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## WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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# CINCINNATI BENGALS (1-3) AT ARIZONA CARDINALS (1-3)

WEEK 5, GAME 5  
SUNDAY, OCT. 8  
AT STATE FARM STADIUM

NEXT GAME: WEEK 6, GAME 6  
SUNDAY, OCT. 15 VS. SEATTLE

### GAME INFORMATION

**Kickoff:** 4:05 p.m. Eastern.

**Television:** The game will air on FOX-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WXIX-TV (Ch. 19) in Cincinnati, WGRT-TV (Ch. 45) in Dayton and WDKY-TV (Ch. 56) in Lexington. Broadcasters are Kevin Kugler (play-by-play), Mark Sanchez (analyst) and Laura Okmin (sideline reporter).

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

**Setting the scene:** The Bengals begin a three-game stretch against NFC West opponents when they travel to Arizona for a matchup with the Cardinals on Sunday. Cincinnati finds itself at 1-3 this season and is looking to bounce back from a 27-3 loss at Tennessee in Week 4.

Following a victory over the L.A. Rams the previous Monday night, the Bengals faced a short week and ran into a Titans team that showcased a balanced offense complemented by an aggressive defense. While Bengals players and coaches emphasized that the performance in Nashville was not up to their standard, head coach Zac Taylor believes his team's best course of action is to move past the result quickly and turn the page to this week's contest.

"Whether we lost 27-26 or 27-3, we're 1-3," Taylor said. "It doesn't matter which way you slice it. We have got to find a way to get ourselves back on track. We got our first win. It felt good. But we've got to find a way at Arizona to get ourselves back on track and be 2-3."

The Bengals marched 72 yards on 11 plays during their opening possession, with QB Joe Burrow completing his first four passing attempts to help set up a field goal and an early 3-0 lead. But Tennessee was able to apply pressure on Burrow as the game wore on, sacking him three times and forcing a fumble in the third quarter to end a drive that reached the Titans' 37-yard line. Although Burrow acknowledged the disappointment felt in the locker room after the game, he contended that the resilience Cincinnati has built over the past three seasons is what ultimately will steer the 2023 campaign in a positive direction.

"Whenever you're 1-3, you're going to be frustrated," Burrow said. "You're going to be angry, you're going to be wanting to win games, and we haven't been. We're not going to let anything like that come between us — that's how you end up having a bad season. We've had a bad start, had a bad first quarter. We've got three more quarters of the year to get through and go from there."

Coming out of Arizona with a 2-3 record would have the Bengals in the same position they were through five games a season ago. From that point in early October, Cincinnati went on to win 10 of its final 11 regular-season contests to claim its second consecutive AFC North Division title, then earned two postseason victories to appear in the AFC Championship for a second straight year. But as the Bengals navigate forward aware of their potential, Taylor said he is confident the focus will remain solely on Sunday's matchup.

"We've got to put together the best plan we've had so far and do everything we can for this to be our best performance," Taylor said. "That's really all we can control. We don't look down the road. We learn from the things that are behind us. I think our team has done a great job embracing that mentality and that's what we expect this week."

Arizona enters the game with an identical 1-3 record and is coming off a 35-16 loss at San Francisco in Week 4.

**The series:** The series is tied 6-6 overall, but the home team historically has had the advantage. The Cardinals are 4-0 in games played in St. Louis and Arizona, while Cincinnati leads 6-2 in games played in Cincinnati.

The Cardinals have won the two most recent meetings in 2015 and '19, as well as four of the past five meetings dating back to 2003. The only Bengals win in that span came in 2011 in Cincinnati.

Games between the two clubs have been relatively even recently, with the past five matchups being one-score games (defined as being decided by eight points or less), as well as seven of the past nine.

The Bengals were 2-1 against the Cardinals when the franchise was based in St. Louis (prior to 1988), and the Cardinals are 5-4 against Cincinnati since their move to Arizona.

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

#### Team bests from the series:

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 42, in a 42-24 win over the St. Louis Cardinals at Riverfront Stadium in 1973. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 18, in the 42-24 win in 1973. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 13, in a 24-13 win at Paul Brown Stadium in 2000.

**Cardinals — MOST POINTS:** 41, in a 41-27 win at St. Louis in 1985. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 21, in a 28-7 win at Sun Devil Stadium in 1994. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 7, in the 28-7 win in 1994.

**The last meetings:** Summaries of the two most recent Bengals-Cardinals meetings (in 2019 at Cincinnati, and in 2015 at Arizona) are on page 14 of this news release.

**Bengals-Cardinals connections:** Cardinals OL Paris Johnson Jr. is a native of Cincinnati and attended St. Xavier (2016-18) and Princeton High School ('19) before playing at Ohio State ('20-22) ... Bengals OT Cody Ford played for the Cardinals last season, playing in 11 games with three starts ... Bengals CB Jalen Davis played for the Cardinals from 2019-20, spending time on their practice squad and active roster ... Bengals linebackers coach James Bettcher served as defensive coordinator (2015-17) and outside linebackers ('13-14) coach for the Cardinals ... Bengals defensive quality control coach Louie Cioffi coached defensive backs for the Cardinals (2011-12) ... Cardinals director of football performance Shea Thompson served as sports scientist/assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Bengals from 2016-18 ... Bengals wide receivers coach Troy Walters played WR for the Cardinals in 2006 ... Walters played WR for the Indianapolis Colts while Cardinals running backs coach Autry Denson played RB (2002) ... Walters also coached wide receivers and was a recruiting coordinator at the University of Colorado when Cardinals offensive line coach Klayton Adams coached running backs and tight ends (2013-15) ... The Cardinals' Denson coached running backs at Miami (Ohio) in 2014 ... Cardinals quarterbacks coach Israel Woolfork also coached at Miami (Ohio), serving as a graduate assistant, running backs and wide receivers coach (2013-21) ... Bengals offensive line/run game coordinator Frank Pollack played offensive line at Northern Arizona (1985-89) and later returned to his alma mater to coach offensive line (2005-06), where he coached alongside Bengals assistant offensive line coach Derek Frazier ('05) ... Cardinals TE Zach Ertz shared a TE room with Bengals tight ends coach James Casey as teammates on the Philadelphia Eagles (2013-14) ... Cardinals WR Marquise Brown played with Bengals OT Orlando Brown Jr. on the Baltimore Ravens (2019-20) and at the

University of Oklahoma (2017), and with Bengals OT Cody Ford at Oklahoma as well ('17-18) ... Bengals OT Orlando Brown Jr. also lined up alongside Cardinals OL Trystan Colon for the Ravens (2020) ... Cardinals assistant offensive line coach Chris Cook coached Bengals OT D'Ante Smith at East Carolina while serving as offensive quality control/assistant offensive line coach (2016) ... Bengals offensive line/run game coordinator Frank Pollack and assistant offensive line coach Derek Frazier coached Cardinals offensive lineman Kelvin Beachum while coaching offensive line with the New York Jets (2019) ... Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan was an offensive quality control and assistant coach for the Denver Broncos while Cardinals assistant head coach/special teams coordinator Jeff Rodgers was special teams coordinator (2011-14) ... Bengals assistant linebackers coach Jordan Kovacs played safety at the University of Michigan (2011-12) and was a coaching intern for the Wolverines ('17) while Cardinals assistant strength and conditioning coach Mark Naylor served in the same capacity in Ann Arbor ('11-17) ... Naylor also coached Bengals HB Chris Evans (2016-17) and P Brad Robbins ('17) at Michigan ... Bengals WR Tyler Boyd played alongside Cardinals RB James Conner at the University of Pittsburgh (2013-16) ... Bengals DT Zach Carter was teammates with Cardinals CB Marco Wilson at the University of Florida (2018-20) ... Cardinals cornerbacks coach Ryan Smith coached Bengals S Nick Scott as a defensive graduate assistant at Penn State (2015-16) ... Scott was also teammates with Cardinals LB Jesse Luketa at Penn State (2018).

**BENGALS-CARDINALS NFL RANKINGS**

	BENGALS	CARDINALS
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored .....	31st (12.3)	18th (22.0)
Points allowed .....	18th (23.5)	T-25th (25.5)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	32nd (236.0)	12th (337.8)
Rushing .....	31st (70.0)	6th (143.5)
Passing .....	29th (166.0)	22nd (194.3)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	24th (364.3)	T-26th (374.5)
Rushing .....	31st (157.0)	24th (132.0)
Passing .....	14th (207.3)	24th (242.5)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential .....	T-12th (plus-2)	T-9th (plus-3)

**BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 6	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 15
<b>Total scores:</b> 5 (83.3%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 14 (93.3%)
TDs: 3 (50.0%)	TDs: 8 (53.3%)
FGs: 2 (33.3%)	FGs: 6 (40.0%)
TD% rank: T-20th	TD% rank: 15th
<b>No scores:</b> 1 (16.7%)	<b>No scores:</b> 1 (6.7%)

**CARDINALS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 10	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 20
<b>Total scores:</b> 9 (90.0%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 17 (85.0%)
TDs: 6 (60.0%)	TDs: 12 (60.0%)
FGs: 3 (30.0%)	FGs: 5 (25.0%)
TD% rank: T-11th	TD% rank: T-17th
<b>No scores:</b> 1 (10.0%)	<b>No scores:</b> 3 (15.0%)

**Uniform watch:** The Bengals are slated to wear white jerseys, black pants (orange stripes) and white socks this week at Arizona. Cincinnati is 4-3 overall when wearing that combination, which was last featured in a 22-18 win at New England in Week 16 of the 2022 season.

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

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 "White Bengal" look made its return on Monday Night Football in Week 3, as Cincinnati defeated the L.A. Rams 19-16 in front of a "White Out" crowd at Paycor Stadium. The white helmets are slated to be featured again in the Bengals' Week 13 road contest at Jacksonville.

