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**WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE**

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# CINCINNATI BENGALS (0-2) AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (0-2)

**WEEK 3, GAME 3  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 27  
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD**

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

## GAME NOTES

**Kickoff:** 1 p.m. Eastern.

**Television:** The game will air on CBS-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Ch. 7) in Dayton and on WKYT-TV (Ch. 27) in Lexington. Broadcasters are Spero Dedes (play-by-play) and Adam Archuleta (analyst).

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

The game also will air nationally on Compass Media Networks, with broadcasters Chris Carrino (play-by-play) and Brian Baldinger (analyst).

**Setting the scene:** The Bengals travel this week to take on the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday at Lincoln Financial Field. Cincinnati fell to 0-2 last Thursday, after suffering a 35-30 defeat at Cleveland.

"I will never adjust to or accept losing," said Bengals rookie QB Joe Burrow after the game. "That is just something that is not in my mindset, so this 0-2 start is really hurting me, and I know it's hurting Coach Taylor and everybody in (the locker room). We will never adjust to losing. We will never accept losing. We are just going to have to get it right."

Burrow, though, was among the Bengals' bright spots on Thursday. He completed an NFL rookie-record 37 passes on the night, and kept Cincinnati close with his playmaking ability. But he also attempted 61 passes, the second-most ever by an NFL rookie (Carolina's Chris Weinke had 63 in 2001) and second-most ever by a Bengals QB (Jon Kitna had 68 in an OT game vs. Pittsburgh in 2001).

After watching the tape, Bengals head coach Zac Taylor said playing catch-up contributed to Burrow's 61 attempts.

"Forty-one of our passes came in two-minute situations, both at halftime and at the end of the game," Taylor said, while also pointing out that the Bengals came away with 17 combined points on those two-minute drives. "We don't want our quarterback taking shots, and we don't want to live in a 'drop-back' world. But in those two moments, we were going to do what we needed to do to put ourselves in position to win."

Burrow, though, showed up in big moments throughout the game, and helped Cincinnati's offense convert all five of its fourth-down attempts. It marked the first time since 1970 that the Bengals have gone perfect on as many fourth-down attempts in a single game (Elias Sports Bureau's records do not go back further than 1970). He also passed for 316 yards and three TDs, including two in the fourth quarter while the Bengals attempted a comeback.

When asked after the game what had him most disappointed about his team's performance, Burrow reiterated his earlier sentiment: "Just losing. Losing isn't very fun. This might be the only time in my sporting career that I have lost two games in a row. It doesn't feel very good."

One of the most painful parts of Thursday's game was the loss of TE C.J. Uzomah, who earlier in the game was on the receiving end of Burrow's first career TD pass. Uzomah went down in the fourth quarter with a right Achilles injury, which Taylor confirmed on Friday was a tear that would cause him to miss the rest of the season.

"It's awful," Taylor said. "He's one of the hardest workers on our team, and he's a leader on this team. It's killer when you get news like that — for him and for your team, just because the guys are so close to him. But that's part of the game."

Last week, Taylor squared off against his college head coach, Bill Callahan, who is now offensive line coach for the Browns. This weekend's game at Philadelphia also figures to hold personal meaning for Taylor, as he gets set to square off against his younger brother, Press, who serves as the Eagles' passing game coordinator/quarterbacks coach. Still, though, Taylor's focus remains on getting his team into the win column.

"We just have to put this whole thing together as a team," Taylor said. "This is a collective team effort here. We're going to get it together. We've got the right guys in the locker room, I can guarantee that."

"Like I told the guys, we have 14 games left, and all of our goals are still in front of us. Let's come back refocused and find a way to win our first game."

Philadelphia enters Sunday's game 0-2, after falling 37-19 to the L.A. Rams last week.

**The series:** The Bengals lead, 9-3-1. Cincinnati's .731 winning percentage against the Eagles is its second-highest against any NFL opponent. The only higher winning percentage has come against Detroit (9-3-0, .750).

The Bengals, who are 5-3 at Philadelphia, have won three of the past four meetings and have not lost to the Eagles since 2000. The two teams tied 13-13 on Nov. 16, 2008 in Cincinnati. It was the only NFL tie in a period of essentially 10 years, running from a portion of 2003 into a portion of '12.

The Bengals won the first five games of the series, which spanned from 1971-88. The Eagles' longest winning streak in the series is two games, from games in 1997 and 2000.

Complete series results are on page 203 of the Bengals' 2020 media guide.

### Team bests from the series:

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 42, in a 44-42 loss at Philadelphia in 1997.  
**LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 31, in a 31-0 victory at Philadelphia in 1975.  
**FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0, in the 31-0 win in 1975.

**Eagles — MOST POINTS:** 44, in a 44-42 win at Philadelphia in 1997.  
**LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 9, in a 16-7 win at Philadelphia in 2000.  
**FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 7, in the 16-7 win in 2000.

**The last meetings:** Summaries of the most recent Bengals-Eagles meetings — in 2012 at Philadelphia, and in '16 at Cincinnati — are on page 12 of this news release.

**A game in rare company:** Though it's not noted in any official record book, a Bengals performance in the Eagles' 1994 visit to Cincinnati is one of just two games since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger in which a team has turned a loss into a win with three or fewer seconds left. In that December contest, the Bengals scored twice in the final three seconds to go from 30-27 losers to 33-30 winners.

Cincinnati tied the score at 30 with three seconds left on a 22-yard Doug Pelfrey FG. The Eagles then muffed a Bengals squib kickoff, and DB Adrian Hardy recovered for the Bengals at the Eagles' 37-yard line. The clock stopped with one second left. Then, as time ran out, Pelfrey kicked a career-long 54-yard FG to win the game.

On Dec. 15 last season, the Atlanta Falcons not only matched that feat, but beat it by scoring two TDs in the final two seconds for a 29-22 win at San Francisco.

Other than those two contests, there is only one other NFL game since 1970 with two scores by a team in the last three seconds. And in that case, the second

of the two scores was not central to the outcome. On Nov. 15, 1998, Tennessee went up 17-14 on Pittsburgh with a field goal at :03. Then Tennessee padded its margin with a TD for a 23-14 win as Pittsburgh botched the ensuing kickoff.

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

- DE Carlos Dunlap has 81.5 career sacks, two shy of DE Eddie Edwards\* (83.5) for the Bengals' all-time lead.
- Bengals DT Geno Atkins has 75.5 career sacks, six shy of Dunlap (81.5) for second place all-time. Edwards\* (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- WR A.J. Green has 63 career receiving TDs, three behind WR Chad Johnson (66) for the Bengals' all-time lead.
- Green has 63 total TDs, one short of WR Carl Pickens and RB James Brooks (both with 64) for third place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Bengals WR Alex Erickson has 114 career punt returns, 16 shy of CB Lemar Parrish (130) for third place all-time. WR Brandon Tate (153) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Erickson has 871 career punt return yards, 244 shy of CB Adam Jones (1115) for fourth place all time. Tate (1411) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Erickson has 105 career kickoff returns, 10 shy of FB Eric Ball (115) for fifth place all-time. S/CB Tremain Mack (146) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Erickson has 2601 career kickoff return yards, 151 behind RB Stanford Jennings (2752) for fourth place all-time. Mack (3583) is the all-time leader.
- Bengals S Brandon Wilson has one career kickoff return for a TD, one shy of Mack (two) for the Bengals' all-time lead.

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

**Records vs. Eagles:** Two Bengals records have been set in the team's series with the Eagles:

- P Kyle Larson tied a Bengals record set by Lee Johnson for most punts in a game with 11 vs. Philadelphia on Nov. 16, 2008. The game ended in a 13-13 tie, thus Larson had a full fifth period to reach that mark. However, just two weeks later vs. Baltimore, Larson again totaled 11 punts in a non-overtime game. Current P Kevin Huber later matched the Bengals' high mark of 11 punts for a fourth time in 2014.
- HB Eric Bieniemy set the team record for most kickoff returns in a game with eight at Philadelphia in 1997. That mark was later tied by WR Tab Perry in 2005 vs. Indianapolis.

### BENGALS-EAGLES NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	EAGLES
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored .....	23rd (21.5)	T-27th (18.0)
Points allowed .....	T-16th (25.5)	26th (32.0)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	26th (324.0)	28th (314.0)
Rushing .....	26th (95.0)	29th (89.0)
Passing .....	22nd (229.0)	23rd (225.0)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	22nd (398.0)	9th (344.0)
Rushing .....	30th (185.0)	22nd (135.5)
Passing .....	7th (213.0)	5th (208.5)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential .....	T-25th (minus-2)	32nd (minus-5)

**Bengals-Eagles connections:** Bengals head coach Zac Taylor and Eagles passing game coordinator/quarterbacks coach Press Taylor are

### THE HEAD COACHES

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

Taylor's first season as head coach ended with a 2-14 record, however the team showed promise late in the year. On offense, Taylor helped key an improved rushing attack that saw its yards-per-game rushing average jump 70.6 yards from the first half of the season (59.5) to the second (130.1). The team's

brothers ... Eagles K Jake Elliott entered the NFL as a fifth-round draft pick (153rd overall) of the Bengals in 2017 ... Eagles C Jason Kelce played at the University of Cincinnati ... Bengals DT Mike Daniels is from Stratford, N.J. (Highland Regional High School) ... Bengals LS Clark Harris is from Manahawkin, N.J. (Southern Regional High School) ... Eagles P Cameron Johnston played at Ohio State University ... Eagles G Jamon Brown is from Louisville, Ky. (Fern Creek High School), and played at the University of Louisville ... Eagles G Brandon Brooks (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform) played at Miami (Ohio) University ... Eagles RB Michael Warren (practice squad) played at the University of Cincinnati and is from Toledo, Ohio (Central Catholic High School) ... Bengals assistant special teams coach Colt Anderson played for the Eagles from 2010-13 ... Bengals tight ends coach James Casey played for the Eagles from 2013-14 ... Bengals wide receivers coach Bob Bicknell coached for the Eagles from 2013-15 ... Bengals linebackers coach Al Golden was head coach at Temple University from 2006-10 ... Bengals offensive line coach Jim Turner coached at Temple University from 2003-05, and at the University of Delaware from '05-06 ... Eagles defensive backs coach Marquand Manuel played for the Bengals from 2002-03 ... Eagles run game coordinator/defensive line coach Matt Burke was on the Bengals' coaching staff from 2014-15 ... Eagles assistant tight ends coach Mike Bartrum is from Pomeroy, Ohio ... Eagles assistant defensive line coach Nathan Ollie coached at Eastern Kentucky University in 2018 ... Eagles director of team development Joe Pannunzio coached at Murray State University from 2000-05.

**Red-zone reports:** Here is a look at Cincinnati's and Philadelphia's red-zone reports:

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT	
OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 5	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 8
<b>Total scores:</b> 4 (80.0%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 7 (87.5%)
TDs: 2 (40.0%)	TDs: 5 (62.5%)
FGs: 2 (40.0%)	FGs: 2 (25.0%)
TD% rank: 30th	TD% rank: 16th
<b>No scores:</b> 1 (20%)	<b>No scores:</b> 1 (12.5%)

EAGLES RED-ZONE REPORT	
OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 5	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 9
<b>Total scores:</b> 5 (100%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 8 (88.9%)
TDs: 3 (60%)	TDs: 7 (77.8%)
FGs: 2 (40.0%)	FGs: 1 (11.1%)
TD% rank: T-14th	TD% rank: 27th
<b>No scores:</b> 0 (0.0%)	<b>No scores:</b> 1 (11.1%)

**Uniform watch:** The Bengals are scheduled to wear white jerseys and black pants this week at Philadelphia.

Since 2004, the year of the Bengals' last significant uniform redesign, a number of color options for jerseys and pants have been available. Below are the records (regular season plus postseason) for the different combinations:

JERSEY	PANTS	W-L-T	PCT.
Orange*	Black .....	6-1-0	.857
Orange*	White .....	16-7-1	.688
Black	Black .....	18-18-1	.500
Black	White .....	36-37-1	.493
White	Black .....	28-39-0	.418
White (CR)*	White (CR)* .....	2-3-0	.400
White	White .....	19-31-0	.380

\* — NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate jerseys, color rush (CR) uniforms and/or throwback uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. As in years past, orange will serve as the Bengals' designated alternate jersey, and for the fifth straight year, the team will use its color rush uniforms (white jersey, white pants), which debuted in 2016. Cincinnati does not have a throwback uniform.

average yards per rushing attempt also jumped 1.26 yards (3.17 to 4.43) the final eight games, and the offense allowed 10 fewer sacks (29 to 19).

On defense, the team notched 11 more sacks in the second half of 2019 compared to the first eight games, and allowed 84.1 fewer yards per game (57.5 fewer rushing yards, 26.6 fewer passing yards).

Taylor came to Cincinnati after two seasons (2017-18) with the L.A. Rams,

where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2017 and quarterbacks coach in '18. In 2018, he helped guide Rams QB Jared Goff to career highs in every major passing category — completions (364), attempts (561), passing yards (4688), passing TDs (32), completion percentage (64.9), yards per attempt (8.36) and passer rating (101.1). 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 directed the Rams' young receiving corps and helped oversee an emerging passing offense that ranked 10th in the NFL in pass yards per game (239.4).

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 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.

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

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

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

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

**Doug Pederson** was named head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles on Jan. 18, 2016, after having served as the Kansas City Chiefs' offensive coordinator from '13-15.

In just his second season as an NFL head coach, Pederson led the Eagles to a 13-3 regular-season record, an NFC East title, the No. 1 seed in the NFC playoffs and a victory in Super Bowl LII. In his first three seasons as the Eagles head coach, he led the team to a 33-20 record (including playoffs), which marks the highest winning percentage (.623) by a head coach in franchise history.

Pederson, who enjoyed a 12-year NFL playing career, began his pro coaching career in Philadelphia where he served under Andy Reid as an offensive quality control (2009-10) and quarterbacks coach ('11-12).

Pederson was a three-year starter at quarterback for Northeast Louisiana, where he graduated with a B.B.A. in business management. A 12-year NFL veteran, he played quarterback for the Green Bay Packers, Miami Dolphins, Eagles and Cleveland Browns. Pederson served as a backup quarterback for the Packers when the team won Super Bowl XXXI. He began coaching as head coach at Calvary Baptist Academy (Shreveport, LA).

Pederson was born on Jan. 31, 1968 in Bellingham, Wash. He and his wife, Jeannie, have three sons — Drew, Josh and Joel.

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

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

**Pederson vs. Bengals:** The Bengals lead, 1-0.

## BENGALS NOTES

**Introducing, Joe Burrow:** The Bengals in April made QB Joe Burrow of Louisiana State the first overall pick in the draft, and presumably the franchise's quarterback of the future. Here's a closer look at how the much-heralded rookie arrived in Cincinnati:

Burrow grew up in Athens, Ohio, in the southeast part of the state. His father, Jimmy, played football at Nebraska and was a longtime college assistant who most recently served as defensive coordinator at Ohio University (2005-18). His brothers, Jamie and Dan, also played collegiately at Nebraska.

Burrow had a decorated high school career at Athens High School that was highlighted by Ohio's 2014 Mr. Football award and his team's state runner-up finish as a senior. He signed with Ohio State, where he was teammates with four current Bengals — S Vonn Bell, DE Sam Hubbard, G Michael Jordan and G/C Billy Price. As a freshman in 2015, he redshirted in a crowded QB room that returned three players off the Buckeyes' national title team in '14. Burrow served as OSU's No. 2 QB in 2016 and saw limited action, but in preseason camp in '17 he broke his throwing hand and returned mid-season as the No. 3 QB.

Burrow graduated from OSU in spring 2018 and transferred to LSU, where he was eligible to play immediately. Despite not officially practicing with the team until July, he won the starting job and led LSU to a 10-3 record that included five wins over top-10 teams.

After a relatively modest statistical season in 2018, Burrow in '19 put together perhaps the greatest season ever by a college QB. He set numerous NCAA-FBS, SEC and LSU records, led the Tigers to a perfect 15-0 record and national championship, won the Heisman Trophy by the largest margin in its 85-year history, and racked up nearly every other individual accolade imaginable.

Now in Cincinnati, Burrow ironically — just as in 2018 at LSU — was not able to begin practicing with his new team until late-summer (this time due to the NFL cancelling its offseason program because of COVID-19). And just as at LSU, he has at his disposal a talented supporting cast, including WRs A.J. Green, Tyler Boyd, John Ross, Auden Tate and Tee Higgins, along with HBs Joe Mixon and Giovani Bernard.

