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### BALTIMORE RAVENS (1-0)

AT

### CINCINNATI BENGALS (0-1)

WEEK 2, GAME 2  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 17  
AT PAYCOR STADIUM

NEXT GAME: WEEK 3, GAME 3  
MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, SEPT. 25 VS. L.A. RAMS

#### GAME INFORMATION

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

**Television:** The game will air on CBS-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Ch. 7) in Dayton and WKYT-TV (Ch. 27) in Lexington. Broadcasters are Andrew Catalon (play-by-play), Tiki Barber (analyst), Matt Ryan (analyst) and AJ Ross (sideline reporter).

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

In addition the game will air nationally on Sports USA Radio. Broadcasters are Larry Kahn (play-by-play) and Giovanni Bernard (analyst).

**Setting the scene:** The Bengals face another AFC North Division rival in their home opener when they take on the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday at Paycor Stadium. Cincinnati is looking to bounce back from a 24-3 defeat at Cleveland in Week 1.

The Bengals' offense could never find its footing in wet and rainy conditions that persisted throughout the regular-season opener. Going against a formidable Browns pass rush, Cincinnati recorded just 142 yards of net offense, including 67 net passing yards. Though QB Joe Burrow — who wore a glove on his right throwing hand during parts of the game due to the ball becoming increasingly slippery — was held to 14 completions and a 52.2 passer rating, the Pro Bowler affirmed that his team's performance was not indicative of what is to come this season.

"Nobody is panicking in here," said Burrow after the game. "Week 1 doesn't define anybody's season. Obviously, (we were) not very good out there. Anybody that watched saw that. But we've been in this spot before, we've come back stronger and had a great year, so that's what we're going to do."

Cincinnati last season lost its opening two contests to fall into an early 0-2 hole, but proceeded to win 12 of its final 14 regular-season games — including eight in a row — to clinch a second consecutive AFC North title. And though several Bengals have echoed an urgency to make improvements heading into Week 2, the defensive showing offered positive takeaways provided by both veteran contributors and recent additions.

Notably, fifth-year LB Germaine Pratt totaled 11 tackles, including a seven-yard sack, and forced a fumble in the opening quarter that was recovered by seventh-year CB Chidobe Awuzie. Awuzie played 43 defensive snaps in his first game since sustaining a season-ending knee injury last Halloween on the same Cleveland field. Tying Pratt for the team lead in tackles was S Nick Scott, a free agent acquisition who made his Bengals debut. Scott's partner at the safety position, second-year pro Dax Hill, picked off Browns QB Deshaun Watson and returned it 20 yards in the third quarter for his first career INT.

"I thought the defense as a whole certainly gave us enough," head coach Zac Taylor said. "We didn't do anything to take the pressure off of them. They really held up in some bad field position situations. They continued to make stop after stop, gave up three points there for a long time and then obviously had the one (Browns TD) right before the half. But they gave us what we needed."

The Bengals this week return to the friendly confines of Paycor Stadium, where they have won seven straight contests and nine of their last 10 dating back to Week 16 of the 2021 season. Cincinnati's most dominant victories of the 2022 season came at home, including a 35-17 win over Atlanta in Week 7 and a 42-21 triumph over Carolina in Week 9 — both featured over 450 offensive net yards. The Bengals also defended their home turf against eventual postseason

qualifiers in Miami and Kansas City. Each game at Paycor Stadium last year was played in front of an attendance figure of over 65,000. The team's performances at home in recent history, amplified by its passionate fan base, supply the Bengals with an edge that Taylor is confident they will capitalize on against Baltimore.

"One thing I'll continue to echo this week is our home field is such an advantage," Taylor said. "Especially early in a season with new players on a team and new communication, that's what we're looking forward to is playing in front of our home crowd and getting those advantages with the noise. The way that our fans always turn up and support us that way, that's going to be a great advantage that we can have this Sunday at 1."

Cincinnati's last two games at Paycor Stadium came against Baltimore in January, beginning with a Bengals win in Week 18 that set up a rematch at the venue the following week in the Wild Card Playoff. The postseason showdown turned into a back-and-forth affair that carried into the fourth quarter, before DE Sam Hubbard cemented his name in Bengals history with an iconic 98-yard fumble return for a TD that proved to be the game-winning score.

The Bengals have held the upper hand as of late in the all-time series against the Ravens, taking four of the last five matchups. Baltimore is coming off a 25-9 home win over Houston in Week 1.

**The series:** The series is relatively even, with Baltimore currently holding a slim 28-26 lead in regular season, and Cincinnati holding a 1-0 lead in postseason. The Bengals, however, have won four of the last five matchups, including a 24-17 win in an AFC Wild Card Playoff last season.

Here are some series notes:

- When Cincinnati took a 23-22 series lead in Week 2 of the 2018 season, it was the first time the Bengals had led the series since after the first of two meetings in 1998, when they were up 3-2. That lead didn't last long, however, as the Ravens followed up by winning the next five meetings.
- The Ravens swept the Bengals in two consecutive seasons (2019 and '20) before the Bengals swept the Ravens in '21. Prior to 2019, the Ravens had not swept the Bengals since 2011.
- The Bengals' 2021 sweep of the Ravens was their first since '15.
- It hasn't been an easy series for the visiting team. The Bengals lead 18-10 in Cincinnati (including postseason); the Ravens lead 18-9 in Baltimore.
- Since 2010, 16 of the teams' 27 meetings have been one-score decisions, by eight or fewer points.

Complete Bengals-Ravens series results are on page 208 of the 2023 Bengals Media Guide.

#### Team bests from the series:

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 42, in a 42-29 win in 2005 at Cincinnati. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 24, in a Bengals' 41-17 win at Baltimore in 2021. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 7 (three times), most recently in a 17-7 win in 2009 at Cincinnati.

**Ravens — MOST POINTS:** 49, in a 49-13 win at Cincinnati in 2019. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 37, in a 37-0 win at Baltimore in 2000. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (four times), most recently in 20-0 win in 2017 at Cincinnati.

**The last meetings:** Summaries of the three Bengals-Ravens meetings in the 2022 season (including an AFC Wild Card Playoff) are on pages 16-17 of this news release.

**BENGALS-RAVENS FINAL 2022 NFL RANKINGS**

Table with 2 columns: BENGALS and RAVENS. Rows include SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS), NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS), NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS), and TURNOVERS.

**BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT**

Table with 2 columns: OFFENSE and DEFENSE. Rows include Inside-20 possessions, Total scores, TDs, FGs, TD% rank, and No scores.

**RAVENS RED-ZONE REPORT**

Table with 2 columns: OFFENSE and DEFENSE. Rows include Inside-20 possessions, Total scores, TDs, FGs, TD% rank, and No scores.

**Burrow's big day vs. Ravens:** QB Joe Burrow had one of the top individual performances by a QB in NFL history on Dec. 26, 2021 vs. Baltimore, when he passed for a Bengals-record 525 yards and four TDs while completing 80.4 percent of his attempts (37 of 46).

Burrow's 525 yards and four TD passes came on the heels of a 416-yard, three-TD stat line in Week 7 of the 2021 season at Baltimore. That made him the only QB ever to pass for 400 yards and three TDs more than once in an entire career against the Ravens.

In the Dec. 26 matchup, Burrow became just the eighth QB since 2000 to have three completions of at least 52 yards in a game. On the receiving end of those passes were WR Tyler Boyd (68-yard TD), WR Tee Higgins (52) and HB Joe Mixon (52), who became the first trio of Bengals to catch passes of 50-plus yards in a single game since Nov. 17, 1968 at Miami.

Here are the NFL's single-game passing yardage leaders (regular season):

Table with 5 columns: PLAYER, TEAM, YEAR, OPPONENT, YARDS. Lists Norm Van Brocklin, Matt Schaub, Warren Moon, and Joe Burrow.

**Facts from Hubbard's fumble recovery return:** DE Sam Hubbard's 98-yard fumble return for a TD that proved to be the difference in the 2022 Wild Card Playoff vs. Baltimore will go down as one of the most memorable defensive plays in Bengals history.

The return was dubbed by some as "The Hubbard-Yard Dash," while others refer to the fumble itself as "The Fumble in the Jungle." Regardless of the name,

here are some notable facts on the play:

- The 98-yard return is the longest fumble return for a TD in NFL postseason history. The previous longest was a 93-yard return by Andy Russell of the Pittsburgh Steelers in an AFC Divisional Playoff on Dec. 27, 1975.
- It is the longest TD of any kind in a postseason game in Bengals history. The previous longest was a 93-yard kickoff return by RB Stanford Jennings in Super Bowl XXIII on Jan. 22, 1989.
- It is the longest go-ahead TD in the fourth quarter in NFL postseason history. The previous longest was a 90-yard blocked FG return by Anthony Mitchell of the Baltimore Ravens in an AFC Divisional Playoff on Jan. 7, 2001.
- It marked the longest defensive TD in an NFL postseason game since Taron Johnson of the Buffalo Bills returned an INT 101 yards against Baltimore in an AFC Divisional Playoff on Jan. 16, 2021.
- According to NFL's Next Gen Stats service, Hubbard's top speed on the return was 17.43 mph. He also traveled 123.6 total yards, the most distance traveled by a ball carrier on a TD in the 2022 regular season or postseason.
- It marked Hubbard's second career TD on a fumble recovery. As a rookie in 2018, he ran a fumble back 19 yards in the fourth quarter of Week 5 against Miami that helped seal a 27-17 Bengals win.

**Bengals career records watch:** As Cincinnati continues the 2023 campaign, here is a look at potential upcoming movement on the Bengals' career records lists (regular season):

- QB Joe Burrow has 1561 career passing attempts, 660 shy of QB Jeff Blake (2221) for fifth place all-time. QBs Ken Anderson (4475), Andy Dalton (4449), Boomer Esiason (3564) and Carson Palmer (3217) hold the top four spots on the team's career list.
- Burrow has 1058 completions, 182 shy of Blake (1240) for fifth place all-time. Dalton (2757), Anderson (2654), Palmer (2024) and Esiason (2015) hold the top four spots on the team's career list.
- Burrow has 11,856 passing yards, 3278 shy of Blake (15,134) for fifth place all-time.
- Burrow has 82 TD passes, 11 shy of Blake (93) for fifth place all-time.
- Burrow additionally has 16 career games of 300 or more passing yards, one shy of Palmer (17) for fourth place all-time. Dalton (28), Esiason (23) and Anderson (19) hold the top three spots on the team's career list.
- HB Joe Mixon has 1327 career rushing attempts, 17 shy of HB James Brooks (1344) for fourth place all-time. Mixon in 2022 surpassed HB Cedric Benson (1109).
- Mixon in Week 1 at Cleveland had 56 rushing yards, improving his career total to 5434, which surpassed FB Pete Johnson (5421) for fourth place all-time. Mixon is now 308 rushing yards shy of HB Rudi Johnson (5742) for third place.
- Mixon has 40 rushing TDs, five shy of Dillon (45) for third place all-time and eight shy of Rudi Johnson (48) for second place all-time. Pete Johnson (64) is the team's career record holder.
- Mixon has 14 games with 100 or more rushing yards, one shy of Benson for fourth place all-time. Dillon (28), Rudi Johnson (19) and Brooks (17) hold the top three spots on the team's career list.
- WR Tyler Boyd has 448 career receptions, 59 shy of WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh (507) for fourth place all-time. Boyd in 2022 surpassed WR Cris Collinsworth (417).
- K Evan McPherson needs 11 FG attempts to reach 75 in his career, which would qualify him for the Bengals' all-time FG percentage record. McPherson currently has an 82.8 career percentage (53 made/64 att.). There are two qualifying former Bengals with higher career FG percentages — Shayne Graham (86.76 percent; 177/202) and Randy Bullock (84.91 percent; 90/106).

**Records vs. Ravens:** In the first-ever Bengals-Ravens game on Nov. 3, 1996 at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium, head coach Bruce Coslet's Bengals overcame what still stands today as the largest deficit (18 points) to win a regular-season road game in franchise history. The Ravens led 21-3 at halftime, but Cincinnati rallied for a 24-21 win on a 39-yard Doug Pelfrey field goal at the final gun. Not until the 2021 season's AFC Championship did the Bengals finally match that road feat (overcoming a 21-3 deficit at Kansas City to earn a berth in Super Bowl LVI).

The Bengals' second-biggest regular-season comeback in a road win also was set at Baltimore. On Dec. 5, 2004 at M&T Bank Stadium, Cincinnati rallied from a 20-3 deficit to win 27-26. The Bengals matched that 17-point deficit road comeback last season when they came back from being down 17-0 to win 34-23 on Dec. 18 at Tampa Bay.

Also:

- On Nov. 22, 1998 in Cincinnati, Ravens RB Priest Holmes rushed for 227

yards, the most ever recorded against the Bengals in a game.

● On Sept. 23, 2001 in Cincinnati, Ravens QB Elvis Grbac attempted 63 passes, the most ever against the Bengals in a game.

● The Bengals record for kickoff return yardage in a game (228 yards) was set at Baltimore by HB Brandon Bennett on Nov. 10, 2002. Bennett had a 94-yarder for a TD.

● Also on Nov. 10, 2002, Ravens CB Lamont Brightfoot recorded the longest punt return ever against Cincinnati, a 95-yarder for a TD.

● K Shayne Graham kicked a Bengals-record seven field goals — for all of Cincinnati’s scoring — in a 21-7 win at Baltimore on Nov. 11, 2007. Graham did not have a missed attempt. The NFL record for field goals in a game is eight, set by Rob Bironas of Tennessee in 2007, and Graham is one of nine players sharing second place with seven.

● On Nov. 30, 2008 against the Ravens in Cincinnati, P Kyle Larson punted 11 times, which is tied with three other instances for most in a game in team history. Larson’s 480 yards punting that day also stand as the third-most for a single game in Bengals history.

● In the 2014 season opener at Baltimore, Bengals K Mike Nugent tied the NFL record for field goals in a half (five; still tied). His five in the first half gave the Bengals a 15-0 lead toward an eventual 23-16 win.

● On Jan. 3, 2021, the Ravens set a record for most net rushing yards against the Bengals in a single game with 404. That total shattered the previous mark of 313, which had stood since 1969.

● On Dec. 26, 2021, Bengals QB Joe Burrow set a team record for most passing yards in a game with 525, which still is the fourth-highest single-game total in NFL history. Burrow, who eight games earlier in the season had recorded 416 passing yards against the Ravens, became the first QB in NFL history to top 400 passing yards against the same opponent twice in one regular season (he still is the only one to do it), and his 941 combined passing yards against the Ravens still are the highest mark ever by an NFL QB against the same opponent in one regular season. The Bengals’ 498 net passing yards in that game also set a Bengals team record (still stands) and still are the most ever against the Ravens in a game.

**Individually vs. Ravens:** Here are past regular-season offensive statistics recorded by current Cincinnati players in Bengals games against the Ravens (ordered by total games played):

● WR Tyler Boyd: 14 games; 52 receptions for 687 yards (13.2-yard average) and three TDs; two rushes for 26 yards (13.0); one pass attempt (incomplete).

● HB Joe Mixon: 11 games; 176 rushes for 615 yards (3.5) and four TDs; 32 receptions for 279 yards (8.7) and one TD.

● WR Tee Higgins: Six games; 24 receptions for 325 yards (13.5) and two TDs.

● TE Drew Sample (Reserve/Injured): Six games; Eight receptions for 48 yards (6.0).

● QB Joe Burrow: Five games; 128-of-191 passing for 1556 yards, nine TDs and three INTs (101.0 passer rating); 12 rushes for 37 yards (3.1) and one TD.

● WR Ja’Marr Chase: Four games; 30 receptions for 462 yards (15.4) and two TDs; One rush for zero yards.

● HB Trayveon Williams: Four games; Four rushes for 74 yards (18.5); One reception for three yards.

● HB Chris Evans: Three games; One rush for one yard.

● WR Trenton Irwin: Two games; One reception for 12 yards.

**Uniform watch:** The Bengals are slated to wear black jerseys, white pants (orange stripes) and black socks this week against Baltimore. Cincinnati is 2-1 overall when wearing that combination, which was last featured in a 23-10 home win over Cleveland in Week 14 of the 2022 season.

The Bengals unveiled new uniforms in 2021, marking the team’s first significant uniform redesign since ’04. There are three different color options for the current jerseys — black, white and orange. The pants also feature three different options — black with orange stripes, white with orange stripes, and white with black stripes. Options for sock color include black, white and orange.

NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate jerseys and/or color rush (CR) uniforms and/or throwback uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. In 2022, with the league’s approval for the use of alternate helmets, Cincinnati introduced a new helmet branded as the “White Bengal,” featuring a white base coat and the team’s iconic black stripes. The Bengals wore the helmet twice last season, in a Week 4 home win over Miami and a

Week 11 road victory at Pittsburgh. The team announced the “White Bengal” look will return for two games in 2023, both on Monday Night Football — Week 3 against the L.A. Rams and Week 13 at Jacksonville.

Here are the Bengals’ records in every possible uniform combination (regular season and postseason) since the team redesigned the uniform in 2021:

JERSEY	PANTS (STRIPES)	SOCKS	HELMET	W-L-T	PCT.
Black	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-1-0	.000
Black	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	3-1-0	.750
Black	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	Black	Orange	1-1-0	.500
Black	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	2-1-0	.667
Black	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	2-3-0	.400
Black	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	0-1-0	.000
White	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	4-3-0	.571
White	White (Black)	Black	Orange	8-3-0	.727
White^	White (Black)	White	White^	0-0-0	—
White (CR)^	White (Black)	White	White^	2-0-0	1.000
White	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Black)	White	Orange	1-0-0	1.000
White	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	3-0-0	1.000
Orange*	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Black)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange*	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	1-0-0	1.000
Orange*	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—

\* — NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate and/or color rush (CR) and/or throwback uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. The Bengals’ designated alternate uniform includes an orange jersey with one of the team’s primary pants. The Bengals do not have a throwback uniform.

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

**Bengals-Ravens connections:** Bengals S Dax Hill is the younger brother of Ravens RB Justice Hill ... Bengals OT Orlando Brown Jr., a native of Baltimore, Md., was a third-round pick of the Ravens in 2018, and spent his first three seasons (’18-20) with the team ... Ravens G Kevin Zeitler was a first-round pick of the Bengals in 2012 and played five seasons (’12-16) with Cincinnati ... Ravens QB Josh Johnson played two games for the Bengals in 2013 ... Brown Jr.’s college teammate at Oklahoma, TE Mark Andrews (2015-17), was drafted by the Ravens three picks after him in ’18 ... Andrews also played with Bengals HB Joe Mixon (2015-16) and OT Cody Ford (’15-17) at Oklahoma ... Ravens senior football analyst/game planning coach James Urban coached wide receivers for the Bengals for seven years (2011-17) ... Bengals assistant head coach/special teams coordinator Darrin Simmons served as assistant special teams and assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Ravens in 1998 ... Bengals DT DJ Reader and Ravens OLB Jadeveon Clowney were teammates on the Houston Texans (2016-18) ... Ravens CB Kevon Seymour played with Bengals assistant special teams coach Colt Anderson while he played safety with the Buffalo Bills (2016) ... Seymour also played with Bengals LB Joe Bachie while with the Philadelphia Eagles in 2020 ... Ravens offensive coordinator Todd Monken coached Bengals G Alex Cappa while serving as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers’ offensive coordinator (2018) ... Ravens assistant head coach/defensive line coach Anthony Weaver coached Bengals DT DJ Reader while serving as defensive line coach for the Houston Texans (2016-19) ... Ravens assistant offensive line coach Mike Devlin coached Bengals G Max Scharping while serving as offensive line coach for the Houston Texans (2019-20) ... Ravens defensive coordinator Mike Macdonald coached Bengals S

Dax Hill and CB DJ Turner II while he held the same title at Michigan (2021) ... Ravens LB Del'Shawn Phillips worked with Bengals strength and conditioning coach Joey Boese and assistant strength and conditioning coaches Todd Hunt and Garrett Swanson while they served in the same capacities at Illinois (2018) ... Bengals TE Mitchell Wilcox played for Ravens running back coach Willie Taggart while he was head coach at South Florida (2015-16) and Ravens special teams coach T.J. Weist while he was interim head coach/co-offensive coordinator at USF ('16) ... Bengals senior defensive assistant Mark Duffner coached linebackers for the Jacksonville Jaguars while Ravens offensive coordinator Todd Monken coached wide receivers (2007-10), and coached linebackers for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers while Monken was offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach ('16-18) ... Ravens tight ends coach George Godsey was co-offensive coordinator/tight ends coach for the Miami Dolphins while Bengals secondary/cornerbacks coach Charles Burks coached cornerbacks (2021) and defensive line coach Marion Hobby served in the same capacity ('19-21) ... Bengals offensive assistant Fredi Knighten was a graduate

assistant at Florida State when Ravens running backs coach Willie Taggart was the head coach (2018) ... Ravens pass game coordinator/secondary coach Chris Hewitt played defensive back at the University of Cincinnati (1993-96) ... Ravens head coach John Harbaugh played defensive back at Miami (Ohio) and coached at the University of Cincinnati, serving as special teams, tight ends, outside linebackers and running backs coach (1989-94) and assistant head coach ('95-96) ... Bengals senior defensive assistant Mark Duffner was the head coach at the University of Maryland from 1992-96 ... Ravens LB Malik Harrison and Bengals DE Sam Hubbard were teammates at Ohio State (2016-17) ... Ravens ILB Patrick Queen was teammates with Bengals QB Joe Burrow and WR Ja'Marr Chase at Louisiana State (2018-19) ... Ravens ILB Trenton Simpson played alongside Bengals DE Myles Murphy at Clemson (2020-22) ... Bengals S Jordan Battle played with Ravens CB Jalyn Armour-Davis at Alabama (2019-21) ... Bengals WR Charlie Jones played with Ravens C Tyler Linderbaum at Iowa (2020-21) ... Ravens OLB David Ojabo played with Bengals S Dax Hill and CB DJ Turner II at Michigan (2019-21) ... Bengals C Trey Hill lined up alongside Ravens G Ben Cleveland at Georgia (2018-20) ... Ravens OLB Odafé Oweh played with Bengals S Nick Scott at Penn State (2018).

