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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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PITTSBURGH STEELERS (2-2-1) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (4-1)

WEEK 6, GAME 6
SUNDAY, OCT. 14
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 7, GAME 7
SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, OCT. 21 AT KANSAS CITY

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 Ian Eagle (play-by-play), Dan Fouts (analyst) and Evan Washburn (sideline reporter).

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

Setting the scene: The 4-1 Cincinnati Bengals this week look to build on their strong start to the 2018 season and solidify their hold on first place in the AFC North Division. But to do so, they will have to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers, a team which has proven to be a longtime nemesis for Cincinnati, and a team which, for many Bengals fans, is their most-loathed divisional rival.

There is no denying that Pittsburgh, which enters Sunday's game at Paul Brown Stadium with a 2-2-1 record, has proven itself worthy of being the object of Cincinnati fans' frustrations. Not only that, but the Steelers, who own a 62-35 all-time series lead over the Bengals, have been remarkably consistent in doing so over a span of more than 25 years. The Steelers are winners of six straight meetings, as well as nine of the last 10, and 14 of the last 17, and 19 of the last 24, and 29 of the last 39, and — going all the way back to 1991 — 42 of the last 56. At no point during that 27-season stretch from 1991-2017 have the Bengals won more than two consecutive meetings. The spell includes Steelers wins in the teams' only two postseason battles, in 2005 and '15, both home playoff games for the Bengals.

Of course, none of those past particulars will matter when the two teams meet this weekend, and history will play no role in the outcome of Sunday's important matchup. What may matter, perhaps, is the fact that Cincinnati seemingly has the wind at its back after consecutive come-from-behind wins the past two weeks, in addition to the momentum of its 4-1 start.

Two weeks ago, the Bengals won a thrilling 37-36 road contest at Atlanta when QB Andy Dalton led a 16-play, 75 yard drive in the game's final four minutes that ended with a 13-yard touchdown pass to WR A.J. Green with seven seconds left. Last week at home, Cincinnati rallied from a 17-0 deficit, scoring 27 unanswered points, including 24 in the fourth quarter, for a 27-17 win over the Miami Dolphins.

The come-from-behind victory over the Dolphins was just the eighth time in Bengals history that the team rallied from a deficit of 17 or more points to win. It also was just the fourth time in team history that the Bengals scored 24 or more points in the fourth quarter of a game (see "A comeback for the record book" on page 4).

"The momentum shifted in the fourth quarter," Dalton said. "For us to score 24 points in that fourth quarter was huge. If you look at just the final score, you're not going to know the tale of this game. But that's the biggest thing: If you can win the fourth quarter, you're always going to give yourself a chance."

The Dolphins game was the third contest this season in which Dalton has led a game-winning drive. He led the Bengals on a nine-play, 67-yard march that resulted in a 20-yard field goal and a 20-17 lead with 3:30 left. It was his 23rd career game-winning drive, which is defined as a drive that results in an offensive score in the fourth quarter or overtime that is responsible for putting the team ahead to stay (PATs included). Dalton's total of 23 sets a new franchise

mark, surpassing the 22 logged by former Bengals QB Boomer Esiason (1984-92, '97). Since 2011, the year the Bengals drafted him, Dalton has the second most game-winning drives in the league, trailing only Detroit Lions QB Matthew Stafford, who has 30 in the same eight-season span (see "Ice-water Andy" on page 5). With three game-winning drives in the Bengals' first five games, Dalton needs three more in the final 11 contests to set a new team record for most in a season. The current record of five was set by former QB Jeff Blake in 1996, and then tied by former QB Carson Palmer in '09.

"Finding ways to win the game, whatever it takes — that's what we look for," Dalton said. "But this one (the Dolphins game) is hard to put on me and the offense, (considering) the way the defense played at the end."

Cincinnati had entered the Miami game ranked 29th in the NFL in net yards allowed per game (419.3) and 32nd in third-down efficiency (35 of 61; 57.4 percent), but the Bengals' defense was stout overall against the Dolphins. Miami gained just 297 yards and converted only four of 13 third downs (30.8 percent). The Dolphins' offense scored just 10 points — one of Miami's TDs was a punt return — and never ran a play from scrimmage in the red zone.

The Bengals' defense was especially strong on the defensive line, which harassed Dolphins QB Ryan Tannehill repeatedly — particularly in the fourth quarter — and was responsible for 14 of the team's 24 fourth-quarter points. DE Michael Johnson returned a Tannehill interception 22 yards for a touchdown with 11:43 left to tie the game 17-17. Then, after Dalton led the drive that put the Bengals ahead 20-17, DE Sam Hubbard recovered a Tannehill fumble and returned it 19 yards for a TD with 2:37 left to put the game out of reach for Miami. It was the first time in Bengals history that two Bengals defensive linemen scored a touchdown in the same game, and it was the first time that two defensive linemen scored in the same quarter of an NFL game since Dec. 10, 1989 when Keith Millard and Tim Newton each scored TDs for Minnesota.

Bengals DT Geno Atkins recorded two sacks against the Dolphins, and DE Carlos Dunlap added another. Atkins enters the Steelers game tied for the NFL lead in sacks with six, while Dunlap enters the contest tied for 11th with four.

Also against the Dolphins last week, WR A.J. Green had his first game of the 2018 season with 100 or more yards receiving, with 112 on six catches. It was his 32nd career game with 100 or more yards receiving, setting a new mark for most in team history. The previous mark of 31 had been established by former WR Chad Johnson (2001-10).

Green enters the Steelers game with 26 receptions for 409 yards and five touchdowns, while WR Tyler Boyd enters the contest with 30 catches for 393 yards and two TDs. The pair currently are on pace this season to record receiving yardage totals of 1309 and 1258, respectively. If they both record 1000 or more yards receiving this season, it would be just the third time in team history that two receivers have done so in the same season. The other two instances were recorded by Johnson and former WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh, who did it together twice, in 2006 and '07 (in '06, Johnson had 1369 and Houshmandzadeh had 1081; in '07, Johnson had 1440 and Houshmandzadeh had 1143).

The series: The Steelers lead 62-35 overall and 30-19 as the visiting team. The series includes two postseason games, both Steelers wins in Wild Card round contests at Paul Brown Stadium, after the 2005 and '15 seasons.

The Bengals have played more games against the Steelers (97) than any other foe. Cleveland is second in that category at 89, and Tennessee (formerly Houston Oilers) is third at 75.

A complete recap of the Bengals-Steelers series appears on page 186 of the 2018 Bengals Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

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

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

The last meetings: Summaries of the two 2017 Bengals-Steelers meetings are on page 15 of this news release.

Records vs. Steelers: Former Bengals WR Carl Pickens caught 13 passes against the Steelers on Oct. 11, 1998 at Cinergy Field, a number no Bengal has reached before or since. There have been 11 instances of a Bengal finishing a game with 12 catches, most recently by WR A.J. Green in the 2016 season opener at the N.Y. Jets, but 13 catches remains in a class by itself.

Pickens had 204 receiving yards in the game, a 25-20 Bengals victory. QB Neil O'Donnell, a former Steeler, was the passer for all 13 catches.

Other Bengals records involving the Steelers include:

- On Oct. 28, 1973, Pittsburgh S Mike Wagner became the first opponent to intercept three passes in a game against the Bengals. Four players have tied that since.
- On Nov. 10, 1974 at Cincinnati, QB Ken Anderson set the Bengals' game record for completion percentage (90.91), hitting 20 of 22 against the Steelers.
- On Oct. 16 1994 at Cincinnati, the Bengals set a team record with eight sacks, all on O'Donnell. That mark has since been tied once, on Dec. 9, 2001 vs. Jacksonville.
- On Oct. 19, 1995, the Bengals allowed the most yards in franchise history (468) without allowing a TD in a 27-9 win vs. Pittsburgh at Three Rivers Stadium.
- On Oct. 15, 2000, Pittsburgh's Josh Miller tied for the most punts ever against the Bengals with 12.
- On Dec. 30, 2001 at Cincinnati, Jon Kitna had a Bengals-record 68 pass attempts in an overtime win over the Steelers.
- On Dec. 4 last season, the Bengals set the dubious record of most penalty yardage incurred during a game at 173. That number shattered the previous mark of 134.

Individually vs. Steelers: Current Bengals' past offensive performances for Cincinnati against Pittsburgh in regular season include:

- QB Andy Dalton: 14 games; 273-for-469 passing (58.2 percent) for 2931 yards (209.4 yards per game), 17 TDs and 13 INTs (77.2 rating).
- WR A.J. Green: 13 games, 81 receptions for 1093 yards (6.2 catches, 84.1 yards per game) and eight TDs.
- HB Gio Bernard: Nine games, 58 carries for 250 yards (4.3) and two TDs; 30 receptions for 282 yards (9.4)
- TE Tyler Kroft: Six games; 11 receptions for 119 yards (10.8) and one TD.
- TE C.J. Uzomah: Four games; Five receptions for 37 yards (7.4).
- WR Alex Erickson: Four games; Two receptions for 42 yards (21.0).
- WR Tyler Boyd: Three games; 10 receptions for 106 yards (10.6).
- WR Cody Core: Three games; Two receptions for 13 yards (6.5).
- HB Joe Mixon: Two games; 14 carries for 82 yards (5.9); Four receptions for 28 yards (7.0).
- WR Josh Malone: Two games; Two receptions for nine yards (4.5).

BENGALS-STEELERS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	STEELERS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored	4th (30.6)	5th (28.6)
Points allowed	T-21st (26.0)	25th (26.6)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	17th (367.6)	8th (405.0)
Rushing	23rd (95.4)	27th (84.0)
Passing	15th (272.2)	4th (321.0)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	25th (394.8)	29th (401.2)
Rushing	23rd (118.2)	T-15th (105.0)
Passing	21st (276.6)	29th (296.2)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-15th (even)	T-23rd (minus-2)

Bengals-Steelers connections:

Bengals Head Coach Marvin Lewis grew up in McDonald, Pa., near Pittsburgh. Lewis' first NFL coaching job was with the Steelers as LBs coach from 1992-95 under head coach Bill Cowher. He also coached at the University of Pittsburgh from 1990-91 ... Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin was defensive backs coach for the University of Cincinnati from 1999-2000 ... Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger is from Findlay, Ohio (Findlay High School), and played at Miami (Ohio) University ... Bengals WR Tyler Boyd is from Clairton, Pa. (Clairton High School) and played at the University of Pittsburgh ... Steelers DT Cameron Heyward and LB Ryan Shazier (Reserve/PUP) played at Ohio State University ... Steelers LB L.J. Fort spent time on the Bengals practice squad in 2014 ...Bengals K Randy Bullock was with the Steelers in 2016 ... Steelers LBs Bud Dupree and Farrington Huguenin (practice squad) played at the University of Kentucky ... Steelers P Jordan Berry played at Eastern Kentucky University ... Steelers FB Roosevelt Nix is from Reynoldsburg, Ohio (Reynoldsburg High School) ... Bengals quarterbacks coach Alex Van Pelt is from Pittsburgh and played for the Steelers from 1989-92 ... Bengals linebackers coach Jim Haslett is from Pittsburgh, played at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and coached for the Steelers from 1997-99 ... Bengals tight ends coach Jonathan Hayes grew up in South Fayette, Pa. and played TE for the Steelers from 1994-96 ... Bengals defensive coordinator Teryl Austin is from Sharon, Pa., played at the University of Pittsburgh and coached at Penn State University ... Bengals defensive assistant/assistant defensive line coach Matt Raich is from Monaca, Pa., played (1989-92) and coached (1993-94) at Westminster College, and coached at Robert Morris University (1996-98, 2000-02), Glenville State College (1999) and Duquesne University (2013). Raich was also on the Steelers' coaching staff from 2003-06. ... Bengals offensive coordinator Bill Lazor is from Scranton, Pa. ... Bengals CB C.J. Goodwin (practice squad) entered the NFL as a college free agent signee of Pittsburgh in 2014, and was with the team through '15 preseason. Goodwin is also from Wheeling, W.Va., and played at California (Pa.) University ... Bengals QB Christian Hackenberg (practice squad) and LB Brandon Bell (practice squad) played at Penn State University ... Steelers LB Keith Kelsey (Reserve/Injured) and WR Eli Rogers (Active/PUP) played at the University of Louisville ... Bengals strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton coached at Penn State from 1987-91 ... Steelers wide receivers coach Darryl Drake is from Louisville, Ky.

Bengals' O excels in red zone: The Bengals' offense this season has scored TDs on 12 of its 17 trips to the red zone, good for an 88.2 percent rate (fifth in the NFL). Entering Game 5 vs. Miami, the Bengals led the NFL in red-zone TD percentage this season and had come away with points on an NFL-best 34 consecutive trips to the red zone (25 TDs, nine FGs) dating back to Game 9 of last season. But an INT on their first red-zone trip vs. Miami ended the streak, which was the longest by a Bengals team since 2005-06 (40 straight).

BENGALS 2018 RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 17	Inside-20 possessions: 14
Total scores: 15 (88.2%)	Total scores: 13 (92.9%)
TDs: 12 (70.6%)	TDs: 10 (71.4%)
FGs: 3 (17.6%)	FGs: 3 (21.4%)
TD% rank: 5th	TD% rank: 25th
No scores: 2 (11.8%)	No scores: 1 (7.1%)

STEELERS 2018 RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 14	Inside-20 possessions: 19
Total scores: 12 (85.7%)	Total scores: 15 (78.9%)
TDs: 11 (78.6%)	TDs: 10 (52.6%)
FGs: 1 (7.1%)	FGs: 5 (26.3%)
TD% rank: 2nd	TD% rank: 13th
No scores: 2 (14.3%)	No scores: 4 (21.1%)

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

- QB Andy Dalton has 26,979 passing yards, 170 short of QB Boomer Esiason (27,149) for second place all-time. QB Ken Anderson (32,838) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Dalton also has 179 passing touchdowns, eight shy of Esiason (187) for second place all-time. Anderson (197) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- WR A.J. Green has 32 career 100-yard receiving games, the most in Bengals history. Green passed WR Chad Johnson (31) in Game 5 vs. Miami for

the all-time lead.

• Green also has 62 career receiving TDs, one shy of WR Carl Pickens (63) for second place all-time. Johnson (66) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

• Green also has 62 career total TDs, two shy of Pickens and RB James Brooks (64) for third place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

• DE Carlos Dunlap has 68.5 career sacks, 15 short of DE Eddie Edwards* (83.5) for the Bengals' all-time lead.

• DT Geno Atkins has 67 career sacks, 1.5 short of Dunlap (68.5) for second place all-time. Edwards* (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Atkins passed LB Reggie Williams (62.5) for third place all-time in Game 2 vs. Baltimore.

• P Kevin Huber has 713 career punts, 33 shy of P Lee Johnson (746) for the Bengals' all-time lead. Huber passed P Pat McInally (700) for second place all-time in Game 2 vs. Baltimore.

• Huber also has 32,172 punting yards, 24 shy of Johnson (32,196) for the Bengals' all-time lead.

*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.

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear black jerseys and black pants this week vs. Pittsburgh. 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.....	6-0-0	1.000
Orange*	White.....	16-6-1	.717
White (CR)*	White (CR)*.....	2-1-0	.667
Black	Black.....	16-12-1	.569
Black	White.....	34-33-1	.507
White	Black.....	28-30-0	.482
White	White.....	19-29-0	.396

* — The NFL this season implemented a new rule, which states teams may wear designated alternate jerseys, color rush (CR) uniforms and/or throwback uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. Orange will continue to be designated as the Bengals' alternate jersey, and the team will again use their color rush uniforms (white jersey, white pants) that debuted in 2016. Cincinnati does not have a throwback uniform.

THE HEAD COACHES

Marvin Lewis in 2018 extends his Bengals-record head coaching tenure to 16 seasons, twice that of Paul Brown (1968-75) and Sam Wyche ('84-91), who are tied for second with eight seasons each.

Lewis has 129 career victories, the most in Bengals history by a margin of 65 over Wyche (64). His record is 129-113-3 in the regular season and 129-120-3 including postseason.

The Bengals' 65-45-2 record over the last seven regular seasons (2011-17) gave the team a .589 winning percentage for that span, ranked sixth in the NFL.

Lewis has led his teams to the postseason seven times, including a five-year run from 2011-15. The total number of playoff trips and the five-year streak of consecutive appearances are Bengals records, and the Bengals were one of only four NFL teams to reach the playoffs every year from 2011-15.

Lewis in 2018 ranks second among NFL head coaches in longest current tenure with one team, trailing only Bill Belichick, who is in his 19th straight season with New England. In the category of most seasons as head coach with one or more teams, Lewis ranks third among active coaches, behind Belichick (24th season in '18) and Andy Reid (20).

Lewis has developed an impressive "coaching tree" during his Bengals tenure. Five of his former assistants have become NFL head coaches, and four of those are leading teams in 2018. The list, including their teams and head coaching tenures, includes former Bengals offensive coordinators Jay Gruden (Washington, 2014-18) and Hue Jackson (Cleveland, '16-18), former defensive coordinators Leslie Frazier (Minnesota, '10-13) and Mike Zimmer (Minnesota, '14-18), and former defensive backs coach Vance Joseph (Denver, '17-18).

Lewis was the consensus choice for NFL Coach of the Year in 2009, when the Bengals won the AFC North Division while sweeping all six division games. The Bengals also were AFC North champions under Lewis in 2005, '13 and '15.

Named the ninth head coach in Bengals history on Jan. 14, 2003, Lewis started quickly. His '03 club finished 8-8, six games better than the '02 club, good for the biggest improvement in the NFL.

Lewis came to the Bengals with credentials as a record-setting NFL defensive coordinator, having played a huge role in a championship season. His six seasons (1996-2001) as Baltimore Ravens coordinator included a Super Bowl victory in '00, when his defense set the NFL record for fewest points allowed in a 16-game campaign (165). That team clipped 22 points off the previous mark. The 2000 Ravens are always an entry in discussions regarding the best NFL defensive units of all time.

In 2002, the season before he joined the Bengals, Lewis led the Washington Redskins to a No. 5 NFL defensive ranking, serving as assistant head coach as well as defensive coordinator.

He had his first NFL assignment from 1992-95, as linebackers coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He aided the development of four Pro Bowl players — Kevin Greene, Chad Brown, Levon Kirkland and Greg Lloyd. Greene has since been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Lewis began his coaching career as linebackers coach at his alma mater Idaho State from 1981-84. ISU's team (also nicknamed the Bengals) finished 12-1 in Lewis' first season there and won the NCAA Division 1-AA championship.

Lewis played LB at Idaho State, earning All-Big Sky Conference honors for

three consecutive years (1978-80). He also saw action at quarterback and free safety during his college career. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Idaho State in 1981, and earned his master's in athletic administration in '82. He was inducted into Idaho State's Hall of Fame in 2001.

Born Sept. 23, 1958, Lewis attended Fort Cherry High School in McDonald, Pa. (near Pittsburgh), where he was an all-conference quarterback and safety. He also earned high school letters in wrestling and baseball. He and his wife, Peggy, have a daughter, Whitney, and a son, Marcus. Marcus Lewis joined the Bengals' coaching staff for 2014 and remains on the staff for '18.