Here are the Bengals' records in every possible uniform combination (during regular season and postseason only) 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 .....	2-2-0	.500
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 .....	8-4-0	.667
White^	White (Black)	White	White^ .....	1-0-0	1.000
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 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 1681 career passing attempts, 540 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 1131 completions, 109 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 12,502 passing yards, 2632 shy of Blake (15,134) for fifth place all-time.
- Burrow has 84 TD passes, nine 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 1373 rushing attempts, 29 shy of FB Pete Johnson (1402) for third place all-time. Mixon in Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams surpassed HB James Brooks (1344) for fourth place. HB Corey Dillon (1865) is the team's career record holder.

- Mixon has 5625 career rushing yards, 117 shy of HB Rudi Johnson (5742) for third place all-time. Mixon in Week 1 at Cleveland surpassed Pete Johnson (5421) for fourth place. Dillon (8061) is the team's career record holder.

- Mixon has 41 rushing TDs, four shy of HB Corey 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 HB Cedric 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 463 career receptions, 44 shy of WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh (507) for fourth place all-time. Boyd in 2022 surpassed WR Cris Collinsworth (417).

- K Evan McPherson needs four FG attempts to reach 75 in his career, which would qualify him for the Bengals' all-time FG percentage record. McPherson currently has an 83.1 career percentage (59 made/71 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. Cardinals:** The Bengals' history book does not list any individual or team records set previously against the Cardinals.

The Cardinals, however, have had one individual performance which stands tied for a record against the Bengals. On Nov. 18, 2007, Arizona CB/S Antrel Rolle logged three interceptions against Cincinnati, which is tied for the most against the Bengals in a game. The mark has been reached a total of five times against Cincinnati, and Rolle's instance, despite occurring 16 years ago, still is the most recent.

**Individually vs. Cardinals:** Current Bengals' past offensive performances for Cincinnati against Arizona in regular season include:

- WR Tyler Boyd: One game; 10 catches for 123 yards (12.3-yard average) and one TD.

- HB Joe Mixon: One game; 19 rushes for 93 yards (4.9); One reception for 16 yards.

- WR Stanley Morgan (Practice Squad): One game; One reception for six yards.

## 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.

**Jonathan Gannon** became an NFL head coach for the first time when hired by Arizona on Feb. 14, 2023. He went to Arizona after spending the previous two seasons (2021-22) as the defensive coordinator with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Gannon has 15 years of experience in the NFL with the Eagles (2021-22), Colts ('18-20), Vikings ('14-17), Titans ('12-13), Rams ('09-11) and Falcons ('07). He has coached with three different teams (Eagles, Colts, Vikings) who have combined for six playoff berths in the last eight seasons (2015-22).

Under Gannon, the Eagles boasted a top-10 defense in each of the past two seasons, ranking second in total defense in 2022 (301.5 yards per game) and 10th in the NFL in 2021 (328.8). From 2021-22, the Eagles defense led the NFL with 99 sacks, ranked third in total defense (315.1), third in pass defense (200.4), sixth in tackles for loss (168), tied for fourth in total return TDs (seven) and INT-return TDs (4) and tied for 10th in INTs (29).

The Eagles qualified for the postseason in each year Gannon was the defensive coordinator. In 2022 the Eagles featured the NFL's top-ranked pass defense (179.8 yards per game) and the league's eighth-ranked scoring defense (20.2 points per game). Philadelphia advanced to Super Bowl LVII at State Farm Stadium after beating San Francisco in the NFC Championship, won the NFC East in 2022 and finished the regular season as the No. 1 seed in the NFC with a 14-3 record. The Eagles easily led the NFL with a franchise single-season record 70 sacks during the 2022 regular season — a total which was the most by any team in a single season since the Minnesota Vikings had 71 in 1989. Combined with their eight sacks in the postseason, the Eagles' 78 total sacks in 2022 were the third-most in NFL history behind only the 1984 and '85 Chicago Bears (82 and 80 sacks, respectively). Philadelphia also tied for fourth in the NFL in both total takeaways (27) and INTs during the regular season.

In his first season with the Eagles in 2021, Gannon directed the NFL's 10th-ranked defense (328.8 yards per game). Philadelphia had the second-most defensive TDs (five) and finished ninth in opponent rushing yards per game (107.9) and opponent three-and-out percentage (33.1).

Prior to working with the Eagles, Gannon was the defensive backs/CBs coach with the Indianapolis Colts (2018-20) and the assistant DBs/quality control coach with the Minnesota Vikings ('14-17), after working as a defensive assistant with the Tennessee Titans ('12-13). He spent three seasons (2009-11) as a scout with the St. Louis Rams after beginning his NFL coaching career as a defensive assistant with the Atlanta Falcons in '07.

Gannon played collegiately as a safety at Louisville and appeared in nine games as a redshirt freshman in 2002 before suffering a career-ending hip injury in his first career start at Cincinnati. As a true freshman in 2001, he was named the Cardinals defensive scout team player of the year. Following the injury, he worked as a student assistant at Louisville for three seasons (2003-05) and one season as a graduate assistant ('06) under Bobby Petrino.

Gannon attended Saint Ignatius High School (Cleveland, Ohio), where he was an all-state defensive back and a standout in basketball and track & field. As a senior in 2001, he helped lead the basketball team to the school's first state championship and starred in the long jump and 110-meter hurdles, helping Saint Ignatius to its first track & field state championship that same year. Gannon was inducted into the Saint Ignatius Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

Gannon was born on April 4, 1983, in Cleveland, Ohio. He and his wife, Gina, have three children — Rocco, Lola and Angelo.

**Taylor vs. Cardinals:** The Cardinals lead, 1-0.

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

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

## BENGALS NOTES

**Coaching continuity under Taylor:** Head coach Zac Taylor returned 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)

**2023 Bengals 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 67.3, Burrow ranks third in NFL history in the category. Former Saints QB Drew Brees (67.7) and Las Vegas QB Jimmy Garoppolo (67.6) hold the top two spots.

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 12K:** QB Joe Burrow passed for 222 yards in Week 2 vs. Baltimore, eclipsing 12,000 career passing yards in what was just his 44th career game. That tied him with former Colts QB Andrew Luck as the fifth-fastest QB in NFL history to reach 12,000 passing yards. He is the fastest Bengal ever to 11,000 passing yards (40 games), 10,000 (36), 9000 (33), 8000 (29), 7000 (26), 6000 (23), 5000 (19) and 4000 (16).

Burrow's 9814 passing yards since the start of the 2021 regular season are fifth most in the NFL in that span. He has ranked in the top six leaguewide in passing yards in each of the past two seasons, with a Bengals-record 4611 in 2021 (sixth) and 4475 in '22 (fifth).

Here's a look at the fastest QBs in NFL history — in terms of games played — to reach 12,000 passing yards:

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO REACH 12,000 YDS
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	40
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	42
Kurt Warner	St. Louis Rams	42
Matthew Stafford	Detroit Lions	43
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	44
Andrew Luck	Indianapolis Colts	44

**Joe throws 80th career TD:** QB Joe Burrow threw his 80th TD pass in Week 16 last season at New England, in what was his 41st career game. That made him the fifth-fastest QB in NFL history to throw for 80 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 responded in Week 2 vs. Baltimore with two TD passes, marking his 27th career multi-TD game (regular season).

Burrow also is one of two players in NFL history (former Colts QB Andrew Luck) 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 80 passing TDs.

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO REACH 80
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	33
Dan Marino	Miami Dolphins	35
Kurt Warner	St. Louis Rams	38
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	39
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	41

**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, more than any NFL QB since he entered the league in 2020.

Six of Burrow's 40-plus yard TD passes came during Weeks 3-8 of the 2022 campaign. He 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.

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
Russell Wilson	Seattle Seahawks/Denver Broncos	16
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	14
Derek Carr	Las Vegas Raiders	13
Kirk Cousins	Minnesota Vikings	13

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

Each player has showcased their abilities through four games this season, beginning with Higgins in Week 2 vs. Baltimore. The fourth-year pro out of Clemson led Cincinnati with eight catches for 89 yards, including two TD grabs in the second half to help cut the Bengals' deficit. It marked Higgins' fourth career game (including postseason) with multiple TD catches, and his second against the Ravens. The following week, on Monday Night Football against the L.A. Rams, Chase erupted for 141 yards on a career-high 12 receptions. His 12 catches tied for the second most in a game in team history, and he reached the century mark in receiving yards for the 10th time in his young career.

Boyd has served as a consistent pass catching option since being drafted by Cincinnati in the second round in 2016. His 17 catches this season rank second on the team behind Chase (29), with 15 of those coming over the past three games. The longest-tenured Bengals player on the active roster, Boyd enters Week 4 with 463 career receptions, the fifth most in team history.

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.

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 in 2022, 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.

**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, tied for 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
Tyreek Hill	Kansas City Chiefs/Miami Dolphins	4
(many tied)	—	3

**Chasing history:** Third-year WR Ja'Marr Chase enters Week 5 with 197 career receptions in 33 games. With three catches on Sunday at Arizona, he would tie for the fourth fastest player in NFL history to reach 200 receptions. Current Ravens WR Odell Beckham Jr. (30 games), Saints WR Michael Thomas (32) and former Miami/Cleveland/New Orleans WR Jarvis Landry (33 games) hold the top three spots for fewest games all-time to hit that milestone.

Chase erupted for 141 receiving yards on 12 catches in the Week 3 win over the L.A. Rams. The 12 grabs marked a career high for Chase and tied for the second most in a game in team history. The Bengals single-game receptions record belongs to former WR Carl Pickens, who netted 13 catches on Oct. 11, 1998 against Pittsburgh. Chase in the third quarter had a 43-yard catch on a bootleg pass from QB Joe Burrow, giving him his 12th reception of 40 or more yards since he entered the NFL in 2021 — tied for the second most leaguewide in that span

With seven catches for 73 yards in Week 4 at Tennessee, Chase has recorded at least five receptions in each of his last 12 regular-season games played, dating back to Week 5 of the 2022 season. That is the NFL's longest active streak of games with five or more catches, with the next longest held by Las Vegas WR Davante Adams (six games).