## THE HEAD COACHES

**Zac Taylor** was named the 10th head coach in Bengals history on Feb. 4, 2019. The 2023 season is his fifth in the position.

In 2022, Taylor led Cincinnati to a second consecutive AFC North Division title and a repeat appearance in the AFC Championship. The Bengals tied a team record for regular-season wins (12) and consecutive wins (eight), and with a pair of playoff victories in January, Taylor became one of just 13 head coaches in NFL history with five wins in their first six career postseason games. He once again oversaw a dynamic offense that ranked in the top 10 leaguewide in scoring (seventh, 26.1 points per game), total yards (eighth, 360.5), and passing yards (fifth, 265.0).

The Bengals also boasted a versatile defense that held opposing passers to a league-low 58.9 completion percentage while also ranking sixth in points allowed (20.1 per game) and seventh in rushing yards allowed (106.6).

In 2021, Taylor guided the Bengals to their first division championship since '15, before winning three postseason games to claim the AFC crown and a berth in Super Bowl LVI. QB Joe Burrow, playing in his first full season in Taylor's system, was named the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year after leading the league in completion percentage (70.4), while first-round draft pick WR Ja'Marr Chase totaled the most receiving yards by a rookie in the Super Bowl era (1455) en route to Offensive Rookie of the Year honors.

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

In 2020, Taylor helped the Bengals navigate the league's COVID-19 pandemic protocols which included no in-person offseason program. Still, he guided a rookie Burrow to notable production that included the most ever completions by a QB through their first 10 games (264) and the fifth-most passing yards (2688).

In 2019, his first season as head coach, Taylor led Cincinnati to second-half turnarounds on both offense and defense. Offensively, the Bengals' per-game rushing average jumped 70.6 yards from the first half of the season (59.5) to the second (130.1), while they allowed 10 fewer sacks (29 to 19). Defensively, Cincinnati notched 11 more sacks in the second half of the season compared to the first, and allowed 84.1 fewer yards per game.

Taylor came to Cincinnati after two seasons (2017-18) with the L.A. Rams, where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in '17 and quarterbacks coach in '18. In 2018, he helped guide QB Jared Goff to career highs in every major passing category as the Rams won the NFC West and advanced to Super Bowl LIII.

Taylor had a one-year stint at the University of Cincinnati in 2016, serving as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach under head coach Tommy Tuberville.

Taylor broke into NFL coaching in 2012 as assistant quarterbacks coach for the Miami Dolphins. He was elevated to quarterbacks coach from 2013-15, and spent the final five games of '15 as interim offensive coordinator and primary play-caller.

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

As a player, Taylor began his college career at Wake Forest (2002-03) before transferring to Butler County Community College in Kansas ('04) and then playing his final two seasons ('05-06) at the University of Nebraska. He set

numerous program records, totaling 5850 passing yards and 45 TDs. He was named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year as a senior in 2006 after passing for 3197 yards and leading the Cornhuskers to a 9-3 record, an appearance in the Big 12 Championship Game and a berth in the Cotton Bowl. He was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

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

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

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

**John Harbaugh** is in his 16th season at the helm in Baltimore. He has led the Ravens to a playoff berth in 10 (2008-12, '14, '18-20 and '22) of his 15 full seasons, and in '12, captured the franchise's second Super Bowl championship.

Under Harbaugh's guidance, Baltimore is one of five teams with at least 10 playoff berths in the past 15 seasons, joining New England (12), Green Bay (11), Kansas City (10) and Seattle (10). He has also led the Ravens to playoff berths in four (2018-20, '22) of the past five seasons, producing the league's third most regular-season victories (53, tied with Buffalo and Green Bay) during that span.

In 2019, Harbaugh became the first Ravens coach to win Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year, leading the Ravens to the AFC's No. 1 playoff seed and a franchise-best 14-2 record. Baltimore also won a franchise-record 12-straight games to close out the regular season. In 2018, Baltimore (10-6) captured the AFC North Division title, earning a Wild Card berth. In 2014, the Ravens posted a 10-6 record en route to capturing a 30-17 victory at Pittsburgh in the Wild Card round.

In 2012 the Ravens seized the franchise's second Super Bowl championship. Baltimore topped the Colts in the Wild Card round and followed that by earning a Divisional Round victory over top-seeded Denver before advancing to Super Bowl XLVII with a win in the AFC Championship Game at New England. In the Super Bowl in New Orleans, the Ravens bested the San Francisco 49ers, 34-31.

In his initial season with the team (2008), Harbaugh led Baltimore to an 11-5 record and a berth in the AFC Championship. Baltimore set an NFL record that season for most total wins (13) by a team with both a rookie head coach and a rookie starting quarterback (Joe Flacco).

Harbaugh spent his first 10 NFL seasons (1998-2007) with the Philadelphia Eagles. He was the team's secondary coach in '07, after nine seasons as its special teams coordinator. In 2001, he was voted the NFL's Special Teams Coach of the Year by his peers.

Harbaugh played defensive back at Miami (Ohio) from 1980-83, earning a degree in political science. He has no pro playing experience. He coached collegiately at Western Michigan (1984-86), Pittsburgh ('87), Morehead State ('88), Cincinnati ('89-96), and Indiana ('97).

Harbaugh was born in Perrysburg, Ohio on Sept. 23, 1962. He and his wife, Ingrid, have a daughter, Alison.

Harbaugh is the son of longtime college coach Jack. His brother, Jim, is head coach at the University of Michigan and played for the Ravens in 1998. John's sister, Joani, is married to Tom Crean, a longtime college head basketball coach, most recently for the University of Georgia.

**Taylor vs. Ravens:** The Ravens lead the series overall, 5-4 (including one postseason game).

**Taylor vs. Harbaugh:** Harbaugh leads the series overall, 5-4 (including one postseason game).

**Harbaugh vs. Bengals:** The Bengals lead the series overall, 16-15 (including one postseason game).

## BENGALS NOTES

**Top-10 in 2022:** Here's a look at where the Bengals finished — both individually and in team categories — among the top 10 in the NFL during the 2022 regular season:

### QB JOE BURROW

- Tied for second in TD passes (35).
- Second in completion percentage (68.3).
- Fifth in passing yards (4475).
- Fifth in completions (414).
- Fifth in passing attempts (606).
- Sixth in passer rating (100.8).
- First in fourth-quarter passer rating (115.3).
- Third in third-down passer rating (112.2).

### WR JA'MARR CHASE

- Tied for sixth in receiving TDs (nine).

### K EVAN McPHERSON

- Tied for seventh in PATs made (40).

### BENGALS OFFENSE

- Third in third-down efficiency (46.1 percent; 95/206).
- Fifth in passing yards per game (265.0).
- Fifth in red zone TD efficiency (64.9 percent; 37/57).
- Fifth in first downs per game (22.3).
- Seventh in points per game (26.1).
- Eighth in yards per game (360.5).

### BENGALS DEFENSE

- Tied for third in fumble recoveries (11).
- Fourth in fourth-down efficiency (39.1 percent; 9/23).
- Sixth in points allowed per game (20.1).
- Seventh in rushing yards allowed per game (106.6).
- Tied for eighth in forced fumbles (13).

### TEAM

- Sixth in turnover differential (plus-6).

**Coaching continuity under Taylor:** Head coach Zac Taylor returns virtually the entire coaching staff for the 2023 season, including defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo, offensive coordinator Brian Callahan and assistant head coach/special teams coordinator Darrin Simmons.

Anarumo, Callahan and Simmons have all been on staff since Taylor was hired in February 2019. The Bengals are the only team in the NFL with the same head and same coordinators in place for each season since 2021.

Simmons, now in his 21st season with the team in 2023, is the longest-tenured coach on the Bengals' staff. He has led Cincinnati's special teams units each year since 2003. Defensive quality control coach Sigismondo "Louie" Cioffi has returned for his 17th Bengals season, after serving as an assistant coach from 1997-2010 and then rejoining the staff in '21. Senior defensive assistant Mark Duffner, who previously was a Bengals assistant from 1997-2002 before returning in '19, now is in his 11th season in Cincinnati.

Brad Kragthorpe is in his first season in the role of assistant quarterbacks coach, after spending the previous two years (2021-22) as assistant wide receivers coach. Kragthorpe played QB collegiately at Louisiana State from 2013-15, then returned to LSU in '18 as an offensive analyst in QB Joe Burrow and WR Ja'Marr Chase's first season with the Tigers. He joined the Cincinnati staff as an offensive assistant in 2019.

Here is a look at the Bengals' 2023 coaching staff:

### HEAD COACH:

- Zac Taylor

### ASSISTANT COACHES:

- Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator)
- Colt Anderson (assistant special teams)
- James Bettcher (linebackers)
- Joey Boese (strength and conditioning)
- Charles Burks (secondary/cornerbacks)
- Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator)
- James Casey (tight ends)

- Louie Cioffi (defensive quality control)
- Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant)
- Derek Frazier (assistant offensive line)
- Justin Hill (running backs)
- Marion Hobby (defensive line)
- Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Freddie Knighten (offensive assistant)
- Jordan Kovacs (assistant linebackers)
- Brad Kragthorpe (assistant quarterbacks)
- Robert Livingston (secondary/safeties)
- Dan Pitcher (quarterbacks)
- Frank Pollack (offensive line/run game coordinator)
- Darrin Simmons (assistant head coach/special teams coordinator)
- Garrett Swanson (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Troy Walters (wide receivers)

### STAFF:

- Doug Rosfeld (chief of coaching staff)

**Recapping memorable 2022 season:** Off a postseason run to Super Bowl LVI the previous season, the Bengals entered the 2022 campaign with high aspirations. Cincinnati, fueled by a balanced and talented roster, put together another historic season that included a second straight AFC North Division title and a repeat appearance in the AFC Championship.

Cincinnati finished the regular season 12-4, tying for the most wins in a season in team history. After a Week 8 loss at Cleveland left the team 4-4 heading into November, it proceeded to tie another franchise record with eight consecutive victories, five of which came against teams that qualified for the playoffs the previous year. The Bengals claimed the AFC North crown prior to the regular-season finale, then went on to defeat Baltimore in the Wild Card Playoff and Buffalo in the Divisional Playoff. Cincinnati once again traveled to Kansas City to face the Chiefs in the AFC Championship, but this time came up short in a 23-20 loss to end the season.

The Bengals' offense was once again headlined by Joe Burrow, who in his third season further established himself among the league's elite QBs. Burrow passed for 35 TDs, eclipsing his own team record set in 2021, while also ranking fifth in the NFL in both completions (414, team record) and passing yards (4475). He was selected to the Pro Bowl alongside his top target, second-year WR Ja'Marr Chase. Chase led the Bengals in receptions (87), receiving yards (1046) and receiving TDs (nine) during the regular season, despite missing four games due to a hip injury. The 2021 AP Offensive Rookie of the Year joined former WR A.J. Green as the only players in team history with consecutive 1000-yard receiving seasons to begin their career. With Chase out of the lineup for Weeks 8-12, fellow WR Tee Higgins was relied on as the team's No. 1 receiving option and finished the year with 74 catches for 1029 yards and seven TDs.

Defensively, Cincinnati allowed just 20.1 points per game, the sixth-lowest average in the NFL, while it held opposing QBs to a league-low 58.9 completion percentage. The Bengals' defense boasted playmakers on all three levels, led by a line that spearheaded the NFL's seventh-ranked run defense (106.6). DE Trey Hendrickson had a team-leading eight sacks and three FFs to earn his second straight Pro Bowl nod. At LB, Logan Wilson and Germaine Pratt each set a career high in total tackles with 123 and 99, respectively, while also combining for 3.5 sacks and three INTs.

Cincinnati's postseason began with a 24-17 home win over Baltimore that notably produced one of the most iconic plays in Bengals history. With the score tied 17-17 early in the fourth quarter and Baltimore possessing the ball at the Cincinnati one-yard line, Ravens QB Tyler Huntley attempted to reach it over a pile of linemen, but was met at the summit by Logan Wilson, who knocked it out of his hands and into the waiting arms of DE Sam Hubbard. Hubbard ran 98 yards to the opposite end zone, evading Ravens TE Mark Andrews in the process, to score what ended up being the game-deciding TD. It was the longest fumble return for a TD in NFL postseason history, and the longest score of any kind in Bengals postseason history.

The following week in a snowy setting at Buffalo's Highmark Stadium, the

Bengals jumped out to a 14-0 lead and never looked back, dominating both lines of scrimmage to cruise to a 27-10 victory. Burrow completed each of his first nine pass attempts to lead two straight TD drives, and Cincinnati finished with 412 offensive net yards (172 rushing). Defensively, it held Buffalo to just 64 rushing yards and 10 points, the second-fewest allowed in a game in Bengals post-season history. Cincinnati became the fourth team in NFL history to win both a home and road playoff game in back-to-back seasons.

Several single-season and single-game Bengals records fell during the 2022 regular season. Full details on team individual records entering the 2023 season can be found on page 174 of the '23 Bengals Media Guide. Some of the notable individual records that were set last season include:

**QB JOE BURROW**

- Completed 414 passes. The previous record was 373, by QB Carson Palmer in 2007.
- Had 606 pass attempts. The previous record was 586, by Palmer in 2010 and QB Andy Dalton in '13.
- Had 35 TD passes. The previous record was 34, by Burrow in 2021.
- Completed 40 passes (Dec. 24 at New England), tying a single-game record set by QB Ken Anderson in 1982.

**HB JOE MIXON**

- Scored five total TDs (Nov. 6 vs. Carolina). The previous single-game record was four, by FB Larry Kinnebrew (1984), HB Corey Dillon ('97) and WR Marvin Jones (2013).
- Scored four rushing TDs (Nov. 6 vs. Carolina), tying a single-game record set by Dillon in 1997.

**K EVAN MCPHERSON**

- Kicked a 59-yard FG (Sept. 11 vs. Pittsburgh). The previous record was 58 yards, by McPherson in 2021.

**Esiason, Johnson to join Bengals Ring of Honor:** The Bengals announced that former QB Boomer Esiason and WR Chad Johnson will be inducted into the team's Ring of Honor at halftime of the Week 3 Monday Night Football game against the L.A. Rams on Sept. 25. They will become the seventh and eighth members of the Bengals Ring of Honor, joining QB Ken Anderson, OT Willie Anderson, team founder/head coach Paul Brown, WR Isaac Curtis, OT Anthony Munoz and CB Ken Riley.

Regarded as one of the greatest locker-room leaders in team history, Esiason played for the Bengals from 1984-92 before returning for a final season in 1997. He earned three Pro Bowl nods (1986, '88-89), and ranks third in Bengals history in both career passing yards (27,149) and TD passes (187). Esiason in 1988 was named NFL MVP while leading the league with a 97.4 passer rating, before steering the Bengals to an AFC title and a berth in Super Bowl XXIII.

Johnson, who was officially known as Chad Ochocinco from 2008-11, earned a reputation as one of the league's most charismatic personalities while also producing at an elite level during his 10 seasons with the Bengals ('01-10). He was selected to six Pro Bowls (2003-07, '09), and remains the team's all-time leader in receptions (751), receiving yards (10,783) and receiving TDs (66).

Bengals president Mike Brown on the 2023 inductees: "Boomer and Chad were both exceptional players. If you look at the statistics, Boomer has a long list of quarterback firsts here. And Chad was a superb athlete who was probably the quickest receiver we have had here. They could have moments when they just carried the team by themselves. Both players are very deserving of this honor."

Established in 2021, the Bengals Ring of Honor recognizes former players, coaches and individuals who have played a significant role in the franchise's storied history and tradition. Inductees are voted in each offseason by Bengals Season Ticket Members.

**The Jungle is jammin':** The five highest-attended home games (and seven of the top eight) in Bengals history have occurred since the start of the 2022 calendar year. The Bengals beat Miami in Week 4 of the 2022 season in front of a paid attendance of 67,260 at Paycor Stadium, marking the largest crowd for a sporting event in Cincinnati history. That figure surpassed the previous record of 66,277 set in the 2021 Wild Card Playoff victory over Las Vegas on Jan. 15. The 2022 Wild Card Playoff win over Baltimore had an announced attendance of 66,399, which now stands as the second largest in team history.

The attendance figure for Cincinnati's Week 13 win against Kansas City was 66,243 (fourth largest), while other 2022 home contests against Cleveland (66,222), Carolina (66,160) and Atlanta (66,158) rank fifth, seventh and eighth all-time, respectively. Adding in figures of 65,841 for the 2022 season opener vs.

Pittsburgh, and 65,849 for the Week 18 matchup vs. Baltimore, the Bengals welcomed an attendance of over 65,000 in seven consecutive regular-season home games for the first time since 2007. That year, Cincinnati hosted over 65,000 in each of its eight regular-season home contests.

The Paycor Stadium crowds have coincided with a recent string of home success for the Bengals, as they have won each of their past seven games and nine of their last 10 played at the venue dating back to Week 16 of the 2021 regular season (includes postseason). The last time Cincinnati matched that number was a nine-game streak that began in the 2012 regular-season finale and lasted through the entire '13 regular season, before the Bengals suffered a home loss to the San Diego Chargers in the '13 Wild Card Playoff.

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

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATTENDANCE
Sept. 29, 2022	Miami	W, 27-15	67,260
Jan. 15, 2023*	Baltimore	W, 24-17	66,399
Jan. 15, 2022*	Las Vegas	W, 26-19	66,277
Dec. 4, 2022	Kansas City	W, 27-24	66,243
Dec. 11, 2022	Cleveland	W, 23-10	66,222

\*—Asterisk denotes a Wild Card Playoff.

**Bengals announce 2023 captains:** The Bengals this season are led by six players wearing the captains' patch, which were decided through a players-only vote. The captains are composed of three offensive and three defensive players.

Cincinnati's offensive captains remain unchanged from the 2022 season and include fourth-year QB Joe Burrow, seventh-year HB Joe Mixon and eighth-year C Ted Karras. This is Burrow's fourth consecutive season as a captain and the third straight for Mixon. Karras, who joined the Bengals as a free agent in March of 2022, serves as a team captain for the third time in his career, after previously doing so with the Miami Dolphins in 2020.

