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**WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE** **SEPT. 19, 2023**

**LOS ANGELES RAMS (1-1)**  
**AT**  
**CINCINNATI BENGALS (0-2)**

**WEEK 3, GAME 3**  
**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, SEPT. 25**  
**AT PAYCOR STADIUM**

**NEXT GAME: WEEK 4, GAME 4**  
**SUNDAY, OCT. 1 AT TENNESSEE**

**GAME INFORMATION**

**Kickoff:** 8:15 p.m. Eastern.

**Television:** The game will air nationally on ESPN-TV. In the Cincinnati market, the ESPN broadcast also will be simulcast on WLWT-TV (Channel 5). Broadcasters are Chris Fowler (play-by-play), Dan Orlovsky (analyst), Louis Riddick (analyst) and Laura Rutledge (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). In addition the game will air nationally on Westwood One Radio. Broadcasters are Kevin Harlan (play-by-play) and Kurt Warner (analyst).

**Setting the scene:** The Bengals look to claim their first win of the young season when they host the Los Angeles Rams at Paycor Stadium on Monday Night Football.

Cincinnati is 0-2 after dropping a pair of contests to AFC North Division foes in Cleveland and Baltimore. The Bengals trailed the Ravens by 10 twice in the second half in Week 2, and each time the offense put together extended scoring drives to claw back into the game. WR Tee Higgins caught his second TD of the afternoon with 3:28 left in the fourth quarter, but that ended up being the last time Cincinnati possessed the ball as Ravens QB Lamar Jackson converted a third-and-three to help bleed out the remaining clock.

Despite opening the season with consecutive losses, Cincinnati head coach Zac Taylor remains encouraged that his team will not only respond with a stronger performance on Monday night, but will benefit from the early adversity over the next three months of games.

"The beauty of this team is we know it's a 17-game season," Taylor said. "There's no overreaction on our end. We've got to be prepared for it outside of our locker room, which is natural. But we're in a very difficult division. You'd have loved to come out of it 2-0 — it was a great opportunity. This is exactly where we were last year. This team, I think, is only going to continue to get better with every game that passes. When you stumble early, you've just got to learn from it. So many years in the past, we've learned from losses early in the season that have really propelled us in October, November and December. This will be no different, I'm very confident in that."

The Bengals began the 2022 campaign with back-to-back losses to Pittsburgh and Dallas, before rattling off 12 wins in their final 14 regular-season contests — including a team-record-tying eight straight to close out the regular-season schedule. They captured a second consecutive AFC North title in the process, and rode that momentum to two postseason wins to earn a second straight berth in the AFC Championship. And while fourth-year QB Joe Burrow acknowledged that this season's start is not what a team with title aspirations had envisioned, he also is optimistic the Bengals will chart a similar path in 2023.

"We've done it before," Burrow said. "Obviously, you don't want to start 0-2. It's not what we were planning on, not what you want to do at all. But we're going to bounce back. That's what we do, that's all there is to it."

The Bengals' heralded air attack was limited through the first six quarters, totaling just 102 net passing yards in that time, but Burrow and his talented WR corps were able to find a rhythm in the second half against Baltimore. He threw for 187 yards in the half — surpassing 12,000 career passing yards while doing so — and led three drives that each traveled over 60 yards. The first ended with an INT by Ravens S Geno Stone at the goal line, marking Cincinnati's first turnover of the year, but the offense then responded with possessions of 13 and

16 plays that each resulted in Burrow TD passes to WR Tee Higgins.

Higgins, who was held to zero catches in a rainy season opener at Cleveland, reverted to his usual high production with eight receptions for 89 yards in Week 2. Slot receiver Tyler Boyd added six catches for 52 yards, including a key conversion on fourth down during a fourth quarter scoring drive, and HB Joe Mixon totaled 95 yards from scrimmage to help spark the offense.

"I thought our guys responded really well," said Taylor on the contributions from skill position players. "Last week was a challenging week for receivers, when you play in the rain like that and things don't go your way and you're not getting a lot of opportunities with the way the game got away from us. I thought our guys did a great job this week just being ready for their number to be called and stepping up when it did."

As the Bengals aim to build on the second-half momentum from Week 2, they do so this Monday in a rematch of Super Bowl LVI against the Rams. Cincinnati, playing in its third all-time appearance in the big game, fell 23-20 to Los Angeles at SoFi Stadium on Feb. 13, 2022. And while each roster around the NFL is altered year-to-year, the Bengals will face several familiar faces from that Super Bowl matchup, including QB Matthew Stafford and DT Aaron Donald.

The Rams also kicked off their season with two games against divisional rivals and enter Monday night with a 1-1 record. Los Angeles earned a 30-13 road win at Seattle in the season opener, then was defeated 30-23 by San Francisco at home last week.

