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**WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE**

**OCT. 18, 2022**

**ATLANTA FALCONS (3-3)**  
**AT**  
**CINCINNATI BENGALS (3-3)**

**WEEK 7, GAME 7**  
**SUNDAY, OCT. 23**  
**AT PAYCOR STADIUM**

**NEXT UP: WEEK 8, GAME 8**  
**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, OCT. 31 AT CLEVELAND**

**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 and WDKY-TV (Ch. 56) in Lexington. Broadcasters are Brandon Gaudin (play-by-play), Robert Smith (analyst) and Jennifer Hale (sideline reporter).

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

**Setting the scene:** The Bengals play a home game for the first time in nearly a month when they host the Atlanta Falcons at Paycor Stadium on Sunday. Both teams are coming off Week 6 wins to improve to 3-3.

Cincinnati claimed a 30-26 road victory at New Orleans, fueled by an offense that scored on each of its final four drives. QB Joe Burrow and WR Ja'Marr Chase, who helped Louisiana State win the 2019 College Football Playoff National Championship in New Orleans, returned to Caesars Superdome and connected on two TD passes. The second of which was a 60-yard catch and run by Chase that gave the Bengals their first lead of the day with 1:57 remaining in the fourth quarter and proved to be the game-winner. Chase, a native of Metairie, La., finished with seven catches for a season-high 132 yards.

"As you reflect on it, it is pretty special," said head coach Zac Taylor about Chase's homecoming. "For him to go back to his old stomping grounds and have the performance he did, especially with the final touchdown there, that's pretty cool."

The Bengals did not find that offensive rhythm until midway through the second quarter. Prior to that, New Orleans was able to build a 10-point lead thanks to a turnover on a Bengals punt return and an effective rushing attack that went for 164 yards in the first half. Cincinnati answered the Saints' opening TD with HB Joe Mixon's first scoring reception of the year, but then punted on its next two possessions while New Orleans added another TD and a FG to make it 17-7. The Bengals, who had climbed back from three double-digit deficits already this season, responded with a 10-play, 75-yard drive capped by a 19-yard Burrow run to the end zone.

A pair of FGs by Saints K Wil Lutz — one at the end of the half and another on the opening drive of the third quarter — restored their two-possession lead, but Burrow and the offense carried over the newfound momentum and once again marched down the field. Chase wiggled free on a short catch and turned it into a 26-yard gain, then three plays later was rewarded as Burrow threaded the ball into tight coverage that Chase caught as he was crossing the goal line.

The two teams traded field goals in the fourth quarter, with a 52-yard boot by Evan McPherson cutting the score to 26-24. The Cincinnati defense, which has still not allowed a TD in the second half of any game this season, stepped up and forced a crucial three-and-out, with DE Trey Hendrickson getting pressure on QB Andy Dalton to cause an errant throw on third down. The ensuing punt traveled just 29 yards, setting the red-hot Bengal offense up at their own 40 with a chance to go take the lead. They needed just one play to do so, as Burrow hit Chase on a quick back-shoulder throw and the 2021 Offensive Rookie of the Year escaped a tackle before running past S Tyrann Mathieu. Chase had enough open space to high-step into the end zone in front of a hometown crowd that included dozens of friends and family.

"That was an unbelievable play by him," Burrow said. "When the going gets

tough, I'm going to try to find that guy, and he's going to make plays for us."

It marked the sixth TD catch of 50 or more yards in Chase's young career, and the 11th 50-yard TD throw for Burrow.

The Saints had less than two minutes to work with and Dalton was able to hit three passes to get them into Bengals territory, but the Cincinnati defensive line came through with another big play when it was needed. On third-and-10 from the Bengals' 41, DT B.J. Hill and DE Sam Hubbard collapsed the pocket and brought Dalton down for a seven-yard sack. A desperation heave on fourth-and-17 fell incomplete, closing out Cincinnati's second road win of the season.

"I'm really proud of the guys for hanging in there," Taylor said. "We've had some games like this, some of them didn't go our way. We didn't have the lead until two minutes left in the game, then the defense stepped up. Rebounding off a tough divisional loss last week, going on the road into a brutal environment. You earn every inch when you play these guys, and I just thought our guys earned every inch."

This week, the Bengals face a Falcons team that boasts one of the league's top rushing offenses, as Atlanta's 165.2 yards per game on the ground rank third in the NFL. The Falcons, 3-1 in their last four games, earned a 28-14 home win over San Francisco in Week 6. Sunday's game will be the first matchup between Cincinnati and Atlanta since 2018.

"It's a team that's in a very similar position to where we are," Taylor said. "They're coming off a good win against a good team. They're a well-coached football team. They've got talent in all three phases that we've got to be prepared for."

**The series:** The Bengals lead 9-5 overall, including 5-2 as the home team, and have won the two most recent meetings — at Cincinnati in 2014, and at Atlanta in '18.

Complete Bengals-Falcons series results are on page 220 of the 2022 Bengals Media Guide.

**Team bests from the series:**

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 41, in a 41-31 victory at Cinergy Field in 1996. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 30, in a 37-7 win at Riverfront Stadium in 1978. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 7, in the 37-7 win in '78.

**Falcons — MOST POINTS:** 39, in a 39-32 win at the Georgia Dome in 2010. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 27, in a 30-3 Falcons win at the Georgia Dome in 2002. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in the 30-3 win in '02.

**The last meetings:** Summaries of the two most recent Bengals-Falcons meetings — in 2014 at Cincinnati, and in '18 at Atlanta — are on page 17 of this news release.

**Bengals career records watch:** As Cincinnati continues the 2022 campaign, here is a look at potential upcoming movement on the Bengals' career records lists (regular season):

- WR Tyler Boyd has 409 career receptions, eight shy of WR Cris Collinsworth (417) for fifth place all-time. WRs Chad Johnson (751), A.J. Green (649), Carl Pickens (530), and T.J. Houshmandzadeh (507) hold the top four spots on the team's career receptions list.
- HB Joe Mixon has 4911 career rushing yards, 510 shy of RB Pete Johnson (5421) for fourth place all-time. Mixon in 2021 passed Cedric Benson (4176).

- Mixon also has 13 career games with 100-plus rushing yards, one shy of RB Pete Johnson for fifth place all-time. RBs Corey Dillon (28), Rudi Johnson (19), James Brooks (17), and Cedric Benson (15) hold the top four spots on the team's career list.

- Mixon in Week 1 had 27 rushing attempts and surpassed Cedric Benson (1109) for fifth place all-time. Mixon currently has 1208 career rushing attempts and is 136 behind James Brooks (1344) for fourth place all-time.

- QB Joe Burrow has 13 career games of 300-plus passing yards, four shy of QB Carson Palmer (17) for fourth place all-time. QBs Andy Dalton (28), Boomer Esiason (23), and Ken Anderson (19) hold the top three spots on the team's career list.

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

**Records vs. Falcons:** The 14 games of the Atlanta series have produced no Bengals individual or team records, nor any Bengals-opponent records by Falcons players.

The closest accomplishments on the Bengals side have been 36 completions by Carson Palmer at Atlanta in 2010 and an 86.96 completion percentage (20-23) by QB Turk Schonert at Cincinnati in 1984. The 36 completions rank fifth in team history, and the 86.96 completion percentage ranks third.

**Individually vs. Falcons:** WR Tyler Boyd is the only current Bengals player with offensive stats against Atlanta. He had 11 receptions for 100 yards (9.1-yard average) against the Falcons in the Bengals' 37-36 win at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in 2018.

**BENGALS-FALCONS NFL RANKINGS**

	BENGALS	FALCONS
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored .....	T-15th (23.0)	T-8th (24.3)
Points allowed .....	10th (19.2)	19th (22.7)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	20th (337.7)	23rd (324.3)
Rushing .....	27th (89.0)	3rd (165.2)
Passing .....	8th (248.7)	30th (159.2)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	14th (339.0)	27th (385.2)
Rushing .....	T-21st (121.0)	9th (104.0)
Passing .....	13th (218.0)	31st (281.2)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential .....	T-17th (even)	T-7th (plus-2)

**BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 19	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 17
<b>Total scores:</b> 15 (78.9%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 15 (88.2%)
TDs: 12 (63.2%)	TDs: 6 (35.3%)
FGs: 3 (15.8%)	FGs: 9 (52.9%)
TD% rank: T-8th	TD% rank: 3rd
<b>No scores:</b> 4 (21.1%)	<b>No scores:</b> 2 (11.8%)

**FALCONS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 21	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 24
<b>Total scores:</b> 19 (90.5%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 20 (83.3%)
TDs: 14 (66.7%)	TDs: 14 (58.3%)
FGs: 5 (23.8%)	FGs: 6 (25.0%)
TD% rank: 5th	TD% rank: T-20th
<b>No scores:</b> 2 (9.5%)	<b>No scores:</b> 4 (16.7%)

**Mixon approaching 5000 yards:** HB Joe Mixon, a sixth-year pro who was a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2017, enters Game 7 against Atlanta with 4911 career rushing yards. With 89 more yards, he will become the fifth player in team history to reach the 5000-yard milestone, and the first since HB Rudi Johnson in 2006.

Mixon has logged 1000-plus rushing yards in three of his four full seasons (missed 10 games in 2020 due to injury). His career-high 1205 yards in 2021 ranked third in the league, while his 13 rushing TDs were fourth as he earned his

first Pro Bowl selection.

There are currently seven active players in the NFL with 5000 or more rushing yards. Here is a look at Cincinnati's all-time leaders in rushing yards while playing for the Bengals:

PLAYER	YEARS PLAYED	RUSHING YARDS
Corey Dillon	1997-2003 .....	8061
James Brooks	1984-91 .....	6447
Rudi Johnson	2001-07 .....	5742
Pete Johnson	1977-83 .....	5421
Joe Mixon	2017-present .....	4911

**Uniform watch:** The Bengals are slated to wear black jerseys, white pants (orange stripes) and black socks in Game 7 against Atlanta. Cincinnati is 0-1 when wearing that combination, which was last featured vs. Green Bay in Week 5 of the 2021 season.

Cincinnati unveiled new uniforms in 2021, marking the team's first significant uniform redesign since '04. There are three different color options for the current 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. Options for sock color include black, white and orange.

This year, with the NFL's approval for the use of alternate helmets, the Bengals unveiled a new helmet branded as the "White Bengal," featuring a white base coat and the team's iconic black stripes. The helmet debuted in the Week 4 Thursday Night Football matchup against the Miami Dolphins, which saw the Bengals earn a 27-15 win in front of a white-out crowd at Paycor Stadium.

In the league's revised uniform policy, teams can pair their new helmet with an alternate, classic or Color Rush uniform. To accentuate the "White Bengal" helmet, the Bengals chose to bring back the fan-favorite Color Rush look — a white jersey/pant combination featuring black stripes and black lettering. The team wore the Color Rush uniform seven times from 2016-20.

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

JERSEY	PANTS (STRIPES)	SOCKS	HELMET	W-L-T	PCT.
Black	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange .....	0-1-0	.000
Black	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange .....	1-2-0	.333
Black	Black (Orange)	White	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	Black	Orange .....	1-1-0	.500
Black	White (Black)	Orange	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	White	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Orange)	Black	Orange .....	0-1-0	.000
Black	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange .....	1-2-0	.333
Black	White (Orange)	White	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	White	Orange .....	3-3-0	.500
White	White (Black)	Black	Orange .....	5-1-0	.833
White (CR)*	White (Black) (CR)*	Black	White* .....	1-0-0	1.000
White	White (Black)	Orange	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
White	White (Black)	White	Orange .....	1-0-0	1.000
White	White (Orange)	Black	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	White	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange .....	2-0-0	1.000
Orange*	Black (Orange)	White	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	Black	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	Orange	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	White	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Orange)	Black	Orange .....	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange .....	1-0-0	1.000
Orange*	White (Orange)	White	Orange .....	0-0-0	—

\* — NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate jerseys and/or color rush (CR) uniforms and/or throwback uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. Orange is the Bengals' designated alternate jersey. In 2022, Cincinnati may wear its new alternate white helmet with its previous color rush uniform. The Bengals do not have a throwback uniform.

**Bengals-Falcons connections:** Bengals TE Hayden Hurst played for the Falcons from 2020-21 ... Bengals DE Cam Sample is a native of Snellville, Ga. (approx. 30 miles east of Atlanta) ... Falcons QB Desmond Ridder played at the University of Cincinnati from 2018-21 ... Falcons OLB Lorenzo

Carter was teammates with Bengals DT B.J. Hill (2018-20) and S Michael J. Thomas ('18-19) on the N.Y. Giants ... Bengals linebackers coach James Bettcher was New York's defensive coordinator from 2018-19, when Carter played for the Giants ... Bengals TE Devin Asiasi and Falcons WR Damiere Byrd were teammates on the New England Patriots in 2020 ... Falcons OT Chuma Edoga played for the N.Y. Jets in the 2019-20 seasons, when Bengals offensive line coach/run game coordinator Frank Pollack was the O-line coach and assistant offensive line coach Derek Frazier held the same title ... Pollack and Frazier were on the Jets' coaching staff alongside Falcons linebackers coach Frank Bush, who served as assistant head coach/inside linebackers coach ... Bush was also assistant head coach/linebackers coach with Miami in 2017, when Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo was the Dolphins' defensive backs coach ... Falcons defensive line coach Gary Emanuel held the same title with the N.Y. Giants from 2018-19, when Bengals linebackers coach James Bettcher was the defensive coordinator and defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo was the defensive backs coach ('18) ... Bettcher and Emanuel also were on the Indianapolis Colts' staff in 2012, when Bettcher was special assistant to the head coach and Emanuel was DL coach ... Falcons DL Grady Jarrett played at Clemson from 2011-14, when Bengals defensive line coach Marion Hobby was the co-defensive coordinator/defensive ends coach ... Bengals DE Joseph Ossai and Falcons DL Ta'Quon Graham were teammates at Texas from 2018-20 ... Bengals DT Zach Carter and Falcons TE Kyle Pitts were teammates at Florida from 2018-20 ... Bengals WR Tee Higgins (2017-19) and G Jackson Carman ('18-19) were teammates with Falcons CB A.J. Terrell ('17-19) at Clemson.

**Bengals home now called Paycor Stadium:** Cincinnati's Week 1 game against Pittsburgh was the first regular-season contest in newly named Paycor Stadium.

The Bengals and Cincinnati-based Paycor expanded their partnership to include stadium naming rights, further strengthening their shared vision and commitment to the Cincinnati community and driving increased national awareness for both organizations.

Paycor, a leading human capital management (HCM) company, is a cornerstone partner of the Bengals, and has served as the team's official and exclusive HR software provider since 2018. Paycor has been headquartered in Cincinnati for over 30 years and recently celebrated one year as a public company following a July 2021 IPO.

The Bengals and Paycor hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the stadium on Tuesday, Sept. 6 to unveil new branding and celebrate the partnership. Paycor Stadium branding will continue to be integrated throughout the stadium in the coming months.

The stadium was previously called Paul Brown Stadium, named after one of football's most influential coaches and the founder of the Bengals.

"This is a move that I think my father would have agreed to. He was always for what is best for the team," said Bengals President Mike Brown, son of Paul Brown. "This allows the Bengals to continue to compete at the highest level in the NFL and exemplifies our long-term commitment to the community."

**Record crowd at Paycor:** Cincinnati beat the Miami Dolphins in Week 4 in front of a paid attendance of 67,260, marking the largest home crowd in Bengals history. The figure surpassed the previous record of 66,277 set in the Wild Card Playoff against the Las Vegas Raiders on Jan. 15, 2022.

The Paycor Stadium attendance in the season opener vs. Pittsburgh on Sept. 11 was announced at 65,841. The last time the Bengals had an attendance of more than 65,000 in consecutive regular-season home games was the 2015 season, when Cincinnati faced Seattle in Week 5 (65,004) and Cleveland in Week 9 (65,816).

Here is a look at the largest home crowds in Bengals franchise history:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATTENDANCE
Sept. 29, 2022	Miami	W, 27-15	67,260
Jan. 15, 2022*	Las Vegas*	W, 26-19	66,277
Oct. 28, 2007	Pittsburgh	L, 13-24	66,188
Oct. 1, 2007	New England	L, 13-34	66,113
Dec. 22, 2014	Denver	W, 37-28	66,107

\*—Asterisk denotes a Wild Card Playoff.

## THE HEAD COACHES

**Zac Taylor** was named the 10th head coach in Bengals history on Feb. 4, 2019. The 2022 season is his fourth in the position.

In 2021, Taylor led Cincinnati to an AFC North Division championship, an AFC championship and a berth in Super Bowl LVI. Working with one of the NFL's top young offenses, he helped guide second-year QB Joe Burrow to a breakout year in which he set team records for passing yardage (4611), TD passes (34) and passer rating (108.3), as well as recording a league-high 70.4 completion percentage. Burrow was named the AP NFL Comeback Player of the Year — becoming the second player in franchise history to do so — after missing the final six weeks of his rookie season due to a knee injury. Taylor also oversaw the rapid rise of first-year WR Ja'Marr Chase, who posted the most receiving yards by a rookie in the Super Bowl era (1455) en route to winning AP Offensive Rookie of the Year honors. Chase and fellow WR Tee Higgins (1091 yards) became the first duo in NFL history to record 1000 receiving yards in the same season before the age of 23. Fifth-year RB Joe Mixon further established himself as one of the NFL's premier backs under Taylor, ranking third in the league in rushing yards (1205) and fourth in rushing TDs (13). Overall, the Cincinnati offense finished the regular season in the top half of the NFL in yards (13th, 361.5 per game), passing yards (seventh, 259.0) and points (eighth, 27.1).

Defensively, the Bengals showed marked improvement from 2020 to '21, improving their league ranking in rushing yards allowed (29th to fifth), total yards allowed (26th to 18th) and points allowed (22nd to 17th).

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

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 — 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.

Taylor came to Cincinnati after two seasons (2017-18) with the L.A. Rams, where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in '17 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 Rams' young receiving corps headed by rookie Cooper Kupp, who finished the season with 62 catches, a team-high 869 receiving yards and five TDs.

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 5850 yards and 45 touchdowns. In his 2006 senior season, he 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 younger brother, Press, played quarterback at Marshall University and currently is the offensive coordinator for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

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.

**Arthur Smith** was named the 18th head coach in Atlanta Falcons history on Jan. 15, 2021. In his first season, Atlanta finished with a 7-10 record, including a 7-2 record in one-score games.

Smith was an assistant coach with the Tennessee Titans from 2011-20,

servicing as the Titans' offensive coordinator in '19 and '20. As coordinator, Smith orchestrated one of the NFL's top offenses, with the Titans leading the league in red-zone touchdown percentage (75.2), ranking in fifth points per game (27.9) and fifth in total offense (379.6 yards/game). He oversaw the second-ranked rushing attack in the NFL, averaging 153.5 yards per game on the ground. Over his two seasons at the reins of the Tennessee offense, the Titans were among the league's best in the red zone. The club's 75.6 (2019) and 75.0 ('20) red-zone touchdown percentages were the fourth- and fifth-best single-season marks by a team since '00. In 2020, Smith's offense averaged 30.7 points per game and 491 total points, which were good for fourth in the NFL and stand as the second-highest marks in team history.

Smith played guard at North Carolina and later joined the Tar Heels' coaching staff as a graduate assistant in 2006, working with the offensive line. He has no pro playing experience. He was a defensive quality control coach for the Washington Redskins from 2007-08.

Smith was born and raised in Memphis, Tenn., and he attended high school at Georgetown Prep in North Bethesda, Md., where he played on the offensive line.

**Taylor vs. Falcons:** No previous meetings.

**Taylor vs. Smith:** No previous meetings.

**Smith vs. Bengals:** No previous meetings.

## BENGALS NOTES

**2022 Bengals captains:** Head coach Zac Taylor announced the team's captains for the 2022 season, which were decided through a players-only vote. Wearing the captains' patch this year are three offensive players, three defensive players and one special teams representative.

On offense, the captains are third-year QB Joe Burrow, sixth-year HB Joe Mixon and seventh-year C Ted Karras. This is Burrow's third consecutive season as a captain and the second straight for Mixon. Karras, who joined the Bengals as a free agent in March, will serve as a team captain for the second time in his career, after doing so with the Miami Dolphins in 2020.

On defense, the captains are seventh-year S Vonn Bell, fifth-year DE Sam Hubbard and seventh-year DT DJ Reader. Bell has been voted a captain in each of his three seasons with the Bengals, after joining the team as a free agent during the 2020 offseason. It is the second captain nod for Hubbard and the first for Reader.

The lone captain on special teams is S Michael J. Thomas, who is in his ninth NFL season in 2022. Thomas has earned the respect of each locker room he has been in throughout his career, as this year is his seventh as a team captain while playing for four different teams. He held the title with the Miami Dolphins each season from 2015-17, with the N.Y. Giants from 2018-19, and with the Houston Texans in 2020.

**Burrow's NFL journey:** After being selected No. 1 overall by the Bengals in the 2020 NFL Draft, former Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow had one of the most productive starts to a career by a QB in league history, as his 264 completions still count as the most ever by an NFL passer through their first 10 career games, while his 404 pass attempts are the second-most in that same category and his 2588 passing yards are fifth.

In the third quarter of Cincinnati's Week 11 game at Washington, Burrow suffered a season-ending left knee injury, halting a campaign that was on pace to shatter several NFL rookie passing records. He embarked on a rehab process that lasted over eight months and received medical clearance to participate in training camp in 2021.

Shortly after his injury in 2020, Burrow vowed publicly that he would start Cincinnati's '21 season opener. On Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota, not only did he make good on that promise, but he posted then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67) in a Bengals OT win.

Burrow in 2021 completed 366 of 520 passes (70.4 percent) for 4611 yards, 34 TDs and 14 INTs (108.3 rating). His passing yardage, TD pass total and passer rating were all single-season team records. And although the NFL season expanded to 17 games in 2021, Burrow sat out the regular-season finale (rest/knee) and thus played in only 16 games.

In the playoffs, he completed 97 of 142 passes (68.3 percent) for 1105 yards, with five TDs and two INTs (97.3 rating), and became the first No. 1 overall draft pick in NFL history to lead his team to a conference championship game (let alone a Super Bowl berth) in either of their first two seasons.

On July 26, the day before the first official training camp practice of 2022,

Burrow was forced to undergo surgery to remove his appendix. He remained involved in team meetings and attended practices on a golf cart during a three-week recovery process, before returning to the field on Aug. 14.

**Burrow masters the deep ball:** QB Joe Burrow in Game 6 at New Orleans connected with WR Ja'Marr Chase on a 60-yard TD to give the Bengals their first lead with 1:57 remaining in the fourth quarter. It marked the 11th TD pass of 50+ yards since Burrow entered the league in 2020, three more than any NFL QB in that span.