Mike Tomlin was named the sixteenth head coach in Steelers history when he replaced Bill Cowher on Jan. 22, 2007. His career record is 126-69-1.

Tomlin reached the playoffs four times in his first five seasons and he is the only coach in Steelers' history to win division titles each of his first two seasons. He became the youngest head coach (36 years, 323 days) in NFL history to win a Super Bowl when the Steelers defeated the Arizona Cardinals, 27-23, in Super Bowl XLIII on Feb. 1, 2009.

In 2017, Tomlin guided the Steelers to the AFC North division title for the sixth time in his 11-year reign. Pittsburgh has reached the postseason eight times under Tomlin's leadership, including each of the past four seasons.

In 2010, Tomlin's club won its third division title in a four-year span. In 2008, Tomlin directed the Steelers to a 12-4 record, winning his second-consecutive AFC North title. That season culminated with a Super Bowl triumph, making Tomlin one of only seven coaches in league history to win a Super Bowl within his first two seasons as an NFL head coach. In his first season, Tomlin guided the Steelers to a 10-6 record and their first AFC North title since 2004.

Tomlin was the Minnesota Vikings defensive coordinator in 2006 after spending the previous five seasons ('01-05) as defensive backs coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Tomlin coached one of the top defensive backfields in the NFL for the Buccaneers, culminating with its performance in Super Bowl XXXVII. The secondary recorded four interceptions, returning two for touchdowns to help Tampa Bay capture the franchise's only Super Bowl title.

Tomlin served two seasons as the defensive backs coach at the University of Cincinnati (1999-2000) before going to Tampa Bay. Prior to joining the Cincinnati staff, Tomlin had a short stint on the coaching staff at Tennessee-Martin and then spent two seasons at Arkansas State. He spent the 1996 season as a graduate assistant at Memphis. Tomlin began his coaching career in 1995 as wide receivers coach at Virginia Military Institute.

Tomlin was a three-year starter at wide receiver at William & Mary (1990-94) and finished his career with 101 receptions for 2046 yards and a school-record 20 TDs. A first-team, All-Yankee Conference selection in 1994, he established a school record with a 20.2 yards per catch average. He graduated in 1994 with a degree in sociology.

Tomlin was born in Hampton, Va., on March 15, 1972. He and his wife, Kiya, have two sons, Dino and Mason, and a daughter Harlyn Quinn.

Lewis vs. Steelers: The Steelers lead the series, 24-8.

Lewis vs. Tomlin: Tomlin leads the series, 18-5.

Tomlin vs. Bengals: Tomlin leads the series, 18-5.

BENGALS NOTES

A comeback for the record book: Cincinnati erased a 17-point deficit last week vs. Miami by scoring 27 unanswered points in the second half, including 24 in the fourth quarter, in a thrilling 27-17 come-from-behind victory. It was just the eighth time in Bengals history that the team rallied from a deficit of 17 or more points to win. Here is a look at those eight instances:

DATE	BENGALS' OPPONENT	DEFICIT	FINAL SCORE
9-6-81	Seattle Seahawks	21	W, 27-21
12-24-94	Philadelphia Eagles	17	W, 33-30
12-24-95	Minnesota Vikings	21	W, 27-24
11-3-96	at Baltimore Ravens	18	W, 24-21
8-31-97	Arizona Cardinals	18	W, 24-21
12-5-04	at Baltimore Ravens	17	W, 27-26
10-11-15	Seattle Seahawks	17	W, 27-24
10-7-18	Miami Dolphins	17	W, 27-17

The comeback also marked just the fourth time in Bengals history, and the first time since 2004, that Cincinnati scored at least 24 points in the fourth quarter. Here is a look at those four instances, which all were Cincinnati wins:

DATE	BENGALS' OPPONENT	4TH-QTR. POINTS	FINAL SCORE
12-17-72	at Houston Oilers	28	W, 61-17
12-17-78	Cleveland Browns	24	W, 48-16
12-5-04	at Baltimore Ravens	24	W, 27-26
10-7-18	Miami Dolphins	24	W, 27-17

Crunch-time Carlos' plays of the week: Where would the Bengals be this season without DE Carlos Dunlap? It's a question worth asking, because the ninth-year pro has played a central role in the biggest moments of Cincinnati's season thus far. Dunlap, who has four sacks so far this season, has made critical plays in the second halves of all five Bengals games this year. Here's a roundup of Dunlap's big plays in key moments so far this season.

- In Game 1 at Indianapolis, with the Bengals trailing by six points late in the third quarter, Dunlap sacked Andrew Luck for an eight-yard loss. The play pushed the Colts back to the Bengals' 37-yard line and set up a 55-yard FG attempt, which Indianapolis K Adam Vinatieri left just feet short. Cincinnati's offense would take advantage of the short field on the ensuing possession, and a Joe Mixon TD put the Bengals ahead for good.
- In Game 2 vs. Baltimore, with the Ravens driving in the third quarter and trying to cut into Cincinnati's 11-point lead, Dunlap raced around a blocker and hit the arm of Ravens QB Joe Flacco as he was releasing a deep pass. The hit caused the ball to fall well short of the intended receiver and into the arms of Bengals S Shawn Williams for an INT.
- In the fourth quarter of Game 3 at Carolina, Dunlap had batted a pass on third down to force a Panthers punt, a strip-sack of Cam Newton (Panthers recovered) and a tackle for a loss. All three plays came with the Bengals trailing by seven points and attempting to mount a comeback.
- In Game 4 at Atlanta, Dunlap sacked Matt Ryan on third-and-goal from the six-yard line in the third quarter. The sack forced a Falcons FG and allowed Cincinnati to maintain a one-point lead. Atlanta had considerable momentum at the time, after blocking a Bengals punt and recovering at Cincinnati's eight-yard line. The four saved points proved critical in the end, as Cincinnati went on to earn a narrow 37-36 win.
- In Game 5 vs. Miami, with Cincinnati clinging to a three-point lead late in the fourth quarter, Dunlap fought through a holding penalty (called on Dolphins OT Ja'Wuan James) and hit the arm of QB Ryan Tannehill, forcing a fumble that ended up in the hands of DE Sam Hubbard, who raced 19 yards for a TD that put the Bengals ahead 27-17 with 2:37 left to play. On the ensuing Dolphins possession, Dunlap again raced around James, causing Tannehill to scramble away from his pressure and force an errant throw downfield, which Bengals S Jessie Bates intercepted to help seal a Cincinnati win.

Dunlap, Atkins neck-and-neck in career sacks: Just 1.5 sacks separate Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap (68.5 career sacks) and DT Geno Atkins (67), who rank second and third, respectively, on Cincinnati's all-time sack list behind all-time leader Eddie Edwards (83.5). And after signing contract extensions on Aug. 28 that keep them in Cincinnati for the foreseeable future — Dunlap through 2021, Atkins through '22 — the race is on to see who catches Edwards first.

Atkins, who missed nearly half of the 2013 season with a torn ACL, has nearly double the number of sacks of the next-closest interior defensive lineman in Bengals history (Tim Krumrie, 34.5). Atkins has six sacks through five games this season, putting him on pace to top his career-high of 12.5, set in 2012. The

Bengals' record for sacks in a season is 22, set by DE Coy Bacon in 1976. Atkins has finished in at least a share of the NFL lead for sacks by an interior lineman five times in his eight NFL seasons, including in each of the last three seasons.

Dunlap, who turns 30 after the 2018 season, has averaged 8.1 sacks over his first eight seasons, while Edwards averaged just under seven over 12 seasons. The two-time Pro Bowler (2015 and '16) is already well on his way to topping that average this season, with four sacks in the Bengals' first five games. He also is on pace to top his career-high of 13.5 sacks, set in 2015, which were the second-most in Bengals history. Besides his 68.5 sacks, Dunlap's career totals include 18 FFs, eight FRs, 53 PDs, four blocked FGs and three TDs.

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

Dunlap's PD frenzy: Through the first five weeks of the NFL season, Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap has five passes defended, which leads all NFL defensive linemen and stands just two shy of the overall NFL lead.

The ninth-year defensive lineman is well on his way to topping his 2016 total of 15 PDs, which led all Bengals defenders and all other NFL defensive linemen. It was the first time since Cincinnati began recording defensive stats in 1976 that a Bengals defensive lineman had ever led the team in PDs.

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

PLAYER	POS	TEAM	PDs SINCE 2016
Carlos Dunlap	DE	Cincinnati	27
Alec Ogletree	LB	St. Louis/L.A. Rams/N.Y. Giants	23
Deion Jones	LB	Atlanta	23
Ryan Shazier	LB	Pittsburgh	20
Cameron Jordan	LB	New Orleans	19

Geno aims for another crown: Bengals DT Geno Atkins has gotten off to a strong start this season and again finds himself in a familiar position. Atkins' six sacks, which are tied for the NFL lead with Houston's J.J. Watt and Pittsburgh's T.J. Watt, are 2.5 more than any other NFL interior lineman, ahead of San Francisco's DeForest Buckner (3.5).

Last season, Atkins finished with the most sacks of any NFL interior defensive lineman (nine), marking the third consecutive season and fifth time in eight years he's finished in at least a tie for the top spot. He claimed the honor outright in 2012 (12.5 sacks), '16 (nine) and '17 (nine), while sharing it in '11 (7.5) and '15 (11).

Atkins has been selected to the Pro Bowl six times in his eight previous seasons. Those six selections are the most by any Bengals defensive lineman in team history — no other DL has had more than two — and tied with CB Lemar Parrish for the most by a Bengals defensive player (six). He currently stands at 67 career sacks, the most by a Bengals interior lineman and third overall.

Geno on HOF pace: Bengals DT Geno Atkins, who this year is playing his ninth NFL season, currently stands at 67 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. Only three DTs in NFL history had more sacks through their first eight seasons than Atkins' 61 entering 2018 — John Randle (85.5), Warren Sapp (72) and La'Roi Glover (61.5). Randle and Sapp are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

It should also be noted that Atkins missed nearly half of the 2013 season, due to a torn ACL.

Here's a look at the sack totals of notable Hall-of-Fame DTs through their ninth seasons, as well as where they stood at the end of their careers. (NOTE: This list includes only DTs whose careers started after 1982, when the NFL began counting sacks as official statistics.)

NAME	YEARS ACTIVE	THRU 9 SEASONS	CAREER SACKS
John Randle	1990-2003	96	137.5
Warren Sapp	1995-2007	77	96.5
Geno Atkins	2010-present	*67	*67
Cortez Kennedy	1990-2000	50.5	58

***NOTE:** Atkins is playing his ninth season in 2018.

Only A.J.: Cincinnati's A.J. Green was selected in 2017 to his seventh Pro Bowl in seven seasons, making him the only NFL receiver since the 1970 merger to start his career with seven consecutive Pro Bowl nominations. He is also the only Bengal at any position to make the Pro Bowl in each of his first seven seasons. Only one other Bengal, WR Isaac Curtis, made it for as many as his first four seasons (1973-76).

In total Pro Bowl selections, Green's seven selections move him ahead of WR Chad Johnson and CB Lemar Parrish (each with six) for second-most in Bengals history, behind Hall of Fame OT Anthony Munoz, who had 11.

Although he was selected last year, Green opted not to play in the Pro Bowl due to an injury. He also opted not to play in 2016, due to a hamstring injury that cut his season short after 10 games.

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

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

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

A.J. finds paydirt: Bengals WR A.J. Green has 62 receiving TDs since entering the NFL in 2011, which ranks sixth in the NFL over that span. Green is one of only six players with at least 60 receiving TDs. This season, Green has five receiving TDs (second in the NFL), thanks in large part to a three-TD performance in Game 2 vs. Baltimore.

Green entered 2018 with 57 receiving TDs, good for an 8.1 per-year average. It should also be noted that Green missed the final six games of 2016, due to a hamstring injury.

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

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEIVING TDs
Dez Bryant	Dallas	67
Rob Gronkowski	New England	67
Jimmy Graham	New Orleans/Seattle/Green Bay	65
Jordy Nelson	Green Bay/Oakland	66
Antonio Brown	Pittsburgh	64
A.J. Green	Cincinnati	62

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

Dalton and Green have yet to connect on a pass longer than 50 yards so far this season, after having three such plays in 2017.

The two have started 104 of a possible 117 regular-season games together over their eight seasons.

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

QB	WR	TEAM	NO. OF 50+ PASS PLAYS
Andy Dalton	A.J. Green	Cincinnati	21
Aaron Rodgers	Jordy Nelson	Green Bay	19
Matthew Stafford	Calvin Johnson	Detroit	15
Matt Ryan	Julio Jones	Atlanta	15
Eli Manning	Odell Beckham	N.Y. Giants	12

Dalton aims to go eight-for-3000: A season passing total of 3000 yards is not in itself a stupendous NFL feat — 22 passers reached it in 2017, and 25 reached it the previous season. But hitting 3000 in the first seven seasons of an NFL career still is an event worth noting. Bengals QB Andy Dalton achieved just that last season, when in Game 16 vs. Detroit he broke the 3000-yard barrier for the seventh time in seven seasons (ended the season with 3320 yards). Incidentally, Panthers QB Cam Newton, who was selected first overall in the same draft the Bengals took Dalton at No. 35, also achieved the feat in the

same week (Newton totaled 3302 yards).

Dalton and Newton now join cinch NFL Hall-of-Famer Peyton Manning as the only QBs in NFL history to go seven-for-3000. Manning reeled off 13 straight 3000-yarders before missing the 2011 season due to injury.

Dalton's 1445 passing yards through five games this season put him on pace for 4624 through 16 games. Dalton's career high for passing yards in a season came in 2013, when he passed for a Bengals-record 4293 yards.

Dalton chasing Kenny in TDs: Although he has been held out of the end zone since 2016, QB Andy Dalton still stands at 19 total TDs for his career, just one short of the franchise record for touchdowns by a QB, held at 20 by Ken Anderson. Dalton is playing his eighth season in 2018, while Anderson played 16 Bengals seasons (1971-86).

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

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

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

'Crazy Legs' Andy: QB Andy Dalton's 18 career rushing TDs not only puts him in rare company in team history, he's also among the best when compared to his current NFL peers. In the category of rushing TDs by a QB, only Carolina's Cam Newton, whose 57 rushing TDs are beyond similarity, ranks higher than Dalton since 2011. Dalton and Newton both entered the NFL in '11.

Russell Wilson (16), Tyrod Taylor (16) and Andrew Luck (14) round out the top five.

AD gets the 'W': Since entering the NFL in 2011, Bengals QB Andy Dalton has 67 regular-season wins. Only four QBs have more in that span. Here's a look league-wide at quarterbacks with the most regular-season wins since the beginning of the 2011 season.

QUARTERBACK	TEAM	WINS SINCE 2011
Tom Brady	New England	88
Alex Smith	San Francisco/Kansas City/Washington	71
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay	69
Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh	68
Andy Dalton	Cincinnati	67
Russell Wilson	Seattle	67

Ice-water Andy: Bengals QB Andy Dalton has led three game-winning drives thus far this season for Bengals. His career total of 23 game-winning drives is most in Bengals history, ahead of the 22 logged by former QB Boomer Esiason (1984-92, '97). A game-winning drive is defined as a drive that results in an offensive score in the fourth quarter or overtime that is responsible for putting the team ahead to stay (PATs included).

Since 2011, the year the Bengals drafted him, Dalton has the second most game-winning drives in the league, trailing only Lions QB Matthew Stafford, who has 30 in the same eight-season span.

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

QUARTERBACK	TEAM	GAME-WINNING DRIVES SINCE 2011
Matthew Stafford	Detroit	30
Andy Dalton	Cincinnati	23
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	22
Eli Manning	N.Y. Giants	21
Russell Wilson	Seattle	20
Drew Brees	New Orleans	20

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

- He is one of only three QBs in the Super Bowl era to lead a team to the postseason in each of his first five campaigns. Dalton did that from 2011-15, while Baltimore's Joe Flacco did it from '08-12 and Seattle's Russell Wilson did it from '12-16.
- Dalton has posted 45 career games with a passer rating of 100 or more, and the Bengals are 38-7 (.844) in those contests.
- Dalton's .596 winning percentage (66-45-2) is the best of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts, and ranks sixth among active QBs with 50 or more starts.

- Dalton holds club season records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33), both set in 2013.
- He is the only Bengals passer to throw for 300-plus yards in four consecutive games (2013).
- He opened his career with 77 consecutive regular-season starts, a Bengals record for quarterbacks at any point during a career. The previous mark had been 61, posted by Boomer Esiason from 1985-89. Dalton's streak ranks tied for fourth in NFL history for the start of a career by a QB, trailing only Peyton Manning of Indianapolis (208), Joe Flacco of Baltimore (122) and Russell Wilson of Seattle (100 and counting). Dalton is tied with Miami QB Ryan Tannehill, whose streak of 77 ended in 2016 due to an injury.

25 points does the trick: Since 2011, the rookie season of both QB Andy Dalton and WR A.J. Green, the Bengals own a 44-1-2 record (.957) when scoring 25 or more points. Only Miami has a better winning percentage, at .968 (30-1-0), when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals are already 4-0 when scoring 25 or more in 2018, after hitting the mark in wins over Indianapolis (34-23), Baltimore (34-23), Atlanta (37-36) and Miami (27-17).

Here are at 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	30	1	0	.968
Cincinnati Bengals	44	1	2	.957
Arizona Cardinals	35	3	0	.921
New England Patriots	73	7	0	.913
Kansas City Chiefs	43	5	0	.896

Bengals draft picks stick in NFL: There are currently 57 players on NFL rosters who entered the NFL as draft picks of the Bengals, the most of any NFL team (info as of Oct. 9). Bengals brass has long maintained the team's commitment to a 'draft-and-develop' strategy with its personnel, an approach that becomes clear with one glance at the team's roster.

Of the 53 players on the Bengals' active roster, 44 entered the NFL with Cincinnati, and of those players, only DE Michael Johnson, a third-round draft pick in 2009, has played elsewhere (spent 2014 with Tampa Bay, before rejoining Cincinnati as a free agent in '15). Thirty-seven of those players originated as draft picks of Cincinnati, including seven first-round picks, seven second-rounders, seven third-rounders, six fourth-rounders, four fifth-rounders, three sixth-rounders and three seventh-rounders. There are also seven players who entered the NFL as college free agent signees of Cincinnati.

Here's a look at the teams with the most draft picks currently on an active 53-man roster.

TEAM	DRAFT PICKS ON NFL ROSTERS
Cincinnati Bengals	57
Baltimore Ravens	45
San Francisco 49ers	44
Seattle Seahawks	44
Green Bay Packers	43

Marvin's youth movement 2.0: At an average age of 25.38 years old, the Bengals' roster on opening week this season was the youngest in the 16-year tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis, narrowly edging out last year's roster (25.45). Cincinnati also ranked as the second-youngest team in the NFL behind Cleveland (25.19), and came in well below the league average of 26.06. (Opening-week roster information, released each year by the NFL, is considered the baseline for comparing year-to-year roster information.)