The Week 3 victory over the Rams marked Chase's 10th career game with 100 or more receiving yards. A Pro Bowler each of his first two seasons, Chase is one of two players in Bengals history who have notched consecutive 1000-yard receiving campaigns to begin their career, joining A.J. Green (2011-12).

Chase during the 2022 season 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 catches in league history.

Here is a look at the WRs with the most receptions of 40 or more yards since the start of the 2021 regular season:

PLAYER	TEAM	CATCHES OF 40 OR MORE YARDS
Justin Jefferson	Minnesota Vikings	13
Ja'Marr Chase	Cincinnati Bengals	12
Tyreek Hill	Kansas City Chiefs/Miami Dolphins	12
Mike Williams	L.A. Chargers	12
(four players tied)	—	11

**Tee tops 1000 again:** WR Tee Higgins was held without a catch in the season opener at Cleveland, but bounced back in Week 2 vs. Baltimore with eight grabs for 89 yards and two TDs. A majority of his production came in the second half, including a fourth-quarter scoring drive that saw him net three receptions for 40 yards capped off by a four-yard TD that cut Cincinnati's deficit to 27-24.

Higgins during the 2022 regular season ranked second on the Bengals in receptions (74), receiving yards (1029) and receiving TDs (seven). That followed a 2021 sophomore campaign in which he logged 1091 yards and six TDs on 74 catches. Higgins 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). His career yardage total at the end of 2022 (3028) marked 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 last season, 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, marking the second-most in a game in his career (194 on Dec. 26, 2021 vs. Baltimore). He then followed that up with seven grabs for 114 yards and a TD in Week 12 at Tennessee, including a 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 vs. the L.A. Rams, 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 player's 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*	2785

\* — Currently in third season.

**Mixon hits 5K:** HB Joe Mixon surpassed 5000 career rushing yards in Week 9 of the 2022 season, becoming the fifth player in team history and the first since HB Rudi Johnson (2006) to reach the milestone. 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 11 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 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).

Mixon is coming off a season-high 67 rushing yards in Week 4 at Tennessee. He found the end zone for the first time this season in Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams, when he capped off a go-ahead scoring drive in the third quarter with a 14-yard TD. It marked Mixon's longest TD run since Week 9 of the 2022 campaign vs. Carolina — a game in which he scored a Bengals-record five TDs (four rushing, one receiving) and posted a career-best 211 yards from scrimmage.

Now in his seventh pro season, Mixon has 5625 career rushing yards, the fourth most in team history and 117 behind Rudi Johnson (5742) for third on the Bengals' all-time chart. Mixon in Week 1 at Cleveland surpassed FB Pete Johnson (5421).

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	5625
Pete Johnson	1977-83	5421

**First-quarter defense among league's best:** Though defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo is regarded as one of the best in the NFL when it comes to in-game adjustments, his Bengals defense has also been consistently prepared from the opening kickoff. Since the start of the 2022 season, Cincinnati has allowed just five TDs in the first quarter of play, tied for the second fewest in the league during that stretch, while its 65 total first-quarter points and 1336 net yards given up each are the fifth fewest.

Baltimore's TD on the opening drive of Week 2 marked the first TD allowed by Cincinnati in a first quarter since Week 6 of the 2022 season at New Orleans. The Bengals' 14-game streak without giving up a first-quarter TD was the longest in the NFL since Buffalo went 16 straight from Week 14 of the 2020 season through Week 10 of the '21 campaign. Cincinnati during its streak allowed just 12 total points (never more than three in an opening quarter), while collecting three INTs and forcing 14 punts.

The L.A. Rams reached Cincinnati's two-yard line on their opening drive in Week 3, but the Bengals stood tall with a nine-yard sack by DT DJ Reader on first down, followed by incompletions on the next two plays to force a FG. Tennessee in Week 4 drove to the Bengals' 24-yard line on its opening possession, but a third-down sack split by DT B.J. Hill and DE Trey Hendrickson pushed the Titans back 11 yards and resulted in a FG.

**Defense tightens after the break:** As referenced previously, Cincinnati's defense has proven itself among the league's elite units coming out of halftime. The Bengals have given up 36 total TDs in the second half/overtime since the start of the 2021 regular season, tied for the second fewest in the NFL behind Buffalo (33), while their 9.5 points allowed per second half/OT in that span ranks as the fifth best average leaguewide.

Cincinnati opened the 2022 season by going seven straight games without allowing a TD in the second half of play, becoming the first team to do so in each of its first seven contests since the 1934 Detroit Lions (eight games). The 2022 Bengals are also one of just six teams since 1930 to not give up 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.

**Trey's torrid pace:** DE Trey Hendrickson had his best performance of the young season in Week 3 against the L.A. Rams, recording two sacks for a combined 15 yards. His first came early in the third quarter, when he took down QB Matthew Stafford for a seven-yard loss on third down to force a Rams FG attempt. In the fourth quarter, he dropped Stafford for a loss of eight yards, backing Los Angeles into a third-and-18. Hendrickson followed up with a season-best six tackles in Week 4 at Tennessee, including a half-sack and a TFL.

A seventh-year veteran, Hendrickson has asserted himself among the NFL's elite pass rushers since joining the Bengals as a free agent in March of 2021. He has led Cincinnati 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 39 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
Myles Garrett	Cleveland.....	49.5
T.J. Watt	Pittsburgh .....	49.0
Haason Reddick	Arizona/Carolina/Philadelphia .....	40.5
Trey Hendrickson	New Orleans/Cincinnati .....	39.0
Matthew Judon	Baltimore/New England .....	38.0

**Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal:** DE Sam Hubbard logged his second sack of the season in Week 4 when he got to Titans QB Ryan Tannehill for a two-yard loss in the third quarter. It boosted Hubbard's career sack total to 32.5, giving him the most among all players from the 2018 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

While Hubbard's 2022 campaign will be remembered primarily for his 98-yard fumble return for a TD 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.

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 '25 season.

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

PLAYER/POSITION	TEAM	PICK (ROUND)	SACKS
Sam Hubbard/DE	Cincinnati .....	No. 77 (3rd)	32.5
Harold Landry III/EDGE	Tennessee .....	No. 41 (2nd)	32.0
Josh Sweat/DE	Philadelphia .....	No. 130 (4th)	31.0
Bradley Chubb/DE	Denver/Miami.....	No. 5 (1st)	29.5
Marcus Davenport/DE	New Orleans .....	No. 14 (1st)	22.5

**Wilson, Pratt form elite LB duo:** At the center of Cincinnati's defense is one of the top LB tandems in the NFL in fifth-year pro Germaine Pratt and fourth-year pro Logan Wilson. The pair has combined for 55 tackles and contributed to three turnovers through four games this season.

Wilson in Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams grabbed two INTs that helped lead the Bengals to a Monday Night Football win. His first pick occurred late in the second quarter, when he dropped into coverage and jumped a pass by QB Matthew Stafford to set Cincinnati up at the Rams' 41-yard line. Then in the third quarter, when the Rams were driving at the Bengals' 30 with a chance to take the lead, Wilson capitalized on a pass tipped by CB Mike Hilton to end the scoring threat. The fourth-year pro out of the University of Wyoming now has nine career INTs, the most by any NFL LB since he entered the league in 2020.

Pratt, meanwhile, filled the stat sheet with a sack and FF in the season opener at Cleveland, then followed up with nine tackles (seven solos) in Week 2 vs. Baltimore.

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. Pratt additionally set career bests in INTs (two) and PDs (10) in 2022.

Though they have served as consistent contributors for the Bengals in regular-season, Pratt and Wilson save the 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 following week in a 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.

Here is a look at the LBs with the most INTs since the start of the 2020 regular season:

PLAYER	TEAM	INTERCEPTIONS
Logan Wilson	Cincinnati Bengals .....	9
Matt Milano	Buffalo Bills .....	6
Roquan Smith	Chicago Bears/Baltimore Ravens.....	6
(four players tied)	— .....	5

**Nothing easy in the air:** Since the start of the 2022 season, the Bengals have held opposing passers to the second lowest completion percentage in the NFL (59.7) and the sixth lowest passer rating (81.7). Cincinnati has given up just 23 TD passes in that span of 20 regular-season games, tied for the fourth fewest leaguewide.

In 37 regular-season games since the start of the 2021 regular season, the Bengals have yielded 300 net passing yards on just four occasions. Only one opponent reached 300 net passing yards last season (Tampa Bay in Week 15), and Cincinnati in 2022 limited seven teams to fewer than 20 completions.

**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 season, he is 16 of 20 on FG attempts of 50 or more yards, tying for the third most FGs from that distance since 2021. McPherson knocked through two 50-plus yarders in Week 3 against the L.A. Rams, from 53 yards on the final play of the first half and 54 midway through the fourth quarter to extend Cincinnati's lead.

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). He followed that up by going a perfect five of five on attempts of 50-plus yards in 2022.

McPherson has notably wasted no time getting into midseason form in each of the past three years, as he is 22-for-23 on FG attempts and a perfect eight-for-eight on PATs in eight preseason contests. He has eight preseason FGs of 50 or more yards, including a 58- and 56-yarder in the second quarter alone on Aug. 12, 2022 vs. Arizona.

**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 of 2022 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 logged his first NFL sack in Week 4 at Tennessee. He recorded 17.5 sacks in 38 career games at Clemson, earning second-team All-ACC honors as a junior in 2022. Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo has noted Murphy's ability to line up on the outside or interior of the defensive line.

- CB DJ Turner II, Michigan (Round 2, Pick 60): Turner ran the fastest 40-yard dash at this year's NFL Combine, clocking 4.26 seconds. He has played 44.1 percent (119 of 270) of the Bengals' defensive snaps through four games, totaling four tackles and a PD. Turner recorded 20 PDs with three INTs in a four-year career at Michigan, earning a pair of All-Big Ten accolades (honorable mention in '21, second team in '22).