Seven of Burrow's 50+ yard TD passes have come over his last 10 regular-season games, dating back to Dec. 19, 2021 at Denver when he hit WR Tyler Boyd for a 56-yard score to give the Bengals the lead late in the third quarter. Burrow and Boyd hooked up again the following week against Baltimore on a 68-yard catch and run to the end zone. In Game 16 against Kansas City, Burrow threw TD passes of 72 and 69 yards to WR Ja'Marr Chase in what was a 446-yard passing day that helped Cincinnati clinch the AFC North Division title.

In Week 3 of this season at the N.Y. Jets, Burrow connected with Boyd for a 56-yard TD on the final play of the first quarter. In Week 4 vs. Miami, he launched a pinpoint pass down the left sideline on third-and-11 that was grabbed by WR Tee Higgins and taken in for a 59-yard TD.

Burrow also had an NFL-best 15 TD passes of 30 yards or more during the 2021 regular season. The next closest players in that category were Buccaneers QB Tom Brady (eight), Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes (seven) and then-Seahawks QB Russell Wilson (seven). It counted as a Bengals single-season record, surpassing the previous mark of nine that was shared by Ken Anderson (1973), Boomer Esiason ('89) and Carson Palmer ('06).

Here is a look at the QBs with the most TD passes of 50 or more yards since the start of the 2020 season:

PLAYER	TEAM	50-YARD TDs
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	11
Matthew Stafford	Detroit Lions/L.A. Rams	8
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	7
Russell Wilson	Seattle Seahawks/Denver Broncos	7

**Burrow surpasses 8000:** QB Joe Burrow surpassed 8000 career passing yards in Game 3 at the N.Y. Jets, in what was just his 29th career game. That made him tied for the third-fastest QB in NFL history to reach 8000 passing yards. He is the fastest Bengal ever to 8000 passing yards, 7500 passing yards (27 games), 7000 passing yards (26), 6000 passing yards (23 games), 5000 passing yards (19) and 4000 passing yards (16).

Over the last eight regular-season games in which Burrow has been active (inactive in 2021 season finale due to rest), he has passed for 2587 yards and 20 TDs. He also completed 30-plus passes in three consecutive contests before finishing with 24 in Week 2 at Dallas. Burrow has recorded 300 or more passing yards in six of his last 11 regular-season appearances. He enters Week 7's matchup against Atlanta with 8915 yards in 32 games.

Here's a look at the fastest QBs in NFL history — in terms of games played — to reach 8000 passing yards:

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO REACH 8000
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	25
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	28
Kurt Warner	St. Louis Rams	29
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	29
Dan Marino	Miami Dolphins	30
Matthew Stafford	Detroit Lions	30

**Burrow's college connections:** Bengals QB Joe Burrow may only be in his third NFL season in 2022, but he has plenty of familiar faces around him in Cincinnati. The Bengals locker room (active roster and practice squad) currently features seven players who played with Burrow in college at either Ohio State or LSU. He spent the first three seasons of his collegiate career (2015-17) at Ohio State, including a redshirt year in '15, before transferring to LSU for his final two seasons ('18-19).

Bengals assistant wide receivers coach Brad Kragthorpe was also on the LSU coaching staff in 2018, serving as an offensive analyst during Burrow's first year in Baton Rouge.

Here's a look at the Bengals who played with Burrow in college, along with the years they played together:

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

\*-Member of Bengals practice squad.

^-Placed on Reserve/Injured list.

**Burrow throws 50th career TD:** In the fourth quarter of Game 2 at Dallas, QB Joe Burrow capped off a 19-play, 83-yard drive by finding WR Tee Higgins on a scramble drill for the Bengals' first TD of the day. It marked Burrow's 50th career TD pass in just his 28th game, making him tied for the seventh-fastest QB in NFL history to throw for 50 TDs.

The third-year signal caller had 13 TD passes in 10 games as a rookie before suffering a season-ending knee injury. In his sophomore campaign, Burrow set a team record with 34 TD passes, which ranked eighth in the NFL. A league-best 15 of those came from 30 yards or longer. Burrow has thrown at least one TD pass in each of his last 13 regular-season games.

Over the past four games, Burrow has thrown for nine TDs against just one INT, while completing 68.3 percent of his passes (95 of 139). His performance at New Orleans in Week 6 marked the 10th time in his career — and fourth time in his last eight regular-season games — that he passed for three or more scores.

Earlier in the game-tying drive against the Cowboys, Burrow hooked up with Higgins for 16 yards on a third-and-10 in what was his 1000th career pass attempt.

Coincidentally, former Bengals QB Carson Palmer also passed for his 50th TD in his 28th career game. Palmer did so on Dec. 24, 2005 against the Buffalo Bills.

Here is a look at the fastest QBs in NFL history — in terms of games played — to reach 50 passing TDs.

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO REACH 50
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	17
Kurt Warner	St. Louis Rams	21
Dan Marino	Miami Dolphins	22
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	24
Deshawn Watson	Houston Texans	26
Matthew Stafford	Detroit Lions	27
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	28
Carson Palmer	Cincinnati Bengals	28

**Burrow, Chase earned NFL honors in '21:** QB Joe Burrow was awarded the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year for 2021, while WR Ja'Marr Chase earned NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year honors. Both

awards were voted on by members of the Associated Press who regularly cover the NFL.

Burrow, a second-year pro in 2021, suffered a season-ending left knee injury 10 games into his rookie season in '20. He was medically cleared to take the first snap of training camp in July 2021, and completed his rehab process in time to start the '21 regular-season opener. Burrow went on to break numerous team records while leading Cincinnati to a 10-7 record, AFC North title, AFC Conference Championship and berth in Super Bowl LVI.

The Bengals used the No. 5 overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft to select Chase, who was Burrow's top target at Louisiana State. The two picked up where they left off in college, as Chase shattered numerous NFL rookie records, including single-season receiving yardage (in the Super Bowl era), single-game receiving yardage, and postseason receiving yardage. Each of those were also Bengals team records.

Burrow and Chase accepted their awards remotely during the NFL Honors ceremony on Feb. 11, while the team was in Los Angeles preparing for Super Bowl LVI.

**Three-headed monster at WR:** The Bengals' offense features one of the top receiving trios in the NFL, consisting of seventh-year veteran Tyler Boyd, second-year pro Ja'Marr Chase and third-year pro Tee Higgins.

The three star WRs combined for 3374 receiving yards during the 2021 regular season, the most among any trio of pass catchers in the NFL (second was L.A. Rams — WR Cooper Kupp, TE Tyler Higbee and WR Van Jefferson combined for 3309 yards). Chase finished his rookie campaign with a team-record 1455 receiving yards, which also counted as the most by an NFL rookie during the Super Bowl era (started in 1966), while grabbing 13 TDs. Higgins had 1091 yards and six TDs in just 14 games played — he missed two games early in the season with a shoulder injury, and then was inactive (rest) for the regular-season finale at Cleveland. Boyd added 828 yards and five scores.

Chase (21 years old in 2021) and Higgins (22) became the first duo in league history to post 1000 receiving yards in the same season before the age of 23. It marked the third time in Bengals history in which the team had multiple 1000-yard receivers — WRs Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh did it twice, in 2006 and '07.

Boyd recorded his 11th career game with 100-plus receiving yards in the Week 3 win at the N.Y. Jets, which included a 56-yard catch and run into the end zone on the final play of the first quarter. Considered one of the NFL's premier slot receivers, Boyd had consecutive 1000-yard seasons in 2018 and '19.

Each receiver has recorded at least 20 catches, 300 receiving yards and two receiving TDs this season. The trio was at its best in Week 4 against Miami, led by a seven-catch, 124-yard stat line from Higgins. Boyd had two grabs for 47 yards, including a 43-yard reception on the opening play of the fourth quarter that set up a go-ahead FG. Chase caught four passes for 81 yards, none bigger than his 36-yarder late in the fourth that led to a game-sealing TD three snaps later.

Week 6 at New Orleans marked the first time all three players had caught at least six passes in the same game. Chase led the way with seven receptions for 132 yards and two TDs, while Boyd had six for 66 yards and Higgins, who was battling through an ankle injury that kept his status unknown until just before kickoff, added six for 47 yards.

**Chase shines in homecoming:** WR Ja'Marr Chase, a native of Metairie, La. (part of New Orleans metropolitan area), had perhaps his best game of the season in the Bengals' Week 6 road win over the Saints. He caught seven passes for 132 yards (18.9 average) and two TDs, highlighted by a 60-yard catch and run to the end zone with 1:57 remaining in the fourth quarter that proved to be the game-winner. It marked the first game-winning TD of 60 or more yards within the final two minutes of regulation or in overtime since Dec. 9, 2018 (Miami's Kenyan Drake, 69 yards). It was also Chase's fifth career TD of 50 or more yards, the most in the NFL since he entered the league in 2021. His teammate, Tyler Boyd, is tied for second on that list with three such TDs.

Chase's first TD of the game occurred with 3:30 left in the third quarter, when he worked himself free in the red zone and QB Joe Burrow threaded a pass into tight coverage to cut Cincinnati's deficit to 23-21. Sunday was Chase's fourth career game with multiple TDs — he now has 17 receiving TDs in 23 contests.

Chase's last trip to Caesars Superdome saw him help Louisiana State cap off an undefeated 2019 season by beating Clemson in the College Football Playoff National Championship. He caught nine passes for a championship-record 221 yards and two TDs in a 42-25 LSU victory. Burrow, meanwhile, went 31 of 49 for 463 yards and six total TDs in that game, putting an exclamation point on his Heisman-winning campaign for the Tigers.

Here is a look at the WRs with the most TD catches of 50 or more yards since the start of the 2021 regular season:

PLAYER	TEAM	50-PLUS YARD TDs
Ja'Marr Chase	Cincinnati Bengals.....	6
Tyler Boyd	Cincinnati Bengals.....	3
Deonte Harty	New Orleans Saints.....	3
Van Jefferson	L.A. Rams.....	3
Tyler Lockett	Seattle Seahawks.....	3
Deebo Samuel	San Francisco 49ers.....	3

**Chase dominant in season opener:** WR Ja'Marr Chase caught 10 passes for 129 yards in Week 1 against Pittsburgh, tying for the third-most receptions by a Bengals player in a regular-season opener. It was the second time Chase logged double-digit receptions, trailing only his career-high total of 11 against Kansas City in Game 16 of the 2021 season.

Six of his catches and 71 of his receiving yards came in the second half to help Cincinnati climb back from an 11-point halftime deficit. None were larger than his six-yard TD grab with two seconds remaining that tied the score at 20-20.

Chase has since received extra attention from opposing defensive schemes and was held under 100 yards in four straight games until his 132-yard stat line at New Orleans. Despite the consistent double coverage, he has still made plays at crucial moments to jolt the Cincinnati offense. In Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets, he caught a TD pass on third-and-goal in the third quarter to give the Bengals a 27-9 lead. The following week vs. Miami, Chase came down with a 36-yard catch along the left sideline with under three minutes remaining that led to a game-clinching TD three plays later.

In Week 5 at Baltimore, three of Chase's seven grabs came on the Bengals' final offensive drive that ended with a go-ahead TD with 1:58 left in the fourth quarter. His most important was a 13-yard reception on third-and-five inside the red zone, when he reached around CB Marlon Humphrey to make an acrobatic play on the ball and set up Cincinnati with a first-and-goal.

Chase's 475 receiving yards through six games rank eighth in the NFL, while his four TD catches are tied for fifth.

**Chase set Bengals rookie records in '21:** WR Ja'Marr Chase in 2021 had perhaps the best statistical season ever by a Bengals rookie regardless of position. Here's a look at the Bengals rookie records that Chase broke during the 2021 regular season. Although the NFL schedule was expanded to 17 games in 2021, Chase broke all of the previous Bengals rookie records in no more than 16 games.

- Chase's 81 receptions topped the previous team rookie record of 67, shared by WRs Cris Collinsworth and Tee Higgins. Chase caught his 68th pass in the 15th game of the season (Dec. 26 vs. Baltimore).
- Chase's 1455 receiving yards topped the previous team rookie record of 1057, held by WR A.J. Green. Chase passed 1057 receiving yards in the 15th game of the season (Dec. 26 vs. Baltimore).
- Chase's 13 receiving TDs topped the previous team rookie record of nine, held by WR Isaac Curtis. Chase caught his ninth receiving TD in just the 13th game of the season (Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco). Curtis' record was set in a 14-game season in 1973.
- Chase's five 100-yard receiving games topped the previous team rookie record of four, held by Green. Chase's fifth 100-yard receiving performance came in the 16th game of the season (Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City).

**Higgins heating up:** WR Tee Higgins has faced two on-field setbacks so far this season, first in the season opener against Pittsburgh when he suffered a concussion in the second quarter, and again in Week 5 at Baltimore when he left the game with an ankle injury. When healthy, however, Higgins has proven himself as one of the NFL's elite young receivers.

Higgins was held without a target in the first half of Game 2 at Dallas, but he finished the game with six catches for 71 yards (11.8 average) and a TD, with two of his receptions coming as third-down conversions to keep Cincinnati drives moving. With 3:51 remaining in the fourth quarter, QB Joe Burrow found Higgins in the end zone to make it a two-point game. He continued his dominance in the first half of Game 3 at the N.Y. Jets, catching five passes for 93 yards (18.6), including a 45-yard grab near the right sideline.

In Game 4 against Miami, Higgins logged a season-high seven catches for 124 yards and a TD. His TD grab came on a third-and-11 in the second quarter, when he beat Pro Bowl CB Xavier Howard down the left sideline and caught a

deep ball from Burrow for a 59-yard score. It was the 14th receiving TD of his career.

Higgins battled through his ankle injury to play in Game 6 at New Orleans, finishing with six catches for 47 yards. He had a 13-yarder in the fourth quarter that got Cincinnati into FG range, and ultimately helped lead to an Evan McPherson kick that made it a two-point game.

A second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, Higgins had 74 catches for 1091 yards and six TDs during the '21 regular season, despite missing three games — Games 3-4 (shoulder), and the regular-season finale (rest). He also had four 100-yard receiving games, including in Game 15 vs. Baltimore, when he posted career-highs in catches (12) and receiving yards (194) and scored two TDs.

He continued his production in the postseason, with two 100-yard receiving performances — 103 yards in the AFC Championship at Kansas City, and 100 in Super Bowl LVI vs. the L.A. Rams. His 18 catches in the postseason tied teammate Joe Mixon and former teammate A.J. Green for fourth-most in Bengals history. His 309 receiving yards were fourth-most in team postseason history. His 75-yard TD on the first play of the second half in Super Bowl LVI was the longest play from scrimmage in Bengals postseason history, and he joined TE Dan Ross as the only Bengals ever with multiple TDs in a single postseason game — Higgins had two TDs in the Super Bowl.

Higgins, who has been sidelined by injury for nearly five full quarters this season, is still tied for 23rd in the NFL with 362 receiving yards. He has 1007 receiving yards over the last 13 weeks of regular-season football, dating back to Week 12 of the 2021 campaign. That total ranks seventh leaguewide in that span, and it becomes even more impressive when noting that Higgins has officially played in just 12 games over the past 13 weeks. His teammate, WR Ja'Marr Chase, has 1063 yards in that timeframe, good for fifth-most in the NFL.

**Mixon it up:** Bengals HB Joe Mixon has continually shown his ability as a threat in both the running and passing game. In Game 6 at New Orleans, he had eight carries for 45 yards (5.6 average) and caught four passes for 23 yards, with a nine-yard TD reception to get Cincinnati on the board in the first quarter.

Mixon in the season opener against Pittsburgh rushed for 82 yards on 27 carries to go with a career-high-tying seven receptions for 63 yards, marking the third time in his career that he recorded 60-plus yards both rushing and receiving. He followed that up with 83 combined yards (57 rushing, 26 receiving) in Week 2 at Dallas.

In Week 4 against Miami, Mixon recorded 61 rushing yards on 24 carries and had his first TD of the season, when he capped off the Bengals' opening possession by driving a wall of defensive linemen five yards into the end zone. He followed up that performance by rushing 14 times for 78 yards (5.6 average), with three carries of 10-plus yards and four going for first downs, in Week 5 on Sunday Night Football at Baltimore.

Mixon established himself among the NFL's elite HBs in 2021, as his career-high 1205 rushing yards ranked third in the league while his 13 rushing TDs were fourth. The University of Oklahoma product earned his first career Pro Bowl selection.

In 2021, Mixon became one of just four Bengals ever to surpass 4000 career rushing yards and 1000 career receiving yards, joining Corey Dillon, James Brooks and Pete Johnson. Reaching the 4K/1K mark took Mixon just 60 career games, 11 faster than the next-quickest Bengal (Dillon, 71 games). He topped 1000 career receiving yards in the 2021 season opener vs. Minnesota, and then surpassed 4000 rushing yards in Game 10 at Las Vegas.

Mixon enters Week 7 of the 2022 season with 4911 career rushing yards (fifth-most in Bengals history, 89 away from 5000) and 1471 receiving yards.

It took Mixon just 50 games to reach 3000 rushing and 1000 receiving yards, which also was 11 games quicker than the next-fastest Bengal (Brooks, 61).

Here's a look at the fastest players ever to top 4000 career rushing yards and 1000 career receiving yards in a Bengals uniform (it should be noted that Brooks began his career with the San Diego Chargers from 1981-83; however, the data counts only rushing/receiving yardage and games played as a Bengal):

NAME	BENGALS GAMES TO REACH 4K/1K
Joe Mixon.....	60
Corey Dillon.....	71
James Brooks.....	76
Pete Johnson.....	77

**Hurst getting in on the action:** Among the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency class in the 2022 offseason was fifth-year TE Hayden Hurst, who over the past three games has been a key part of the passing game. After totaling 11 receptions for 77 yards (7.0 average) in the first three contests,

Hurst had 12 catches for 101 yards (8.4 avg.) with two TDs in Games 4-6.

Game 5 saw him make his return to Baltimore, where he spent his first two NFL seasons as a first-round pick of the Ravens in 2018. Hurst caught a season-high six passes for 53 yards, including a 19-yard TD in the second quarter that got Cincinnati on the board. He scored his first TD as a member of the Bengals in Game 4 against Miami, catching a two-yard pass from QB Joe Burrow to put Cincinnati ahead 27-15 with 1:52 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Hurst, who head coach Zac Taylor described in preseason as having "a high football IQ, really good hands, and the speed to be a tough matchup," played for the Ravens from 2018-19 before being acquired by Atlanta in a trade during the '20 offseason. In 2020, his first season with the Falcons, he recorded career highs in catches (56), receiving yards (571) and TDs (six).

Hurst was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 17th round of the 2012 MLB Draft, and played two seasons as a pitcher ('13) and first baseman ('14) in the Pirates' rookie-level Gulf Coast League affiliate. Following his baseball career, he walked on to the University of South Carolina football team in 2015.

**Bengals revamp O-line in 2022:** Cincinnati addressed its biggest need in the 2022 offseason, signing three premier offensive linemen to help protect QB Joe Burrow. The Bengals inked G Alex Cappa (formerly with Tampa Bay), OT La'el Collins (Dallas) and C Ted Karras (New England).

Prior to joining Cincinnati, the new additions played in a combined 236 games (regular and postseason), with 174 starts. They also provide a winning pedigree, as Karras helped the New England Patriots win Super Bowl LI and LIII, while Cappa was a key member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers team that took home Super Bowl LV.

A fifth-year pro out of Humboldt State (now Cal Poly Humboldt), Cappa has started each his last 47 games played from 2019-22. He helped the Buccaneers offensive line allow a league-low 23 sacks in 2021, while the team led the NFL in yards per game (405.9) and passing yards per game (307.6).

Collins is in his eighth NFL season after originally signing with Dallas as a college free agent in 2015. The LSU product quickly became a mainstay on the Cowboys O-line, starting 61 of his first 62 career games before suffering a hip injury that kept him on the Reserve/Injured list for the entire 2020 season. With Collins in the lineup, Dallas ranked in the top five in rushing offense for three straight years (2017-19).

After playing his first three seasons (2016-18) primarily as a reserve, Karras became the Patriots' starting center entering '19 and has started 46 out of 49 games since then. He signed with Miami as a free agent in 2020, spending one season with the Dolphins before returning to New England in '21. He started two games at RG in 2021, then took over the starting LG spot for the remainder of the regular season and one playoff game.

The free agency trio, along with fourth-year pro Jonah Williams at LOT and 2022 fourth-round draft pick Cordell Volson at LG, has started each game for Cincinnati this season.

**D tightens after the break:** Through six games this season, Cincinnati has allowed just 12 points in the third quarter and 30 in the second half/overtime. Comparatively, the Bengals have given up 85 first-half points.

The Bengals' defensive dominance in the third quarter is a continuation of its 2021 efforts. Cincinnati during the '21 regular season allowed just 40 third-quarter points, the second-fewest in the NFL behind Buffalo. The Bengals outscored their competition 102-40 in the third quarter, good for a plus-62 point differential that was third-best leaguewide behind Buffalo (plus-70) and Green Bay (plus-63).

The Bengals' 12 points given up in the third quarter are tied for the fourth-fewest in the league, while their 30 points allowed in the second half/overtime are third-fewest behind Buffalo (17) and Indianapolis (28). In 32 opponent drives in the second half/overtime, the Bengals' defense has forced 12 punts, 11 field goal attempts and four turnovers on downs, while also recording three FRs and two INTs.

Cincinnati is the only team in the NFL that has not allowed a TD in the second half this season. In fact, the Bengals are one of just seven teams since the NFL/AFL merger in 1970 that have gone six or more consecutive games without giving up a second-half TD. The 1997 Kansas City Chiefs lead that category with 10 straight games, while the '73 Miami Dolphins went seven straight. Cincinnati is tied with five teams in going six consecutive contests without yielding a TD in the second half.

**Hendrickson wreaks havoc at MetLife:** DE Trey Hendrickson was named AFC Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the

Bengals' Week 3 win at the N.Y. Jets. Hendrickson tallied four tackles, a career-high 2.5 sacks and two forced fumbles.

It marked the first career weekly recognition for Hendrickson, who has established himself as one of the NFL's top pass rushers over the past three seasons. After being held without a sack through Cincinnati's first two contests, he became the first Bengals player since at least 2000 to record two-plus sacks and two-plus forced fumbles in a single game.

One of the headliners of the team's free agency haul in the 2021 offseason, Hendrickson led the Bengals and posted a career high with 14 sacks (fifth in NFL) during the '21 regular season. That total marked the second-most in team history, between DE Carlos Dunlap's 13 in 2015 and DE Coy Bacon's team-record 22 in 1976. (Sacks became an official NFL statistic in 1982, however the Bengals tracked the stat back to '76 and thus recognize Bacon as the record-holder). Hendrickson's production during the 2021 regular season helped him earn his first career Pro Bowl selection.

The sixth-year pro out of Florida Atlantic continued his impressive pace in the 2021 postseason, recording a team-high 3.5 sacks and a forced fumble.

Hendrickson is the first Bengal to win AFC Defensive Player of the Week since DE Carlos Dunlap in Week 17 of 2019. Last season, Bengals players combined to win nine weekly and/or monthly awards.