The defensive captains are seventh-year CB Mike Hilton, sixth-year DE Sam Hubbard and eighth-year DT DJ Reader. Hubbard is wearing the patch for a third consecutive season, while Reader dons it for a second straight year. Hilton is the lone Bengals captain this season who is carrying the honor for the first time.

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

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

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

Burrow in 2021 completed a league-leading 70.4 percent of his passes (366 of 520) for 4611 yards and 34 TDs en route to being named the AP Comeback Player of the Year. His passing yardage and 108.3 passer rating stand as single-season team records. In the postseason, he threw for 1105 yards and five TDs in four games, becoming the first No. 1 overall draft pick in NFL history to lead his team to a conference championship game (let alone a Super Bowl berth) in either of their first two seasons.

On the day before the first official training camp practice of 2022, Burrow was forced to undergo surgery to remove his appendix. He remained involved in team meetings and attended practices on a golf cart during a three-week recovery process, before returning to the field in mid-August. He started the regular-season opener and went on to set Bengals single-season records for completions (414, fifth in NFL) and TD passes (35, tied for second). Burrow then completed 66.1 percent of his passes (72 of 109) for 721 yards and four TDs in three postseason games, guiding the Bengals to the AFC Championship once again. He became the first player drafted No. 1 overall to win five playoff games within his first three seasons.

The Athens, Ohio, native again faced adversity in training camp this season as he worked his way back from a calf strain. Burrow sustained the injury on July 27 — the second day of camp — and returned to practice on Aug. 30. On Sept. 9, he signed a five-year contract extension that makes him the highest-paid player in NFL history, based on average annual value. The extension keeps Burrow in Cincinnati through the 2029 season.



**Hitting the mark:** QB Joe Burrow eclipsed 1500 career passing attempts in the 2022 regular-season finale against Baltimore, which qualified him for the NFL's career completion percentage record. With a current completion percentage of 67.8 (67.777), Burrow is the NFL's all-time leader in the category, narrowly ahead of Las Vegas QB Jimmy Garoppolo (67.775).

After leading the league in completion percentage in 2021 (70.4; minimum 14 pass attempts per game), Burrow followed up by completing 68.3 percent of his passes in the '22 regular season, good for the second-highest rate in the league. He did so while setting single-season team records for total attempts (606) and completions (414) — both ranked fifth in the NFL.

In Week 16 at New England, Burrow surpassed 1000 career completions in what was just his 41st game. That tied him with former Detroit QB Matthew Stafford as the second-fastest player in NFL history to reach 1000 completions.

With numerous pass-catching options missing time due to injuries in 2022, Burrow found a way to spread the ball around the entire offense, as six Bengals (three WRs, two HBs and one TE) finished the year with 35 or more receptions. Burrow had 13 games in which he completed a pass to seven or more players.

Here is a look at the fastest QBs in NFL history — in terms of games played — to reach 1000 completions.

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO REACH 1000
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	38
Matthew Stafford	Detroit Lions	41
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	41
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	42
Carson Wentz	Philadelphia Eagles	44
Kyler Murray	Arizona Cardinals	44

**Burrow surpasses 11K:** QB Joe Burrow surpassed 11,000 career passing yards in Week 15 of the 2022 season at Tampa Bay, in what was just his 40th career game. That tied him with Matthew Stafford as the fourth-fastest QB in NFL history to reach 11,000 passing yards. He is the fastest Bengal ever to 10,000 passing yards (36 games), 9000 (33), 8000 (29), 7000 (26), 6000 (23), 5000 (19) and 4000 (16).

Here's a look at the fastest QBs in NFL history — in terms of games played — to reach 11,000 passing yards:

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO REACH 11,000 YDS
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	37
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	38
Kurt Warner	St. Louis Rams	39
Matthew Stafford	Detroit Lions	40
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	40

**Joe throws 75th career TD:** QB Joe Burrow threw his 75th career TD pass in Week 15 of the 2022 season at Tampa Bay, when he found WR Tee Higgins in the back of the end zone for a five-yard score. It came in Burrow's 40th career game, making him the fifth-fastest QB in NFL history to throw for 75 TDs.

The former No. 1 overall draft pick had 13 TD passes in 10 games as a rookie, before setting a then-team record with 34 TDs in his sophomore campaign. By eclipsing his own record with 35 TDs in 2022, Burrow became the first QB in Bengals history to throw for 30 or more TDs in multiple seasons. Burrow, Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino and Chargers QB Justin Herbert are the only players in NFL history with at least 30 TD passes and 4000 passing yards in two of their first three seasons.

Prior to Week 1 at Cleveland, Burrow held a streak of 23 consecutive regular-season games in which he threw at least one TD pass. That surpassed Jeff Blake (21 games in 1994-95) for the longest such streak in Bengals history.

Burrow also joined former Colts QB Andrew Luck as the only players in NFL history with at least 75 TD passes and 10 rushing TDs in their first three seasons. A career-high five of Burrow's 10 rushing TDs came in 2022.

Here is a look at the fastest QBs in NFL history — in terms of games played — to reach 75 passing TDs.

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO REACH 75
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	30
Dan Marino	Miami Dolphins	31
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	34
Kurt Warner	St. Louis Rams	35
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	40

**Burrow masters the deep ball:** A staple of Cincinnati's offense under head coach Zac Taylor has been a willingness to take shots down the field, and no QB has cashed in on more big plays than Joe Burrow. Burrow has 17 career TD passes of 40 or more yards, three more than any NFL QB since he entered the league in 2020.

Burrow also has a league-leading 12 TD passes of 50 or more yards since 2020, which tied with Pro Football Hall of Famers Dan Marino and Fran Tarkenton for the most by any player in NFL history in their first three seasons.

Six of Burrow's 40-plus yard TD passes came during Weeks 3-8 of the 2022 campaign. In Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets, he hit WR Tyler Boyd for a 56-yard TD on the final play of the first quarter. The following game against Miami, Burrow launched a pinpoint pass down the left sideline that was grabbed by WR Tee Higgins and taken in for a 59-yard score. He threw the game-winning TD pass to WR Ja'Marr Chase in Week 6 at New Orleans, a 60-yard catch and run that gave the Bengals their first lead with 1:57 left. In Week 7 vs. Atlanta, Burrow aired out a 60-yard TD to Boyd just two minutes into the first quarter, and in the second quarter found Chase for a 41-yard score. He connected with Higgins again for a 41-yard TD in the fourth quarter of Week 8 at Cleveland.

Burrow additionally has an NFL-best 23 TD passes of 30 or more yards since the start of the 2021 regular season. The next closest player in that category is former Las Vegas QB Derek Carr (16).

Here is a look at the QBs with the most TD passes of 40 or more yards since the start of the 2020 season:

PLAYER	TEAM	40-YARD TDs
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	17
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	14
Russell Wilson	Seattle Seahawks/Denver Broncos	14
Derek Carr	Las Vegas Raiders	13
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	12
Matthew Stafford	Detroit Lions/L.A. Rams	12

**Three-headed monster at WR:** The Bengals' offense has featured arguably the top receiving trio in the NFL over the past two seasons, consisting of WRs Tyler Boyd, Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins.

Though each player missed substantial action during the 2022 regular season due to injuries, Cincinnati was one of two teams (L.A. Chargers) with three WRs that recorded 700 or more receiving yards. The Bengals were also the only team with three players that each had a game with 130-plus receiving yards. Boyd, Chase and Higgins all averaged at least 12 yards per reception and had at least one TD catch of 50-plus yards.

In the Week 7 win over Atlanta, they became the first Bengals trio to each log 90 or more receiving yards since Dec. 30, 2001 (T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Darnay Scott and Peter Warrick vs. Pittsburgh). The Week 15 victory at Tampa Bay marked the first time all three players had a TD catch in the same game, with each coming in the second half to help Cincinnati erase a 17-point deficit.

Even with missed time due to injuries, along with the team playing just 16 games, they combined for 2837 receiving yards during the regular season. That total was the fifth-most among any trio of pass catchers in the NFL. Their 3374 combined receiving yards in the 2021 regular season led all trios, with Chase posting a Bengals-record 1455, Higgins going for 1091 and Boyd netting 828.

Chase (1046 yards) and Higgins (1029) both notched 1000 receiving yards for the second straight season, marking the fourth time the Bengals had multiple 1000-yard receivers — WRs Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh also did it twice, in 2006 and '07. In 2021, Chase (21 years old) and Higgins (22) became the first duo in league history to log 1000 receiving yards in the same season before the age of 23.

Boyd, Chase and Higgins have combined for 20 games of 100 or more receiving yards since the start of the 2021 regular season, the most such games by any WR trio in the NFL.

**Chasing history:** WR Ja'Marr Chase led the Bengals in receptions (87), receiving yards (1046) and receiving TDs (nine) during the 2022 regular season, despite missing four games from Weeks 8-12 due to a hip injury. The 2021 AP Offensive Rookie of the Year joined A.J. Green (2011-12) as the only players in team history with consecutive 1000-yard receiving seasons to begin their career.

Chase finished the 2022 campaign tied for ninth in the NFL in receiving TDs, 14th in receptions and 17th in receiving yards. He earned his second straight Pro Bowl honor and eclipsed two career milestones — 2000 receiving yards and 20 receiving TDs. His 2000th yard came in just his 24th career game (Week 7 vs. Atlanta), making Chase tied for the fourth-fastest player in NFL history to hit the 2K mark. He recorded his 20th TD catch in Week 14 vs. Cleveland, in what was

his 26th game — that tied him as the fourth-fastest since 1970 to reach that number. Chase, who turned 23 on March 1 of this year, joined Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy Moss as the only players under the age of 23 with 2000 receiving yards and 20 TD receptions in league history.

**Uno heats up in postseason:** WR Ja'Marr Chase has a league-leading 588 receiving yards over the past two postseasons, while his 45 receptions are second-most behind Kansas City TE Travis Kelce (50).

Chase in the 2022 postseason caught 20 passes for 220 yards and two TDs, leading the Bengals in each category. He opened with nine catches for 84 yards in the Wild Card Playoff against Baltimore, including a seven-yard TD in the second quarter. It marked his ninth straight game played with at least seven receptions, dating back to Week 5. That tied for the fourth-longest such streak by an NFL player within a single season (including postseason) since 1970. Chase followed that up with five grabs for 61 yards in the Divisional Playoff win at Buffalo, highlighted by a 28-yard catch and run to the end zone that capped off a dominant opening drive.

In the AFC Championship at Kansas City, Chase caught six passes for 75 yards — none more crucial than a 35-yarder on fourth-and-six from the Kansas City 41 on the opening play of the fourth quarter.

Through seven career postseason games, Chase has 45 catches for 588 yards, both the most in Bengals history, while his three receiving TDs are tied with teammate Tee Higgins and former TE Dan Ross for the team's all-time postseason record. He ranked second in the NFL in receptions (25) and receiving yards (368) during the 2021 postseason.

In the win over the Bills, Chase surpassed Randy Moss for the second-most postseason receiving yards by a player in his first two seasons. Former Washington WR Charlie Brown holds the record with 643 yards.

Combining the regular season and postseason, Chase has 3089 career receiving yards, joining him with Moss (3189) and former Louisiana State teammate Justin Jefferson (3016) as the only players in NFL history with at least 3000 receiving yards in their first two years.

Here is a look at the players with the most postseason receiving yards within their first two career seasons in NFL history.

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEIVING YARDS
Charlie Brown	Washington	643
Ja'Marr Chase	Cincinnati	588
Randy Moss	Minnesota	463
T.Y. Hilton	Indianapolis	393

**Chase, Boyd pose deep threats:** QB Joe Burrow has the NFL's most TD passes of 50 or more yards since the start of the 2021 season, and much of that production can be attributed to WRs Ja'Marr Chase and Tyler Boyd.

Chase has a league-leading six TD receptions of 50-plus yards in that span, with the most recent coming in Week 6 of the 2022 season. Returning to his hometown of New Orleans to take on the Saints, Chase caught seven passes for 132 yards and two TDs, including a 60-yard catch and run to the end zone with just under two minutes remaining that proved to be the game-winner. It was a memorable encore for Chase at Caesars Superdome, as in his last appearance at the venue he had nine grabs for 221 yards and two TDs to help Louisiana State win the 2019 College Football Playoff National Championship.

Boyd, meanwhile, has four TD catches of 50 or more yards since 2021, the second-most in the NFL behind Chase. Two of those scoring receptions occurred last season, beginning with a 56-yarder on the final play of the first quarter in a Week 3 win at the N.Y. Jets. In Week 7 vs. Atlanta, Burrow and Boyd connected for a 60-yard TD on just the fourth play from scrimmage to give the Bengals an early 7-0 lead.

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

PLAYER	TEAM	TD CATCHES OF 50 OR MORE YARDS
Ja'Marr Chase	Cincinnati Bengals	6
Tyler Boyd	Cincinnati Bengals	4
Deonte Harty	New Orleans Saints	3
Tyreek Hill	Kansas City Chiefs/Miami Dolphins	3
Van Jefferson	L.A. Rams	3
Cooper Kupp	L.A. Rams	3
Tyler Lockett	Seattle Seahawks	3
Deebo Samuel	San Francisco 49ers	3

**Tee tops 1000 again:** WR Tee Higgins ranked second on the Bengals in receptions (74), receiving yards (1029) and receiving TDs (seven) during the 2022 regular season. He is one of five players in Bengals history with multiple 1000-yard receiving seasons within the first three years of his career, alongside WRs Cris Collinsworth (1981, '83), Chad Johnson (2002-03), A.J. Green ('11-13) and Ja'Marr Chase ('21-22). Higgins' 3028 career receiving yards are the second-most ever by a Bengals player through their first three seasons, trailing only Green (3833).

With Chase out of the lineup due to injury in Weeks 11-12, Higgins was relied on as the team's No. 1 receiver and delivered back-to-back 100-yard performances. He had a season-high nine catches for 148 yards in Week 11 at Pittsburgh, including four for 55 yards during a Bengals TD drive in the second quarter. The 148 yards were the second-most in a game in his career (194 on Dec. 26, 2021 vs. Baltimore). Higgins followed that up with seven grabs for 114 yards and a TD in Week 12 at Tennessee. Three of his receptions went for over 20 yards, highlighted by a contested 27-yard TD that gave Cincinnati a fourth-quarter lead.

Higgins has continued to produce during his brief but impressive postseason career. He ranks second in Bengals postseason history in receptions (31) and receiving yards (457), trailing Chase in both categories, while his three TD catches are tied with Chase and former TE Dan Ross for the team's postseason record. With two TDs in Super Bowl LVI, he also joined Ross as the only players in team history with multiple TDs in a postseason game.

Here's a look at the most receiving yards in a players' first three career seasons in Bengals history (regular season):

PLAYER	FIRST THREE SEASONS	RECEIVING YARDS
A.J. Green	2011-13	3833
Tee Higgins	2020-22	3028
Chad Johnson	2001-03	2850
Cris Collinsworth	1981-83	2839
Ja'Marr Chase	2021-23*	2540

\*—Currently in third season.

**Yoshi flashes in preseason:** Rookie WR Andrei Iosivas was perhaps the most productive player offensively for the Bengals during the preseason, as the sixth-round draft pick out of Princeton led the team in receptions (12) and receiving yards (129) over three games. Iosivas' 12 catches tied for fourth-most leaguewide in preseason, while his receiving yardage total ranked 11th among all NFL players.

Nicknamed 'Yoshi' by teammates, Iosivas had at least three grabs in each game and averaged 10.8 yards per reception. He paced Cincinnati with 50 yards on four catches in the preseason opener vs. Green Bay, including a 24-yarder on third down in the third quarter that led to a Bengals FG. He then posted a team-high five catches for 44 yards the following week at Atlanta, none bigger than an 18-yard reception to set up a first-and-goal with under two minutes remaining in regulation. Iosivas found the end zone for the first time in the third contest at Washington, leaping to grab a seven-yard pass from QB Jake Browning to cap off the Bengals' opening offensive drive. Earlier in the drive, he had a 25-yard catch on third down that landed Cincinnati at the Commanders' 14-yard line.

A native of Honolulu, Hawaii, Iosivas played in 29 career games at Princeton and graduated with the third-most receiving TDs (16) and sixth-most receiving yards (1909) in program history. He additionally was an All-American in the indoor heptathlon as a member of the Princeton men's track and field team.

**Mixon makes Bengals history:** HB Joe Mixon had perhaps his best career performance in Week 9 of the 2022 season against Carolina, as he rushed for 153 yards on 22 carries (7.0 average) with four TDs and caught four passes for 58 yards and a TD. His five total TDs and 30 points accounted for each set a Bengals single-game record, while his four rushing scores tied HB Corey Dillon (Dec. 4, 1997) for the team's single-game mark. Mixon's 211 yards from scrimmage were also a career high.

Mixon became the sixth player in the Super Bowl era with at least 200 scrimmage yards and five total TDs in a game. He also joined Shaun Alexander (Sept. 29, 2002) and Jonathan Taylor (Nov. 21, 2021) as one of three players in the Super Bowl era with at least four rushing TDs and one receiving TD in a game. Mixon's five total TDs and four rushing TDs were both the most by any player in a game during the 2022 regular season.

In just the first half alone, Mixon had 15 rushing attempts for 113 yards and three TDs, becoming the second player in Bengals history with three rushing scores in a single half (Dillon on Dec. 4, 1997). It also marked Mixon's 14th career game with 100 or more rushing yards, which tied FB Pete Johnson for the fifth-most such games in team history. His efforts in Week 9 were rewarded with



his third career AFC Offensive Player of the Week recognition.

Here are the most total TDs scored by Bengals players in single games:

PLAYER	DATE	OPPONENT	TOTAL TDs
Joe Mixon	Nov. 6, 2022	Carolina Panthers.....	5
Larry Kinnebrew	Oct. 28, 1984	Houston Oilers.....	4
Corey Dillon	Dec. 4, 1997	Tennessee Oilers.....	4
Marvin Jones	Oct. 27, 2013	N.Y. Jets.....	4

**Mixon hits 5K:** HB Joe Mixon surpassed 5000 career rushing yards early in his historic performance against Carolina in Week 9 of the 2022 season. He became the fifth player in team history to reach the 5000-yard milestone, and the first since HB Rudi Johnson in 2006. A 2017 second-round draft pick of the Bengals, Mixon has logged over 1000 rushing yards in three of his five full seasons (missed 10 games in '20 due to injury).

Mixon is currently one of nine active NFL players with 5000 or more career rushing yards. Also a threat as a pass catcher out of the backfield, he posted career highs in receptions (60) and receiving yards (441) during the 2022 season and topped 100 scrimmage yards four times. In the AFC Divisional Playoff win at Buffalo, Mixon had 105 rushing yards — the third-most in a postseason game in Bengals history — on 20 carries (5.3 average).

With 56 rushing yards in Week 1 at Cleveland, Mixon increased his career total to 5434, which surpassed FB Pete Johnson (5421) for fourth-most in team history. He now is 308 rushing yards shy of HB Rudi Johnson (5742) for third on the Bengals' all-time chart.

Here is a look at Cincinnati's all-time leaders in rushing yards:

PLAYER	YEARS PLAYED	RUSHING YARDS
Corey Dillon	1997-2003.....	8061
James Brooks	1984-91.....	6447
Rudi Johnson	2001-07.....	5742
Joe Mixon	2017-present.....	5434
Pete Johnson	1977-83.....	5421

**Defense ready at the start ... :** The Bengals kept Cleveland out of the end zone in the first quarter of the regular-season opener, extending their streak to 14 consecutive games (including postseason) without allowing a first-quarter TD. That marks the longest active streak in the NFL, with the next closest held by Washington (eight games). The last team to not yield a TD in the first quarter of 14 or more straight contests was Buffalo, which carried its streak 16 games from Week 14 of the 2020 season through Week 10 of the '21 campaign.

Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo's unit last allowed a first-quarter TD in Week 6 of the 2022 season at New Orleans. The Bengals then closed out the regular season with no first-quarter TDs given up in each of their final 10 games, before holding opponents out of the end zone in all three first quarters during the postseason.

During the current streak, the Bengals have allowed just 12 total points (never more than three in an opening quarter), while collecting three INTs and forcing 14 punts. The Browns in Week 1 reached Cincinnati's 21-yard line on their second possession, but LB Germaine Pratt stripped the ball from RB Jerome Ford and it was recovered by CB Chidobe Awuzie at the 13 to end the scoring threat.