- 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. Through four games as a pro, Battle has seen action on 31 defensive snaps and 76 special teams snaps.

- WR Charlie Jones, Purdue (Round 4, Pick 131): Jones was a second-team All-American in his lone season at Purdue in 2022, as he led the FBS in receptions (110), while ranking second in receiving yards (1361) and fifth in receiving TDs (12). Jones opened the season as the Bengals' primary punt returner and solidified that role with an 81-yard punt return TD in Week 2 vs. Baltimore. He suffered a thumb injury in Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams and was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on Sept. 29.

- 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 has lined up for three offensive snaps and 31 special teams snaps through four games for the Bengals this season.

- WR Andrei Iosivas, Princeton (Round 6, Pick 206): Iosivas is the Bengals' seventh all-time draft pick out of an Ivy League program, and the first since LB Reggie Williams (Dartmouth) and QB Bob Bateman (Brown) in 1976. He led Cincinnati in receptions (12) and receiving yards (129) during the preseason. Iosivas 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). He has been used primarily on special teams through four regular-season games, seeing action on 75 ST snaps (tied for second most on team).

- 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. Through four regular-season contests, he has punted 23 times with a 43.3 gross average and four downed inside the opponents' 20-yard line. Robbins spent six seasons (2017-22) at Michigan, where he finished his career with the second highest punting average (43.0 yards) in program history and was a three-time All-Big Ten selection.

- 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. He has yet to make his NFL debut.

**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 was 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.

**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 mark of 66,277 set in the 2021 Wild Card Playoff win over Las Vegas on Jan. 15. The 2022 Wild Card Playoff win over Baltimore had an attendance figure 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 last season 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 in 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 streak has continued into this season, as the Bengals' 2023 home opener vs. Baltimore in Week 2 had an attendance figure of 66,015 and was followed by a figure of 65,158 in the Week 3 Monday Night Football contest against the L.A. Rams.

The Paycor Stadium crowds have coincided with a recent string of home success for the Bengals, as they have won 11 of their last 13 played at the venue dating back to Week 16 of the 2021 regular season (includes postseason) — tied for the fourth most home wins in the NFL in that span. The last time



Cincinnati matched that number was when it won 13 of 15 home contests from the 2012 regular-season finale through Week 9 of the '14 campaign.

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.

**Esiason, Johnson join Bengals Ring of Honor:** The Bengals welcomed two new members to the team's Ring of Honor with the induction of former QB Boomer Esiason and WR Chad Johnson. Remembered by fans for their on-field contributions as well as their charismatic personalities, Esiason and Johnson became the seventh and eighth members of the Ring of Honor during a ceremony at halftime of the team's Week 3 game against the L.A. Rams on Monday Night Football.

Esiason played for the Bengals from 1984-92 before returning for a final season in '97, and is regarded as one of the greatest locker-room leaders in team history. 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, emerged as one of the NFL's elite receivers 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."

Esiason and Johnson joined QB Ken Anderson, OT Willie Anderson, team founder/head coach Paul Brown, WR Isaac Curtis, OT Anthony Munoz and CB

Ken Riley in the Ring of 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.

**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 ... Entering Week 5, the average age of the Bengals' active roster is 26.02 years ... 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, 12,000 passing yards and 80 TD passes. He also has the third highest career completion percentage in league history at 67.3 (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, completing 32 of 45 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 (5625) and rushing TDs (41). 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 year, Mixon

has 247 rushing yards on 59 carries (4.2) through four games. He scored his first TD of the year in Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams, finding the end zone on a 14-yard run to give Cincinnati a lead in the third quarter. Mixon's 5625 yards are the seventh most among active NFL players. Next on the running backs depth chart is fifth-year veteran **Trayveon Williams**. Williams has served as a reserve HB with 38 games of experience, totaling 253 rushing yards on 51 carries along with 10 catches for 68 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. He made his NFL debut and had his first rushing attempt in Week 2 vs. Baltimore, and he recorded his first career reception in Week 4 at Tennessee.

**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 (463) for 5460 yards and 29 TDs, and posted consecutive seasons of 1000 or more yards in 2018-19. In Week 2 vs. Baltimore, Boyd had 52 receiving yards on six catches, including on crucial third- and fourth-down conversions on Cincinnati's two TD drives. 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 has 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 helped lead the Bengals to their first win in Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams, amassing 141 yards on a career-high 12 catches. His long was a 43-yarder in the third quarter that led to a Bengals FG, marking his 11th career grab of 40 or more yards (tied for second most in NFL since 2021). 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. Higgins led Cincinnati with eight receptions for 89 yards, including two TD grabs in the second half, in Week 2 vs. Baltimore. He left the Week 4 contest at Tennessee with a rib injury in the third quarter. 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. Rounding out the WR room is rookie sixth-round pick **Andrei Iosivas**. The former Princeton Tiger made perhaps the most substantial offensive contribution during the preseason, when he led Cincinnati in receptions (12) and receiving yards (129). His 12 receptions tied for fourth-most in the league in the 2023 preseason. Iosivas has seen action on 21 offensive snaps and 75 special teams snaps through four regular-season games.

**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 39 career games with 17 starts and totaled 96 catches for 885 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 started the first two regular-season contests for the Bengals and recorded five grabs for 27 yards. Smith has missed the past two games due to a hamstring injury. 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 has returned to the lineup after missing most of the 2022 season with a knee injury sustained in the second game. 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 made his first catch of the season in Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams. Sample has made two starts at TE this season (Weeks 3 and 4) in the absence of Smith. The Bengals on July 24 re-signed **Mitchell Wilcox**, who spent his first three career seasons with Cincinnati. He had his first two receptions of the season for 10 yards in Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams. The University of South Florida product has 223 career catches for 172 yards and a TD in 35 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 47 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. Currently serving as 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 46 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 has played 100 percent of offensive snaps so far this season. G **Max Scharping** is in his fifth pro season and serves as both a backup right guard and center for Cincinnati. 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). 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 53 career games with 32 starts — 15 at ROT, nine at RG and eight at LG. Ford lined up alongside Brown 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. Third-year pro **Jackson Carman** 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 in 2021. C **Trey Hill** has served primarily as a special teams contributor the last two seasons, but started three games (two at C, one at RG) in his 2021 rookie campaign. A sixth-round draft pick, Hill has played in all seven of Cincinnati's postseason games the past two years.

**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 32.5 career sacks, the most among all players from his rookie class. Hubbard recorded his first sack of the season late in the fourth quarter of the Week 3 contest vs. the L.A. Rams, taking down QB Matthew Stafford for an eight-yard loss. He then followed up with a two-yard takedown of QB Ryan Tannehill in Week 4 at Tennessee. Hubbard also is considered among the best DEs in the NFL against the run and led the Bengals with 11 TFLs in 2022. He 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. He sacked Browns QB Deshaun Watson in Week 1 and took down Rams QB Matthew Stafford twice in Week 3, including a seven-yard sack on third down in the red zone that forced the Rams to settle for a FG. He also tallied half a sack (split with B.J. Hill) on the Titans' opening drive in Week 4 at Tennessee. Hendrickson's 39 sacks since the start of the 2020 regular season are 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. His first sack of the 2023 campaign came in the first quarter of Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams, when he brought down QB Matthew Stafford for a nine-yard loss on a goal-to-go situation to help force the Rams into a FG. Reader 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. 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 36 games (22 starts) for Cincinnati. Hill started all 16 contests in 2022, posting a career-high 68 tackles with three sacks, one FF, three FR and four PDs. So far in 2023, Hill has 2.5 sacks, highlighted by a third-down quarterback takedown of Matthew Stafford that forced a Rams punt in the fourth quarter in Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams. 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 at Kansas City. 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 first two regular-season contests. He made his season debut in Week 3 against the L.A. Rams, playing five defensive snaps. 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. He has appeared in all four regular-season contests on defense. Third-year pro **Cam Sample** has played in 34 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 appeared in 55 games (22 starts) for the Bengals, and has logged 71 total tackles, 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. Murphy recorded his first career tackle and sack on a second-quarter takedown of Ryan Tannehill in Week 4 at Tennessee. 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 has appeared in two regular-season games this season, registering three total tackles.

**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 nine career INTs are the most by an NFL LB since he entered the league in 2020. That knack for the ball was highlighted in Week 3 when Wilson picked off Rams QB Matthew Stafford twice, including an INT at Cincinnati's 22-yard line that kept points off the board and led to a Bengals FG drive in the third quarter. 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 58 of 66 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, and followed that up with nine stops in Week 2 vs. Baltimore. 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 47 regular-season games, including making four starts from 2021-22 and registering 62 total tackles. 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 has seen action mostly on special teams so far in 2023. The Bengals acquired LB **Devin Harper** on waivers from Dallas on Sept. 29. Harper, a second-year player out of Oklahoma State, originally was a sixth-round pick of the Cowboys in 2022. He has played in six career regular-season games, and had two tackles in three appearances for the Cowboys in 2023.