**Burrow the fourth Bengals No. 1 overall pick:** On April 23, the Bengals selected QB Joe Burrow of Louisiana State with the No. 1

overall pick in the first-ever virtual NFL Draft. With prospects required to stay at home throughout the draft due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Burrow was unable to celebrate under the bright lights of the Las Vegas strip, where the event had originally been planned to take place. Instead, he spent the evening celebrating with his parents in their living room in his hometown of Athens, Ohio.

In the days leading up to the draft, Bengals president Mike Brown sent letters to Burrow and his parents, welcoming the 23-year-old and his family to the organization.

"It meant a lot," Burrow said of the gesture. "He also wrote one to my mom and dad as well. That kind of shows the person that he is, and I'm excited to be his quarterback for hopefully a long time."

Burrow is the fourth player selected No. 1 overall by the Bengals. In 1994, Cincinnati selected Ohio State DT Dan Wilkinson with the top pick, and then the following year they executed a draft-day trade with Carolina to move to the top spot and select Penn State RB Ki-Jana Carter. Then, in 2003, the team selected USC QB Carson Palmer with the first pick.

In 1984, the Bengals had rights to the No. 1 selection as a result of their 1983 trade of QB Jack Thompson to Tampa Bay. But Cincinnati traded the top pick to New England in exchange for the Nos. 16 and 28 selections.

**Burrow's supporting cast unmatched:** Bengals QB Joe Burrow this season has one of the most statistically accomplished supporting casts of any rookie QB ever. Burrow is only the fifth rookie QB in NFL history, and just the second first-rounder, to start a single game and have with him on the roster at least one player with multiple 1000-yard rushing seasons and two players with multiple 1000-yard receiving seasons. Burrow this season has suited up alongside HB Joe Mixon (two career 1000-yard rushing seasons), WR A.J. Green (six 1000-yard receiving seasons) and WR Tyler Boyd (two 1000-yard receiving seasons).

The only other rookie first-round QB was the Steelers' Ben Roethlisberger (11th overall pick in 2004), who had RBs Duce Staley and Jerome Bettis, along with WRs Hines Ward and Plaxico Burress.

There were three instances of it happening with rookie QBs selected outside the first round. In 2001, Dallas' Quincy Carter (second-round pick) had RB

Emmitt Smith, and WRs Joey Galloway and Raghیب Ismail. In 2005, St. Louis' Ryan Fitzpatrick (seventh rounder) had RB Marshall Faulk, and WRs Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt. And in 2016, Dallas' Dak Prescott (fourth rounder) had RBs Darren McFadden and Alfred Morris, along with TE Jason Witten and WR Dez Bryant.

**Burrow looks to buck first-pick trends:** Prior to this season, 23 of the 24 QBs selected No. 1 overall in the Super Bowl era went on to start at least one game as a rookie. The only exception, ironically, was Cincinnati's No. 1 overall pick in 2003, QB Carson Palmer.

Those 24 QBs went on to finish their rookie seasons a combined 83-171-1 as starters, good for a .327 win percentage, or about a 5-11 rate for a full season.

The record for most wins by a rookie QB selected No. 1 overall is 11, by Indianapolis' Andrew Luck in 2012.

Last year's No. 1 overall pick, Arizona QB Kyler Murray, went 5-10-1 as a rookie starter. The year before, Cleveland's Baker Mayfield went 6-7.

**Bengals rookie QBs as starters:** Joe Burrow this season has become just the 14th rookie QB to start a game for the Bengals. Only two of the previous 13, though, have started more than four games — Greg Cook in 1969 (4-6-1 record) and Andy Dalton in 2011 (9-7 record). Dalton in 2011 earned a Pro Bowl nomination and famously led the Bengals to a Wild Card Playoff berth, despite the team being widely predicted before that season to be among the worst in the NFL.

Other Bengal QBs of note to start as rookies include Ken Anderson in 1971 (0-4) and Boomer Esiason in '84 (3-1). Burrow's fellow No. 1 overall pick, Carson Palmer, did not take over the starting role until his second season.

**Wilson leads NFL in KOR average:** Bengals S Brandon Wilson burst onto the scene last season as one of the NFL's top kickoff returners, and he has continued that momentum into 2020. Wilson currently boasts a 43.7-yard average on kickoff returns this season, more than 11 yards better than the next-best qualifier (Pittsburgh's Ray-Ray McCloud, 32.3). All three of Wilson's kickoff returns this year have gone for more than 40 yards.

Wilson began 2019 not even listed on Cincinnati's depth chart at KOR. But injuries at the position thrust him into the role in Game 5 vs. Arizona, and he never looked back. The next game, he returned the opening kickoff for a TD. He ended up missing the final four games of 2019 due to a right hand injury, but not before he racked up an NFL-best 31.3-yard average on kickoff returns (20 returns, 625 yards, one TD), good for the second-best single-season mark in team history. That average came despite Wilson holding the No. 1 KOR spot for just eight games.

**Welcome back, A.J.:** The Bengals this season have welcomed the return of WR A.J. Green, who is back in Cincinnati's lineup after missing 20 straight games dating back to 2018. Green started both Bengals games so far this season, and has eight catches for 80 yards.

Green, a 10th-year veteran who prior to Game 1 this season had last played on Dec. 2, 2018, missed all of last season due to a left ankle injury he suffered in the first practice of training camp. He returned to practice mid-way through the season, but re-aggravated the injury and never returned to game action. In 2018, Green was limited by a toe injury (right foot) to just nine games. He suffered the injury on the final drive in Game 8 vs. Tampa Bay, missed the next three games, and then re-aggravated it in the first half of Game 12 vs. Denver. He ended the season on Reserve/Injured, but returned healthy for the start of 2019 training camp. Then came the ankle injury.

Green stands as the Bengals' all-time leader in 100-yard receiving games (33), and is second in career receptions (610) and receiving yards (8987). His 63 career receiving TDs rank tied for second in team history with WR Carl Pickens, and are just three shy of all-time leader Chad Johnson (66).

Green is also only the ninth player ever, and the only WR, to begin his career with at least seven consecutive Pro Bowl nominations. That list includes Steelers RB Franco Harris, Giants LB Lawrence Taylor, Chiefs LB Derrick Thomas, Lions RB Barry Sanders, Dolphins OT Richmond Webb, 49ers LB Patrick Willis, Browns OT Joe Thomas and Cardinals CB Patrick Peterson. Green's streak of Pro Bowl nominations ended in 2018, though, after his missed time due to the toe injury.

**A.J. gives Burrow a lift:** Joe Burrow's public admiration for WR A.J. Green dates all the way back to the NFL Combine in late February, when he

expressed his strong desire to play alongside Cincinnati's seven-time Pro Bowl pass-catcher.

"With any rookie quarterback, the more help you can get the better," the then-presumptive No. 1 overall pick told a swarm of media. "A.J. has been one of the best players at his position for a very long time. If I am lucky enough to get drafted No. 1 overall, I would like to have him on the roster."

With both of those wishes now a reality, Burrow has taken the field this season with a luxury few of the previous 24 quarterbacks selected No.1 overall have had at their disposal. Look no further than Burrow's first career start (Game 1 vs. the L.A. Chargers), which marked:

- The third time in NFL history a rookie QB who was selected No. 1 overall made his first career start alongside a player with as many career receptions (602) as Green at the time (QB Cam Newton and WR Steve Smith [620 catches] in 2011, and QB Kyler Murray and WR Larry Fitzgerald [1303 catches] in '19).

- The second time in NFL history a rookie QB who was selected No. 1 overall made his first career start alongside a player with as many career receiving yards (8907) as Green at the time (Murray and Fitzgerald [16,279 receiving yards] in 2019).

- The second time in NFL history a rookie QB who was selected No. 1 overall made his first career start with a player with as many career TD catches (63) as Green at the time (Murray and Fitzgerald [116 receiving TDs] in 2019).

**What Burrow's teammates are saying:** Joe Burrow's reputation preceded him when he was drafted by the Bengals in April, and he's been the hottest topic in Cincinnati since. Here's a sampling of what Bengals players have told the media about their new signal caller.

DE Sam Hubbard, a close friend of Burrow's since they played together at Ohio State from 2015-17: "One of the most impressive things about him is that he hasn't changed at all. He's got the same mentality he had as a third-string backup at Ohio State as a freshman, when he was still fighting every day to get on the field and make his name known. He takes that mentality and level-headedness of where he's been to where he's at now."

S Jessie Bates: "You can just feel his presence in the room. He's got that swagger about him. He's a young kid still, and he has a lot to prove ... And he's been moving me around in the middle of the field (in practice) a little bit more than a lot of quarterbacks that are experienced in this league."

WR Auden Tate: "Just his natural swagger. How he walks around, how he approaches the huddle. He doesn't come in to the huddle like a rookie, he comes in almost like a vet who's he's been there before. It's just that calmness that he has — everybody can feel it, so it makes everybody else calmer."

LB Josh Bynes, who intercepted a pass from Burrow early in training camp, prompting Burrow to approach Bynes after practice to ask about the coverage on the play: "Maybe I've had a few vets do that here and there, but definitely not a rookie quarterback. You can tell he's hungry and wants to get better, and that's what I like about him. Everybody knows that, especially on offense. They're gravitating toward him."

WR A.J. Green: "He's going to be great for the next 15 years. With him, it's just getting that rhythm. We're always talking, even before I got hurt (in training camp), about 'I need to put the ball there,' or, 'How do you like this ball? How do you like this route?' So it's always constant communication. Joe is going to be a great one."

**Bengals tough when A.J. suits up:** Bengals WR A.J. Green of course gets plenty of attention for his statistical accomplishments, which place him among the top receivers in Bengals history. But let the record show that Green isn't just a stat-sheet stuffer. When No. 18 is in the lineup, the Bengals are tough to beat.

Here's a closer look at Green's impact on Cincinnati's win column when he's on the field.

WHEN GREEN ...	BENGALS' RECORD	PCT.
Plays .....	66-46-1	.588
Has 100 or more receiving yards.....	22-10-1	.682
Scores a TD .....	38-17	.691
Has at least 81 receiving yards (topping his career average) .....	32-17-1	.650
Has at least six catches (topping his career average).....	31-20-1	.606
Plays alongside WR Tyler Boyd and HB Joe Mixon.....	10-8-0	.556

**A.J. among best ever in per-game production:** Despite his impressive resume, Bengals WR A.J. Green has perhaps fallen off the radar of some observers, after playing in just nine of 32 possible games between 2018-19. But Green's return to the field this season has helped jog the collective memory, and served as a reminder that his per-game receiving production has

been among the best in NFL history.

Here's a look at the top players in NFL history, in terms of average receiving yardage per game played (minimum 100 games).

NAME	GAMES PLAYED	YDS.	AVG.
Julio Jones.....	128	12,306	96.14
Calvin Johnson.....	135	11,619	86.07
Antonio Brown.....	131	11,263	85.98
A.J. Green.....	113	8987	79.53
DeAndre Hopkins.....	112	8821	78.76

**A.J. finds paydirt:** Bengals WR A.J. Green has 63 career receiving TDs, which since his rookie year of 2011 ranks as the sixth-most of any NFL player, and the third-most among active players. Green and former Bengals WR Carl Pickens are tied for second in team history in TD catches, behind WR Chad Johnson (66). It should be noted that Green has posted those lofty totals despite missing 33 career regular-season games due to injury, including 23 between mid-2018 and the end of '19.

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

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEIVING TDs
Antonio Brown	Pittsburgh / New England.....	75
Jimmy Graham	New Orleans / Seattle / Green Bay / Chicago.....	70
Rob Gronkowski	New England / Tampa Bay.....	69
Dez Bryant	Dallas / New Orleans.....	67
Jordy Nelson	Green Bay / Oakland.....	66
A.J. Green	Cincinnati.....	63

**Green and some gold jackets:** Bengals 10th-year WR A.J. Green has 10 career games of at least 150 receiving yards and one TD, making him one of only 10 receivers to ever reach as many games through their first 10 NFL seasons. It should also be noted that Green has just started his 10th season, and his numbers come despite missing 33 regular-season games to injury throughout his career, including 23 between mid-2018 and the end of '19.

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

PLAYER	TEAM	NO. OF GAMES
Jerry Rice*	San Francisco.....	19
Lance Alworth*	San Diego / Dallas.....	16
Don Maynard*	N.Y. Giants / N.Y. Titans/Jets.....	14
Calvin Johnson	Detroit.....	13
Torry Holt	St. Louis.....	11
Randy Moss*	Minnesota / Oakland / New England.....	11
A.J. Green	Cincinnati.....	10
Isaac Bruce*	St. Louis.....	10
Antonio Brown	Pittsburgh / New England.....	10
Terrell Owens*	San Francisco / Dallas.....	10

\* — Asterisk denotes a Pro Football Hall of Famer.

**Boyd looking for his third thousand:** Bengals WR Tyler Boyd this season looks to become just the fourth Cincinnati pass-catcher to record three consecutive 1000-yard seasons. He would join WRs Chad Johnson (six consecutive; 2002-07), A.J. Green (five; '11-15) and Carl Pickens (three; 1994-96).

Through two games, Boyd has 105 yards on 11 catches, a pace that projects out to 840 yards over a full 16-game slate.

Boyd topped the 1000-yard mark in both 2018 and '19, despite his running mate, Green, playing just nine of 32 possible games over that stretch. Last season, he finished with a career-high and team-best 1046 receiving yards (on 90 catches), which slightly bested his '18 total of 1028 yards (on 76 catches)

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

**Mixon also seeking this third thousand:** Bengals HB Joe Mixon this season is looking to become just the fourth player in team history to record three consecutive 1000-yard rushing seasons. He would join Corey Dillon (six consecutive; 1997-2002), Rudi Johnson (three; '04-06) and Cedric Benson

(three; '09-11).

So far this season, Mixon has 115 yards on 35 carries, a pace that projects out to 920 yards over a full 16-game slate.

Mixon, who owns two of the 22 1000-yard rushing seasons in team history, hit the mark in both 2018 and '19. It was the 12th instance, and the first since Benson in 2010-11, of a Bengal rushing for 1000 yards in back-to-back seasons.

Last year, he notched 1137 yards despite a slow start to the season. His 817 yards over the final eight games were second-most in the NFL over that span, and he ended the season with at least 130 rushing yards in three of his final four games. In 2018, he became the first Bengal ever to lead the AFC in rushing yards (1168), and did so despite missing two games due to a knee injury.

Mixon currently stands as one of just five Bengals ever to rush for 1000 yards in multiple seasons — Dillon (six times), Johnson (three), Benson (three) and James Brooks.

On Sept. 2, Mixon signed a contract extension that will keep in him Cincinnati through 2024.

**Mixon and Boyd chasing Chad and Rudi:** Bengals HB Joe Mixon and WR Tyler Boyd this season are looking to become just the second duo in team history to record 1000 rushing yards and 1000 receiving yards together in three consecutive seasons. They would join WR Chad Johnson and HB Rudi Johnson, who achieved the feat from 2004-06.

Chad and Rudi Johnson also are the only other duo to hit their respective 1000-yard marks in back-to-back seasons, a feat Mixon and Boyd did last year.

The Bengals have had a 1000-yard rusher and receiver in the same season 15 times in team history, meaning Boyd and Mixon currently own two of those instances.

**Bengals roll when Mixon hits 20 carries:** The Bengals hold a 7-5 record when HB Joe Mixon reaches the 20-carry mark. And in those 12 games, Mixon has topped 100 rushing yards eight times. Seven of his last eight 20-carry games have resulted in 100-yard rushing performances.

Mixon has yet to hit the 20-carry mark this season, but the Bengals were 2-3 in 2019 when he reached it. Mixon's last 20-carry game was the 2019 season finale vs. Cleveland, when he rushed for a career-high 162 yards on 26 attempts.

**Gio secures the rock:** Bengals HBs Giovani Bernard is known mostly for his versatility out of the backfield for Cincinnati, but as the numbers show, he's also among the NFL's best at securing the football. Bernard has carried 754 consecutive times without fumbling, the longest streak in the NFL.

Bengals HB Joe Mixon entered 2020 with the second-longest streak behind Bernard, but a fumble on a carry in the opener ended his streak of 541. It was his first fumble since the 2017 season finale. Still, Bernard and Mixon have combined for just three fumbles on 1527 career rushing attempts.

Here's a look at the NFL's longest active streaks of rushing attempts without a fumble.