Monday night's game has been circled by Cincinnati fans since the schedule was released, as it includes the team's annual Ring of Honor induction ceremony as well as the return of the "White Bengal" helmet. Entering the Bengals Ring of Honor at halftime will be former QB Boomer Esiason and WR Chad Johnson, two of the most prolific players in team history who also endeared themselves to fans with charismatic personalities. The "White Bengal" helmet, unveiled prior to last season and worn twice in 2022, will be accentuated by white field logos and end zones at Paycor Stadium, as well as a "White Out" crowd.

**The series:** The Bengals lead 8-6 overall in regular season and have won three of the past four regular-season meetings. The teams also met in Super Bowl LVI after the 2021 season, with the Rams winning 23-20.

The two teams have played two consecutive games at "neutral" sites, as the Rams also won the most recent regular-season meeting 24-10 in 2019 at Wembley Stadium in London. While the AFC representative and thus Cincinnati was considered to be the home team for Super Bowl LVI, it was played in the Rams' home venue of SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif.

This week's game will mark the the Bengals' third contest against the second Los Angeles edition of the Rams. The Bengals were 5-2 against the first Los Angeles edition of the Rams and were 2-3 against the St. Louis Rams. The Rams franchise originally played in Cleveland from 1936-45, in L.A. from '46-94, and then in St. Louis from '95-2015. They returned to L.A. in 2016.

**Team bests from the regular-season series:**

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 34, in a 34-31 overtime victory at Anaheim Stadium in 1990. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 24, in a 31-7 victory at Cincinnati in 2015. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 15-3 victory at Cincinnati in 1993.

**Rams — MOST POINTS:** 38, in a 38-10 win at Cinergy Field in 1999. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 28, in the 38-10 victory at Cincinnati in '99. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 10 (thrice), most recently in a 24-10 win in 2019 at Wembley Stadium in London.

**The last meetings:** Complete summaries of the two most recent Bengals-Rams meetings (including a 2019 game played in London, England, as well as Super Bowl LVI after the 2021 season played in Inglewood, Calif.) are on page 16 of this news release.

**BENGALS-RAMS NFL RANKINGS**

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

**BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT**

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

**RAMS RED-ZONE REPORT**

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

**Bengals-Rams connections:** Bengals head coach Zac Taylor spent two seasons on the Rams coaching staff, serving as assistant wide receivers coach (2017) and quarterbacks coach ('18) ... Bengals S Nick Scott was a seventh-round draft pick of the Rams in 2019 and played four seasons ('19-22) for Los Angeles ... Rams linebackers coach/pass rush coordinator Chris Shula is the son of former Bengals head coach Dave Shula (1992-96) ... Rams OLB Michael Hoecht is a native of Oakwood, Ohio (near Dayton) ... Bengals WR Trenton Irwin is a native of Valencia, Calif. ... Bengals DT Josh Tupou is a native of Long Beach, Calif. ... Bengals DT Jay Tufele played at Southern California from 2018-19 ... Bengals OT Orlando Brown Jr. and Rams WR Demarcus Robinson were teammates on the Kansas City Chiefs in 2021 ... Rams QB Matthew Stafford played for the Detroit Lions during the 2016-17 seasons, when Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan served as quarterbacks coach ... Callahan was on the Denver Broncos coaching staff from 2013-15, when Rams secondary coach Chris Beake was a defensive quality control coach ('13-14) and defensive assistant ('15) ... Bengals TE Irv Smith Jr. and OT Jonah Williams played at Alabama in 2018, when Rams pass game specialist Jake Peetz was an offensive analyst for the Crimson Tide... Rams offensive line coach Ryan Wendell played center at Fresno State during the 2006-07 seasons, when Bengals assistant offensive line coach Derek Frazier served as offensive line coach ... Bengals assistant linebackers coach Jordan Kovacs played safety at Michigan during the 2011-12 seasons, when Rams defensive backs/pass game coordinator Aubrey Pleasant was a defensive graduate assistant and assistant defensive backs coach for the Wolverines ... Bengals running backs coach Justin Hill and Rams tight ends coach Nick Caley both served as graduate assistants at Iowa State in 2011 ... Bengals linebackers coach James Bettcher was defensive ends/special teams coach at Ball State in 2010, while Rams linebackers coach/pass rush coordinator Chris Shula served as assistant linebackers coach ... Rams head coach Sean McVay (WR; 2004-07), outside linebackers coach Joe Coniglio (defensive lineman; '04-07) and linebackers coach/pass rush coordinator Chris Shula (LB; '04-08) all played collegiately at Miami (Ohio) ...

Bengals S Tycen Anderson and Rams DE Desjuan Johnson were teammates at Toledo (2018-21) ... Bengals DE Myles Murphy played with Rams DB Derion Kendrick at Clemson (2020) ... Bengals G Jackson Carman lined up alongside Rams OL Tremayne Anchrum Jr. at Clemson (2018-19) ... Bengals LB Akeem Davis-Gaither played with Rams LB Nick Hampton at Appalachian State (2018-19) ... Bengals LB Germaine Pratt played with Rams DT Larrell Murchison at North Carolina State (2018) ... Bengals DE Sam Hubbard was teammates with Rams S Jordan Fuller at Ohio State (2016-17) ... Rams OL Coleman Shelton played with Bengals QB Jake Browning (2015-17) and TE Drew Sample ('14-17) at Washington ... Bengals CB Chidobe Awuzie played alongside Rams DB Ahkello Witherspoon at Colorado (2014-16).