The average age dipped this year thanks to seven picks from April's draft making the roster and the departures of veterans like CB Adam Jones, WR Brandon LaFell and S George Iloka. The Bengals' opening-week roster in 2017 ranked as the third-youngest in the NFL, behind Cleveland (24.17) and the L.A. Rams (25.11). Prior to 2017, Lewis' next-youngest opening-day rosters were in 2004 (25.7) and '11 (25.74).

Also on opening day, 35 of Cincinnati's 53 players were 25 years old or younger, compared to just 23 players in Week 1 last year. This year's total marks the most players 25 or younger ever on a Bengals opening-day roster, edging out the 1993 squad (34).

But perhaps the most telling sign of the youth movement is this — QB Andy Dalton and WR A.J. Green, who just a few short years ago were the faces of

Cincinnati's young offensive core, are currently the oldest players on the Bengals' offense (both 30 years old).

Three Big 12 DPOYs now in stripes: The Bengals this season have three players on their roster who earned at least a share of the Big 12 Conference's Defensive Player of the Year Award in each of the last three seasons.

In 2017, LB Malik Jefferson of Texas — now a Bengals rookie — shared the award with Ogbornia Okoronkwo of Oklahoma. Jefferson racked up a team-leading 110 tackles on the season, including 10 for losses and four sacks, and posted double-digit tackles in six of his team's 12 games.

In 2016, DE Jordan Willis of Kansas State — now in his second Bengals season — won the award outright, after recording 52 tackles, including 17.5 for losses and 11.5 sacks (led Big 12 and tied school record). Willis logged at least a shared sack in eight of 13 games in his senior season of 2016, and he left KSU tied for seventh in Big 12 history in career sacks (26). As a rookie last season, Willis saw time as a rotational player (played 31 percent of defensive snaps), and totaled 25 tackles, with one sack, and a blocked punt on special teams. This season, he was five tackles, including one for a loss, four QB hits, a pass defended and a fumble recovery.

In 2015, DT Andrew Billings of Baylor — now in his third season with the Bengals — shared the award with Emmanuel Ogbah of Oklahoma State. Billings totaled 40 tackles that season, including 14 for losses and 5.5 sacks. Billings missed his entire rookie season for the Bengals in 2016 due to a knee injury, before totaling 13 tackles as a rotational player in '17 (played 29 percent of defensive snaps). This season, Billings is serving as the team's No. 1 NT and has four tackles and two QB hits.

It should also be noted that the 2014 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, P.J. Dawson of Texas Christian, was a '15 Bengals draftee and was with the team through the '16 season.

Other former Bengals to win the award include CB Terence Newman of Kansas State (2002) and S Roy Williams of Oklahoma (2001). Newman was with the Bengals from 2012-14, and Williams was with the team from '09-10.

15 carries for Gio does the trick: Bengals HB Giovani Bernard missed last week's game vs. Miami with a knee injury, and his status for this week's game vs. Pittsburgh is uncertain. But in Games 3-4, Bernard saw an increased workload in the absence of No. 1 HB Joe Mixon, who was inactive due to a knee injury, and a historical trend regarding Bernard's usage in the ground game held true to form.

The Bengals are now 10-1-1 in games in which Bernard has at least 15 rushing attempts. In Game 4 at Atlanta, Bernard rushed 15 times (for 69 yards), and the Bengals took home a victory. But the previous week, Bernard totaled only 12 rushes (for 61 yards and a TD), and the Bengals came up short on the road at Carolina.

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

Gio sets sights on Brooks: HB Giovani Bernard in 2018 has re-started his long pursuit of the all-time Bengals leads in both receptions and receiving yards by a running back. With 244 receptions, Bernard stands 53 short of James Brooks' record of 297. And with 2138 receiving yards, Bernard is 874 short of Brooks' record of 3012. Brooks played eight seasons with the Bengals (1984-91), while 2018 is Bernard's sixth.

Last season, Bernard returned to action to play in every game, less than a year after suffering a torn ACL (Nov. 20, 2016 vs. Buffalo). He led the Bengals in yards per carry, at 4.4 (minimum five carries), while also adding 847 scrimmage yards and four total TDs (two receiving, two rushing).

Bernard averaged 1147 yards from scrimmage over his first three seasons (2013-15), before finishing with 673 scrimmage yards in his injury-shortened '16 campaign (10 games).

So far this season, Bernard has 14 catches for 78 yards.

Some very good rushing numbers: The Bengals have fallen just short of having a 100-yard rusher so far this season, with HB Joe Mixon rushing for 95, 84 and 93 yards in his three games played (missed Games 3-4 due to injury). Last year, the Bengals had two games in which a player reached 100 yards rushing — Game 11 vs. Cleveland, when Mixon gained 114 yards on 23 carries (5.0), and Game 15 vs. Detroit, when HB Giovani Bernard rushed for 116 yards on 23 carries (5.0).

Both of those performances came in winning efforts, bringing the Bengals' record under Marvin Lewis with a 100-yard rusher to an impressive 46-7-1

(.861). What's more, their record with a rusher who hits the 25-carry plateau is 39-2 (951). Reaching 30 rushes as a team usually spells success under Lewis as well. The Bengals were 4-1 when rushing 30 times as a team in 2017.

"It's not always the rushing yardage total that's most important," Lewis has said. "When you're running the ball a lot, it's a sign that even though the yardage will vary, you're controlling the ball, controlling the clock, and keeping your defense off the field. As it shows for us, that is going to be a winning combo.

"We love seeing a guy get 100 yards, but sometimes he can break one big gain and then get to 100 even though you may not be running as consistently well and controlling the game like you do when you get high-carry numbers."

A stat that matters: During the full term of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), a plus-differential in turnovers is linked to a big plus in wins. And the reverse has gone for a minus.

The Bengals are 78-19-1 in regular season under Lewis with a plus (.801 winning percentage), but they are only 19-70-2 with a minus (.220).

"It makes a huge difference," Lewis says. "You see it game after game. You have to possess the football to win. If you possess the football, good things happen. If you turn the ball over to opponents, you have a much harder day."

The Bengals' experience with turnovers under Lewis is backed up by league numbers. Since the start of the 2003 season, Lewis' first as head coach, here are the records of teams with varying turnover differentials.

(NOTE: Minus differentials are not included because they are the exact reverse of the plus figure for the same numbers.)

DIFFERENTIAL	W-L-T	PCT.
Plus 1.....	954-443-5	.682
Plus 2.....	763-159	.828
Plus 3.....	429-41-1	.912
Plus 4.....	222-6	.974
Plus 5.....	100-3-1	.966

Plus teams so far in 2018 are 46-13-2 (.770 winning percentage).

And when it's even? The Bengals are 32-24 under head coach Marvin Lewis in games when the turnover differential has been even, for a winning percentage of .571. The Bengals have won 15 of their last 23 with an even differential (.652), dating back to 2012, including 4-2 in '17 and 1-0 in '18.

Turnover tables are turned: During the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), the Bengals rank ninth in the NFL in turnover differential, at plus-42.

Prior to Lewis' tenure, the Bengals had posted a minus turnover differential for five straight years (1998-2002).

Since 2003, NFL teams with just a plus-one differential have won 68.2 percent of those games. At plus-two, the percentage has been 82.8. Teams with any plus have won at a 79.0 percent clip.

Here are the top nine teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England Patriots.....	450	282	+168
Seattle Seahawks.....	418	350	+68
Kansas City Chiefs.....	406	338	+68
Carolina Panthers.....	448	387	+61
Green Bay Packers.....	414	357	+57
Indianapolis Colts.....	388	337	+51
Atlanta Falcons.....	398	349	+49
Baltimore Ravens.....	436	387	+49
Cincinnati Bengals.....	424	382	+42

Since 2003, the Bengals rank tied for sixth in takeaways (424) and 10th in points off turnovers (1295).

The Huber roundup: Already a considerable presence in the Bengals' record book, P Kevin Huber is set to take over first place this year in two more Bengals career punting categories.

The 10th-year pro currently stands at 713 career punts 33 short of Lee Johnson (746) for the Bengals' all-time lead. Huber passed Pat McInally (700) for second place in team history in Game 2. McInally played 10 Bengals seasons (1976-85), while Johnson played 11 (1988-98).

Huber also figures to take over first place in career punting yards. Currently he's second with 32,172 yards, just 24 behind Johnson's record of 32,196.

A Bengals fifth-round selection in the 2009 draft, Huber has particularly excelled throughout his career at pinning opponents inside the 20-yard line.

In 2016, just his eighth season, Huber passed Johnson (186) for most inside-20 punts in team history. He's now up to 245 career inside-20 punts.

Huber also owns the franchise's all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (4.15-to-1, with 245 inside-20s and 59 touchbacks).

Huber's other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

- He is the franchise leader in career gross average (45.1) and net average (39.70).

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

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

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

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

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

Four Bengals hail from Queen City: The Bengals this season have four players — LB Preston Brown, DE Sam Hubbard, P Kevin Huber and DT Adolphus Washington — who grew up in Greater Cincinnati.

Brown, who grew up in College Hill and attended Northwest High School, is in his first year with the Bengals, after spending his first four NFL seasons with the Buffalo Bills. His 504 tackles from 2014-17 were a league-best, and his 144 tackles in '17 led all defenders. After signing with Cincinnati as an unrestricted free agent in March, Brown called the opportunity "living out a dream."

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

Hubbard, a Moeller High School alum, is in his rookie season, after a standout career at Ohio State. The Bengals selected Hubbard in the third round (77th overall) of April's draft, and the rookie has already worked his way into the defensive line rotation. In Game 5 vs. Miami, Hubbard recovered a fumble and ran 19 yards for a TD, helping to seal a Bengals win.

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

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2009. He has played in all but two games over his 10-year career in Cincinnati, and he currently stands as the Bengals' career leader in both gross (45.1) and net (39.7) punting average.

"It's already been an amazing nine years," he said of his time in Cincinnati. 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."

Washington, a graduate of Taft High School, was signed by the Bengals off of the Cowboys' practice squad on Sept. 26. Washington was originally drafted in the third round of the 2016 draft by the Buffalo Bills, where he played in 31 games (21 starts) and totaled 56 tackles and 3.5 sacks before being waived on Sept. 11.

"Everybody has a dream of going to the NFL, and also the dream of playing for their hometown team," Washington said after signing. "Right now, I'm just living out that dream."

Bengal bites: Marvin Lewis' winningest month has been November (33-26-1, .558), followed closely by September (30-24-0, .556). His teams are also above .500 in December/January (38-33-0, .535 [regular season]). Lewis' only losing month has been October (28-30-2, .483) ... In Game 5 vs. Miami, DEs Michael Johnson (INT return) and Sam Hubbard (fumble return) both scored TDs in the fourth quarter, helping the Bengals to a 27-17 win. It was the first time in Bengals history that two defensive linemen scored TDs in the same game. It was also the first time two defensive linemen scored TDs in the same quarter since Dec. 10, 1989, when Minnesota's Keith Millard and Tim Newton both scored in a Vikings win vs. Atlanta. ... The attendance of 91,653 on Oct. 9, 2016, at Dallas was the largest ever for a Bengals regular-season game, topping a house of 87,786 for a 2004 visit to FedEx Field in Washington. The largest crowd for any Bengals game remains 92,045, for a 1990 season playoff game against

the Los Angeles Raiders at the L.A. Coliseum ... The tallest Bengal is DE Michael Johnson, who is 6-7 ... There is a tie for shortest Bengals player between K Randy Bullock and HB Giovani Bernard, who are both 5-9 ... There is

a tie for the heaviest Bengals player between OT Cordy Glenn and DT Josh Tupou, who are both 345 pounds ... There is a tie for lightest Bengals player between WR John Ross and CB Darius Phillips, who are both 190 pounds ... The oldest Bengal is LS Clark Harris, who is 34 (born July 10, 1984) ... The youngest Bengal is HB Mark Walton, who is 21 (March 29, 1997).

BENGALS QUOTES

Offensive coordinator Bill Lazor, on others noticing the success of the Bengals' 2018 offense:

"I'd rather people not talk about us. Nobody talked about us all offseason or all training camp, and we were doing just fine. We'll just be quiet and do our thing."

Lazor, on WR Tyler Boyd:

"The guy's a football player. He's a playmaker, he's smart, and he has great physical abilities which show up. We shouldn't be surprised anymore when we see him catch passes for first downs (on third downs and fourth downs) because we see it happen frequently. He knows he can help win games, and he plays every play the same way. ... He understands how to do it. We talk all the time about 'play speed.' Guys have different 40 times, but the key is, when the ball is snapped, how fast a player plays. He can play with really great play speed and still be under control—he can change direction and not lose a lot of speed."

QB Andy Dalton, on WR Tyler Boyd getting open during scrambles:

"He does a great job with reacting once I'm out of the pocket. I think for him at that point, it ends up being backyard football—just go get open. He does a great job of that. He understands the game really well, and he understands what we are trying to do, so it's natural for him, and it shows on those plays."

WR A.J. Green, on WR Tyler Boyd:

"That guy works his butt off every day. He's confident, and he's got great hands. He's a dog out there. You can't cover him one-on-one with the way he can separate in the seam."

WR Tyler Boyd, on connecting with QB Andy Dalton on scrambles:

"We always work on the scramble drill. When I see him (Dalton) rolling out, I have to find an open space on the field. Andy does a great job escaping the pocket and finding open targets."

Dalton, on WR A.J. Green:

"If he's not in there, he's watching the other guys, and if he sees something he thinks he can give them help with, he'll do it. It's his personality. He's not going to be outspoken or looking to get noticed doing it. He has the guys' respect. Not only is he the best player on this team, but he's also one of the best players in the NFL."

Former Bengals WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh, on WR John Ross (Houshmandzadeh and Ross worked together in the 2018 offseason):

"The quarterback says, 'Set, hut!' and he's gone. He's not just fast. He's quick. He's got good lateral quickness. And he's got some size. He's bigger than you think. He's 5-11 and 190 (pounds). He's short, but he's not small. He's got some thickness to him."

HB Joe Mixon, on the progression of WR John Ross after an injury-filled rookie season:

"I really feel like John (Ross) is going to come out strong in this offense. I would bet on it. John is a gifted athlete—very, very talented—and I feel like he's going to have something in store for us."

Mixon, on the Bengals' new-look offense:

"The offense can be very dynamic. It can be one of the best in the NFL. Everybody's got to come show up to work each and every day. No matter how good the team is, if the chemistry is there, everything is going to fall into (place). I really feel like we can be one of the very best (offenses) in the NFL because the talent we have is unbelievable."

Bengals RBs coach Kyle Caskey, on Mixon:

"He's a very disciplined runner right now, and a very disciplined student. He's grown up. As a rookie (last year), he really didn't know what he was getting himself into at times. Now, he has been through it. He has a different mindset now than he had then. He really has taken ownership of where he's at on the team at this point."

Lazor, on HB Giovani Bernard:

"To me the guy is a warrior. Coming off the knee surgery two years ago and what he did last year, I just think he's a warrior. He really is physically unique being able to do what he does with his stature—to play the way he plays. He finishes runs, he doesn't run out of bounds, and he doesn't go down easily. I have great respect for him."

Lazor, on the ability of G/C Trey Hopkins to play both guard and center:

"He's obviously helped us have success before as a guard. I think it's a great credit to him that, when he did come in (at center in Game 2), we had no communication problems and we had no snap problems. One of the first things the center has to do before he has to worry about blocking the nose guard is get the calls right and get the snap, and he did that. That was a great credit to him. We have a lot of faith in Trey. He's helped us play winning football before."

DE Carlos Dunlap, on the Bengals' defensive line:

"We want to lead the league in sacks, whatever number it takes. We definitely have the depth. This is one of the few times we've had this many guys that can get after it. I remember back in 2012, the young guys were coming in as the pass rushers. Now they're the starters and we have young guys again coming in to rush—guys like Carl Lawson and Jordan Willis, plus Sam Hubbard is going to be a really good addition to the rotation. This is one of the best D-lines I've been a part of, pass-rushing wise."

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on DE Sam Hubbard:

"He has been way ahead of the curve. We're just excited about that. He's going to really complement and add to our football team right away. I'm just excited because he's probably out here a little mature beyond his years right now. ... He'll be part of our rotation in the defensive line group. That's what I see for him looking into the future, very early, right away this year. That's what we were looking for when we picked him."

Defensive coordinator Teryl Austin, on the defensive line playing well in the fourth quarter:

"I think the rotation on our line helps. We don't have guys playing a lot of plays throughout the game. They're fresh at the end and can get after the quarterback. It makes the game easy to call when you know they're going to push the pocket back and harass the quarterback. We emphasize being able to finish games and close out games, and so far this year, our guys have been good at it."

Austin, on DT Geno Atkins:

"He's outstanding, and boy, is he different—in a good way. He can just wreck a game. You can't single block the guy. And if you do, you do so at your own risk. He's tenacious, he's got different moves, he's strong and he's quick. Boy, he's fun to watch. He impacts the game both in the run and the pass. That's what is unique about him. That's what really makes him special. On one sack (earlier this season), he beat the guy so fast that I don't know what you ask the quarterback to do. He really is unbelievable. He does stuff you can't teach. That guy really has worked at his craft and he's got a great feel for the game. He makes it very tough for our opponents."

Baltimore Ravens QB Joe Flacco, on DT Geno Atkins, DE Carlos Dunlap and the Bengals' defensive line:

"Their front seven is really good. Geno Atkins is arguably the best at his position. Carlos Dunlap is a monster—he deflects balls, he gets to the quarterback and pins his ears back. They don't rely on pressure by blitzing a lot. They rely on those guys to get to the passer."

DT Geno Atkins, on being an older leader on the defensive line:

"I embrace them. I used to be one of those young guys coming in and having veterans like Domata Peko, Robert Geathers and Tank Johnson to help me along the way. Now it's come full circle. Now I am doing the same thing by helping them. If I make them better, it's going to help the team in the long run. If everybody gets better, the team wins."

Atkins, after signing a contract extension in August that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2022 season:

"They are the team that drafted me. I love this city and the organization. It's something to have legacy here. I think it's important to finish where I started. We have unfinished business here. Carlos (Dunlap, who also signed an extension) and I want to bring a Super Bowl to Cincinnati."

Atkins, on the relation between age and career length in today's NFL:

"I don't really consider age honestly, with today's sports science, advancements in how to take care of your body, and all of the knowledge that goes into what we do now with modalities. The training staff helps to try to keep us fresh for game day with their cold tubs, hot tubs, NormaTec (compression) and (electrical) stimulation. I think age isn't even a factor any more. Guys now can continue their career — barring any injuries — until their mid-30s."

Austin, on DE Sam Hubbard:

"The first thing is, I think he's a really smart football player. He's picked up the things that we are doing technique-wise and scheme-wise, and he's doing a really good job of applying them. ... I am excited about Sam and the prospects of the type of player he will be. I think he has a chance to be a really good player — a solid player. He's one of those guys that you know what you are going to get day in and day out, and when you are trying to call a defense and put a defense together, it's important to know the pieces you have. I think he can be a really solid piece in the years to come."

DE Carl Lawson, on the Bengals' young defensive line:

"We definitely feed off each other, and I hope, when we get into the regular season, we'll be able to have that rotation. The best teams in the league have a good rotation where guys aren't getting tired and there isn't a dropoff when guys go in or come out. I think we have that here. Hopefully, we carry that into the season."