NAME	TEAM	RUSH ATT. WITHOUT A FUMBLE
Giovani Bernard	Cincinnati.....	754
Lataavius Murray	New Orleans.....	519
Saquon Barkley	N.Y. Giants.....	497
Phillip Lindsay	Denver.....	423
Leonard Fournette	Tampa Bay.....	415

Bernard's streak dates back to Game 5 of his rookie season in 2013 (Oct. 6 vs. New England). That marked the only fumble of his career on a rushing play, with his other five all coming on passing plays.

That, along with Mixon's aforementioned streak, also rank among the longest in Bengals history. The Elias Sports Bureau reports that over the last 30 years, both streaks easily outpace any other fumble-free streak by a Cincinnati rusher. (Elias' records do not go back far enough to confirm this throughout the team's full history.)

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

PLAYER	RUSH ATT. WITHOUT A FUMBLE	SEASONS SPANNED
Giovani Bernard.....	754	2013-present
Joe Mixon.....	541	2017-20
Harold Green.....	298	1991-93
Jeremy Hill.....	282	2015-17
Cedric Benson.....	260	2010-11

**Gio passes J.B. for receptions lead:** Already considered one of the top receiving running backs in team history, HB Giovani Bernard has

further secured that status this season by surpassing a Bengals legend. With 304 career receptions, Bernard now stands as the Bengals' all-time leader in receptions by a running back. He passed former Bengal RB James Brooks (297) for first place in Game 1 vs. the L.A. Chargers. Brooks, however, still holds the Bengals' record for receiving yards by a running back at 3012, which is still 457 ahead of Bernard's 2555.

Brooks played eight seasons (1984-91) with the Bengals, and this season is Bernard's eighth with the team.

**15 carries for Gio does the trick:** Over his now seven seasons in Cincinnati, Giovani Bernard has carved out a spot among the top dual-threat running backs in team history.

But when examining Bernard's workload specifically as a rusher throughout his career, a significant trend becomes apparent — the Bengals are 10-1-1 in games in which Bernard has at least 15 rushing attempts. Bernard, though, has topped 15 carries in just one game since the start of 2018.

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

**Bengals overhaul defense:** After the 2019 season ended, one of the primary focal points of Cincinnati's offseason ahead figured to be improving upon the team's 29th-ranked defense. The Bengals did just that, welcoming a parade of newcomers in free agency in March, and then following that with a draft that invested four of the team's seven picks on defenders.

The result is a defense that looks markedly different from 2019. Gone are five of last year's opening day starters, along with one additional spot that also has changed hands. New additions to the starting lineup include D.J. Reader at NT, Josh Byner and Germaine Pratt at LB, Mackensie Alexander and CB Darius Phillips at two of the CB spots, and Vonn Bell at S. Pratt and Phillips were with the Bengals last year, while the rest joined the team in March as unrestricted free agents. Rookie LBs Logan Wilson and Akeem Davis-Gaither have also seen time in the defensive rotation, as has DE Christian Covington, who was acquired in a trade with Denver on Sept. 4.

One of the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency haul was CB Trae Wayne, who was expected to start before suffering a pectoral injury Aug. 9. Wayne was placed on Reserve/Injured on Sept. 9, and is eligible to return later in the season.

**Dunlap, Atkins form NFL's top sack duo:** The Bengals boast perhaps the league's most accomplished pass-rushing duo in DE Carlos Dunlap (81.5 career sacks) and DT Geno Atkins (75.5). Their combined 157 sacks are tied for the most league-wide of any current teammates.

Here's a look at current NFL teammates with the most sacks.

SACKS	PLAYERS	TEAM
157.0	Geno Atkins/Carlos Dunlap	Cincinnati
157.0	Jurrell Casey/Von Miller	Denver
148.0	Whitney Mercilus/JJ Watt	Houston
144.0	Khalil Mack/Robert Quinn	Chicago
142.0	Jason Pierre-Paul/Ndamukong Suh	Tampa Bay

**Dunlap and Atkins by down:** For more than a decade, Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap (81.5 career sacks) and DT Geno Atkins (75.5) have formed one of the NFL's top pass-rushing duos. But a closer look at their production shows that both are at their best when the Bengals need them most.

Dunlap has recorded at least a half sack on 91 different plays throughout his career, while Atkins has done the same on 85 plays. Here's a breakdown of when those plays have occurred:

DOWN	DUNLAP	ATKINS
First down	18	19
Second down	31	20
Third down	42	44
Fourth down	0	2
TOTAL	91	85

**Dunlap, Geno have Edwards in their sights:** With 81.5 career sacks, Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap currently stands just two sacks shy of Cincinnati's all-time leader, DE Eddie Edwards (83.5 sacks). In third place and not far behind is DT Geno Atkins, who has 75.5 career sacks.

Dunlap, a two-time Pro Bowler (2015 and '16) who turned 31 in January, averaged 8.2 sacks over his first 10 NFL seasons, while Edwards averaged just

under seven over 12 seasons.

Atkins, who missed nearly half of the 2013 season with a torn ACL, has more than double the number of sacks of the next-closest interior defensive lineman in Bengals history (Tim Krumrie, 34.5). Atkins has finished with at least a share of the NFL lead for sacks by an interior lineman five times in his 10 NFL seasons (see "Geno aims for another sack crown").

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

**Geno on HOF pace:** Bengals DT Geno Atkins, who is playing his 11th NFL season in 2020, currently stands at 75.5 career sacks, third in team history and the most ever by a Bengals interior defensive lineman.

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

Here's a look at the sack totals of notable Hall-of-Fame DTs through their 11th seasons, as well as where they stood at the end of their careers. It should be noted that Atkins missed nearly half of the 2013 season, due to a torn ACL. He also has not played yet this season, due to a shoulder injury.

*(NOTE: This list includes only DTs whose careers started after 1982, when the NFL began counting sacks as official statistics):*

NAME	YEARS ACTIVE	THRU 11 SEASONS	CAREER SACKS
John Randle	1990-2003	114.0	137.5
Warren Sapp	1995-2007	84.5	96.5
Geno Atkins	2010-present	*75.5	75.5
Cortez Kennedy	1990-2000	58.0	58.0

*\*NOTE: Atkins' 11th season has begun, but he has yet to play due to injury.*

**Geno aims for another sack crown:** Bengals DT Geno Atkins has not played yet this season, due to a shoulder injury. But when he returns, he'll be looking to reclaim the top spot for most sacks by an NFL interior defensive lineman, a crown that for all intents and purposes had been his for much of his career. Atkins, though, has not claimed that title since 2017.

In his 10 NFL seasons (2010-19), Atkins has finished in at least a tie for most sacks by an NFL interior lineman five times. He claimed it outright in 2012 (12.5 sacks), '16 (nine) and '17 (nine), while sharing it in '11 (7.5) and '15 (11).

Four players (two sacks each) are currently tied for the NFL lead in sacks by an interior lineman.

Atkins has been selected to the Pro Bowl eight times in his 10 Bengals seasons. Those eight selections are the most by a Bengals defensive player in team history, ahead of CB Lemar Parrish (six), and second-most overall behind Hall of Fame OT Anthony Munoz. Atkins currently stands at 75.5 career sacks, the most by a Bengals interior lineman and third overall.

**Dunlap's PD frenzy:** Over his now 11 NFL seasons, Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap has earned a reputation as one of the league's best defensive linemen at batting down passes at the line of scrimmage. Dunlap does not have a pass defended yet this season, but last year he finished with eight PDs despite missing two games due to a knee injury.

In 2016, Dunlap had a team-high 15 PDs, which also led all other NFL defensive linemen. It marked the first time since Cincinnati began recording defensive stats in 1976 that a Bengals lineman had ever led the team in PDs.

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

PLAYER	POS	TEAM	PDs SINCE 2016
Carlos Dunlap	DE	Cin	38
Alec Ogletree	LB	LARams/NYG/NYJ	35
Eric Kendricks	LB	Minn	34
Deion Jones	LB	Atl	32
Luke Kuechly	LB	Car	30

**Dunlap's, Atkins' dominance = team success:** Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap and DT Geno Atkins entered the NFL together in 2010 as draft picks of the Bengals, and in the now 11 seasons since they've established themselves among the top pass-rushing duos in the league. Most importantly though, the record shows that when Dunlap and Atkins are at their most

dominant, it usually spells success for Cincinnati.

The Bengals are 12-6 (.667) when Dunlap records more than one sack, and 8-6 (.571) when Atkins records more than one sack. There have been two instances in which both have had more than one sack in the same game (Bengals are 1-1 in those contests), which means Cincinnati is a combined 19-11 (.633) when getting more than one sack from either player.

The Bengals are 9-1 since the beginning of the 2015 season when Dunlap records more than one sack, with the only outlier coming in a 20-17 overtime loss at Denver in 2015. Dunlap had a career-best three sacks in that Denver game and finished 2015 with a career-high 13.5, second-most in Bengals history. Dunlap had two multi-sack games in 2019, and they both came in wins. He does not have a multi-sack game this season.

Since 2015, Cincinnati is 6-4 when Atkins has more than one sack. The Bengals, though, were 0-2 in 2019 when Atkins had more than one sack. Atkins has not yet played this season, due to a shoulder injury.

Dunlap and Atkins are under contract with the Bengals through the 2021 and '22 seasons, respectively. Dunlap (81.5 sacks) currently stands second on the Bengals' all-time sack list, and Atkins (75.5) is third. The Bengals' leader in career sacks is DE Eddie Edwards, with 83.5.

**Hubbard leads 2018 rookies in sacks:** DE Sam Hubbard, a third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, has 14.5 career sacks, the most of anyone from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

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

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

PLAYER	POSITION	TEAM	PICK (ROUND)	SACKS
Sam Hubbard.....	DE	Cin.	No. 77 (3rd)	14.5
Harold Landry.....	EDGE	Tenn.	No. 41 (2nd)	13.5
Bradley Chubb.....	DE	Den.	No. 5 (1st)	13
Darius Leonard.....	OLB	Ind.	No. 36 (2nd)	12
Marcus Davenport.....	DE	N.O.	No. 14 (1st)	10.5

**Bengals draft picks stick in NFL:** A familiar trend has emerged this season regarding which teams have the most keen eye for talent in the draft, and the Bengals again are toward the top of the list. As of Monday, Sept. 21, there were 53 players on NFL rosters who entered the NFL as draft picks of the Bengals, tied for second-most in the NFL and just two behind Baltimore (55) for the top spot.

Cincinnati has been among the top five teams in this category every week since 2018, and has spent long stretches in the top spot. At times, the Bengals have even held a double-digit lead over the second-place team.

Of the 53 players on Cincinnati's active roster, 36 entered the NFL with the Bengals — 33 as draft picks, and three as college free agents.

Of those 33 draft picks, six were first-round picks, seven were second-rounders, four were third-rounders, five were fourth-rounders, four were fifth-rounders, four were sixth-rounders and three were seventh-rounders.

Here's a look at the teams with the most draft picks on an active NFL roster, as of Monday, Sept. 21.

TEAM	DRAFT PICKS ON NFL ROSTERS
Baltimore Ravens.....	55
Cincinnati Bengals.....	53
New England Patriots.....	53
Seattle Seahawks.....	45
Minnesota Vikings.....	45
Green Bay Packers.....	45

**Special teams soar under Simmons:** Over the now 18-year tenure of Darrin Simmons, the Bengals have consistently boasted one of the top special teams units in the NFL. Simmons this year has added the title of assistant head coach to his usual role as special teams coordinator, a nod to a successful run that has seen 17 different players from his tenure appear in the team's record book.

Here's an overview of Simmons' players' dominance over the Bengals' record book. For more detailed record information, see the Bengals' records section on page 168 in the 2020 media guide.

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

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

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

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

He's coached four of the team's top six leaders in career kickoff return average — Jones, Alex Erickson, Bernard Scott, Glenn Holt. Five of the six best single seasons by a kickoff returner (based on yards per kickoff return) have come under Simmons. That includes Brandon Wilson's NFL-best 31.9-yard kickoff return average (second in team history) in 2019.

And although the category is not kept as an official team record, it should be noted that LS Clark Harris has executed more than 1500 deep snaps without a single unplayable delivery since joining the Bengals in mid-2009.

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

**The Huber roundup:** Bengals P Kevin Huber, a 2009 Bengals fifth-round pick who this year is playing his 12th season in stripes, has long been considered the top punter in team history. He has cemented that legacy within the last year by taking over the top spot in the few remaining career punting categories he did not already own.

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

- Punts (851)
- Punting yards (38,440)
- Gross average (45.17)
- Net average (40.03)
- Inside-20 punts (299)

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

- He holds the top four Bengals season averages in gross yardage and the top five Bengals season averages in net. His gross record is 46.84 (set in 2014), and his net record is 42.11 (set in '19).
- He shares the team record for longest punt (75 yards) with Kyle Larson.
- His 33 inside-20 punts in 2012 is a single-season franchise record.
- His six inside-20 punts on Sept. 14, 2017 vs. Houston are tied with Lee Johnson (Nov. 2, 1997) for the most in a game in Bengals history.

**Huber among NFL's best at pinning 'em:** As the evidence shows, no Bengals punter has ever been nearly as successful as Kevin Huber at pinning opponents inside the 20-yard line. The 2009 fifth-round draft choice currently has 299 career inside-20 punts, a margin of more than 100 over the next-best in team history (Lee Johnson, 186).

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

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

PUNTER	2020 TEAM	NFL EXP.	CAREER INSIDE-20s
Dustin Colquitt	Pittsburgh.....	16	465
Andy Lee	Arizona.....	17	427
Sam Koch	Baltimore.....	15	408
Brett Kern	Tennessee.....	13	360
Kevin Huber	Cincinnati.....	12	299

**25 points does the trick:** Since 2011, the Bengals own a 47-3-2 record (.923) when scoring 25 or more points. Only Miami has a better winning percentage, at .947 (36-2-0), when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals, though, are 1-2 under head coach Zac Taylor when reaching the 25-point plateau, with an OT loss last year to Miami and a Week 2 loss at Cleveland this season.

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

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WINNING PCT.
Miami Dolphins .....	36	2	0	.947
Cincinnati Bengals .....	47	3	2	.923
New England Patriots .....	87	9	0	.906
Denver Broncos .....	53	6	0	.898
Philadelphia Eagles .....	54	7	0	.885

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

Here are the fastest Bengal ball-carriers since 2016, according to NFL's Next Gen Stats:

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

**Bengals' picks stay in stripes:** A useful measurement of talent evaluation in the draft is the ability of a team's draft picks to make their own active roster. The Bengals have proven to be among the best in the NFL in that category.

As of Monday, Sept. 21, there were 33 players on Cincinnati's roster that entered the NFL as Bengals draft picks. Only the Baltimore Ravens (34) have more of their own picks on their active roster.

Here's a look at the NFL teams with the most of their own draft picks on their active roster, as of Monday, Sept. 21.

TEAM	OWN PICKS ON ROSTER
Baltimore Ravens .....	34
Cincinnati Bengals .....	33
Pittsburgh Steelers .....	33
Washington Football Team.....	31
Minnesota Vikings.....	31

**Two Bengals hail from Queen City:** The Bengals this year have two players — DE Sam Hubbard and P Kevin Huber — who grew up in Greater Cincinnati.

Hubbard, a Moeller High School alum and former Ohio State standout, is in his third Bengals season, after joining the team as a third-round draft pick (77th overall) in 2018. He is in his second season as a full-time starting DE, and last year finished with 8.5 sacks (second on the team).

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

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2009. He is the longest-tenured player on the roster and has played in all but two games throughout his career in Cincinnati. He currently stands as the Bengals' career leader in both gross (45.17) and net (40.03) punting average.

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

It should also be noted that Bengals G Michael Jordan was born in Fairfield, Ohio, just outside of Cincinnati, but his family moved and he attended high school in Michigan.

**Bengal bites:** The Bengals converted all five of their fourth-down attempts in Game 2 at Cleveland this season, marking the first time since 1970 that Cincinnati has gone perfect on as many fourth-down attempts in a single game (Elias Sports Bureau's records do not go back further than 1970) ... In 2019, the NFL's Next Gen Stats service, which tracks players' speed by using GPS, clocked S Brandon Wilson's kickoff return for a TD in Game 6 at Baltimore at 22.03 MPH, the third-fastest in the league in 2019, and fastest by a Bengal since NGS' launch in '16 ... The longest-tenured player on the roster is P Kevin Huber, a 12th-year pro who joined the Bengals as a fifth-round pick in 2009 ... The oldest Bengal on the roster is LS Clark Harris, who is 36 (born July 10, 1984) ... The youngest Bengal is WR Tee Higgins, who is 21 (born Jan. 18, 1999) ... The lightest Bengal on the roster is CB Torry McTyer, who is 188 pounds ... The heaviest Bengal is DT D.J. Reader, who is 347 pounds ... There is a four-way tie for the tallest Bengal — DE Carlos Dunlap, OT/G Fred Johnson, TE C.J. Uzomah and G Michael Jordan are all 6-6 ... The shortest Bengal is Trayveon Williams, who is 5-8.