**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 1602 career passing attempts, 619 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 1085 completions, 155 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 12,078 passing yards, 3056 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 1340 career rushing attempts, four shy of HB James Brooks (1344) for fourth place all-time. Mixon in 2022 surpassed HB Cedric Benson (1109).
- Mixon has 5493 career rushing yards, 249 shy of HB Rudi Johnson (5742) for third place all-time. Mixon in Week 1 at Cleveland surpassed FB Pete Johnson (5421).
- Mixon has 40 rushing TDs, five shy of Dillon (45) for third place all-time and eight shy of Rudi Johnson (48) for second place all-time. Pete Johnson (64) is the team's career record holder.
- Mixon has 14 games with 100 or more rushing yards, one shy of Benson for fourth place all-time. Dillon (28), Rudi Johnson (19) and Brooks (17) hold the top three spots on the team's career list.
- WR Tyler Boyd has 454 career receptions, 53 shy of WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh (507) for fourth place all-time. Boyd in 2022 surpassed WR Kris Collinsworth (417).
- K Evan McPherson needs 10 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 (54 made/65 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 in Rams-Bengals meetings:** Former WR Az-Zahir Hakim of the Rams stands tied for the only records in the series. He is tied for the Bengals opponents' records for TDs (four) and points (24), reaching those marks at Cinergy Field on Oct. 3, 1999. He is among three opponents to have reached those totals. He also tied the Bengals opponents' record for receiving TDs in a game (three), a record now shared by eight players.

**Individually vs. Rams:** Past offensive performances by current Bengals players against the Rams during regular season include:

- WR Tyler Boyd: One game; Six receptions for 65 yards (10.8); one rush for three yards.
- HB Joe Mixon: One game; 17 rushes for 66 yards (3.9-yard average); Four receptions for 11 yards (2.8) and one TD.

**"White Bengal" returns Monday night:** Cincinnati on Monday night will wear the fan-favorite "White Bengal" helmet, which features a white base coat and the team's iconic black stripes. The helmet was introduced last season with the NFL's approval for the use of alternate helmets, and made its debut in the Bengals' Week 4 win over Miami that was played in front of a Paycor Stadium record attendance of 67,260 on Thursday Night Football.

The Bengals again will accentuate the "White Bengal" look this week by painting the end zones and midfield logo white, while encouraging fans to also wear white apparel to create a stadium-wide "White Out" game. Cincinnati also wore the white helmets in a Week 11 road victory at Pittsburgh last season, and

will don the look later this season when the team travels to Jacksonville for a Monday Night Football matchup in Week 13.

When alternate helmets were introduced across the league in 2022, teams were required to wear them only with alternate, throwback or color rush uniforms. The Bengals matched their new white helmet with their color rush jersey, which at the time had not been worn since 2020, prior to the team's '21 uniform redesign. This season, Cincinnati is permitted to wear its alternate white helmet with its primary white jersey. The Bengals on Monday night additionally will wear white pants (with black stripes) and white socks.

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

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

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

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

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

**Esiason, Johnson to join Bengals Ring of Honor:** A pair of Bengals legends in former QB Boomer Esiason and WR Chad Johnson will be inducted into the team's Ring of Honor at halftime on Monday night. They will become the seventh and eighth members of the Ring of Honor, joining QB Ken Anderson, OT Willie Anderson, team founder/head coach Paul Brown, WR Isaac Curtis, OT Anthony Munoz and CB Ken Ryley.

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

passer rating, before steering the Bengals to an AFC title and a berth in Super Bowl XXIII.

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

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

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

**Bengals' most recent MNF appearance:** The Bengals' most recent appearance on Monday Night Football — vs. Buffalo in Week 17 last season — was initially postponed and later canceled after Bills S Damar Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest and collapsed on the field at Paycor Stadium. The incident occurred midway through the first quarter of the Jan. 2 contest, with Cincinnati holding a 7-3 lead and driving the ball. Hamlin received immediate emergency attention on the field, then was taken to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, where he spent the next six days before being transferred to the Buffalo General Medical Center to continue his recovery.

After Hamlin was taken off the field by an ambulance, both teams left the field and the contest was postponed shortly thereafter. The status of the game remained uncertain in the following days until the NFL announced later that week on Thursday that it officially would be canceled. The Bengals and Bills, who each hosted their regular-season finale the following Sunday, were the only two teams in the league to officially play 16 games in 2022.

Hamlin was discharged from the Buffalo medical facility on Jan. 11 and cleared to continue his rehab at home. He made a full recovery and currently is on the Bills' active roster.