LB Vontaze Burfict, on the prospect of playing with LB Preston Brown, who signed as an unrestricted free agent in the offseason:

"I think it's going to work out well. He was the league's leading tackler last year and he's a good communicator, so in the long run, he's going to help us. I'm excited to play with him. We're both 250 (pounds), and Nick (Vigil) is the fast guy of the group. We all will scheme off of each other, guide each other and talk to each other. We'll understand what's coming before it comes."

S Jessie Bates, on his development on defense:

"Confidence in getting in there and getting your feet wet has been huge. You get comfortable, not only with the coaches, but with the players on the field you are playing with. I'm a younger guy, so I have to communicate with older guys for them to feel comfortable that I know my stuff, so we can play fast as a defense."

Austin, on S Jessie Bates:

"When we watched video of him playing in college, we knew he had really good movement and range. He was really good at getting around the ball. The biggest question was how he would be as a tackler in the NFL. He has shown a willingness to tackle, and he's been a really solid tackler. He takes really good angles and gets guys down. That was the only question we needed answered, and he has answered it."

Lewis, on CB/nickel DB Darqueze Dennard:

"Darqueze had a really strong season last year, and he has continued to grow. More importantly, he has been our quarterback on defense. He (performs) a great deal of verbal communication between the corners and safeties. It's pretty cool to see him grow in that way."

"At one point early last season, he thought playing that spot (nickel DB) was a downgrade. I said, 'No, no, no. That's the most important guy. That's the guy that's setting things in place and making a lot of decisions. He works with the corners, linebackers and the safeties.' When I told him it was the position that was always the most valuable spot wherever I have coached, I think he embraced it."

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: With a 67-45-2 regular-season record as a starter, eighth-year pro **Andy Dalton** owns the top winning percentage (.596) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts (next-best is Virgil Carter, who was 12-10, for a .545 percentage). Dalton has posted a QB rating over 100 in three out of five games this season, with all three coming in Bengals wins. For the season he is 123 of 187 for 1445 yards, 12 TDs and seven INT (89.0 rating). Dalton's 12 passing TDs is tied for third in the NFL. In Game 4 at Atlanta, Dalton passed for over 300 yards (337), for the second consecutive week, his 24th career 300-yard game, passing Boomer Esiason for most in Bengals history. Dalton is the Bengals' all-time leader in career passer rating (89.0), and is second in career completions (2340) and completion percentage (62.51). Last season, he and Carolina's Cam Newton joined Peyton Manning as the only NFL passers to hit 3000 passing yards in each of their first seven seasons. Dalton's 179 career TD passes against 100 INTs works out to a ratio of 1.79-1, the best in Bengals history ahead of second-place Carson Palmer at 1.54-to-1 (154-100). Dalton has posted 45 career games with a passer rating at 100 or above, and the Bengals' record in those contests is 38-7 (.844). Dalton led Cincinnati to the playoffs in each of his first five seasons (2011-15), joining Baltimore's Joe Flacco as the only QBs to do that in the Super Bowl era (Seattle's Russell Wilson has since joined that list, from '12-16). Dalton this season is backed up by **Jeff Driskel**, a third-year player who has spent the last two seasons with the Bengals. Last season, Driskel landed on Reserve/Injured after suffering a hand injury in the preseason finale. Driskel originally joined the Bengals in 2016 prior to Week 1, as a waiver acquisition from San Francisco. In college, Driskel played for Louisiana Tech in 2015, after spending his first four collegiate seasons at Florida. As a senior at Louisiana Tech, Driskel passed for 4033 yards (third in school history) and 27 TDs.

Running backs: Second-year HB **Joe Mixon**, a 2017 second-round pick out of Oklahoma, is Cincinnati's No. 1 HB for '18. Mixon has started his 2018 season with 351 yards from scrimmage on 69 touches — 60-for-272 and a TD rushing, nine-for-79 and a TD receiving. Mixon missed Games 3 and 4 due to knee injury. He returned Game 5 vs. Miami and totaled 115 yards from scrimmage, including 22 carries for 93 yards and three catches for 22 yards and a TD. His 18-yard receiving TD was the first of his career and came at a crucial moment early in the fourth quarter, cutting the Dolphins' lead to just seven points and sparking a Bengals comeback. Last year, Mixon began his rookie season as Cincinnati's No. 3 HB and was slowly worked into the rotation. And despite battling injuries late in the season, Mixon ended the 2017 as the team's leader in

carries (178), rushing yards (626) and rushing TDs (four), and added 30 catches for 287 yards. In just two years of action at Oklahoma, and despite splitting time in the Sooners' backfield, he posted lofty career totals of 300 carries for 2027 yards (6.8) and 17 TDs, along with 65 receptions for 894 yards (13.8) and nine TDs. Returning for his sixth season is HB **Giovani Bernard**, who played in every game last year after suffering a torn ACL in November of 2016. Bernard, who was the team's 2017 Ed Block Courage Award recipient, has rushed 34 times for 155 yards (4.6) and three TDs this season, along with 14 catches for 78 yards (5.6). In Game 4 at Atlanta, had 96 total yards (69 rushing, 27 receiving) and had two rushing TDs. It was the third time in his career he has rushed for two TDs in a game, and the first time since 2014 vs. Tennessee. In Game 3 at Carolina, Bernard started in place of the injured Mixon and rushed 12 times for 61 yards and a TD. He also added five catches for 25 yards. A knee injury sidelined Bernard for Game 5 vs. Miami, and his status for this week's game is uncertain. Bernard ranks second in Bengals history in both receptions (244) and receiving yards (2138) by a RB, trailing only James Brooks (297 and 3012), who played seven Bengals seasons from 1984-91. In 2015, Bernard set a team record for receiving yards in a game by a RB, with 128 at Arizona. In 2014, his 89-yard TD run vs. Carolina counted as the second-longest rush in team history. New to the Bengals' RBs room this year is rookie fourth-round pick **Mark Walton** of Miami (Fla.). So far this season, Walton has five rushes for nine yards, and four receptions for 31 yards. Walton made his NFL debut in Game 3 at Carolina, but recorded no statistics. In Game 4 at Atlanta, Walton rushed five times for nine yards and caught two passes for 28 yards. Walton, who was touted by NFL scouts for his athleticism and versatility, played three seasons for the Hurricanes. In 30 career games at Miami, he compiled 2630 total yards (2006 rushing, 624 receiving) with 28 TDs (26 rushing, two receiving). As a sophomore in 2016, his only full season as starter, he rushed for the seventh-most yards (1117) and third-most rushing TDs (14) in school history. HB **Thomas Rawls** was signed on Sept. 19 after an injury to Mixon. The fourth year player spent 2015-17 with Seattle, where he totaled for 1336 rushing yards and seven TDs. He was a member of the New York Jets this training camp before being released as part of final cuts. Rawls made his Bengals debut in Game 5 vs. Miami, but recorded no statistics.

Wide receivers: **A.J. Green**, who turned 30 in July, returns for his eighth season as a pro and leads a young Bengals receiving corps. Green this season has caught 26 passes for 409 yards and five TDs (tied for No. 2 in NFL). His four TDs in the first two games were the most ever by a Bengals WR through

the first two games of a season. In Game 4 at Atlanta, Green caught a game-winning 13-yard TD pass with seven seconds remaining to give the Bengals a 37-36 win. He finished the game with four catches for 78 yards and a TD. In Game 2 vs. Baltimore, Green totaled five catches for 69 yards and three TDs, all of which came in the first half. In Game 5 vs. Miami, recorded his first 100 yard receiving game of the season, catching 6 passes for 112 yards. Green was selected last year to the Pro Bowl in the initial vote for the seventh time in seven NFL seasons, making him the only WR since the 1970 merger to start his career with seven consecutive Pro Bowl nominations (he did not play in the Pro Bowl game due to injury). Green's seven Pro Bowl selections also rank second in Bengals history, behind HOF OT Anthony Munoz (11). Green stands second in Bengals history in career receptions (582) and receiving yards (8622); Chad Johnson, who played 10 Bengals seasons, is first in both categories (751 and 10,783). He has reached 1000 receiving yards in six of his seven seasons, with his injury-shortened 2016 season (10 games, 964 yards) serving as the only outlier. In Game 5 vs. Miami his 112 receiving yards surpassed Chad Johnson for most 100-yard games in team history with 32. Green's 10 career games with at least 150 yards and one TD are the most among active players. Third-year pro **Tyler Boyd**, who will turn 24 in November, suddenly finds himself as a veteran in Cincinnati's receiving corps this season. Boyd this season leads the Bengals in catches (30) and is second on the team in receiving yards (393), and has two TDs. In Game 2 vs. Baltimore, Boyd recorded six catches for 91 yards, while also hauling in a TD. He followed that in Game 3 at Carolina with a career high in receiving yards (132) on six catches, and he added a 27-yard TD reception. It was Boyd's first game of 100 or more receiving yards. In Game 4 at Atlanta, Boyd recorded a career-high 11 receptions for 100 yards. It was his first career game of 10 or more receptions. Boyd played a significant role on the Bengals' game-winning TD drive at Atlanta, with four total catches, including a third-down conversion and two fourth-down conversions that kept the drive alive. Boyd, who has played primarily as a slot receiver, was slowed by a knee injury for much of the 2017 season, but he managed to finish his season on the ultimate high note. In the 2017 season finale at Baltimore, Boyd caught a 49-yard TD on fourth-and-12 with 44 seconds remaining, putting the Bengals ahead for a dramatic 31-27 win. Boyd has also caught at least one pass in all 29 of his games played. Second-year pro **John Ross** began the season with heavy anticipation surrounding him, and he's delivered with seven catches for 79 yards and two TDs. Ross' first career catch came in Game 1 at Indianapolis, and it went for a three-yard TD. In Game 4 at Atlanta, he caught a 39 yard TD, the longest catch of his career, and finished the game with two catches for 52 yards and a TD. Ross missed Game 5 vs. Miami with a groin injury, and his status for this week's game is uncertain. Ross, the Bengals' first-round pick (ninth overall) in the 2017 draft, gained notoriety in the pre-draft process when at the 2017 NFL Combine he ran a blistering 4.22-second 40-yard dash, considered to be the fastest in the history of the combine's marquee event. As a rookie though, Ross was slowed by shoulder and ankle injuries. He saw only limited time in three games, before being placed on Reserve/Injured in early December. Ross participated in the Bengals' offseason program and was a full participant in training camp. Another second-year WR looking to make a major sophomore jump is **Josh Malone**. Last season, Malone was eased into playing time, and saw action in 11 games (seven starts), with six catches for 63 yards and a TD. Malone, considered a deep-ball threat, averaged a school-record 19.4 yards per reception in 2016 at Tennessee. Returning for a third Bengals season is **Alex Erickson**, a 2016 college free agent signee of the Bengals, who has served as the team's No. 1 PR and KOR since his rookie season. For the season, Erickson has four catches for 32 yards, and one rush for eight yards. In Game 4 at Atlanta, injuries to the Bengals' RBs forced Erickson into action at HB (one rush for eight yards). As a rookie in 2016, Erickson averaged an AFC-best 27.9 yards (second-best in team history) on punt returns. On Sept. 8, Erickson signed a two-year contract extension that lasts through the 2020 season. Also returning is WR **Cody Core**, a third-year player out of the University of Mississippi who saw extended time on offense as a rookie in 2016 after Green was lost for the season due to injury. Core, who is considered a key player on special teams, was inactive for Games 1-2 due to a back injury. New this season is WR **Auden Tate**, a seventh-round Bengals draft selection out of Florida State. At 6-5, 228 pounds, Tate is a big-bodied, sure-handed receiver known for his proficiency in the red zone — 15 of his 16 career TD catches at FSU came from the 20-yard line or closer. Tate has been inactive for all five games so far this season.

Tight ends: The Bengals will lean heavily upon fourth-year pros **Tyler Kroft** and **C.J. Uzomah**, after star TE **Tyler Eifert** suffered a serious ankle injury in Game 4 at Atlanta that landed him Reserve/Injured. So far this season, Kroft has four catches for 36 yards. Kroft stepped up in Eifert's absence last season to

log career-highs in catches (42), receiving yards (404) and TDs (7). Kroft had two different two-TD games last season — Game 4 at Cleveland and Game 16 at Baltimore — making him the first Bengal with two or more multi-TD games in a season since 2015. Uzomah has caught nine passes for 117 yards and a TD this season. Uzomah is also a key figure on the Bengals' special teams units, and last season ranked second on the team with 12 special teams tackles. Also returning this season is 2017 seventh-round pick **Mason Schreck**, who made a successful roster bid after a strong training camp and preseason. Schreck spent his rookie season on Reserve/Injured, after suffering a knee injury in preseason. Schreck has played in four games so far this season (no statistics).

Offensive linemen: In March, the Bengals acquired OT **Cordy Glenn** in a trade with Buffalo, helping secure the LOT position with a proven and reliable veteran. The 6-6, 345-pound Glenn is in his seventh NFL season in 2018, and has played in 83 career games (82 starts). Glenn played collegiately at Georgia, where in his first three seasons he played alongside Bengals veteran LG **Clint Boling**. Boling, an eighth-year player in 2018, is the longest consecutively tenured lineman on the roster. Last season, Boling was one of only two Bengals to play all 962 offensive snaps. In the season's final two games, with the Bengals' starting OTs out due to injury, Boling filled in admirably as the starting LOT, helping Cincinnati to two wins. Boling also started two games at ROT in 2014. The Bengals used their first-round selection (21st overall) in April's draft on Ohio State's **Billy Price**, who is the team's No. 1 center this season. Price, though, suffered a foot injury in Game 2 at Baltimore, and has missed Games 3-5. His status for this week's game vs Pittsburgh is uncertain. Last year, in his first-ever season playing center, Price earned unanimous All-American honors and was named the Rimington Trophy winner as college football's top center. Price was a four-year starter for the Buckeyes — his first three seasons were at G — and his 55 career starts set a school record. A two-time captain at OSU, Price was noted by scouts for his leadership, intelligence and powerful blocking. Listed as the No. 1 RG is **Alex Redmond**. Redmond saw action along the OL in the final two games last season, and helped the Bengals to two wins. Last year, Redmond occasionally served as an extra defensive lineman in goal line situations. Close observers will also notice a much slimmer Redmond in 2018, as the G dropped significant weight over the offseason. Redmond is listed at 310 pounds, after being listed at 330 last season. OT **Bobby Hart** is listed as the Bengals' No. 1 ROT. Hart joined the Bengals over the offseason, after spending his first four seasons with the New York Giants. Hart has played in 38 career games (26 starts). Adding depth to the line is third-year pro **Trey Hopkins**. Hopkins was thrust into action at C in Game 2 vs. Baltimore, after Billy Price left with a foot injury. Made first career start at C Game 3 at Carolina. Hopkins has been praised by coaches for his versatility, and has lined up at all five OL positions in practice. Hopkins battled injuries throughout 2017, but managed to play in 13 games (12 starts). OT **Cedric Ogbuehi**, the Bengals' first-round draft selection out of Texas A&M in 2015, will also add valuable depth to the line. Ogbuehi has played in 33 career games (25 starts), however each of his last two seasons have ended prematurely due to injury. Ogbuehi saw action at both ROT and LOT in 2016 and '17. OT **Jake Fisher**, a second-round Bengals draft choice in 2015, adds more depth at OT. Fisher was the Bengals' No. 1 ROT in 2017, but his season ended after eight games when he was placed on the Reserve/Non-football Illness list. As a rookie in 2015, Fisher served as a "big TE" in extra-blocker formations and saw time at H-back as an injury replacement. He had a 31-yard catch in 2015 vs. San Diego in the extra-TE spot, the longest in history by a Bengals OL and longest by an NFL OL since 1988. Providing depth at G is third-year pro **Christian Westerman**. Westerman made his NFL debut last season in Game 15 vs. Detroit and helped pave the way for a 100-yard rushing game by HB Giovanni Bernard.

Defensive linemen: Ninth-year DT **Geno Atkins** is tied for the NFL lead in sacks (six) through Week 5, and leads all other interior defensive linemen by 2.5 sacks. Atkins has finished in at least a tie for the NFL lead in sacks by an interior defensive lineman in five of his eight previous seasons — he claimed it outright in 2012, '16 and '17, and he shared it in '11 and '15. In Game 5 vs. Miami, Atkins had two sacks of Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill. Atkins in 2017 was voted to his sixth Pro Bowl in eight campaigns, the most ever by a Bengals defensive lineman and tied with CB Lemar Parrish for the most by a Cincinnati defender. With 67 career sacks, Atkins stands 1.5 sacks shy of teammate **Carlos Dunlap** (68.5) for second place in team history. Atkins passed LB Reggie Williams (62.5) for third place in Game 2 vs. Baltimore, when he had two sacks. DE Eddie Edwards is the franchise's all-time leader with 83.5. Dunlap has four sacks so far this season, and his five PDs is second on the team. In Game 1 at Indianapolis, his sack proved critical, as it pushed the Colts' FG attempt back to 55 yards, and K Adam Vinateri's kick fell just feet short. In Game 2 vs. Baltimore, he hit QB Joe Flacco's arm as he attempted a pass, altering the flight of the ball and forcing an INT. In Game 3 at Carolina, he strip-sacked Cam

Newton in the fourth quarter as Cincinnati attempted to rally, however Carolina recovered. In Game 5 vs. Miami, Dunlap strip-sacked Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill late in the fourth quarter, resulting in a fumble recovery return for a TD to put the Bengals ahead 10 points with 2:37 remaining. Known for batting passes at the line, Dunlap led the team in 2016 with 15 PDs, becoming the first Bengals defensive lineman to ever lead the team in that category. Dunlap's career-best 13.5 sacks in 2015 were the second-most in a season in team history, behind DE Coy Bacon's 22.0 in 1976. For his career, Dunlap has 18 FFs, eight FRs, 53 PDs, four blocked FGs and three TDs. Listed at DE this season, after spending his rookie season at LB, is **Carl Lawson**. Lawson recorded a team-high 3.5 sacks in preseason, including 2.5 in preseason Game 3 at Buffalo. Lawson led all NFL rookies in sacks (8.5) in 2017, and enters 2018 widely considered to be one of the NFL's best young pass-rushers. In Game 4 at Atlanta, Lawson recorded his first sack of the season when he took down Matt Ryan late in the fourth quarter on second-and-12 inside Cincinnati's 20 yard line. The defense held on third down and forced Atlanta to settle for a field goal and kept it a one possession game. Lawson's 8.5 sacks in 2017 fell one short of the Bengals' rookie record of 9.5, set by Dunlap in 2010. Lawson burst onto the scene last season in Game 3 at Green Bay, when he recorded 2.5 sacks of Aaron Rodgers (another sack was negated by an unrelated penalty). Third-year pro **Andrew Billings** returns this season and is listed as the No. 1 NT alongside Atkins. A fourth-round Bengals draft selection in 2016, Billings missed his entire rookie season with a knee injury (meniscus tear) suffered early in the team's training camp. He returned last season to play in 15 games (seven starts), in a rotational role at NT. At RDE, veteran **Michael Johnson** returns for his 10th NFL and ninth Bengals season. Johnson suffered a knee injury early in Game 2 at Baltimore, and missed Game 3 at Carolina. He returned for Game 4 at Atlanta and recorded one tackle. In Game 5 vs. Miami, Johnson intercepted deflected pass by Ryan Tannehill and raced 22 yards for a TD that helped spark a Bengals comeback win. It was Johnson's first career TD. Johnson, the Bengals' 2017 nominee for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award, was originally a third-round Bengals draft pick in 2009. He spent his first six seasons in Cincinnati, before signing with Tampa Bay as a UFA in 2014 and then returning to the Bengals in '15. Johnson played in 15 games last season and led the defensive line in tackles (49), with five sacks and 11 TFLs. Johnson has played in 134 of a possible 135 games (including postseason) during his Bengals tenure. Second-year DE **Jordan Willis** has seen increased time on defense this year, after seeing action on 31 percent of the Bengals' defensive snaps as a rookie last season. Willis has played in all five games this season, with a start at RDE in Game 3 in place of the injured Johnson. Willis, a third-round draft pick out of Kansas State in 2017, totaled 25 tackles, a sack and a blocked punt as a rookie. Cincinnati football fans have a local to watch in DE **Sam Hubbard**, a Cincinnati native and former standout at Moeller High School and Ohio State. The Bengals selected Hubbard in the third round (77th overall) of April's draft. Hubbard has 11 tackles, a sack and a FR so far this season. In Game 5 vs. Miami, Hubbard made the play of the game when he recovered a Ryan Tannehill fumble (forced by Dunlap) and returned it 19 yards for a TD. The score put Cincinnati ahead by 10 points with 2:37 remaining, effectively sealing a Bengals win. He shined in Game 2 vs. Baltimore, when he logged his first career sack, made a TFL and was a regular contributor on defense. Hubbard has also served as a lead-blocker for the Bengals in goal line situations, and helped HB Joe Mixon to a one-yard TD in Game 1 at Indianapolis. In 40 career games at OSU, Hubbard totaled 116 tackles, including 29.5 for losses and 17 sacks. DT **Josh Tupou**, a 2017 CFA out of Colorado who saw action in one game as a rookie, provides depth at NT. At 345 pounds, Tupou is the heaviest Bengal on the roster and a prototypical run-stuffer. The Bengals signed DT **Adolphus Washington** on Sept. 26, after placing DT **Ryan Glasgow** on Reserve/Injured (knee). Washington, a Cincinnati native (Taft High School) and former Ohio State standout, was a third-round pick of Buffalo in 2016. Washington has played in 32 career games (21 starts), and has 56 tackles and 3.5 sacks. Washington made his Bengals debut in Game 5 vs. Miami (one tackle).