Cincinnati gave up just four first-quarter TDs in the entire 2022 regular season, tied for the second-fewest league-wide, while its 52 total points allowed in first quarters were fourth-fewest.

**... And tightens after the break:** The Bengals' defense, which has proven itself among the best in the league at in-game adjustments under Lou Anarumo, opened the 2022 season by going seven straight games without allowing a TD in the second half of play. Cincinnati became the first team to not give up a second-half TD in each of its first seven contests since the 1934 Detroit Lions, who carried their streak to eight games.

The 2022 Bengals were also one of just six teams since 1930 to not allow a second-half TD in seven or more consecutive games at any point in a season. The 1973 Miami Dolphins (seven games) and '97 Kansas City Chiefs (10 games) are the only other teams to accomplish that feat since the '70 NFL/AFL merger.

Despite the Bengals' streak being snapped in Week 8 at Cleveland, they remained one of the top defensive teams after halftime. Cincinnati's 142 points allowed in the second half/OT during the regular season ranked as the fifth-fewest in the NFL, while its 8.9 average points given up were the seventh-fewest.

**Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal:** While DE Sam Hubbard's 2022 campaign will be remembered primarily for his 98-yard fumble return in the Wild Card Playoff vs. Baltimore, he put together yet another complete season that further established him as a foundational piece on the Bengals defense.

During the regular season, Hubbard tallied 60 total tackles — his fourth straight year with at least 60 — including a team-leading 11 TFLs and 6.5 sacks. He also recorded three PDs and a forced fumble. A third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, Hubbard ranks second in sacks (30.5) among all players from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

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

Hubbard has been the Bengals' starting RDE since 2019, and during the '21 regular season, his 7.5 sacks were second on the team. He has four career postseason sacks, tied with former DE Jason Buck for the most in Bengals history.

Hubbard signed a contract extension with the Bengals in July 2021 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the end of the '25 season.

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

PLAYER/POSITION	TEAM	PICK (ROUND)	SACKS
Harold Landry III/EDGE	Tennessee.....	No. 41 (2nd)	31.0
Sam Hubbard/DE	Cincinnati.....	No. 77 (3rd)	30.5
Josh Sweat/DE	Philadelphia.....	No. 130 (4th)	29.0
Bradley Chubb/DE	Denver/Miami.....	No. 5 (1st)	28.5
Marcus Davenport/DE	New Orleans.....	No. 14 (1st)	21.5

**Trey's torrid pace:** DE Trey Hendrickson notched his first sack of the season in Week 1 at Cleveland, bringing down QB Deshaun Watson early in the second half to force the Browns into a third-and-11. The seventh-year veteran has asserted himself among the NFL's elite pass rushers since joining Cincinnati as a free agent in March of 2021, as he has led the Bengals in sacks while earning a Pro Bowl selection in each of the past two seasons.

Hendrickson's first season in stripes in 2021 saw him post a career-best 14 sacks, which ranked fifth in the league and second in Bengals single-season history behind DE Coy Bacon's 22 in 1976 (sacks became an official NFL statistic in 1982, however the Bengals tracked the stat back to '76 and thus recognize Bacon as the record-holder). He followed that up with a team-leading eight sacks in 2022, which included a 2.5-sack performance along with two FFs in Week 3 at the N.Y. Jets. It marked the first time a Bengals player had two-plus sacks and two-plus FFs in a game since at least 2000, and garnered Hendrickson his first career AFC Defensive Player of the Week award.

Combined with a team-high 13.5 sacks in his final season with New Orleans (tied for second in NFL), Hendrickson has 36.5 sacks since the start of the 2020 campaign — the fourth-most in the league in that span. He is one of six players in the NFL with at least eight sacks in each of the past three seasons.

Hendrickson's production was rewarded on July 27, when he signed a one-year contract extension that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2025 season.

Here are the NFL sack leaders since the start of the 2020 regular season:

PLAYER	TEAM	SACKS SINCE 2020
T.J. Watt	Pittsburgh.....	46.0
Myles Garrett	Cleveland.....	45.0
Haason Reddick	Arizona/Carolina/Philadelphia.....	39.5
Trey Hendrickson	New Orleans/Cincinnati.....	36.5
Matthew Judon	Baltimore/New England.....	35.0

**Wilson, Pratt form elite LB duo:** At the center of Cincinnati's defense is one of the top LB tandems in the NFL consisting of fifth-year pro Germaine Pratt and fourth-year pro Logan Wilson. The pair combined for 19 tackles in the regular-season opener at Cleveland, as Pratt notched 11 stops with a sack as well as a FF while Wilson logged eight.

Both players set career highs in tackles during the 2022 regular season. Wilson's team-leading 123 stops marked the most by a Bengal since Vontaze Burfict (171) in his 2013 Pro Bowl season, while Pratt's 99 ranked second on the team. The duo has been equally as effective when dropping into coverage, as Pratt last season set career bests in INTs (two) and PDs (10), while Wilson's seven career picks are the most by any NFL LB since he entered the league in 2020.

Though both players have served as consistent contributors for the Bengals

in regular-season action, they save their most crucial plays for when it matters most. With 17 seconds remaining in the 2021 Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas, Pratt intercepted a pass by QB Derek Carr on fourth down from the Cincinnati nine-yard line to secure the Bengals' first playoff win in 31 years. The next week in the Divisional Playoff at Tennessee, Wilson picked off QB Ryan Tannehill in the final minute of the fourth quarter to set up a game-winning FG drive.

This past January in the 2022 Wild Card Playoff vs. Baltimore, both Pratt and Wilson stopped QB Tyler Huntley as he attempted to reach the ball over a pile of linemen for a potential go-ahead Ravens TD in the fourth quarter. Wilson, who was credited with the FF, knocked the ball free, leading to DE Sam Hubbard's 98-yard fumble return for a TD that proved to be the difference in a 24-17 victory.

Wilson has totaled a league-leading 62 combined tackles over the past two postseasons, while Pratt ranks second in the category with 49 stops. Both players inked contract extensions in 2023, with Pratt locked in with the Bengals through the '25 season and Wilson staying put in Cincinnati through '27.

**Nothing easy in the air:** Cincinnati's defense held opposing passers to a 58.9 completion percentage during the 2022 regular season, the lowest rate in the NFL, while its 17 passing TDs allowed were tied for the third-fewest leaguewide. The Bengals also allowed just one opponent (Tampa Bay in Week 15) to record 300 net passing yards.

Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo's unit also allowed just three QBs to post a passer rating of 100 or higher in 2022 (minimum 20 attempts). Over the past 24 games (2021 postseason through '23 regular-season opener), the Bengals have held passers to a 59.6 completion percentage (512 of 859), while collecting 24 INTs to 30 passing TDs allowed.

**Money Mac from deep:** K Evan McPherson has quickly earned a reputation as one of the NFL's top long-range kickers. Now in his third pro season, he is 14 of 17 on FG attempts of 50 or more yards, tying for the fifth-most FGs from that distance since 2021. It is also the most such FGs within a player's first 30 games in NFL history. What makes it even more impressive is that McPherson's 14th FG of 50 or more yards, kicked in Week 11 of the 2022 season at Pittsburgh, came in just his 26th career game. McPherson finished the 2022 regular season a perfect five of five on FG attempts of 50-plus yards.

McPherson is already the team's career leader in 50-yard FGs. It took him just 14 games into his rookie season to reach the top of Cincinnati's career chart in that category, breaking the previous record of eight. Referred to by fans as "Money Mac," McPherson made an NFL-best nine FGs of 50 or more yards during the 2021 regular season and fell just one shy of tying the NFL record for most 50-yarders. His nine such FGs were more than double the previous team record for a single season (four, by K Horst Muhlmann in 1970).

**Preseason kicks:** K Evan McPherson has wasted no time getting into midseason form in each of the past three years. In eight preseason games, he is 22-for-23 on FG attempts and a perfect eight-for-eight on PATs. McPherson accounted for 27 points in the 2023 preseason, the third-most in the NFL, while his eight made FGs tied for the league lead and his 58-yarder on Aug. 26 at Washington stood as the fifth-longest kick during preseason.

Head coach Zac Taylor has not been hesitant to let McPherson show off his long-range abilities in preseason play. The former fifth-round draft pick has eight preseason FGs of 50 or more yards, including a 58-yarder and 56-yarder in the second quarter alone on Aug. 12, 2022 vs. Arizona. He also kicked a 57-yarder as a rookie in the third preseason game of 2021.

**McPherson's team record:** K Evan McPherson kicked a Bengals-record 59-yard FG in the 2022 season opener vs. Pittsburgh, breaking the previous record of 58 yards that he hit on Dec. 19, 2021 at Denver.

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

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

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

**2023 draft class overview:** Cincinnati's eight-player draft class in April featured four players on defense, three on offense and one on special teams. The group combined to total 356 collegiate games played.

Here's a closer look at the Bengals' 2023 draft class:

• DE Myles Murphy, Clemson (Round 1, Pick 28): A 6-5, 270-pound edge rusher with highly touted athleticism, Murphy recorded 17.5 sacks in 38 career games at Clemson. He was a second-team All-ACC pick as a junior last season, when he tied for the team lead with 6.5 sacks and posted 11 TFLs. Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo noted Murphy's ability to line up on the outside or interior of the defensive line. Murphy saw action on 13 defensive snaps in his NFL debut at Cleveland.

• CB DJ Turner II, Michigan (Round 2, Pick 60): Turner ran the fastest 40-yard dash at this year's NFL Combine, clocking a time of 4.26 seconds. He recorded 20 PDs and three INTs in a four-year career at Michigan (2019-22), earning a pair of All-Big Ten honors (honorable mention in '21, second team in '22). Turner began his Wolverine career seeing limited action, mostly on special teams, before stepping into a starting CB role as a junior in 2021. He recorded two solo tackles and played 35 defensive snaps along with 11 special teams snaps in Week 1 at Cleveland.

• S Jordan Battle, Alabama (Round 3, Pick 95): Battle was twice named a third-team All-American at Alabama, where he started at S from 2020-22. He showed off his versatility with 251 career tackles as well as six INTs, three of which were returned for a TD. Battle was a team captain for the Crimson Tide last season, and Bengals coaches have raved about his high character since arriving in Cincinnati. He was used on 25 special teams snaps in his NFL debut at Cleveland.

• WR Charlie Jones, Purdue (Round 4, Pick 131): Jones in his lone season at Purdue led the FBS in receptions (110), while ranking second in receiving yards (1361) and fifth in receiving TDs (12), picking up second-team All-America honors. He lined up at all three receiver positions, displaying a flexibility that offensive coordinator Brian Callahan said the Bengals will look to utilize. Jones opens his NFL career as the Bengals' primary punt returner, and in his NFL debut at Cleveland he returned three punts for 24 yards, including a 15-yarder in the fourth quarter.

• HB Chase Brown, Illinois (Round 5, Pick 163): Brown put together an impressive career at Illinois, becoming the program's first Doak Walker Award finalist (nation's top running back) and third player to record 1000 rushing yards in consecutive seasons (2021-22). He was a second-team All-American last season, when he ranked fourth in the nation in rushing yards (1642) and eclipsed 100 rushing yards in an Illinois-record 10 straight games. Brown led the Bengals in rushing attempts (28) and yards (69) during the preseason.

• WR Andrei Iosivas, Princeton (Round 6, Pick 206): Iosivas is the seventh player all-time drafted by the Bengals out of an Ivy League program, and the first since LB Reggie Williams (Dartmouth) and QB Bob Bateman (Brown) in 1976. He was perhaps the team's most consistent performer in the preseason, leading Cincinnati in receptions (12) and receiving yards (129). He is a former All-American as a member of the Princeton men's track and field team and carries an athletic frame (6-3, 205 pounds). Iosivas played 25 special teams snaps in Week 1 at Cleveland.

• P Brad Robbins, Michigan (Round 6, Pick 217): Robbins earned the Bengals' punting job after recording eight punts for 371 yards (46.4 gross average) in three preseason games. He spent six seasons (2017-22) at Michigan, where he was a three-time All-Big Ten selection. Robbins finished his career with the second-highest punting average (43.0 yards) in program history, and in his NFL debut at Cleveland he logged 10 punts for 409 yards in rainy conditions.

• CB DJ Ivey, Miami (Fla.) (Round 7, Pick 246): The Bengals' final draft pick logged 10 tackles and a team-leading three PDs in the preseason, showcasing an athleticism and tight coverage that has already impressed his coaches. Ivey started 32 of 58 games played over a five-year career (2018-22) at the University of Miami (Fla.), netting six INTs and 17 PDs.

**Back-to-back division champs:** The Bengals captured the AFC North Division title in 2022 for the second consecutive season, marking the first time in franchise history that Cincinnati won a division in back-to-back years. The 2022 division title was the team's 11th all-time.

While some databases list the Bengals as repeat division winners in 1981 and '82, the '82 postseason featured a special 16-team format (dubbed the "Super Bowl Tournament") that was implemented by the NFL, as the regular season was reduced to nine games due to a players' strike. Eight teams from each conference were seeded 1-8 based on their regular-season records, so despite the Bengals boasting the top record in the AFC Central, they went in as the conference's No. 3 seed and were not recognized as division champions.

**Bengals net three Pro Bowlers in '22:** QB Joe Burrow, WR Ja'Marr Chase and DE Trey Hendrickson were all voted to the AFC Team for the 2023 Pro Bowl Games. It was the first Pro Bowl nod of Burrow's career, while Chase and Hendrickson both received their second after being selected in the 2021 season.

Burrow became the sixth QB in Bengals history to be voted to the Pro Bowl, joining Ken Anderson (1975-76, '81-82), Boomer Esiason ('86, '88-89), Jeff Blake ('95), Carson Palmer (2005-06) and Andy Dalton ('11, '14, '16). The former No. 1 overall draft pick out of Louisiana State finished the 2022 regular season tied for second in the NFL in passing TDs (35), fifth in passing yards (4475) and sixth in passer rating (100.8). He surpassed multiple career milestones, including 11,000 passing yards, 75 passing TDs and 1000 pass completions.

Chase in 2022 led Cincinnati in receptions (87), receiving yards (1046) and receiving TDs (nine), despite missing four games due to a hip injury. In Week 14, he joined Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy Moss as the only players in NFL history with 2000 receiving yards and 20 TD catches under the age of 23. Chase became the seventh player in Bengals history to be voted to the Pro Bowl in each of his first two seasons.

Hendrickson, who concluded his second Bengals season in 2022 after signing as an unrestricted free agent in '21, led Cincinnati in sacks (eight) and was tied for second in TFLs (six).

Chase and Hendrickson both participated in the 2023 Pro Bowl Games, which were held Sunday, Feb. 5 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas.

**Three listed on "Top 100":** For the 13th consecutive season, current NFL players have voted to determine the top 100 players in the NFL, with the final list revealed throughout July and August on NFL Network.

Cincinnati is represented by three players in 2023 — QB Joe Burrow (No. 6), WR Ja'Marr Chase (No. 39) and DE Trey Hendrickson (No. 75). It marked the second career appearance on the list for Burrow and Chase, and the third for Hendrickson.

Burrow's ranking at No. 6 is the highest ever by a Bengal, surpassing A.J. Green, who was voted at No. 9 in 2014. This year's list was the fourth time that three or more Bengals players were featured.

**Ken Riley enters Hall of Fame:** Bengals legend Ken Riley, the most productive CB in team history, was officially inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Aug. 5. He joined OT Anthony Munoz as former Bengals players immortalized in Canton, Ohio.

The honor came posthumously for Riley, who passed away in 2020 at the age of 72. Riley's wife, Barbara, received the gold jacket on his behalf and revealed the bust with his son, Ken Riley II, who spoke at the enshrinement.

"Dad is just getting inducted today, but his whole life he was a Hall of Famer on and off the field," Ken Riley II said.

Riley spent 15 seasons (1969-83) with the Bengals, playing in 207 games. His 65 career INTs constitute the most dominant lead in any major statistical category of the team's record book, nearly doubling the second-place total of 33. At the time of Riley's retirement, that total of 65 INTs was the fourth-most in NFL history, and it still stands tied for fifth-most. He was a member of five Bengals teams that reached the postseason, including the 1981 squad, which he helped lead to Super Bowl XVI.

Following his retirement, Riley spent two seasons as an assistant coach for the Green Bay Packers before taking over as head coach at his alma mater, Florida A&M University. He led the Rattlers' football program from 1986-93, then served as the school's athletic director from '94-2004. Riley was inducted into the FAMU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1982, the Black College Football Hall of Fame in 2015, and the Bengals Ring of Honor in '21.

**Bengal bites:** Since 2011, the Bengals own a 67-6-2 record in the regular season when scoring 25 or more points ... Cincinnati's game against the Dallas Cowboys at AT&T Stadium in Week 2 of the 2022 season had an attendance figure of 92,944, marking the largest crowd the Bengals have played in front of in team history ... The longest-tenured player on the active roster is WR Tyler Boyd, who is in his eighth season with the team after joining the Bengals as a second-round draft pick in 2016 ... The oldest player on the roster is C Ted Karras, who is 30 (born March 15, 1993) ... The youngest player on the roster is DE Myles Murphy, who is 21 (born Jan. 3, 2002) ... The lightest player on the roster is CB DJ Turner II, who is listed at 180 pounds ... The heaviest player on the roster is OT Orlando Brown Jr., who is listed at 345 pounds ... Brown is also the tallest player on the roster, listed at 6-8 ... The shortest player on the roster is HB Trayveon Williams, who is listed at 5-8.

## POSITION BY POSITION

**Quarterbacks:** Fourth-year pro **Joe Burrow** has put together one of the most promising starts to a career by a QB in NFL history. The No. 1 overall draft pick in 2020 has already reached several career milestones including 1000 completions, 11,000 passing yards and 75 TD passes. He also has the highest career completion percentage in league history at 67.8 (minimum 1500 passing attempts). Burrow holds Bengals single-season records for passing attempts (606; 2022), completions (414; '22), passing yards (4611; '21), TD passes (35; '22), passer rating (108.3; '21) and 300-yard passing games (six; '21). He earned his first career Pro Bowl nod and was an MVP candidate in 2022, when he tied for second in the NFL in TD passes, ranked fifth in completions, fifth in passing yards (4475) and sixth in passer rating (100.8). A team captain for the fourth consecutive year, Burrow returned to practice on Aug. 30 after missing the majority of training camp due to a calf strain. He signed a five-year contract extension on Sept. 9 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2029 season. Listed second on the QB depth chart is **Jake Browning**, who earned a spot on the 53-man roster coming out of training camp for the first time in his career. Originally a college free agent signee of Minnesota in 2019, Browning spent the '19 and '20 seasons on the Vikings' practice squad, then joined the Bengals prior to the '21 campaign and spent the past two years on the Cincinnati practice squad. He saw action in all three preseason games in August, completing 32 of 45 passing attempts for 277 yards (71.1 completion percentage) and one TD. He made his NFL debut in Week 1 at Cleveland, entering late in the fourth quarter in relief of Burrow. Browning was a four-year starter (2015-18) at the University of Washington, where he led the Huskies to the College Football Playoff in '16 and finished his career with numerous school records.

**Running backs:** Leading the Bengals running back room is seventh-year pro **Joe Mixon**, who ranks fourth in team history in career rushing yards (5434) and rushing TDs (40). Mixon has surpassed the 1000-yard mark in three of his five full seasons (played just six games in 2020), and in 2022 he asserted himself as a reliable pass catching option with career highs in receptions (60) and receiving yards (441). Voted a team captain for the third straight season, Mixon is looking to get back to his Pro Bowl level of production from 2021, when his 1205 rushing yards were good for third in the NFL while his 13 rushing TDs ranked fourth. He is one of nine active players who have reached the 5000-rushing yard milestone, and he opened the season with 56 yards on 13 carries in

Week 1 at Cleveland. Next on the running backs depth chart is fifth-year veteran **Trayveon Williams**. Williams has served as a reserve HB with 35 games of experience, totaling 245 rushing yards on 49 carries along with eight catches for 64 yards. He stepped in as the team's primary KOR midway through the 2022 season, returning 16 kicks for 356 yards (22.3 average), with a 42-yard long in Week 11 at Pittsburgh. Third-year pro **Chris Evans** had 17 carries for 77 yards his rookie season, but none in 2022. He opened the 2023 season with two carries for 12 yards in Week 1 at Cleveland. Evans also is the team's primary kickoff returner. Cincinnati used its fifth-round draft choice this past April to select **Chase Brown**, a compact runner out of the University of Illinois. Brown had an impressive career with the Illini, totaling 3206 rushing yards on 605 attempts (5.3 average) with 18 TDs. He was a second-team All-American, second-team All-Big Ten selection and the first Doak Walker Award finalist (nation's top running back) in program history in 2022. Brown led the Bengals in rushing attempts (28) and yards (69) during the preseason and added six catches for 32 yards.