**The Bengals on MNF:** This week's game marks just the third Cincinnati-L.A. Rams meeting on MNF, and the first since 1978. The Bengals are 2-0 against the Rams in those contests.

Cincinnati's all-time MNF record is 12-26.

Here is the complete list of the Bengals' previous Monday night games:

DATE	OPPONENT	STADIUM	RESULT
11-2-70	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers .....	Steelers, 21-10
12-2-74	@Miami	Orange Bowl .....	Dolphins, 24-3
11-17-75	BUFFALO	Riverfront .....	Bengals, 33-24
11-8-76	L.A. RAMS	Riverfront .....	Bengals, 20-12
12-6-76	@Oakland	Oakland Coliseum.....	Raiders, 35-20
10-17-77	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers .....	Steelers, 20-14
10-9-78	@Miami	Orange Bowl .....	Dolphins, 21-0
11-13-78	OAKLAND	Riverfront .....	Raiders, 34-21
12-11-78	@L.A. Rams	L.A. Coliseum.....	Bengals, 20-19
12-20-82	@San Diego	S.D. Jack Murphy.....	Chargers, 50-34
10-10-83	PITTSBURGH	Riverfront .....	Steelers, 24-14
11-28-83	@Miami	Orange Bowl .....	Dolphins, 38-14
10-1-84	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers .....	Steelers, 38-17
9-30-85	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers .....	Bengals, 37-24
10-13-86	PITTSBURGH	Riverfront .....	Bengals, 24-22
9-25-89	CLEVELAND	Riverfront .....	Bengals, 21-14
11-13-89	@Houston	Astrodome.....	Oilers, 26-24
12-25-89	@Minnesota	Metrodome.....	Vikings, 29-21
10-1-90	@Seattle	Kingdome.....	Seahawks, 31-16
10-22-90	@Cleveland	Cleveland .....	Bengals, 34-13
10-21-91	@Buffalo	Rich .....	Bills, 35-16
12-9-91	@Miami	Joe Robbie.....	Dolphins, 37-13
10-19-92	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers .....	Steelers, 20-0
10-25-04	DENVER	Paul Brown.....	Bengals, 23-10
12-18-06	@Indianapolis	RCA Dome.....	Colts, 34-16
9-10-07	BALTIMORE	Paul Brown.....	Bengals, 27-20
10-1-07	NEW ENGLAND	Paul Brown.....	Patriots, 34-13
11-8-10	PITTSBURGH	Paul Brown.....	Steelers, 27-21
9-10-12	@Baltimore	M&T Bank .....	Ravens, 44-13
9-16-13	PITTSBURGH	Paul Brown.....	Bengals, 20-10

12-28-14	DENVER	Paul Brown .....	Bengals, 37-28
11-16-15	HOUSTON	Paul Brown .....	Texans, 10-6
12-28-15	@Denver	Sports Authority .....	Broncos, 20-17 (OT)
11-14-16	@N.Y. Giants	MetLife .....	Giants, 21-20
12-4-17	PITTSBURGH	Paul Brown .....	Steelers, 23-20
9-30-19	@Pittsburgh	Heinz Field .....	Steelers, 27-3
12-21-20	PITTSBURGH	Paul Brown Stadium .....	Bengals, 27-17
10-31-22	@Cleveland	FirstEnergy Stadium .....	Browns, 32-13
1-2-23	BUFFALO	Paycor Stadium .....	(GAME CANCELED)

**More MNF:** Here's a further look at some history and milestones of the Bengals' MNF experience:

● **Most recent appearance:** The Bengals' most recent appearance on MNF was late last season on Jan. 2, though that Week 17 game against the Buffalo Bills was canceled after Bills S Damar Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest and collapsed on the field at Paycor Stadium early in the game. Cincinnati's most recent completed MNF game was on Oct. 31, 2022 at Cleveland, when the Browns won 32-13 at FirstEnergy Stadium.

● **First appearance:** During the inaugural season of MNF, on Nov. 2, 1970, the Bengals lost 21-10 to Pittsburgh at Three Rivers Stadium. The loss dropped the Bengals to 1-6, but the game was pivotal. The Bengals won their final seven games to finish 8-6 and win the first AFC Central Division championship. It was the Bengals' first season in the NFL after two years in the AFL. The 1970 Bengals still are one of only four teams in NFL history to start 1-5 or worse after six games and make the playoffs. The other teams were the 2015 Kansas City Chiefs (started 1-5; was 11-5 Wild Card), the '18 Indianapolis Colts (1-5; 10-6 Wild Card) and the '20 Washington Football Team (1-5; 7-9 NFC East Division champs).

● **First home appearance:** On Nov. 17, 1975, the Bengals defeated Buffalo 33-24 at Riverfront Stadium. The win lifted Cincinnati to an 8-1 record, en route to an 11-3 season which holds the mark for best regular-season winning percentage (.786) in franchise history.