Linebackers: New to the Bengals' LB room this season is MLB **Preston Brown**, a Cincinnati native (Northwest High School) who the Bengals signed in March as a UFA. Brown got his Bengals career off to a fast start in Game 1 at Indianapolis, when he snagged an INT at the Cincinnati seven-yard line on the Colts' first offensive possession. But he suffered an ankle injury against the Colts, and in Game 2 vs. Baltimore missed his first career game due to injury. Brown returned in Game 4 at Atlanta and recorded six tackles. For the season, Brown has 13 tackles, with an INT and pass defended. Brown spent his first four seasons in Buffalo, where he played in all 64 possible games (62 starts) and accumulated an NFL-best 504 tackles between 2014-17. Brown led the NFL

in tackles last season, with 144. At WLB, **Vontaze Burfict** made his 2018 debut in Game 5 vs. Miami, after missing the first four games due to a suspension. Burfict recorded seven tackles vs. Miami. Originally a CFA signee of the Bengals in 2012, Burfict has become a cornerstone of Cincinnati's defense. Despite playing in only 10 games last season, Burfict totaled 69 tackles, 1.5 sacks, two PDs and a FF. He also had the Bengals' two highest single-game tackle totals — 13 on Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo, and 12 on Nov. 19 vs. Denver. At SLB, **Nick Vigil** returns after an injury-shortened 2017. Vigil leads the Bengals in tackles (49) through five games, and he ranks third in the NFL. Despite missing the final five games due to injury, Vigil finished 2017 ranked fourth on the team in tackles (77). After being selected by the Bengals in the third round of the 2016 draft, Vigil saw limited time on defense as a rookie before earning the No. 1 SLB spot in 2017 preseason. At WLB, **Jordan Evans**, a sixth-round Bengals draft selection in 2017, looks to build on a solid rookie season in which he started the final four games due to injuries to the starting LBs. Evans, who filled in at WLB in Games 1-4 during Burfict's suspension, has 16 tackles so far this season. Evans played in 15 games as a rookie and totaled 33 tackles, seeing action on 27 percent of the defensive snaps and 55 percent of special teams snaps. Second-year LB **Hardy Nickerson** a 2017 CFA signee of the Bengals, has been a key contributor to the defense and has 21 tackles so far this season. As a rookie last season, Nickerson played in 14 games, with two starts, and totaled 14 tackles. Veteran **Vincent Rey**, the longest-tenured LB on the roster, led the team in tackles (84) last season for the third time in his eight Bengals seasons. Originally a 2010 CFA signee out of Duke, Rey began his career as a core special teams player before growing his role to include regular LB duties on defense. Rey has the ability to play all three LB spots, and is considered a veteran leader on the defense. A hamstring injury last season caused Rey to miss Games 11-12, ending a streak of 108 straight games played; those were the only two games Rey has missed since his NFL debut in Game 15 of 2010. Rey holds the distinction as the only player in Bengals history to log three sacks and one INT in a game (Nov. 10, 2013 at Baltimore). Rookie **Malik Jefferson** of Texas, a third-round pick in April's draft, will look to add depth to the LB corps in his first NFL season. Noted by scouts for his speed and athleticism, Jefferson played three seasons at Texas and last year was named the Big 12 Co-Defensive Player of the Year after totaling 110 tackles, including 10 for losses and four sacks.

Defensive backs: Third-year pro **William Jackson** is in his first season as Cincinnati's full-time starter at RCB. So far this season, Jackson has 11 tackles and four passes defended. Jackson was the Bengals' first-round draft selection in 2016, but his rookie season was lost in training camp when he suffered a torn pectoral muscle prior to the first preseason game. Jackson burst onto the scene in 2017 though, earning increased playing time at RCB as the season progressed. He finished the season with 25 tackles and 14 PDs, including a 75-yard pick-six of Aaron Rodgers in Game 3 at Green Bay; it was only the second pick-six of Rodgers' career. Manning the LCB spot is veteran **Dre Kirkpatrick**, who is in his fourth season as a full-time starter. So far this season, Kirkpatrick has 16 tackles and his six PDs are one shy of the NFL lead. Kirkpatrick has 10 career INTs, including two returned for TDs, in 80 career games. CB **Darqueze Dennard**, considered the team's primary nickel CB, has played in all five games this season, with three starts at nickel DB. He has 24 tackles with two passes defended this season. The 2014 first-round pick enjoyed his best season as a pro in '17, leading the team in INTs (two) and finishing second in tackles (83). Noted for his versatility, Dennard was the only player in the secondary to start at more than one position in 2017, as his six starts included two games each at RCB, LCB and nickel DB. Dennard recorded his first-career pick-six in last season's finale at Baltimore, when he intercepted a pass at the Bengals' 11 and weaved through defenders on the way to an 89-yard return for a TD. At SS, veteran **Shawn Williams** is in his third season as starter. In Game 2 vs. Baltimore, Williams recorded an INT and forced a key fumble on Ravens QB Joe Flacco late in the fourth quarter, thwarting a Ravens comeback effort and helping seal a Bengals win. Williams battled injuries throughout 2017 and was limited to 11 games, but he still managed 49 tackles, one INT, three PDs and two FRs. Rookie S **Jessie Bates**, the Bengals' second-round draft pick, takes over the No. 1 FS position, after the release of veteran S George Iloka on Aug. 19. Iloka had held the No. 1 FS spot since 2013. Through five games, Bates leads the Bengals in INTs (two) and ranks second in tackles (32). In Game 2 vs. Baltimore, Bates recorded his first career INT, when on the first drive he picked off Ravens QB Joe Flacco and returned it 21 yards to help set up a Bengals TD. In Game 5 vs. Miami, Bates' interception of Dolphins QB Ryan Tannehill late in the fourth quarter helped seal a 27-17 Bengals win. In three seasons at Wake Forest, Bates totaled 179 tackles, including nine for losses, with six INTs, nine pass breakups and two FFs. Third-year pro **Clayton Fejedelem** was the hero of Game 1 at Indianapolis, when he forced a fumble on Colts TE Jack Doyle, recovered it and returned it 83 yards for a game-sealing

TD. The play came with 24 seconds left in the game, as the Colts were driving for a possible game-winning TD. For the season, Fejedelem has 13 tackles, to go with his FF and FR for a TD. Fejedelem saw extended time on defense last season in Williams' absence, and totaled 42 tackles and an INT. Originally a seventh-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2016, Fejedelem has become a special teams ace, and last year led the team with 16 special teams tackles. Adding depth to the Bengals' CB rotation is rookie fifth-round pick **Darius Phillips**. Phillips finished his career at Western Michigan as one of the top defensive/special teams playmakers in college football history, with an FBS record 12 total returns for TDs (five KOR, one PR, five INT, one FR... also had two receiving TDs). Phillips' five career pick-sixes tied for the most in FBS history. S **Brandon Wilson**, a sixth-round Bengals draft pick out of Houston in 2017, started his rookie season on Cincinnati's practice squad. He was promoted to the active roster in November and played in the team's final eight games. Wilson developed into a key special teamer, and finished with five ST tackles. He has two ST tackles so far this season. Providing depth at CB is second-year pro **Tony McRae** (CB), who spent 2016 and '17 between the Bengals' practice squad and roster. McRae has one pass defended on defense, and leads the special teams in tackles (four).

Special teams: Seventh-year pro **Randy Bullock** has started his season seven-for-nine on FGs (one miss came on a block) and 18-for-18 on PATs. Bullock owns an 82.0 career percentage on FGs (108 of 131) and 96.0 percentage on PATs (146 of 152). Last season, Bullock made a career-best 90 percent of his FGs (18 for 20). Bullock also made 93.9 percent of his PATs (31 of 33), his best percentage for a season since the PAT distance was moved to 33 yards in 2015. Bullock, who was acquired on waivers from Pittsburgh during the

2016 season, has NFL experience with five teams — Houston, N.Y. Jets, N.Y. Giants, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. Veteran long-snapper **Clark Harris** in 2017 became the first-ever Bengals LS to earn a Pro Bow nod. Harris has been a paragon of reliability since taking over as Cincinnati's LS in 2009, with no unplayable snaps in 1336 attempts as a Bengal (709 punts and 626 placekicks). During a Pro Bowl practice last season, Harris set a new Guinness World Record for longest recorded snap at 36 yards, eight inches, breaking the previous record of 34 yards by Jase Whitner of Perrysburg, Ohio in 2017. P **Kevin Huber**, the longest consecutively tenured Bengal on the roster, enters his 10th season as a pro. Huber, a Cincinnati native (Archbishop McNicholas High School) and University of Cincinnati alum, originally joined the Bengals in 2009 as a fifth-round draft choice. Huber is the Bengals' career leader in both gross (45.12) and net (39.70) punting average, as well as total inside-20s (245). Huber also shares the franchise record for longest punt, at 75 yards. Huber has served as the holder on placekicks his entire career. Listed as the No. 1 PR and KOR is third-year WR **Alex Erickson**. As a rookie in 2016, Erickson's 27.9-yard average on KORs was tops in the AFC and the second-best mark in Bengals history. Through five games in 2018, Erickson is averaging 31.0 on KORs with a season long of 47 Game 4 at Atlanta. Listed as Erickson's backup at both positions is rookie CB Darius Phillips, who in college at Western Michigan had five career KORs for TDs and one PR for a TD. Also listed as backups in the return game are WR **Tyler Boyd**, who is listed as the third-string PR, and S **Brandon Wilson**, who is listed the third-string KOR. Wilson had two KORs for TDs in college at Houston. The Bengals in 2018 also return the core of their special teams coverage units, headed by S **Clayton Fejedelem**, who had a team-best 16 ST tackles last season, and TE **C.J. Uzomah**, who was second with 12. DB **Tony McRae** currently leads the team in ST tackles, with four, and also has a forced fumble.

IMPORTANT DATES

2018

- 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 for a period not to exceed 21 days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period, provided that no player may be activated to participate in a Week 6 game.
- 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.
- Mid-Oct. — 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 after the final roster reduction.
- Mid-Oct. — 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 weeks have elapsed since the date he was placed on Reserve.
- Oct. 16-17 — Fall League Meeting, New York, New York.
- Oct. 30 — All trading ends for 2018 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
- Oct. 31 — 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. 13 — At 4 p.m. Eastern, the signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive offer sheets.
- Nov. 13 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, the 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 the NFL in 2018.
- Nov. 13 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, the deadline for clubs to sign their unrestricted free agents to whom the "May 8 Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are

- prohibited from playing in the NFL in 2018.
- Nov. 13 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, the 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 the NFL in 2018.
- Nov. 13 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, the deadline for clubs to sign their drafted rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in the NFL in 2018.
- Dec. 12 — League Meeting, Irving, Texas.
- Dec. 30 — Week 17.
- Dec. 31 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the rookie contract of a drafted rookie who was selected in any round of the 2016 NFL Draft. Any permissible renegotiated or extended player contract will not be considered a rookie contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit rookie contracts.
- Dec. 31 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2016 NFL Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Dec. 31, 2018, but prior to May 3, 2019.

2019

- Jan. 5-6 — Wild Card Playoffs.
- Jan. 6 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that have byes in the Wild Card weekend may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of the Wild Card games.
- Jan. 12-13 — Divisional Playoffs.
- Jan. 13 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that won their Wild Card games may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of Divisional Playoff games.
- Jan. 14 — Deadline for college players that are underclassmen to apply for special eligibility. A list of players who are accepted into the NFL Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 18.
- Jan. 19 — East-West Shrine Game, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- Jan. 20 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 26 — Senior Bowl, Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Alabama.
- Jan. 27 — NFL Pro Bowl, Camping World Stadium, Orlando, Florida.
- Jan. 27 — An assistant coach, whose team is participating in the Super

(Important dates, continued)

	Bowl, who has previously interviewed for another club's head coaching job may have a second interview with such club no later than the Sunday preceding the Super Bowl.		
Feb. 3	— Super Bowl LIII, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia.	March 13	— permitted to communicate directly with a new club's front office officials (excluding the head coach and other members of the club's coaching staff) regarding contract negotiations.
Feb. 19	— First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.		
Feb. 26-Mar. 4	— Combine Timing and Testing, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.		
March 5	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, the deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	March 13	— The 2019 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. time. The first day of the 2019 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 13. Clubs will receive a personnel notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern, and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 13.
March 11-13	— During the period beginning at noon Eastern on March 11 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 13, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with, the certified agents of players who will become unrestricted free agents upon the expiration of their 2018 player contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern on March 13. However, a contract cannot be executed with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern on March 13. During the above two-day negotiating period, a prospective unrestricted free agents who is not represented by an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor is	March 13	— Trading period for 2019 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2018 contracts.
		March 24-27	— Annual League Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.
		April 1	— Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2018 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
		April 15	— Clubs with returning head coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
		April 19	— Deadline for restricted free agents to sign offer sheets.
		April 24	— Deadline for prior club to exercise right of first refusal to restricted free agents.
		April 25-27	— NFL Draft, Nashville, Tennessee.

THE LAST BENGALS-STEELERS MEETINGS

2017 SEASON

WEEK 7, GAME 6

Pittsburgh Steelers 29, Cincinnati Bengals 14
Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017 at Heinz Field

Cincinnati's offense and defense had an uneven balance between them in the game's two halves that led to the disappointing defeat. Entering the game, the Bengals ranked No. 2 in the NFL in both average net yards allowed (262.8) and average points allowed (16.6). But in the first half alone, the Bengals gave up nearly their average in net yards allowed to the Steelers (251) and more than their average in points (20). The Bengals' first-half offense fared better, matching the Steelers TD-for-TD for a 14-14 tie before the Steelers added two FGs in the last two minutes of the half. In the final two quarters, the Cincinnati defense rebounded and held Pittsburgh to just 169 net yards and three FGs, but the Bengals' offense was unable to match. The Steelers recorded two INTs and four sacks in the second half, while holding the Bengals to just 19 net yards and zero points in those last two periods. The Bengals fell to 2-4 while the Steelers improved to 5-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	7	0	0	—	14
Pittsburgh.....	7	13	6	3	—	29

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT

Pitt. — A.Brown 7 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick)	1-9:25
Cin. — B.LaFell 6 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	1-0:10
Pitt. — J.Smith-Schuster 31 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick)	2-12:52
Cin. — T.Kroft 1 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	2-7:12
Pitt. — C.Boswell 22 field goal	2-1:50
Pitt. — C.Boswell 24 field goal	2-0:00
Pitt. — C.Boswell 41 field goal	3-7:23
Pitt. — C.Boswell 49 field goal	3-5:28
Pitt. — C.Boswell 25 field goal	4-5:14

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 65,363. **Time:** 3:03.

TEAM STATISTICS CIN. PITT.