**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 blitzler. 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. In Week 2 against Baltimore, Hilton tallied five tackles (four solos) along with a PD, and in Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams he tipped a pass in the third quarter that resulted in a Logan Wilson INT. **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 30 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 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. In Week 4 at Tennessee, he had six tackles (five solos) before being ruled out of the game with a concussion during the third quarter. 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, and had his first PD in the fourth quarter of Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams. **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 45 career games (including postseason), carving out a role on special teams in addition to his CB duties. He notched his first PD of the season in Week 3 against the Rams. **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 this season 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 68 games of NFL experience (21 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. He tallied nine tackles (four solos) in Week 2 against Baltimore, and followed up with three solo stops against his former team in Week 3. He registered a team-high 10 tackles (nine solos) in Week 4 at Tennessee. 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 the season opener at Cleveland, picking off a Deshaun Watson pass in the third quarter and returning it 20 yards. He logged a team-high 11 tackles (nine solos) and a PD in Week 2 against Baltimore, and followed that up with a team-high eight stops, including his first career sack, in Week 3 vs. the L.A. Rams. Hill recorded his second interception of the season in the fourth quarter in Week 4 at Tennessee. 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 and saw an increased workload on defense in Week 2 vs. Baltimore, playing 25 snaps. **Tycen Anderson** looks to further carve out a role on the Bengals' defense and took a 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 has seen action primarily on special teams thus far in the regular season. 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. 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. In Week 4 at Tennessee, he punted five times for an average of 51.4 yards, including a career-long 62-yard boot. He is averaging 43.3 gross yards per punt through three games this season. Robbins additionally handles holding duties on placekicks. Third-year K **Evan McPherson** has earned a reputation as one of the NFL's top kickers from long range, as his 16 FGs from 50 or more yards are tied for the third most in the league since his 2021 rookie campaign. The former fifth-round Bengals draft pick has kicked the two longest FGs in team history — a 59-yarder in the 2022 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. He drilled four of his five FG attempts, with hits from 53 and 54 yards, in Week 3 against the L.A. Rams and converted on a 21-yard try in Week 4 at Tennessee. 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 22 career games (including postseason), Adomitis has delivered 182 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. WR **Trenton Irwin** is handling punt return duties for the Bengals while rookie WR Charlie Jones, the first-string PR, is on the Reserve/Injured list with a thumb injury. In 2021, Irwin returned three punts for 31 yards (10.3). 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. He logged two KORs for 45 yards in Week 1 at Cleveland, led off by a 27-yarder on the game's opening kick. HB **Trayveon Williams**, who last season returned 16 kickoffs for 356 yards over the final eight regular-season contests, is also listed at KOR. Williams returned one kickoff for 25 yards in Week 4 at Tennessee.

### NFL IMPORTANT DATES

#### 2023

- 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

Jan. 20-21	— will be sent to clubs on Jan. 19.	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.
Jan. 28	— Divisional Playoff Games.		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.
Jan. 31	— AFC & NFC Championship Games.		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.
Feb. 1	— 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.		Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2024 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern.
Feb. 4	— Deadline for non-playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2023 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.		All 2023 NFL player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern.
Feb. 11	— Pro Bowl (TBD).		The 2024 League Year and Free Agency signing period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern.
Feb. 12	— Super Bowl LVIII (Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.)		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.
Feb. 15	— 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.	March 21	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2024 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.
Feb. 15	— 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.	March 24-27	— Annual League Meeting (Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes, Orlando, Fla.)
Feb. 15	— Deadline for playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2023 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.	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.
Feb. 20	— Deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	April 1	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2023 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
Feb. 27- March 4	— NFL Scouting Combine (Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.).	April 15	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
March 5	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	April 17	— Deadline for clubs to time, test, visit, interview, or conduct a physical examination with a draft-eligible player at its club facility.
March 5- April 17	— College Pro Days Begin. Workouts of a school's Pro Day-eligible players during the days leading up to Pro Day activities are prohibited. Private dinners, meetings, interviews are permitted.	April 19 April 24	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets. — Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents who signed offer sheets.
March 5- April 24	— Draft-Eligible Facility Visits Begin. Clubs are permitted 30 non-local players for physical exams/visits; no on-field workouts.	April 25-27 April 29	— 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. — Annual Selection Meeting/NFL Draft (Detroit, Mich.). — 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.
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.	May 2	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2021 Draft.
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.	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.
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.	May 13	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
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.	May 16-19	— (Tentative) NFLPA Rookie Premiere (TBD).
	No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern on	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-CARDINALS MEETINGS**

**2015 SEASON  
WEEK 11, GAME 10**

**Arizona Cardinals 34, Cincinnati Bengals 31**  
Sunday night, Nov. 22, 2015 at University of Phoenix Stadium

In an interconference matchup of division leaders, the Bengals trailed 28-14 after three quarters, rallied to tie at 31-31 with just over a minute to play, and then fell as Arizona drove 70 yards in the final minute to win with :02 remaining on K Chandler Catanzaro's 32-yard FG. Bengals QB Andy Dalton passed for 140 yards in the fourth quarter, leading TD drives of 80 and 50 yards, but Cincinnati's drive for a third TD stalled when WR A.J. Green was unable to stay in bounds while catching a Dalton pass beyond the goal line on a third-and-two play from the Arizona 25. The Bengals followed with a 43-yard FG by K Mike Nugent to tie the score at 31. Bengals CB Leon Hall and S Reggie Nelson each had first-half INTs against Cardinals QB Carson Palmer, the former Cincinnati first-round draft choice, and Palmer finished the quarter with a passer rating of only 14.2. But Palmer rallied to throw four TD passes and finished with a 111.2 rating. The result left both teams with 8-2 records.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	7	0	17	—	31
Arizona.....	0	7	21	6	—	34

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — T.Eifert 3 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	1-0:22
Ariz. — D.Fells 18 pass from C.Palmer (C.Catanzaro kick).....	2-9:44
Cin. — J.Hill 2 run (M.Nugent kick).....	2-1:07
Ariz. — J.Nelson 64 pass from C.Palmer (C.Catanzaro kick).....	3-11:21
Ariz. — Jo.Brown 18 pass from C.Palmer (C.Catanzaro kick).....	3-5:32
Ariz. — D.Johnson 16 pass from C.Palmer (C.Catanzaro kick).....	3-1:26
Cin. — J.Hill 1 run (M.Nugent kick).....	4-11:26
Ariz. — C.Catanzaro 24 field goal.....	4-6:27
Cin. — T.Eifert 10 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	4-3:44
Cin. — M.Nugent 43 kick.....	4-1:03
Ariz. — C.Catanzaro 32 field goal.....	4-0:02

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 64,745. **Time:** 3:18.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	ARIZ.
First downs.....	24	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-13	5-11
Total net yards.....	377	383
Net yards rushing.....	99	82
Net yards passing.....	278	301
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	39-22-0	31-20-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-37	2-16
Punts-average.....	5-48.6	4-46.3
Punt returns-yards.....	2-5	3-23
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-60	3-82
Penalties-yards.....	10-108	7-40
Fumbles-lost.....	4-1	2-0
Time of possession.....	31:15	28:45

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	ARIZ.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Hill	13	45	9	2	C.Johnson	18	63	9	0
A.Dalton	8	34	12	0	D.Johnson	2	9	9	0
G.Bernard	6	18	10	0	Jo.Brown	2	9	6	0
M.Sanu	1	2	2	0	A.Ellington	2	2	2	0
TOTALS	28	99	12	2	C.Palmer	1	-1	-1	0
					TOTALS	25	82	9	0

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	ARIZ.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	39	22	315	2-0	C.Palmer	31	20	317	4-2
TOTALS	39	22	315	2-0	TOTALS	31	20	317	4-2

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	ARIZ.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	8	128	41	0	L.Fitzgerald	8	90	20	0
A.Green	4	79	42	0	J.Nelson	4	142	64t	1
M.Jones	4	60	22	0	Jo.Brown	3	43	18t	1
T.Eifert	3	22	10t	2	D.Johnson	2	17	16t	1
M.Sanu	2	19	10	0	D.Fells	1	18	18t	1
R.Burkhead	1	7	7	0	A.Ellington	1	5	5	0
					C.Johnson	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	22	315	42	2	TOTALS	20	317	64t	4

**DEFENSE**

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Burfict 7-1-8, M.Johnson 6-0-6, L.Hall 4-2-6, G.Atkins 4-0-4, G.Iloka 4-0-4, R.Nelson 3-0-3, D.Dennard 2-0-2, W.Gilberry 2-0-2, A.Hawk 2-0-2, D.Kirkpatrick 2-0-2, E.Lamur 2-0-2, V.Rey 2-0-2, R.Mauluga 1-1-2, C.Dunlap 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 1-10, M.Johnson 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** R.Nelson 1-23, L.Hall 1-0. **PD:** W.Gilberry 1, L.Hall 1, E.Lamur 1, R.Nelson 1, V.Rey 1. **FF:** M.Johnson 1, E.Lamur 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Arizona** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Minter 7-3-10, D.Bucannon 8-0-8, F.Rucker 4-2-6, R.Johnson 5-0-5, T.Mathieu 5-0-5, A.Okafor 3-1-4, M.Golden 3-0-3, C.Campbell 1-2-3, P.Peterson 2-0-2, J.Powers 2-0-2, J.Bethel 1-0-1, D.Freeney 1-0-1, R.Gunter 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** D.Bucannon 1-11, R.Gunter 1-10, D.Freeney 1-9, M.Golden 1-7. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Powers 2, J.Bethel 1, P.Peterson 1. **FF:** M.Golden 1. **FR-YDS.:** D.Bucannon 1-0.

