	9.0	20	0
Jacques Patrick	3	23	7.7	12	0
Scotty Washington	3	22	7.3	9t	1
Mitchell Wilcox	3	21	7.0	21	0
Tee Higgins	2	22	11.0	11	0
Trayveon Williams	2	3	1.5	4	0
Ja'Marr Chase	1	16	16.0	16	0
Tyler Boyd	1	15	15.0	15	0
Joe Mixon	1	8	8.0	8	0
Mason Schreck	1	7	7.0	7	0
BENGALS	57	587	10.3	45	2
OPPONENTS	59	697	11.8	44t	2

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Trayvon Henderson	2	32	16.0	25	0
Kavon Frazier	1	14	14.0	14	0
BENGALS	3	46	15.3	25	0
OPPONENTS	2	20	10.0	16t	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	11	521	47.4	43.6	1	3	58	0
BENGALS	11	521	47.4	43.6	1	3	58	0
OPPONENTS	12	508	42.3	39.9	0	5	54	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Darius Phillips	2	2	8	4.0	6	0
Trent Taylor	2	3	8	4.0	9	0
Trenton Irwin	1	1	13	13.0	13	0
BENGALS	5	6	29	5.8	13	0
OPPONENTS	3	4	21	7.0	8	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Darius Phillips	2	76	38.0	40	0
Trent Taylor	2	38	19.0	23	0
Pooka Williams Jr.	1	19	19.0	19	0
Trayveon Williams	1	23	23.0	23	0
Brandon Wilson	1	21	21.0	21	0
BENGALS	7	177	25.3	40	0
OPPONENTS	10	214	21.4	37	0

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

Even McPherson: (40G, 31G), (37G, 50G), (57G).
Austin Seibert: (24G, 38G), (—), (36G).
Bengals: (40G, 24G, 31G, 38G), (37G, 50G), (36G, 57G).
Opponents: (0-0), (34G, 31G, 31G), (—).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Keandre Jones	12	4	16	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Trayvon Henderson	9	3	12	0-0	2-32	3	0	0-0
Brandon Wilson	7	4	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Darius Phillips	7	3	10	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	4	5	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Joe Bachie	3	6	9	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Markus Bailey	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jalen Davis	6	1	7	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Jordan Evans	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tyler Shelvin	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Amani Bledsoe	4	2	6	0.5-2.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Darius Hodge	4	2	6	2.5-16.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Cameron Sample	4	2	6	2-12	0-0	0	0	0-0
Freedom Akinmoladun	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Renell Wren	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Reginald McKenzie	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Winston Rose	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
Mike Daniels	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Logan Wilson	0	4	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
Antonio Phillips	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tony Brown	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Kavon Frazier	2	1	3	0-0	1-14	1	0	0-0
Joseph Ossai	2	1	3	1-8	0-0	0	0	0-0
Ricardo Allen	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jessie Bates	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Vonn Bell	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	1	1	2	1-4	0-0	0	0	0-0
Khalid Kareem	1	1	2	1-10	0-0	1	0	0-0
Germaine Pratt	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
D.J. Reader	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Trey Hendrickson	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Trae Wayne	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Mike Hillon	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-1
(team)	—	—	—	1-1	—	—	—	—

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Winston Rose	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Chris Evans	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Mason Schreck	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kavon Frazier	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Samaje Perine	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Evans	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Trenton Irwin	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Germaine Pratt	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brandon Wilson	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Kyle Shurmur	50	34	337	68.0	6.74	1	2.0	1	2.0	45	1-4	85.2
Brandon Allen	36	20	236	55.6	6.56	1	2.8	1	2.8	29t	0-0	73.4
Eric Dungey	6	3	14	50.0	2.33	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	0-0	56.3
Joe Burrow	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	—	0-0	39.6
BENGALS	93	57	587	61.3	6.31	2	2.2	2	2.2	45	1-4	77.7
OPPONENTS	102	59	697	57.8	6.83	2	2.0	3	2.9	44t	9-54	73.0

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