● **Most MNF regular-season appearances in a season:** For the Bengals, it has been three, in both 1978 and '89. The Bengals also were on MNF three times in 2007, but one game was in preseason.

● **Widest Bengals victory margin:** 21 points, in a 34-13 win at Cleveland on Oct. 22, 1990.

**Memorable MNF wins:** A 37-28 home win over Denver in 2014 arguably ranks as the most memorable Bengals Monday night victory. The Bengals upended an 11-3 opponent in the game, with a fourth-quarter comeback, and clinched a playoff berth. The Broncos led 28-27 after three

periods, but WR Brandon Tate's 49-yard punt return set up a 23-yard Mike Nugent FG for a 30-28 lead, and CB Dre Kirkpatrick sealed the win with a 30-yard return of an intercepted Peyton Manning pass for a TD with 2:41 to play.

Another memorable MNF win came Nov. 17, 1975 at Riverfront Stadium, when QB Ken Anderson and the Bengals outdueled RB O.J. Simpson and the Buffalo Bills in an offensive showcase. The final score was 33-24. Simpson rushed for 197 yards and two TDs, but Anderson bombarded the Bills with 30 completions in 46 attempts for 447 yards, two TDs and no INTs. Overall, the game produced 57 first downs and 888 total net yards between the teams.

The 1975 win lifted the Bengals to an 8-1 record as they stormed toward an 11-3 mark that still rates as their best ever campaign for regular-season winning percentage (.786).

In 2020, the 14-point underdog Bengals pulled off a huge upset on Monday Night Football against the visiting Steelers, who entered the contest having won their last 11 games over Cincinnati. Led by third-string QB Ryan Finley, the 2-10-1 Bengals posted 27 points on an 11-2 Steelers team which entered the contest allowing an NFL-low 18.2 points per game. Cincinnati was helped by three takeaways in the first half, and jumped out to a 17-0 lead at the break while holding Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger to just 19 passing yards, his fewest ever before halftime in 230 career starts. The Steelers came alive after the break with 17 second-half points, but the Bengals' run-heavy offense (41 rushes, 13 passes), coupled with multiple key defensive stops, helped Cincinnati hold on for the win.

**Most memorable MNF loss:** The most-remembered Monday night loss in Bengals history is considered by many to be the 50-34 shootout won by the Chargers at San Diego on Dec. 20, 1982.

The two clubs combined for 1102 net yards, the second-most in NFL history at the time. The Chargers had 661 and the Bengals 441.

QB Ken Anderson's 40 pass completions in that game still stand as the Bengals' all-time record, and his total of 416 passing yards still stands as tied for ninth-most in Bengals history. San Diego's Wes Chandler had 260 receiving yards (on 10 catches), still the most yards ever by a receiver against Cincinnati.

**Most crucial MNF loss:** The only time the Bengals played a Monday night game to close a season was on Christmas night, Dec. 25, 1989 at Minnesota.

Cincinnati's defending AFC Champions needed a win to secure a playoff berth, but the Vikings prevailed, 29-21. Bengals QB Boomer Esiason passed for 367 yards and three TDs, but he also suffered three INTs.

**Overall at night:** In regular season, the Bengals are 12-26 playing on Monday night, 10-7 on Thursday night, 3-17 on Sunday night, 0-1 on Friday night and 0-3 on Saturday night.

## 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.

When **Sean McVay** was named the 23rd head coach in Rams history on Jan. 12, 2017, he became the youngest head coach in modern NFL history.

The Rams finished 5-12 in 2022, and in '21 won Super Bowl LVI against the Bengals. Los Angeles finished the regular season 12-5. McVay became the youngest head coach in NFL history to win a Super Bowl.

In 2020, McVay led the Rams to a 10-6 record. It marked his fourth-consecutive winning season, and he earned his third playoff berth in his first four seasons. The Rams posted a 9-7 record in 2019. In 2018, Los Angeles finished with a 13-3 regular-season record and advanced to the team's fourth

Super Bowl.

In his first season in 2017, McVay led the Rams in winning seven more games than the previous year. The team improved from last in the league in scoring in 2016 to first in '17, and made its first postseason appearance in 13 years.

Prior to joining the Rams, McVay was the offensive coordinator (2014-16), tight ends coach ('11-13) and offensive assistant ('10) with Washington. McVay joined the Commanders prior to 2010 after serving as wide receivers coach for the Florida Tuskers of the United Football League in '09. He originally entered the NFL as an offensive assistant with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2008.

McVay played wide receiver at Miami (Ohio) University. He has no pro playing experience. His grandfather, John McVay, served in various administrative roles for NFL teams, including director of research development for the N.Y. Giants (1976), vice president/director of football operations for the San Francisco 49ers ('83-94), and general manager for the 49ers ('98-99). John oversaw five Super Bowl championship squads and earned induction into the 49ers Hall of Fame in 2013.

Sean McVay was born on Jan. 24, 1986 in Dayton, Ohio and moved to Marietta, Ga. as a child. He is the son of Tim and Cindy McVay. He has one brother, Ryan.