## POSITION BY POSITION

**Quarterbacks:** Taking the reins of the offense this season is rookie **Joe Burrow**, the No. 1 overall pick in April's draft and a native of Athens, Ohio (roughly 2.5 hours from Cincinnati). Thus far, Burrow has completed 60 of 97 passes for 509 yards, with three TDs and one INT. He also has 15 rushes for 65 yards, including a 23-yard TD run for his first career score. In Game 2 at Cleveland, Burrow found TE C.J. Uzomah for his first career TD pass (23 yards). Last season at LSU, Burrow won the Heisman Trophy by the largest margin in the award's 85-year history, and led his team to a 15-0 record and National Championship. He also set single-season NCAA FBS records for TD passes (60) and TDs responsible for (65), and SEC records for completions (402), passing yards (5671) and completion percentage (76.3 [402-527]). Backing up Burrow will be second-year pro **Ryan Finley**, a fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2019. As a rookie last season, Finley took over as starter for three games and completed 41 of 87 passes for 474 yards, with two TDs and two INTs.

**Running backs:** Fourth-year pro **Joe Mixon** again leads the Bengals running backs, and this season he looks to become just the fourth Bengal ever to record three consecutive 1000-yard rushing seasons. So far this season, Mixon has rushed 35 times for 115 yards. The 6-1, 220-pound Mixon, who on Sept. 2 signed a contract extension that keeps him in Cincinnati through 2024, has developed into one of the NFL's best backs, and currently has nine career 100-yard rushing performances and 16 games of at least 100 yards from scrimmage. Mixon finished last season on a tear, ranking second in the NFL in rushing yards (817) over the final eight games of the season, including 100-yard rushing performances in three of his final four games. In 2018, his first full season as Cincinnati's starting running back, Mixon became the first Bengals RB ever to lead the AFC in rushing yards (1168) in a season, despite missing two games. Listed as Mixon's backup is eighth-year pro **Giovani Bernard**, who has become one of the top receiving threats out of the backfield in Bengals history. With 304 career receptions, Bernard now stands as Cincinnati's all-time leader in receptions by a running back. Bernard passed former Bengals RB James Brooks

(297) in Game 1 vs. the L.A. Chargers. Bernard's 2555 receiving yards, though, are 457 shy of Brooks (3012) for most all-time. Bernard also holds the team record for receiving yards in a game by a RB (128, in 2015 at Arizona), and his 89-yard TD run vs. Carolina in '14 is the second-longest rush in team history. Also adding depth in the running back room is fourth-year pro **Samaje Perine**, a powerful 5-11, 240-pound runner who originally was a 2017 fourth-round pick of Washington. Perine last season was waived by the Redskins at final cuts, then claimed by Cincinnati, where he bounced between the active roster and practice squad. Perine has seen very limited action on offense for the Bengals, but he's been a solid contributor on special teams and has one ST tackle so far in 2020. Perine and Mixon were college teammates at Oklahoma. **Trayveon Williams**, a second-year pro and 2019 sixth-round pick of the Bengals, again adds depth to the running back room. The 5-8, 208-pound Williams had no statistics as a rookie, and was used primarily on special teams.

**Wide receivers:** After playing only nine of 32 possible games from 2018-19, star wideout **A.J. Green** has returned to the field and provides a boost to Cincinnati's young offense. So far this season, Green has eight catches for 80 yards. Green missed seven games in 2018 due to a toe injury (right foot), then returned healthy for '19 training camp before suffering a left ankle injury in the first practice of camp that ended up costing him the entire season. Green currently stands second in team history in career receptions (610) and receiving yards (8987), and is tied for second in receiving TDs (63); Chad Johnson, who played 10 Bengals seasons, is first in all three categories — 751 catches, 10,783 yards and 66 receiving TDs. Green's 33 career 100-yard receiving games are also the most in Bengals history, and his 10 career games with at least 150 yards and one TD are the most among active players. Additionally, Green also stands as the only NFL WR since the 1970 merger to start his career with seven consecutive Pro Bowl nominations, although that streak ended in 2018 after his toe injury. Fifth-year pro **Tyler Boyd** has developed into one of Cincinnati's top offensive weapons, and this year he looks to become just the fourth Bengal ever



to record three straight 1000-yard receiving seasons (more in "Boyd looking for his third thousand"). Boyd so far leads the team in receiving with 11 catches for 105 yards and a TD. The 6-2, 203 pound WR grabbed his first touchdown of the season in Game 2 at Cleveland. Boyd served a majority of 2018-19 as the Bengals' No. 1 WR, due to Green's missed time. Last season, Boyd notched career-highs in catches (90) and receiving yards (1046), while adding five TDs. Boyd has caught at least one pass in all 57 of his games played, and currently has seven career 100-yard receiving performances and three games with at least 10 catches. Joining Boyd and Green is speedster **John Ross III**, Cincinnati's first-round pick (ninth overall) in 2017. Ross battled injuries in each of his first three seasons, but when healthy he's shown to be a big-play threat with a nose for the end zone. Last season, Ross led the NFL in receiving yards through three weeks, then suffered a sternoclavicular injury that landed him on Reserve/Injured; he returned for the final four games and ended the season with 28 catches, 506 yards and three TDs. In 2018, Ross tied for the team lead with seven TD catches, despite battling a groin injury much of the season that kept him out of three games. Widely considered one of the fastest players in the NFL, Ross ran an NFL Combine-record 4.22-second 40-yard dash in 2017. Cincinnati this year invested a second-round pick in **Tee Higgins** of Clemson, a big (6-4, 216) and physical pass-catcher with unique playmaking ability and a nose for the end zone. Higgins earned his first career NFL catch in Game 2 at Cleveland, and totaled three receptions for 35 yards in the game. Higgins played three seasons (2017-19) at Clemson, and finished his career with 27 receiving TDs, tied with DeAndre Hopkins and Sammy Watkins for the most in school history. Higgins, the youngest player on Cincinnati's roster (will turn 22 in January 2021), is known for his outstanding athleticism and was an accomplished prep basketball player (runner-up for Tennessee's Mr. Basketball as a junior. At a 6-5, 228 pounds, third-year pro **Auden Tate** brings a massive physical presence, wide catch radius and knack for the acrobatic catch. Tate, a Bengals seventh-round pick in 2018, saw his first extended offensive action last season and recorded career highs in catches (40) and receiving yards (575), despite missing four games due to injury. Also adding depth in the receiver room is **Alex Erickson**, who has played in all 65 possible games since joining the Bengals in 2016 as a college free agent. Erickson has mostly been a rotational receiver throughout his career, but last year he stepped into more of a regular role and logged career highs in both catches (43) and receiving yards (529). Erickson has also been a key contributor on both punt returns and kickoff returns throughout his career. Also in the mix is fifth-year pro **Mike Thomas**, who joined Cincinnati as an unrestricted free agent in March. Thomas spent his first four seasons with the L.A. Rams, where he was coached by then-Rams assistant Zac Taylor.

**Tight ends:** **Drew Sample**, a 2019 second-round pick of the Bengals, has returned healthy this season after a right ankle injury ended his rookie campaign after nine games. So far this season, Sample has eight catches for 52 yards. In Game 2 at Cleveland, Sample notched career-highs in both catches (seven) and receiving yards (45). Bengals coaches praised Sample as the "best blocking tight end in the draft" coming out of college, and last year noted his mid-year ascension right before his injury. Fourth-year pro **Cethan Carter**, a special teams ace who contributes mainly as a blocker on offense, is also in the mix this season. Carter has only two career catches (one for a TD), but is considered among the most important special teams players on the roster. He has one special teams tackle this year, after tying for the team lead with seven last season. Rounding out the Bengals' TE group is third-year pro **Mason Schreck**, a seventh-round pick of the Bengals in 2017. Schreck missed most of his first two seasons due to injuries, and then spent a majority of last season on Cincinnati's practice squad before being called up for the final five contests (no statistics). Schreck was brought up from the practice squad on Sept. 18, as a replacement for the injured C.J. Uzomah, who suffered a season-ending right Achilles injury in Game 2 at Cleveland. Uzomah ends his season with eight catches for 87 yards, and was on the receiving end of Joe Burrow's first career TD pass.

**Offensive line:** One of the most significant additions to the Bengals' roster this year is LOT **Jonah Williams**, Cincinnati's first-round pick in 2019 who missed his entire rookie season due to a left shoulder injury suffered in OTAs. Williams, who started every possible game in his three seasons in college at Alabama, had surgery in June 2019 and was around the Bengals' facility every day last season to attend regular meetings. Coaches praised Williams at the start of training camp this year for transforming his body over the offseason, despite having no formal team workouts in Cincinnati. Next to Williams will be LG **Michael Jordan**, a second-year pro who underwent his own body transformation this offseason. Jordan, a fourth-round pick in 2019, was named the starting LG out of training camp as a rookie last year but relinquished the job after early season struggles due in part to a knee injury. He regained the job late in the

season and showed significant improvement, helping HB Joe Mixon to 100-yard rushing performances in three of the final four games. C **Trey Hopkins**, a fifth-year pro and the longest-tenured Bengal on the offensive line, returns for his second straight season as Cincinnati's starting center. Hopkins, who has starting experience at all three interior OL positions, won the No. 1 C job in 2019 training camp and played so well that he earned a contract extension in December (through '22 season). For the third straight season, **Bobby Hart** will line up as the Bengals' starter at ROT. Hart has started every game at ROT since joining the team prior to the 2018 season, and was a significant part of the blocking effort for HB Joe Mixon's back-to-back 1000-yard seasons in '18 and '19. A key reserve along the interior of the offensive line is G/C **Billy Price**, who has starting experience at all three interior OL positions. Price filled in for the injured Su'a-Filo at RG in the opener vs. the Chargers. The Bengals' first-round pick in 2018, Price served as Cincinnati's No. 1 C as a rookie, despite battling injuries that held him out of six games. He moved to a reserve role in 2019, but ended up starting eight games (seven at LG, one at RG) due to injuries along the line. Another key reserve this season is **Fred Johnson**, who can play both OT and G. At a massive 6-6, 325 pounds, the physically imposing Johnson is considered a raw prospect with natural power and athletic ability. Johnson originally was a college free agent signee of the Steelers in 2019, then joined the Bengals on waivers midway through his rookie year and went on to see extensive playing time (one start) at LOT down the stretch. Also adding depth along the line is rookie OT/G **Hakeem Adeniji**, a sixth-round pick out of the University of Kansas. The Bengals took notice of Adeniji at the Senior Bowl, where he showcased his versatility for the North team (Cincinnati coached the South). Adeniji started all 48 possible games during his college career, seeing time at both RT and LT, but Bengals coaches say he also has the ability to play G. Also in the mix at G is **Shaq Calhoun**, a Bengals waiver acquisition (from Miami) after final cuts. Calhoun, a second-year pro out of Mississippi State, was a college free agent signee of the Dolphins in 2019. He made the Dolphins' roster out of training camp as a rookie, then started seven games late in year.

**Defensive line:** With 81.5 career sacks, 11th-year DE **Carlos Dunlap** is closing in on the Bengals' all-time sack record, held by DE Eddie Edwards (83.5). Dunlap has led the Bengals in sacks five times in his 10 previous seasons, including in 2019, when eight of his nine total sacks came over the final seven weeks of the season. Dunlap has 18 career games with more than one sack, and the Bengals are 12-6 in those contests, including 9-1 since the beginning of 2015. The 6-6, 280-pound Dunlap is also known for batting down passes at the line of scrimmage, and his 38 PDs since the start of 2016 are the most in the NFL among non-defensive backs. On Dunlap's heels in Cincinnati's all-time sacks standings is DT **Geno Atkins**, whose 75.5 career sacks put him in third place. Atkins, though, has missed both Game 1 and Game 2 this season due to a shoulder injury. Atkins has more than double the number of career sacks as the next-closest interior defensive lineman in team history, and his eight career Pro Bowl nominations are the most ever by a Bengals defensive player ahead of Lemar Parrish (six). Atkins has led the Bengals in sacks five times in his 10 seasons, and also has finished in at least a share of the NFL lead for sacks by an interior defensive lineman five times — he claimed it outright three times (2012, '16, '17), and shared it twice ('11 and '15). Atkins has 14 career games with more than one sack, and the Bengals are 8-6 in those contests. Cincinnati made perhaps its most significant free agency splash ever in March with the addition of fifth-year DT **D.J. Reader**, a massive interior lineman who spent his first four seasons with the Houston Texans. Known for his size (6-3, 327), motor and run-stuffing ability, Reader is also considered an impressive all-around athlete and was a first baseman and pitcher for Clemson's nationally ranked baseball team in 2013. Lining up at RDE is Cincinnati native (Archbishop Moeller High School) **Sam Hubbard**, who is in his second season as a full-time starter. A 2018 third-round pick of the Bengals, Hubbard's 14.5 career sacks are the most of anyone from the rookie class of 2018. Hubbard played safety in high school before switching to DE at Ohio State, and with the Bengals has also seen brief action at DT in nickel packages. Perhaps the best pure pass-rusher on Cincinnati's roster is fourth-year DE **Carl Lawson**, who has one sack so far this season. The 2017 fourth-round pick of the Bengals has struggled with injuries at times throughout his career, but when healthy he's proven to be a disruptive force. He currently stands at 15.5 career sacks, but coaches are quick to point to the frequency with which he gets into the backfield. Last season, he recorded a team-high 22 QB hits despite missing four games. After battling injuries early in 2019, he ended the season on a tear, with three of his five sacks and 14 of his 22 QB hits coming in the final four games. In August, Cincinnati signed DT **Mike Daniels** to boost depth on the interior of the defensive line. A ninth-year player, Daniels spent his first seven seasons with Green Bay before joining Detroit last year. Daniels was a Pro Bowler with the Packers in 2017, and at 6-0, 310 pounds is known for his power, nasty streak and pass-rushing ability. Cincinnati

spent a fifth-round pick this year on Notre Dame DE **Khalid Kareem**, who will add depth on the d-line this season. A team captain in college and the son of a high school coach, Kareem is known for his length (34 3/8-inch arms, 84-inch wingspan), intelligence and effort. He played as a 3-4 DE for the Irish and was a two-year starter, notching 26 career tackles for losses, including 13 sacks. Adding more depth and versatility to the d-line is second-year pro **Andrew Brown**, a 2018 fifth-round pick out of the Bengals. After spending his rookie season developing on Cincinnati's practice squad, Brown has put together strong off seasons each of the last two years and earned roster spots out of training camp in both. Last year, Brown played in 14 games and recorded 14 tackles, seeing time mostly as a rotational player. Brown is listed on the roster at DE, but was drafted as a DT and can be used as an interior pass rusher. A high-effort player with natural talent, Brown won the prestigious Gatorade National Player of the Year Award as a high school senior in 2013. Cincinnati acquired 6-2, 305-pound DE **Christian Covington** via a trade with Denver (gave up LB Austin Calitro) on Sept. 4. Covington, a sixth-year player out of Rice University, will add depth along the defensive line. Covington originally was a 2015 sixth round pick of the Houston Texans, where he played alongside Bengals teammate Reader. Prior to Game 2 at Cleveland, Cincinnati called up DE **Amani Bledsoe** from the practice squad. The 6-4, 280-pound Bledsoe joined the Bengals as a free agent on Aug. 15, and impressed in training camp enough to begin the season on Cincinnati's practice squad.