First downs.....	11	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-11	2-11
Total net yards.....	179	420
Net yards rushing.....	71	152
Net yards passing.....	108	268
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	30-17-2	25-15-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-32	0-0
Punts-average.....	5-50.0	2-45.0
Punt returns-yards.....	1-19	1-7
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-61	1-16
Penalties-yards.....	5-54	1-5
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	24:25	35:15

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	7	48	25	0	L.Bell	35	134	15	0
G.Bernard	3	8	8	0	J.Conner	3	19	10	0
A.Dalton	3	8	8	0	M.Bryant	1	2	2	0
J.Hill	4	7	5	0	T.Watson	1	0	0	0
					B.Roethlisberger	3	-3	0	0
TOTALS	17	71	25	0	TOTALS	43	152	15	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	30	17	140	2-2	B.Roethlisberger	24	14	224	2-0
					R.Golden	1	1	44	0-0
TOTALS	30	17	140	2-2	TOTALS	25	15	268	2-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
B.LaFell	4	28	9	1	A.Brown	4	65	23	1
T.Kroft	4	23	10	1	L.Bell	3	58	42	0
A.Green	3	41	16	0	J.Smith-Schuster	2	39	31t	1
J.Mixon	3	20	8	0	V.McDonald	2	37	28	0
A.Erickson	1	22	22	0	D.Heyward-Bey	1	44	44	0
C.Uzomah	1	7	7	0	X.Grimble	1	12	12	0
G.Bernard	1	-1	-1	0	E.Rogers	1	10	10	0
					M.Bryant	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	17	140	22	2	TOTALS	15	268	44	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Rey 4-4-8, P.Sims 4-4-8, N.Vigil 3-5-8, S.Williams 6-1-7, D.Dennard 5-2-7, C.Dunlap 4-1-5, M.Johnson 3-2-5, R.Glasgow 1-4-5, G.Iloka 3-1-4, V.Burfit 2-2-4, G.Atkins 1-1-2, K.Minter 1-1-2, A.Billings 1-0-1, A.Erickson 1-0-1, W.Jackson 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1, D.Kirkpatrick 0-1-1, C.Lawson 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** W.Jackson 2, D.Kirkpatrick 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Shazier 5-3-8, T.Watt 5-1-6, T.Alualu 4-0-4, C.Heyward 4-0-4, S.Davis 3-1-4, M.Hilton 2-2-4, B.Dupree 1-2-3, J.Hargrave 1-2-3, V.Williams 2-0-2, A.Burns 1-0-1, R.Golden 1-0-1, J.Haden 1-0-1, M.Mitchell 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** B.Dupree 1-13, T.Alualu 1-11, T.Watt 1-7, C.Heyward 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** J.Haden 1-1, W.Gay 1-(-1). **PD:** A.Chickillo 1, S.Davis 1, W.Gay, J.Haden 1. **FF:** S.Davis 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

2017 SEASON

WEEK 13, GAME 12

Pittsburgh Steelers 23, Cincinnati Bengals 20
Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals put themselves in good position early to secure a win against one of the top two teams in the AFC, jumping out to a 17-0 first-half lead on the strength of a balanced offense and a solid defense. The Bengals outgained the Steelers by 127 yards in the first two periods (253-126), converting six of eight third downs while allowing Pittsburgh to convert just one of five. CB Adam Jones intercepted a Ben Roethlisberger pass on the Steelers' first drive, leading to an early FG by K Randy Bullock. QB Andy Dalton completed 16 of 23 passes for 173 yards, two TDs and no INTs in the first half, twice hitting WR A.J. Green for scores — on eight-yard and 15-yard TD passes. Pittsburgh added their own FG as the half concluded. After a relatively even third quarter in which both teams scored once, Cincinnati still owned a 10-point lead heading into the final period. But in that fourth quarter, the Bengals' fortunes turned sour as Pittsburgh outgained the Bengals by 145 yards (158-13), recorded 11 first downs to the Bengals' zero, had more than an eight-minute advantage in time of possession (11:21-3:39) and scored 13 unanswered points. The Steelers won the game on the final play, converting a 38-yard FG as time expired. Cincinnati fell to 5-7, while Pittsburgh improved to 10-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Pittsburgh.....	0	3	7	13	—	23
Cincinnati.....	10	7	3	0	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT

Cin. — R.Bullock 35 field goal	1-10:48
Cin. — A.Green 8 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	1-0:41
Cin. — A.Green 15 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	2-0:31
Pitt. — C.Boswell 30 field goal	2-0:00
Pitt. — L.Bell 35 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick)	3-8:58
Cin. — R.Bullock 41 field goal	3-3:33
Pitt. — C.Boswell 37 field goal	4-10:07
Pitt. — A.Brown 6 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick)	4-3:51
Pitt. — C.Boswell 38 field goal	4-0:00

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 56,029. **Time:** 3:25.

TEAM STATISTICS PITT. CIN.

First downs.....	24	19
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-12	7-14
Total net yards.....	374	353
Net yards rushing.....	92	130
Net yards passing.....	282	223
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	40-24-1	36-21-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-8	2-11
Punts-average.....	4-44.5	5-49.2
Punt returns-yards.....	2-7	2-9
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-38	2-29
Penalties-yards.....	7-66	13-173
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	29:49	30:11

RUSHING

PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
L.Bell	18	76	16	0	G.Bernard	13	77	13	0
J.Conner	3	12	10	0	J.Mixon	7	34	10	0
B.Roethlisberger	1	4	4	0	A.Dalton	2	19	11	0
TOTALS	22	92	16	0	TOTALS	22	130	13	0

PASSING

PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Roethlisberger	40	24	290	2-1	A.Dalton	36	21	234	2-0
TOTALS	40	24	290	2-1	TOTALS	36	21	234	2-0

RECEIVING

PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Brown	8	101	24	1	A.Green	7	77	17	2
L.Bell	5	106	35t	1	B.LaFell	4	55	27	0
M.Bryant	4	40	15	0	T.Kroft	2	30	19	0
J.Smith-Schuster	4	17	7	0	G.Bernard	2	19	16	0
J.James	1	13	13	0	T.Boyd	2	15	12	0
X.Grimble	1	9	9	0	J.Malone	2	9	6	0
E.Rogers	1	4	4	0	C.Uzomah	1	21	21	0
					J.Mixon	1	8	8	0
TOTALS	24	290	35	2	TOTALS	21	234	27	2

DEFENSE

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Williams 4-5-9, S.Davis 5-2-7, C.Sensabaugh 5-1-6, T.Matakevich 4-2-6, R.Golden 2-2-4, M.Hilton 2-0-2, S.Tuitt 2-0-2, A.Burns 1-1-2, B.Dupree 1-1-2, R.Shazier 1-1-2, A.Chickillo 1-0-1, L.Fort 1-0-1, W.Gay 1-0-1, C.Heyward 1-0-1, A.Moats 1-0-1, T.Watt 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** V.Williams 1-8, B.Dupree 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** A.Burns 2, L.Fort 1, C.Heyward 1, M.Hilton 1, C.Sensabaugh 1, C.Sutton 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Kirkpatrick 7-0-7, D.Dennard 1-6-7, V.Burfit 3-3-6, J.Evans 3-2-5, G.Iloka 2-3-5, M.Johnson 3-1-4, K.Minter 3-1-4, J.Shaw 3-1-4, G.Atkins 2-2-4, W.Jackson 1-2-3, C.Dunlap 1-1-2, C.Fejedem 0-2-2, A.Jones 1-0-1, C.Lawson 1-0-1, C.Smith 1-0-1, R.Glasgow 0-1-1, P.Sims 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** A.Jones 1-0. **PD:** W.Jackson 2, C.Dunlap 1, A.Jones 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, C.Smith 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Cincinnati Bengals 34, Indianapolis Colts 23 Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 at Lucas Oil Stadium

The Bengals captured their first win in Indianapolis since 1997, thanks to 24 unanswered points in the second half that were punctuated by an 83-yard scoop-and-score by reserve S Clayton Fejedelem with 24 seconds left, as the Colts were attempting to drive for a game-winning TD. Fejedelem had been thrust into extended action after starting SS Shawn Williams was ejected for a personal foul penalty in the first half. The defense gave up 319 passing yards and two TDs to Colts QB Andrew Luck, who made his first start since the 2016 season. Big plays on defense by the Bengals were key. In addition to Fejedelem's FR, LB Preston Brown had an INT at the Cincinnati seven-yard line on the Colts' first drive, and DE Carlos Dunlap sacked Luck at the end of the third quarter to push a Colts FG attempt back to 55 yards (Colts K Adam Vinatieri's attempt fell short). On offense, QB Andy Dalton posted a 109.7 passer rating, his highest in 10 games while HB Joe Mixon had 149 yards from scrimmage (95 rushing, 54 receiving) and a TD.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	3	7	7	17	—	34
Indianapolis.....	3	13	7	0	—	23

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — R.Bullock 42 field goal.....	1-8:20
Ind. — A.Vinatieri 21 field goal.....	1-1:23
Ind. — E.Ebron 26 pass from A.Luck (A.Vinatieri kick).....	2-12:02
Ind. — A.Vinatieri 38 field goal.....	2-3:01
Cin. — J.Ross 3 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	2-1:44
Ind. — A.Vinatieri 51 field goal.....	2-0:02
Ind. — T.Hilton 5 pass from A.Luck (A.Vinatieri kick).....	3-8:13
Cin. — A.Green 38 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	3-4:09
Cin. — J.Mixon 1 run (R.Bullock kick).....	4-11:07
Cin. — R.Bullock 39 field goal.....	4-3:57
Cin. — C.Fejedelem 83 fumble return (R.Bullock kick).....	4-0:24

Missed FGs: A.Vinatieri (55SH). **Attendance:** 58,699. **Time:** 3:04.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	IND.
First downs.....	19	24
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-8	11-17
Total net yards.....	330	380
Net yards rushing.....	101	75
Net yards passing.....	229	305
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	28-21-1	53-39-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-14	2-14
Punts-average.....	2-48.0	2-47.5
Punt returns-yards.....	1-(-1)	1-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-42	2-54
Penalties-yards.....	8-94	7-91
Fumbles-lost.....	2-1	1-1
Time of possession.....	27:12	32:48

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	IND.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	17	95	27	1	J.Wilkins	14	40	12	0
A.Dalton	2	8	7	0	N.Hines	5	19	6	0
G.Bernard	1	-2	-2	0	C.Michael	2	9	8	0
					A.Luck	1	7	7	0
TOTALS	20	101	27	1	TOTALS	22	75	12	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	IND.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	28	21	243	2-1	A.Luck	53	39	319	2-1
TOTALS	28	21	243	2-1	TOTALS	53	39	319	2-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	IND.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	6	92	38t	1	R.Grant	8	59	13	0
J.Mixon	5	54	21	0	J.Doyle	7	60	13	0
T.Eifert	3	44	29	0	N.Hines	7	33	17	0
T.Boyd	3	26	17	0	T.Hilton	5	46	13	1
G.Bernard	1	11	11	0	E.Ebron	4	51	26t	1
T.Kroft	1	9	9	0	J.Wilkins	3	21	8	0
C.Uzomah	1	4	4	0	C.Rogers	3	18	8	0
J.Ross	1	3	3t	1	Z.Pascal	1	18	18	0
					E.Swoope	1	13	13	0
TOTALS	21	243	38t	2	TOTALS	39	319	26t	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** N.Vigil 11-0-11, C.Fejedelem 9-1-10, J.Bates 8-0-8, R.Glasgow 3-2-5, P.Brown 4-0-4, W.Jackson 4-0-4, H.Nickerson 4-0-4, G.Atkins 3-1-4, D.Kirkpatrick 3-0-3, D.Dennard 2-1-3, J.Evans 2-1-3, C.Dunlap 2-0-2, S.Williams 2-0-2, M.Johnson 1-0-1, A.Billings 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-8, G.Atkins 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** P.Brown 1-2. **PD:** D.Kirkpatrick 3, P.Brown 1, D.Dennard 1, C.Dunlap 1. **FF:** C.Fejedelem 1. **FR-YDS.:** C.Fejedelem 1-83.

Indianapolis (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Leonard 6-3-9, C.Geathers 7-0-7, N.Hairston 6-0-6, A.Walker 5-0-5, M.Hooker 4-0-4, M.Hunt 3-0-3, A.Woods 0-3-3, M.Farley 2-0-2, K.Moore 2-0-2, S.Moore 2-0-2, D.Autry 1-0-1, A.Muhammad 1-0-1, J.Sheard 1-0-1, Q.Wilson 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** M.Hunt 2-14. **INT.-YDS.:** K.Moore 1-32. **PD:** K.Moore 1, J.Sheard 1. **FF:** M.Farley 1, C.Geathers 1. **FR-YDS.:** D.Leonard 1-0.

WEEK 2, GAME 2

Cincinnati Bengals 34, Baltimore Ravens 23 Thursday night, Sept. 13, 2018 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals scored 28 first-half points, including TD passes by QB Andy Dalton on four of the team's first five possessions, and then held on late for the win. Three of Dalton's TDs went to WR A.J. Green, who had the first three-TD game of his decorated career. The Bengals held the Ravens without a sack despite 42 pass attempts by Dalton, who finished with a 107.7 passer rating. The Bengals' defense allowed 425 total yards, but it had four sacks and three takeaways. S Shawn Williams made perhaps the game's biggest play when he sacked Ravens QB Joe Flacco and forced a fumble the Bengals recovered with 2:52 left. K Randy Bullock's ensuing 40-yard FG extended the Bengals' lead to 11 and secured the win. The Bengals improved to 2-0, while the Ravens fell to 1-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Baltimore.....	0	14	3	6	—	23
Cincinnati.....	14	14	0	6	—	34

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — A.Green 4 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	1-10:35
Cin. — A.Green 32 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	1-6:26
Cin. — A.Green 7 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	2-13:02
Balt. — J.Allen 1 run (J.Tucker kick).....	2-8:20
Cin. — T.Boyd 14 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	2-2:58
Balt. — M.Andrews 1 pass from J.Flacco (J.Tucker kick).....	2-0:08
Balt. — J.Tucker 55 field goal.....	3-12:30
Balt. — J.Brown 21 pass from J.Flacco (pass failed).....	4-9:35
Cin. — R.Bullock 28 field goal.....	4-2:59
Cin. — R.Bullock 40 field goal.....	4-2:25

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 50,018. **Time:** 3:26.

TEAM STATISTICS	BALT.	CIN.
First downs.....	28	24
Third down conversions-attempts.....	7-16	5-13
Total net yards.....	425	373
Net yards rushing.....	66	108
Net yards passing.....	359	265
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	55-32-2	42-24-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-17	0-0
Punts-average.....	3-56.3	6-40.2
Punt returns-yards.....	1-(-2)	2-24
Kickoff returns-yards.....	1-32	3-56
Penalties-yards.....	7-51	9-92
Fumbles-lost.....	2-1	1-0
Time of possession.....	28:10	31:50

RUSHING

BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
A.Collins	9	35	14	0	J.Mixon	21	84	21	0
J.Allen	6	8	6	1	G.Bernard	6	27	11	0
J.Flacco	3	8	3	0	J.Ross	1	-3	-3	0
M.Williams	1	7	7	0					
L.Jackson	2	6	5	0					
C.Moore	1	2	2	0					
TOTALS	22	66	14	1	TOTALS	28	108	21	0

PASSING

BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Flacco	55	32	376	2-2	A.Dalton	42	24	265	4-0
TOTALS	55	32	376	2-2	TOTALS	42	24	265	4-0

RECEIVING

BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
M.Crabtree	5	56	17	0	T.Boyd	6	91	27	1
W.Snead	5	54	19	0	A.Green	5	69	32t	3
J.Allen	5	36	16	0	G.Bernard	4	15	8	0
J.Brown	4	92	45	1	C.Uzomah	3	45	29	0
A.Collins	3	55	24	0	T.Eifert	2	23	16	0
M.Williams	3	31	25	0	T.Kroft	2	11	6	0
M.Andrews	3	17	11	1	J.Ross	1	8	8	0
N.Boyle	2	26	17	0	J.Mixon	1	3	3	0
C.Moore	2	9	5	0					
TOTALS	32	376	45	2	TOTALS	24	265	32t	4

DEFENSE

Baltimore (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Jefferson 6-3-9, P.Onwuasor 3-5-8, E.Weddle 6-1-7, M.Humphrey 5-2-7, K.Young 4-3-7, T.Young 4-0-4, M.Judon 3-0-3, B.Carr 2-1-3, C.Wormley 2-0-2, B.Urban 1-1-2, M.Pierce 0-2-2, B.Williams 0-2-2, P.Ricard 1-0-1, Z.Smith 1-0-1, T.Williams 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** T.Suggs 3, B.Carr 1, T.Jefferson 1, B.Urban 1, E.Weddle 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** N.Vigil 6-3-9, S.Williams 6-2-8, D.Dennard 6-2-8, H.Nickerson 5-3-8, J.Evans 4-2-6, G.Atkins 2-3-5, S.Hubbard 3-2-5, J.Bates 3-0-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-1-3, R.Glasgow 2-0-2, C.Lawson 2-0-2, C.Dunlap 1-0-1, C.Fejedelem 1-0-1, W.Jackson 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 2-6, S.Hubbard 1-11, S.Williams 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** J.Bates 1-21, S.Williams 1-1. **PD:** C.Dunlap 3, W.Jackson 2, J. Bates 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, H.Nickerson 1, N.Vigil 1, S. Williams 1, J.Willis 1. **FF:** S.Williams 1. **FR-YDS.:** J.Willis 1-0.

WEEK 3, GAME 3

Carolina Panthers 31, Cincinnati Bengals 21
Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018 at Bank of America Stadium

The Bengals were minus-four in turnovers and surrendered 230 net rushing yards to the Panthers, including 184 to RB Christian McCaffrey. Panthers QB Cam Newton accounted for all four Carolina TDs (two rushing, two passing), despite being held to just 150 yards through the air. Several key Bengals were inactive due to injuries, including HB Joe Mixon (knee), C Billy Price (foot), RDE Michael Johnson (knee) and LB Preston Brown (ankle). In addition, during the game itself, WR A.J. Green (pelvis) and DT Ryan Glasgow (knee) both left in the second half with injuries. Andy Dalton passed for 352 yards and two TDs, but three of his four INTs resulted in 17 Panthers points. WR Tyler Boyd led Cincinnati with a career-high 132 receiving yards and a TD, while TE Tyler Eifert, who battled injuries much of the last two seasons, recorded his most receptions (six) and receiving yards (74) in a game in nearly two years. The Bengals fell to 2-1 but kept a share of the lead in the AFC North, while the Panthers improved to 2-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	7	7	0	—	21
Carolina.....	7	14	7	3	—	31

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — G.Bernard 1 run (R.Bullock kick).....	1-7:40
Car. — C.Newton 2 run (G.Gano kick).....	1-3:02
Car. — D.Funchess 4 pass from C.Newton (G.Gano kick).....	2-12:03
Cin. — C.Uzomah 1 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	2-6:59
Car. — C.Anderson 24 pass from C.Newton (G.Gano kick).....	2-2:47
Car. — C.Newton 5 run (G.Gano kick).....	3-5:34
Cin. — T.Boyd 27 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	3-2:53
Car. — G.Gano 40 field goal.....	4-1:11

Missed FGs: R.Bullock (53W/L). **Attendance:** 72,161. **Time:** 3:07.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CAR.
First downs.....	25	23
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-10	6-13
Total net yards.....	396	377
Net yards rushing.....	66	230
Net yards passing.....	330	147
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	46-29-4	24-15-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-22	1-3
Punts-average.....	3-44.0	4-41.3
Punt returns-yards.....	1-9	1-4
Kickoff returns-yards.....	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards.....	4-36	3-17
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	26:05	33:55

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CAR.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	12	61	23	1	C.McCaffrey	28	184	45	0
T.Boyd	1	5	5	0	C.Newton	10	36	12	2
					C.Anderson	2	9	6	0
					A.Armah	1	1	1	0
TOTALS	13	66	23	1	TOTALS	41	230	45	2

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CAR.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	46	29	352	2-4	C.Newton	24	15	150	2-0
TOTALS	46	29	352	2-4	TOTALS	24	15	150	2-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CAR.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Boyd	6	132	49	1	D.Funchess	4	67	27	1
T.Eifert	6	74	20	0	I.Thomas	3	20	18	0
A.Green	5	58	31	0	T.Smith	3	19	8	0
G.Bernard	5	25	8	0	C.McCaffrey	2	10	11	0
J.Ross	3	16	9	0	C.Anderson	1	24	24t	1
C.Uzomah	2	19	18	1	J.Wright	1	7	7	0
T.Kroft	1	16	16	0	D.Moore	1	3	3	0
J.Malone	1	12	12	0					
TOTALS	29	352	49	2	TOTALS	15	150	27	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** N.Vigil 9-3-12, J.Bates 4-4-8, D.Kirkpatrick 5-2-7, H.Nickerson 4-3-7, C.Dunlap 4-2-6, D.Dennard 3-2-5, S.Williams 2-3-5, G.Atkins 0-5-5, R.Glasgow 1-3-4, J.Evans 1-2-3, S.Hubbard 2-0-2, W.Jackson 1-0-1, C.Lawson 1-0-1, V.Rey 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1, J.Willis 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** C.Dunlap 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Carolina (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** S.Thompson 7-1-8, C.Jones 4-4-8, D.Jackson 7-0-7, M.Adams 4-1-5, L.Kuechly 3-2-5, J.Bradberry 3-1-4, K.Short 2-1-3, D.Mayo 0-2-2, D.Poe 0-2-2, M.Addison 1-0-1, V.Butler 1-0-1, B.Cox 1-0-1, E.Obada 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** M.Addison 1-12, E.Obada 1-10. **INT.-YDS.:** D.Jackson 2-0, L.Kuechly 1-0, E.Obada 1-0. **PD:** J.Bradberry 3, D.Jackson 2, L.Kuechly 1, E.Obada 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

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

The Bengals won a thriller on their first-ever visit to Mercedes-Benz Stadium. QB Andy Dalton led a dramatic 16-play, 75-yard drive in the game's final four minutes that ended with a 13-yard TD pass to WR A.J. Green with seven seconds left. Dalton completed seven of 12 passes for 65 yards and twice scrambled to avoid potential sacks for an another 13 yards rushing on the drive, which included one third-down conversion and two fourth-down conversions. For the game, Dalton completed 29 of 41 passes for 337 yards, three TDs and one INT (109.5 passer rating). WR Tyler Boyd had 11 catches for 100 yards, including four that converted third downs and two on the final drive that converted fourth downs. The Cincinnati defense gave up 495 net yards in the shootout, and allowed Atlanta to convert 11 of 15 third downs. Bengals TE Tyler Eifert had four catches for 38 yards and a TD, but left the game in the third quarter with a serious ankle injury. The victory was the Bengals' first win in Atlanta since 1987. Cincinnati improved to 3-1, while the Falcons fell to 1-3.