**Wide receivers:** The Bengals' wide receiver room is highlighted by one of the most explosive pass-catching trios in the NFL, with the senior member being eighth-year pro **Tyler Boyd**. Boyd is regarded as a premier slot receiver that poses a challenge for nickel CBs with his size (6-2, 203) and route-running ability. He ranks fifth in team history in career receptions (448) for 5343 yards and 29 TDs, and posted consecutive seasons of 1000 or more yards in 2018-19. Boyd's four TD catches of 50-plus yards since the start of the 2021 season rank as the second-most in the league behind teammate and third-year pro **Ja'Marr Chase**. Chase was the team's first-round draft pick in 2021 and led the Bengals in receptions, receiving yards and receiving TDs in each of his first two seasons. He is a two-time Pro Bowler and last season joined Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy Moss as the only players in NFL history with over 2000 receiving yards and 20 TD catches before turning 23 (turned 23 on March 1, 2023). Chase missed four games in 2022 due to a hip injury, but still managed 87 grabs for 1046 yards and nine TDs. Another Cincinnati receiver with a proven history of big plays is fourth-year pro **Tee Higgins**. Higgins, a second-round pick in 2020, has quickly developed into one of the NFL's top young talents. He has posted over 1000 receiving yards in each of the past two seasons, becoming one of five players in team history to do so within his first three years. Higgins had four 100-yard receiving games in 2022, including two when Chase was out of the lineup in

Weeks 11-12. At 6-4, he possesses elite athleticism and the ability to high-point the ball when contested by defensive backs. Fellow fourth-year pro **Trenton Irwin** emerged as a dependable option in the WR room last season and is publicly lauded by his coaches and teammates for a strong work ethic. He spent parts of his first three seasons on Cincinnati's practice squad and saw limited game action, but then found a role in 2022 when he played in nine contests with two starts. Despite not making his season debut until Week 8 at Cleveland, Irwin managed to record 15 catches for 231 yards and four TDs. His best performance came on Christmas Eve at New England, when he caught three passes for 45 yards and two TDs in the first half alone to help the Bengals build a 22-0 lead. Two rookies comprise the rest of the WR room, including the team's fourth-round draft choice **Charlie Jones**. Jones is listed behind Boyd as the team's backup slot WR, and also serves as the team's primary punt returner. He was a second-team All-American last season at Purdue, when he led the FBS in receptions (110), while ranking second in receiving yards (1361) and fifth in receiving TDs (12). Jones also was the Big Ten Return Specialist of the Year in 2021 while at the University of Iowa, where he returned 37 punts for 285 yards and had 25 KORs for 635 yards (25.4 average) with a TD. Making perhaps the most substantial offensive contribution during the preseason was sixth-round pick **Andrei Iosivas**, who looks to carry over a big-play potential he showed at Princeton. Iosivas led Cincinnati in the preseason in receptions (12) and receiving yards (129) and made his NFL debut in the season opener at Cleveland, playing one offensive snap and 25 special teams snaps. He earned FCS All-America second team status in 2022, when he had 66 catches for 943 yards and seven TDs. Iosivas additionally was an All-American in the indoor heptathlon as a member of the Princeton men's track and field team.

**Tight ends:** Among Cincinnati's key free agent acquisitions this offseason was **Irv Smith Jr.**, who is in his fifth NFL season after spending his first four years with Minnesota. Originally a second-round draft pick of the Vikings in 2019, Smith has played in 38 career games with 16 starts and totaled 94 catches for 875 yards and nine TDs. He missed the entire 2021 campaign due to a knee injury and was limited to eight regular-season games in '22 due to an ankle injury, but Bengals head coach Zac Taylor praised his attention to detail and focus throughout training camp. Next on the depth chart is fellow 2019 second-round pick **Drew Sample**, who since being drafted by the Bengals has established himself as a premier blocking TE in the NFL. Sample is returning to the lineup after suffering a season-ending knee injury in Week 2 of the 2022 season. He had a streak of 39 consecutive games played (including postseason) prior to the injury, and has also been a core contributor on special teams for Cincinnati. He made his return to the field in the second preseason game at Atlanta, and in Week 1 at Cleveland saw action on 18 offensive snaps and eight special teams snaps. The Bengals on July 24 re-signed **Mitchell Wilcox**, who spent his first three career seasons with Cincinnati (31 games played). Wilcox came off the Active/Physically Unable to Perform list on Aug. 21, which he had been on since re-signing, and returned to practice. The University of South Florida product has 20 career catches for 155 yards and a TD in 32 games.

**Offensive linemen:** The Bengals have invested heavily in revamping the offensive line over the past two offseasons, signing four marquee free agents to bolster that unit. The most recent such addition is OT **Orlando Brown Jr.**, who signed with Cincinnati in March after spending his first three seasons in Baltimore (2018-20) and the past two in Kansas City ('21-22). A Pro Bowl selection in each of the past four years, Brown takes over as the Bengals' starting LOT and is tasked with protecting QB Joe Burrow's blind side. He was a crucial piece of offensive lines that blocked for Ravens QB Lamar Jackson (2019) and Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes ('22) in their MVP seasons. Brown made his first 32 career starts at ROT, then transitioned to LOT midway through the 2020 season and has started his past 44 games at that spot. The nucleus of Cincinnati's O-line is C **Ted Karras**, who signed as a free agent in 2022 and almost instantaneously became a vocal leader in the locker room. Recently voted a team captain for the second straight season, Karras has experience at all three interior OL positions but quickly cemented himself as the Bengals' starting center and played 99.4 percent of offensive snaps in 2022. He spent five of his first six pro seasons with New England, with the only outlier coming in 2020 with Miami. Karras was a member of Patriots Super Bowl winning teams in 2016 and '18, before earning the starting center role in '19. Joining Karras in the 2022 free agency class was RG **Alex Cappa**, who spent his first four seasons with Tampa Bay. Cappa was perhaps the Bengals' most consistent performer on the line through most of the 2022 season, starting the first 16 games before suffering a left ankle injury in the regular-season finale that kept him out of all three playoff contests. He was the Bucs' starting RG from 2019-21, and was a member of the Super Bowl LV-winning team though he did not play in the final

three postseason games due to an injury sustained in the Wild Card Playoff. Second-year pro **Cordell Volson** is building off an impressive rookie season in which he played every single offensive snap for Cincinnati at LG (1311, including postseason). Volson was a fourth-round draft pick out of North Dakota State University, where he lined up at four different spots along the O-line during his career. He played in a school-record 65 games at NDSU, helping the Bison win four FCS national championships while earning three FCS All-America honors. **Jonah Williams**, the Bengals' first-round pick in 2019, is the team's starting ROT this year after lining up at LOT for his first three full seasons. He has started all 43 regular-season games and all five postseason games he has played in. Williams carried a streak of 37 consecutive starts before suffering a left knee injury in the 2022 Wild Card Playoff vs. Baltimore that ended his season. He spent the majority of the offseason rehabbing, including all of the team's mandatory minicamp, but was a full participant in training camp and played all 56 offensive snaps in Week 1 at Cleveland. Listed behind Williams on the depth chart is third-year pro **Jackson Carman**, who played in all 17 regular-season games as a rookie in 2021 but saw action in just three contests last season. With the O-line affected by injuries heading into the Divisional Playoff at Buffalo in January, Carman was called upon to start at LOT and played perhaps the best game of his young career, as he helped limit the Bills to one sack and paved the way for Cincinnati's 172 net rushing yards. A native of Fairfield, Ohio (Greater Cincinnati area), Carman played three collegiate seasons at Clemson before the Bengals drafted him in the second round of the 2021 draft. Also contributing to that Divisional Playoff win at Buffalo was G **Max Scharping**. Scharping was acquired by the Bengals on waivers prior to the start of the 2022 season and played in 14 regular-season contests, before being thrust into the starting RG spot for all three postseason games following Cappa's injury. He spent his first three pro seasons with Houston, splitting time between RG and LG in 48 games played (33 starts). C **Trey Hill** has served primarily as a special teams contributor in his two Bengals seasons, but started three games (two at C, one at RG) in his 2021 15 rookie campaign. A sixth-round draft pick, Hill has seen action in each of Cincinnati's seven postseason games the past two years. Another notable free agent addition this offseason was G **Cody Ford**, a fifth-year veteran who originally was a second-round pick of Buffalo in 2019. Ford spent his first three pro seasons with the Bills before playing for Arizona in 2022. He has played in 50 career games with 32 starts — at ROT, nine at RG and eight at LG. Ford lined up alongside Orlando Brown Jr. for two seasons (2016-17) at the University of Oklahoma. OT **D'Ante Smith** was inactive for all but one game for Cincinnati during the 2022 regular season, but played in all three postseason contests as a reserve lineman. He was originally a fourth-round pick in 2021 and battled injuries as a rookie, seeing action in just two regular-season games. Smith returned in time for the postseason run, playing in both the AFC Championship and Super Bowl LVI.

**Defensive linemen:** Cincinnati native and Archbishop Moeller High School graduate **Sam Hubbard** is in his sixth Bengals season (fifth as a full-time starter). A third-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2018, Hubbard has 30.5 career sacks, the second-most among all players in the '18 draft class. He is also considered among the best DEs in the NFL against the run and led the Bengals with 11 TFLs in 2022. Hubbard made one of the most memorable plays in recent team history during the fourth quarter of the Wild Card Playoff vs. Baltimore, returning a fumble 98 yards for what proved to be the game-winning TD. It was his second career fumble returned for a score (regular and postseason). On the other side of the line is DE **Trey Hendrickson**, who led Cincinnati with eight sacks in 2022 to earn his second straight Pro Bowl nod. Hendrickson joined the team as a free agent in 2021 and in his first year posted a career-high 14 sacks, the second-most in a season in team history. His sack on Browns QB Deshaun Watson in Week 1 increased his total to 36.5 since the start of the 2020 season, the fourth-most in the NFL in that span. On July 27, Hendrickson signed a one-year contract extension that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2025 season. DT **DJ Reader**, a 6-3, 335-pound run stuffer, has anchored the defensive line since signing with the Bengals as a free agent in 2020. Reader is a key component of a unit that has ranked in the top-seven leaguewide in rushing yards allowed per game in each of the past two seasons. He spent six games on the Reserve/Injured list in 2022 due to a knee injury, but returned in Week 11 and started each contest through the AFC Championship. Reader had a stretch from Weeks 12-14 in which he batted down four passes at the line of scrimmage in three games. DT **B.J. Hill** is in his third season with the Bengals and has become a major contributor on the D-line. Hill was acquired in a trade with the N.Y. Giants shortly before the 2021 regular season and has played in 33 games (19 starts) for Cincinnati. He started all 16 contests in 2022, posting a career-high 68 tackles with three sacks, one FF, three FR and four PDs. Hill logged four stops with a sack in Week 1 at Cleveland. DE **Joseph Ossai** is in his third season as a pro, but 2022 was his first healthy year as he missed his entire

rookie campaign due to a knee injury. The athletic edge rusher showcased his potential last season with 3.5 sacks as a reserve DE. He then posted six tackles in postseason play, including five with a TFL in the AFC Championship. Ossai saw action in all three preseason games and had an INT on the opening drive at Atlanta, but suffered an ankle injury the following week at Washington that caused him to miss the regular-season opener. Second-year DT **Zach Carter** looks to build off a strong rookie season in which he played in all 16 regular-season games with nine starts. Carter, a 2022 third-round pick out of the University of Florida, contributed to the run defense while totaling 23 tackles, a half-sack and a PD. He played in all three postseason games, starting the Wild Card round and AFC Championship as a second DT. Third-year pro **Cam Sample** has played in 30 career regular-season games and serves as a rotational DE. The Tulane University product had 25 tackles with two sacks last season. Sample flashed in the AFC Championship, sacking Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes and bringing down RB Jerick McKinnon for a one-yard loss. Sixth-year DT **Josh Tupou** has been a reliable DT against the run since joining the Bengals as a college free agent in 2017. The 6-3, 340-pound veteran has started 15 games over the past two seasons and logged 31 tackles in that span, including a pair of sacks in 2022. The Bengals selected DE **Myles Murphy** out of Clemson University in the first round (28th overall) of this year's draft, looking to bolster their pass rushing production. Murphy totaled 17.5 sacks in 38 games at Clemson, earning second-team All-ACC honors last season. He brings premier size and athleticism to the D-Line room at 6-5, 270 pounds and played 13 defensive snaps in his NFL debut at Cleveland in Week 1. The Bengals acquired DT **Jay Tufele** on waivers from Jacksonville prior to the 2022 season opener and it proved to be a valuable move, as he started two games (Weeks 8-9) while Reader was recovering from a knee injury. Tufele finished with 16 total tackles in seven regular-season games for Cincinnati. He had nine tackles during the preseason, including five in the preseason opener vs. Green Bay.

**Linebackers:** Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is fourth-year pro **Logan Wilson**, who wears the "green dot" as the defense's communicator. Wilson led the Bengals in tackles the past two regular seasons, with his career-high 123 stops in 2022 marking the most by a Bengals player since Vontaze Burfict (171) in '13. Wilson also has shown a high proficiency when dropping into coverage, as his seven career INTs are the most by an NFL LB since he entered the league in 2020. Wilson was inked to a four-year contract extension on Aug. 5 that will keep him in Cincinnati through the 2027 season. Ranking second on the team in tackles last season with 99 was **Germaine Pratt**. Pratt, a fifth-round Bengals pick in 2019 who is in his fifth pro season, has started 55 of 63 regular-season games played. He tied for the team lead with 11 tackles (seven solos) in Week 1 at Cleveland, recording a seven-yard sack along with a FF in the first quarter that was recovered by the Bengals. Pratt additionally has three career INTs and 14 PDs, with 10 of those coming in 2022. A 2020 seventh-round draft choice of the Bengals, **Markus Bailey** has grown into a key reserve role in the LB room as well as a valuable contributor on special teams. Bailey has played in 16 regular season games each of the past two seasons, with a combined 50 tackles in that span. He provided a crucial block during Sam Hubbard's 98-yard fumble recovery return for a TD in the Wild Card Playoff vs. Baltimore. **Akeem Davis-Gaither** looks to step into an increased role this season after logging a career-best 37 tackles in 16 games (one start) in 2022. Thirteen of those stops came in a dominant Week 3 performance at the N.Y. Jets. Davis-Gaither also played in all three postseason games, recording his first career INT in the Wild Card Playoff against Baltimore. **Joe Bachie** spent the first six games of 2022 on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list while recovering from a left knee injury, but returned to the active roster and saw action in 10 regular-season games and all three postseason contests. He resumed his role as a core special teams player, totaling seven ST tackles in 168 snaps. Bachie saw action on 25 special teams snaps along with one defensive snap in Week 1 at Cleveland.

**Defensive backs:** Nickel CB **Mike Hilton**, a free agency acquisition of the Bengals in 2021, is widely considered one of the top slot corners in the NFL. Though listed at 5-9, 184 pounds, Hilton is a sure tackler and excellent blitzing. He played in 14 games with four starts during the 2022 regular season, amassing 60 tackles, six PDs and an INT. He has also made several notable plays in the postseason over the past two years, including an INT in the 2021 Divisional Playoff at Tennessee and a sack in the fourth quarter of the '22 Wild Card Playoff vs. Baltimore. Hilton was voted to serve as a team captain this season for the first time in his career. **Chidobe Awuzie** arrived in Cincinnati in 2021 alongside Hilton and quickly established himself as the team's No. 1 boundary corner. Awuzie has started all 27 games he's played in for the Bengals (including postseason). His 2022 season was cut short by a knee injury suffered

in Week 8 at Cleveland, and he spent the following nine-plus months rehabbing before being cleared to practice on July 25 of this year. Awuzie's first game back came on the same field where he sustained the injury, as he played 43 defensive snaps in Week 1 at Cleveland and recorded three solo tackles to go with a FR in the first quarter. Second-year pro **Cam Taylor-Britt** had a promising rookie season in 2022 that included 55 tackles — eighth-most on the team — along with six PDs and one FF. The Bengals' second-round pick in 2022, Taylor-Britt spent the first four games of last season on the Reserve/Injured list while recovering from an abdomen injury, but went on to play in the final 10 contests with nine starts at outside CB. He started all three postseason games and had his first career INT to close out the Divisional Playoff win at Buffalo. Cincinnati used its 2023 second-round selection on **DJ Turner II**, a speedy boundary corner out of the University of Michigan. Turner ran the fastest 40-yard dash at this year's NFL Combine, clocking a time of 4.26 seconds. He recorded three INTs and 20 PDs in four seasons (2019-22) at Michigan, and was named second-team All-Big Ten last season. He made his NFL debut in the regular-season opener at Cleveland, notching two solo tackles in 35 defensive snaps played. **Jalen Davis** serves as a reserve slot CB behind Hilton, but secondary/cornerbacks coach Charles Burks has expressed his opinion that Davis could start for many NFL teams. He has played in 42 career games (including postseason), carving out a role on special teams in addition to his CB duties. **DJ Ivey**, the Bengals' seventh-round pick in April, played in 58 games with 32 starts over a five-year career (2018-22) at the University of Miami (Fla.). At 6-1, 192, he provides a rangy frame and displayed impressive ball skills in training camp. Ivey logged 10 tackles and a team-leading three PDs in the preseason. The Bengals are rolling out a new-look starting safety tandem consisting of fifth-year veteran **Nick Scott** and second-year pro **Dax Hill**. Scott was among Cincinnati's notable acquisitions during the 2023 free agency period and holds 65 games of NFL experience (18 starts). He spent his first four seasons with the L.A. Rams, starting out as a special teams contributor before gradually increasing his role defensively and eventually becoming the team's starting safety in 2022. Scott is known for his physical play and sure tackling abilities, but also has four INTs and nine PDs. He started each of the Rams four postseason contests on their run to a Super Bowl LVI title. Scott made his Bengals debut in Week 1 at Cleveland, playing 72 defensive snaps and tying for the team lead with 11 total tackles. Hill was the Bengals' first-round draft choice in 2022 and played in 15 games with two starts as a rookie. Though he is touted for his versatility in the secondary, the Bengals are relying on Hill as their free safety in his second pro campaign. He saw action on 130 defensive snaps last season in a reserve role, while also being utilized as a gunner on special teams. Hill recorded his first career INT in Week 1 at Cleveland, picking off a Deshaun Watson pass in the third quarter and returning it 20 yards. Cincinnati took **Jordan Battle** in the third round of this April's draft, adding depth and championship pedigree to the safeties room. Battle was a third-team All-American in each of the past two seasons while at the University of Alabama, and helped the Crimson Tide win the College Football Playoff National Championship in 2020. A fundamentally sound rookie with noted leadership characteristics, Battle recorded 251 career tackles and six INTs — three of which were returned for a TD. He played 25 special teams snaps and one defensive snap in his NFL debut at Cleveland in Week 1. **Tycen Anderson** looks to further carve out a role on the Bengals' defense and took a major step toward doing so in the preseason opener vs. Green Bay, when he had two INTs in the second quarter including a 43-yard pick-six. He saw action on 25 special teams snaps in Week 1 at Cleveland. Anderson spent the 2022 regular season on the Reserve/Injured list with a hamstring injury, then was designated to return and cleared to practice but did not see postseason action. He was drafted by the Bengals in the fifth round in 2022 after a five-year career at the University of Toledo ('17-21).