Here is a look at the NFL sack leaders since the start of the 2020 regular season:

PLAYER	TEAM	SACKS SINCE 2020
T.J. Watt	Pittsburgh.....	38.5
Myles Garrett	Cleveland.....	33
Trey Hendrickson	New Orleans/Cincinnati.....	30
Aaron Donald	L.A. Rams.....	30
Haason Reddick	Arizona/Carolina/Philadelphia.....	28

**Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal:** DE Sam Hubbard, a third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, ranks third in sacks (25.5) among all players from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents). He notched his first sack of the 2022 season in the fourth quarter of Game 2 at Dallas, when he brought down QB Cooper Rush for a five-yard loss on third down to force a Cowboys punt. In Game 4 against Miami, Hubbard had four tackles with two for losses.

Hubbard teamed up with DT B.J. Hill to help seal a Bengals win in Game 6 at New Orleans. The Saints were driving to take the lead with 39 seconds left and the ball at the Cincinnati 41-yard line, before Hubbard and Hill collapsed the pocket and brought QB Andy Dalton down for a seven-yard sack, forcing New Orleans into a fourth-and-17.

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

Hubbard has been the Bengals' starting RDE since 2019, and during the '21 regular season his 7.5 sacks were second on the team. Hubbard's three sacks in the postseason ranked tied for fifth among all players, second on the team, and tied for third-most ever for a Bengal for a postseason career (David Grant and Reggie Williams also had three, Trey Hendrickson has 3.5, and Jason Buck had four).

Hubbard signed a contract extension with the Bengals in July 2021 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the end of the 2025 season.

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

PLAYER/POSITION	TEAM	PICK (ROUND)	SACKS
Harold Landry III/EDGE	Tennessee.....	No. 41 (2nd)	31.0
Bradley Chubb/DE	Denver.....	No. 5 (1st)	26.0
Sam Hubbard/DE	Cincinnati.....	No. 77 (3rd)	25.5
Marcus Davenport/DE	New Orleans.....	No. 14 (1st)	21.5
Josh Sweat/DE	Philadelphia.....	No. 130 (4th)	20.0

**Wilson among elite young LBs:** Third-year LB Logan Wilson recorded his first INT of the 2022 season in Game 3 at the N.Y. Jets, when he dropped back into deep coverage and picked off a throw by QB Joe Flacco over the middle before returning it 47 yards in the second quarter. Head coach Zac Taylor after the game said it "took him back to his receiver and safety days," as Wilson was an all-state WR and defensive back at Natrona County High School in Wyoming.

Wilson this season is second on the team in tackles (37) and has two passes

defensed. The University of Wyoming product emerged as one of the league's top young linebackers in 2021, when he led the Bengals in tackles (98) and INTs (four) in just his second pro season. His four picks also tied for the most among all NFL LBs, and were the most by a Bengals LB since 2005 (Odell Thurman, five). Consider also that Wilson missed three games (Games 13-15) with a right shoulder injury, and then was inactive (rest) for the season finale at Cleveland. In the 12 full regular-season games in which he was healthy (was injured in first half of Game 12), Wilson led the Bengals in tackles six times.

His strong play continued into the postseason, as he played all 274 possible snaps in Cincinnati's four-game run. His 39 tackles not only led all NFL players — they were the most by any player in a single postseason since Baltimore's Ray Lewis (51) in 2012. Wilson made numerous key plays throughout the postseason, including an INT with 20 seconds remaining in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, which gave the ball back to the Bengals' offense and helped set up K Evan McPherson's 52-yard game-winning FG as time expired. He also tackled Titans RB Derrick Henry for a loss on a fourth-and-one in the fourth quarter of that same game, thwarting a Titans drive that had reached Cincinnati's 35-yard line and giving the Bengals the ball back in what was a tie contest.

Since entering the league in 2020, Wilson has recorded seven INTs, the most by any LB. Here is a look at the INT leaders among linebackers since the start of the 2020 regular season:

PLAYER	TEAM	INTs SINCE 2020
Logan Wilson	Cincinnati	7
Eric Kendricks	Minnesota	5
Foye Oluokun	Atlanta/Jacksonville	5

**Bengals secondary is airtight:** Cincinnati in Week 6 held Saints QB Andy Dalton to a 53.1 completion percentage (17 of 32) for 162 yards. Dalton finished with a passer rating of 77.9, continuing a dominant trend for the Bengals that began during the 2021 postseason.

Dating back to the Wild Card Playoff on Jan. 15 against Las Vegas, the Bengals have held 10 consecutive starting QBs — and 11 consecutive QBs overall — to a passer rating of 100 or lower (minimum five pass attempts; Miami's Week 4 starter Tua Tagovailoa left the game with a concussion in the second quarter and was replaced by Teddy Bridgewater). The stat becomes more impressive when considering that two of those QBs — Las Vegas' Derek Carr and Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes — ranked in the top 10 leaguewide in passer rating during the 2021 regular season. Also, 10 of the 11 signal callers did not eclipse 300 passing yards, and six were limited to under 20 completions.

Over the past 10 games (2021 postseason, plus six games in '22 regular season), the Bengals have held opposing QBs to a 58.6 completion percentage (222 of 379), while collecting 13 INTs to just 13 pass TDs allowed.

**Corners stepped up in '21 postseason:** Each of the three veteran CBs signed by the Bengals during the 2021 offseason — Eli Apple, Chidobe Awuzie and Mike Hilton — made critical plays during the team's run to Super Bowl LVI.

Awuzie contributed to a stalwart defensive effort in the second half of the AFC Championship at Kansas City, as the Bengals limited the high-powered Chiefs offense to just 66 yards and six points. He led the Cincinnati secondary with eight tackles. Two weeks later, he played all but two snaps in Super Bowl LVI, and on the Rams' first offensive play of the second half picked off a pass from QB Matthew Stafford to set up a Bengals FG drive.

Hilton came through with back-to-back memorable plays in the third quarter of the AFC Divisional at Tennessee, starting with a chase-down tackle of RB D'Onta Foreman on a 45-yard run that prevented a TD. On the very next snap, he batted a pass from QB Ryan Tannehill into the air and intercepted it (19-yard return) to thwart a Titans goal-to-go scoring opportunity.

Apple made one of the signature plays of the team's postseason run with five seconds left before halftime of the AFC Championship at Kansas City. With the ball at the Bengals' one-yard line and the Chiefs leading 21-10, he tackled WR Tyreek Hill in the flat and forced the remaining clock to expire. The tackle is largely credited for providing a momentum shift going into halftime, as Cincinnati roared back in the third quarter with 11 unanswered points.

The CB trio helped limit opponents to 272 passing yards per game and a combined 77.2 passer rating in the postseason. Cincinnati's eight INTs in the postseason were the most by any team since Green Bay in 2010.

**Answering the Bell:** S Vonn Bell has been involved in four turnovers through six games for the Bengals' defense, including a two-game

stretch in which he recorded three INTs. He collected two picks in Game 4 against Miami to help lead the Bengals to a Thursday Night Football win, including one at the Cincinnati nine-yard line with under four minutes remaining as the Dolphins were driving to take the lead.

In Game 5 at Baltimore, he stepped up and intercepted QB Lamar Jackson at the Bengals' 17-yard line with the Ravens leading 10-0 in the second quarter. That INT provided a spark for the whole team, as Cincinnati's offense responded with a TD on the ensuing possession.

Bell also forced a turnover in Game 2 at Dallas, stripping the ball from TE Dalton Schultz in the third quarter. Since joining the Bengals as an unrestricted free agent prior to the 2020 season, Bell has forced seven fumbles, tying for the eighth-most in the NFL and third-most by a defensive back in that time frame.

The Ohio State product has earned a reputation as one of Cincinnati's most consistent players and a trusted leader. Much of that status comes from his remarkable availability, as Bell began his Bengals tenure by playing every snap in his first 20 games with the team. His consecutive snaps streak was broken on Oct. 17, 2021, when the starters were rested late in the fourth quarter of a 34-11 win at Detroit.

And although he missed more snaps throughout the year, including all of Game 17 at Cleveland while on the Reserve/COVID list, Bell still led Cincinnati's defense in snaps played (1004 of 1124) during the regular season. In his now 42 games played (regular and postseason) for the Bengals, he has seen action on 2732 of 2854 possible defensive snaps (95.7 percent), including all 403 through six contests in 2022.

Bell has been voted a team captain in each of his three seasons with the Bengals. He led the team in tackles (114) in 2020, before ranking second in that category (97) in '21.

With an INT at Baltimore, two vs. Miami and another in Game 15 of 2021 against the Ravens, Bell has four INTs in his last eight regular-season games, after recording one in his previous 91 career appearances.

**Mr. Reliable wears No. 30:** Jessie Bates earned a starting S spot midway through his first preseason in Cincinnati, and he hasn't looked back since. The 2018 second-round pick started 51 straight games to begin his Bengals career — that's three full seasons plus three games — until a neck injury ended his streak in the fourth game of 2021 (Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville). He missed just that one game before returning to the starting lineup the next week, and then started all but one game (pre-playoff rest) thereafter in 2021.

Still, Bates' streak of 51 tied for the sixth-most consecutive starts by a player to begin their career as a Bengal, and the second-most by a defender. Had he started the Jacksonville game, he would have tied former LB Takeo Spikes (52) for most starts to begin a career by a Bengals defender.

Over his first four-plus pro seasons, Bates has steadily established himself as one of the NFL's elite players at his position. Since entering the league in 2018, his 430 total tackles rank 22nd leaguewide and second among defensive backs. He logged 100-plus tackles each of his first three seasons, and although that number dipped to 88 in the 2021 regular season (did not play in two games), he stepped up in the postseason with a team-leading two INTs and six PDs.

Bates grabbed his first INT of the 2022 season in Game 3 at the N.Y. Jets, when a tipped pass thrown by QB Joe Flacco fell into his hands at the Cincinnati three-yard line with 57 seconds left, sealing the Bengals win. He has logged 16 tackles over the past three games, including six each against Miami (Week 4) and at Baltimore (Week 5).

**McPherson breaks own team record:** K Evan McPherson, who quickly became a fan-favorite in Cincinnati during his rookie season in 2021, notched another historic mark in the '22 regular-season opener against Pittsburgh. McPherson kicked a team-record 59-yard field goal in the first quarter to put the Bengals on the board, breaking the previous record of 58 yards that he hit on Dec. 19, 2021 at Denver.

It marked a continuation of some notable performances from training camp and preseason, as McPherson showed no signs of rust coming out of his rookie year. In three preseason games, McPherson hit nine of 10 FG attempts, with three coming from 50-plus yards. On Aug. 12 against Arizona, converted FGs of 58 and 56 yards just in the second quarter. His nine FGs tied for the league lead during preseason, while his 31 points accounted for (made four PATs) were third-most. In the Bengals' "Back Together Saturday" practice on July 30 at Paycor Stadium, McPherson closed out the afternoon by kicking a 65-yard FG in front of an announced crowd of 28,283.

He grabbed another spot on the team's all-time chart in Week 4 vs. Miami, as his 57-yarder in the fourth quarter tied Randy Bullock for the third-longest FG in Bengals history.

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

PLAYER	DATE	OPPONENT	FG DISTANCE
Evan McPherson	Sept. 11, 2022	vs. Pittsburgh Steelers	59
Evan McPherson	Dec. 19, 2021	at Denver Broncos	58
Randy Bullock	Dec. 22, 2019	at Miami Dolphins	57
Evan McPherson	Sept. 29, 2022	vs. Miami Dolphins	57
Chris Bahr	Sept. 23, 1979	vs. Houston Oilers	55
Mike Nugent	Nov. 25, 2012	vs. Oakland Raiders	55
Randy Bullock	Oct. 18, 2020	at Indianapolis Colts	55

**Mac is money from deep:** K Evan McPherson has quickly earned a reputation for being one of the NFL's top kickers from long range. The second-year pro out of Florida is 13 of 15 on FG attempts of 50 or more yards, making him already the Bengals' career leader in 50-plus yard FGs. Even more impressive is that he reached the top of Cincinnati's career chart in that category just 14 games into his rookie season, breaking the previous record of eight.

Referred to by fans as "Money Mac," McPherson made an NFL-best nine FGs of 50 or more yards during the 2021 regular season, and fell just one shy of tying the NFL record for most 50-plus yarders. His nine such FGs were more than double the previous team record for a single season (four, by K Horst Muhlmann in 1970).

In Week 4 against Miami, McPherson nailed a 57-yard kick in the fourth quarter, his second FG of the night. It marked his 12th FG of 50 or more yards in just his 20th regular-season game, tying Minnesota's Blair Walsh (2012-13) for an NFL record. He notched his 13th from that distance in Week 6 at New Orleans, converting from 52 yards with 3:42 left in the fourth quarter to make it a two-point game.

Here is a look at the most 50-plus yard FGs through a player's first 20 career games in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	50-PLUS YARD KICKS
Blair Walsh	Minnesota	12
Evan McPherson	Cincinnati	12
Joey Slye	Carolina	8
Chase McLaughlin	LAC/Ind./Jax./Cle.	7
Greg Zuerlein	St. Louis	7

**McPherson's rookie roundup:** K Evan McPherson took the league by storm in his rookie season, putting together one of the most memorable seasons by a first-year kicker in NFL history. He started it off in style, by booting a game-winning 33-yard FG as time expired in OT to give the Bengals a Week 1 victory over Minnesota on Sept. 12.

At the time of his game-winner, he was 22 years and 53 days old (born 7-21-99), making him the youngest player in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG in overtime. It also made him just the second rookie kicker in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG with no time remaining in OT (the other was Miami K Jason Sanders in 2018).

McPherson went on to make 28 of his 33 FGs and 46 of 48 PATs during the 2021 regular season. Some of his highlights included an NFL-best nine FGs of 50 or more yards, which fell just one shy of tying the NFL rookie record (Blair Walsh kicked 10 in 2012). In a sign of things to come, his first NFL FG was a 53-yarder in the season opener vs. Minnesota. On Nov. 21 at Las Vegas, he tied a single-game NFL record with three FGs of at least 50 yards (54, 53 and 51). For perspective, there were only four instances prior to 2021 in which a Bengals kicker made as many as three 50-plus yarders in a full season. On Dec. 19 at Denver, he nailed a then-Bengals-record 58-yard FG as time expired in the first half.

The rookie sensation found a way to best his regular-season production during the Bengals' postseason run to Super Bowl LVI. Over the four-game stretch, he was a perfect 20-for-20 on placekicks, making all 14 of his FG attempts and all six of his PATs. No kicker in NFL history had previously been perfect on as many as 11 FGs in a single postseason. In his postseason debut, the AFC Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas, McPherson set team postseason records for points (14) and FGs (four) in a game. In the following week's Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, he hit four more FGs, including a 52-yard game-winner as time expired in regulation — making him the first rookie kicker in NFL postseason history to kick a game-winning FG with no time remaining in the fourth quarter or overtime.

He matched that performance the next week in the AFC Championship at

Kansas City, with four FGs including a 31-yarder in overtime that won the game and sent Cincinnati to the Super Bowl.

McPherson's 14 FGs tied former Colts K Adam Vinatieri (2006) for the most in a single postseason in NFL history. K Jim Breech (nine) held the previous Bengals record in that category. McPherson's 48 points are already the second-most by a Bengal for an entire postseason career, trailing Breech, who amassed 52 points in nine games.

**Huber boots 1000th punt:** P Kevin Huber, a 2009 Bengals fifth-round draft pick in his 14th season, recorded his 1000th career punt in Game 6 at New Orleans. He became the sixth player in NFL history to log 1000 punts with a single team, joining Sam Koch (Baltimore, 2006-21), Dustin Colquitt (Kansas City, '05-19), Ray Guy (Oakland/L.A. Raiders, 1973-86), Jerrel Wilson (Kansas City, '63-77) and Shane Lechler (Oakland, '00-12).

Huber's 1002 career punts are the 25th-most in NFL history. A Cincinnati native who played at the University of Cincinnati, Huber has long been considered the top punter in Bengals history. He has cemented that legacy in recent years by taking over the top spot in the few remaining career punting categories he did not already own.

Huber stands first in the following team categories (regular season):

- Punts (1002).
- Punting yards (45,406).
- Gross average (45.32).
- Net average (40.43).
- Inside-20 punts (344).

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

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

Huber also has been a part of seven Bengals playoff teams (2009, '11-15 and '21) and owns nearly every career postseason punting record in team history. Among those are:

- Total punts (42).
- Punting yards (1879).
- Gross average (44.74).
- Net average (41.29).
- Inside-20 punts (14).

**Huber breaks prestigious record:** P Kevin Huber played in his 208th career game in the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh, breaking a tie with former CB Ken Riley for the most in team history. Riley's record had stood alone since his retirement in 1983, before Huber matched it in the 2021 regular-season finale.

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

Not far behind Huber on the list is LS Clark Harris, who played in his 202nd game for the Bengals in Week 1 before suffering a biceps injury in the fourth quarter. Harris, a 14th-year veteran who has snapped to Huber since joining Cincinnati midway through the 2009 season, was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on Sept. 12. He stands fourth in career games as a Bengal, and last season passed Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz (185), DT Tim Krumrie (188) and Anderson (192).

Here's a look at the players with the most career games played as a Bengal (regular season only):

PLAYER, YEARS WITH TEAM	CAREER GAMES AS A BENGAL
P Kevin Huber, 2009-present	213
CB Ken Riley, 1969-83	207
LB Reggie Williams, 1976-85	206
LS Clark Harris, 2009-present	202
QB Ken Anderson, 1971-86	192
DT Tim Krumrie, 1983-94	188
OT Anthony Munoz, 1980-92	185

**2022 draft class overview:** Cincinnati's six-player draft class in April featured three defensive backs, two defensive linemen and one offensive lineman. The group played in a combined 288 games during their collegiate careers.

Here's a closer look at Cincinnati's 2022 draft class:

- S Dax Hill, Michigan (Round 1, Pick 31): Hill was one of the fastest players in this year's draft (4.38-second 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine) and brings a highly touted versatility to the Bengals' secondary. A first-team All-Big Ten selection as a junior last season, he totaled 42 tackles, including 4.5 for losses, with two INTs and eight PDs. Hill has the ability to line up as a nickel CB or a deep safety. Hill made his regular-season career debut in Game 1 against the Steelers, and started for the first time in Game 3 at the N.Y. Jets. He recorded his first tackle in Game 5 at Baltimore, stopping TE Isaiah Likely on a third down to force a Ravens FG.

- CB Cam Taylor-Britt, Nebraska (Round 2, Pick 60): Cincinnati took a defensive back with each of its first two picks for the first time in team history when it selected the speedy Taylor-Britt out of head coach Zac Taylor's alma mater, Nebraska. He totaled a career-high 51 tackles in 12 starts last season, and is known for his high energy and elite athleticism. After suffering an abdomen injury during training camp, Taylor-Britt was placed on the Reserve/Injured list and missed the first four weeks of the regular season. He was cleared to practice on Oct. 5 and activated from the Reserve/Injured list on Oct. 8. Taylor-Britt was inactive for Game 5 and Game 6.

- DT Zach Carter, Florida (Round 3, Pick 95): Carter had success lining up on the edge and at the three technique at Florida, where he collected 13 sacks over his final two seasons. Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo has indicated Carter will play both on the interior of the defensive line and on the outside. He provides a valuable depth piece and possesses athleticism for his size. Carter has seen action on 103 defensive snaps over the past four games, recording six tackles.

- G Cordell Volson, North Dakota State (Round 4, Pick 136): The first and only offensive player taken by the Bengals in the 2022 draft, Volson earned the starting role at LG during training camp. He brings a winning pedigree from an elite FCS program at North Dakota State, where he won four national championships and played in a program-record 65 career games. He has lined up for each of the Bengals' 422 offensive snaps through six games this season.

- S Tycen Anderson, Toledo (Round 5, Pick 166): Anderson tallied 131 tackles and 16 PDs in a five-year career at Toledo, but his earliest contributions with the Bengals may come via special teams, an area he excelled in college. As a defensive back, he relies on his size (6-2, 209) and natural speed (4.26 40-time). In Cincinnati's second preseason contest at the N.Y. Giants, Anderson recorded seven tackles (six solos). Anderson suffered a hamstring injury during preseason and was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on Sept. 2.

- DE Jeff Gunter, Coastal Carolina (Round 7, Pick 93): Bengals coaches were pleased to get Gunter in the seventh round, given his knack for rushing the passer and causing turnovers. A three-time All-Sun Belt Conference selection, he recorded 18 career sacks, nine FFs and two blocked FG attempts. In his career debut Week 1 vs. Pittsburgh, Gunter saw action on 20 special teams plays. He lined up for seven defensive snaps in Game 3 at the N.Y. Jets. Gunter was declared out of Game 6 at New Orleans after suffering a left knee injury during pregame warmups.

**Four Bengals listed on "Top 100":** For the 12th consecutive year, current NFL players have voted to determine the top 100 players in the NFL, with the final list revealed throughout August on NFL Network.

Cincinnati was represented by four players in 2022 — QB Joe Burrow (No. 21), WR Ja'Marr Chase (No. 24), HB Joe Mixon (No. 38) and DE Trey Hendrickson (No. 78). It marks the team's second-most selections on a Top 100 list — there were seven Bengals included in 2016.

Burrow, Chase and Mixon made their Top 100 debuts, while Hendrickson made his second appearance after checking in at No. 73 on the 2021 list. Burrow's ranking at No. 21 is the fifth-highest by a Bengal, as WR A.J. Green was listed in the top 20 four times from 2013-17.

**Anderson, Curtis join Bengals Ring of Honor:** Bengals legends Willie Anderson and Isaac Curtis were inducted into the team's Ring of Honor at halftime of Game 4 against Miami. They joined the inaugural Ring of Honor class inducted last season, which included QB Ken Anderson, team founder/head coach Paul Brown, OT Anthony Munoz and CB Ken Riley.

Regarded as the best right offensive tackle of his era, Anderson played in 182 games (regular and postseason) for Cincinnati from 1996-2007. A four-time Pro Bowler, his 181 regular-season contests are tied for the eighth-most in team history. He blocked for HB Corey Dillon's two NFL-record setting games — an NFL rookie record 246 rushing yards vs. the Tennessee Oilers in 1997 (since broken), and an NFL record 278 rushing yards vs. the Denver Broncos in 2000

(since broken). He also helped set the club record for fewest sacks allowed twice — 21 in 2005 and 17 in '07.

Considered a game-changing wide receiver in his era, Curtis played from 1973-84 and still holds the Bengals record for average yards per reception (17.07). The four-time Pro Bowler ranks third in team history in both career receiving yards (7101) and 100-yard games (20), and is fourth in receiving TDs (53).

Season Ticket Members selected Anderson and Curtis from a ballot that featured 15 individuals who have played a significant role in the franchise's history and tradition.

Bengals President Mike Brown on the 2022 inductees: "These are two of our finest all-time players. Willie was as good a right offensive tackle as you could draw up. He had it all — strength, movement and attitude. Isaac had incredible speed along with great hands. This is evidence for how our fans felt about Isaac during his career. They knew he was special. The Bengals are fortunate to have both of these outstanding players in the Ring of Honor."