**Linebacker:** Cincinnati's young linebacker room is led by a veteran presence in ninth-year pro **Josh Byner**, who signed with the Bengals in March as an unrestricted free agent. Byner this season already has a team-high 14 tackles and a sack. Byner played last season with Baltimore, and previously spent time with Detroit and Arizona. Known for his leadership, intelligence and ability to stop the run, Byner has been a part of four top-10 defenses and four top-10 rush defenses in his eight previous seasons. Listed as the other starter at LB is second-year pro **Germaine Pratt**, Cincinnati's third-round pick in 2019 who has shown rapid development. Pratt so far this season has 12 tackles. After having a limited defensive role the first half of his rookie season in 2019, Pratt earned a starting spot midway through the year and finished with 72 tackles (fifth on the team). Considered a green prospect coming out of N.C. State, Pratt spent his first two collegiate seasons at S before switching to LB, and in his only season as a starting LB led the Wolfpack in tackles and earned all-conference honors. Fourth-year pro **Jordan Evans**, a 2017 sixth-round pick out of Oklahoma, again adds depth and special teams value to the Bengals' linebacker room. Last year, Evans was used as a rotational player on defense (76 snaps, with six tackles and a PD), but was second on the team in special teams snaps and had six ST tackles. Cincinnati this season spent a third-round pick on Wyoming's **Logan Wilson**, a speedy (4.63-second 40-yard dash at the combine) and instinctive player known best for his outstanding college production. Wilson, who early this season has played primarily in Cincinnati's nickel packages, has three tackles so far in his rookie campaign. A high school WR and DB, Wilson switched to LB in college and went on to start all 52 possible games at LB over the next four years, racking up 17 double-digit tackle games, three 100-tackle seasons and 421 career tackles. Wilson, a three-time team captain (voted by teammates) in college, first caught the eye of Bengals coaches as a member of the North team at the 2020 Senior Bowl (though Cincinnati coached the South). Cincinnati's coaches did coach Appalachian State's **Akeem Davis-Gaither** on the South team at the Senior Bowl, and were impressed enough to spend a fourth-round pick on him three months later during the draft. Davis-Gaither has also seen action early this season in Cincinnati's nickel packages, and has three tackles. Known for his speed, motor and instincts, Davis-Gaither topped 100 tackles in each of his final two college seasons and earned 2019 Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year honors as a senior. Another rookie in the mix this season is seventh-round pick **Markus Bailey**. A Hilliard, Ohio (outside Columbus) native and Purdue grad, Bailey was considered one of the most productive defenders in the Big Ten when healthy, however serious knee injuries (left ACL as a freshman, right ACL as a senior) caused his draft stock to slide. Bailey fully recovered from last year's injury, and was a full participant from early in training camp this year. Considered strong against the run and pass, Bailey led the Boilermakers in tackles in two of his three healthy seasons, and also recorded 13.5 career sacks, 13 PDs and six INTs.

**Defensive backs:** Among the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency haul in March was S **Vonn Bell**, a fifth-year player out of Ohio State who spent his first four NFL seasons (2016-19) with the New Orleans Saints. Bell has 16 tackles so far this season. Known for his tackling proficiency, Bell ranked within the top two on the team in both total tackles and solo tackles in each of his four seasons in New Orleans, and also helped the Saints to top-five run defenses in

both 2018 and '19. Lining up next to Bell is S **Jessie Bates**, Cincinnati's second-round pick in 2018. Bates has 15 tackles so far this season. Bates topped 100 tackles in each of his first two seasons in Cincinnati, including his rookie season in 2018 when he became just the sixth Bengals rookie ever to lead the team in tackles. Bates has never missed a game (all starts) over his now three seasons, and in 2018 he was the team's first rookie defender in 20 years to start all 16 games (Takeo Spikes, 1998). Shifting to a new role this season is S **Shawn Williams**, a 2013 third-round pick and vocal veteran leader on the defense. Williams was the Bengals' No. 1 SS from 2016-19, but this year is expected to contribute in a variety of defensive roles. Williams, though, suffered a calf injury early in training camp this year and has missed Games 1-2; that broke a streak of 36 consecutive games played dating back to late 2017. Williams led the team in tackles (112) in 2019, after leading the team in INTs (five) in 2018. Leading the Bengals' CBs is 2016 first-round pick **William Jackson III**, who is in his third season as a full-time starting corner. Now healthy after battling a shoulder injury throughout 2019, Jackson drew positive reviews from coaches throughout training camp and is off to a strong start this season. Jackson this season has nine tackles, three PDs, and an INT. Jackson's pick came in Game 2 at Cleveland, when he jumped in front of a Baker Mayfield pass and returned it 30 yards to set up a Bengals TD drive. Manning the other outside CB position this year is 2018 sixth-round pick **Darius Phillips**, who when healthy has turned heads with his playmaking ability and nose for the football. Last year, Phillips led the Bengals in INTs (four) and tied for third in PDs (seven), despite playing in just eight games (one start) and seeing action on 108 total defensive snaps all season. New addition **Mackensie Alexander**, an unrestricted free agent signee who spent his first four NFL seasons with the Minnesota Vikings, is playing a significant role this year as Cincinnati's primary slot CB. Alexander helped the Vikings to top-five NFL rankings in both total defense and passing defense in three of his four seasons with the team. Considered a good blitzing, he also led all NFL CBs in sacks in 2018. Adding depth at CB this year is **Tony Brown**, a third-year pro out of the University of Alabama who spent his first two seasons with the Green Bay Packers. Brown played in 20 games (three starts) over his first two seasons, and also brings the speed of an All-American college track athlete, with a solid 6-0, 198-pound frame. Also adding depth at CB is unrestricted free agent signee **LeShaun Sims**, a fifth-year player who spent his first four NFL seasons with the Tennessee Titans. At 6-0, 203 pounds, Sims brings a tough, physical playing style, and is known as a willing tackler. In addition to providing depth on defense, Sims also figures to be a key figure on special teams. One of the fastest and most versatile players on Cincinnati's roster is S **Brandon Wilson**, a rotational DB on defense who is best known for his massive special teams impact. Last season, Wilson averaged an NFL-best 31.3 yards on kickoff returns, the second-best mark in Bengals history, while also recording six special teams tackles as a gunner on coverage units.

**Special teams:** The longest-tenured player on this year's roster is P **Kevin Huber**, a Cincinnati native (Archbishop McNicholas High School) and University of Cincinnati alum. Huber, a 2009 fifth-round pick of the Bengals, has played in all but two possible regular-season games over his now 12 seasons with the team. So far this season, Huber has averaged 53.5 yards on eight punts, with a net of 43.5, and three inside-20s and three touchbacks. Huber stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (851), punting yards (38,440), gross average (45.79), net average (40.34) and inside-20 punts (299). Huber also shares franchise record for longest punt (75 yards). Last season was among the most productive in Huber's career, with a career-high 42.11-yard net average and 30 inside-20s to just five touchbacks. Huber also has served as the holder on placekicks for his entire career. **Randy Bullock** has handled the Bengals' placekicking duties since midway through the 2016 season, when he joined Cincinnati on waivers from Pittsburgh. Bullock has converted 86.05 percent (74 made/86 attempts) of his FG attempts as a Bengal, good for the second-best mark in team history and narrowly behind Shayne Graham (86.76; 177 made/204 attempts). Handling the long-snapping duties again this season is **Clark Harris**, the oldest Bengal on the roster (turned 36 in July). Harris has been a paragon of reliability since joining the team in mid-2009, and over his Bengals career has handled 1570 deep snaps (846 punts, 724 placekicks) without a single unplayable delivery. Harris, a Pro Bowler in 2017, is the second-longest tenured player on the roster, behind Huber. S and KOR Brandon Wilson headlines Cincinnati's group of return specialists this season. Through two weeks, Wilson's 43.7-yard average on kickoff returns leads the NFL by more than 11 yards. All three of Wilson's kickoff returns have been for more than 40 yards. Wilson, a 2017 sixth-round pick of the Bengals, led the NFL in '19 with a 31.3-yard average on kickoff returns (minimum 20 attempts), good for the second-best single season average in team history. Wilson played in just 12 games last season, and served as the No. 1 KOR for just eight contests. Considered one of the fastest players on Cincinnati's roster,

he was clocked by NFL's Next Gen Stats at 22.03 MPH during his kickoff return for a TD in Game 6 vs. Baltimore last year, good for the third-fastest speed by an NFL ball carrier in 2019. Wilson has also been a key cog to Cincinnati's coverage units throughout his career, and last year ranked third on the team in special teams tackles (six). Listed as the No. 1 PR again this season is WR **Alex Erickson**, who has held that position since joining the Bengals as a college free agent in 2016. Erickson has two punt returns for 29 yards (14.5) so far this

season. Erickson is also an accomplished kick returner, a position he held from 2016-18 prior to Wilson's breakout campaign in '19, and he owns two of Cincinnati's top five seasons ever for average yards per KOR — AFC-best 27.93 as a rookie in '16, and 26.2 in '18. Expected to play key roles in Cincinnati's special teams coverage units this season are Wilson, LB **Jordan Evans**, and TE **Cethan Carter**. Taking over this season as the personal protector on punts will HB **Giovani Bernard**. Under the tenure of assistant head coach/special teams coordinator, the personal protector position has been a coveted role that is traditionally manned by one of the most trusted players on special teams.

### IMPORTANT DATES

2020	
Sept. 29	— Beginning on the Tuesday following the third weekend of regular-season games, the claiming priority is based on the inverse order of the standing of clubs in the current season's games.
Mid-Oct.	— At any time after six weeks have elapsed since a player was placed on Reserve/Injured or Reserve/Non-Football Injury/Illness, each club is permitted to designate two players for return from either list to the Club's 53-player Active/Inactive List. A player who is "Designated For Return" must have suffered a major football-related injury or non-football-related injury or illness after reporting to training camp and passing his preseason physical examination and must have been placed on the applicable Reserve List after 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day following the final roster reduction. A player whom the Club wishes to designate for return is permitted to return to practice for a period not to exceed 21 days. The Club is required to notify the League office that the player has been "Designated For Return" on the first day the player begins to practice. The player cannot be returned to the Active/Inactive List until eight games have elapsed since the date he was placed on Reserve.
Mid-Oct.	— Beginning on the sixth calendar day prior to a club's seventh regular-season game (including any bye week) clubs are permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness (if the player failed his preseason physical due to a non-football injury or illness) for a period not to exceed 21 days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period, provided that no player
Oct. 13-14	— may be activated to participate in a Week Six game. — Fall League Meeting, The Whitley, Atlanta-Buckhead, Georgia.
Nov. 3	— All trading ends for 2020 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
Nov. 4	— 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. 9	— Any increase in a player's 2020 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 2020.
Nov. 17	— At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.
Nov. 17	— 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 2020.
Nov. 17	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "May 5 Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2020.
Nov. 17	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the "June 1 Tender" was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2020.
Nov. 17	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Drafted Rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2020.

**THE MOST RECENT BENGALS-EAGLES MEETINGS**

**2012 SEASON**

**WEEK 15, GAME 14**

**Cincinnati Bengals 34, Philadelphia Eagles 13**  
**Thursday Night Football, Dec. 13, 2012 at Lincoln Financial Field**

The Bengals started fast, lost their lead and then stormed back to win easily by capitalizing on four Eagles giveaways within a span of less than seven minutes spanning the third and fourth quarters. With the Eagles leading 13-10, CB Leon Hall recorded an INT which he returned 44 yards to the Eagles' 40-yard line, and the offense responded with a TD drive for a 17-13 lead. DE Wallace Gilberry returned a fumble 25 yards for a TD on the Eagles' next possession, and on the Eagles' next offensive play, S Reggie Nelson forced a fumble that S Chris Crocker recovered and returned 12 yards to the Eagles' 13, setting up a FG for a 27-13 lead. The Bengals' final TD was set up when S Taylor Mays recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff. The Bengals were plus-three in turnover differential (five takeaways, two giveaways). The Bengals went to 8-6, and the Eagles 4-10.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	10	0	14	10	—	34
Philadelphia.....	0	13	0	0	—	13

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — B.Green-Ellis 1 run (J.Brown kick).....	1-11:10
Cin. — J.Brown 24 field goal .....	1-7:51
Phil. — R.Cooper 11 pass from N.Foles (A.Henery kick) .....	2-11:40
Phil. — A.Henery 22 field goal .....	2-7:37
Phil. — A.Henery 20 field goal .....	2-0:17
Cin. — A.Dalton 11 run (J.Brown kick).....	3-1:10
Cin. — W.Gilberry 25 fumble return (J.Brown kick).....	3-0:21
Cin. — J.Brown 32 field goal .....	4-14:12
Cin. — A.Green 5 pass from A.Dalton (J.Brown kick).....	4-12:47

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 69,144. **Time:** 3:16.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	PHIL.
First downs.....	18	10
Third down conversions-attempts.....	7-18	3-12
Total net yards.....	249	219
Net yards rushing.....	157	42
Net yards passing.....	92	177
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	27-13-0	33-16-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	6-35	1-3
Punts-average.....	5-38.8	7-36.9
Punt returns-yards.....	4-42	1-6
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-69	7-130
Penalties-yards.....	11-94	9-76
Fumbles-lost.....	2-2	4-4
Time of possession.....	37:40	22:20

RUSHING									
CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	PHIL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
B.Green-Ellis	25	106	29	1	B.Brown	16	34	8	0
A.Dalton	8	18	11t	1	N.Foles	2	5	5	0
M.Jones	1	10	10	0	D.Lewis	1	3	3	0
A.Hawkins	1	9	9	0					
D.Herron	3	8	6	0					
B.Leonard	2	6	7	0					
B.Tate	1	0	0	0					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

PASSING									
CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	PHIL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	27	13	127	1-0	N.Foles	33	16	180	1-1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1-1</b>

RECEIVING									
CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PHIL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Gresham	6	63	19	0	J.Maclin	4	73	46	0
A.Green	6	57	13	1	J.Avant	3	44	25	0
B.Leonard	1	7	7	0	C.Harbor	3	28	16	0
					R.Cooper	3	20	11t	1
					B.Brown	1	11	11	0
					S.Havili	1	8	8	0
					D.Lewis	1	-4	-4	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>

**DEFENSE**  
**Cincinnati** (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Burfict 7-3-10, C.Dunlap 3-2-5, R.Mauluga 3-2-5, C.Crocker 4-0-4, M.Johnson 3-1-4, D.Peko 1-3-4, M.Lawson 3-0-3, T.Newman 3-0-3, E.Lamur 2-1-3, R.Geathers 2-0-2, W.Gilberry 2-0-2, R.Nelson 1-1-2, L.Hall 1-0-1, A.Jones 1-0-1, P.Sims 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** W.Gilberry 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** L.Hall 1-44. **PD:** A.Jones 2, V.Burfict 1, L.Hall 1, E.Lamur 1, M.Lawson, 1, R.Mauluga 1, T.Newman 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap 1, R.Nelson 1, P.Sims 1. **FR.-YDS.:** W.Gilberry 1-25, C.Crocker 1-12, D.Peko 1-0.

**Philadelphia** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Ryans 6-3-9, J.Chaney 7-1-8, B.Graham 4-2-6, T.Cole 5-0-5, N.Allen 4-1-5, C.Anderson 4-1-5, C.Thornton 4-0-4, F.Cox 3-1-4, M.Kendricks 3-1-4, C.Jenkins 2-0-2, D.Rodgers-Cromartie 2-0-2, V.Curry 1-0-1, P.Hunt 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** B.Graham 2.5-12.5, F.Cox 1.5-7.5, T.Cole 1-9, C.Jenkins 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** N.Allen 1, C.Anderson 1, N.Asomugha 1, B.Boykin 1, T.Cole 1, M.Kendricks 1, D.Rodgers-Cromartie 1, D.Ryans 1. **FF:** B.Graham 1, C.Jenkins 1. **FR.-YDS.:** D.Tapp 1-4, T.Cole 1-0.