**Taylor vs. Rams:** The Rams lead the series, 2-0 (including Super Bowl LVI).

**Taylor vs. McVay:** McVay leads the series overall, 2-0 (including Super Bowl LVI).

**McVay vs. Bengals:** McVay leads the series 2-0 (including Super Bowl LVI).

## BENGALS NOTES

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

### QB JOE BURROW

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

### WR JA'MARR CHASE

- Tied for sixth in receiving TDs (nine).

### K EVAN McPHERSON

- Tied for seventh in PATs made (40).

### BENGALS OFFENSE

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

### BENGALS DEFENSE

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

### TEAM

- Sixth in turnover differential (plus-6).

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

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

Simmons, now in his 21st season with the team in 2023, is the longest-tenured coach on the Bengals' staff. He has led Cincinnati's special teams units each year since 2003. Defensive quality control coach Sigismondo "Louie" Cioffi

has returned for his 17th Bengals season, after serving as an assistant coach from 1997-2010 and then rejoining the staff in '21. Senior defensive assistant Mark Duffner, who previously was a Bengals assistant from 1997-2002 before returning in '19, now is in his 11th season in Cincinnati.

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

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

### HEAD COACH:

- Zac Taylor

### ASSISTANT COACHES:

- Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator)
- Colt Anderson (assistant special teams)
- James Bettcher (linebackers)
- Joey Boese (strength and conditioning)
- Charles Burks (secondary/cornerbacks)
- Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator)
- James Casey (tight ends)
- Louie Cioffi (defensive quality control)
- Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant)
- Derek Frazier (assistant offensive line)
- Justin Hill (running backs)
- Marion Hobby (defensive line)
- Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Freddie Knighten (offensive assistant)
- Jordan Kovacs (assistant linebackers)
- Brad Kragthorpe (assistant quarterbacks)
- Robert Livingston (secondary/safeties)
- Dan Pitcher (quarterbacks)
- Frank Pollack (offensive line/run game coordinator)
- Darrin Simmons (assistant head coach/special teams coordinator)
- Garrett Swanson (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Troy Walters (wide receivers)

### STAFF:

- Doug Rosfeld (chief of coaching staff)

**Recapping memorable 2022 season:** Off a postseason run to Super Bowl LVI the previous season, the Bengals entered the 2022 campaign with high aspirations. Cincinnati, fueled by a balanced and talented roster, put

together another historic season that included a second straight AFC North Division title and a repeat appearance in the AFC Championship.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**QB JOE BURROW**

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

**HB JOE MIXON**

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

**K EVAN MCPHERSON**

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

**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 for the Week 18 matchup vs. Baltimore, the Bengals welcomed an attendance of over 65,000 in seven consecutive regular-season home games for the first time since 2007. That year, Cincinnati hosted over 65,000 in each of its eight regular-season home contests. The streak has continued into this season, as the Bengals' 2023 home opener against Baltimore in Week 2 had an attendance figure of 66,015.

The Paycor Stadium crowds have coincided with a recent string of home success for the Bengals, as they have won 10 of their last 12 played at the venue dating back to Week 16 of the 2021 regular season (includes postseason) — the fifth-most home wins in the NFL in that span. The last time Cincinnati matched that number was when it won 10 of 12 home contests from the midpoint of the 2012 season through the entire '13 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On the day before the first official training camp practice of 2022, Burrow was forced to undergo surgery to remove his appendix. He remained involved in team meetings and attended practices on a golf cart during a three-week

recovery process, before returning to the field in mid-August. He started the regular-season opener and went on to set Bengals single-season records for completions (414, fifth in NFL) and TD passes (35, tied for second). Burrow then completed 66.1 percent of his passes (72 of 109) for 721 yards and four TDs in three postseason games, guiding the Bengals to the AFC Championship once again. He became the first player drafted No. 1 overall to win five playoff games within his first three seasons.

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

**Hitting the mark:** QB Joe Burrow eclipsed 1500 career passing attempts in the 2022 regular-season finale against Baltimore, which qualified him for the NFL's career completion percentage record. With a current completion percentage of 67.8 (67.73), Burrow ranks second in NFL history in the category, narrowly trailing Las Vegas QB Jimmy Garoppolo (67.74).

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 9390 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 11,000 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, three more than any NFL QB since he entered the league in 2020.

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

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

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
(three players tied)	— .....	12

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chase finished the 2022 campaign tied for ninth in the NFL in receiving TDs, 14th in receptions and 17th in receiving yards. He earned his second straight Pro Bowl honor and eclipsed two career milestones — 2000 receiving yards and 20 receiving TDs. His 2000th yard came in just his 24th career game (Week 7 vs. Atlanta), making Chase tied for the fourth-fastest player in NFL history to hit the 2K mark. He recorded his 20th TD catch in Week 14 vs. Cleveland, in what was his 26th game — that tied him as the fourth-fastest since 1970 to reach that number. Chase, who turned 23 on March 1 of this year, joined Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy Moss as the only players under the age of 23 with 2000 receiving yards and 20 TD receptions in league history.