**Special teams:** Rookie **Brad Robbins** earned the Bengals' punting role following a strong display in training camp and preseason games. A native of Westerville, Ohio (north of Columbus), Robbins was selected by the Bengals in the sixth round of April's draft after a five-year playing career at the University of Michigan. He finished his Michigan career with the second-highest punting average (43.0 yards per attempt) in program history. Robbins missed all of the 2018 season and part of '19 with an injury, but went on to play in 34 games from '19-22. He punted eight times for 371 yards (46.4) with one touchback and three downed inside the opponents' 20-yard line in the preseason. In his NFL debut in Week 1 at Cleveland, Robbins punted 10 times for 409 total yards, including two downed inside the Browns' 20-yard line. Robbins additionally handles holding duties on placekicks. Third-year K **Evan McPherson** has quickly become a fan favorite since being drafted in the fifth round in 2021. He has earned a reputation as one of the NFL's top kickers from long range, as his 14 FGs from 50 or more yards are the most within a player's first 30 career games in league history. He

has kicked the two longest FGs in team history — a 59-yarder in the 2022 regular-season opener vs. Pittsburgh, and a 58-yarder in Week 15 of the '21 season at Denver. McPherson is also 19 for 19 on FG attempts in the postseason, the second-most consecutive FGs without a miss to begin a postseason career in NFL history. The Bengals' long-snapper is second-year pro **Cal Adomitis**, who took over the role in Week 2 of the 2022 season following a season-ending injury to veteran Clark Harris. In 19 career games (including postseason), Adomitis has delivered 158 snaps without an unplayable attempt. He originally joined the Bengals as a college free agent in 2022 after a five-year career ('17-21) at the University of Pittsburgh. Listed as the first-string punt returner and second-string kickoff returner is rookie WR **Charlie Jones**, who in 2021 was named the Big Ten Return Specialist of the Year while at the

University of Iowa. Jones returned 25 kickoffs for 635 yards (25.4) and one TD that season for the Hawkeyes, while also returning 37 punts for 285 yards. In his NFL debut in Week 1 at Cleveland, he returned three punts for 24 yards, with a 15-yarder that set up the Bengals' offense at its 33-yard line in the fourth quarter. HB **Chris Evans** is slotted as the first-string KOR, a role he held through the first nine games of the 2022 season. In that stretch, he had 10 KORs for 211 yards, with a 29-yard long in Week 5 at Baltimore. Evans posted a 28-yard return in the preseason opener vs. Green Bay, and followed up with a 35-yarder the next week at Atlanta. He logged two KORs for 45 yards in Week 1 at Cleveland, led off by a 27-yarder on the game's opening kick. WR **Trenton Irwin** is listed behind Jones on the PR depth chart and had limited experience during the 2021 season with three returns for 31 yards. HB **Trayveon Williams**, who last season returned 16 kickoffs for 356 yards over the final eight regular-season contests, is also listed at KOR.

### NFL IMPORTANT DATES

#### 2023

- Sept. 29, Oct. 2-3 — Beginning on the day after a club's fourth regular season game (including any bye week), it is permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness (if the player failed his preseason physical due to a non-football injury or illness) for a period not to exceed 21 days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period.
- Oct. 15 — Deadline for any player claiming the 2023 Injury Protection benefit to file a grievance.
- Oct. 17-18 — Fall League Meeting (InterContinental Barclay, New York, N.Y.)
- Oct. 31 — All trading ends for 2023 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
- Nov. 1 — 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. 6 — Any increase in a player's 2023 Salary from a renegotiation or extension that is received by the Management Council after 4 p.m. Eastern on this day, will be treated as Signing Bonus, and prorated over the entire term of the Player Contract, including 2023.
- Nov. 14 — At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets. Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their unsigned Franchise and Transition Players, including Franchise Players who were eligible to receive Offer Sheets until this date. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2023. Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "UFA Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2023. Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the "June 1 Tender" was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2023.
- Nov. 29, Dec. 2-3 — Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern on the last business day prior to a club's Week 13 game for reinstatement of players in Reserve List categories of Retired, Did Not Report, and Exclusive Rights, and of players who were placed on Reserve/Left Squad in a previous season.
- Dec. 12 — NFLMC Labor Seminar (Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas).
- Dec. 12-13 — Special League Meeting/Front Office Accelerator (Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas).
- Dec. 15 — Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of players who received, or filed a grievance for, the Basic or Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2023 season.

#### 2024

- Jan. 8 — During the period beginning the Monday following the final regular season weekend through the conclusion of the final postseason game, assignments of player contracts will be deferred until the first business day after the Super Bowl.

- Terminations of player contracts will occur at the expiration of the claiming period.
- A club that is participating in the playoffs may sign players whose contracts have been terminated to its Active/Inactive List, Practice Squad (if applicable), or Reserve/Future List. A club whose playing season has concluded may sign such players to its Reserve/Future List only.
- Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2024 season.
- NCAA National Championship Game (NRG Stadium, Houston, Texas).
- Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2021 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2022. 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.
- Clubs may exercise fifth-year options for players selected in the first round of the 2021 Draft.
- Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club's owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club's 2023 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2024 Team Salary.
- Jan. 10 — Beginning at 4 p.m. Eastern on the Wednesday following the final regular season weekend, rosters are frozen for clubs participating in the postseason with limited exceptions.
- Jan. 13-15 — Wild Card Games.
- Jan. 15 — Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2024 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 19.
- Jan. 20-21 — Divisional Playoff Games.
- Jan. 28 — AFC & NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 31 — Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2024 season based on a 2022 injury or 2023 club authorized offseason surgery to notify his former Club in writing.
- Feb. 1 — Deadline for non-playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2023 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 4 — Pro Bowl (TBD).
- Feb. 11 — Super Bowl LVIII (Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Feb. 12 — Waiver system begins for 2024. With certain exceptions, a 24-hour claiming period will be in effect through the entire year; however, waiver requests made on Friday and Saturday of each week will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern on the following Monday. Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons whom a club desires to terminate are not subject to the waiver system until the day after the trading deadline.
- Beginning the first business day after the Super Bowl through the opening of the first training camp for Rookies in 2024, clubs must report all tryouts and visits to the League office; however, such transactions will not be reported to other clubs.



Feb. 15	— Deadline for playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2023 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.		Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2024 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern.
Feb. 20	— Beginning this date through at 4 p.m. Eastern on March 5, clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players.		All 2023 NFL player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern. The 2024 League Year and Free Agency signing period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern.
Feb. 27- March 4	— NFL Scouting Combine (Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.).		The first day of the 2024 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 5	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.		Trading period for 2024. Trading begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2023 contracts.
March 5- April 17	— Draft-Eligible Facility Visits Begin. Clubs are permitted 30 non-local players for physical exams/visits; no on-field workouts.	March 21	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2024 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.
March 5- April 24	— Video or telephone interviews with draft-eligible players begin. Clubs are permitted three video or telephone interviews per player, no longer than one hour in length.	March 24-27	— Annual League Meeting (Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes, Orlando, Fla.)
March 6	— Deadline for clubs whose final game of the 2023 regular season is Saturday, January 6 (60 days after final regular season game) to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2024 season.	March 31	— Deadline for clubs to meet 2024 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.
March 7	— Deadline for clubs whose final game of the 2023 regular season is Sunday, January 7 (60 days after final regular season game) to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2024 season.	April 1	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2023 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
March 11-13	— Negotiation Period. During the period beginning at 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 2023 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern on March 13. During the above two-day negotiating period, a prospective UFA who is not represented by an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor (“Unrepresented Player”) is permitted to communicate directly with a new club’s front office officials (excluding the Head Coach and other members of the club’s coaching staff) regarding contract negotiations. The club is responsible for confirming the player’s status as an Unrepresented Player. No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern on March 13.	April 15	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
March 13	— End/Start of League Year. Deadline at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern, for clubs to exercise individually negotiated options for 2024 on all players who have option clauses in their 2023 contracts, subject to any earlier deadline specified in a player’s contract. Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation. Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2023 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.	April 17	— Deadline for clubs to time, test, visit, interview, or conduct a physical examination with a draft-eligible player at its club facility.
		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 who signed offer sheets. Deadline for clubs to time, test, visit, interview (including video and phone calls), or conduct a physical examination with a draft-eligible player at any location.
		April 25-27	— Annual Selection Meeting/NFL Draft (Detroit, Mich.).
		April 29	— Deadline for Prior Club to send “April 29 Tender” to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern only with his Prior Club.
		May 2	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2021 Draft.
		May 3-6 or May 10-13	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday on one of the two weekends following the Draft.
		May 13	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
		May 16-19	— (Tentative) NFLPA Rookie Premiere (TBD).
		May 20-22	— Spring League Meeting/Coach Accelerator (Loews Vanderbilt Hotel, Nashville, Tenn.).
		May 31	— Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(c) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2024 season.

**THE LAST BENGALS-RAVENS MEETINGS**

**2022 SEASON**

**WEEK 5, GAME 5**

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

The Bengals fell behind 10-0 early in the second quarter and were forced to punt on their first four offensive possessions, but an INT by S Vonn Bell at the Cincinnati 17-yard line kept Baltimore from expanding its lead. The offense capitalized on the turnover with a seven-play scoring drive, finished off with a 19-yard TD pass to TE Hayden Hurst to cut it to 10-7. The Bengals tied it on an Evan McPherson FG before halftime, marking the third time this season they came back from a double-digit deficit. Two Baltimore FGs bookended a 15-play Cincinnati drive in the third quarter that got down to the Ravens' two-yard line, but the Bengals were held out of the end zone on four straight snaps. Joe Burrow engineered a go-ahead TD drive in the fourth quarter that ended with a QB sneak to put Cincinnati in front, 17-16, with 1:58 left. The Ravens answered by going 50 yards to set up a game-winning 43-yard FG from Justin Tucker as time expired. Baltimore improved to 3-2, while Cincinnati fell to 2-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	10	0	7	—	17
Baltimore.....	3	7	3	6	—	19

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Balt. — J.Tucker 37 field goal.....	1-8:03
Balt. — M.Andrews 11 pass from L.Jackson (J.Tucker kick).....	2-13:26
Cin. — H.Hurst 19 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	2-4:54
Cin. — E.McPherson 40 field goal.....	2-0:04
Balt. — J.Tucker 58 field goal.....	3-10:49
Balt. — J.Tucker 25 field goal.....	4-9:42
Cin. — J.Burrow 1 run (E.McPherson kick).....	4-1:58
Balt. — J.Tucker 43 field goal.....	4-0:00

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

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	BALT.
First downs.....	20	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-10	5-11
Total net yards.....	291	325
Net yards rushing.....	101	155
Net yards passing.....	190	170
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	35-24-1	32-19-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-27	1-4
Punts-average.....	4-38.5	2-39.5
Punt returns-yards.....	0-0	1-4
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-54	1-15
Penalties-yards.....	4-20	6-48
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	30:01	29:59

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	14	78	12	0	L.Jackson	12	58	19	0
S.Perine	3	17	9	0	J.Dobbins	8	44	17	0
J.Burrow	3	6	3	1	K.Drake	4	26	14	0
J.Chase	1	0	0	0	D.Duvernay	3	24	12	0
					M.Davis	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	21	101	12	1	TOTALS	28	155	19	0

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Burrow	35	24	217	1-1	L.Jackson	32	19	174	1-1
T.Boyd	0	0	0	0-0					
TOTALS	35	24	217	1-1	TOTALS	32	19	174	1-1

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Chase	7	50	13	0	M.Andrews	8	89	20	1
H.Hurst	6	53	19t	1	D.Duvernay	5	54	21	0
S.Perine	4	39	15	0	I.Likely	2	7	5	0
T.Boyd	3	32	18	0	D.Robinson	1	8	8	0
J.Mixon	3	10	6	0	T.Wallace	1	8	8	0
M.D.Thomas	1	33	33	0	J.Proche	1	7	7	0
					K.Drake	1	1	1	0
TOTALS	24	217	33	1	TOTALS	19	174	21	1

**DEFENSE**

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

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

**2022 SEASON**

**WEEK 18, GAME 16**

**Cincinnati Bengals 27, Baltimore Ravens 16**  
 Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 at Paycor Stadium

Though having already clinched the AFC North Division title by virtue of its winning percentage (after a cancellation of a Week 17 matchup with the Buffalo Bills), Cincinnati played its starters in hopes of possibly improving its playoff seeding and to avoid a potential coin flip that would determine the site of its Wild Card Playoff showdown with the Ravens the following week. Facing a Baltimore side that rested numerous key players, the Bengals jumped out to a 17-0 lead early in the second quarter and at that point had forced two of their four defensive turnovers on the afternoon. In the final minute of the opening half, DE Trey Hendrickson sacked QB Anthony Brown near the Baltimore goal line, forcing a fumble which was recovered by DE Joseph Ossai in the end zone for a TD and a 24-7 Bengals halftime advantage. Cincinnati's offense stalled in the second half, punting on five of its eight possessions while also losing a fumble at its own nine-yard line. Baltimore closed the deficit to 11 with a fourth-quarter FG, and had what appeared to be a 47-yard completion late in the game before WR Sammy Watkins committed a fumble that was recovered by S Vonn Bell, essentially sealing the result. Cincinnati closed the regular season at 12-4, while Baltimore fell to 10-7.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Baltimore.....	0	7	6	3	—	16
Cincinnati.....	10	14	3	0	—	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — E.McPherson 34 field goal.....	1-5:01
Cin. — J.Mixon 1 run (E.McPherson kick).....	1-1:11
Cin. — J.Chase 26 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	2-14:12
Balt. — K.Drake 4 run (J.Tucker kick).....	2-1:57
Cin. — J.Ossai fumble recovery in end zone (E.McPherson kick).....	2-0:30
Balt. — J.Tucker 26 field goal.....	3-10:34
Cin. — E.McPherson 26 field goal.....	3-6:27
Balt. — J.Tucker 51 field goal.....	3-1:59
Balt. — J.Tucker 27 field goal.....	4-12:17

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 65,849. **Time:** 3:22.

TEAM STATISTICS	BALT.	CIN.
First downs.....	20	15
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-16	5-15
Total net yards.....	386	257
Net yards rushing.....	110	55
Net yards passing.....	276	202
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	44-19-2	42-25-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-10	2-13
Punts-average.....	3-45.7	7-51.7
Punt returns-yards.....	1-8	2-12
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-51	2-48
Penalties-yards.....	5-22	3-35
Fumbles-lost.....	2-2	1-1
Time of possession.....	28:41	31:19

**RUSHING**

BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
K.Drake	16	60	18	1	J.Mixon	11	27	8	1
J.Hill	7	34	12	0	S.Perine	6	18	6	0
G.Edwards	4	16	11	0	J.Burrow	3	10	6	0
TOTALS	27	110	18	1	TOTALS	20	55	8	1

**PASSING**

BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Brown	44	19	286	0-2	J.Burrow	42	25	215	1-0
TOTALS	44	19	286	0-2	TOTALS	42	25	215	1-0

**RECEIVING**

BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
I.Likely	8	103	28	0	J.Chase	8	86	26t	1
C.Kolar	4	49	15	0	T.Boyd	5	51	22	0
S.Watkins	2	79	47	0	J.Mixon	5	41	33	0
D.Robinson	2	24	13	0	H.Hurst	4	14	7	0
K.Drake	2	19	10	0	T.Irwin	1	12	12	0
T.Wallace	1	12	12	0	T.Higgins	1	7	7	0
					S.Perine	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	19	286	47	0	TOTALS	25	215	33	1

**DEFENSE**

**Baltimore** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Smith 12-4-16, M.Williams 5-2-7, P.Queen 4-1-5, D.Worley 4-1-5, K.Hamilton 3-1-4, J.Madubuike 3-0-3, C.Clark 1-2-3, M.Humphrey 2-0-2, D.Williams 2-0-2, T.Jones 1-1-2, J.Pierre-Paul 1-1-2, B.Washington 1-1-2, D.Ojabo 1-0-1, B.Urban 1-0-1, J.Houston 0-1-1, O.Oweh 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** D.Ojabo 1-5, J.Houston 0-5-4, O.Oweh 0-5-4. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** D.Worley 2, K.Hamilton 1, J.Pierre-Paul 1, M.Williams 1. **FF:** D.Ojabo 1. **FR-YDS.:** P.Queen 1-0.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** C.Taylor-Britt 3-6-9, L.Wilson 4-4-8, J.Bates 3-5-8, E.Apple 6-0-6, B.Hill 3-1-4, D.Reader 2-2-4, V.Bell 1-3-4, J.Ossai 1-3-4, G.Pratt 1-3-4, M.Hilton 2-1-3, C.Sample 2-1-3, S.Hubbard 1-2-3, T.Flowers 2-0-2, T.Hendrickson 2-0-2, D.Hill 2-0-2, Z.Carter 1-1-2, J.Tupou 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.Hendrickson 2-9, B.Hill 1-1, J.Ossai 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Hilton 1-5, J.Bates 1-4. **PD:** M.Hilton 2, G.Pratt 2, J.Bates 1, V.Bell 1, Z.Carter 1, C.Taylor-Britt 1, L.Wilson 1. **FF:** J.Bates 1, T.Hendrickson 1. **FR-YDS.:** V.Bell 1-0, J.Ossai 1-0.

2022 SEASON

AFC WILD CARD PLAYOFF

Cincinnati Bengals 24, Baltimore Ravens 17
Sunday night, Jan. 15, 2023 at Paycor Stadium

DE Sam Hubbard returned a Baltimore fumble 98 yards for a go-ahead TD early in the fourth quarter that proved to be the difference as Cincinnati hung on for a 24-17 Wild Card Playoff win. The Ravens had driven down to the Bengals' one-yard line looking to take the lead, but when QB Tyler Huntley tried to jump over a pile of linemen and reach the ball across the goal line, it was knocked out by LB Logan Wilson and fell into Hubbard's arms to create the game's biggest turning point.

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

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and rows listing plays like 'Cin. - McPherson 39 field goal'.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 66,399. Time: 3:02.

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

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns BALT. and CIN. and rows for J.Dobbins, T.Huntley, G.Edwards, M.Andrews, and TOTALES.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns BALT. and CIN. and rows for T.Huntley and TOTALES.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns BALT. and CIN. and rows for M.Andrews, J.Dobbins, D.Robinson, J.Oliver, J.Hill, G.Edwards, S.Watkins, and TOTALES.

DEFENSE

Baltimore (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: K.Hamilton 5-4-9, R.Smith 3-5-8, M.Humphrey 6-0-6, P.Queen 4-2-6, M.Peters 2-2-4, C.Clark 3-0-3, T.Bowser 2-1-3, B.Washington 1-2-3, O.Oweh 2-0-2, M.Williams 2-0-2, C.Campbell 1-1-2, J.Madubuike 0-2-2, J.Houston 1-0-1, J.Pierre-Paul 0-1-1, B.Urban 1-0-1, T.Jones 0-1-1. SKS-YDS: T.Bowser 1-9, J.Houston 1-9, O.Oweh 1-6, J.Pierre-Paul 0.5-1, B.Washington 0.5-1. INT-YDS.: None. PD: M.Peters 1, M.Williams 1. FF: K.Hamilton 1. FR-YDS.: K.Hamilton 1-0.

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 6-4-10, J.Bates 8-1-9, G.Pratt 5-3-8, E.Apple 5-1-6, B.Hill 4-1-5, Z.Carter 3-1-4, S.Hubbard 2-2-4, V.Bell 2-2-4, C.Sample 1-3-4, M.Hilton 2-0-2, D.Reader 2-0-2, C.Taylor-Britt 1-1-2, J.Tufele 0-2-2, J.Ossai 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1. SKS-YDS.: B.Hill 1-9, M.Hilton 1-8. INT-YDS.: A.Davis-Gaither 1-0. PD: A.Davis-Gaither 1, M.Hilton 1, J.Ossai 1, G.Pratt 1, D.Reader 1, C.Sample 1. FF: L.Wilson 1. FR-YDS.: S.Hubbard 1-98.