**2016 SEASON**

**WEEK 13, GAME 12**

**Cincinnati Bengals 32, Philadelphia Eagles 14**  
**Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016 at Paul Brown Stadium**

The Bengals scored on their first six possessions (three TDs and three FGs) for the first time since Game 7 of 2009, and with a defensive performance that was particularly strong early in the game, the Eagles were quickly dispatched. The Bengals mounted a 29-0 lead en route to the final result. QB Andy Dalton led the Cincinnati offense with a personal season-best 130.0 passer rating, while LB Vontaze Burfict and DE Carlos Dunlap led the defense. Burfict had two INTs with 54 yards in returns and 15 tackles, the team high for the season. Dunlap deflected four Eagles passes, one leading to one of Burfict's INTs, and Dunlap also had a shared sack. The Bengals limited the Eagles to 104 net yards offense in the first half. Cincinnati snapped a four-game winless streak and improved to 4-7-1, still mathematically alive for the AFC North championship. The Eagles fell to 5-7.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Philadelphia.....	0	0	7	7	—	14
Cincinnati.....	10	9	10	3	—	32

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — M.Nugent 32 field goal .....	1-10:22
Cin. — J.Hill 2 run (M.Nugent kick) .....	1-1:32
Cin. — M.Nugent 33 field goal .....	2-6:23
Cin. — T.Eifert 13 pass from A.Dalton (kick failed) .....	2-0:07
Cin. — B.LaFell 8 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick) .....	3-11:21
Cin. — M.Nugent 26 field goal.....	3-4:07
Phil. — Z.Ertz 13 pass from C.Wentz (C.Sturgis kick).....	3-2:30
Phil. — D.Sproles 2 run (C.Sturgis kick) .....	4-6:53
Cin. — M.Nugent 38 field goal.....	4-2:50

**Missed FGs:** C.Sturgis (51RU). **Attendance:** 55,456. **Time:** 3:03.

TEAM STATISTICS	PHIL.	CIN.
First downs.....	22	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	8-17	7-14
Total net yards.....	359	412
Net yards rushing.....	53	80
Net yards passing.....	306	332
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	60-36-3	31-23-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-2	0-0
Punts-average.....	3-39.3	1-49.0
Punt returns-yards.....	1-7	2-9
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-109	1-19
Penalties-yards.....	10-88	3-23
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	2-2
Time of possession.....	31:58	28:02

RUSHING									
PHIL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
W.Smallwood	8	19	9	0	R.Burkhead	8	38	16	0
C.Wentz	3	16	10	0	J.Hill	23	33	7	1
D.Sproles	7	14	5	1	A.Dalton	2	9	10	0
N.Agholor	1	4	4	0					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>

PASSING									
PHIL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Wentz	60	36	308	1-3	A.Dalton	31	23	332	2-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>2-0</b>

RECEIVING									
PHIL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Z.Ertz	9	79	20	1	B.LaFell	5	95	44	1
P.Turner	6	80	41	0	T.Boyd	4	66	29	0
D.Sproles	6	35	8	0	R.Burkhead	4	28	10	0
T.Burton	5	53	15	0	C.Core	2	58	50	0
D.Green-Beckham	4	29	12	0	T.Eifert	2	25	13t	1
N.Agholor	4	23	8	0	J.Wright	2	20	15	0
C.Wentz	1	7	7	0	J.Hill	2	12	8	0
K.Barner	1	2	2	0	A.Erickson	1	16	16	0
					J.Fisher	1	12	12	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>

**DEFENSE**  
**Philadelphia** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** L.McKelvin 7-2-9, B.Graham 6-3-9, N.Bradham 5-3-8, R.McLeod 3-4-7, J.Watkins 5-1-6, M.Jenkins 0-5-5, N.Carroll 2-2-4, J.Hicks 2-1-3, C.Barwin 1-2-3, J.Mills 2-0-2, B.Allen 0-2-2, F.Cox 0-2-2, M.Smith 1-0-1, V.Curry 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** F.Cox 1. **FF:** N.Bradham 1, B.Logan 1. **FR.-YDS.:** M.Kendricks 1-15, B.Logan 1-0.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Burfict 10-5-15, A.Jones 9-0-9, K.Dansby 3-2-5, S.Williams 3-2-5, G.Iloka 2-3-5, D.Dennard 3-1-4, C.Dunlap 0-4-4, D.Kirkpatrick 3-0-3, V.Rey 2-1-3, P.Sims 2-1-3, M.Hunt 1-1-2, M.Johnson 1-0-1, G.Atkins 0-1-1, W.Clarke 0-1-1, R.Mauluga 0-1-1, D.Peko 0-1-1, J.Shaw 0-1-1, D.Williams 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 0.5-1, D.Williams 0.5-1. **INT.-YDS.:** V.Burfict 2-54, S.Williams 1-1. **PD:** V.Burfict 4, C.Dunlap 4, G.Iloka 3, D.Peko 1, V.Rey 1, J.Shaw 1, S.Williams 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

# 2020 GAME SUMMARIES

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

### L.A. Chargers 16, Cincinnati Bengals 13 Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals took the field in the season opener inside a Paul Brown Stadium without fans, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The game also marked the much-anticipated debut of Bengals rookie QB Joe Burrow, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2020 draft. After a first half in which Burrow was sacked three times and pressured numerous others, Cincinnati's offense found its footing late, but two fourth-quarter turnovers thwarted Cincinnati's chances. HB Joe Mixon fumbled for the first time in more than two years — a span of 541 rushing attempts — leading to a Chargers go-ahead FG. Then, Burrow led a drive to the Chargers' 23-yard line before throwing an INT to Chargers DE Melvin Ingram III. Down three points with 3:08 remaining, Burrow led one final drive that spanned 14 plays and 84 yards. With seven seconds left, he connected for an apparent go-ahead TD with WR A.J. Green, who played for the first time since Dec. 2018, but the play was nullified by an offensive pass interference penalty on Green. K Randy Bullock then pushed a potential game-tying 31-yard FG wide right with two seconds left, erasing the possibility for an overtime period.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
L.A. Chargers	0	6	0	10	—	16
Cincinnati	7	0	6	0	—	13

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — J.Burrow 23 run (R.Bullock kick)	1-2:24
LAC — M.Badgley 24 field goal	2-7:10
LAC — M.Badgley 43 field goal	2-0:00
Cin. — R.Bullock 50 field goal	3-9:12
Cin. — R.Bullock 43 field goal	3-1:32
LAC — J.Kelley 5 run (M.Badgley kick)	4-12:23
LAC — M.Badgley 22 field goal	4-8:56

**Missed FGs:** M.Badgley (50WR), R.Bullock (31WR). **Attendance:** 0.  
**Time:** 3:17.

TEAM STATISTICS	LAC	CIN.
First downs	19	19
Third down conversions-attempts	6-16	6-14
Total net yards	362	295
Net yards rushing	155	122
Net yards passing	207	173
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	30-16-0	36-23-1
Sacks against-yards lost	2-1	3-20
Punts-average	5-48.8	6-55.0
Punt returns-yards	2-7	2-29
Kickoff returns-yards	1-46	1-44
Penalties-yards	6-35	7-44
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Time of possession	30:10	29:50

#### RUSHING

LAC	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
A.Ekeler	19	84	13	0	J.Mixon	19	69	14	0
J.Kelley	12	60	26	1	J.Burrow	8	46	23t	1
T.Taylor	6	7	4	0	G.Bernard	1	7	7	0
J.Jackson	2	4	2	0					
TOTALS	39	155	26	1	TOTALS	28	122	23t	1

#### PASSING

LAC	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
T.Taylor	30	16	208	0-0	J.Burrow	36	23	193	0-1
TOTALS	30	16	208	0-0	TOTALS	36	23	193	0-1

#### RECEIVING

LAC	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
H.Henry	5	73	33	0	A.Green	5	51	14	0
M.Williams	4	69	37	0	C.Uzomah	4	45	19	0
K.Allen	4	37	13	0	T.Boyd	4	33	11	0
J.Guyton	1	16	16	0	G.Bernard	4	21	10	0
V.Green	1	10	10	0	J.Ross	2	17	15	0
A.Ekeler	1	3	3	0	M.Thomas	2	17	12	0
					D.Sample	1	7	7	0
					J.Mixon	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	16	208	37	0	TOTALS	23	193	19	0

#### DEFENSE

**L.A. Chargers** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** C.Hayward Jr. 12-0-12, K.Murray Jr. 4-4-8, J.Bosa 5-0-5, N.Vigil 3-2-5, U.Nwosu 2-2-4, L.Joseph 2-2-4, C.Harris Jr. 2-1-3, D.King 2-1-3, D.Perryman 1-2-3, M.Ingram 2-0-2, J.Jones 2-0-2, J.Tillery 2-0-2, I.Rochell 1-1-2, D.Square 1-1-2, K.White 1-1-2, M.Davis 1-0-1, R.Jenkins 1-0-1, D.Tranquill 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Tillery 1-14, J.Bosa 1-3, U.Nwosu 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Ingram 1-0. **PD:** C.Hayward Jr. 2, M.Ingram 1. **FF:** D.Perryman 1. **FR-YDS.:** N.Vigil 1-0.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** G.Pratt 7-5-12, S.Hubbard 3-6-9, V.Bell 4-4-8, J.Bynes 4-4-8, J.Bates 5-0-5, C.Lawson 4-1-5, W.Jackson 3-1-4, D.Reader 1-3-4, A.Davis-Gaither 3-0-3, C.Dunlap 1-2-3, C.Covington 0-3-3, L.Wilson 2-0-2, M.Daniels 1-1-2, A.Brown 0-1-1, K.Kareem 0-1-1, D.Phillips 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Lawson 1-1, J.Bynes 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Bates 2, W.Jackson 2, D.Phillips 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

## WEEK 2, GAME 2

### Cleveland Browns 35, Cincinnati Bengals 30 Thursday night, Sept. 17, 2020 at FirstEnergy Stadium

Cleveland's FirstEnergy Stadium had 6000 fans in attendance for a Thursday Night Football matchup in what was Ohio's first major sporting event with fans present in six months, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Bengals rookie QB Joe Burrow, who was making his second career start, set an NFL rookie record for completions in a game with 37, but he did so on 61 passing attempts, the most ever by a Cincinnati QB in a non-overtime contest. Cincinnati ran 30 more plays than Cleveland (83-53), had a seven-minute edge in time of possession, and converted all five of its fourth-down attempts. But the Bengals struggled to stop Cleveland's rushing attack, as the Browns racked up 215 rushing yards and three TDs behind RBs Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt. Cincinnati failed to record a sack, while Cleveland took down Burrow three times and pressured him numerous others. The Bengals dropped to 0-2, while the Browns improved to 1-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	3	10	3	14	—	30
Cleveland	7	14	7	7	—	35

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — R.Bullock 38 field goal	1-7:13
Cle. — N.Chubb 11 run (C.Parkey kick)	1-1:48
Cle. — O.Beckham 43 pass from B.Mayfield (C.Parkey kick)	2-11:54
Cin. — C.Uzomah 23 pass from J.Burrow (R.Bullock kick)	2-9:00
Cle. — K.Hunt 6 pass from B.Mayfield (C.Parkey kick)	2-1:31
Cin. — R.Bullock 43 field goal	2-0:02
Cle. — N.Chubb 1 run (C.Parkey kick)	3-5:45
Cin. — R.Bullock 27 field goal	3-0:20
Cin. — M.Thomas 4 pass from J.Burrow (R.Bullock kick)	4-5:55
Cle. — K.Hunt 1 run (C.Parkey kick)	4-3:55
Cin. — T.Boyd 9 pass from J.Burrow (R.Bullock kick)	4-0:43

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 6000. **Time:** 3:21.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CLE.
First downs	30	23
Third down conversions-attempts	8-18	5-8
Total net yards	353	434
Net yards rushing	68	215
Net yards passing	285	219
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	61-37-0	23-16-1
Sacks against-yards lost	3-31	0-0
Punts-average	2-49.0	1-43.0
Punt returns-yards	0-0	1-13
Kickoff returns-yards	2-87	0-0
Penalties-yards	4-45	8-76
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Time of possession	33:39	26:21

#### RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	16	46	9	0	N.Chubb	22	124	26	2
J.Burrow	7	19	7	0	K.Hunt	10	86	33	1
G.Bernard	1	3	3	0	B.Mayfield	3	5	8	0
TOTALS	24	68	9	0	TOTALS	35	215	33	3

#### PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Burrow	61	37	316	3-0	B.Mayfield	23	16	219	2-1
TOTALS	61	37	316	3-0	TOTALS	23	16	219	2-1

#### RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Boyd	7	72	17	1	O.Beckham	4	74	43t	1
D.Sample	7	45	10	0	J.Landry	3	46	21	0
G.Bernard	5	22	6	0	K.Hodge	2	39	26	0
C.Uzomah	4	42	23t	1	A.Hooper	2	22	11	0
J.Mixon	4	40	18	0	K.Hunt	2	15	9	1
M.Thomas	4	31	14	1	H.Bryant	1	14	14	0
T.Higgins	3	35	18	0	N.Chubb	1	9	9	0
A.Green	3	29	15	0	A.Janovich	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	37	316	23	3	TOTALS	16	219	43t	2

#### DEFENSE

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Bates 3-7-10, J.Bynes 3-5-8, V.Bell 1-7-8, D.Reader 3-3-6, W.Jackson 4-1-5, M.Alexander 2-2-4, D.Phillips 2-1-3, C.Covington 1-2-3, C.Dunlap 1-2-3, S.Hubbard 1-2-3, F.Akinmoladun 1-1-2, A.Bledsoe 1-1-2, G.Pratt 1-1-2, K.Kareem 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** W.Jackson 1-30. **PD:** W.Jackson 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cleveland** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** A.Sendejo 7-3-10, T.Thomas 9-0-9, M.Smith 5-4-9, B.Goodson 6-1-7, S.Richardson 4-2-6, K.Joseph 3-3-6, S.Takitaki 3-2-5, P.Gustin 2-2-4, M.Garrett 3-0-3, D.Ward 2-1-3, J.Jackson 1-2-3, A.Clayborn 1-1-2, T.Mitchell 1-1-2, R.Harrison 1-0-1, J.Elliott 0-1-1, L.Ogunjobi 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** A.Clayborn 1-11, M.Garrett 1-11, S.Richardson 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** T.Mitchell 3, D.Ward 3, B.Goodson 1. **FF:** M.Garrett 1. **FR-YDS.:** J.Jackson 1-0.

# IN 2020, THE BENGALS ARE:

## REGULAR SEASON

<b>0-1</b>	at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)	<b>0-2</b>	when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
<b>0-1</b>	on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)	<b>0-0</b>	when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
<b>0-2</b>	when scoring first	<b>0-1</b>	on natural grass
<b>0-0</b>	when opponent scores first	<b>0-1</b>	on synthetic surface
<b>0-1</b>	in games decided by three points or fewer	<b>0-0</b>	when rushing for 125 or more net yards
<b>0-2</b>	in games decided by seven points or fewer	<b>0-2</b>	when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
<b>0-1</b>	when leading after one quarter	<b>0-2</b>	when rushing for less than 125 net yards
<b>0-0</b>	when tied after one quarter	<b>0-0</b>	when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
<b>0-1</b>	when trailing after one quarter	<b>0-1</b>	when passing for 250 or more net yards
<b>0-1</b>	when leading at halftime	<b>0-0</b>	when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
<b>0-0</b>	when tied at halftime	<b>0-1</b>	when passing for less than 250 net yards
<b>0-1</b>	when trailing at halftime	<b>0-2</b>	when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
<b>0-1</b>	when leading after three quarters	<b>0-0</b>	with plus turnover differential
<b>0-0</b>	when tied after three quarters	<b>0-1</b>	with even turnover differential
<b>0-1</b>	when trailing after three quarters	<b>0-1</b>	with minus turnover differential
<b>0-1</b>	when scoring 20 or more points	<b>0-1</b>	with fewer penalties than opponent
<b>0-1</b>	when opponent scores 20 or more points	<b>0-1</b>	with fewer penalty yards than opponent

# UNDER ZAC TAYLOR, THE BENGALS ARE:

## 2019-PRESENT

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

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

# BEST PERFORMANCES

## REGULAR SEASON

### RUSHING YARDS

69 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers  
46 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers  
46 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 at Cleveland

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

19 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers  
16 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
8 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### LONGEST RUSHES

23 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers (TD)  
14 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers  
9 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 at Cleveland

### RECEPTIONS

7 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
7 — Drew Sample, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
5 — A.J. Green, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### RECEIVING YARDS

72 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
51 — A.J. Green, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers  
45 — (two times)

### PASSING YARDS

316 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
193 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### PASS ATTEMPTS

61 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
36 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### PASS COMPLETIONS

37 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
23 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### LONGEST PASSES

23 — Joe Burrow to C.J. Uzomah, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
19 — Joe Burrow to C.J. Uzomah, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers  
18 — (two times)

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

86 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
72 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
71 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

45 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
44 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers  
42 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 17 at Cleveland

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

22 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers  
7 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

12 — Germaine Pratt, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers  
10 — Jessie Bates III, Sept. 17 at Cleveland  
9 — Sam Hubbard, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### SOLO TACKLES\*

7 — Germaine Pratt, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers  
5 — Jessie Bates III, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers  
4 — (four 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. 13	L.A. CHARGERS	295	28-122	173	23-36	0/1	3-20	19	6-14	2-1	29:50
Sept. 17	at Cleveland	353	24-68	285	37-61	3/0	3-31	30	8-18	2-1	33:39
Sept. 27	at Philadelphia										
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 11	at Baltimore										
Oct. 18	at Indianapolis										
Oct. 25	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE										
Nov. 8	— BYE —										
Nov. 15	at Pittsburgh										
Nov. 22	at Washington										
Nov. 29	N.Y. GIANTS										
Dec. 6	at Miami										
Dec. 13	DALLAS										
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 27	at Houston										
Jan. 3	BALTIMORE										
<b>TOTALS</b>		648	52-190	458	60-97	3/1	6-51	49	14-32	4-2	31:45