**2019 SEASON  
WEEK 5, GAME 5**

**Arizona Cardinals 26, Cincinnati Bengals 23**  
Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 at Paul Brown Stadium

Behind 23-9 midway through the fourth quarter, the Bengals rallied to tie the game on a 42-yard TD pass from QB Andy Dalton to WR Tyler Boyd with 1:41 remaining. But Cardinals rookie QB and No. 1 overall draft pick Kyler Murray led Arizona on a six-play, 62-yard drive that ended with a Zane Gonzalez FG as time expired, and Arizona escaped Paul Brown Stadium with a 26-23 win. Despite allowing 514 total yards, including 266 rushing yards and a 7.0-yard rushing average, the Bengals' defense was stout in the red zone, keeping the game close by allowing the Cardinals just one TD on six trips inside the 20. Despite not having two of his top three receivers — John Ross III and A.J. Green, both out due to injury — Dalton completed 71.1 percent of his passes (27 of 38) and leaned heavily on Boyd, who totaled 10 receptions for 123 yards and a TD. The Bengals fell to 0-5, while Arizona improved to 1-3-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Arizona.....	7	6	0	13	—	26
Cincinnati.....	3	3	3	14	—	23

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — R.Bullock 23 field goal.....	1-8:28
Ariz. — K.Murray 6 run (Z.Gonzalez kick).....	1-3:40
Ariz. — Z.Gonzalez 23 field goal.....	2-5:09
Cin. — R.Bullock 48 field goal.....	2-3:27
Ariz. — Z.Gonzalez 20 field goal.....	2-0:00
Cin. — R.Bullock 23 field goal.....	3-8:34
Ariz. — Z.Gonzalez 22 field goal.....	4-13:25
Ariz. — C.Edmonds 37 run (Z.Gonzalez kick).....	4-7:13
Cin. — A.Tate 2 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	4-4:08
Cin. — T.Boyd 42 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	4-2:00
Ariz. — Z.Gonzalez 31 field goal.....	4-0:00

**Missed FGs:** Z.Gonzalez (37WR). **Attendance:** 46,012. **Time:** 3:03.

TEAM STATISTICS	ARIZ.	CIN.
First downs.....	26	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-13	5-12
Total net yards.....	514	370
Net yards rushing.....	266	108
Net yards passing.....	248	262
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	32-20-0	38-27-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-5	1-0
Punts-average.....	3-50.0	3-49.0
Punt returns-yards.....	2-24	2-9
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-52	3-97
Penalties-yards.....	12-96	7-60
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	31:03	28:57

**RUSHING**

ARIZ.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
K.Murray	10	93	24	1	J.Mixon	19	93	18	0
D.Johnson	17	91	17	0	G.Bernard	2	10	9	0
C.Edmonds	8	68	37t	1	A.Dalton	2	5	5	0
A.Isabella	2	11	6	0					
K.Johnson	1	3	3	0					
TOTALS	38	266	37t	2	TOTALS	23	108	18	0

**PASSING**

ARIZ.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
K.Murray	32	20	253	0-0	A.Dalton	38	27	262	2-0
TOTALS	32	20	253	0-0	TOTALS	38	27	262	2-0

**RECEIVING**

ARIZ.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
L.Fitzgerald	6	58	17	0	T.Boyd	10	123	42t	1
D.Johnson	3	65	24	0	D.Willis	4	38	12	0
K.Johnson	3	22	9	0	A.Tate	3	26	15	1
C.Edmonds	3	18	8	0	G.Bernard	3	16	7	0
P.Cooper	2	33	28	0	C.Uzomah	2	16	8	0
C.Clay	1	27	27	0	T.Eifert	2	14	7	0
T.Sherfield	1	23	23	0	J.Mixon	1	16	16	0
M.Williams	1	7	7	0	A.Erickson	1	7	7	0
					S.Morgan	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	20	253	28	0	TOTALS	27	262	42	2

**DEFENSE**

**Arizona** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** B.Murphy 8-1-9, J.Thompson 5-3-8, J.Bullard 5-2-7, J.Hicks 3-3-6, H.Reddick 2-4-6, T.Brock 4-0-4, B.Baker 2-2-4, Cha.Jones 1-3-4, K.Peterson 2-1-3, D.Thompson 2-1-3, C.Marsh 1-1-2, C.Peters 1-1-2, Z.Kerr 1-0-1, R.Gunter 0-1-1, B.Reed 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Cha.Jones 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Hicks 1, B.Murphy 1, H.Reddick 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** S.Williams 11-2-13, N.Vigil 6-7-13, D.Kirkpatrick 6-2-8, J.Bates 3-3-6, P.Brown 2-4-6, S.Hubbard 2-3-5, C.Dunlap 2-2-4, G.Atkins 1-3-4, R.Glasgow 0-4-4, B.Webb 2-0-2, W.Jackson 1-1-2, C.Lawson 1-1-2, A.Billings 1-0-1, A.Brown 1-0-1, C.Fejedelem 1-0-1, G.Pratt 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.Hubbard 1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** D.Kirkpatrick 2, B.Webb 2. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.



# 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					
TOTALS	20	75	22	0	TOTALS	40	206	19	1

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					
TOTALS	32	14	82	0-0	TOTALS	29	16	154	1-1

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
TOTALS	14	82	12	0	TOTALS	16	154	33	1

### 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.

## WEEK 2, GAME 2

### Baltimore Ravens 27, Cincinnati Bengals 24 Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023 at Paycor Stadium

Cincinnati faced two 10-point deficits in the second half and each time was able to cut it to three, but ultimately the Bengals never took the lead in a home-opener loss. Baltimore was efficient offensively, totaling 415 net yards — including 178 rushing — and scoring a TD on three of its four red zone trips. Cincinnati's offense had just three possessions in the first half and was limited to a FG, but an 81-yard punt return for a TD by rookie WR Charlie Jones in the second quarter helped keep the team within striking distance. QB Joe Burrow connected with WR Tee Higgins for a TD late in the third quarter to reduce Baltimore's lead to three points at 20-17, but the Ravens answered with a 12-play, 85-yard TD drive to regain the two-score advantage. Another Burrow-to-Higgins TD with 3:28 left closed the gap again, but the Ravens converted a pair of third downs on the ensuing possession to end the game. Cincinnati fell to 0-2, while Baltimore improved to 2-0.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Baltimore.....	7	6	7	7	—	27
Cincinnati.....	0	10	7	7	—	24

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Balt. — G.Edwards 1 run (J.Tucker kick).....	1-7:12
Cin. — C.Jones 81 punt return (E.McPherson kick).....	2-13:14
Balt. — J.Tucker 44 field goal.....	2-9:15
Cin. — E.McPherson 27 field goal.....	2-3:01
Balt. — J.Tucker 40 field goal.....	2-0:00
Balt. — M.Andrews 3 pass from L.Jackson (J.Tucker kick).....	3-8:39
Cin. — T.Higgins 3 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	3-2:34
Balt. — N.Agholor 17 pass from L.Jackson (J.Tucker kick).....	4-11:38
Cin. — T.Higgins 4 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	4-3:28

**Missed FGs:** J.Tucker (59WR). **Attendance:** 66,015. **Time:** 3:01.

TEAM STATISTICS	BALT.	CIN.
First downs.....	26	19
Third down conversions-attempts.....	9-14	10-15
Total net yards.....	415	282
Net yards rushing.....	178	66
Net yards passing.....	237	216
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	33-24-0	41-27-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	1-6
Punts-average.....	2-58.5	3-40.0
Punt returns-yards.....	1-2	1-81
Kickoff returns-yards.....	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards.....	6-56	5-30
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	33:04	26:56

RUSHING									
BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
G.Edwards	10	62	20	1	J.Mixon	13	59	14	0
L.Jackson	12	54	12	0	J.Burrow	1	5	5	0
J.Hill	11	41	11	0	C.Brown	1	2	2	0
D.Duvernay	3	15	8	0					
Z.Flowers	1	6	6	0					
TOTALS	37	178	20	1	TOTALS	15	66	14	0

PASSING									
BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
L.Jackson	33	24	237	2-0	J.Burrow	41	27	222	2-1
TOTALS	33	24	237	2-0	TOTALS	41	27	222	2-1

RECEIVING									
BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
N.Agholor	5	63	17t	1	T.Higgins	8	89	20	2
M.Andrews	5	45	20	1	T.Boyd	6	52	13	0
Z.Flowers	4	62	52	0	J.Chase	5	31	13	0
O.Beckham	3	29	15	0	J.Mixon	4	36	32	0
R.Bateman	3	18	9	0	I.Smith	2	10	6	0
J.Hill	3	12	8	0	T.Williams	2	4	3	0
I.Likely	1	8	8	0					
TOTALS	24	237	52	2	TOTALS	27	222	32	2

### DEFENSE

**Baltimore** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** G.Stone 7-2-9, P.Queen 5-3-8, A.Washington 3-2-5, R.Smith 2-3-5, J.Clowney 3-1-4, K.Hamilton 3-1-4, T.Jones 3-1-4, B.Stephens 2-2-4, D.Ojabo 2-0-2, R.Darby 1-1-2, M.Pierce 1-1-2, J.Madubuike 0-2-2, M.Harrison 1-0-1, T.Robinson 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Clowney 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** G.Stone 1-36. **PD:** J.Clowney 1, R.Darby 1, G.Stone 1, B.Urban 1, A.Washington 1, R.Ya'Sin 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Hill 9-3-12, L.Wilson 7-3-10, G.Pratt 7-2-9, N.Scott 4-5-9, C.Taylor-Britt 5-0-5, M.Hilton 4-1-5, S.Hubbard 2-2-4, C.Awuzie 3-0-3, B.Hill 2-1-3, D.Reader 2-0-2, A.Davis-Gaither 2-0-2, Z.Carter 1-1-2, T.Hendrickson 1-1-2, J.Tupou 0-2-2, J.Battle 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** C.Awuzie 1, D.Hill 1, M.Hilton 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

WEEK 3, GAME 3

Cincinnati Bengals 19, L.A. Rams 16
Monday night, Sept. 25, 2023 at Paycor Stadium

The Bengals' defense recorded six sacks and two INTs to steer Cincinnati to its first win of the season on Monday Night Football. Neither offense established a rhythm in the first half, combining for seven punts in the opening two quarters, but each side put together a pair of FG drives for a 6-6 tie at halftime. The Bengals then struck with a 10-play, 75-yard march on their first possession of the third quarter that ended with a 14-yard TD run by HB Joe Mixon. WR Ja'Marr Chase contributed 33 of his 141 receiving yards on that go-ahead scoring drive, and his team-leading 12 catches on the night helped spark the offense. Cincinnati's defense continued to pressure Rams QB Matthew Stafford, and LB Logan Wilson's second INT of the game not only ended a L.A. scoring threat, but it led to another Bengals FG which extended the lead to 16-9 late in the third quarter. Five different Bengals tallied a sack — DE Trey Hendrickson recorded two in the second half — and the Rams' offense converted just one of 11 third-down attempts. Cincinnati improved to 1-2, while the Rams fell to 1-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. L.A. Rams: 3, 3, 3, 7, —, 16. Cincinnati: 0, 6, 10, 3, —, 19.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like B.Maher 30 field goal, E.McPherson 49 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: E.McPherson (56WL). Attendance: 65,158. Time: 3:11.