In just 31 career contests, Chase has 178 catches for 2571 yards and 22 TDs. His yardage total ranks as the seventh most leaguewide since the start of the 2021 season, despite him playing in fewer games than 18 of the top 20 ranking players on that list.

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

Chase in the 2022 postseason caught 20 passes for 220 yards and two TDs, leading the Bengals in each category. He opened with nine catches for 84 yards in the Wild Card Playoff against Baltimore, including a seven-yard TD in the second quarter. It marked his ninth straight game played with at least seven receptions, dating back to Week 5. That tied for the fourth-longest such streak by an NFL player within a single season (including postseason) since 1970.

Through seven career postseason games, Chase has 45 catches for 588 yards, both the most in Bengals history, while his three receiving TDs are tied with teammate Tee Higgins and former TE Dan Ross for the team's all-time postseason record. His 368 receiving yards in the 2021 postseason set an NFL rookie record and ranked second in the NFL as he helped the Bengals advance to Super Bowl LVI.

In the Bengals' Divisional Playoff win at Buffalo this past January, Chase surpassed Randy Moss for the second-most postseason receiving yards by a player in his first two seasons. Former Washington WR Charlie Brown holds the record with 643 yards.

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

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

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

**Tee tops 1000 again:** After being held without a catch in the 2023 opener at Cleveland, WR Tee Higgins bounced back in Week 2 against 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 3028 career receiving yards are the second-most ever by a Bengals player through their first three seasons, trailing only Green (3833).

With Chase out of the lineup due to injury in Weeks 11-12 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*	2571

\* — Currently in third season.

**Facts from Jones' punt return:** Rookie WR Charlie Jones scored the Bengals' first TD of the 2023 season via an 81-yard punt return in the second quarter of the Week 2 contest against Baltimore. Jones, who was named the Big Ten Return Specialist of the Year in 2021 while playing at the University of Iowa, had two special teams TDs during his collegiate career — one on a punt return in 2020 and one on a kickoff return in '21. His 81-yard return last Sunday tied the score at 7-7 and was the first punt return TD allowed by the Ravens since Oct. 9, 2016 (Washington). Here are some notable facts on the play:

- It marked the first TD on a PR by a Bengals player since former CB Adam Jones' 81-yard return on Sept. 12, 2012 vs. Cleveland.
- It was the first TD on a PR by a Bengals rookie since WR Peter Warrick's 82-yarder on Dec. 17, 2000 vs. Jacksonville.
- It was the 10th TD on a PR by a Bengals rookie in team history.
- It tied Adam Jones' 2012 return as the seventh longest PR in team history. Former WR Carl Pickens holds the Bengals record with a 95-yard PR, which went for a TD, on Sept. 20, 1992 at Green Bay.
- According to NFL's Next Gen Stats service, Jones' top speed on the return was 20.97 mph. Through two weeks of the 2023 regular season, that is the second fastest speed on a PR and the 10th fastest by any ball carrier in the NFL (fastest by a Bengals player).



**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 10 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).

He logged 95 yards from scrimmage in Week 2 against Baltimore, with 59 rushing and 36 receiving. Mixon in the third quarter caught a pass from QB Joe Burrow on a rollout and took it 32 yards, marking his ninth career reception of 30 or more yards.

Now in his seventh pro season, Mixon has 5493 career rushing yards, the fourth most in team history and 249 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	5493
Pete Johnson	1977-83	5421

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

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

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

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

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

**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 fourth fewest in the league during that stretch, while its 59 total first-quarter points given up are the fifth fewest. The Bengals have yielded just 1244 total net yards in first quarters in that span (69.1 per game), the seventh fewest leaguewide.

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.

**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 35 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 (32), while their 9.7 points allowed per second half/OT in that span ranks as the sixth 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.

**Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal:** While DE Sam 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. A third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, Hubbard ranks second in sacks (30.5) among all players from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

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

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

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

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

PLAYER/POSITION	TEAM	PICK (ROUND)	SACKS
Harold Landry III/EDGE	Tennessee	No. 41 (2nd)	32.0
Sam Hubbard/DE	Cincinnati	No. 77 (3rd)	30.5
Josh Sweat/DE	Philadelphia	No. 130 (4th)	30.0
Bradley Chubb/DE	Denver/Miami	No. 5 (1st)	29.5
Marcus Davenport/DE	New Orleans	No. 14 (1st)	21.5

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

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

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

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

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

PLAYER	TEAM	SACKS SINCE 2020
T.J. Watt	Pittsburgh	47.0
Myles Garrett	Cleveland	45.0
Haason Reddick	Arizona/Carolina/Philadelphia	39.5
Trey Hendrickson	New Orleans/Cincinnati	36.5
Matthew Judon	Baltimore/New England	36.0

**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 38 tackles through two games this season, with Pratt logging a sack and FF in the opener at Cleveland, and Wilson a 10-tackle performance 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. The duo has been equally as effective when dropping into coverage, as Wilson has the most INTs by any NFL LB (seven) since he entered the league in 2020 while Pratt last season set career bests in INTs (two) and PDs (10).