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 13	L.A. CHARGERS	362	39-155	207	16-30	0/0	2-1	19	6-16	0-0	30:10
Sept. 17	at Cleveland	434	35-215	219	16-23	2/1	0-0	23	5-8	0-0	26:21
Sept. 27	at Philadelphia										
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 11	at Baltimore										
Oct. 18	at Indianapolis										
Oct. 25	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE										
Nov. 8	— BYE —										
Nov. 15	at Pittsburgh										
Nov. 22	at Washington										
Nov. 29	N.Y. GIANTS										
Dec. 6	at Miami										
Dec. 13	DALLAS										
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 27	at Houston										
Jan. 3	BALTIMORE										
<b>TOTALS</b>		796	74-370	426	32-53	2/1	2-1	42	11-24	0-0	28:16

# TRANSACTIONS

## (TRANSACTIONS FROM 6-27-19 THROUGH 7-21-20 ARE IN BENGALS' 2020 MEDIA GUIDE)

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| <p>July 21, 2020 — Signed the following four draft picks: OT/G <b>Hakeem Adeniji</b> (D6), LB <b>Markus Bailey</b> (D7), LB <b>Akeem Davis-Gaither</b> (D4) and LB <b>Logan Wilson</b> (D3).</p> <p>July 23, 2020 — Signed DE <b>Khalid Kareem</b> (D5).</p> <p>July 26, 2020 — Waived CB <b>Isiah Swann</b> (failed physical).</p> <p>July 28, 2020 — Signed WR <b>Tee Higgins</b> (D2).</p> <p>July 29, 2020 — Waived DT <b>Ryan Glasgow</b> (failed physical).</p> <p>July 31, 2020 — Signed QB <b>Joe Burrow</b> (D1); Placed OT <b>Isaiah Prince</b> on the Reserve/Opt-Out list.</p> <p>Aug. 1, 2020 — Signed QB <b>Brandon Allen</b> (FA) and K <b>Tristan Vizcaino</b> (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 3, 2020 — Placed DT <b>Josh Tupou</b> on the Reserve/Opt-Out list; Waived TE <b>Mortiz Böhringer</b> and HB <b>Devwah Whaley</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 11, 2020 — Waived DT <b>Tyler Clark</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 12, 2020 — Signed DT <b>Mike Daniels</b> (FA); Placed WR <b>John Ross</b> on the Reserve list.</p> <p>Aug. 14, 2020 — Acquired DE <b>Bryce Sterk</b> on waivers from Miami.</p> <p>Aug. 15, 2020 — Signed DE <b>Amani Bledsoe</b> (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 17, 2020 — Waived HB <b>Rodney Anderson</b> (failed physical).</p> <p>Aug. 23, 2020 — Placed DT <b>Renell Wren</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Activated WR <b>John Ross III</b> from the Reserve list.</p> <p>Aug. 25, 2020 — Signed C <b>Frederick Mauigoa</b> (FA) and DT <b>Kahlil McKenzie</b> (FA); Waived G <b>Clay Cordasco</b> and WR <b>Damion Willis</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 26, 2020 — Signed S <b>Maurice Smith</b> (FA); Waived K <b>Tristan Vizcaino</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2020 — Signed HB <b>Joe Mixon*</b> to a contract extension.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2020 — Waived OT <b>O'Shea Dugas</b>, LB <b>Brady Sheldon</b> and DE <b>Bryce Sterk</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 4, 2020 — Acquired DE <b>Christian Covington</b> in a trade with Denver for LB <b>Austin Calitro</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 5, 2020 — Terminated the contract of QB <b>Brandon Allen</b>; Waived the following 23 players: DT <b>Freedom Akinmoladun</b>, DE <b>Amani Bledsoe</b>, DT <b>Trey Dishon</b>, QB <b>Jake Dolegala</b>, TE <b>Jordan Franks</b>, DE <b>Kendall Futrell</b>, LS <b>Dan Godsil</b>, S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b>, WR <b>Trenton Irwin</b>, OT <b>Josh Knipfel</b>, WR <b>DaMarkus Lodge</b>, CB <b>Greg Mabin</b>, C <b>Frederick Mauigoa</b>, DT <b>Kahlil McKenzie</b>, CB <b>Torry</b></p> | <p><b>McTyer</b>, WR <b>Stanley Morgan</b>, HB <b>Jacques Patrick</b>, CB <b>Winston Rose</b>, TE <b>Mason Schreck</b>, S <b>Maurice Smith</b>, LB <b>Marcel Spears Jr.</b>, WR <b>Scotty Washington</b> and TE <b>Mitchell Wilcox</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 6, 2020 — Acquired G <b>Shaq Calhoun</b> on waivers from Miami; Terminated the contract of G <b>Alex Redmond</b>; Signed the following 14 players to the practice squad: DE <b>Freedom Akinmoladun</b>, QB <b>Brandon Allen</b>, DE <b>Amani Bledsoe</b>, DE <b>Kendall Futrell</b>, S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b>, WR <b>Trenton Irwin</b>, OT <b>Josh Knipfel</b>, DT <b>Kahlil McKenzie</b>, WR <b>Stanley Morgan</b>, HB <b>Jacques Patrick</b>, CB <b>Winston Rose</b>, TE <b>Mason Schreck</b>, WR <b>Scotty Washington</b> and TE <b>Mitchell Wilcox</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 7, 2020 — Re-signed CB <b>Torry McTyer</b>; Placed CB <b>Trae Waynes</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 8, 2020 — Signed LB <b>Keandre Jones</b> and G <b>Keaton Sutherland</b> to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 12, 2020 — Elevated DE <b>Amani Bledsoe</b> and S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b> from the practice squad to the active roster.</p> <p>Sept. 14, 2020 — DE <b>Amani Bledsoe</b> and S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b> reverted from the active roster to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 15, 2020 — Acquired K <b>Austin Seibert</b> on waivers from Cleveland; Signed DE <b>Amani Bledsoe</b> off the practice squad; Placed G <b>Xavier Su'a-Filo</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived CB <b>Torry McTyer</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 16, 2020 — Signed CB <b>Torry McTyer</b> to the practice squad; Elevated DE <b>Freedom Akinmoladun</b> and S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b> from the practice squad to the active roster.</p> <p>Sept. 18, 2020 — Signed TE <b>Mason Schreck</b> off the practice squad; Placed TE <b>C.J. Uzomah</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; DE <b>Freedom Akinmoladun</b> and S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b> reverted from the active roster to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 21, 2020 — Signed G <b>Alex Redmond</b> to the practice squad.</p> |
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*\* NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.*

# PARTICIPATION CHART

## LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

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| <p><b>P</b> — played as a substitute</p> <p><b>DNP</b> — did not play</p> <p><b>IL</b> — inactive list</p> <p><b>PS</b> — practice squad (IPP = Intl. Player Pathway)</p> <p><b>RI</b> — reserve/injured list</p> <p><b>RPUP</b> — reserve/physically unable to perform list</p> | <p><b>RNFI</b> — reserve/non-football injury list</p> <p><b>RNF-I</b> — reserve/non-football illness list</p> <p><b>RSBC</b> — reserve/suspended by commissioner list</p> <p><b>RSBT</b> — reserve/suspended by team list</p> <p><b>ROO</b> — reserve/opt-out</p> <p><b>RF</b> — reserve/future list</p> | <p><b>PSPP</b> — practice squad protected player</p> <p><b>PSI</b> — practice squad/injured list</p> <p><b>REX</b> — roster exemption</p> <p><b>^</b> — reserve/injured player designated for return</p> <p><b>*</b> — eligible to practice while on a reserve list</p> <p><b>NWT</b> — not with team</p> |
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NAME	Cin. G-S	1 LAC	2 @Cle.	3 @Phil.	4 JAX.	5 @Balt.	6 @Ind.	7 CLE.	8 TENN.	9 @Pitt.	10 @Wash.	11 NYG	12 @Mia.	13 DALL.	14 PITT.	15 @Hou.	16 BALT.
Adeniji, Hakeem	1-0	DNP	P														
Akinmoladun, Freedom	1-0	PS	P														
Alexander, Mackensie	2-1	NCB	P														
Allen, Brandon	0-0	PS	PS														
Atkins, Geno	0-0	IL	IL														
Bailey, Markus	0-0	IL	IL														
Bates, Jessie, III	2-2	S	S														
Bell, Vonn	2-2	S	S														
Bernard, Giovanni	2-0	P	P														
Bledsoe, Amani	2-1	P	2ndDT														
Boyd, Tyler	2-2	WR	WR														
Brown, Andrew	2-0	P	P														
Brown, Tony	2-0	P	P														
Bullock, Randy	2-0	P	P														
Burrow, Joe	2-2	QB	QB														
Bynes, Josh	2-2	LB	LB														
Calhoun, Shaq	0-0	IL	DNP														
Carter, Cethan	2-0	P	P														
Covington, Christian	2-1	P	DT														
Daniels, Mike	1-1	DT	IL														
Davis-Gaither, Akeem	2-0	P	P														
Dunlap, Carlos	2-2	LDE	LDE														
Erickson, Alex	2-0	P	P														
Evans, Jordan	2-0	P	P														
Finley, Ryan	0-0	DNP	DNP														
Futrell, Kendall	0-0	PS	PS														
Green, A.J.	2-2	WR	WR														
Harris, Clark	2-0	P	P														
Hart, Bobby	2-2	ROT	RG														
Henderson, Trayvon	2-0	P	P														
Higgins, Tee	2-1	P	WR														
Hopkins, Trey	2-2	C	C														
Hubbard, Sam	2-2	RDE	RDE														
Huber, Kevin	2-0	P	P														
Irwin, Trenton	0-0	PS	PS														
Jackson, William, III	2-2	CB	CB														
Johnson, Fred	2-1	P	RG														
Jones, Keandre	0-0	PS	PS														
Jordan, Michael	2-2	LG	LG														
Kareem, Khalid	2-0	P	P														
Knipfel, Josh	0-0	PS	PS														
Lawson, Carl	2-0	P	P														
McKenzie, Kahlil	0-0	PS	PS														
McTyer, Torry	0-0	IL	PS														
Mixon, Joe	2-2	HB	HB														
Morgan, Stanley	0-0	PSPP	PSPP														
Patrick, Jacques	0-0	PS	PS														
Perine, Samaje	2-0	P	P														
Phillips, Darius	2-2	CB	CB														
Pratt, Germaine	2-2	LB	LB														
Price, Billy	2-0	P	P														
Prince, Isaiah	0-0	ROO	ROO														
Reader, D.J.	2-2	NT	NT														
Redmond, Alex	0-0	NWT	NWT														
Rose, Winston	0-0	PS	PS														
Ross, John, III	2-1	WR	P														
Sample, Drew	2-0	P	P														
Schreck, Mason	0-0	PSPP	PSPP														
Seibert, Austin	0-0	NWT	IL														
Sims, LeShaun	0-0	IL	DNP														
Su'a-Filo, Xavier	1-1	RG	RI														
Sutherland, Keaton	0-0	PS	PSPP														
Tate, Auden	1-0	P	IL														
Thomas, Mike	2-0	P	P														
Tupou, Josh	0-0	ROO	ROO														
Uzomah, C.J.	2-2	TE	TE														
Washington, Scotty	0-0	PS	PS														
Waynes, Trae	0-0	RI	RI														
Wilcox, Mitchell	0-0	PS	PS														
Williams, Jonah	2-2	LOT	LOT														
Williams, Shawn	0-0	IL	IL														
Williams, Trayveon	0-0	IL	IL														
Wilson, Brandon	2-0	P	P														
Wilson, Logan	2-0	P	P														
Wren, Renell	0-0	RI	RI														

# STARTING LINEUPS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 13	L.A. CHARGERS	Green	J.Williams	Jordan	Hopkins	Su'a-Filo	Hart	Uzomah	Boyd	Ross	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 17	at Cleveland	Green	J.Williams	Jordan	Hopkins	Johnson	Hart	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 27	at Philadelphia											
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE											
Oct. 11	at Baltimore											
Oct. 18	at Indianapolis											
Oct. 25	CLEVELAND											
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE											
Nov. 8	— BYE —											
Nov. 15	at Pittsburgh											
Nov. 22	at Washington											
Nov. 29	N.Y. GIANTS											
Dec. 6	at Miami											
Dec. 13	DALLAS											
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 27	at Houston											
Jan. 3	BALTIMORE											

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	LB	LB	NCB	CB	CB	S	S
Sept. 13	L.A. CHARGERS	Dunlap	Reader	Daniels	Hubbard	Bynes	Pratt	Alexander	Phillips	Jackson	Bell	Bates
Sept. 17	at Cleveland	Dunlap	Reader	Covington	Hubbard	Bynes	Pratt	Bledsoe(2ndDT)	Phillips	Jackson	Bell	Bates
Sept. 27	at Philadelphia											
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE											
Oct. 11	at Baltimore											
Oct. 18	at Indianapolis											
Oct. 25	CLEVELAND											
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE											
Nov. 8	— BYE —											
Nov. 15	at Pittsburgh											
Nov. 22	at Washington											
Nov. 29	N.Y. GIANTS											
Dec. 6	at Miami											
Dec. 13	DALLAS											
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 27	at Houston											
Jan. 3	BALTIMORE											

# DEPTH CHART

SEPT. 22, 2020

## OFFENSE

<b>WR</b>	18	A.J. Green		19	Auden Tate		80	Mike Thomas
<b>LOT</b>	73	Jonah Williams		74	Fred Johnson			
<b>LG</b>	60	Michael Jordan		<u>77</u>	<u>Hakeem Adeniji</u>			
<b>C</b>	66	Trey Hopkins		53	Billy Price			
<b>RG</b>	74	Fred Johnson		53	Billy Price		63	Shaq Calhoun
<b>ROT</b>	68	Bobby Hart		74	Fred Johnson			
<b>TE</b>	89	Drew Sample		82	Cethan Carter		86	Mason Schreck
<b>WR</b>	83	Tyler Boyd		12	Alex Erickson			
<b>WR</b>	11	John Ross III		<u>85</u>	<u>Tee Higgins</u>			
<b>QB</b>	<u>9</u>	<u>Joe Burrow</u>		5	Ryan Finley			
<b>HB</b>	28	Joe Mixon		25	Giovani Bernard		34	Samaje Perine
							32	Trayveon Williams

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	96	Carlos Dunlap		90	Khalid Kareem		91	Amani Bledsoe
<b>NT</b>	98	D.J. Reader		99	Christian Covington		93	Andrew Brown
<b>DT</b>	97	Geno Atkins		76	Mike Daniels			
<b>RDE</b>	94	Sam Hubbard		58	Carl Lawson			
<b>LB</b>	56	Josh Bynes		<u>55</u>	<u>Logan Wilson</u>		<u>51</u>	<u>Markus Bailey</u>
<b>LB</b>	57	Germaine Pratt		<u>59</u>	<u>Akeem Davis-Gaither</u>		50	Jordan Evans
<b>NCB</b>	21	Mackensie Alexander						
<b>CB</b>	23	Darius Phillips		38	LeShaun Sims			
<b>CB</b>	22	William Jackson III		27	Tony Brown			
<b>S</b>	24	Vonn Bell		36	Shawn Williams			
<b>S</b>	30	Jessie Bates III		40	Brandon Wilson			

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	10	Kevin Huber						
<b>K</b>	4	Randy Bullock		3	Austin Seibert			
<b>LS</b>	46	Clark Harris						
<b>H</b>	10	Kevin Huber						
<b>PR</b>	12	Alex Erickson		23	Darius Phillips		83	Tyler Boyd
<b>KOR</b>	40	Brandon Wilson		23	Darius Phillips		12	Alex Erickson

NOTE: Rookies are underlined. Parentheses indicate an injured player.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<p><b>Hakeem Adeniji</b> ..... hah-KEEM uh-DENN-ih-gee</p> <p>Freedom <b>Akinmoladun</b> (Practice Squad)..... AA-kinn-MOO-lah-dune</p> <p><b>Mackensie Alexander</b> .....mack-ENN-see</p> <p>Lou <b>Anarumo</b> (Defensive Coordinator)..... ann-ah-ROO-mo</p> <p><b>Geno Atkins</b>..... JEE-no</p> <p><b>Giovani Bernard</b>.....jee-o-VAHN-ee</p> <p>Bob <b>Bicknell</b> (Wide Receivers Coach) ..... bick-NELL</p> <p>Joey <b>Boese</b> (Strength and Conditioning Coach)..... bo-ZAY</p> <p>Randy <b>Bullock</b> ..... BULL-luck</p> <p><b>Cethan Carter</b>.....SEE-thin</p>	<p><b>Akeem Davis-Gaither</b>..... AH-keem DAY-viss-GAY-thur</p> <p><b>Trayvon Henderson</b> (Practice Squad) ..... TRAY-vahn</p> <p><b>Khalid Kareem</b> ..... KAH-lid kuh-REEM</p> <p><b>Samaje Perine</b> ..... suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine</p> <p><b>Xavier Su'a-Filo</b> (Reserve/Injured).....ZAYV-yer SOO-uh-FEE-lo</p> <p>Josh <b>Tupou</b> (Reserve/Opt-out) ..... TEW-po</p> <p>C.J. <b>Uzomah</b> (Reserve/Injured).....yew-ZAH-mah</p> <p><b>Trayveon Williams</b> ..... TRAY-vee-ahn</p> <p><b>Renell Wren</b> (Reserve/Injured) ..... reh-NELL RENN</p>
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# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