# 2023 GAME SUMMARIES

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

### Cleveland Browns 24, Cincinnati Bengals 3 Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 at Cleveland Browns Stadium

Hindered by wet and rainy conditions, the Bengals were limited to three points and 142 offensive net yards in a season-opening loss to their in-state rival. The Cincinnati defense kept the game within reach, forcing two turnovers and holding the Browns to 13 points through three quarters, but Cleveland's strong rushing attack eventually broke through and finished the day with 206 yards, led by 106 from RB Nick Chubb. Browns QB Deshaun Watson found the end zone on a 13-yard run just before halftime to give the Browns a 10-0 lead at the break, but the Bengals responded with a 42-yard FG from K Evan McPherson early in the third quarter to cut the deficit to seven. A promising drive on Cincinnati's next offensive possession resulted in a missed FG attempt, and the offense did not reach Browns territory the rest of the way as Cleveland held the upper hand in the battle of field position. The Bengals went for it on fourth-and-four from their own 31-yard line with just over 10 minutes remaining in an attempt to jumpstart the offense, but QB Joe Burrow was dropped for a 13-yard sack and the Browns scored three plays later to seal the final outcome. The game was the 100th "Battle of Ohio" between the two teams.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	0	3	0	—	3
Cleveland.....	0	10	3	11	—	24

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cle. — D.Hopkins 42 field goal.....	2-14:15
Cle. — D.Watson 13 run (D.Hopkins kick).....	2-0:17
Cin. — E.McPherson 42 field goal.....	3-11:44
Cle. — D.Hopkins 34 field goal.....	3-2:21
Cle. — D.Hopkins 43 field goal.....	4-11:29
Cle. — H.Bryant 3 pass from D.Watson (D.Watson run).....	4-9:11

**Missed FGs:** McPherson (51WR). **Attendance:** 67,919. **Time:** 3:03.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CLE.
First downs.....	6	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	2-15	4-14
Total net yards.....	142	350
Net yards rushing.....	75	206
Net yards passing.....	67	144
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	32-14-0	29-16-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-15	3-10
Punts-average.....	10-40.9	7-47.3
Punt returns-yards.....	3-24	3-15
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-45	0-0
Penalties-yards.....	4-20	5-43
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	2-1
Time of possession.....	24:10	35:50

#### RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	13	56	22	0	N.Chubb	18	106	17	0
C.Evans	2	12	7	0	D.Watson	5	45	13t	1
T.Williams	2	7	5	0	J.Ford	15	36	17	0
J.Chase	1	2	2	0	E.Moore	2	19	19	0
J.Burrow	1	-1	-1	0					
J.Browning	1	-1	-1	0					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>

#### PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Burrow	31	14	82	0-0	D.Watson	29	16	154	1-1
J.Browning	1	0	0	0-0					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1-1</b>

#### RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Chase	5	39	12	0	N.Chubb	4	21	10	0
J.Mixon	3	17	10	0	E.Moore	3	43	33	0
I.Smith	3	17	8	0	A.Cooper	3	37	20	0
T.Boyd	2	10	6	0	D.Njoku	2	24	15	0
C.Evans	1	-1	-1	0	H.Bryant	2	5	3t	1
					D.Peoples-Jones	1	12	12	0
					J.Akins	1	12	12	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>

#### DEFENSE

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** G.Pratt 7-4-11, N.Scott 4-7-11, L.Wilson 6-2-8, S.Hubbard 3-5-8, D.Hill 5-1-6, C.Sample 2-4-6, B.Hill 3-1-4, M.Hilton 1-3-4, C.Awuzie 3-0-3, D.Reader 2-1-3, C.Taylor-Britt 2-1-3, T.Hendrickson 1-2-3, D.Turner 2-0-2, Z.Carter 1-1-2, J.Tufele 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Pratt 1-7, T.Hendrickson 1-3, B.Hill 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** D.Hill 1-20. **PD:** Z.Carter 1, D.Hill 1, T.Hendrickson 1, D.Reader 1, C.Taylor-Britt 1. **FF:** G.Pratt. **FR-YDS.:** C.Awuzie 1-0.

**Cleveland** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** G.Delpit 7-1-8, G.Newsme 1-4-5, D.Ward 3-1-4, R.McLeod 2-2-4, S.Harris 3-0-3, O.Okoronkwo 2-1-3, J.Owusu-Koramoah 2-1-3, S.Takitaki 1-2-3, M.Garrett 2-0-2, Z.Smith 0-2-2, M.Emerson 1-0-1, J.Elliott 0-1-1, M.Hurst 0-1-1, D.Tomlinson 0-1-1, A.Walker 0-1-1, A.Wright 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** M.Garrett 1-13, O.Okoronkwo 1-2. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** G.Delpit 1, G.Newsme 1, Z.Smith 1, D.Ward 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

## IN 2023, THE BENGALS ARE:

### REGULAR SEASON

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

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

## UNDER ZAC TAYLOR, THE BENGALS ARE:

### 2019-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

**16-16-0** at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)  
**12-21-1** on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)  
**19-12-0** when scoring first  
**9-25-1** when opponent scores first  
**4-13-1** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**10-20-1** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**19-9-0** when leading after one quarter  
**5-7-1** when tied after one quarter  
**4-21-0** when trailing after one quarter  
**20-9-0** when leading at halftime  
**2-2-0** when tied at halftime  
**6-26-1** when trailing at halftime  
**21-6-1** when leading after three quarters  
**3-1-0** when tied after three quarters  
**4-30-0** when trailing after three quarters  
**27-11-1** when scoring 20 or more points  
**13-31-1** when opponent scores 20 or more points

**25-36-1** when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
**3-1-0** when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
**7-16-1** on natural grass  
**21-21-0** on synthetic surface  
**10-7-0** when rushing for 125 or more net yards  
**7-21-1** when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards  
**17-30-1** when rushing for less than 125 net yards  
**21-16-0** when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards  
**15-16-1** when passing for 250 or more net yards  
**14-14-0** when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards  
**13-21-0** when passing for less than 250 net yards  
**14-23-1** when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards  
**16-6-1** with plus turnover differential  
**8-9-0** with even turnover differential  
**4-22-0** with minus turnover differential  
**18-23-1** with fewer penalties than opponent  
**20-24-1** with fewer penalty yards than opponent

# BEST PERFORMANCES

## REGULAR SEASON

### RUSHING YARDS

56 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
12 — Chris Evans, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
7 — Trayveon Williams, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

13 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
2 — Chris Evans, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
2 — Trayveon Williams, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### LONGEST RUSHES

22 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
12 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
7 — Chris Evans, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### RECEPTIONS

5 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
3 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
3 — Irv Smith Jr., Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### RECEIVING YARDS

39 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
17 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
17 — Irv Smith Jr., Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### PASSING YARDS

82 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### PASS ATTEMPTS

31 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
1 — Jake Browning, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### PASS COMPLETIONS

14 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### LONGEST PASSES

12 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
10 — Joe Burrow to Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
10 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

73 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland (56 rushing, 17 receiving)  
39 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 10 at Cleveland (0 rushing, 39 receiving)  
17 — Irv Smith Jr., Sept. 10 at Cleveland (0 rushing, 17 receiving)

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

27 — Chris Evans, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
18 — Chris Evans, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

15 — Charlie Jones, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
8 — Charlie Jones, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
1 — Charlie Jones, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

11 — Germaine Pratt, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
11 — Nick Scott, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
8 — (two times)

### SOLO TACKLES\*

7 — Germaine Pratt, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
6 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
5 — Dax Hill, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

**\*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. 10	at Cleveland	142	20-75	67	14-32	0/0	2-15	6	2-15	0-0	24:10
Sept. 17	BALTIMORE										
Sept. 25	L.A. RAMS										
Oct. 1	at Tennessee										
Oct. 8	at Arizona										
Oct. 15	SEATTLE										
Oct. 22	— BYE —										
Oct. 29	at San Francisco										
Nov. 5	BUFFALO										
Nov. 12	HOUSTON										
Nov. 16	at Baltimore										
Nov. 26	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 4	at Jacksonville										
Dec. 10	INDIANAPOLIS										
(TBD)	MINNESOTA										
Dec. 23	at Pittsburgh										
Dec. 31	at Kansas City										
(TBD)	CLEVELAND										
<b>TOTALS</b>		142	20-75	67	14-32	0/0	2-15	6	2-15	0-0	24:10

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 10	at Cleveland	350	40-206	144	16-29	1/1	3-10	21	4-14	2-1	35:50
Sept. 17	BALTIMORE										
Sept. 25	L.A. RAMS										
Oct. 1	at Tennessee										
Oct. 8	at Arizona										
Oct. 15	SEATTLE										
Oct. 22	— BYE —										
Oct. 29	at San Francisco										
Nov. 5	BUFFALO										
Nov. 12	HOUSTON										
Nov. 16	at Baltimore										
Nov. 26	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 4	at Jacksonville										
Dec. 10	INDIANAPOLIS										
(TBD)	MINNESOTA										
Dec. 23	at Pittsburgh										
Dec. 31	at Kansas City										
(TBD)	CLEVELAND										
<b>TOTALS</b>		350	40-206	144	16-29	1/1	3-10	21	4-14	2-1	35:50

# TRANSACTIONS

## (TRANSACTIONS FROM 6-14-22 THROUGH 7-14-23 ARE IN BENGALS' 2023 MEDIA GUIDE)

<p>July 14, 2023 — Renegotiated the contract of HB <b>Joe Mixon*</b>.</p> <p>July 24, 2023 — Re-signed TE <b>Mitchell Wilcox</b> (FA).</p> <p>July 27, 2023 — Signed DE <b>Trey Hendrickson*</b> to a contract extension.</p> <p>July 30, 2023 — Signed QB <b>Reid Sinnett</b> (FA); Placed OT <b>Devin Cochran</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 5, 2023 — Signed LB <b>Logan Wilson*</b> to a contract extension.</p> <p>Aug. 7, 2023 — Placed DT <b>Devonsha Maxwell</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 25, 2023 — Waived DE <b>Tarell Basham</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 29, 2023 — Placed OT <b>La'el Collins</b> on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Injured list: DT <b>Tautala Pesefea Jr.</b> and CB <b>Marvell Tell III</b>; Terminated the contracts of the following six players: TE <b>Tanner Hudson</b>, CB <b>Sidney Jones IV</b>, WR <b>Stanley Morgan</b>, QB <b>Trevor Siemian</b>, WR <b>Trent Taylor</b> and S <b>Michael J. Thomas</b>; Waived the following 26 players: OT <b>Hakeem Adeniji</b>, TE <b>Devin Asiasi</b>, TE <b>Nick Bowers</b>, S <b>Larry Brooks</b>, G <b>Ben Brown</b>, DE <b>Owen Carney</b>, WR <b>Malachi Carter</b>, P <b>Drue Chrisman</b>, S <b>Yusuf Coker</b>, DT <b>Domenique Davis</b>, CB <b>Allan George</b>, C <b>Nate Gilliam</b>, DE <b>Jeff Gunter</b>, LB <b>Shaka Heyward</b>,</p>	<p>WR <b>Mac Hippenhammer</b>, WR <b>Shedrick Jackson</b>, DE <b>Raymond Johnson III</b>, LB <b>Keandre Jones</b>, G <b>Jaxson Kirkland</b>, WR <b>Kwamie Lassiter II</b>, LB <b>Jaylen Moody</b>, LB <b>Tyler Murray</b>, HB <b>Jacob Saylor</b>, QB <b>Reid Sinnett</b>, TE <b>Christian Trahan</b> and HB <b>Calvin Tyler Jr.</b></p> <p>Aug. 30, 2023 — Signed the following 14 players to the Practice Squad: DT <b>Domenique Davis</b>, CB <b>Allan George</b>, C <b>Nate Gilliam</b>, QB <b>Will Grier</b>, DE <b>Jeff Gunter</b>, LB <b>Shaka Heyward</b>, TE <b>Tanner Hudson</b>, WR <b>Shedrick Jackson</b>, CB <b>Sidney Jones IV</b>, G <b>Jaxson Kirkland</b>, WR <b>Kwamie Lassiter II</b>, WR <b>Stanley Morgan</b>, LB <b>Tyler Murray</b> and S <b>Michael J. Thomas</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2023 — Signed HB <b>Demetric Felton Jr.</b> (FA) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 5, 2023 — Signed TE <b>Zach Gentry</b> and DE <b>Garrett Nelson</b> to the Practice Squad; Released LB <b>Tyler Murray</b> from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 9, 2023 — Signed QB <b>Joe Burrow*</b> to a contract extension.</p>
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\* NOTE: Signed a new contract before pre-existing contract expired.

# PARTICIPATION CHART

## LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

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

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

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

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	G-S	@Cle.	BALT.	LAR	@Tenn.	@Ariz.	SEA.	@S.F.	BUFF.	HOU.	@Balt.	PITT.	@Jax.	IND.	MINN.	@Pitt.	@K.C.	CLE.
Adomitis, Cal	1-0																	
Anderson, Tycen	1-0																	
Awuzie, Chidobe	1-1																	
Bachie, Joe	1-0																	
Bailey, Markus	1-0																	
Battle, Jordan	1-0																	
Boyd, Tyler	1-1																	
Brown, Chase	0-0																	
Brown, Orlando, Jr.	1-1																	
Browning, Jake	1-0																	
Burrow, Joe	1-1																	
Cappa, Alex	1-1																	
Carman, Jackson	0-0																	
Carter, Zach	1-0																	
Chase, Ja'Marr	1-1																	
Cochran, Devin	0-0																	
Collins, La'el	0-0																	
Davis, Dominique	0-0																	
Davis, Jalen	1-0																	
Davis-Gaither, Akeem	1-0																	
Evans, Chris	1-0																	
Felton, Demetric, Jr.	0-0																	
Ford, Cody	1-0																	
Gentry, Zach	0-0																	
George, Allan	0-0																	
Gilliam, Nate	0-0																	
Grier, Will	0-0																	
Gunter, Jeff	0-0																	
Hendrickson, Trey	1-1																	
Heyward, Shaka	0-0																	
Higgins, Tee	1-1																	
Hill, B.J.	1-1																	
Hill, Dax	1-1																	
Hill, Trey	0-0																	
Hilton, Mike	1-1																	
Hubbard, Sam	1-1																	
Hudson, Tanner	0-0																	
Iosivas, Andrei	1-0																	
Irwin, Trenton	1-0																	
Ivey, DJ	0-0																	
Jackson, Shedrick	0-0																	
Jones, Charlie	1-0																	
Jones, Sidney, IV	0-0																	
Karras, Ted	1-1																	
Kirkland, Jaxson	0-0																	
Lassiter, Kwamie, II	0-0																	
Maxwell, Devonnsha	0-0																	
McPherson, Evan	1-0																	
Mixon, Joe	1-1																	
Morgan, Stanley	0-0																	
Murphy, Myles	1-0																	
Nelson, Garrett	0-0																	
Ossai, Joseph	0-0																	
Pesefea, Tautala	0-0																	
Pratt, Germaine	1-1																	
Reader, DJ	1-1																	
Robbins, Brad	1-0																	
Sample, Cam	1-0																	
Sample, Drew	1-0																	
Scharping, Max	1-0																	
Scott, Nick	1-1																	
Smith, D'Ante	0-0																	
Smith, Irv, Jr.	1-1																	
Taylor-Britt, Cam	1-1																	
Tell, Marvell, III	0-0																	
Thomas, Michael J.	0-0																	
Tufele, Jay	1-0																	
Tupou, Josh	1-0																	
Turner, DJ, II	1-0																	
Volson, Cordell	1-1																	
Wilcox, Mitchell	1-0																	
Williams, Jonah	1-1																	
Williams, Trayveon	1-0																	
Wilson, Logan	1-1																	

# STARTING LINEUPS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 10	at Cleveland	Chase	O.Brown	Volson	Karras	Cappa	J.Williams	I.Smith	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 17	BALTIMORE											
Sept. 25	L.A. RAMS											
Oct. 1	at Tennessee											
Oct. 8	at Arizona											
Oct. 15	SEATTLE											
Oct. 22	— BYE —											
Oct. 29	at San Francisco											
Nov. 5	BUFFALO											
Nov. 12	HOUSTON											
Nov. 16	at Baltimore											
Nov. 26	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 4	at Jacksonville											
Dec. 10	INDIANAPOLIS											
(TBD)	MINNESOTA											
Dec. 23	at Pittsburgh											
Dec. 31	at Kansas City											
(TBD)	CLEVELAND											

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	LB	LB	NCB	CB	CB	S	S
Sept. 10	at Cleveland	Hubbard	Reader	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Taylor-Britt	Awuzie	Scott	D.Hill
Sept. 17	BALTIMORE											
Sept. 25	L.A. RAMS											
Oct. 1	at Tennessee											
Oct. 8	at Arizona											
Oct. 15	SEATTLE											
Oct. 22	— BYE —											
Oct. 29	at San Francisco											
Nov. 5	BUFFALO											
Nov. 12	HOUSTON											
Nov. 16	at Baltimore											
Nov. 26	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 4	at Jacksonville											
Dec. 10	INDIANAPOLIS											
(TBD)	MINNESOTA											
Dec. 23	at Pittsburgh											
Dec. 31	at Kansas City											
(TBD)	CLEVELAND											

# DEPTH CHART

SEPT. 12, 2023

## OFFENSE

<b>WR</b>	1	Ja'Marr Chase	16	Trenton Irwin	
<b>LOT</b>	75	Orlando Brown Jr.	70	D'Ante Smith	
<b>LG</b>	67	Cordell Volson	61	Cody Ford	
<b>C</b>	64	Ted Karras	63	Trey Hill	
<b>RG</b>	65	Alex Cappa	74	Max Scharping	
<b>ROT</b>	73	Jonah Williams	79	Jackson Carman	
<b>TE</b>	81	Irv Smith Jr.	89	Drew Sample	84 Mitchell Wilcox
<b>WR</b>	83	Tyler Boyd	<u>15</u>	<u>Charlie Jones</u>	
<b>WR</b>	5	Tee Higgins	<u>80</u>	<u>Andrei Iosivas</u>	
<b>QB</b>	9	Joe Burrow	6	Jake Browning	
<b>HB</b>	28	Joe Mixon	32	Trayveon Williams	25 Chris Evans <u>30</u> <u>Chase Brown</u>

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	94	Sam Hubbard	96	Cam Sample	99 <u>Myles Murphy</u>
<b>NT</b>	98	DJ Reader	68	Josh Tupou	97 Jay Tufele
<b>DT</b>	92	B.J. Hill	95	Zach Carter	
<b>RDE</b>	91	Trey Hendrickson	58	Joseph Ossai	
<b>LB</b>	55	Logan Wilson	51	Markus Bailey	49 Joe Bachie
<b>LB</b>	57	Germaine Pratt	59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	
<b>NCB</b>	21	Mike Hilton	35	Jalen Davis	
<b>CB</b>	29	Cam Taylor-Britt	<u>38</u>	<u>DJ Ivey</u>	
<b>CB</b>	22	Chidobe Awuzie	<u>20</u>	<u>DJ Turner II</u>	
<b>S</b>	33	Nick Scott	<u>27</u>	<u>Jordan Battle</u>	
<b>S</b>	23	Dax Hill	26	Tycen Anderson	

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	10	<u>Brad Robbins</u>			
<b>K</b>	2	Evan McPherson			
<b>LS</b>	48	Cal Adomitis			
<b>H</b>	10	<u>Brad Robbins</u>			
<b>PR</b>	<u>15</u>	<u>Charlie Jones</u>	16	Trenton Irwin	
<b>KOR</b>	25	Chris Evans	<u>15</u>	<u>Charlie Jones</u>	32 Trayveon Williams

NOTE: Rookies are underlined. Injured players are in (parentheses).