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

Atlanta (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Kazee 7-0-7, D.Trufant 6-1-7, D.Campbell 5-0-5, B.Poole 3-2-5, D.Riley 3-2-5, I.Oliver 4-0-4, R.Alford 3-1-4, J.Crawford 3-0-3, T.McKinley 3-0-3, G.Jarrett 2-1-3, F.Oluokun 2-1-3, B.Wreh-Wilson 2-0-2, V.Beasley 1-0-1, B.Reed 1-0-1, D.Senat 1-0-1, S.Means 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.McKinley 3-29. **INT.-YDS.:** D.Kazee 1-23. **PD:** D.Trufant 2, R.Alford 1, V.Beasley 1, D.Kazee 1, I.Oliver 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

WEEK 5, GAME 5

Cincinnati Bengals 27, Miami Dolphins 17
Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018 at Paul Brown Stadium

Cincinnati rallied from a 17-0 deficit, scoring 27 unanswered points, including 24 in the fourth quarter. It was just the eighth time in Bengals history that the team rallied from a deficit of 17 or more points to win. It also was just the fourth time in team history that the Bengals scored 24 or more points in a fourth quarter (all wins). Bengals QB Andy Dalton led a nine-play, 67-yard drive that resulted in a 20-yard FG and a 20-17 lead with 3:30 left. It was his 23rd career game-winning drive, which set a new franchise mark. The Bengals' defense was stout overall. Miami gained just 297 yards, converted only four of 13 third downs (30.8 percent), scored just 10 points and never ran a play from scrimmage in the red zone. The Bengals' defensive line harassed Dolphins QB Ryan Tannehill repeatedly and was responsible for 14 of the team's 24 fourth-quarter points. DE Michael Johnson returned a Tannehill INT 22 yards for a TD with 11:43 left to tie the game 17-17. Then, after the Bengals took 20-17 lead, DE Sam Hubbard recovered a Tannehill fumble and returned it 19 yards for a TD with 2:37 left to put the game out of reach. It was the first time in Bengals history that two Bengals defensive linemen scored a TD in the same game, and the first time that two defensive linemen scored in the same quarter of an NFL game since Dec. 10, 1989. WR A.J. Green had 112 yards receiving on six catches. It was his 32nd career game with 100 or more yards receiving, setting a new mark for most in team history. The Bengals improved to 4-1, while the Dolphins fell to 3-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Miami.....	0	14	3	0	—	17
Cincinnati.....	0	0	3	24	—	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Mia. — K.Drake 22 pass from R.Tannehill (J.Sanders kick)	2-7:22
Mia. — J.Grant 71 punt return (J.Sanders kick)	2-0:23
Mia. — J.Sanders 42 field goal	3-9:25
Cin. — R.Bullock 51 field goal	3-5:07
Cin. — J.Mixon 18 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	4-14:54
Cin. — M.Johnson 22 interception return (R.Bullock kick)	4-11:43
Cin. — R.Bullock 20 field goal	4-3:30
Cin. — S.Hubbard 19 fumble return (R.Bullock kick)	4-2:37

Missed FGs: R.Bullock (37B). **Attendance:** 52,708. **Time:** 3:02.

TEAM STATISTICS	MIA.	CIN.
First downs.....	17	17
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-13	2-11
Total net yards.....	297	332
Net yards rushing.....	128	103
Net yards passing.....	169	229
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	35-20-2	30-20-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-16	2-19
Punts-average.....	5-41.8	4-43.3
Punt returns-yards.....	3-85	2-19
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-89	0-0
Penalties-yards.....	9-85	6-47
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	0-0
Time of possession.....	29:25	30:35

RUSHING

MIA.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
F.Gore	12	63	10	0	J.Mixon	22	93	31	0
K.Drake	6	46	25	0	A.Dalton	4	10	7	0
R.Tannehill	3	17	9	0					
K.Ballage	1	2	2	0					
TOTALS	22	128	25	0	TOTALS	26	103	31	0

PASSING

MIA.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
R.Tannehill	35	20	185	1-2	A.Dalton	30	20	248	1-1
TOTALS	35	20	185	1-2	TOTALS	30	20	248	1-1

RECEIVING

MIA.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
K.Drake	7	69	22t	1	A.Green	6	112	23	0
A.Wilson	5	43	16	0	T.Boyd	4	44	31	0
D.Amendola	3	30	16	0	A.Erickson	3	24	10	0
M.Gesicki	3	26	16	0	J.Mixon	3	22	18t	1
K.Stills	2	17	13	0	C.Uzomah	2	43	25	0
					M.Walton	2	3	2	0
TOTALS	20	185	22	1	TOTALS	20	248	31	1

DEFENSE

Miami (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Jones 7-1-8, J.Baker 6-0-6, R.McMillan 4-2-6, T.McDonald 3-3-6, M.Fitzpatrick 4-1-5, T.McTyer 3-2-5, K.Alonso 4-0-4, C.Harris 2-1-3, D.Godchaux 1-2-3, V.Taylor 2-0-2, R.Quinn 1-1-2, C.Malveaux 0-2-2, J.Woodard 1-0-1, X.Howard 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Baker 2-19. **INT.-YDS.:** K.Alonso 1-15. **PD:** R.Jones 2, K.Alonso 1, X.Howard 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** N.Vigil 7-2-9, V.Burfict 4-3-7, J.Bates 4-1-5, S.Williams 2-2-4, P.Brown 3-0-3, S.Hubbard 3-0-3, G.Atkins 2-1-3, D.Dennard 2-1-3, C.Dunlap 2-1-3, M.Johnson 2-1-3, J.Willis 1-2-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-0-2, J.Evans 1-0-1, W.Jackson 1-0-1, C.Lawson 0-1-1, A.Washington 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 2-16, C.Dunlap 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Johnson 1-22, J.Bates 1-0. **PD:** W.Jackson 2, D.Kirkpatrick 2, J.Bates 1, S.Hubbard 1, M.Johnson 1, N.Vigil 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap 1. **FR.-YDS.:** S.Hubbard 1-19.

IN 2018, THE BENGALS ARE:

REGULAR SEASON

2-0 at home
2-1 on the road
2-1 when scoring first
2-0 when opponent scored first
1-0 in games decided by three points or fewer
1-0 in games decided by seven points or fewer
2-0 when leading at halftime
0-0 when tied at halftime
2-1 when trailing at halftime
2-0 when leading after three quarters
0-0 when tied after three quarters
2-1 when trailing after three quarters
3-0 when rushing for 100 net yards

3-0 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
2-0 with plus turnover differential
1-0 with even turnover differential
1-1 with minus turnover differential
2-1 when passing for 250 net yards
3-0 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
4-1 when scoring 20 points or more
3-1 when opponent scored 20 points or more
2-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
2-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
0-1 on natural grass
4-0 on synthetic surface
2-0 with fewer penalty yards

UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

73-46-3 at home (or as home team at neutral site)
56-67-0 on the road (or a visitor at neutral site)
88-37-1 when scoring first
41-76-2 when opponent scores first
24-24-3 in games decided by three points or fewer
58-53-3 in games decided by seven points or fewer
90-31-2 when leading at halftime
12-2-0 when tied at halftime
27-80-1 when trailing at halftime
102-20-2 when leading after three quarters
7-5-0 when tied after three quarters
20-88-1 when trailing after three quarters
87-38-2 when rushing for 100 net yards

80-32-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
78-19-1 with plus turnover differential
32-24-0 with even turnover differential
19-70-2 with minus turnover differential
45-35-2 when passing for 250 net yards
37-44-3 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
108-42-2 when scoring 20 points or more
44-98-2 when opponent scores 20 points or more
122-104-3 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
7-9-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
43-40-1 on natural grass
86-73-2 on synthetic surface
69-56-2 with fewer penalty yards

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

95 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 9 at Indianapolis
93 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 7 vs. Miami
84 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 13 vs. Baltimore

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

22 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 7 vs. Miami
21 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 13 vs. Baltimore
17 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 9 at Indianapolis

LONGEST RUSHES

31 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 7 vs. Miami
27 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 9 at Indianapolis
23 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 23 at Carolina

RECEPTIONS

11 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 30 at Atlanta
6 — (five times)

RECEIVING YARDS

132 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 23 at Carolina
112 — A.J. Green, Oct. 7 vs. Miami
100 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 30 at Atlanta

PASSING YARDS

352 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 23 at Carolina
337 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 30 at Atlanta
265 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 13 vs. Baltimore

PASS ATTEMPTS

46 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 23 at Carolina
42 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 13 vs. Baltimore
41 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 30 at Atlanta

PASS COMPLETIONS

29 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 23 at Carolina
29 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 30 at Atlanta
24 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 13 vs. Baltimore

LONGEST PASSES

49 — Andy Dalton to Tyler Boyd, Sept. 23 at Carolina
39 — Andy Dalton to John Ross, Sept. 30 at Atlanta (TD)
38 — (two times)

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

149 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 9 at Indianapolis
137 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 23 at Carolina
115 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 7 vs. Miami

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

47 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 30 at Atlanta
35 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 30 at Atlanta
28 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 9 at Indianapolis

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

16 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 13 vs. Baltimore
13 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 30 at Atlanta
13 — Alex Erickson, Oct. 7 vs. Miami

TOTAL TACKLES*

12 — Nick Vigil, Sept. 23 at Carolina
11 — Nick Vigil, Sept. 9 at Indianapolis
10 — Clayton Fejedelem, Sept. 9 at Indianapolis

SOLO TACKLES*

11 — Nick Vigil, Sept. 9 at Indianapolis
9 — Clayton Fejedelem, Sept. 9 at Indianapolis
9 — Nick Vigil, Sept. 23 at Carolina

*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. 9	at Indianapolis	330	20-101	229	21-28	2/1	2-14	19	4-8	2-1	27:12
Sept. 13	BALTIMORE	373	28-108	265	24-42	4/0	0-0	24	5-13	1-0	31:50
Sept. 23	at Carolina	396	13-66	330	29-46	2/4	2-22	25	4-10	0-0	26:05
Sept. 30	at Atlanta	407	23-99	308	29-41	3/1	3-29	30	7-12	0-0	30:38
Oct. 7	MIAMI	332	26-103	229	20-30	1/1	2-19	17	2-11	0-0	30:35
Oct. 14	PITTSBURGH										
Oct. 21	at Kansas City										
Oct. 28	TAMPA BAY										
Nov. 4	— BYE —										
Nov. 11	NEW ORLEANS										
Nov. 18	at Baltimore										
Nov. 25	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 2	DENVER										
Dec. 9	at L.A. Chargers										
Dec. 16	OAKLAND										
Dec. 23	at Cleveland										
Dec. 30	at Pittsburgh										
TOTALS		1838	110-477	1361	123-187	12/7	9-84	115	22-54	3-1	29:16

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 9	at Indianapolis	380	22-75	305	39-53	2/1	2-14	24	11-17	1-1	32:48
Sept. 13	BALTIMORE	425	22-66	359	32-55	2/2	4-17	28	7-16	2-1	28:10
Sept. 23	at Carolina	377	41-230	147	15-24	2/0	1-3	23	6-13	1-0	33:55
Sept. 30	at Atlanta	495	24-92	403	29-39	3/0	3-16	25	11-15	0-0	29:22
Oct. 7	MIAMI	297	22-128	169	20-35	1/2	3-16	17	4-13	1-1	29:25
Oct. 14	PITTSBURGH										
Oct. 21	at Kansas City										
Oct. 28	TAMPA BAY										
Nov. 4	— BYE —										
Nov. 11	NEW ORLEANS										
Nov. 18	at Baltimore										
Nov. 25	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 2	DENVER										
Dec. 9	at L.A. Chargers										
Dec. 16	OAKLAND										
Dec. 23	at Cleveland										
Dec. 30	at Pittsburgh										
TOTALS		1974	131-591	1383	135-206	10/5	13-66	117	39-74	5-3	30:44

TRANSACTIONS

(TRANSACTIONS FROM 6-8-17 THROUGH 9-3-18 ARE IN BENGALS' 2018 MEDIA GUIDE)

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| <p>Sept. 3, 2018 — Re-signed DE Michael Johnson; Placed CB Davontae Harris on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed QB Christian Hackenberg to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 6, 2018 — Waived DT Chris Okoye and CB Josh Shaw from the Reserve/Injured list (injury settlements).</p> <p>Sept. 8, 2018 — Signed WR Alex Erickson* to a contract extension.</p> <p>Sept. 12, 2018 — Terminated the contract of QB Matt Barkley (Reserve/Injured) with an injury settlement.</p> <p>Sept. 18, 2018 — Signed K Randy Bullock* to a contract extension.</p> <p>Sept. 19, 2018 — Signed HB Thomas Rawls (FA); Waived HB Tra Carson (injured).</p> <p>Sept. 20, 2018 — HB Tra Carson cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 26, 2018 — Signed DT Adolphus Washington off the Dallas Cowboys</p> | <p>practice squad; Placed DT Ryan Glasgow on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 28, 2018 — Waived HB Tra Carson (Reserve/Injured) with an injury settlement.</p> <p>Oct. 1, 2018 — Announced that the NFL granted LB Vontaze Burfict (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a one-week roster exemption upon the completion of a suspension for Games 1-4.</p> <p>Oct. 5, 2018 — Activated LB Vontaze Burfict (exemption) to the 53-player roster; Placed TE Tyler Eifert on the Reserve/Injured list.</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.)

<p>P — played as a substitute</p> <p>DNP — did not play</p> <p>IL — inactive list</p> <p>PS — practice squad (IPP = Intl. Player Pathway)</p>	<p>RI — reserve/injured list</p> <p>RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list</p> <p>RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list</p> <p>RNF-I — reserve/non-football illness list</p> <p>RSBC — reserve/suspended by commissioner list</p>	<p>RF — reserve/future list</p> <p>REX — roster exemption</p> <p>^ — reserve/injured player designated for return</p> <p>* — eligible to practice while on a reserve list</p> <p>NWT — not with team</p>
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NAME	Cin. G-S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		@Ind.	BALT.	@Car.	@Atl.	MIA.	PITT.	@K.C.	T.B.	N.O.	@Balt.	CLE.	DEN.	@LAC	OAK.	@Cle.	@Pitt.
Atkins, Geno.....	5-5	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT											
Barkley, Matt.....	0-0	RI	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT											
Bates, Jessie.....	5-5	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS											
Bernard, Giovanni.....	4-2	P	P	HB	HB	IL											
Billings, Andrew.....	5-5	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT											
Böhringer, Moritz.....	0-0	PS/IPP	PS/IPP	PS/IPP	PS/IPP	PS/IPP											
Boling, Clint.....	5-5	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG											
Boyd, Tyler.....	5-5	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR											
Brown, Andrew.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Brown, Preston.....	3-3	MLB	IL	IL	MLB	LB											
Bullock, Randy.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Burfict, Vontaze.....	1-1	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	LB											
Carson, Tra.....	2-0	P	P	RI	NWT	NWT											
Carter, Cethan.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Core, Cody.....	3-0	IL	IL	P	P	P											
Dalton, Andy.....	5-5	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB											
Dennard, Darqueze.....	5-3	P	nkICB	nkICB	P	nkICB											
Driskel, Jeff.....	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP											
Dunlap, Carlos.....	5-5	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE											
Eifert, Tyler.....	4-2	P	P	TE	TE	RI											
Erickson, Alex.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Evans, Jordan.....	5-2	WLB	P	P	WLB	P											
Fejedelem, Clayton.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Fisher, Jake.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Flowers, Quinton.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Franks, Jordan.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Glasgow, Ryan.....	3-0	P	P	P	RI	RI											
Glenn, Cordy.....	5-5	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT											
Goodwin, C.J.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Green, A.J.....	5-5	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR											
Hackenberg, Christian.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Harris, Clark.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Harris, Davontae.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Hart, Bobby.....	5-5	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT											
Henderson, Trayvon.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Hopkins, Trey.....	5-3	P	P	C	C	C											
Hubbard, Sam.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Huber, Kevin.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Jackson, William.....	5-5	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB											
Jefferson, Malik.....	3-0	IL	P	P	P	IL											
Johnson, Michael.....	4-4	RDE	RDE	IL	RDE	RDE											
Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	5-5	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB											
Kroft, Tyler.....	5-2	P	TE	P	P	TE											
Lawson, Carl.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Lundblade, Brad.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Malone, Josh.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
McRae, Tony.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Mixon, Joe.....	3-3	HB	HB	IL	IL	HB											
Nickerson, Hardy.....	5-2	P	LB	LB	P	P											
Ogbuehi, Cedric.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL											
Perkins, Kent.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Phillips, Darius.....	4-0	P	P	DNP	P	P											
Price, Billy.....	2-2	C	C	IL	IL	IL											
Rawls, Thomas.....	1-0	NWT	NWT	IL	IL	P											
Redmond, Alex.....	5-5	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG											
Rey, Vincent.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Ross, John.....	4-2	3rdWR	P	3rdWR	P	IL											
Russell, KeiVarae.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Schreck, Mason.....	4-0	P	P	P	IL	P											
Tate, Auden.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL											
Taylor, Rod.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Tupou, Josh.....	2-0	IL	IL	P	P	IL											
Uzomah, C.J.....	5-4	TE	TE	P	TE	TE											
Vigil, Nick.....	5-4	SLB	LB	LB	SLB	P											
Walton, Mark.....	3-0	IL	IL	P	P	P											
Washington, Adolphus.....	1-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	IL	P											
Westerman, Christian.....	3-0	IL	IL	P	P	P											
Whitfield, Kermit.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Williams, Shawn.....	5-5	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS											
Willis, Jordan.....	5-1	P	P	RDE	P	P											
Wilson, Brandon.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Worley, Chris.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	TE	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 9	at Indianapolis	Green	Glenn	Boling	Price	Redmond	Hart	Uzomah	Ross(3rdWR)	Boyd	Dalton	Mixon
Sept. 13	BALTIMORE	Green	Glenn	Boling	Price	Redmond	Hart	Uzomah	Kroft	Boyd	Dalton	Mixon
Sept. 23	at Carolina	Green	Glenn	Boling	Hopkins	Redmond	Hart	Eifert	Ross(3rdWR)	Boyd	Dalton	Bernard
Sept. 30	at Atlanta	Green	Glenn	Boling	Hopkins	Redmond	Hart	Eifert	Uzomah	Boyd	Dalton	Bernard
Oct. 7	MIAMI	Green	Glenn	Boling	Hopkins	Redmond	Hart	Uzomah	Kroft	Boyd	Dalton	Mixon
Oct. 14	PITTSBURGH											
Oct. 21	at Kansas City											
Oct. 28	TAMPA BAY											
Nov. 4	— BYE —											
Nov. 11	NEW ORLEANS											
Nov. 18	at Baltimore											
Nov. 25	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 2	DENVER											
Dec. 9	at L.A. Chargers											
Dec. 16	OAKLAND											
Dec. 23	at Cleveland											
Dec. 30	at Pittsburgh											