In addition to his spot in the Bengals Ring of Honor, Ken Riley has also been elected as one of three senior nominees for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Riley, who passed away in June 2020 at age 72 after playing cornerback for the Bengals from 1969-83, was chosen from the senior committee's list of 12 finalists. To become a member of the 2023 Hall of Fame class, he will need to receive 80 percent of the vote from the regular committee when it meets in February.

Willie Anderson was included among the 129 modern-era nominees for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's 2023 class, which were announced on Sept. 20. That list will be cut to 25 semifinalists in November, before 15 finalists are revealed in early January. In 2022, Anderson was a finalist for the first time in his ninth year of eligibility.

**2021 Bengals O boasted young nucleus:** During the 2021 regular season, the Bengals became the first team in NFL history with a 4000-yard passer, 1000-yard rusher and two 1000-yard receivers who were all under 26 years old. QB Joe Burrow (25 years old) had 4611 passing yards, HB Joe Mixon (25) had 1205 rushing yards, and Ja'Marr Chase (21) and Tee Higgins (22) had 1455 and 1091 receiving yards, respectively.

The 2006 Bengals were the only other squad in team history with a 4000-yard passer (Carson Palmer), 1000-yard rusher (Rudi Johnson), and two 1000-yard receivers (Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh).

**Super Bowl LVI viewership:** The Bengals' Feb. 13 matchup with the L.A. Rams in Super Bowl LVI averaged a total audience delivery (TAD) of 112.3 million viewers across NBC, Telemundo, Peacock, NBC Sports Digital, NFL Digital platforms and Yahoo Sports mobile properties. That ranked as the most-watched show in five years — since the Patriots and Falcons met in Super Bowl LI in February 2017 (113.7 million TAD on Fox).

Super Bowl LVI viewership on NBC peaked at 104.4 million from 7:45-8 p.m. Eastern. The game, which ran from 6:35-10:09 p.m. Eastern, averaged 99.3 million viewers on NBC. Telemundo became the first-ever Spanish-language broadcast network to air the Super Bowl and averaged 1.9 million viewers — by far the most-watched NFL game in U.S. Spanish-language history.

The game also counted as the most-streamed Super Bowl ever. The average minute audience (AMA) for the Super Bowl live stream via Peacock, NBC Sports Digital platforms, NFL Digital platforms, Rams and Bengals mobile properties, and Yahoo Sports mobile properties was 6.0 million, according to the traditional counting of streaming (which is the comparable metric to the previous year's 5.7 million). The delivery rises to 11.2 million AMA viewers, which takes into account co-viewing from connected devices.

Super Bowl LVI also served as the lead-in to NBC's live prime-time coverage of the Beijing Olympics, which averaged a TAD of 24.0 million viewers.

Cincinnati was the top metered market (out of 44 available) for Super Bowl LVI, with a 46.1/84 rating. Detroit (45.9/79), Pittsburgh (45.6/74), Columbus (45.4/80) and Kansas City (44.6/76) rounded out the top five markets. Los Angeles (36.7/77) was not in the top 10.

**Bengal bites:** Since 2011, the Bengals own a 61-6-2 record in the regular season when scoring 25 or more points ... Cincinnati's Week 2 game against the Dallas Cowboys at AT&T Stadium had an attendance figure of 92,944, marking the largest crowd the Bengals have played in front of in team history ... WR Tee Higgins' 75-yard TD reception 12 seconds into the third quarter of Super Bowl LVI tied for the quickest second half score in Super Bowl history (Percy Harvin, KOR TD in Super Bowl XLVIII) ... WR Tyler Boyd's 56-yard TD catch from QB Joe Burrow on Dec. 19, 2021 at Denver was the 2000th TD in Bengals history ... According to the NFL's Next Gen Stats service, which

tracks players' speed by using GPS, the fastest speed by a Bengals ball-carrier in 2022 came from HB Joe Mixon, who reached 21.11 MPH on a 31-yard run in Game 1 vs. Pittsburgh, the 10th-fastest speed by any player through Week 6 ... The longest-tenured player on the active roster in 2022 is P Kevin Huber, a 14th-year pro who joined the Bengals as a fifth-round pick in 2009 ... The oldest

Bengal on the roster is also Huber, who is 37 (born July 16, 1985) ... The youngest Bengal on the roster is S Dax Hill, who is 21 (born Sept. 29, 2000) ... The lightest Bengal on the roster is WR Trent Taylor, who is listed at 181 pounds ... The heaviest Bengal is DT Josh Tupou, who is listed at 340 pounds ... There is a tie for the tallest Bengal between G Max Scharping and G Cordell Volson, who are both listed at 6-6 ... There is also a tie for the shortest player on the roster between WR Trent Taylor and HB Trayveon Williams, who are both 5-8.

## POSITION BY POSITION

**Quarterbacks:** Third-year pro **Joe Burrow** is coming off perhaps the best season by a QB in Bengals history in 2021. Burrow during the regular season completed 366 of 520 pass attempts for 4611 yards (sixth in the NFL), 34 TDs (eighth) and 14 INTs. He led the league in completion percentage (70.4) and yards per attempt (8.87), while ranking second in passer rating (108.3). His passing yards total, passing TDs and rating each set a new single-season team record. After suffering a season-ending knee injury 10 games into his rookie season, and undergoing an extensive rehab process, Burrow returned for the 2021 season opener and led Cincinnati to an OT win against Minnesota with then-career highs in passer rating (128.8) completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.6). In Game 15 vs. Baltimore, he threw for a Bengals-record 525 yards (fourth-most in NFL history) and four TDs. He followed that performance the next week with 426 passing yards and four more TDs against the Kansas City Chiefs to help Cincinnati clinch the AFC North Division title. Burrow's 971 combined passing yards in Weeks 16-17 were the second-most ever by a QB in consecutive games (Dak Prescott, 974 yards in 2020), and it made him the first QB in NFL history with at least 400 yards, four TDs and no INTs in consecutive games. He was instrumental in the team's run to Super Bowl LVI, completing 97 of 142 passes (68.3 percent) for 1105 yards and five TDs over four postseason games. He was named the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year, becoming the second player in Bengals history to win the award (QB Jon Kitna, 2003). Burrow underwent surgery to remove his appendix early in training camp and returned to practice on Aug. 14, but did not play during preseason. In the regular-season opener vs. Pittsburgh, Burrow completed 33 of 53 passes (62.2 percent) for 338 yards and two TDs, while also rushing six times for a career-high 47 yards. In Week 2 at Dallas, he threw his 50th career touchdown pass to WR Tee Higgins in the fourth quarter. Burrow in Week 3 helped lead the Bengals to a road win over the N.Y. Jets with 275 passing yards and three TDs. Burrow threw for two TDs in a Week 4 win against Miami, including a season-long 59-yard TD pass to Tee Higgins in the second quarter. In Game 5 at Baltimore, he completed 24 of 35 passes and notched two TDs (one passing, one rushing). In the Week 6 win at New Orleans, Burrow passed for 300 yards while completing 28 of 37 passes for a season-high completion percentage (75.7) and recorded four TDs (three passing, one rushing). It marked Burrow's sixth career game with 300-plus passing yards and three passing TDs. Next on the depth chart is sixth-year veteran **Brandon Allen**, who started six games for the Bengals in his first two seasons with the team (2020-21). He took over the starting role late in 2020 after Burrow suffered a season-ending knee injury, and was behind center in the '21 regular-season finale as the team rested Burrow with a spot in the postseason already clinched. Allen joined the Bengals in August of 2020, and began that season on the practice squad as the team's "quarantine QB" that was kept away from the rest of the QBs at practice/meetings in case they could not play due to COVID-19. In 11 regular-season games with the Bengals, he has completed 107 of 176 passes (60.8 percent) for 1074 yards, with seven TDs and four INTs. After leaving the preseason opener against Arizona in the first quarter with a concussion, Allen started at the N.Y. Giants and played through the opening drive of the third quarter. He completed 14 of 20 passes for 105 yards, finishing with a quarterback rating of 82.3. Allen followed that up by going 11 of 15 for 130 yards in the preseason finale vs. the L.A. Rams.

**Running backs:** Leading the Bengals' running back room is sixth-year pro **Joe Mixon**, who returned to action in 2021 after his '20 campaign was limited to just six games due to a right foot injury. Mixon turned in perhaps his best pro season yet, posting career-highs in rushing yards (1205), rushing TDs (13) and rushing attempts (292). His rushing yardage total ranked third in NFL, his rushing TDs total was fourth, and his rushing attempts total was third. Mixon also caught 42 passes for 314 yards and three TDs during the regular season. His 16 total TDs tied for second-most in a single season in team history, and fell just one shy of WR Carl Pickens' record of 17 set in 1995. In the postseason, Mixon rushed for a league-leading 262 yards on 67 carries with one TD. He finished with 90 more rushing yards than the next closest player in that category (L.A. Rams' Cam Akers, 172). 2021 marked Mixon's third season of 1000 or more rushing yards, and saw him earn his first career Pro Bowl selection. He signed a contract extension in 2020 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '24

season. In Week 1 against the Steelers, Mixon had 27 carries for 82 yards while also tying his career high in receptions with seven for 63 yards. He scored his first TD of the season on the opening drive in the Week 4 win against Miami, and finished with 61 yards on 24 carries. Mixon rushed 14 times for 78 yards (5.6 average) in Game 5 at Baltimore. In Week 6, he rushed eight times for 45 yards (5.6 avg.), while adding four catches for 23 yards and a TD. His nine-yard TD catch in the first quarter was his first receiving score of the season. Fifth-year pro **Samaje Perine**, who also shared a backfield with Mixon in college at Oklahoma, is in his fourth Bengals season after beginning his career with Washington. During the 2021 regular season, Perine had 55 carries for 246 yards and one TD, and 27 catches for 196 yards and one TD. At 5-11, 240 pounds, Perine brings size and a physical rushing style, and he's also used extensively on special teams. In the AFC Championship at Kansas City, Perine scored Cincinnati's first TD of the day when he took a screen pass 43 yards to the end zone, trimming an 18-point Chiefs lead to 11. In Game 3 at the N.Y. Jets, he rushed for 47 yards on nine carries, his most yards on the ground since Week 7 of the 2021 season. Eight of those attempts came during a key 13-play drive in the fourth quarter, when Mixon was sidelined due to an ankle injury. Perine also opened the scoring with a 12-yard receiving TD on the Bengals' first drive. He posted season highs in receptions (four) and receiving yards (39) in Week 5 at Baltimore, also rushing three times for 17 yards (5.9 avg.). The next HB on Cincinnati's depth chart is **Chris Evans**, a second-year pro out of the University of Michigan. A sixth-round pick in the 2021 draft, Evans earned a roster spot last season and saw his playing time increase throughout his rookie campaign. He is known for his receiving ability out of the backfield, and during the 2021 regular season had 15 catches for 151 yards and two TDs, along with 17 carries for 77 yards. **Trayveon Williams**, in his fourth season with the Bengals, has played in 26 career games and totaled 208 rushing yards on 41 attempts as well as six catches for 34 yards. Williams spent time on the practice squad last season and was on the active roster for five games. He had a team-high nine carries for 28 yards and a TD in the second preseason contest at the N.Y. Giants.

**Wide receivers:** The top of the Bengals' wide receiver depth chart features one of the most explosive pass-catching trios in the NFL in **Tyler Boyd**, **Ja'Marr Chase** and **Tee Higgins**. Boyd, a seventh-year pro, is considered a premier slot receiver that poses a challenge for nickel corners with his size (6-2, 203). He has 398 career catches for 4726 yards and 26 TDs, and led the team in receptions each year from 2018-20 before sharing production with Chase and Higgins last season. He stands as one of six players in team history to top 1000 receiving yards in consecutive seasons ('18-19). Boyd scored the first TD of the Bengals' 2022 regular season on a two-yard pass from Burrow in Week 1 vs. Pittsburgh. He caught four passes for 105 yards in Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets, including a 56-yard TD reception on the final play of the first quarter. Boyd recorded a season-high six catches for 66 yards (11.0 avg.) in the Week 6 win at New Orleans. Chase, the team's first-round pick in the 2021 NFL Draft (No. 5 overall), had one of the top rookie seasons in NFL history. He led the Bengals and set team rookie records in catches (81), receiving yards (1455) and receiving TDs (13). His yardage total was an NFL rookie record for the Super Bowl Era and the most in team history, topping Chad Johnson's 1440 yards in 2007. Chase led all rookies league-wide in 2021 in receiving yards (fourth in the NFL) and receiving TDs (third in NFL) and earned his first Pro Bowl selection. He provided the Bengals with a downfield threat, finishing the regular season fourth in the NFL in catches of 40 or more yards (eight). 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. In the regular-season opener vs. Pittsburgh, he paced the Bengals with 10 catches for 129 yards and a game-tying TD with two seconds remaining. In Week 5 at Baltimore, Chase led the team in receptions (seven) and had 50 yards receiving (7.1 avg.). In his homecoming to Louisiana in Week 6 at New Orleans, Chase led the Bengals with seven catches for 132 yards (18.9 avg.) and two TDs. He caught a 60-yard pass from Burrow and turned it into the game-winning TD with just under two minutes remaining, marking his sixth career scoring reception of 50 or more yards. Considered among the premier young WRs in the NFL is third-year pro Higgins, who last season eclipsed 1000 receiving yards (1091) for the first time. Higgins, a second-round pick by the Bengals in 2020,

netted 74 catches and six TDs, despite missing three games (two early in the season with a shoulder injury, and rested during the regular-season finale). He had four 100-yard games during the regular season — each coming in his final six games played — and then added two more in the postseason (103 in AFC Championship at Kansas City, 100 in Super Bowl LVI). Higgins brings considerable size (6-4, 219) to the receiving corps, and coaches credited him for transferring his body during the 2021 offseason to get stronger. After exiting the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh in the second quarter with a concussion, he returned to lead the team with six catches for 71 yards (11.8 avg.) and a TD in Week 2 at Dallas. Higgins added 93 more receiving yards on five catches in Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets, with all of his production coming in the first half. Higgins led the Bengals in receiving in Week 4, posting seven catches for 124 yards (17.7 avg) and a TD. He left Game 5 at Baltimore with a left ankle injury. With his status for Week 6 uncertain throughout the week due to a left ankle injury, Higgins battled through and pulled down six catches for 47 yards (7.8 avg.) at New Orleans. Higgins' 960 receiving yards since Week 12 of the 2021 season are tied for fifth in the NFL. Fourth-year pro **Stanley Morgan**, a 2019 college free agent signee of the Bengals, provides depth at receiver and excels particularly as a blocker. Morgan also serves as one of Cincinnati's primary gunners on special teams, and saw action at KOR in 2021. Seventh-year pro **Mike D. Thomas** (not to be confused with Bengals S Michael J. Thomas) adds value as a speedy rotational receiver, as well as on special teams. Thomas joined the Bengals in 2020 but spent his first four NFL seasons with the L.A. Rams, where in '17 his assistant WRs coach was Zac Taylor. In Week 1 against the Steelers, Thomas caught a two-point conversion that cut the deficit to 17-14 in the third quarter. He hauled in a 33-yard pass from QB Joe Burrow in the second quarter in Week 5 at Baltimore, the second-longest reception of his career. Veteran slot WR **Trent Taylor** was signed to the Bengals practice squad in 2021 after three full seasons (missed '19) in San Francisco. Taylor played in four regular-season games and all four postseason games last season, taking over as the team's primary punt returner. In the AFC Championship win at Kansas City, he caught a two-point conversion in the third quarter that completed an 18-point Cincinnati comeback. Taylor had a strong preseason, catching six passes for 106 yards (17.7 average) in three games, while also returning one punt for 31 yards.

**Tight ends:** One of the headliners of the Bengals' 2022 free agency class was TE **Hayden Hurst**, who came to Cincinnati after two seasons with the Atlanta Falcons ('20-21) and two with the Baltimore Ravens ('18-19). He has proven himself as a downfield threat at the TE position, with 145 career catches for 1461 yards and 14 TDs. A former elite baseball prospect, Hurst was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 17th round of the 2012 MLB Draft, and played two seasons as a pitcher (2013) and first baseman ('14) in the Pirates organization in the rookie Gulf Coast League before walking on to the University of South Carolina football team. He caught five passes for 46 yards (9.2 avg.) in his Bengals debut against Pittsburgh. Hurst hauled in three passes for 27 yards (9.0 avg) including a two-yard TD pass from QB Joe Burrow in the fourth quarter to seal the win in Week 4 against the Dolphins. He followed up that performance with season highs in catches (six) and receiving yards (53) at Baltimore, and he scored his second TD of the season on a 19-yard pass in the second quarter. Hurst caught three passes for 21 yards in the Week 6 win at New Orleans. Third-year pro **Mitchell Wilcox**, a 2020 college free agent signee who spent his rookie year on the team's practice squad, appeared in 15 games with one start in '21. Wilcox played 50.5 percent (239 of 473) of special teams snaps during the regular season, third-highest on the team, and recorded three tackles. In Week 1 against Pittsburgh, Wilcox was called upon to serve as the team's long snapper after veteran LS Clark Harris left the game with a biceps injury. Rounding out the tight ends room is **Devin Asiasi**, who the Bengals acquired on waivers from New England on Aug. 31. Asiasi originally was a third-round pick of the Patriots in 2020 and has played in 10 games over the past two seasons. He made his Bengals debut in Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets, playing 24 offensive snaps.

**Offensive linemen:** The Bengals invested heavily in revamping the offensive line during the offseason, signing three marquee free agents in RG **Alex Cappa**, ROT **La'el Collins** and C **Ted Karras**. Cappa, a fifth-year pro out of Humboldt State, spent the past four seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He was the starting RG for the 2020 Bucs team that won Super Bowl LV, and in '21 helped the Tampa Bay O-line allow a league-low 23 sacks. After playing in six games with no starts as a rookie in 2018, Cappa has started 50 consecutive regular-season contests in which he has been active since the start of the 2019 season, only missing three games in that span. In each of the last three seasons with Cappa as the No. 1 RG, Tampa Bay ranked in the top-two in the NFL in passing yards per game. He was placed on the Active/Physically Unable to

Perform (PUP) list at the start of training camp, but returned to make his first start as a Bengal at RG in the regular-season opener. Collins, who was placed on the Active/Non-Football Injury list at the start of camp, also returned in time to start at ROT in Week 1. The eighth-year OT was a key member of a Cowboys O-line that paved the way for one of the NFL's top running games. From 2017-19, he started all but one regular-season contest and helped Dallas rank in the top five leaguewide in rushing yards per game each of those seasons. Karras has taken over the starting center spot for the Bengals, but he brings starting experience at all three interior OL positions. He entered the 2022 season with 34 career starts at C, 12 at LG and five at RG. Karras spent five of his first six seasons with the New England Patriots, with the outlier coming in 2020 with the Miami Dolphins. He was a member of two Super Bowl-winning teams in 2016 and '18, and became New England's starting C in '19. Now in his third season as Cincinnati's starting LOT is 2019 first-round pick **Jonah Williams**, who started 16 regular-season games (rested in season finale at Cleveland) and all four postseason contests last year. Williams played a team-high 96 percent of offensive snaps in 2021 (regular and postseason), and blocked for an offense that ranked seventh in the NFL in passing yards per game and eighth in points. He missed his entire rookie campaign in 2019 due to a left shoulder injury suffered during OTAs, then in '20 played in 10 games before suffering a season-ending right knee injury. Williams started all 44 possible games in three collegiate seasons at Alabama, helping the Crimson Tide win the national championship in 2017. The lone offensive player selected by the Bengals in the 2022 NFL Draft, G **Cordell Volson** earned the starting role at LG during training camp. He brings a winning pedigree from FCS powerhouse North Dakota State, where he played in a program-record 65 career games and helped the Bison win four national championships. Volson has lined up for each of the Bengals' 422 offensive snaps through six games this season. **Hakeem Adeniji**, a sixth-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, is a versatile backup on the Bengals' O-line. Currently listed at OT, he took over as the starting RG midway through the 2021 season and earned praise from coaches for his consistent play. He spent the first eight games of the regular season on Reserve/Non-Football Injury (pectoral), but jumped into the starting lineup immediately upon returning. Adeniji was drafted as an OT, and played OT in college and as a rookie, so the 2021 season was his first-ever at G. In the AFC Championship at Kansas City, Adeniji started and split time at RG with **Jackson Carman**, a 2021 second-round pick of the Bengals who enters his second season. Carman, a native of Fairfield, Ohio (approx. 25 miles north of Cincinnati), was the team's No. 1 RG early in the season before moving to a reserve role upon Adeniji's return from injury. Offensive line coach/run game coordinator Frank Pollack said he was impressed with Carman's attention to detail and improved technique during the offseason. He started at LG in the preseason opener against Arizona and in the finale against the L.A. Rams, but missed the contest at the N.Y. Giants due to COVID-19 protocols. Carman saw action on four special teams plays in the regular-season opener against Pittsburgh. Another key reserve along the interior of the line is second-year pro C **Trey Hill**, who played in 13 regular-season games (three starts) and all four postseason contests in 2021. Though listed at C, where he made two starts as a rookie, he also started at RG in Game 6 at Detroit last season. Hill is a young prospect who turned 22 during Cincinnati's postseason run (born 1-23-00). The Bengals added more size and experience to the interior of the line when they acquired G **Max Scharping** on waivers on Aug. 31. Scharping, who is listed at 6-foot-6 and 325 pounds, was a second-round pick of Houston in the 2019 draft. He played in 48 games with 33 starts for the Texans in three seasons (2019-'21), and made his Cincinnati debut in Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets, seeing action on six special teams plays. Adding depth at LOT is second-year pro **D'Ante Smith**, a fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2021 and battled injuries throughout his rookie season. He drew positive reviews from coaches when healthy, as he played in two games during the regular season (one start at LOT) and two games in the postseason. Smith also lined up at G in his rookie campaign.