**SEPT. 22, 2020**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
77	Adeniji, Hakeem	G	6-4	302	12-8-97	R	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
21	Alexander, Mackensie	CB	5-10	192	11-12-93	5	Clemson	Immokalee, Fla.	UFA(Minn.)'20
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	11	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
51	Bailey, Markus	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	R	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
30	Bates, Jessie, III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	3	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
24	Bell, Vonn	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	5	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
25	Bernard, Giovanni	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	8	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
91	Bledsoe, Amani	DE	6-4	280	2-6-98	1	Oklahoma	Lawrence, Kan.	FA'20
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	5	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
93	Brown, Andrew	DT	6-3	290	12-30-95	2	Virginia	Chesapeake, Va.	D5b'18
27	Brown, Tony	CB	6-0	198	7-13-95	3	Alabama	Beaumont, Texas	W(G.B.)'20
4	Bullock, Randy	K	5-9	210	12-16-89	9	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
9	Burrow, Joe	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	R	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
56	Bynes, Josh	LB	6-1	235	8-24-89	9	Auburn	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.	UFA(Balt.)'20
63	Calhoun, Shaq	G	6-3	310	2-20-96	2	Mississippi State	Pleasant Grove, Ala.	W(Mia.)'20
82	Carter, Cethan	TE	6-3	248	9-5-95	4	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
99	Covington, Christian	DT	6-2	305	10-16-93	6	Rice	Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada)	T(Den.)'20
76	Daniels, Mike	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	9	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.	FA'20
59	Davis-Gaither, Akeem	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	R	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	11	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
12	Erickson, Alex	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	5	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
50	Evans, Jordan	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	4	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
5	Finley, Ryan	QB	6-4	207	12-26-94	2	North Carolina State	Phoenix, Ariz.	D4a'19
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	10	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	12	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
68	Hart, Bobby	OT	6-5	310	8-21-94	6	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'18
85	Higgins, Tee	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	R	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
66	Hopkins, Trey	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	5	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
94	Hubbard, Sam	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	3	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	12	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
22	Jackson, William, III	CB	6-0	196	10-27-92	5	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
74	Johnson, Fred	G/OT	6-6	325	6-5-97	2	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
60	Jordan, Michael	G	6-6	315	1-25-98	2	Ohio State	Canton, Mich.	D4c'19
90	Kareem, Khalid	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	R	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20
58	Lawson, Carl	DE	6-2	265	6-29-95	4	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	4	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	4	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
23	Phillips, Darius	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	3	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
57	Pratt, Germaine	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	2	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
53	Price, Billy	C/G	6-4	310	10-11-94	3	Ohio State	Austintown, Ohio	D1'18
98	Reader, D.J.	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	5	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
11	Ross, John, III	WR	5-11	194	11-27-95	4	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
89	Sample, Drew	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	2	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
86	Schreck, Mason	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	3	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
3	Seibert, Austin	K	5-9	214	11-15-96	2	Oklahoma	Belleville, Ill.	W(Cle.)'20
38	Sims, LeShaun	CB	6-0	203	9-18-93	5	Southern Utah	Las Vegas, Nev.	UFA(Tenn.)'20
19	Tate, Auden	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	3	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
80	Thomas, Mike	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	5	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
73	Williams, Jonah	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	2	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
36	Williams, Shawn	S	6-0	212	5-13-91	8	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
32	Williams, Trayveon	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	2	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
40	Wilson, Brandon	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	4	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
55	Wilson, Logan	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	R	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)**

92	Akinmoladun, Freedom (9-6-20)	DT	6-3	284	2-11-96	1	Nebraska	Grandview, Mo.	FA'19
8	Allen, Brandon (9-6-20)	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	4	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
79	Futrell, Kendall (9-6-20)	DE	6-2	222	10-27-97	R	East Carolina	Winterville, N.C.	CFA'20
41	Henderson, Trayvon (9-6-20)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
16	Irwin, Trenton (9-6-20)	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
47	Jones, Keandre (9-8-20)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	R	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
75	Knipfel, Josh (9-6-20)	OT	6-6	309	2-26-98	R	Iowa State	Hampton, Iowa	CFA'20
69	McKenzie, Kahill (9-6-20)	DT	6-3	320	1-3-97	2	Tennessee	Green Bay, Wis.	FA'20
20	McTyer, Torry (9-16-20)	CB	5-11	188	4-10-95	4	Nevada-Las Vegas	Los Angeles, Calif.	FA'19
17	Morgan, Stanley (9-6-20)	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	2	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
31	Patrick, Jacques (9-6-20)	HB	6-2	231	1-7-97	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'20
62	Redmond, Alex (9-21-20)	G	6-5	320	1-18-95	4	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
39	Rose, Winston (9-6-20)	CB	6-0	180	11-29-93	1	New Mexico	Inglewood, Calif.	FA'20
65	Sutherland, Keaton (9-8-20)	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	2	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	FA'20
14	Washington, Scotty (9-6-20)	WR	6-5	217	7-26-97	R	Wake Forest	Washington, D.C.	CFA'20
84	Wilcox, Mitchell (9-6-20)	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	R	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20

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

72	Su'a-Filo, Xavier (9-15-20; ankle)	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	7	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20
87	Uzomah, C.J. (9-18-20; Achilles)	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	6	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
26	Waynes, Trae (9-7-20; pectoral)	CB	6-0	190	7-25-92	6	Michigan State	Kenosha, Wis.	UFA(Minn.)'20
95	Wren, Renell (8-23-20; quadriceps)	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	2	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19

**RESERVE/OPT-OUT (date assigned)**

71	Prince, Isaiah (7-31-20)	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
91	Tupou, Josh (8-3-20)	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17

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# NUMERICAL ROSTER

**SEPT. 22, 2020**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
3	Austin Seibert	K	5-9	214	11-15-96	2	Oklahoma	Belleville, Ill.	W(Cle.)'20
4	Randy Bullock	K	5-9	210	12-16-89	9	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
5	Ryan Finley	QB	6-4	207	12-26-94	2	North Carolina State	Phoenix, Ariz.	D4a'19
9	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	R	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	12	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	John Ross III	WR	5-11	194	11-27-95	4	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
12	Alex Erickson	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	5	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
18	A.J. Green	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	10	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
19	Auden Tate	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	3	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
21	Mackensie Alexander	CB	5-10	192	11-12-93	5	Clemson	Immokalee, Fla.	UFA(Minn.)'20
22	William Jackson III	CB	6-0	196	10-27-92	5	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
23	Darius Phillips	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	3	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	5	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
25	Giovani Bernard	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	8	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
27	Tony Brown	CB	6-0	198	7-13-95	3	Alabama	Beaumont, Texas	W(G.B.)'20
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	4	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	3	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
32	Trayveon Williams	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	2	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
34	Samaje Perine	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	4	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
36	Shawn Williams	S	6-0	212	5-13-91	8	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
38	LeShaun Sims	CB	6-0	203	9-18-93	5	Southern Utah	Las Vegas, Nev.	UFA(Tenn.)'20
40	Brandon Wilson	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	4	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	12	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
50	Jordan Evans	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	4	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
51	Markus Bailey	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	R	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
53	Billy Price	C/G	6-4	310	10-11-94	3	Ohio State	Austintown, Ohio	D1'18
55	Logan Wilson	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	R	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20
56	Josh Bynes	LB	6-1	235	8-24-89	9	Auburn	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.	UFA(Balt.)'20
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	2	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
58	Carl Lawson	DE	6-2	265	6-29-95	4	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	R	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
60	Michael Jordan	G	6-6	315	1-25-98	2	Ohio State	Canton, Mich.	D4c'19
63	Shaq Calhoun	G	6-3	310	2-20-96	2	Mississippi State	Pleasant Grove, Ala.	W(Mia.)'20
66	Trey Hopkins	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	5	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
68	Bobby Hart	OT	6-5	310	8-21-94	6	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'18
73	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	2	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
74	Fred Johnson	G/OT	6-6	325	6-5-97	2	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
76	Mike Daniels	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	9	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.	FA'20
77	Hakeem Adeniji	G	6-4	302	12-8-97	R	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
80	Mike Thomas	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	5	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
82	Cethan Carter	TE	6-3	248	9-5-95	4	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	5	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
85	Tee Higgins	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	R	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
86	Mason Schreck	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	3	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	2	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
90	Khalid Kareem	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	R	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20
91	Amani Bledsoe	DE	6-4	280	2-6-98	1	Oklahoma	Lawrence, Kan.	FA'20
93	Andrew Brown	DT	6-3	290	12-30-95	2	Virginia	Chesapeake, Va.	D5b'18
94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	3	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
96	Carlos Dunlap	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	11	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	11	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
98	D.J. Reader	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	5	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
99	Christian Covington	DT	6-2	305	10-16-93	6	Rice	Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada)	T(Den.)'20

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)**

8	Brandon Allen (9-6-20)	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	4	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
14	Scotty Washington (9-6-20)	WR	6-5	217	7-26-97	R	Wake Forest	Washington, D.C.	CFA'20
16	Trenton Irwin (9-6-20)	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
17	Stanley Morgan (9-6-20)	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	2	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
20	Torry McTyer (9-16-20)	CB	5-11	188	4-10-95	4	Nevada-Las Vegas	Los Angeles, Calif.	FA'19
31	Jacques Patrick (9-6-20)	HB	6-2	231	1-7-97	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'20
39	Winston Rose (9-6-20)	CB	6-0	180	11-29-93	1	New Mexico	Inglewood, Calif.	FA'20
41	Trayvon Henderson (9-6-20)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
47	Keandre Jones (9-8-20)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	R	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
62	Alex Redmond (9-21-20)	G	6-5	320	1-18-95	4	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
65	Keaton Sutherland (9-8-20)	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	2	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	FA'20
69	Kahlil McKenzie (9-6-20)	DT	6-3	320	1-3-97	2	Tennessee	Green Bay, Wis.	FA'20
75	Josh Knipfel (9-6-20)	OT	6-6	309	2-26-98	R	Iowa State	Hampton, Iowa	CFA'20
79	Kendall Futrell (9-6-20)	DE	6-2	222	10-27-97	R	East Carolina	Winterville, N.C.	CFA'20
84	Mitchell Wilcox (9-6-20)	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	R	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
92	Freedom Akinmoladun (9-6-20)	DT	6-3	284	2-11-96	1	Nebraska	Grandview, Mo.	FA'19

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

26	Trae Waynes (9-7-20; pectoral)	CB	6-0	190	7-25-92	6	Michigan State	Kenosha, Wis.	UFA(Minn.)'20
72	Xavier Su'a-Filo (9-15-20; ankle)	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	7	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20
87	C.J. Uzomah (9-18-20; Achilles)	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	6	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
95	Renell Wren (8-23-20; quadriceps)	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	2	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19

**RESERVE/OPT-OUT (date assigned)**

71	Isaiah Prince (7-31-20)	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
91	Josh Tupou (8-3-20)	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17

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# STATISTICS

**RECORD: 0-2**

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-13-20	L	13-16	L.A. Chargers	0
9-17-20	L	30-35	at Cleveland	6000
9-27-20			at Philadelphia	
10-4-20			Jacksonville	
10-11-20			at Baltimore	
10-18-20			at Indianapolis	
10-25-20			Cleveland	
11-1-20			Tennessee	
11-8-20			— BYE —	
11-15-20			at Pittsburgh	
11-22-20			at Washington	
11-29-20			N.Y. Giants	
12-6-20			at Miami	
12-13-20			Dallas	
12-21-20			Pittsburgh	
12-27-20			at Houston	
1-3-20			Baltimore	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	49	42
Rushing	12	21
Passing	34	19
Penalty	3	2
3rd Down: Made-Att	14-32	11-24
3rd Down Pct.	43.8	45.8
4th Down: Made-Att	5-5	1-4
4th Down Pct.	100.0	25.0
POSSESSION AVG.	31:45	28:16
TOTAL NET YARDS	648	796
Avg. Per Game	324.0	398.0
Total Plays	155	129
Avg. Per Play	4.2	6.2
NET YARDS RUSHING	190	370
Avg. Per Game	95.0	185.0
Total Rushes	52	74
NET YARDS PASSING	458	426
Avg. Per Game	229.0	213.0
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-51	2-1
Gross Yards	509	427
Att.-Completions	97-60	53-32
Completion Pct.	61.9	60.4
Had Intercepted	1	1
PUNTS-AVG.	8-53.5	6-47.8
Net Punting Avg.	8-43.5	6-43.0
PENALTIES-YARDS	11-89	14-111
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	4-2	0-0
TOUCHDOWNS	4	6
Rushing	1	4
Passing	3	2
Returns	0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	10	10	9	14	0	43
OPPONENTS	7	20	7	17	0	51

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	4-4	5-6	0	19
Tyler Boyd	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Joe Burrow	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Mike Thomas	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
C.J. Uzomah	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	4	1	3	0	4-4	5-6	0	43
OPPONENTS	6	4	2	0	6-6	3-4	0	51

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

**Sacks-yards:** Carl Lawson 1-1, Josh Bynes 1-0. BENGALS 2-1, OPPONENTS 6-51.

**Fumbles-lost:** Joe Burrow 3-1, Joe Mixon 1-1. BENGALS 4-2, OPPONENTS 0-0.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	97	60	509	61.9	5.25	3	3.1	1	1.0	23t	6-51	81.5
BENGALS	97	60	509	61.9	5.25	3	3.1	1	1.0	23t	6-51	81.5
OPPONENTS	53	32	427	60.4	8.06	2	3.8	1	1.9	43t	2-1	90.7

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	35	115	3.3	14	0
Joe Burrow	15	65	4.3	23t	1
Giovani Bernard	2	10	5.0	7	0
BENGALS	52	190	3.7	23t	1
OPPONENTS	74	370	5.0	33	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Tyler Boyd	11	105	9.5	17	1
Giovani Bernard	9	43	4.8	10	0
C.J. Uzomah	8	87	10.9	23t	1
A.J. Green	8	80	10.0	15	0
Drew Sample	8	52	6.5	10	0
Mike Thomas	6	48	8.0	14	1
Joe Mixon	5	42	8.4	18	0
Tee Higgins	3	35	11.7	18	0
John Ross III	2	17	8.5	15	0
BENGALS	60	509	8.5	23t	3
OPPONENTS	32	427	13.3	43t	2

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
William Jackson III	1	30	30.0	30	0
BENGALS	1	30	30.0	30	0
OPPONENTS	1	0	0.0	0	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	8	428	53.5	43.5	3	3	70	0
BENGALS	8	428	53.5	43.5	3	3	70	0
OPPONENTS	6	287	47.8	43.0	0	1	63	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	2	1	29	14.5	22	0
BENGALS	2	1	29	14.5	22	0
OPPONENTS	3	1	20	6.7	13	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Wilson	3	131	43.7	45	0
BENGALS	3	131	43.7	45	0
OPPONENTS	1	46	46.0	46	0

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

**Randy Bullock:** (50G, 43G, 31WR), (38G, 43G, 27G).  
**Opponents:** (24G, 43G, 50WR, 22G), (—).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Josh Bynes	7	9	16	1-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Vonn Bell	6	10	16	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jessie Bates III	8	7	15	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Germaine Pratt	9	5	14	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	4	8	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
D.J. Reader	4	7	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
William Jackson III	7	2	9	0-0	1-30	3	0	0-0
Carl Lawson	3	3	6	1-1	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Christian Covington	1	4	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Mackensie Alexander	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Darius Phillips	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Logan Wilson	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Freedom Akinmoladun	1	2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Amani Bledsoe	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Mike Daniels	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Khalid Kareem	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Andrew Brown	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Cethan Carter	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Evans	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Logan Wilson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Darius Phillips	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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