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	SLB	MLB	WLB	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
Sept. 9	at Indianapolis	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	Johnson	Vigil	Brown	Evans	Kirkpatrick	Jackson	Williams	Bates
Sept. 13	BALTIMORE	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	Johnson	Vigil(LB)	Nickerson(LB)	Dennard(nickel)	Kirkpatrick	Jackson	Williams	Bates
Sept. 23	at Carolina	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	Willis	Vigil(LB)	Nickerson(LB)	Dennard(nickel)	Kirkpatrick	Jackson	Williams	Bates
Sept. 30	at Atlanta	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	Johnson	Vigil	Brown	Evans	Kirkpatrick	Jackson	Williams	Bates
Oct. 7	MIAMI	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	Johnson	Dennard(nickel)	Brown(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Kirkpatrick	Jackson	Williams	Bates
Oct. 14	PITTSBURGH											
Oct. 21	at Kansas City											
Oct. 28	TAMPA BAY											
Nov. 4	— BYE —											
Nov. 11	NEW ORLEANS											
Nov. 18	at Baltimore											
Nov. 25	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 2	DENVER											
Dec. 9	at L.A. Chargers											
Dec. 16	OAKLAND											
Dec. 23	at Cleveland											
Dec. 30	at Pittsburgh											

DEPTH CHART

OCT. 9, 2018

OFFENSE

WR	18	A.J. Green	80	Josh Malone	16	Cody Core
					19	<u>Auden Tate</u>
LOT	77	Cordy Glenn	74	Jake Fisher		
LG	65	Clint Boling	63	Christian Westerman		
C	<u>53</u>	<u>Billy Price</u>	66	Trey Hopkins		
RG	62	Alex Redmond	66	Trey Hopkins		
ROT	68	Bobby Hart	70	Cedric Ogbuehi		
TE	87	C.J. Uzomah	86	Mason Schreck		
TE	81	Tyler Kroft	86	Mason Schreck		
WR	83	Tyler Boyd	15	John Ross	12	Alex Erickson
QB	14	Andy Dalton	6	Jeff Driskel		
HB	28	Joe Mixon	25	Giovani Bernard	<u>32</u>	<u>Mark Walton</u>
					31	Thomas Rawls

DEFENSE

LDE	96	Carlos Dunlap	<u>94</u>	<u>Sam Hubbard</u>		
NT	99	Andrew Billings	91	Josh Tupou		
DT	97	Geno Atkins	92	Adolphus Washington		
RDE	90	Michael Johnson	75	Jordan Willis	58	Carl Lawson
SLB	59	Nick Vigil	57	Vincent Rey		
MLB	52	Preston Brown	56	Hardy Nickerson		
WLB	55	Vontaze Burfict	50	Jordan Evans	<u>45</u>	<u>Malik Jefferson</u>
LCB	27	Dre Kirkpatrick	21	Darqueze Dennard		
RCB	22	William Jackson	29	Tony McRae	<u>23</u>	<u>Darius Phillips</u>
SS	36	Shawn Williams	42	Clayton Fejedelem		
FS	<u>30</u>	<u>Jessie Bates</u>	40	Brandon Wilson		

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber				
K	4	Randy Bullock				
LS	46	Clark Harris				
H	10	Kevin Huber				
PR	12	Alex Erickson	<u>23</u>	<u>Darius Phillips</u>	83	Tyler Boyd
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NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<p>Teryl Austin (Defensive Coordinator).....TAIR-ell</p> <p>Geno Atkins.....JEE-no</p> <p>Giovani Bernard.....jee-o-VAHN-ee</p> <p>Moritz Böhringer (practice squad).....BOAR-ringer</p> <p>Randy Bullock.....BULL-luck</p> <p>Vontaze Burfict.....VONN-tez BER-fict (rhymes with "perfect")</p> <p>Cethan Carter (Reserve/Injured).....SEE-thin</p> <p>Darqueze Dennard.....dar-KWEZ deh-NARD</p> <p>Tyler Eifert (Reserve/Injured).....EYE-fert</p> <p>Clayton Fejedelem.....FEDGE-uh-lemm (the "d" is silent)</p> <p>Ryan Glasgow (Reserve/Injured).....GLASS-go</p> <p>Davontae Harris (Reserve/Injured).....duh-VAHN-tay</p> <p>Jim Haslett (Linebackers Coach).....HAZ-lett</p>	<p>Trayvon Henderson (Reserve/Injured).....TRAY-vahn</p> <p>Malik Jefferson.....muh-LEEK</p> <p>Daronte Jones (Secondary/Cornerbacks Coach).....duh-RAHN-tay</p> <p>Dre Kirkpatrick.....DRAY</p> <p>Bill Lazor (Offensive Coordinator).....(pronounced as "laser")</p> <p>Cedric Ogbuehi.....o-BWAY-hee</p> <p>Matt Raich (Defensive Assistant/Assistant Defensive Line Coach).....RAYCH</p> <p>Thomas Rawls.....RALLS</p> <p>Vincent Rey.....RAY</p> <p>KeiVarae Russell (practice squad).....kee-VAR-ay</p> <p>Josh Tupou.....TEW-po</p> <p>C.J. Uzomah.....yew-ZAH-mah</p>
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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

OCT. 9, 2018

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	9	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
30	Bates, Jessie	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	R	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
25	Bernard, Giovani	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	6	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
99	Billings, Andrew	DT	6-1	325	3-6-95	3	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16
65	Boling, Clint	G	6-5	305	5-9-89	8	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	3	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
52	Brown, Preston	LB	6-1	255	10-27-92	5	Louisville	Cincinnati, Ohio	UFA(Buff.)'18
4	Bullock, Randy	K	5-9	210	12-16-89	7	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
55	Burfict, Vontaze	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	7	Arizona State	Inglewood, Calif.	CFA'12
16	Core, Cody	WR	6-3	210	4-17-94	3	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	8	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
21	Dennard, Darqueze	CB	5-11	200	10-10-91	5	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
6	Driskel, Jeff	QB	6-4	233	4-23-93	3	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	280	2-28-89	9	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
12	Erickson, Alex	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	3	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
50	Evans, Jordan	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	2	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
42	Fejedelem, Clayton	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	3	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
74	Fisher, Jake	OT	6-6	305	4-23-93	4	Oregon	Traverse City, Mich.	D2'15
77	Glenn, Cordy	OT	6-6	345	9-18-89	7	Georgia	Riverdale, Georgia	T(Buff.)'18
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	8	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	10	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
68	Hart, Bobby	OT	6-5	318	8-21-94	4	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'18
66	Hopkins, Trey	G/C	6-3	316	7-6-92	3	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
94	Hubbard, Sam	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	R	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	10	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
22	Jackson, William	CB	6-0	196	10-27-92	3	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
45	Jefferson, Malik	LB	6-2	241	11-15-96	R	Texas	Mesquite, Texas	D3b'18
90	Johnson, Michael	DE	6-7	280	2-7-87	10	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	FA'15
27	Kirkpatrick, Dre	CB	6-2	196	10-26-89	7	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
81	Kroft, Tyler	TE	6-6	252	10-15-92	4	Rutgers	Downingtown, Pa.	D3a'15
58	Lawson, Carl	DE	6-2	265	6-29-95	2	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
80	Malone, Josh	WR	6-3	205	3-21-96	2	Tennessee	Gallatin, Tenn.	D4b'17
29	McRae, Tony	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	2	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'17
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	2	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
56	Nickerson, Hardy	LB	6-0	235	1-5-94	2	Illinois	Oakland, Calif.	CFA'17
70	Ogbuehi, Cedric	OT	6-5	308	4-25-92	4	Texas A&M	Allen, Texas	D1'15
23	Phillips, Darius	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	R	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
53	Price, Billy	C	6-4	308	10-11-94	R	Ohio State	Austintown, Ohio	D1'18
31	Rawls, Thomas	HB	5-9	215	8-3-93	4	Central Michigan	Flint, Mich.	FA'18
62	Redmond, Alex	G	6-5	310	1-18-95	2	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
57	Rey, Vincent	LB	6-0	240	9-6-87	8	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
15	Ross, John	WR	5-11	190	11-27-95	2	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
86	Schreck, Mason	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	2	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
19	Tate, Auden	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	R	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
91	Tupou, Josh	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	2	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
87	Uzomah, C.J.	TE	6-6	265	1-14-93	4	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
59	Vigil, Nick	LB	6-2	240	8-20-93	3	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
32	Walton, Mark	HB	5-10	202	3-29-97	R	Miami	Miami, Fla.	D4'18
92	Washington, Adolphus	DT	6-4	303	11-24-94	3	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	PS(Dall.)'18
63	Westerman, Christian	G	6-3	305	2-23-93	3	Arizona State	Chandler, Ariz.	D5'16
36	Williams, Shawn	S	6-0	212	5-13-91	6	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
75	Willis, Jordan	DE	6-4	275	5-2-95	2	Kansas State	Kansas City, Mo.	D3'17
40	Wilson, Brandon	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	2	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

49 +	Böhringer, Moritz (9-2-18)	TE	6-5	243	10-16-93	1	Aalen (Germany)	Aalen, Germany	FA'18
93	Brown, Andrew (9-2-18)	DT	6-3	296	12-30-95	R	Virginia	Chesapeake, Va.	D5b'18
34	Flowers, Quinton (9-2-18)	HB	5-10	211	12-2-94	R	South Florida	Miami, Fla.	CFA'18
88	Franks, Jordan (9-2-18)	H-B	6-4	240	2-1-96	R	Central Florida	Wakulla, Fla.	CFA'18
24	Goodwin, C.J. (9-2-18)	CB	6-1	184	2-4-90	3	California (Pa.)	Wheeling, W.Va.	FA'18
5	Hackenberg, Christian (9-3-18)	QB	6-4	228	2-14-95	3	Penn State	Palmyra, Va.	FA'18
61	Lundblade, Brad (9-2-18)	C	6-3	300	9-21-95	R	Oklahoma State	Argyle, Texas	CFA'18
76	Perkins, Kent (9-2-18)	OT	6-5	305	11-19-94	1	Texas	Dallas, Texas	CFA'17
20	Russell, KeiVarae (9-2-18)	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	3	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
17	Whitfield, Kermit (9-2-18)	WR	5-8	192	10-8-93	1	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'17
47	Worley, Chris (9-2-18)	LB	6-1	238	9-15-95	R	Ohio State	Cleveland, Ohio	CFA'18

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98	Glasgow, Ryan (9-26-18; knee)	DT	6-3	300	9-30-93	2	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
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STATISTICS

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DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-9-18	W	34-23	at Indianapolis	58,699
9-13-18	W	34-23	BALTIMORE	50,018
9-23-18	L	21-31	at Carolina	72,161
9-30-18	W	37-36	at Atlanta	71,985
10-7-18	W	27-17	MIAMI	52,708
10-14-18			PITTSBURGH	
10-21-18			at Kansas City	
10-28-18			TAMPA BAY	
11-4-18			— BYE —	
11-11-18			NEW ORLEANS	
11-18-18			at Baltimore	
11-25-18			CLEVELAND	
12-2-18			DENVER	
12-9-18			at L.A. Chargers	
12-16-18			OAKLAND	
12-23-18			at Cleveland	
12-30-18			at Pittsburgh	

TEAM STATISTICS		BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	.....	115	117
Rushing	.....	26	29
Passing	.....	75	77
Penalty	.....	14	11
3rd Down: Made-Att	.....	22-54	39-74
3rd Down Pct.	.....	40.7	52.7
4th Down: Made-Att	.....	2-2	3-7
4th Down Pct.	.....	100.0	42.9
POSSESSION AVG.	.....	29:16	30:44
TOTAL NET YARDS	.....	1838	1974
Avg. Per Game	.....	367.6	394.8
Total Plays	.....	350	350
Avg. Per Play	.....	6.0	5.6
NET YARDS RUSHING	.....	477	591
Avg. Per Game	.....	95.4	118.2
Total Rushes	.....	110	131
NET YARDS PASSING	.....	1361	1383
Avg. Per Game	.....	272.2	276.6
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....	9-84	13-66
Gross Yards	.....	1445	1449
Att.-Completions	.....	187-123	206-135
Completion Pct.	.....	65.8	65.5
Had Intercepted	.....	7	5
PUNTS-AVG.	.....	17-39.6	15-45.3
Net Punting Avg.	.....	17-34.5	15-39.7
PENALTIES-YARDS	.....	33-324	36-339
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	.....	3-1	5-3
TOUCHDOWNS	.....	19	15
Rushing	.....	4	4
Passing	.....	12	10
Returns	.....	3	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	38	42	17	56	0	153
OPPONENTS	17	72	23	18	0	130

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	18-18	7-9	0	39
A.J. Green	5	0	5	0	—	—	0	30
Giovani Bernard	3	3	0	0	—	—	0	18
Tyler Boyd	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Joe Mixon	2	1	1	0	—	—	0	12
John Ross	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Tyler Eifert	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Clayton Fejedelem	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Sam Hubbard	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Michael Johnson	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
C.J. Uzomah	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	19	4	12	3	18-18	7-9	0	153
OPPONENTS	15	4	10	1	13-13	9-10	0	130

Two-point conversions: None. BENGALS 0-1 (0-0 R, 0-1 P), OPPONENTS 0-2 (0-0 R, 0-2 P).

Sacks-yards: Geno Atkins 6-33, Carlos Dunlap 4-15, Sam Hubbard 1-11, Carl Lawson 1-7, Shawn Williams 1-0. BENGALS 13-66, OPPONENTS 9-84.

Fumbles-lost: A.J. Green 2-1, Darius Phillips 1-0. BENGALS 3-1, OPPONENTS 5-3.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	187	123	1445	65.8	7.73	12	6.4	7	3.7	49	9-84	94.9
BENGALS	187	123	1445	65.8	7.73	12	6.4	7	3.7	49	9-84	94.9
OPPONENTS	206	135	1449	65.5	7.03	10	4.9	5	2.4	49	13-66	92.1

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	60	272	4.5	31	1
Giovani Bernard	34	155	4.6	23	3
Andy Dalton	8	31	3.9	11	0
Mark Walton	5	9	1.8	4	0
Alex Erickson	1	8	8.0	8	0
Tyler Boyd	1	5	5.0	5	0
John Ross	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
BENGALS	110	477	4.3	31	4
OPPONENTS	131	591	4.5	45	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Tyler Boyd	30	393	13.1	49	2
A.J. Green	26	409	15.7	38t	5
Tyler Eifert	15	179	11.9	29	1
Giovani Bernard	14	78	5.6	17	0
C.J. Uzomah	9	117	13.0	29	1
Joe Mixon	9	79	8.8	21	1
John Ross	7	79	11.3	39t	2
Tyler Kroft	4	36	9.0	16	0
Alex Erickson	4	32	8.0	10	0
Mark Walton	4	31	7.8	24	0
Josh Malone	1	12	12.0	12	0
BENGALS	123	1445	11.7	49	12
OPPONENTS	135	1449	10.7	49	10

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Jessie Bates	2	21	10.5	21	0
Michael Johnson	1	22	22.0	22t	1
Preston Brown	1	2	2.0	2	0
Shawn Williams	1	1	1.0	1	0
BENGALS	5	46	9.2	22t	1
OPPONENTS	7	70	10.0	32	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	16	673	42.1	34.5	0	8	55	1
BENGALS	17	673	39.6	34.5	0	8	55	1
OPPONENTS	15	679	45.3	39.7	1	7	60	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	5	7	40	8.0	13	0
Darius Phillips	2	0	24	12.0	16	0
BENGALS	7	7	64	9.1	16	0
OPPONENTS	6	5	87	14.5	71t	1

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	5	155	31.0	47	0
Giovani Bernard	2	25	12.5	14	0
BENGALS	7	180	25.7	47	0
OPPONENTS	10	270	27.0	53	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Randy Bullock	0-0	2-2	2-3	2-2	1-2
BENGALS	0-0	2-2	2-3	2-2	1-2
OPPONENTS	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-2	3-4

Randy Bullock: (42G, 39G), (28G, 40G), (53WL), (36G), (37B, 51G, 20G).

Opponents: (21G, 38G, 51G, 55SH), (55G), (40G), (55G, 28G, 32G), (42G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Nick Vigil	41	8	49	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Jessie Bates	26	6	32	0-0	2-21	2	0	0-0
Darqueze Dennard	18	6	24	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Shawn Williams	14	9	23	1-0	1-1	1	1	0-0
Geno Atkins	11	11	22	6-33	0-0	0	0	0-0
Hardy Nickerson	14	7	21	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	13	3	16	0-0	0-0	6	0	0-0
Jordan Evans	10	6	16	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	12	3	15	4-15	0-0	5	2	0-0
Clayton Fejedelem	12	1	13	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-83
Preston Brown	11	2	13	0-0	1-2	1	0	0-0
William Jackson	10	1	11	0-0	0-0	4	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	9	2	11	1-11	0-0	1	0	1-19
Ryan Glasgow	6	5	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Vontaze Burfict	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carl Lawson	4	1	5	1-7	0-0	0	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	3	2	5	0-0	1-22	1	0	0-0
Jordan Willis	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-0
Andrew Billings	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Vincent Rey	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Adolphus Washington	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tony McRae	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Tony McRae	2	2	4	1	0-0	0	0	0
Clayton Fejedelem	1	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Darius Phillips	1	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brandon Wilson	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Hardy Nickerson	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Vincent Rey	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tra Carson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Darqueze Dennard	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tyler Kroft	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Shawn Williams	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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