**Defensive linemen:** Cincinnati native and Archbishop Moeller graduate **Sam Hubbard** is in his fifth Bengals season (fourth as a full-time starter) and is considered the leader of the defensive line. A third-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2018, Hubbard had 7.5 sacks (second on team) during the 2021 regular season, and his 25 career sacks are third-most among players from his draft class (including college free agents). He had three sacks in the postseason, including two on consecutive plays in the fourth quarter of the AFC Championship with the Chiefs in a goal-to-go situation. In addition to his success as a pass-rusher, Hubbard is also considered among the best DEs in the NFL against the run. He signed a contract extension in July of 2021 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '25 season. Hubbard tallied his first sack of the 2022 season in the fourth quarter of the Week 2 contest at Dallas, bringing down QB Cooper Rush for a five-yard loss. He finished the day with four tackles (three solos), one sack and one PD. In Week 4 vs. Miami, Hubbard notched four

tackles (three solos), including two for losses. He had a season-high seven tackles in Week 6 at New Orleans, including a half-sack on Saints QB Andy Dalton with under a minute remaining that forced a fourth-and-17. On the other side of the line is DE **Trey Hendrickson**, who joined the team as a free agent in 2021 and posted a career-high 14 sacks during the regular season. That total ranked fifth in the NFL and second in team history. Hendrickson during the regular season also recorded at least a half sack in 11 straight games (Games 5-15) — the longest such streak in Bengals history, the longest streak in the NFL in 2021, and tied for the second-longest streak in NFL history. He added 3.5 more sacks in the postseason, leading the Bengals in that category. In Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets, Hendrickson was a disruptive force with 2.5 sacks and two forced fumbles, becoming the first Bengal with that stat line since at least 2000. He spent 2017-20 with the New Orleans Saints, breaking out for 13.5 sacks in '20 to tie for the NFC lead and second in the NFL. His 30 combined sacks since the start of the 2020 regular season are third-most among all players. DT **B.J. Hill** was acquired in a trade with the N.Y. Giants shortly before the 2021 regular season, and proved to be a productive interior defender with 5.5 sacks (fourth on team) in a reserve role. He was thrust into the starting lineup during the postseason, and made one of the signature plays of Cincinnati's run to Super Bowl LVI when he picked off Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes in the third quarter of the AFC Championship. That INT set up a Bengals TD drive that tied the game. In Week 1, Hill recorded three tackles, including the team's first sack of the season on Steelers QB Mitchell Trubisky for a loss of two yards in the third quarter. He followed up that performance with five tackles, tied for second-most on the team, with one PD in Week 2 at Dallas. Hill collected his first two career fumble recoveries in Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets, while also recording four tackles, a half-sack and a forced fumble. He had a season-high six tackles (three solos) in Week 6 at New Orleans, including a half-sack on Dalton with under a minute remaining that forced a fourth-and-17. DT **Josh Tupou** returned to the lineup in 2021 after opting out of the '20 season due to COVID-19. He played in 17 games with nine starts, and suffered a right knee injury in the regular-season finale that limited him to just five snaps in the first three postseason games. Tupou returned to action in Super Bowl LVI, helping limit the Rams to just 1.9 yards per rushing attempt. He started at nose tackle in Week 4 vs. Miami and finished with three tackles (all solos), including his first career sack in the second quarter. A fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2021, DE **Cam Sample** played in 14 regular-season games as a rotational defensive lineman, collecting 14 tackles including 1.5 sacks. Sample battled a hamstring injury late in the regular season and a groin injury in the postseason. He notched his first sack of the 2022 season in Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets, bringing down QB Joe Flacco for a six-yard loss in the second quarter. DT **Zach Carter** was selected by Cincinnati in the fourth round of the 2022 NFL Draft, and was impressive in training camp. He totaled 17.5 career sacks in 46 games at Florida, starting 23 of his final 24 contests at DT. Carter has the ability to line up inside or on the edge, according to Bengals coaches. He had a strong showing in the preseason opener against Arizona, recording four tackles and batting down a pass at the line of scrimmage. He made his first career start at DT in Game 4 vs. Miami and recorded his first NFL tackle. Carter again started at DT in Game 5 at Baltimore and notched his first solo tackle. Second-year DE **Joseph Ossai** returned to action in the regular-season opener after missing the 2021 regular and postseason due to a knee injury. He sustained that injury in the '21 preseason opener at Tampa Bay, a game he impressed in with a sack of QB Tom Brady on the opening drive. Ossai was originally a Bengals third-round pick in 2021. He moved to the United States at age 10 from Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos, Nigeria, and was raised in Conroe, Texas (outside Houston). Rookie DE **Jeff Gunter** was also taken in the seventh round, as the Bengals coaches were pleased to get the Coastal Carolina product late in the 2022 draft. Gunter is listed as a DE, but played at different spots along the line in college and recorded 18 sacks. His skill set was on display in the preseason opener against Arizona, as he batted down a pass at the line of scrimmage on the game's opening drive and finished with two QB hits. The most recent addition to the D-line is DT **Jay Tufele**, who was acquired on waivers from Jacksonville on Aug. 31. Listed at 6-foot-3, 305 pounds, he originally was a fourth-round pick of the Jaguars in 2021 and played in four games last season. Third-year DE **Khalid Kareem** was returned from the Reserve/Injured list to the active roster on Monday, after spending nearly five weeks on the list with a hamstring injury. Kareem played in seven games last season with one start, totaling nine tackles and a forced fumble.

**Linebackers:** Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is third-year pro **Logan Wilson**, who wears the "green dot" as the defense's communicator. Wilson missed Games 12-15 of the 2021 regular season with a right shoulder injury, and then was inactive (rest) for the regular-season finale,

but he still finished as the team's leader in both tackles (98) and INTs (four). His INT total tied for the most among all NFL linebackers during the regular season (Shaquille Leonard, Indianapolis). Wilson made several crucial plays during Cincinnati's postseason run to Super Bowl LVI, with the two most notable coming in the AFC Divisional at Tennessee — he tackled RB Derrick Henry for a two-yard loss on a fourth-and-one in the fourth quarter while the game was tied at 16, and then he intercepted a QB Ryan Tannehill pass with 20 seconds remaining that set up a game-winning FG. Wilson logged 39 tackles in the postseason, the most by any NFL player in a single postseason since Ray Lewis in 2012 (51). In Week 1 vs. Pittsburgh, Wilson led the team in tackles (nine) and logged a PD. He grabbed his first INT of the season in Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets, picking off QB Joe Flacco in the second quarter. In the Week 4 contest vs. Miami, Wilson finished second on the team with seven tackles (four solos), including one TFL. He tied for second on the team with seven tackles (all solos) in Game 5 at Baltimore. Wilson originally entered the NFL as a third-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2020. Cincinnati's third-round pick a year earlier was **Germaine Pratt**, who has grown into a key starter on defense after being considered a raw prospect early in his pro career. Pratt switched from S to LB late in his college career, but earned a starting LB spot with the Bengals midway through his rookie season in 2019. During the 2021 regular season, he totaled 88 tackles (tied for third on the team), including five for losses and a half sack, along with an INT, two PDs, two FFs and two FRs. In the Bengals' 2021 season-opening win vs. Minnesota, Pratt made the defensive play of the game late in overtime when he forced and recovered a fumble by Vikings RB Dalvin Cook. He drew praise from coaches for his grasp of the defense, and took over the "green dot" responsibility on defense while Wilson was out with an injury late in the regular season. In the Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas, Pratt intercepted a QB Derek Carr pass on fourth-and-goal late in the fourth quarter that sealed a Cincinnati win. In the 2022 season opener against Pittsburgh, he also tied for the team lead with eight tackles, including a TFL, and had a PD. Pratt finished tied for second on the team with five tackles in Week 2 at Dallas. After missing the Week 3 contest at the N.Y. Jets with a knee injury, he bounced back to lead the defense with nine tackles (six solos) in Game 4 vs. Miami. In Week 5, Pratt again paced the Bengals with eight tackles (two solos), including his first sack of the season on QB Lamar Jackson in the second quarter. He finished as the team's leading tackler for a third consecutive week at New Orleans and totaled 14 stops (five solos), the second-highest single-game total of his career. Third-year pro **Markus Bailey**, a 2020 seventh-round pick of the Bengals, was a rotational player early in the 2021 season, but late in the year he took on an increased role due to injury issues at LB. Bailey, who has earned the nickname "The Waterboy" from teammates for his all-out playing style, saw more time on defense in 2021 after gradually working his way back from a serious knee injury suffered at Purdue. He missed Cincinnati's final two preseason games with a hamstring injury, but returned in time to play in Week 1 against Pittsburgh. In Week 4 vs. Miami, Bailey led the team with two special teams tackles. To help with injury and COVID-19 issues, the Bengals added to their LB room during the 2021 bye in Week 10 by acquiring second-year pro **Clay Johnston** on waivers from Carolina. The 6-1, 232-pound Johnston was a seventh-round pick of the Rams in 2020, and has been used mainly on special teams by the Bengals. He had a remarkable stat line in the second preseason game at the N.Y. Giants, finishing with 20 tackles (16 solo), including a sack in the second quarter. The 20 tackles surpassed his career total of 18 in seven regular-season games played. Johnston's 29 total tackles in three preseason games led all NFL players. In the Divisional Playoff win at Tennessee last season, Johnston darted into the backfield and tackled Titans RB Derrick Henry for a loss on a two-point conversion to keep the score tied. A 2020 Bengals fourth-round pick, **Akeem Davis-Gaither** turned in perhaps the best performance of his career in Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets. He led Cincinnati with a career-high 13 tackles, including a TFL in the first quarter that put the Jets in a third-and-long situation. Davis-Gaither showed continued progression in his second year before a left foot injury ended his 2021 season after nine games. He saw time as a rotational LB, and prior to his injury had recorded 26 tackles, three PDs and a FF. He played in all 16 games with two starts as a rookie in 2020.

**Defensive backs:** S **Jessie Bates III**, a fifth-year pro and 2018 Bengals second-round pick, is considered one of the core leaders of the team. He topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons (2018-20). During the 2021 regular season, he recorded 88 tackles (tied for third on team), along with an INT (65-yard return) and a FR (46-yard return). Bates earned a starting S spot in training camp as a rookie and started the first 51 games of his career — that's three seasons plus three games — until a neck injury broke the streak and held him out of Cincinnati's Week 4 game vs. Jacksonville last season. He then returned to the lineup the following week and has not missed a game since. Named the team's designated franchise player on March 7, Bates signed the

one-year tender offer on Aug. 23 and was placed on the Exempt/Commissioner Permission list. He reverted to the active roster on Sept. 5 and started in Week 1 vs. Pittsburgh. Bates snagged his first INT of the season in Game 3 at the N.Y. Jets, picking off QB Joe Flacco late in the fourth quarter to seal a Bengals win. Bates made several critical plays during Cincinnati's postseason run to Super Bowl LVI, including an INT on the first play from scrimmage in the AFC Divisional Playoff at Tennessee and a pick just before halftime of the Super Bowl. In overtime of the AFC Championship at Kansas City, Bates tipped a deep pass from QB Patrick Mahomes that was intercepted by S **Vonn Bell**, setting up Cincinnati's game-winning drive. Bell, a seventh-year pro, joined the Bengals in 2020 after spending his first four seasons with New Orleans. He has been a team captain in each of his three Bengals seasons, and finished the 2021 regular season with 97 tackles (second on team). Bell tallied a team-high seven tackles and had a key forced fumble in the Week 2 contest at Dallas. Against the Dolphins in Game 4, he recorded four tackles (all solos) and had two critical INTs. His second came with under four minutes left in the fourth quarter, when he picked off QB Teddy Bridgewater to end a potential go-ahead TD drive for Miami. It marked his first career multi-INT game. Bell, whose three INTs are tied for third in the NFL, added another takeaway in Week 5 at Baltimore, as he picked off QB Lamar Jackson at the Cincinnati 17-yard line in the second quarter. During the 2020 offseason, the Bengals brought in three free agent CBs to help bolster their pass defense. One of the high-profile additions was **Chidobe Awuzie**, who came to Cincinnati after spending the first four years of his career with the Dallas Cowboys. Awuzie proved to be one of the Bengals' top defenders during the 2021 campaign, as he finished the regular season with two INTs and a team-high 14 PDs in 14 starts despite battling groin and foot injuries. He started all four postseason contests, and in Super Bowl LVI had an INT on the Rams' first play of the second half to set up a Bengals FG. Awuzie was originally a second-round pick of the Cowboys in 2017 and moved into a starting role in his second season. He had four tackles (one solo) and two PDs in Week 6 at New Orleans. Another 2020 free agency addition was **Mike Hilton**, who is widely considered one of 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 blitz. Hilton had a 24-yard pick-six in last season's Nov. 28 win against Pittsburgh, his former team, and he said it was his first career pick-six at any level dating back to pee-wee football. In Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets, Hilton recorded a season-high eight tackles (five solos). He has made at least four stops in each game through the first six weeks of the season. CB **Eli Apple** was originally slated to add depth after signing with the Bengals in March of 2021, but he ended up starting nearly every game last season (15 of 16 in regular season, all four in postseason). He had two INTs and 10 PDs during the regular season, but his biggest play came just before halftime of the AFC Championship at Kansas City, when he tackled Chiefs WR Tyreek Hill at the one-yard line to keep the Bengals within 11 points at the break. Apple has a 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 N.Y. Giants in 2018. Apple was originally a first-round pick of the Giants in 2016 and played in New York for two-plus seasons, before being traded to New Orleans five games into '18. He played in 25 games with the Saints over the following two seasons, and spent the 2020 campaign with Carolina. Apple totaled a season-high six tackles (three solos), including one for loss in Week 6 at New Orleans. The Bengals selected S **Dax Hill** with the No. 31 overall pick in the 2022 NFL Draft. Hill brings a highly touted versatility to the Bengals secondary, possessing the ability to line up as a nickel CB and occasionally on the outside, in addition to safety. He spent three seasons (2019-21) at Michigan, starting 23 consecutive games to conclude his career. Hill totaled 151 tackles, including seven for losses, with four INTs and 20 PDs. In the two preseason contests he suited up for, Hill recorded seven tackles (five solos), one INT and two PDs. His INT came in the opening quarter at the N.Y. Giants, when he tracked down a tipped ball and dove to get his hands under it. Hill made his first career start in Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets. A physically imposing member of the secondary is 6-3, 200-pound CB **Tre Flowers**, who joined Cincinnati on waivers from Seattle in October of 2021. Flowers fills a rotational role for the Bengals, mostly used to cover TEs in passing situations. Entering 2022, he had played in 58 career games with 41 starts, totaling 228 tackles (182 solo), three

INTs and 17 PDs through four NFL seasons. Also joining the Bengals last October was S **Michael J. Thomas**. Thomas went on to play in eight regular-season games (one start) and all four postseason games, quickly becoming a core contributor on special teams. He saw 72 snaps on special teams (tied for fourth on the team) in the postseason, including 21 in Super Bowl LVI. Now in his ninth NFL season, Thomas has previously spent time with the San Francisco 49ers, Miami Dolphins, N.Y. Giants and Houston Texans. He was elected by his teammates as one of seven team captains, marking the seventh time in the past eight seasons that he has worn the captains' patch. Thomas has 85 career special teams tackles, with two forced fumbles and one blocked punt. Third-year pro **Jalen Davis** has also carved out a prominent role on special teams, in addition to serving as a rotational slot CB. The 5-10, 185-pound Davis joined the Bengals in mid-2020 and was thrust into action quickly while the team dealt with a wave of injuries and COVID-19 issues. An ankle injury kept him out of the final two regular-season games of 2021 and three postseason contests, but he returned to the field for Super Bowl LVI. Davis finished preseason with 10 tackles and tied for the team lead with three PDs.

**Special teams:** Cincinnati native and the longest-tenured player on the roster, **Kevin Huber**, continues to handle the Bengals' punting duties for a 14th consecutive season. Huber, a graduate of Archbishop McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, originally was a fifth-round pick of his hometown Bengals in 2009. In the 2022 season opener against Pittsburgh, Huber surpassed CB Ken Riley for most career games played (208) in team history. Huber averaged 46.4 gross yards and 41.05 net yards on punts during the '21 regular season. He is considered the top punter in team history and stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (1002), punting yards (45,406), gross average (45.32), net average (40.43) and inside-20 punts (344). Huber was a Pro Bowl selection in 2014, but he has maintained a high level of play and in '20 posted career-highs in both gross (47.2) and net (42.8) average. LS **Cal Adomitis** is handling long-snapping duties for Cincinnati after being signed from the practice squad to the active roster on Sept. 12. Adomitis, who made his NFL debut in Week 2 at Dallas, originally joined the team as a college free agent in May after a five-year career at the University of Pittsburgh. K **Evan McPherson** became a fan-favorite during his rookie season in 2021, when he produced one of the best debut seasons by a kicker in NFL history. He made five game-winning "walk-off" kicks with no time remaining or in OT — three during the regular season, two in the postseason. The first was a 33-yarder in overtime of the season opener against Minnesota. The second was on Thursday Night Football in Week 4 vs. Jacksonville, when he nailed a 35-yarder as time expired in regulation. He clinched the AFC North Division title for Cincinnati with a 20-yarder on Jan. 2 vs. Kansas City, securing the Bengals' first playoff berth since 2015. The fourth was a 52-yarder in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee that sent Cincinnati to the AFC Championship, and the fifth was from 31 yards in OT of the AFC Championship at Kansas City, which punched Cincinnati's ticket to Super Bowl LVI. McPherson said that entering the season, he had never kicked a game-winning FG at any level of football. He was particularly effective from long range, and during the regular season netted nine field goals of at least 50 yards — the most-ever by a Bengal in a season. In Week 1 against Pittsburgh, McPherson broke his own record for the longest kick in franchise history with a 59-yarder in the first quarter. He was perfect in Week 6 at New Orleans, converting his lone FG attempt of 52 yards in the fourth quarter and also going three for three on PATs. Through six games in 2022, McPherson has converted 11 of 13 FG attempts (84.6 percent) and 11 of 12 PATs (91.7 percent). Four of his FGs have come from 50 or more yards. The Bengals used a rotation of players at PR in 2021, but late in the year WR **Trent Taylor** took over full-time duties. He had two returns for 33 yards (16.5 avg.) in Week 6 at New Orleans, and through six games has 11 punt returns for 130 yards (11.8 avg.), marking the 10th-best average in the NFL. WR **Tyler Boyd**, who has two career punt returns, is listed second on the depth chart. HB **Chris Evans** is the Bengals' primary kick returner, who flashed his speed on two KORs in the preseason. He had a 41-yard return in the preseason opener against Arizona that set up a Bengals FG, and the following week returned a kick 73 yards before being pushed out of bounds at the Giants' 24-yard line. After not having a kick return opportunity through the first four weeks of the season, Evans amassed 102 yards on four total returns in Games 5 and 6. Fellow HB **Trayveon Williams** may also be featured as a KOR.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2022

- Oct. 18-19 — Fall League Meeting, The Conrad Hotel, New York, N.Y.
- Nov. 1 — All trading ends for 2022 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
- Nov. 2 — 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. 7 — Any increase in a player's 2022 Salary from a renegotiation or extension that is received by the Management Council after 4 p.m. Eastern on this day, will be treated as Signing Bonus, and prorated over the entire term of the Player Contract, including 2022.
- Nov. 15 — At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.
- Nov. 15 — 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 2022.
- Nov. 15 — 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 2022.
- Nov. 15 — 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 2022.
- Dec. 1, 3, 5 — Deadline at 4 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. 13 — NFLMC Labor Seminar, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.
- Dec. 13-14 — Special League Meeting, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.
- Dec. 15 — 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 2022 season.

### 2023

- Jan. 7 — 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. 9 — Clubs may begin signing free agents for the 2023 season.
- Jan. 9 — NCAA National Championship Game (SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif.).
- Jan. 9 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2020 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2021. 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. 9 — 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 2022 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2023 Team Salary.
- Jan. 14-16 — Wild Card Games.

- Jan. 16 — Special Eligibility Deadline. Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2023 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 20.
- Jan. 21-22 — Divisional Playoff Games.
- Jan. 29 — AFC & NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 31 — Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2023 season to notify his former Club in writing.
- Feb. 3 — Deadline for non-playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2023 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 5 — Pro Bowl.
- Feb. 12 — Super Bowl LVII (State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.).
- Feb. 13 — Waiver system begins for 2023. 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. 13 — Beginning the first business day after the Super Bowl through the opening of the first training camp for Rookies in 2023, clubs must report all tryouts and visits to the League office; however, such transactions will not be reported to other clubs.
- Feb. 16 — Deadline for playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2023 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 21 — Beginning this date through 4 p.m. Eastern on March 7 clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- Feb. 28- March 6 — NFL Scouting Combine (Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.). Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2023 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern. All 2022 NFL player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern. The 2023 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. The first day of the 2023 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 15. 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 15.
- March 7 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- March 7 — College Pro Days Begin. Workouts of a school's Pro Day-eligible players with players outside of the scheduled Pro Day activities are prohibited. Private dinners, meetings, interviews are permitted.
- March 7- April 19 — Draft-Eligible Facility Visits Begin. Clubs permitted 30 non-local players for physical exams/visits; no on-field workouts.
- March 7- April 26 — Video or telephone interviews with draft-eligible players begin. Three video or telephone interviews per player; no longer than one hour in length.
- March 8-9 — Deadline for clubs (60 day after final regular season game) to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2023 season.
- March 13-15 — Negotiation Period. During the period beginning at noon Eastern on March 13 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 15, 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 2022 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern on March 15. 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.

*(Important dates, continued)*

	No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern on March 15.	April 3	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2022 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
March 15	— End/Start of League Year. Prior to 4 Eastern, clubs must exercise options for 2023 on all players who have option clauses in their 2022 contracts.	April 17	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
	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 19	— Deadline for clubs to time, test, visit, interview, or conduct a physical examination with a draft-eligible player at its club facility.
	Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2022 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.	April 21	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
March 15	— Trading period for 2023. Trading begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2022 contracts.	April 26	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
March 15	— Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2023, and if not renegotiated after Jan. 9, 2023, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).	April 27	— Deadline for clubs to time, test, visit, interview (including video and phone calls), or conduct a physical examination with a draft-eligible player at any location.
March 23	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2023 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.	April 27-29	— Annual Selection Meeting/NFL Draft (Kansas City, Mo.).
March 26-29	— Annual League Meeting (The Biltmore, Phoenix, Ariz.).	May 1	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "May 1 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 30	— Deadline for clubs to meet 2023 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.	May 1	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2020 Draft.
		May 5-8 or May 12-15	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday on one of the two weekends following the Draft.
		May 15	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
		May 18-21	— NFLPA Rookie Premiere, TBD.
		May 22-24	— Spring League Meeting, TBD.