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing LARams and CIN. stats like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

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

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

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

DEFENSE table with columns L.A. Rams, ST-AT-TT, E.Jones, A.Donald, C.Durant, etc.

DEFENSE table with columns Cincinnati, ST-AT-TT, D.Hill, S.Hubbard, C.Taylor-Britt, etc.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

Tennessee Titans 27, Cincinnati Bengals 3
Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023 at Nissan Stadium

The Bengals opened the game with an 11-play, 72-yard FG drive, but it proved to be their most successful possession as the Titans held them to just 139 net yards the rest of the way. Tennessee used a balanced offensive attack and totaled 400 net yards (227 passing, 173 rushing) to wear down the Cincinnati defense. The score was tied 3-3 at the midway point of the second quarter, before the Titans erupted for three TDs in the final 6:31 to take a commanding 24-3 halftime lead. RB Derrick Henry led the charge for Tennessee with 122 yards on 22 carries (5.5-yard average), including a 29-yard TD run that saw him break three tackles before reaching the end zone. The Titans repeatedly blitzed QB Joe Burrow, sacking him three times while holding the Bengals to two of nine on third down. Cincinnati fell to 1-3, while Tennessee improved to 2-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 3, 0, 0, 0, —, 3. Tennessee: 3, 21, 3, 0, —, 27.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like E.McPherson 21 field goal, N.Folk 53 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 68,951. Time: 2:47.

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing CIN. and TENN. stats like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

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

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

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

DEFENSE table with columns Cincinnati, ST-AT-TT, N.Scott, D.Hill, G.Pratt, etc.

DEFENSE table with columns Tennessee, ST-AT-TT, J.Gibbins, A.Al-Shaar, K.Byard, etc.

# IN 2023, THE BENGALS ARE:

## REGULAR SEASON

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

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

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

**17-17-0** at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)  
**12-22-1** on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)  
**19-13-0** when scoring first  
**10-26-1** when opponent scores first  
**5-14-1** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**11-21-1** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**19-9-0** when leading after one quarter  
**5-8-1** when tied after one quarter  
**5-22-0** when trailing after one quarter  
**20-9-0** when leading at halftime  
**3-2-0** when tied at halftime  
**6-28-1** when trailing at halftime  
**22-6-1** when leading after three quarters  
**3-1-0** when tied after three quarters  
**4-32-0** when trailing after three quarters  
**27-12-1** when scoring 20 or more points  
**13-33-1** when opponent scores 20 or more points

**26-38-1** 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  
**22-23-0** on synthetic surface  
**10-7-0** when rushing for 125 or more net yards  
**7-23-1** when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards  
**18-32-1** when rushing for less than 125 net yards  
**22-16-0** 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  
**14-23-0** when passing for less than 250 net yards  
**15-25-1** when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards  
**17-6-1** with plus turnover differential  
**8-10-0** with even turnover differential  
**4-23-0** with minus turnover differential  
**18-24-1** with fewer penalties than opponent  
**20-25-1** with fewer penalty yards than opponent

# BEST PERFORMANCES

## REGULAR SEASON

### RUSHING YARDS

67 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 1 at Tennessee  
65 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams  
59 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

19 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams  
14 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 1 at Tennessee  
13 — (two times)

### LONGEST RUSHES

22 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
14 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
14 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams (TD)

### RECEPTIONS

12 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams  
8 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
7 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 1 at Tennessee

### RECEIVING YARDS

141 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams  
89 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
73 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 1 at Tennessee

### PASSING YARDS

259 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams  
222 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
165 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 1 at Tennessee

### PASS ATTEMPTS

49 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams  
41 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
31 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### PASS COMPLETIONS

27 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
26 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams  
20 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 1 at Tennessee

### LONGEST PASSES

43 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams  
32 — Joe Burrow to Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
26 — Joe Burrow to Tanner Hudson, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

141 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams (0 rushing, 141 receiving)  
95 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore (59 rushing, 36 receiving)  
89 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore (0 rushing, 89 receiving)

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

27 — Chris Evans, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
25 — Trayveon Williams, Oct. 1 at Tennessee  
18 — Chris Evans, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

81 — Charlie Jones, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore (TD)  
19 — Charlie Jones, Sept. 25 vs. L.A. Rams  
15 — Charlie Jones, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### COMBINED TACKLES AND ASSISTS\*

12 — Dax Hill, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
11 — Germaine Pratt, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
11 — Nick Scott, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### TACKLES\*

9 — Dax Hill, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
9 — Nick Scott, Oct. 1 at Tennessee  
7 — (four times)

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

# GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 10	at Cleveland	142	20-75	67	14-32	0/0	2-15	6	2-15	0-0	24:10
Sept. 17	BALTIMORE	282	15-66	216	27-41	2/1	1-6	19	10-15	0-0	26:56
Sept. 25	L.A. RAMS	309	23-67	242	26-49	0/1	2-17	19	5-17	0-0	36:00
Oct. 1	at Tennessee	211	18-72	139	20-30	0/0	3-26	14	2-9	2-1	25:15
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>		944	76-280	664	87-152	2/2	8-64	58	19-56	2-1	28:05

## 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	415	37-178	237	24-33	2/0	0-0	26	9-14	0-0	33:04
Sept. 25	L.A. RAMS	292	13-71	221	18-33	1/2	6-48	15	1-11	0-0	24:00
Oct. 1	at Tennessee	400	33-173	227	19-26	2/1	3-15	23	8-13	3-0	34:45
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>		1457	123-628	829	77-121	6/4	12-73	85	22-52	5-1	31:55

# TRANSACTIONS

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

- July 14, 2023 — Renegotiated the contract of HB **Joe Mixon\***.
- July 24, 2023 — Re-signed TE **Mitchell Wilcox** (FA).
- July 27, 2023 — Signed DE **Trey Hendrickson\*** to a contract extension.
- July 30, 2023 — Signed QB **Reid Sinnett** (FA); Placed OT **Devin Cochran** on the Reserve/Injured list.
- Aug. 5, 2023 — Signed LB **Logan Wilson\*** to a contract extension.
- Aug. 7, 2023 — Placed DT **Devonsha Maxwell** on the Reserve/Injured list.
- Aug. 25, 2023 — Waived DE **Tarell Basham**.
- Aug. 29, 2023 — Placed OT **La'el Collins** on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Injured list: DT **Tautala Pesefea Jr.** and CB **Marvell Tell III**; Terminated the contracts of the following six players: TE **Tanner Hudson**, CB **Sidney Jones IV**, WR **Stanley Morgan**, QB **Trevor Siemian**, WR **Trent Taylor** and S **Michael J. Thomas**; Waived the following 26 players: OT **Hakeem Adeniji**, TE **Devin Asiasi**, TE **Nick Bowers**, S **Larry Brooks**, G **Ben Brown**, DE **Owen Carney**, WR **Malachi Carter**, P **Drue Chrisman**, S **Yusuf Corker**, DT **Domenique Davis**, CB **Allan George**, C **Nate Gilliam**, DE **Jeff Gunter**, LB **Shaka Heyward**, WR **Mac Hippenhammer**, WR **Shedrick Jackson**, DE **Raymond Johnson III**, LB **Keandre Jones**, G **Jaxson Kirkland**, WR **Kwamie Lassiter II**, LB **Jaylen Moody**, LB **Tyler Murray**, HB **Jacob Saylor**, QB **Reid Sinnett**, TE **Christian Trahan** and HB **Calvin Tyler Jr.**
- Aug. 30, 2023 — Signed the following 14 players to the Practice Squad: DT **Domenique Davis**, CB **Allan George**, C **Nate Gilliam**, QB **Will Grier**, DE **Jeff Gunter**, LB **Shaka Heyward**, TE **Tanner Hudson**, WR **Shedrick Jackson**, CB **Sidney Jones IV**, G **Jaxson Kirkland**, WR **Kwamie Lassiter II**, WR **Stanley Morgan**, LB **Tyler Murray** and S **Michael J. Thomas**.
- Aug. 31, 2023 — Signed HB **Demetric Felton Jr.** (FA) to the Practice Squad.
- Sept. 5, 2023 — Signed TE **Zach Gentry** and DE **Garrett Nelson** to the Practice Squad; Released LB **Tyler Murray** from the Practice Squad.
- Sept. 9, 2023 — Signed QB **Joe Burrow\*** to a contract extension.
- Sept. 12, 2023 — Released OT **La'el Collins** from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Waived DT **Tautala Pesefea Jr.** from the Reserve/Injured list.
- Sept. 19, 2023 — Waived CB **Marvell Tell III** from the Reserve/Injured list.
- Sept. 22, 2023 — QB **Will Grier** (FA) signed off the Practice Squad by New England; Signed QB **Reid Sinnett** (FA) to the Practice Squad.
- Sept. 23, 2023 — Released DE **Garrett Nelson** from the Practice Squad; Signed QB **AJ McCarron** (FA) to the practice squad.
- Sept. 25, 2023 — Elevated TE **Tanner Hudson** and QB **Reid Sinnett** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both were standard elevations).
- Sept. 26, 2023 — TE **Tanner Hudson** and QB **Reid Sinnett** reverted from the active roster to the Practice Squad.
- Sept. 29, 2023 — Acquired LB **Devin Harper** on waivers from Dallas; Placed WR **Charlie Jones** on the Reserve/Injured list.
- Sept. 30, 2023 — Elevated TE **Tanner Hudson** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).
- Oct. 2, 2023 — Released QB **Reid Sinnett** from the Practice Squad; TE **Tanner Hudson** reverted from the active roster to the Practice Squad.
- Oct. 3, 2023 — Signed WR **Kendric Pryor** (FA) to the Practice Squad.