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<p>Cal Adomitis ..... AA-dumm-EYE-tiss</p> <p>Lou Anarumo (Defensive Coordinator)..... ann-ah-ROO-mo</p> <p>Tycen Anderson ..... TIE-senn</p> <p>Chidobe Awuzie ..... CHIH-doe-bay ah-WOOZ-yay</p> <p>Joe Bachie .....BAH-chee</p> <p>Joey Boese (Strength and Conditioning Coach)..... bo-ZAY</p> <p>Louie Cioffi (Defensive Quality Control Coach)..... CHO-fee</p> <p>La'eI Collins (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list)..... luh-ELL</p> <p>Akeem Davis-Gaither ..... AH-keem DAY-viss-GAY-thur</p> <p>Nate Gilliam (Practice Squad) ..... GILL-um</p> <p>Andrei Iosivas ..... AHN-dray YO-see-vahsh</p>	<p>Kwamie Lassiter II (Practice Squad)..... KWAH-me LASS-ih-ter</p> <p>Evan McPherson .....mick-FEAR-son</p> <p>Joseph Ossai..... o-SIGH</p> <p>Tautala Pesefea Jr. (Reserve/Injured list)..... tow(rhymes w/ "how")-TAH-lah peh-seh-FAY-uh</p> <p>D'Ante Smith ..... dee-AHN-tay</p> <p>Jay Tufele ..... too-FELL-ay</p> <p>Josh Tupou ..... TEW-po</p> <p>Cordell Volson..... kor-DELL VOLL-son</p> <p>Trayveon Williams ..... TRAY-vee-ahn</p>
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# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

**SEPT. 12, 2023**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
48	Adomitis, Cal	LS	6-2	238	7-9-98	2	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.	CFA'22
26	Anderson, Tycen	S	6-2	209	6-13-99	2	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	D5'22
22	Awuzie, Chidobe	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	7	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
49	Bachie, Joe	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	4	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
51	Bailey, Markus	LB	6-1	235	3-7-97	4	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
27	Battle, Jordan	S	6-1	210	12-14-00	R	Alabama	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3'23
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	8	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
30	Brown, Chase	HB	5-10	211	3-21-00	R	Illinois	London, Ontario (Canada)	D5'23
75	Brown, Orlando, Jr.	OT	6-8	345	5-2-96	6	Oklahoma	Baltimore, Md.	UFA(K.C.)'23
6	Browning, Jake	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	FA'21
9	Burrow, Joe	QB	6-4	215	12-10-96	4	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
65	Cappa, Alex	G	6-6	310	1-27-95	6	Humboldt State	Dublin, Calif.	UFA(T.B.)'22
79	Carman, Jackson	OT	6-5	322	1-22-00	3	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
95	Carter, Zach	DT	6-4	290	4-7-99	2	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3'22
1	Chase, Ja'Marr	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	3	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.	D1'21
35	Davis, Jalen	CB	5-10	190	2-2-96	4	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
59	Davis-Gaither, Akeem	LB	6-2	228	9-21-97	4	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
25	Evans, Chris	HB	5-11	215	10-5-97	3	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
61	Ford, Cody	G	6-3	329	12-28-96	5	Oklahoma	Pineville, La.	UFA(Ariz.)'23
91	Hendrickson, Trey	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	7	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
5	Higgins, Tee	WR	6-4	219	1-18-99	4	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
92	Hill, B.J.	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	6	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
23	Hill, Dax	S	6-0	191	9-29-00	2	Michigan	Tulsa, Okla.	D1'22
63	Hill, Trey	C	6-4	335	1-23-00	3	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
21	Hilton, Mike	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	7	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
94	Hubbard, Sam	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	6	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
80	Iosivas, Andrei	WR	6-3	205	10-15-99	R	Princeton	Honolulu, Hawaii	D6a'23
16	Irwin, Trenton	WR	6-2	200	12-10-95	4	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
38	Ivey, DJ	CB	6-1	192	2-25-00	R	Miami (Fla.)	Florida City, Fla.	D7'23
15	Jones, Charlie	WR	6-0	183	10-29-98	R	Purdue	Deerfield, Ill.	D4'23
64	Karras, Ted	C	6-4	310	3-15-93	8	Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.	UFA(N.E.)'22
2	McPherson, Evan	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	3	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	7	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
99	Murphy, Myles	DE	6-5	270	1-3-02	R	Clemson	Marietta, Ga.	D1'23
58	Ossai, Joseph	DE	6-4	263	4-12-00	3	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
57	Pratt, Germaine	LB	6-3	250	5-21-96	5	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
98	Reader, DJ	DT	6-3	335	7-1-94	8	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
10	Robbins, Brad	P	6-1	205	10-6-98	R	Michigan	Westerville, Ohio	D6b'23
96	Sample, Cam	DE	6-3	272	9-20-99	3	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
89	Sample, Drew	TE	6-5	255	4-16-96	5	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
74	Scharping, Max	G	6-6	325	8-10-96	5	Northern Illinois	Green Bay, Wis.	W(Hou.)'22
33	Scott, Nick	S	5-11	200	5-17-95	5	Penn State	Fairfax, Va.	UFA(LARams)'23
70	Smith, D'Ante	OT	6-5	309	6-9-98	3	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
81	Smith, Irv, Jr.	TE	6-2	240	8-9-98	5	Alabama	New Orleans, La.	UFA(Minn.)'23
29	Taylor-Britt, Cam	CB	5-11	202	10-15-99	2	Nebraska	Montgomery, Ala.	D2'22
97	Tufele, Jay	DT	6-3	305	7-25-99	3	Southern California	Salt Lake City, Utah	W(Jax.)'22
68	Tupou, Josh	DT	6-3	340	5-2-94	6	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
20	Turner, DJ, II	CB	5-11	180	11-9-00	R	Michigan	Suwanee, Ga.	D2'23
67	Volson, Cordell	G	6-6	315	7-20-98	2	North Dakota State	Balfour, N.D.	D4'22
84	Wilcox, Mitchell	TE	6-4	250	11-7-96	4	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	FA'23
73	Williams, Jonah	OT	6-5	312	11-17-97	5	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
32	Williams, Trayveon	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	5	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
55	Wilson, Logan	LB	6-2	245	7-8-96	4	Wyoming	Casper, Wyo.	D3'20

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)**

72	Davis, Dominique (8-30-23)	DT	6-2	326	2-28-96	1	North Carolina at Pembroke	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'22
34	Felton, Demetric, Jr. (8-31-23)	HB	5-9	185	7-16-98	3	UCLA	Memphis, Tenn.	FA'23
82	Gentry, Zach (9-5-23)	TE	6-8	265	9-10-96	5	Michigan	Albuquerque, N.M.	FA'23
42	George, Allan (8-30-23)	CB	5-11	191	7-16-99	1	Vanderbilt	Andalusia, Ala.	CFA'22
66	Gilliam, Nate (8-30-23)	C	6-5	300	7-6-97	1	Wake Forest	Knoxville, Tenn.	FA'22
7	Grier, Will (8-30-23)	QB	6-1	220	4-3-95	5	West Virginia	Charlotte, N.C.	FA'23
93	Gunter, Jeff (8-30-23)	DE	6-4	263	6-1-99	2	Coastal Carolina	Durham, N.C.	D7'22
50	Heyward, Shaka (8-30-23)	LB	6-3	238	4-19-00	R	Duke	Dacula, Ga.	CFA'23
87	Hudson, Tanner (8-30-23)	TE	6-5	239	11-12-94	4	Southern Arkansas	Camden, Tenn.	FA'22
12	Jackson, Shedrick (8-30-23)	WR	6-1	195	10-20-99	R	Auburn	Hoover, Ala.	CFA'23
24	Jones, Sidney, IV (8-30-23)	CB	6-0	181	5-21-96	6	Washington	West Covina, Calif.	UFA(L.V.)'23
60	Kirkland, Jaxson (8-30-23)	G	6-7	328	7-30-98	R	Washington	Portland, Ore.	CFA'23
18	Lassiter, Kwamie, II (8-30-23)	WR	5-11	185	1-21-98	1	Kansas	Chandler, Ariz.	CFA'22
17	Morgan, Stanley (8-30-23)	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	5	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
56	Nelson, Garrett (9-5-23)	DE	6-4	245	3-1-00	R	Nebraska	Scottsbluff, Neb.	FA'23
31	Thomas, Michael J. (8-30-23)	S	5-11	192	3-17-90	10	Stanford	Houston, Texas	FA'21

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

76	Cochran, Devin (7-30-23; knee)	OT	6-7	310	7-17-98	1	Georgia Tech	Athens, Ga.	CFA'22
69	Maxwell, Devonsha (8-7-23; knee)	DT	6-2	297	5-5-99	R	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Valdosta, Ga.	CFA'23
53	Pesefea, Tautala, Jr. (8-29-23; elbow)	DT	6-3	314	6-25-00	R	Arizona State	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'23
39	Tell, Marvell, III (8-29-23; concussion)	CB	6-2	198	8-2-96	2	Southern California	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'22

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

71	Collins, La'el (8-29-23; knee)	OT	6-4	314	7-26-93	9	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	FA'22
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# NUMERICAL ROSTER

**SEPT. 12, 2023**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
1	Ja'Marr Chase	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	3	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.	D1'21
2	Evan McPherson	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	3	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
5	Tee Higgins	WR	6-4	219	1-18-99	4	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
6	Jake Browning	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	FA'21
9	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	215	12-10-96	4	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
10	Brad Robbins	P	6-1	205	10-6-98	R	Michigan	Westerville, Ohio	D6b'23
15	Charlie Jones	WR	6-0	183	10-29-98	R	Purdue	Deerfield, Ill.	D4'23
16	Trenton Irwin	WR	6-2	200	12-10-95	4	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
20	DJ Turner II	CB	5-11	180	11-9-00	R	Michigan	Suwanee, Ga.	D2'23
21	Mike Hilton	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	7	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
22	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	7	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
23	Dax Hill	S	6-0	191	9-29-00	2	Michigan	Tulsa, Okla.	D1'22
25	Chris Evans	HB	5-11	215	10-5-97	3	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
26	Tycen Anderson	S	6-2	209	6-13-99	2	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	D5'22
27	Jordan Battle	S	6-1	210	12-14-00	R	Alabama	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3'23
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	7	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
29	Cam Taylor-Britt	CB	5-11	202	10-15-99	2	Nebraska	Montgomery, Ala.	D2'22
30	Chase Brown	HB	5-10	211	3-21-00	R	Illinois	London, Ontario (Canada)	D5'23
32	Trayveon Williams	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	5	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
33	Nick Scott	S	5-11	200	5-17-95	5	Penn State	Fairfax, Va.	UFA(LARams)'23
35	Jalen Davis	CB	5-10	190	2-2-96	4	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
38	DJ Ivey	CB	6-1	192	2-25-00	R	Miami (Fla.)	Florida City, Fla.	D7'23
48	Cal Adomitis	LS	6-2	238	7-9-98	2	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.	CFA'22
49	Joe Bachie	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	4	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
51	Markus Bailey	LB	6-1	235	3-7-97	4	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
55	Logan Wilson	LB	6-2	245	7-8-96	4	Wyoming	Casper, Wyo.	D3'20
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	250	5-21-96	5	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
58	Joseph Ossai	DE	6-4	263	4-12-00	3	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	LB	6-2	228	9-21-97	4	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
61	Cody Ford	G	6-3	329	12-28-96	5	Oklahoma	Pineville, La.	UFA(Ariz.)'23
63	Trey Hill	C	6-4	335	1-23-00	3	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
64	Ted Karras	C	6-4	310	3-15-93	8	Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.	UFA(N.E.)'22
65	Alex Cappa	G	6-6	310	1-27-95	6	Humboldt State	Dublin, Calif.	UFA(T.B.)'22
67	Cordell Volson	G	6-6	315	7-20-98	2	North Dakota State	Balfour, N.D.	D4'22
68	Josh Tupou	DT	6-3	340	5-2-94	6	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
70	D'Ante Smith	OT	6-5	309	6-9-98	3	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
73	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	312	11-17-97	5	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
74	Max Scharping	G	6-6	325	8-10-96	5	Northern Illinois	Green Bay, Wis.	W(Hou.)'22
75	Orlando Brown Jr.	OT	6-8	345	5-2-96	6	Oklahoma	Baltimore, Md.	UFA(K.C.)'23
79	Jackson Carman	OT	6-5	322	1-22-00	3	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
80	Andrei Iosivas	WR	6-3	205	10-15-99	R	Princeton	Honolulu, Hawaii	D6a'23
81	Irv Smith Jr.	TE	6-2	240	8-9-98	5	Alabama	New Orleans, La.	UFA(Minn.)'23
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	8	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
84	Mitchell Wilcox	TE	6-4	250	11-7-96	4	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	FA'23
89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	255	4-16-96	5	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
91	Trey Hendrickson	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	7	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
92	B.J. Hill	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	6	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	6	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
95	Zach Carter	DT	6-4	290	4-7-99	2	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3'22
96	Cam Sample	DE	6-3	272	9-20-99	3	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
97	Jay Tufele	DT	6-3	305	7-25-99	3	Southern California	Salt Lake City, Utah	W(Jax.)'22
98	DJ Reader	DT	6-3	335	7-1-94	8	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
99	Myles Murphy	DE	6-5	270	1-3-02	R	Clemson	Marietta, Ga.	D1'23

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)**

7	Grier, Will (8-30-23)	QB	6-1	220	4-3-95	5	West Virginia	Charlotte, N.C.	FA'23
12	Shedrick Jackson (8-30-23)	WR	6-1	195	10-20-99	R	Auburn	Hoover, Ala.	CFA'23
17	Stanley Morgan (8-30-23)	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	5	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
18	Kwamie Lassiter II (8-30-23)	WR	5-11	185	1-21-98	1	Kansas	Chandler, Ariz.	CFA'22
24	Sidney Jones IV (8-30-23)	CB	6-0	181	5-21-96	6	Washington	West Covina, Calif.	UFA(L.V.)'23
31	Michael J. Thomas (8-30-23)	S	5-11	192	3-17-90	10	Stanford	Houston, Texas	FA'21
34	Demetric Felton Jr. (8-31-23)	HB	5-9	185	7-16-98	3	UCLA	Memphis, Tenn.	FA'23
42	Allan George (8-30-23)	CB	5-11	191	7-16-99	1	Vanderbilt	Andalusia, Ala.	CFA'22
50	Shaka Heyward (8-30-23)	LB	6-3	238	4-19-00	R	Duke	Dacula, Ga.	CFA'23
56	Garrett Nelson (9-5-23)	DE	6-4	245	3-1-00	R	Nebraska	Scottsbluff, Neb.	FA'23
60	Jaxson Kirkland (8-30-23)	G	6-7	328	7-30-98	R	Washington	Portland, Ore.	CFA'23
66	Nate Gilliam (8-30-23)	C	6-5	300	7-6-97	1	Wake Forest	Knoxville, Tenn.	FA'22
72	Domenique Davis (8-30-23)	DT	6-2	326	2-28-96	1	North Carolina at Pembroke	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'22
82	Zach Gentry (9-5-23)	TE	6-8	265	9-10-96	5	Michigan	Albuquerque, N.M.	FA'23
87	Tanner Hudson (8-30-23)	TE	6-5	239	11-12-94	4	Southern Arkansas	Camden, Tenn.	FA'22
93	Jeff Gunter (8-30-23)	DE	6-4	263	6-1-99	2	Coastal Carolina	Durham, N.C.	D7'22

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

39	Marvell Tell III (8-29-23; concussion)	CB	6-2	198	8-2-96	2	Southern California	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'22
53	Tautala Pesefea Jr. (8-29-23; elbow)	DT	6-3	314	6-25-00	R	Arizona State	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'23
69	Devennsha Maxwell (8-7-23; knee)	DT	6-2	297	5-5-99	R	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Valdosta, Ga.	CFA'23
76	Devon Cochran (7-30-23; knee)	OT	6-7	310	7-17-98	1	Georgia Tech	Athens, Ga.	CFA'22

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

71	La'el Collins (8-29-23; knee)	OT	6-4	314	7-26-93	9	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	FA'22
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# STATISTICS

**RECORD: 0-1**

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-10-23	L	3-24	at Cleveland	67,919
9-17-23			BALTIMORE	
9-25-23			L.A. RAMS	
10-1-23			at Tennessee	
10-8-23			at Arizona	
10-15-23			SEATTLE	
10-22-23			— BYE —	
10-29-23			at San Francisco	
11-5-23			BUFFALO	
11-12-23			HOUSTON	
11-16-23			at Baltimore	
11-26-23			PITTSBURGH	
12-4-23			at Jacksonville	
12-10-23			INDIANAPOLIS	
(TBD)			MINNESOTA	
12-23-23			at Pittsburgh	
12-31-23			at Kansas City	
(TBD)			CLEVELAND	

TEAM STATISTICS		BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	.....6	21	
Rushing	.....2	12	
Passing	.....3	9	
Penalty	.....1	0	
3rd Down: Made-Att	.....2-15	4-14	
3rd Down Pct.	.....13.3	28.6	
4th Down: Made-Att	.....0-1	0-0	
4th Down Pct.	.....0.0	0.0	
POSSESSION AVG.	.....24:10	35:50	
TOTAL NET YARDS	.....142	350	
Avg. Per Game	.....142.0	350.0	
Total Plays	.....54	72	
Avg. Per Play	.....2.6	4.9	
NET YARDS RUSHING	.....75	206	
Avg. Per Game	.....75.0	206.0	
Total Rushes	.....20	40	
NET YARDS PASSING	.....67	144	
Avg. Per Game	.....67.0	144.0	
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....2-15	3-10	
Gross Yards	.....82	154	
Att.-Completions	.....32-14	29-16	
Completion Pct.	.....43.8	55.2	
Had Intercepted	.....0	1	
PUNTS-AVG.	.....10-40.9	7-47.3	
Net Punting Avg.	.....10-37.4	7-43.9	
PENALTIES-YARDS	.....4-20	5-43	
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	.....0-0	2-1	
TOUCHDOWNS	.....0	2	
Rushing	.....0	1	
Passing	.....0	1	
Returns	.....0	0	

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	0	0	3	0	0	3
OPPONENTS	0	10	3	11	0	24

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-2	0	3
BENGALS	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-2	0	3
OPPONENTS	2	1	1	0	1-1	3-3	0	24

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

**Sacks-yards:** Germaine Pratt 1-7, Trey Hendrickson 1-3, B.J. Hill 1-0. BENGALS 3-10, OPPONENTS 2-15.

**Fumbles-lost:** (None). BENGALS 0-0, OPPONENTS 2-1.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	31	14	82	45.2	2.65	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	2-15	52.2
Jake Browning	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	—	0-0	39.6
BENGALS	32	14	82	43.8	2.56	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	2-15	51.0
OPPONENTS	29	16	154	55.2	5.31	1	3.4	1	3.4	33	3-10	67.3

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	13	56	4.3	22	0
Chris Evans	2	12	6.0	7	0
Trayveon Williams	2	7	3.5	5	0
Ja'Marr Chase	1	2	2.0	2	0
Jake Browning	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Joe Burrow	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
BENGALS	20	75	3.8	22	0
OPPONENTS	40	206	5.2	19	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Ja'Marr Chase	5	39	7.8	12	0
Joe Mixon	3	17	5.7	10	0
Irv Smith Jr.	3	17	5.7	8	0
Tyler Boyd	2	10	5.0	6	0
Chris Evans	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
BENGALS	14	82	5.9	12	0
OPPONENTS	16	154	9.6	33	1

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Dax Hill	1	20	20.0	20	0
BENGALS	1	20	20.0	20	0
OPPONENTS	0	0	—	—	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK
Brad Robbins	10	409	40.9	37.4	1	2	54	0
BENGALS	10	409	40.9	37.4	1	2	54	0
OPPONENTS	7	331	47.3	43.9	0	3	66	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Charlie Jones	3	1	24	8.0	15	0
BENGALS	3	1	24	8.0	15	0
OPPONENTS	3	4	15	5.0	6	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Chris Evans	2	45	22.5	27	0
BENGALS	2	45	22.5	27	0
OPPONENTS	0	0	—	—	0

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

**Evan McPherson:** (42G, 51WR).

**Opponents:** (42G, 34G, 43G).

DEFENSE*	TK	AS	CM	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Germaine Pratt	7	4	11	1-7	0-0	0	1	0-0
Nick Scott	4	7	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Logan Wilson	6	2	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dax Hill	5	1	6	0-0	1-20	1	0	0-0
Cam Sample	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
B.J. Hill	3	1	4	1-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Mike Hilton	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Chidobe Awuzie	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0
DJ Reader	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Cam Taylor-Britt	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Trey Hendrickson	1	2	3	1-3	0-0	1	0	0-0
DJ Turner II	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Zach Carter	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Jay Tufele	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	TK	AS	CM	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Cal Adomitis	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Markus Bailey	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Mitchell Wilcox	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Battle	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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