**THE LAST BENGALS-FALCONS MEETINGS**

**2014 SEASON  
WEEK 2, GAME 2**

**Cincinnati Bengals 24, Atlanta Falcons 10**  
Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals started slowly, missing two FGs with the score tied 3-3. But Cincinnati broke ahead 10-3 late in the second quarter, as a 91-yard drive featured a 46-yard gain by HB Giovanni Bernard on a short pass and a four-yard TD run by Bernard. Bernard had 169 yards from scrimmage (90 rushing and 79 receiving). His 27 rushing attempts topped by 12 his previous career high. Two more TDs in the third quarter sealed the deal as Cincinnati went ahead 24-3. One of the TDs came on a 76-yard pass from QB Andy Dalton to WR Mohamed Sanu, as Dalton became the first Bengals QB to complete a pass of 75-plus in each of two consecutive games. A week earlier, the Falcons had won their opener in OT against New Orleans with 568 yards of offense. QB Matt Ryan had passed for three TDs and no INTs against the Saints. But the Bengals held Atlanta to 309 yards and intercepted three Ryan passes. The victory was Cincinnati's 10th straight in the regular season at home, tying a franchise record set in 1988-89. The Bengals completed a second straight game without allowing a sack or turnover on offense, marking the first time in franchise history for such a feat in Games 1-2. Cincinnati improved to 2-0 and took an undisputed one-game lead in the AFC North. Atlanta dropped to 1-1.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — M.Nugent 31 field goal	1-5:19
Atl. — M.Bryant 46 field goal	1-1:08
Cin. — G.Bernard 4 run (M.Nugent kick)	2-2:11
Cin. — M.Sanu 76 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	3-10:58
Cin. — J.Hill 1 run (M.Nugent kick)	3-6:28
Atl. — J.Jones 14 pass from M.Ryan (M.Bryant kick)	4-8:35

**Missed FGs:** M.Nugent (38WR, 49WL, 55SH).

**Attendance:** 58,574. **Time:** 3:11.

TEAM STATISTICS	ATL.	CIN.
First downs	19	21
Third down conversions-attempts	3-12	6-14
Total net yards	309	472
Net yards rushing	97	170
Net yards passing	212	302
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	44-24-3	24-16-0
Sacks against-yards lost	2-19	0-0
Punts-average	6-44.3	4-42.8
Punt returns-yards	1-7	3-26
Kickoff returns-yards	4-118	1-29
Penalties-yards	7-56	7-55
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Time of possession	27:01	32:59

**RUSHING**

ATL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
S.Jackson	11	46	13	0	G.Bernard	27	90	12	1
M.Ryan	3	28	12	0	J.Hill	15	74	13	1
J.Rodgers	5	23	9	0	A.Dalton	3	6	4	0
TOTALS	19	97	13	0	TOTALS	45	170	13	2

**PASSING**

ATL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
M.Ryan	44	24	231	1-3	A.Dalton	23	15	252	1-0
					M.Sanu	1	1	50	0-0
TOTALS	44	24	231	1-3	TOTALS	24	16	302	1-0

**RECEIVING**

ATL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Jones	7	88	24	1	G.Bernard	5	79	46	0
R.White	5	42	19	0	M.Sanu	3	84	76t	1
H.Douglas	4	38	16	0	J.Gresham	3	25	19	0
D.Freeman	2	22	18	0	D.Sanzenbacher	2	42	26	0
A.Smith	2	19	15	0	J.Hill	2	22	18	0
L.Toilolo	2	13	10	0	B.Tate	1	50	50	0
S.Jackson	1	7	7	0					
D.Hester	1	2	2	0					
TOTALS	24	231	24	1	TOTALS	16	302	76t	1

**DEFENSE**

**Atlanta** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** P.Worrilow 6-8-14, J.Bartu 8-1-9, D.Lowery 4-2-6, P.Solai 4-2-6, K.Biermann 3-3-6, W.Moore 2-4-6, P.Shembo 2-4-6, R.Alford 2-3-5, J.Massaquoi 2-2-4, J.Babineaux 2-0-2, D.Trufant 2-0-2, R.Hageman 1-1-2, R.McClain 1-1-2, C.Peters 1-1-2, M.Goodman 0-2-2. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** D.Trufant 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Newman 7-3-10, E.Lamur 5-3-8, L.Hall 5-1-6, D.Peko 3-2-5, A.Jones 4-0-4, V.Burfict 2-2-4, R.Nelson 2-2-4, W.Gilberry 3-0-3, D.Still 2-1-3, C.Dunlap 1-1-2, G.Iloka 1-0-1, G.Atkins 0-1-1, R.Mauluga 0-1-1, V.Rey 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-10, R.Nelson 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** G.Iloka 2-42, L.Hall 1(-3). **PD:** G.Iloka 3, T.Newman 3, L.Hall 2, V.Burfict 1, C.Dunlap 1, A.Jones 1, E.Lamur 1, R.Nelson 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**2018 SEASON  
WEEK 4, GAME 4**

**Cincinnati Bengals 37, Atlanta Falcons 36**  
Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium

The Bengals won in their first-ever visit to Mercedes-Benz Stadium. QB Andy Dalton led a dramatic 16-play, 75-yard drive in the game's final four minutes that ended with a 13-yard TD pass to WR A.J. Green with seven seconds left. Dalton completed seven of 12 passes for 65 yards and twice scrambled for another 13 yards rushing on the drive, which included one third-down conversion and two fourth-down conversions. For the game, Dalton completed 29 of 41 passes for 337 yards, three TDs and one INT (109.5 rating). WR Tyler Boyd had 100 yards receiving on a season-high 11 catches, including four that converted third downs and two on the final drive that converted fourth downs. It was the Bengals' first win in Atlanta since 1987. Cincinnati went to 3-1, and the Falcons to 1-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	14	14	0	9	—	37
Atlanta	7	17	3	9	—	36

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Atl. — I.Smith 7 run (M.Bryant kick)	1-10:27
Cin. — T.Eifert 15 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	1-7:23
Cin. — G.Bernard 10 run (R.Bullock kick)	1-0:12
Atl. — L.Paulsen 17 pass from M.Ryan (M.Bryant kick)	2-11:03
Cin. — J.Ross 39 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	2-8:11
Atl. — C.Ridley 11 pass from M.Ryan (M.Bryant kick)	2-2:55
Cin. — G.Bernard 1 run (R.Bullock kick)	2-0:44
Atl. — M.Bryant 55 field goal	2-0:00
Atl. — M.Bryant 28 field goal	3-11:22
Atl. — C.Ridley 30 pass from M.Ryan (pass failed)	4-14:25
Cin. — R.Bullock 36 field goal	4-8:19
Atl. — M.Bryant 32 field goal	4-4:15
Cin. — A.Green 13 pass from A.Dalton (pass failed)	4-0:07

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 71,985. **Time:** 3:25.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	ATL.
First downs	30	25
Third down conversions-attempts	7-12	11-15
Total net yards	407	495
Net yards rushing	99	92
Net yards passing	308	403
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	41-29-1	39-29-0
Sacks against-yards lost	3-29	3-16
Punts-average	2-15.5	1-41.0
Punt returns-yards	1-13	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards	2-82	4-95
Penalties-yards	6-55	10-95
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Time of possession	30:38	29:22

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	ATL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	15	69	14	2	T.Coleman	14	51	9	0
A.Dalton	2	13	11	0	I.Smith	7	35	13	1
M.Walton	5	9	4	0	M.Ryan	2	5	4	0
A.Erickson	1	8	8	0	C.Ridley	1	1	1	0
TOTALS	23	99	14	2	TOTALS	24	92	13	1

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	ATL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	41	29	337	3-1	M.Ryan	39	29	419	3-0
TOTALS	41	29	337	3-1	TOTALS	39	29	419	3-0

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	ATL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Boyd	11	100	13	0	J.Jones	9	173	49	0
A.Green	4	78	38	1	M.Sanu	6	111	36	0
T.Eifert	4	38	15t	1	C.Ridley	4	54	30t	2
G.Bernard	4	27	17	0	T.Coleman	3	26	15	0
J.Ross	2	52	39t	1	I.Smith	3	13	5	0
M.Walton	2	28	24	0	A.Hooper	1	19	19	0
A.Erickson	1	8	8	0	L.Paulsen	1	17	17t	1
C.Uzomah	1	6	6	0	J.Hardy	1	4	4	0
					M.Hall	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	29	337	39t	3	TOTALS	29	419	49	3

**DEFENSE**

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** N.Vigil 8-0-8, J.Bates 7-1-8, P.Brown 4-2-6, D.Dennard 5-0-5, G.Atkins 4-1-5, W.Jackson 3-1-4, S.Williams 2-2-4, A.Billings 3-0-3, C.Dunlap 3-0-3, J.Evans 2-1-3, C.Fejedelem 2-0-2, H.Nickerson 1-1-2, S.Hubbard 1-0-1, D.Kirkpatrick 1-0-1, C.Lawson 1-0-1, M.Johnson 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Lawson 1-7, G.Atkins 1-5, C.Dunlap 1-4. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** D.Dennard 1, T.McRae 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Atlanta** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Kazee 7-0-7, D.Trufant 6-1-7, D.Campbell 5-0-5, B.Poole 3-2-5, D.Riley 3-2-5, I.Oliver 4-0-4, R.Alford 3-1-4, J.Crawford 3-1-4, G.Jarrett 2-1-3, T.McKinley 2-1-3, F.Oluokun 2-1-3, B.Wreh-Wilson 2-0-2, V.Beasley 1-0-1, B.Reed 1-0-1, D.Senat 1-0-1, S.Means 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.McKinley 2.5-24, J.Crawford 0.5-5. **INT.-YDS.:** D.Kazee 1-23. **PD:** D.Trufant 2, R.Alford 1, V.Beasley 1, D.Kazee 1, I.Oliver 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

# 2022 GAME SUMMARIES

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

### Pittsburgh Steelers 23, Cincinnati Bengals 20 (OT) Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022 at Paycor Stadium

Despite five turnovers, including four INTs by QB Joe Burrow, the Bengals were in position to win twice, but two missed kicks led to the loss. Burrow rallied to lead two second-half TD drives, including a six-yard scoring pass to WR Ja'Marr Chase to tie the game at 20-20 with two seconds left in regulation. But K Evan McPherson's PAT attempt was blocked by Steelers S Minkah Fitzpatrick. Then, after holding Pittsburgh on the opening drive of OT, the Bengals drove into range for another potential game-winning kick, this time a FG attempt from 29 yards. But Cincinnati again failed to convert, as a high snap contributed to McPherson sailing it wide left. The Bengals had yet another opportunity for a game-winning kick when they moved into McPherson's FG range with less than two minutes left in OT, but Burrow was sacked on third down for the seventh time of the game to force a punt, and Pittsburgh quickly drove 45 yards to get in position to convert a 53-yard game-winning FG as OT expired.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Pittsburgh	10	7	0	3	3	23
Cincinnati	3	3	8	6	0	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Pitt. — M.Fitzpatrick 31 interception return (C.Boswell kick)	1-12:43
Cin. — E.McPherson 59 field goal	1-7:17
Pitt. — C.Boswell 20 field goal	1-2:25
Pitt. — N.Harris 1 pass from M.Trubisky (C.Boswell kick)	2-8:46
Cin. — E.McPherson 26 field goal	2-0:14
Cin. — T.Boyd 2 pass from J.Burrow (J.Burrow-M.D.Thomas pass)	3-4:41
Pitt. — C.Boswell 48 field goal	11:13
Cin. — J.Chase 6 pass from J.Burrow (kick blocked)	4-0:02
Pitt. — C.Boswell 53 field goal	5-0:00

**Missed FGs:** C.Boswell (55HLU), E.McPherson (29WL).  
**Attendance:** 65,841. **Time:** 3:42.

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT.	CIN.
First downs	13	32
Third down conversions-attempts	4-15	8-16
Total net yards	267	432
Net yards rushing	75	133
Net yards passing	192	299
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	38-21-0	53-33-4
Sacks against-yards lost	1-2	7-39
Punts-average	8-48.5	3-52.7
Punt returns-yards	1-20	5-31
Kickoff returns-yards	1-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	8-59	4-27
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Time of possession	26:18	43:42

#### RUSHING

PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Claypool	6	36	15	0	J.Mixon	27	82	31	0
N.Harris	10	23	11	0	J.Burrow	6	47	23	0
M.Trubisky	3	9	6	0	S.Perine	1	4	4	0
J.Warren	3	7	3	0					
TOTALS	22	75	15	0	TOTALS	34	133	31	0

#### PASSING

PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
M.Trubisky	38	21	194	1-0	J.Burrow	53	33	338	2-4
TOTALS	38	21	194	1-0	TOTALS	53	33	338	2-4

#### RECEIVING

PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Johnson	7	55	25	0	J.Chase	10	129	24	1
P.Freiermuth	5	75	31	0	J.Mixon	7	63	18	0
C.Claypool	4	18	6	0	H.Hurst	5	46	20	0
Z.Gentry	2	40	32	0	T.Boyd	4	33	22	1
N.Harris	2	3	2	1	S.Perine	3	33	14	0
G.Pickens	1	3	3	0	T.Higgins	2	27	18	0
					M.D.Thomas	1	5	5	0
					D.Sample	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	21	194	32	1	TOTALS	33	338	24	2

#### DEFENSE

**Pittsburgh** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** M.Fitzpatrick 10-4-14, M.Jack 6-4-10, A.Highsmith 6-3-9, A.Witherspoon 6-2-8, T.Watt 6-0-6, T.Edmunds 5-1-6, R.Spillane 3-2-5, D.Bush 2-3-5, L.Ogunjobi 3-1-4, A.Maulet 3-0-3, C.Sutton 2-1-3, L.Wallace 2-1-3, C.Wormley 1-2-3, C.Heyward 2-0-2, M.Adams 1-0-1, T.Alualu 0-1-1, J.Jones 0-1-1, D.Leal 0-1-1, T.Norwood 0-1-1, M.Reed 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** A.Highsmith 3-23, A.Maulet 1-7, C.Heyward 1-5, T.Watt 1-4. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Fitzpatrick 1-31, A.Witherspoon 1-0, C.Sutton 1-0, T.Watt 1-0. **PD:** C.Sutton 2, T.Watt 2, M.Fitzpatrick 1, J.Jones 1, L.Wallace 1, A.Witherspoon 1. **FF:** A.Highsmith 1, A.Maulet 1. **FR-YDS.:** C.Heyward 1-0.

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

## WEEK 2, GAME 2

### Dallas Cowboys 20, Cincinnati Bengals 17 Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022 at AT&T Stadium

The Bengals faced an early 14-3 first-quarter deficit, as Dallas opened the game with back-to-back TD drives. Cincinnati later scored FGs on consecutive drives in the third quarter, while the Bengals' defense held the Cowboys to three punts and a lost fumble on their first four drives of the second half. The Bengals logged a 19-play, 83-yard drive which took 8:54 off the clock in the fourth quarter and ended with a five-yard TD pass from QB Joe Burrow to WR Tee Higgins. Burrow then connected with WR Tyler Boyd on a two-point conversion to tie the score at 17-17 with 3:45 left. A Cowboys three-and-out gave Burrow the ball back with 2:13 remaining, but the Dallas defense forced the Bengals into a three-and-out of their own on the following drive. With less than a minute left, Cowboys QB Cooper Rush, who started in place of an injured Dak Prescott, quickly led the team on a 33-yard drive to put K Brett Maher in range for a 50-yard game-winning FG as time expired. The Cowboys improved to 1-1, while the Bengals fell to 0-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	3	0	6	8	—	17
Dallas	14	3	0	3	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Dall. — N.Brown 9 pass from C.Rush (B.Maher kick)	1-8:35
Cin. — E.McPherson 43 field goal	1-3:05
Dall. — T.Pollard 1 run (B.Maher kick)	1-0:17
Dall. — B.Maher 54 field goal	2-0:09
Cin. — E.McPherson 50 field goal	3-9:41
Cin. — E.McPherson 46 field goal	3-4:05
Cin. — T.Higgins 5 pass from J.Burrow (J.Burrow-T.Boyd pass)	4-3:45
Dall. — B.Maher 50 field goal	4-0:00

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 92,944. **Time:** 3:00.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	DALL.
First downs	19	19
Third down conversions-attempts	6-17	3-10
Total net yards	254	337
Net yards rushing	89	107
Net yards passing	165	230
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	36-24-0	31-19-0
Sacks against-yards lost	6-34	1-5
Punts-average	5-47.2	5-43.4
Punt returns-yards	1-20	2-34
Kickoff returns-yards	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	7-35	5-45
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Time of possession	33:48	26:12

#### RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	DALL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	19	57	10	0	E.Elliott	15	53	11	0
J.Burrow	4	26	12	0	T.Pollard	9	43	17	1
J.Chase	1	4	4	0	C.Lamb	1	6	6	0
S.Perine	1	2	2	0	K.Turpin	1	3	3	0
					C.Rush	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	25	89	12	0	TOTALS	27	107	17	1

#### PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	DALL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Burrow	36	24	199	1-0	C.Rush	31	19	235	1-0
TOTALS	36	24	199	1-0	TOTALS	31	19	235	1-0

#### RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	DALL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Higgins	6	71	19	1	C.Lamb	7	75	24	0
J.Chase	5	54	17	0	N.Brown	5	91	28	1
H.Hurst	5	24	8	0	T.Pollard	4	55	46	0
J.Mixon	3	26	12	0	D.Schultz	2	18	9	0
T.Boyd	2	17	16	0	E.Elliott	1	-4	-4	0
S.Perine	1	8	8	0					
M.Wilcox	1	3	3	0					
D.Sample	1	-4	-4	0					
TOTALS	24	199	19	1	TOTALS	19	235	46	1

#### DEFENSE

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

**Dallas** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Wilson 6-2-8, L.Vander Esch 4-3-7, T.Diggs 5-1-6, A.Barr 4-2-6, D.Lawrence 3-3-6, A.Brown 4-1-5, M.Hooker 4-1-5, M.Parsons 4-0-4, J.Lewis 1-3-4, D.Armstrong 2-0-2, D.Fowler 1-1-2, O.Odighizuwa 1-1-2, Q.Bohanna 0-2-2, S.Williams 1-0-1, N.Gallimore 0-1-1, I.Mukuamu 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** D.Armstrong 2-17, M.Parsons 2-10, L.Vander Esch 1-4, D.Fowler 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** A.Brown 1, T.Diggs 1, D.Fowler 1, L.Vander Esch 1. **FF:** D.Fowler 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

WEEK 3, GAME 3

Cincinnati Bengals 27, N.Y. Jets 12
Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022 at MetLife Stadium

The Bengals scored on four of their first five possessions, including an opening-drive TD, to build an early 20-6 lead. QB Joe Burrow had 95 passing yards on that initial drive, capped by a 12-yard TD throw to HB Samaje Perine on a third-and-goal. After a pair of Jets FGs, Cincinnati struck again on the final play of the first quarter when Burrow found WR Tyler Boyd over the middle, and Boyd spun off a hit and ran 45 yards to the end zone. LB Logan Wilson grabbed the Bengals' first INT of the season in the second quarter, picking off a deep pass from Jets QB Joe Flacco and returning it 47 yards. Cincinnati opened the second half with another TD, as a strip sack from DE Trey Hendrickson on the Jets' first possession set the Bengals up at the New York 24-yard line, and four plays later Burrow found WR Ja'Marr Chase alone in the end zone to make it 27-9. Another forced fumble from Hendrickson with 10:03 left in the fourth quarter led to a 13-play, 52-yard Bengals drive that drained the clock. S Jessie Bates sealed the win with an INT in the final minute. Cincinnati improved to 1-2, while the Jets fell to 1-2.

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

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

Missed FGs: McPherson (41WL). Attendance: 73,708. Time: 3:15.

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing Cincinnati and New York Jets across various metrics.

RUSHING table with columns for CIN. and NYJ, listing player stats for ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

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

RECEIVING table with columns for CIN. and NYJ, listing player stats for NO, YDS, LG, TD.

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: A.Davis-Gaither 9-4-13, V.Bell 8-0-8, M.Hilton 5-3-8, L.Wilson 3-4-7, C.Awuzie 5-0-5, T.Hendrickson 2-2-4, B.Hill 1-3-4, J.Bates 2-1-3, E.Apple 2-0-2, S.Hubbard 1-1-2, D.Reader 1-1-2, C.Sample 1-1-2, Z.Carter 0-2-2, T.Flowers 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1, J.Ossai 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 2.5-21.5, C.Sample 1-6, B.Hill 0.5-5.5. INT.-YDS.: L.Wilson 1-41, J.Bates 1-1. PD: C.Awuzie 3, E.Apple 1, J.Bates 1, B.Hill 1, M.Hilton 1, L.Wilson 1. FF: T.Hendrickson 2, B.Hill 1. FR.-YDS.: B.Hill 2-0.

N.Y. Jets (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: C.Mosley 7-5-12, Quincy.Williams 6-1-7, L.Joyner 2-5-7, S.Rankins 6-0-6, J.Whitehead 1-4-5, J.Johnson 4-0-4, Quinnen.Williams 3-1-4, A.Gardner 2-2-4, M.Harris 3-0-3, D.Reed 3-0-3, M.Clemons 2-1-3, K.Alexander 1-1-2, M.Carter 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Rankins 1-7, Quinnen.Williams 1-7. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: A.Gardner 2, D.Reed 1, J.Whitehead 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: C.Mosley 1-0.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

Cincinnati Bengals 27, Miami Dolphins 15
Thursday night, Sept. 29, 2022 at Paycor Stadium

The Bengals found the end zone on their opening drive for a second straight game, as HB Joe Mixon put Cincinnati ahead 7-0 with a five-yard rushing TD less than five minutes into the first quarter. Miami moved the ball early, but was held to a pair of FGs before the Bengals struck again late in the second period, when QB Joe Burrow hit WR Tee Higgins for a 59-yard TD to extend the lead, 14-6. The Dolphins answered with a TD on a shovel pass from QB Teddy Bridgewater to RB Chase Edmonds with nine seconds left in the first half. Another Jason Sanders FG in the third quarter gave Miami its first lead, but the Bengals responded with two fourth-quarter kicks from Evan McPherson, including a 57-yarder. Bridgewater drove the Dolphins into Cincinnati territory with under four minutes left, but S Vonn Bell ended their chances of a go-ahead TD with his second INT of the game. The Bengals capitalized on the turnover, as Burrow connected with WR Ja'Marr Chase for a 36-yard completion to set up first-and-goal, and three plays later TE Hayden Hurst caught his first TD of the season to cement the win. Cincinnati improved to 2-2, while the Dolphins fell to 3-1.

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

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

Missed FGs: J.Sanders (52B). Attendance: 67,260. Time: 3:06.

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing Miami and Cincinnati across various metrics.

RUSHING table with columns for MIA. and CIN., listing player stats for ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

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

RECEIVING table with columns for MIA. and CIN., listing player stats for NO, YDS, LG, TD.

Miami (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: J.Baker 5-2-7, K.Kohou 6-0-6, E.Rowe 3-2-5, J.Holland 2-3-5, D.Riley 2-3-5, C.Wilkins 1-4-5, E.Roberts 1-3-4, K.Crossen 2-1-3, R.Davis 2-1-3, B.Jones 2-1-3, J.Jenkins 2-0-2, Z.Sieler 2-0-2, X.Howard 1-1-2, J.Phillips 1-1-2, N.Needham 0-2-2, M.Ingram 1-0-1, A.Van Ginkel 1-0-1, T.Flowers 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Phillips 1-6. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: K.Kohou 1, N.Needham 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None. Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: G.Pratt 6-3-9, L.Wilson 4-3-7, J.Bates 6-0-6, B.Hill 0-5-5, C.Awuzie 4-0-4, V.Bell 4-0-4, M.Hilton 3-1-4, S.Hubbard 3-1-4, J.Tupou 3-0-3, E.Apple 1-1-2, A.Davis-Gaither 1-0-1, T.Flowers 1-0-1, C.Sample 1-0-1, Z.Carter 0-1-1, J.Ossai 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Tupou 1-10. INT.-YDS.: V.Bell 2-46. PD: V.Bell 2, J.Bates 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1, B.Hill 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati Bengals 30, New Orleans Saints 26
Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022 at Caesars Superdome

WEEK 5, GAME 5

Baltimore Ravens 19, Cincinnati Bengals 17
Sunday night, Oct. 9, 2022 at M&T Bank Stadium

The Bengals fell behind 10-0 early in the second quarter and were forced to punt on their first four offensive possessions, but an INT by S Vonn Bell at the Cincinnati 17-yard line kept Baltimore from expanding its lead.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 0, 10, 0, 7, —, 17. Baltimore: 3, 7, 3, 6, —, 19.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like J. Tucker 37 field goal, M. Andrews 11 pass from L. Jackson, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 70,548. Time: 2:57.