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

# 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	Chase	O.Brown	Volson	Karras	Cappa	J.Williams	I.Smith	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 25	L.A. RAMS	Chase	O.Brown	Volson	Karras	Cappa	J.Williams	D.Sample	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 1	at Tennessee	Chase	O.Brown	Volson	Karras	Cappa	J.Williams	D.Sample	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
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	Hubbard	Reader	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Taylor-Britt	Awuzie	Scott	D.Hill
Sept. 25	L.A. RAMS	Hubbard	Reader	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Taylor-Britt	Awuzie	Scott	D.Hill
Oct. 1	at Tennessee	Hubbard	Reader	B.Hill	Hendrickson	Wilson	Pratt	Hilton	Taylor-Britt	Awuzie	Scott	D.Hill
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

**OCT. 3, 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	16	Trenton Irwin	
<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 30 <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	56 Devin Harper
<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>	<u>10</u>	<u>Brad Robbins</u>	
<b>K</b>	2	Evan McPherson	
<b>LS</b>	48	Cal Adomitis	
<b>H</b>	<u>10</u>	<u>Brad Robbins</u>	
<b>PR</b>	16	Trenton Irwin	83 Tyler Boyd
<b>KOR</b>	25	Chris Evans	32 Trayveon Williams

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

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Cal Adomitis.....	AA-dumm-EYE-tiss	Andrei Iosivas .....	AHN-dray YO-see-vahsh
Lou Anarumo (Defensive Coordinator).....	ann-ah-ROO-mo	Kwamie Lassiter II (Practice Squad).....	KWAH-me LASS-ih-ter
Tycen Anderson .....	TIE-senn	Evan McPherson .....	mick-FEAR-son
Chidobe Awuzie .....	CHIH-doe-bay ah-WOOZ-yay	Joseph Ossai.....	o-SIGH
Joe Bachie .....	BAH-chee	D'Ante Smith .....	dee-AHN-tay
Joey Boese (Strength and Conditioning Coach).....	bo-ZAY	Jay Tufele.....	too-FELL-ay
Louie Cioffi (Defensive Quality Control Coach).....	CHO-fee	Josh Tupou .....	TEW-po
Akeem Davis-Gaither .....	AH-keem DAY-viss-GAY-thur	Cordell Volson.....	kor-DELL VOLL-son
Nate Gilliam (Practice Squad) .....	GILL-um	Trayveon Williams .....	TRAY-vee-ahn

# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

OCT. 3, 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
56	Harper, Devin	LB	6-0	238	5-13-98	2	Oklahoma State	Knoxville, Tenn.	W(Dall.)'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, Va.	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
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
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
4	McCarron, AJ (9-23-23)	QB	6-3	220	9-13-90	9	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	FA'23
17	Morgan, Stanley (8-30-23)	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	5	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
19	Pryor, Kendrick (10-3-23)	WR	5-11	189	1-6-98	2	Wisconsin	Hazel Crest, Ill.	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
15	Jones, Charlie (9-29-23; thumb)	WR	6-0	183	10-29-98	R	Purdue	Deerfield, Ill.	D4'23
69	Maxwell, Devonsha (8-7-23; knee)	DT	6-2	297	5-5-99	R	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Valdosta, Ga.	CFA'23

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# NUMERICAL ROSTER

**OCT. 3, 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
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
56	Devin Harper	LB	6-0	238	5-13-98	2	Oklahoma State	Knoxville, Tenn.	W(Dall.)'23
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	Oriando 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	Andre 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)**

4	AJ McCarron (9-23-23)	QB	6-3	220	9-13-90	9	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	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.	FA'19
18	Kwamie Lassiter II (8-30-23)	WR	5-11	185	1-21-98	1	Kansas	Chandler, Ariz.	CFA'22
19	Kendrick Pryor (10-3-23)	WR	5-11	189	1-6-98	2	Wisconsin	Hazel Crest, Ill.	FA'23
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
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)**

15	Charlie Jones (9-29-23; thumb)	WR	6-0	183	10-29-98	R	Purdue	Deerfield, Ill.	D4'23
69	Devonsha Maxwell (8-7-23; knee)	DT	6-2	297	5-5-99	R	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Valdosta, Ga.	CFA'23
76	Devin Cochran (7-30-23; knee)	OT	6-7	310	7-17-98	1	Georgia Tech	Athens, Ga.	CFA'22

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# STATISTICS

**RECORD: 1-3**

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-10-23	L	3-24	at Cleveland	67,919
9-17-23	L	24-27	BALTIMORE	66,015
9-25-23	W	19-16	L.A. RAMS	65,158
10-1-23	L	3-27	at Tennessee	68,951
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		58	85
Rushing		16	34
Passing		36	44
Penalty		6	7
3rd Down: Made-Att		19-56	22-52
3rd Down Pct.		33.9	42.3
4th Down: Made-Att		2-4	2-2
4th Down Pct.		50.0	100.0
POSSESSION AVG.		28:05	31:55
TOTAL NET YARDS		944	1457
Avg. Per Game		236.0	364.3
Total Plays		236	256
Avg. Per Play		4.0	5.7
NET YARDS RUSHING		280	628
Avg. Per Game		70.0	157.0
Total Rushes		76	123
NET YARDS PASSING		664	829
Avg. Per Game		166.0	207.3
Sacked-Yards Lost		8-64	12-73
Gross Yards		728	902
Att.-Completions		152-87	121-77
Completion Pct.		57.2	63.6
Had Intercepted		2	4
PUNTS-AVG.		23-43.3	17-49.8
Net Punting Avg.		23-39.1	17-39.7
PENALTIES-YARDS		21-139	20-154
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST		2-1	5-1
TOUCHDOWNS		4	9
Rushing		1	3
Passing		2	6
Returns		1	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	3	16	20	10	0	49
OPPONENTS	13	40	16	25	0	94

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	4-4	7-9	0	25
Tee Higgins	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Charlie Jones	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Joe Mixon	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	4	1	2	1	4-4	7-9	0	49
OPPONENTS	9	3	6	0	8-8	10-11	0	94

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

**Sacks-yards:** Trey Hendrickson 3.5-23.5, B.J. Hill 2.5-13.5, Sam Hubbard 2-10, DJ Reader 1-9, Dax Hill 1-8, Germaine Pratt 1-7, Myles Murphy 1-2. BENGALS 12-73, OPPONENTS 8-64.

**Fumbles-lost:** Joe Burrow 1-1, Trenton Irwin 1-0. BENGALS 2-1, OPPONENTS 5-1.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	151	87	728	57.6	4.82	2	1.3	2	1.3	43	8-64	69.1
Jake Browning	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	—	0-0	39.6
BENGALS	152	87	728	57.2	4.79	2	1.3	2	1.3	43	8-64	68.6
OPPONENTS	121	77	902	63.6	7.45	6	5.0	4	3.3	52	12-73	88.9

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	59	247	4.2	22	1
Trayveon Williams	4	15	3.8	5	0
Chris Evans	2	12	6.0	7	0
Joe Burrow	8	3	0.4	5	0
Chase Brown	1	2	2.0	2	0
Ja'Marr Chase	1	2	2.0	2	0
Jake Browning	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
BENGALS	76	280	3.7	22	1
OPPONENTS	123	628	5.1	29t	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Ja'Marr Chase	29	284	9.8	43	0
Tyler Boyd	17	127	7.5	13	0
Tee Higgins	12	129	10.8	20	2
Joe Mixon	9	67	7.4	32	0
Irv Smith Jr.	5	27	5.4	8	0
Tanner Hudson	4	48	12.0	26	0
Mitchell Wilcox	3	17	5.7	7	0
Drew Sample	2	6	3.0	7	0
Trayveon Williams	2	4	2.0	3	0
Trenton Irwin	1	17	17.0	17	0
Charlie Jones	1	6	6.0	6	0
Chris Evans	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Chase Brown	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
BENGALS	87	728	8.4	43	2
OPPONENTS	77	902	11.7	52	6

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Dax Hill	2	20	10.0	20	0
Logan Wilson	2	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	4	20	5.0	20	0
OPPONENTS	2	36	18.0	36	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK
Brad Robbins	23	997	43.3	39.1	2	4	62	0
BENGALS	23	997	43.3	39.1	2	4	62	0
OPPONENTS	17	847	49.8	39.7	1	6	66	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Charlie Jones	8	2	150	18.8	81t	1
Trenton Irwin	1	1	2	2.0	2	0
BENGALS	9	3	152	16.9	81t	1
OPPONENTS	8	9	57	7.1	21	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Chris Evans	2	45	22.5	27	0
Trayveon Williams	1	25	25.0	25	0
BENGALS	3	70	23.3	27	0
OPPONENTS	2	32	16.0	16	0

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

**Evan McPherson:** (42G, 51WR), (27G), (56WL, 49G, 53G, 48G, 54G), (21G).

**Opponents:** (42G, 34G, 43G), (59WR, 44G, 40G), (30G, 23G, 42G), (53G, 35G).

DEFENSE*	TK	AS	CM	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Dax Hill	24	10	34	1-8	2-20	3	0	0-0
Nick Scott	20	13	33	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Germaine Pratt	21	8	29	1-7	0-0	0	1	0-0
Logan Wilson	19	7	26	0-0	2-0	2	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	14	8	22	2-10	0-0	0	0	0-0
Cam Taylor-Britt	17	3	20	0-0	0-0	1	1	0-0
Chidobe Awuzie	12	2	14	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-0
Mike Hilton	8	6	14	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Trey Hendrickson	7	6	13	3.5-23.5	0-0	1	0	0-0
B.J. Hill	7	3	10	2.5-13.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
DJ Reader	6	3	9	1-9	0-0	1	0	0-0
Zach Carter	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Cam Sample	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
DJ Turner II	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Myles Murphy	2	1	3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jay Tufele	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Markus Bailey	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Joseph Ossai	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jordan Battle	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jalen Davis	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	TK	AS	CM	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Tycen Anderson	1	3	4	0	0-0	0	0	0
Mitchell Wilcox	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Chase Brown	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cal Adomitis	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Markus Bailey	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Trayveon Williams	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Joe Bachie	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Battle	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Andrei Iosivas	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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