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

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

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

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

DEFENSE

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

Baltimore (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: P.Queen 5-2-7, C.Clark 3-4-7, J.Bynes 4-2-6, M.Peters 5-0-5, M.Harrison 3-1-4, D.Williams 3-1-4, O.Oweh 2-2-4, M.Humphrey 3-0-3, B.Washington 2-1-3, G.Stone 2-0-2, B.Urban 2-0-2, M.Williams 2-0-2, J.Pierre-Paul 1-1-2, B.Copeland 0-2-2, B.Stephens 1-0-1, C.Campbell 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: M.Peters 1-12, J.Pierre-Paul 1-8, J.Bynes 1-7. INT.-YDS.: P.Queen 1-11. PD: J.Pierre-Paul 2, M.Peters 1, P.Queen 1, B.Urban 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

QB Joe Burrow and WR Ja'Marr Chase made their return to Caesars Superdome, where they helped Louisiana State win the 2019 college football national championship, and connected on two TDs in the second half to lead the Bengals to a road win.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 7, 7, 7, 9, —, 30. New Orleans: 7, 13, 3, 3, —, 26.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like T.Smith 18 pass from A.Dalton, J.Mixon 9 pass from J.Burrow, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 70,004. Time: 2:58.

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

RUSHING CIN. N.O. table with columns CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, N.O., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

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

RECEIVING CIN. N.O. table with columns CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, N.O., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: G.Pratt 5-9-14, S.Hubbard 4-3-7, E.Apple 3-3-6, B.Hill 3-3-6, J.Tufele 3-3-6, L.Wilson 4-0-4, T.Flowers 3-1-4, M.Hilton 3-1-4, C.Awuzie 1-3-4, J.Bates 1-3-4, V.Bell 2-1-3, T.Hendrickson 2-1-3, Z.Carter 1-1-2, A.Davis-Gaither 1-1-2, C.Sample 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: B.Hill 0.5-3.5, S.Hubbard 0.5-3.5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Awuzie 2, T.Hendrickson 1, S.Hubbard 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

New Orleans (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Davis 7-2-9, C.Harris 8-0-8, P.Werner 6-0-6, M.Maye 4-0-4, P.Adebo 3-0-3, C.Jordan 3-0-3, T.Mathieu 2-1-3, B.Roby 1-1-2, J.Evans 0-2-2, K.Ellis 1-0-1, T.Kpassagnon 1-0-1, M.Roach 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: D.Davis 2-17, K.Ellis 1-10. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: P.Adebo 1, S.Tuttle 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

# THE BENGALS ARE:

## 2022 REGULAR SEASON

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

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

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

**11-16-0** at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)  
**8-19-1** on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)  
**12-12-0** when scoring first  
**7-23-1** when opponent scores first  
**3-13-1** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**6-20-1** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**13-9-0** when leading after one quarter  
**3-5-1** when tied after one quarter  
**3-21-0** when trailing after one quarter  
**14-9-0** when leading at halftime  
**1-2-0** when tied at halftime  
**4-24-1** when trailing at halftime  
**14-6-1** when leading after three quarters  
**2-1-0** when tied after three quarters  
**3-28-0** when trailing after three quarters  
**18-11-1** when scoring 20 or more points  
**9-29-1** when opponent scores 20 or more points

**16-34-1** when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
**3-1-0** when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
**4-14-1** on natural grass  
**15-21-0** on synthetic surface  
**7-7-0** when rushing for 125 or more net yards  
**6-19-1** when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards  
**11-28-1** when rushing for less than 125 net yards  
**13-16-0** when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards  
**10-16-1** when passing for 250 or more net yards  
**10-13-0** when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards  
**9-19-0** when passing for less than 250 net yards  
**9-22-1** when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards  
**12-5-1** with plus turnover differential  
**5-8-0** with even turnover differential  
**2-22-0** with minus turnover differential  
**12-21-1** with fewer penalties than opponent  
**14-22-1** with fewer penalty yards than opponent

# BEST PERFORMANCES

## REGULAR SEASON

### RUSHING YARDS

82 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh  
78 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 9 at Baltimore  
61 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

27 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh  
24 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 29 vs. Miami  
19 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 18 at Dallas

### LONGEST RUSHES

31 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh  
23 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh  
19 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 16 at New Orleans (TD)

### RECEPTIONS

10 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh  
7 — (four times)

### RECEIVING YARDS

132 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 16 at New Orleans  
129 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh  
124 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

### PASSING YARDS

338 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh  
300 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 16 at New Orleans  
287 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

### PASS ATTEMPTS

53 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh  
37 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 16 at New Orleans  
36 — (two times)

### PASS COMPLETIONS

33 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh  
28 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 16 at New Orleans  
24 — (two times)

### LONGEST PASSES

60 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 16 at New Orleans (TD)  
59 — Joe Burrow to Tee Higgins, Sept. 29 vs. Miami (TD)  
56 — Joe Burrow to Tyler Boyd, Sept. 25 at N.Y. Jets (TD)

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

145 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh (82 rushing, 63 receiving)  
132 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 16 at New Orleans (0 rushing, 132 receiving)  
129 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh (0 rushing, 129 receiving)

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

29 — Chris Evans, Oct. 9 at Baltimore  
25 — Chris Evans, Oct. 9 at Baltimore  
25 — Chris Evans, Oct. 16 at New Orleans

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

23 — Trent Taylor, Sept. 29 vs. Miami  
20 — Trent Taylor, Sept. 18 at Dallas  
18 — Trent Taylor, Oct. 16 at New Orleans

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

14 — Germaine Pratt, Oct. 16 at New Orleans  
13 — Akeem Davis-Gaither, Sept. 25 at N.Y. Jets  
9 — (two times)

### SOLO TACKLES\*

9 — Akeem Davis-Gaither, Sept. 25 at N.Y. Jets  
8 — Vonn Bell, Sept. 25 at N.Y. Jets  
7 — (three times)

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

# 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. 11	PITTSBURGH (OT)	432	34-133	299	33-53	2/4	7-39	32	8-16	2-1	43:42
Sept. 18	at Dallas	254	25-89	165	24-36	1/0	6-34	19	6-17	1-0	33:48
Sept. 25	at N.Y. Jets	330	28-69	261	23-36	3/0	2-14	20	7-14	2-1	32:24
Sept. 29	MIAMI	371	30-67	304	21-32	2/0	1-6	16	8-15	0-0	31:35
Oct. 9	at Baltimore	291	21-101	190	24-35	1/1	3-27	20	4-10	0-0	30:01
Oct. 16	at New Orleans	348	14-75	273	28-37	3/0	3-27	21	6-10	1-1	27:46
Oct. 23	ATLANTA										
Oct. 31	at Cleveland										
Nov. 6	CAROLINA										
Nov. 13	— BYE —										
Nov. 20	at Pittsburgh										
Nov. 27	at Tennessee										
Dec. 4	KANSAS CITY										
Dec. 11	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 18	at Tampa Bay										
Dec. 24	at New England										
Jan. 2	BUFFALO										
Jan. 7/8	BALTIMORE										
<b>TOTALS</b>		2026	152-534	1492	153-229	12/5	22-147	128	39-82	6-3	32:19

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 11	PITTSBURGH (OT)	267	22-75	192	21-38	1/0	1-2	13	4-15	1-0	26:18
Sept. 18	at Dallas	337	27-107	230	19-31	1/0	1-5	19	3-10	1-1	26:12
Sept. 25	at N.Y. Jets	328	20-76	252	28-52	0/2	4-33	19	7-18	3-2	27:36
Sept. 29	MIAMI	378	22-85	293	22-37	1/2	1-10	20	2-10	0-0	28:25
Oct. 9	at Baltimore	325	28-155	170	19-32	1/1	1-4	22	5-11	1-0	29:59
Oct. 16	at New Orleans	399	34-228	171	19-36	1/0	1-7	22	8-17	0-0	32:14
Oct. 23	ATLANTA										
Oct. 31	at Cleveland										
Nov. 6	CAROLINA										
Nov. 13	— BYE —										
Nov. 20	at Pittsburgh										
Nov. 27	at Tennessee										
Dec. 4	KANSAS CITY										
Dec. 11	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 18	at Tampa Bay										
Dec. 24	at New England										
Jan. 2	BUFFALO										
Jan. 7/8	BALTIMORE										
<b>TOTALS</b>		2034	153-726	1308	128-226	5/5	9-61	115	29-81	6-3	27:41

# TRANSACTIONS

## (TRANSACTIONS FROM 7-21-20 THROUGH 6-14-22 ARE IN BENGALS' 2021 MEDIA GUIDE)

<p>June 14, 2022 — Signed G/OT <b>Cordell Volson</b> (D4).</p> <p>July 25, 2022 — Signed DT <b>Domenique Davis</b> (FA), <b>Raymond Johnson III</b> (FA) and LB <b>Tegray Scales</b> (FA).</p> <p>July 27, 2022 — Signed QB <b>Drew Plitt</b> (CFA-Ball State).</p> <p>July 28, 2022 — Signed HB <b>Jacques Patrick</b> (FA); Placed HB <b>Elijah Holyfield</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 13, 2022 — Placed DE <b>Wyatt Hubert</b> on the Reserve/Retired list.</p> <p>Aug. 14, 2022 — Waived CB <b>Abu Daramy-Swaray</b>, HB <b>Shermari Jones</b> and WR <b>Pooka Williams Jr.</b></p> <p>Aug. 15, 2022 — Placed C <b>Ben Brown</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 17, 2022 — Signed CB <b>Javaris Davis</b> (FA); Waived <b>Bookie Radley-Hiles</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 19, 2022 — Signed G <b>Nate Gilliam</b> (FA); Waived LB <b>Carson Wells</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 22, 2022 — Waived WR <b>Jayvon Heiligh</b>, WR <b>Jack Sorenson</b> and TE <b>Scotty Washington</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 23, 2022 — Re-signed S <b>Jessie Bates III</b> (placed on Exempt/Commissioner Permission list); Placed S <b>Brandon Wilson</b> on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Waived QB <b>Drew Plitt</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 30, 2022 — Placed LB <b>Joe Bachie</b> on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Terminated the contracts of S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b>, DE <b>Noah Spence</b> and WR <b>Mike D. Thomas</b>; Waived the following 23 players: LS <b>Cal Adomitis</b>, QB <b>Jake Browning</b>, P <b>Drue Chrisman</b>, OT <b>Devin Cochran</b>, DT <b>Domenique Davis</b>, CB <b>Javaris Davis</b>, TE <b>Nick Eubanks</b>, G <b>Lamont Gaillard</b> (injured), G <b>Nate Gilliam</b>, LB <b>Clarence Hicks</b>, CB <b>Delonte Hood</b>, WR <b>Trenton Irwin</b>, DE <b>Raymond Johnson III</b>, LB <b>Keandre Jones</b>, WR <b>Kwamie Lassiter II</b>, TE <b>Thaddeus Moss</b>, G <b>Desmond Noel</b> (injured), HB <b>Jacques Patrick</b>, WR <b>Kendric Pryor</b>, TE <b>Justin Rigg</b>, LB <b>Tegray Scales</b>, DT <b>Tyler Shelvin</b> and DT <b>Tariqious Tisdale</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2022 — Acquired the following three players on waivers: TE <b>Devin Asiasi</b> (from New England), G <b>Max Scharping</b> (from Houston) and DT <b>Jay Tufele</b> (from Jacksonville); Terminated the contracts of QB <b>Brandon Allen</b> and S <b>Michael J. Thomas</b>; Waived HB <b>Trayveon Williams</b>; G <b>Lamont Gaillard</b> AND G <b>Desmond Noel</b> cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list; Signed the following players to the Practice Squad: LS <b>Cal Adomitis</b>, QB <b>Jake Browning</b>, P <b>Drue Chrisman</b>, OT <b>Devin Cochran</b>, DT <b>Domenique Davis</b>, G <b>Nate Gilliam</b>, WR <b>Trenton Irwin</b>,</p>	<p>DE <b>Raymond Johnson III</b>, LB <b>Keandre Jones</b>, WR <b>Kwamie Lassiter II</b>, TE <b>Thaddeus Moss</b>, LB <b>Tegray Scales</b> and DT <b>Tyler Shelvin</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 1, 2022 — Re-signed WR <b>Mike D. Thomas</b> (FA); Placed DE <b>Khalid Kareem</b> and CB <b>Cam Taylor-Britt</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed the following three players to the Practice Squad: TE <b>Nick Bowers</b>, S <b>Yusuf Corker</b> and CB <b>Marvell Tell III</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2022 — Re-signed QB <b>Brandon Allen</b> (FA), S <b>Michael J. Thomas</b> (FA) and HB <b>Trayveon Williams</b> (FA); Placed S <b>Tycen Anderson</b> and OT <b>Isaiah Prince</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived G <b>Lamont Gaillard</b> from the Reserve/Injured list (injury settlement).</p> <p>Sept. 5, 2022 — The roster exemption for S <b>Jessie Bates III</b> expired, reverting him from Exempt/Commissioner Permission list to active roster; Waived CB <b>Allan George</b>; Released TE <b>Thaddeus Moss</b> from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 6, 2022 — Signed CB <b>Allan George</b> to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 12, 2022 — Signed LS <b>Cal Adomitis</b> off the Practice Squad; Placed LS <b>Clark Harris</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 24, 2022 — Elevated LB <b>Keandre Jones</b> from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Sept. 26, 2022 — LB <b>Keandre Jones</b> reverted from the active roster to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 27, 2022 — Waived G <b>Noel Desmond</b> from the Reserve/Injured list (injury settlement).</p> <p>Sept. 29, 2022 — Placed DT <b>DJ Reader</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 3, 2022 — Placed TE <b>Drew Sample</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 5, 2022 — Announced that DE <b>Khalid Kareem</b> and CB <b>Cam Taylor-Britt</b> were designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 8, 2022 — Activated CB <b>Cam Taylor-Britt</b> from the Reserve/Injured list to the active roster; Elevated DT <b>Tyler Shelvin</b> from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Oct. 10, 2022 — Activated DE <b>Khalid Kareem</b> from the Reserve/Injured list to the active roster; DT <b>Tyler Shelvin</b> reverted from the active roster to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 11, 2022 — Waived DE <b>Khalid Kareem</b>.</p> <p>Oct. 13, 2022 — Signed DE <b>Khalid Kareem</b> to the Practice Squad.</p>
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\* NOTE: Signed a new contract before pre-existing contract expired.

# PARTICIPATION CHART

## LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

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

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

**RF** — reserve/future list  
**PSI** — practice squad/injured list  
**PSSBC** — practice squad/suspended by commissioner list  
**^** — reserve/injured player designated for return  
**\*** — eligible to practice while on a reserve list  
**=** — standard elevation from practice squad

NAME	Cin. 1 G-S PITT.	2 @Dall.	3 @NYJ	4 MIA	5 @Balt.	6 @N.O.	7 ATL.	8 @Cle.	9 CAR.	10 @Pitt.	11 @Tenn.	12 K.C.	13 CLE.	14 @T.B.	15 @N.E.	16 BUFF.	17 BALT.
Adeniji, Hakeem	5-0...P	IL	P	P	P	P											
Adomitis, Cal	5-0...PS	P	P	P	P	P											
Allen, Brandon	0-0...DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP											
Anderson, Tycen	0-0...RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Apple, Eli	6-6...CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB											
Asiasi, Devin	3-0...IL	IL	P	P	DNP	P											
Awuzie, Chidobe	6-6...CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB											
Bachie, Joe	0-0...RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP											
Bailey, Markus	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Bates, Jessie, III	6-6...S	S	S	S	S	S											
Bell, Vonn	6-6...S	S	S	S	S	S											
Bowers, Nick	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Boyd, Tyler	6-4...P	P	WR	WR	WR	WR											
Brown, Ben	0-0...RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Browning, Jake	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Burrow, Joe	6-6...QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB											
Cappa, Alex	6-6...RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG											
Carman, Jackson	2-0...P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL											
Carter, Zach	6-3...P	P	P	2ndDT	2ndDT	2ndDT											
Chase, Ja'Marr	6-6...WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR											
Chrisman, Drue	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Cochran, Devin	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Collins, La'el	6-6...ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT											
Corker, Yusuf	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Davis, Dominique	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Davis, Jalen	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Davis-Gaither, Akeem	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Evans, Chris	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Flowers, Tre	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
George, Allan	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Gilliam, Nate	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Gunter, Jeff	5-0...P	P	P	P	P	DNP											
Harris, Clark	1-0...P	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Hendrickson, Trey	6-6...RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE											
Higgins, Tee	6-5...WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	P											
Hill, B.J.	6-6...DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT											
Hill, Dax	6-1...P	P	3rdS	P	P	P											
Hill, Trey	1-0...DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P											
Hilton, Mike	6-1...NCB	P	P	P	P	P											
Holyfield, Elijah	0-0...RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Hubbard, Sam	6-6...LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE											
Huber, Kevin	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Hurst, Hayden	6-6...TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE											
Irwin, Trenton	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Johnson, Raymond, III	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Johnston, Clay	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Jones, Keandre	1-0...PS	PS	P=	PS	PS	PS											
Kareem, Khalid	0-0...RI	RI	RI	RI	RI*	PS											
Karras, Ted	6-6...C	C	C	C	C	C											
Lassiter, Kwamie, II	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
McPherson, Evan	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Mixon, Joe	6-6...HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB											
Morgan, Stanley	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Noel, Desmond	0-0...RI	RI	RI	NWT	NWT	NWT											
Ossai, Joseph	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Perine, Samaje	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Pratt, Germaine	5-5...LB	LB	IL	LB	LB	LB											
Prince, Isaiah	0-0...RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Reader, DJ	3-3...NT	NT	NT	RI	RI	RI											
Sample, Cam	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Sample, Drew	2-2...2ndTE	2ndTE	IL	IL	RI	RI											
Scales, Tegray	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Scharping, Max	4-0...IL	IL	P	P	P	P											
Shelvin, Tyler	1-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	P=	PS											
Smith, D'Ante	1-0...IL	P	IL	IL	IL	IL											
Taylor, Trent	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Taylor-Britt, Cam	0-0...RI	RI	RI	RI	IL	IL											
Tell, Marvell, III	0-0...PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Thomas, Michael J.	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Thomas, Mike D.	6-1...P	P	P	P	P	WR											
Tufeke, Jay	1-0...IL	IL	IL	DNP	IL	P											
Tupou, Josh	6-5...P	2ndDT	2ndDT	NT	NT	NT											
Volson, Cordell	6-6...LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG											
Wilcox, Mitchell	6-0...P	P	P	P	P	P											
Williams, Jonah	6-6...LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT											
Williams, Trayveon	0-0...IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL											
Wilson, Brandon	0-0...RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP											
Wilson, Logan	6-6...LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB											

# STARTING LINEUPS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 11	PITTSBURGH	Chase	J.Williams	Volson	Karras	Cappa	Collins	Hurst	Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 18	at Dallas	Chase	J.Williams	Volson	Karras	Cappa	Collins	Hurst	Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 25	at N.Y. Jets	Chase	J.Williams	Volson	Karras	Cappa	Collins	Hurst	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 29	MIAMI	Chase	J.Williams	Volson	Karras	Cappa	Collins	Hurst	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 9	at Baltimore	Chase	J.Williams	Volson	Karras	Cappa	Collins	Hurst	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 16	at New Orleans	Chase	J.Williams	Volson	Karras	Cappa	Collins	Hurst	Boyd	M.D.Thomas	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 23	ATLANTA											
Oct. 31	at Cleveland											
Nov. 6	CAROLINA											
Nov. 13	— BYE —											
Nov. 20	at Pittsburgh											
Nov. 27	at Tennessee											
Dec. 4	KANSAS CITY											
Dec. 11	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 18	at Tampa Bay											
Dec. 24	at New England											
Jan. 2	BUFFALO											
Jan. 7/8	BALTIMORE											

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	LB	LB	NCB	CB	CB	S	S
Sept. 11	PITTSBURGH	Hubbard	Reader	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Sept. 18	at Dallas	Hubbard	Reader	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Tupou(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Sept. 25	at N.Y. Jets	Hubbard	Reader	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Tupou(2ndDT)	D.Hill(3rdS)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Sept. 29	MIAMI	Hubbard	Tupou	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Carter(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Oct. 9	at Baltimore	Hubbard	Tupou	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Carter(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Oct. 16	at New Orleans	Hubbard	Tupou	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Carter(2ndDT)	Apple	Awuzie	Bell	Bates
Oct. 23	ATLANTA											
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Jan. 7/8	BALTIMORE											

# DEPTH CHART

OCT. 18, 2022

## OFFENSE

<b>WR</b>	1	Ja'Marr Chase		17	Stanley Morgan	
<b>LOT</b>	73	Jonah Williams		70	D'Ante Smith	
<b>LG</b>	<u>67</u>	<u>Cordell Volson</u>		79	Jackson Carman	
<b>C</b>	64	Ted Karras		63	Trey Hill	
<b>RG</b>	65	Alex Cappa		74	Max Scharping	
<b>ROT</b>	71	La'el Collins		77	Hakeem Adeniji	
<b>TE</b>	88	Hayden Hurst		84	Mitchell Wilcox	86 Devin Asiasi
<b>WR</b>	83	Tyler Boyd		11	Trent Taylor	
<b>WR</b>	85	Tee Higgins		80	Mike D. Thomas	
<b>QB</b>	9	Joe Burrow		8	Brandon Allen	
<b>HB</b>	28	Joe Mixon		34	Samaje Perine	25 Chris Evans 32 Trayveon Williams

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	94	Sam Hubbard		96	Cam Sample	
<b>NT</b>	68	Josh Tupou		97	Jay Tufele	
<b>DT</b>	92	B.J. Hill		<u>95</u>	<u>Zach Carter</u>	
<b>RDE</b>	91	Trey Hendrickson		58	Joseph Ossai	<u>93</u> <u>Jeff Gunter</u>
<b>LB</b>	55	Logan Wilson		51	Markus Bailey	
<b>LB</b>	57	Germaine Pratt		59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	44 Clay Johnston
<b>NCB</b>	21	Mike Hilton		35	Jalen Davis	
<b>CB</b>	20	Eli Apple		<u>29</u>	<u>Cam Taylor-Britt</u>	
<b>CB</b>	22	Chidobe Awuzie		33	Tre Flowers	
<b>S</b>	24	Vonn Bell		31	Michael J. Thomas	
<b>S</b>	30	Jessie Bates III		<u>23</u>	<u>Dax Hill</u>	

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	10	Kevin Huber				
<b>K</b>	2	Evan McPherson				
<b>LS</b>	<u>48</u>	<u>Cal Adomitis</u>				
<b>H</b>	10	Kevin Huber				
<b>PR</b>	11	Trent Taylor		83	Tyler Boyd	
<b>KOR</b>	25	Chris Evans		11	Trent Taylor	

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<p><b>Hakeem Adeniji</b> ..... hah-KEEM uh-DENN-ih-gee</p> <p><b>Cal Adomitis</b> ..... AA-dumm-EYE-tiss</p> <p><b>Lou Anarumo</b> (Defensive Coordinator)..... ann-ah-ROO-mo</p> <p><b>Tycen Anderson</b> (Reserve/Injured) ..... TIE-senn</p> <p><b>Devin Asiasi</b> ..... AH-see-AH-see</p> <p><b>Chidobe Awuzie</b> ..... CHIH-doe-bay ah-WOOZ-yay</p> <p><b>Joe Bachie</b> (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform) ..... BAH-chee</p> <p><b>Joey Boese</b> (Strength and Conditioning Coach) ..... bo-ZAY</p> <p><b>Louie Cioffi</b> (Defensive Quality Control Coach) ..... CHO-fee</p> <p><b>La'el Collins</b> ..... luh-ELL</p> <p><b>Yusuf Corker</b> (Practice Squad) ..... YOO-seff</p> <p><b>Akeem Davis-Gaither</b> ..... AH-keem DAY-viss-GAY-thur</p> <p><b>Nate Gilliam</b> (Practice Squad) ..... GILL-um</p>	<p><b>Keandre Jones</b> (Practice Squad) ..... kee-AHN-dray</p> <p><b>Khalid Kareem</b> (Practice Squad) ..... KAH-lid kuh-REEM</p> <p><b>Kwamie Lassiter II</b> (Practice Squad) ..... KWAH-me LASS-ih-ter</p> <p><b>Evan McPherson</b> ..... mick-FEAR-son</p> <p><b>Joseph Ossai</b> ..... o-SIGH</p> <p><b>Samaje Perine</b> ..... suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine</p> <p><b>Tegray Scales</b> (Practice Squad) ..... TEE-gray</p> <p><b>D'Ante Smith</b> ..... dee-AHN-tay</p> <p><b>Jay Tufele</b> ..... too-FELL-ay</p> <p><b>Josh Tupou</b> ..... TEW-po</p> <p><b>Cordell Volson</b> ..... kor-DELL VOLL-son</p> <p><b>Trayveon Williams</b> ..... TRAY-vee-ahn</p>
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# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

**OCT. 18, 2022**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
77	Adeniji, Hakeem	OT	6-4	315	12-8-97	3	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
48	Adomitis, Cal	LS	6-2	238	7-9-98	R	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.	CFA'22
8	Allen, Brandon	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	6	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
20	Apple, Eli	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	7	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.	FA'21
86	Asiasi, Devin	TE	6-3	260	8-14-97	3	UCLA	Shoreview, Calif.	W(N.E.)'22
22	Awuzie, Chidobe	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	6	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
51	Bailey, Markus	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	3	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
30	Bates, Jessie, III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	5	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
24	Bell, Vonn	S	5-11	215	12-12-94	7	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	7	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
9	Burrow, Joe	QB	6-4	215	12-10-96	3	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
65	Cappa, Alex	G	6-6	310	1-27-95	5	Humboldt State	Dublin, Calif.	UFA(T.B.)'22
79	Carman, Jackson	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	2	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
95	Carter, Zach	DT	6-4	290	4-7-99	R	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3'22
1	Chase, Ja'Marr	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	2	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.	D1'21
71	Collins, La'el	OT	6-4	314	7-26-93	8	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	FA'22
35	Davis, Jalen	CB	5-10	190	2-2-96	3	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
59	Davis-Gaither, Akeem	LB	6-2	228	9-21-97	3	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
25	Evans, Chris	HB	5-11	215	10-5-97	2	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
33	Flowers, Tre	CB	6-3	200	6-2-95	5	Oklahoma State	Converse, Texas	W(Sea.)'21
93	Gunter, Jeff	DE	6-4	263	6-1-99	R	Coastal Carolina	Durham, N.C.	D7'22
91	Hendrickson, Trey	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	6	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
85	Higgins, Tee	WR	6-4	219	1-18-99	3	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
92	Hill, B.J.	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	5	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
23	Hill, Dax	S	6-0	191	9-29-00	R	Michigan	Tulsa, Okla.	D1'22
63	Hill, Trey	C	6-4	335	1-23-00	2	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
21	Hilton, Mike	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	6	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
94	Hubbard, Sam	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	5	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	14	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
88	Hurst, Hayden	TE	6-4	250	8-24-93	5	South Carolina	Jacksonville, Fla.	UFA(Atl.)'22
44	Johnston, Clay	LB	6-1	232	8-8-96	3	Baylor	Abilene, Texas	W(Car.)'21
64	Karras, Ted	C	6-4	310	3-15-93	7	Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.	UFA(N.E.)'22
2	McPherson, Evan	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	2	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	6	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
17	Morgan, Stanley	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	4	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
58	Ossai, Joseph	DE	6-4	263	4-12-00	2	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	235	9-16-95	6	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
57	Pratt, Germaine	LB	6-3	250	5-21-96	4	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
96	Sample, Cam	DE	6-3	272	9-20-99	2	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
74	Scharping, Max	G	6-6	325	8-10-96	4	Northern Illinois	Green Bay, Wis.	W(Hou.)'22
70	Smith, D'Ante	OT	6-5	309	6-9-98	2	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
11	Taylor, Trent	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA'21
29	Taylor-Britt, Cam	CB	5-11	202	10-15-99	R	Nebraska	Montgomery, Ala.	D2'22
31	Thomas, Michael J.	S	5-11	192	3-17-90	9	Stanford	Houston, Texas	FA'21
80	Thomas, Mike D.	WR	6-1	197	8-16-94	7	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
97	Tufe, Jay	DT	6-3	305	7-25-99	2	Southern California	Salt Lake City, Utah	W(Jax.)'22
68	Tupou, Josh	DT	6-3	340	5-2-94	5	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
67	Volson, Cordell	G	6-6	315	7-20-98	R	North Dakota State	Balfour, N.D.	D4'22
84	Wilcox, Mitchell	TE	6-4	250	11-7-96	3	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
73	Williams, Jonah	OT	6-5	312	11-17-97	4	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
32	Williams, Trayveon	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	4	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
55	Wilson, Logan	LB	6-2	245	7-8-96	3	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)**

82	Bowers, Nick (9-1-22)	TE	6-4	260	5-26-96	2	Penn State	Kittanning, Pa.	FA'22
6	Browning, Jake (8-31-22)	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	FA'21
4	Chrisman, Drue (8-31-22)	P	6-3	211	6-30-97	1	Ohio State	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	FA'21
76	Cochran, Devin (8-31-22)	OT	6-7	310	7-17-98	R	Georgia Tech	Athens, Ga.	CFA'22
37	Corker, Yusuf (9-1-22)	S	6-0	197	12-26-98	R	Kentucky	McDonough, Ga.	FA'22
72	Davis, Dominique (8-31-22)	DT	6-2	326	2-28-96	1	North Carolina at Pembroke	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'22
42	George, Allan (9-6-22)	CB	5-11	191	7-16-99	R	Vanderbilt	Andalusia, Ala.	CFA'22
66	Gilliam, Nate (8-31-22)	G	6-5	300	7-6-97	1	Wake Forest	Knoxville, Tenn.	FA'22
16	Irwin, Trenton (8-31-22)	WR	6-2	200	12-10-95	3	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
69	Johnson, Raymond, III (8-31-22)	DE	6-3	264	12-2-97	2	Georgia Southern	Sumter, S.C.	FA'22
47	Jones, Keandre (8-31-22)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	2	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
90	Kareem, Khalid (10-13-22)	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	3	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20
18	Lassiter, Kwamie, II (8-31-22)	WR	5-11	185	1-21-98	R	Kansas	Chandler, Ariz.	CFA'22
45	Scales, Tegray (8-31-22)	LB	6-1	233	5-10-96	1	Indiana	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA'22
99	Shelvin, Tyler (8-31-22)	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	2	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21
39	Tell, Marvell, III (9-1-22)	CB	6-2	198	8-2-96	2	Southern California	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'22

**RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)**

49	Bachie, Joe (8-30-22; knee)	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	3	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
40	Wilson, Brandon (8-23-22; knee)	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	6	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17

**RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)**

26	Anderson, Tycen (9-2-22; hamstring)	S	6-2	209	6-13-99	R	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	D5'22
62	Brown, Ben (8-15-22; biceps)	C	6-5	312	5-19-98	R	Mississippi	Vicksburg, Miss.	CFA'22
46	Harris, Clark (9-12-22; biceps)	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	14	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
36	Holyfield, Elijah (7-28-22; knee)	HB	5-10	219	11-30-97	2	Georgia	College Park, Ga.	FA'21
75	Prince, Isaiah (9-2-22; elbow)	OT	6-7	300	7-29-97	4	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
98	Reader, DJ (9-29-22; knee)	DT	6-3	335	7-1-94	7	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
89	Sample, Drew (10-3-22; knee)	TE	6-5	255	4-16-96	4	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19

**COACHING STAFF: HEAD COACH:** Zac Taylor. **ASSISTANT COACHES:** Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator), Colt Anderson (assistant special teams), James Bettcher (linebackers), Joey Boese (strength and conditioning), Charles Burks (secondary/cornerbacks), Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator), James Casey (tight ends), Louie Cioffi (defensive quality control), Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant), Derek Frazier (assistant offensive line), Justin Hill (running backs), Marion Hobby (defensive line), Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning), Fredi Knighten (offensive assistant), Jordan Kovacs (assistant linebackers), Brad Kragthorpe (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), Adam Zimmer (offensive analyst).

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9	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	215	12-10-96	3	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	14	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
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22	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	6	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
23	Dax Hill	S	6-0	191	9-29-00	R	Michigan	Tulsa, Okla.	D1'22
24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	215	12-12-94	7	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
25	Chris Evans	HB	5-11	215	10-5-97	2	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	6	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
29	Cam Taylor-Britt	CB	5-11	202	10-15-99	R	Nebraska	Montgomery, Ala.	D2'22
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	5	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
31	Michael J. Thomas	S	5-11	192	3-17-90	9	Stanford	Houston, Texas	FA'21
32	Trayveon Williams	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	4	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
33	Tre Flowers	CB	6-3	200	6-2-95	5	Oklahoma State	Converse, Texas	W(Sea.)'21
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51	Markus Bailey	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	3	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
55	Logan Wilson	LB	6-2	245	7-8-96	3	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	250	5-21-96	4	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	N3'19
58	Joseph Ossai	DE	6-4	263	4-12-00	2	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	LB	6-2	228	9-21-97	3	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
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70	D'Ante Smith	OT	6-5	309	6-9-98	2	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
71	La'el Collins	OT	6-4	314	7-26-93	8	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	FA'22
73	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	312	11-17-97	4	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
74	Max Scharping	G	6-6	325	8-10-96	4	Northern Illinois	Green Bay, Wis.	W(Hou.)'22
77	Hakeem Adeniji	OT	6-4	315	12-8-97	3	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
79	Jackson Carman	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	2	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
80	Mike D. Thomas	WR	6-1	197	8-16-94	7	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	7	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
84	Mitchell Wilcox	TE	6-4	250	11-7-96	3	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
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86	Devin Asiasi	TE	6-3	260	8-14-97	3	UCLA	Shoreview, Calif.	W(N.E.)'22
88	Hayden Hurst	TE	6-4	250	8-24-93	5	South Carolina	Jacksonville, Fla.	UFA(Atl.)'22
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93	Jeff Gunter	DE	6-4	263	6-1-99	R	Coastal Carolina	Durham, N.C.	D7'22
94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	5	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
95	Zach Carter	DT	6-4	290	4-7-99	R	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3'22
96	Cam Sample	DE	6-3	272	9-20-99	2	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
97	Jay Tufele	DT	6-3	305	7-25-99	2	Southern California	Salt Lake City, Utah	W(Jax.)'22

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)**

4	Drue Chrisman (8-31-22)	P	6-3	211	6-30-97	1	Ohio State	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	FA'21
6	Jake Browning (8-31-22)	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	FA'21
16	Trenton Irwin (8-31-22)	WR	6-2	200	12-10-95	3	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
18	Kwamie Lassiter II (8-31-22)	WR	5-11	185	1-21-98	R	Kansas	Chandler, Ariz.	CFA'22
37	Yusuf Corker (9-1-22)	S	6-0	197	12-26-98	R	Kentucky	McDonough, Ga.	FA'22
39	Marvell Tell III (9-1-22)	CB	6-2	198	8-2-96	2	Southern California	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'22
42	Allan George (9-6-22)	CB	5-11	191	7-16-99	R	Vanderbilt	Andalusia, Ala.	CFA'22
45	Tegray Scales (8-31-22)	LB	6-1	233	5-10-96	1	Indiana	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA'22
47	Keandre Jones (8-31-22)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	2	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
66	Nate Gilliam (8-31-22)	G	6-5	300	7-6-97	1	Wake Forest	Knoxville, Tenn.	FA'22
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82	Nick Bowers (9-1-22)	TE	6-4	260	5-26-96	2	Penn State	Kittanning, Pa.	FA'22
90	Khalid Kareem (10-13-22)	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	3	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20
99	Tyler Shelvin (8-31-22)	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	2	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21

**RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)**

40	Brandon Wilson (8-23-22; knee)	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	6	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
49	Joe Bachie (8-30-22; knee)	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	3	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21

**RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)**

26	Tycen Anderson (9-2-22; hamstring)	S	6-2	209	6-13-99	R	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	D5'22
36	Elijah Holyfield (7-28-22; knee)	HB	5-10	219	11-30-97	2	Georgia	College Park, Ga.	FA'21
46	Clark Harris (9-12-22; biceps)	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	14	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
62	Ben Brown (8-15-22; biceps)	C	6-5	312	5-19-98	R	Mississippi	Vicksburg, Miss.	CFA'22
75	Isaiah Prince (9-2-22; elbow)	OT	6-7	300	7-29-97	4	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
89	Drew Sample (10-3-22; knee)	TE	6-5	255	4-16-96	4	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
98	DJ Reader (9-29-22; knee)	DT	6-3	335	7-1-94	7	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20

**COACHING STAFF: HEAD COACH:** Zac Taylor. **ASSISTANT COACHES:** Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator), Colt Anderson (assistant special teams), James Bettcher (linebackers), Joey Boese (strength and conditioning), Charles Burks (secondary/cornerbacks), Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator), James Casey (tight ends), Louie Cioffi (defensive quality control), Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant), Derek Frazier (assistant offensive line), Justin Hill (running backs), Marion Hobby (defensive line), Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning), Fredi Knighen (offensive assistant), Jordan Kovacs (assistant linebackers), Brad Kragthorpe (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), Adam Zimmer (offensive analyst).

# STATISTICS

**RECORD: 3-3**

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-11-22	L	20-23 (OT)	PITTSBURGH	65,841
9-18-22	L	17-20	at Dallas	92,944
9-25-22	W	27-12	at N.Y. Jets	73,708
9-29-22	W	27-15	MIAMI	67,260
10-9-22	L	17-19	at Baltimore	70,548
10-16-22	W	30-26	at New Orleans	70,004
10-23-22			ATLANTA	
10-31-22			at Cleveland	
11-6-22			CAROLINA	
11-13-22			— BYE —	
11-20-22			at Pittsburgh	
11-27-22			at Tennessee	
12-4-22			KANSAS CITY	
12-11-22			CLEVELAND	
12-18-22			at Tampa Bay	
12-24-22			at New England	
1-2-23			BUFFALO	
1-7-23			BALTIMORE	

TEAM STATISTICS		BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	.....	128	115
Rushing	.....	32	40
Passing	.....	81	64
Penalty	.....	15	11
3rd Down: Made-Att	.....	39-82	29-81
3rd Down Pct.	.....	47.6	35.8
4th Down: Made-Att	.....	2-7	1-7
4th Down Pct.	.....	28.6	14.3
POSSESSION AVG.	.....	32:19	27:41
TOTAL NET YARDS	.....	2026	2034
Avg. Per Game	.....	337.7	339.0
Total Plays	.....	403	388
Avg. Per Play	.....	5.0	5.2
NET YARDS RUSHING	.....	534	726
Avg. Per Game	.....	89.0	121.0
Total Rushes	.....	152	153
NET YARDS PASSING	.....	1492	1308
Avg. Per Game	.....	248.7	218.0
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....	22-147	9-61
Gross Yards	.....	1639	1369
Att.-Completions	.....	229-153	226-128
Completion Pct.	.....	66.8	56.6
Had Intercepted	.....	5	5
PUNTS-AVG.	.....	22-44.5	24-47.0
Net Punting Avg.	.....	22-40.8	24-40.8
PENALTIES-YARDS	.....	29-216	33-282
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	.....	6-3	6-3
TOUCHDOWNS	.....	15	8
Rushing	.....	3	2
Passing	.....	12	5
Returns	.....	0	1

SCORE BY PERIODS						
	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	34	33	28	43	0	138
OPPONENTS	43	42	12	15	3	115

SCORING							
	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S PTS
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	11-12	11-13	0 44
Ja'Marr Chase	4	0	4	0	—	—	0 24
Tyler Boyd	2	0	2	0	—	—	0 14
Joe Burrow	2	2	0	0	—	—	0 12
Tee Higgins	2	0	2	0	—	—	0 12
Hayden Hurst	2	0	2	0	—	—	0 12
Joe Mixon	2	1	1	0	—	—	0 12
Samaje Perine	1	0	1	0	—	—	0 6
Mike D. Thomas	0	0	0	0	—	—	0 2
BENGALS	15	3	12	0	11-12	11-13	0 138
OPPONENTS	8	2	5	1	7-8	20-22	0 115

**Two-point conversions:** Tyler Boyd 1, Mike D. Thomas 1.  
BENGALS 2-3 (0-0 R, 2-3 P), OPPONENTS 0-0 (0-0 R, 0-0 P).

**Sacks-yards:** Trey Hendrickson 2.5-21.5, B.J. Hill 2-11, Sam Hubbard 1.5-8.5, Josh Tupou 1-10, Cam Sample 1-6, Germaine Pratt 1-4. BENGALS 9-61, OPPONENTS 22-147.

**Fumbles-lost:** Joe Burrow 3-1, Ja'Marr Chase 1-1, Trent Taylor 1-1, Logan Wilson 1-0. BENGALS 6-3, OPPONENTS 6-3.

PASSING												
	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	228	152	1616	66.7	7.09	12	5.3	5	2.2	60t	21-135	95.6
Tyler Boyd	1	1	23	100.0	23.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	23	1-12	118.8
BENGALS	229	153	1639	66.8	7.16	12	5.2	5	2.2	60t	22-147	96.0
OPPONENTS	226	128	1369	56.6	6.06	5	2.2	5	2.2	64	9-61	72.7

RUSHING					
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	104	347	3.3	31	1
Joe Burrow	27	110	4.1	23	2
Samaje Perine	17	75	4.4	9	0
Ja'Marr Chase	4	2	0.5	4	0
BENGALS	152	534	3.5	31	3
OPPONENTS	153	726	4.7	44t	2

RECEIVING					
	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Ja'Marr Chase	39	475	12.2	60t	4
Tee Higgins	26	362	13.9	59t	2
Joe Mixon	24	149	6.2	18	1
Hayden Hurst	23	178	7.7	20	2
Tyler Boyd	21	300	14.3	56t	2
Samaje Perine	12	105	8.8	15	1
Mitchell Wilcox	3	30	10.0	18	0
Mike D. Thomas	2	38	19.0	33	0
Drew Sample	2	-2	-1.0	2	0
Chris Evans	1	4	4.0	4	0
BENGALS	153	1639	10.7	60t	12
OPPONENTS	128	1369	10.7	64	5

INTERCEPTIONS					
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Vonn Bell	3	46	15.3	46	0
Logan Wilson	1	41	41.0	41	0
Jessie Bates III	1	1	1.0	1	0
BENGALS	5	88	17.6	46	0
OPPONENTS	5	42	8.4	31t	1

PUNTING						
	NO	YDS	AVG	NET TB	IN-20	LG BLK.
Kevin Huber	22	980	44.5	40.0	1	7 63
BENGALS	22	980	44.5	40.0	1	7 63
OPPONENTS	24	1129	47.0	40.8	1	8 66

PUNT RETURNS					
	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG TD
Trent Taylor	11	7	130	11.8	23 0
BENGALS	11	7	130	11.8	23 0
OPPONENTS	7	10	80	11.4	20 0

KICKOFF RETURNS					
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Chris Evans	4	102	25.5	29	0
Devin Asiasi	1	14	14.0	14	0
BENGALS	5	116	23.2	29	0
OPPONENTS	6	98	16.3	24	0

FIELD GOALS						
	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	
Evan McPherson	1-1	2-3	0-0	4-5	4-4	
BENGALS	1-1	2-3	0-0	4-5	4-4	
OPPONENTS	0-0	4-4	5-5	5-5	6-8	

**Evan McPherson:** (59G, 26G, 29WL), (43G, 50G, 46G), (22G, 43G, 41WL), (19G, 57G), (40G), (52G).

**Opponents:** (20G, 48G, 55HLU, 53G), (54G, 50G), (50G, 40G, 52G, 43G), (23G, 48G, 52B, 20G), (37G, 58G, 25G, 43G), (35G, 30G, 37G, 31G).

DEFENSE*												
	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS				
Germaine Pratt	22	22	44	1-4	0-0	3	0	0-0				
Logan Wilson	25	12	37	0-0	1-41	2	0	0-0				
Vonn Bell	25	6	31	0-0	3-46	4	1	0-0				
Mike Hilton	25	6	31	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0				
Chidobe Awuzie	24	6	30	0-0	0-0	5	1	0-0				
Sam Hubbard	15	10	25	1.5-8.5	0-0	2	0	0-0				
B.J. Hill	7	18	25	2-11	0-0	3	1	2-0				
Jessie Bates III	18	6	24	0-0	1-1	2	0	0-0				
Eli Apple	14	5	19	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0				
Akeem Davis-Gaither	12	5	17	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0				
Trey Hendrickson	10	4	14	2.5-21.5	0-0	1	2	0-0				
Josh Tupou	5	7	12	1-10	0-0	0	0	0-0				
DJ Reader	8	2	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0				
Tre Flowers	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0				
Cam Sample	6	1	7	1-6	0-0	0	0	0-0				
Jay Tufele	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0				
Zach Carter	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0				
Joseph Ossai	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0				
Markus Bailey	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0				
Dax Hill	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0				

SPECIAL TEAMS*										
	ST	AT	TT	FR	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP		
Markus Bailey	5	0	5	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanley Morgan	3	1	4	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael J. Thomas	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Tre Flowers	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Clay Johnston	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Samaje Perine	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Gunter	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0

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