Though both players have served as consistent contributors for the Bengals in regular-season action, they save their most crucial plays for when it matters most. With 17 seconds remaining in the 2021 Wild Card Playoff vs. Las Vegas, Pratt intercepted a pass by QB Derek Carr on fourth down from the Cincinnati nine-yard line to secure the Bengals' first playoff win in 31 years. The 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.

**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 (59.4) and the fourth lowest passer rating (81.3). Cincinnati has given up just 20 TD passes in that span of 18 regular-season games, tied for the fourth fewest league-wide.

In 35 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 14 of 17 on FG attempts of 50 or more yards, tying for the fifth-most FGs from that distance since 2021. It is also the most such FGs within a player's first 30 games in NFL history. What makes it even more impressive is that McPherson's 14th FG from at least 50 yards out, kicked in Week 11 of the 2022 season at Pittsburgh, came in just his 26th career game. McPherson finished the 2022 regular season a perfect five of five on FG attempts of 50-plus yards.

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

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

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

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

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

longest FG in Bengals history.

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

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

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

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

• DE Myles Murphy, Clemson (Round 1, Pick 28): A 6-5, 270-pound edge rusher with highly touted athleticism, Murphy recorded 17.5 sacks in 38 career games at Clemson. He was a second-team All-ACC pick as a junior last season, when he tied for the team lead with 6.5 sacks and posted 11 TFLs. Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo noted Murphy's ability to line up on the outside or interior of the defensive line. Murphy has seen action on 32 defensive snaps through two NFL games.

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

• S Jordan Battle, Alabama (Round 3, Pick 95): Battle was twice named a third-team All-American at Alabama, where he started at S from 2020-22. He showed off his versatility with 251 career tackles as well as six INTs, three of which were returned for a TD. Battle was a team captain for the Crimson Tide last season, and Bengals coaches have raved about his high character since arriving in Cincinnati. He saw extended action in Week 2 vs. Baltimore after starter Nick Scott was ruled out with a concussion, recording his first career assisted tackle on 25 defensive snaps played.

• 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). He lined up at all three receiver positions, displaying a flexibility that offensive coordinator Brian Callahan said the Bengals will look to utilize. 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.

• HB Chase Brown, Illinois (Round 5, Pick 163): Brown put together an impressive career at Illinois, becoming the program's first Doak Walker Award finalist (nation's top running back) and third player to record 1000 rushing yards in consecutive seasons (2021-22). He was a second-team All-American last season, when he ranked fourth in the nation in rushing yards (1642) and eclipsed 100 rushing yards in an Illinois-record 10 straight games. Brown led the Bengals in rushing attempts (28) and yards (69) during the preseason, and made his regular-season debut in Week 2 vs. Baltimore.

• 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 was perhaps the team's most consistent performer during the preseason, leading Cincinnati in receptions (12) and receiving yards (129). 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 two regular-season games, seeing action on 40 ST snaps.

• P Brad Robbins, Michigan (Round 6, Pick 217): Robbins earned the Bengals' punting job after recording eight punts for 371 yards (46.4 gross average) in three preseason games. He spent six seasons (2017-22) at Michigan, where he finished his career with the second highest punting average (43.0 yards) in program history and was a three-time All-Big Ten selection. Through two games, Robbins has punted 13 times with a 40.7 gross average and three downed inside the opponents' 20-yard line.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cincinnati 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.

**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 3, the average age of the Bengals' active roster is 25.4 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 second highest career completion percentage in league history at 67.8 (minimum 1500 passing attempts). Burrow holds Bengals single-season records for passing attempts (606; 2022), completions (414; '22), passing yards (4611; '21), TD passes (35; '22), passer rating (108.3; '21) and 300-yard passing games (six; '21). He earned his first career Pro Bowl nod and was an MVP candidate in 2022, when he tied for second in the NFL in TD passes, ranked fifth in completions, fifth in passing yards (4475) and sixth in passer rating (100.8). A team captain for the fourth consecutive year, Burrow returned to practice on Aug. 30 after missing the majority of training camp due to a calf strain. He signed a five-year contract extension on Sept. 9 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2029 season. Listed second on the QB depth chart is **Jake Browning**, who earned a spot on the 53-man roster coming out of training camp for the first time in his career. Originally a college free agent signee of Minnesota in 2019, Browning spent the '19 and '20 seasons on the Vikings' practice squad, then joined the Bengals prior to the '21 campaign and spent the past two years on the Cincinnati practice squad. He saw action in all three preseason games in August, completing 32 of 45 passing attempts for 277 yards (71.1 completion percentage) and one TD. He made his NFL debut in Week 1 at Cleveland, entering late in the fourth quarter in relief of Burrow. Browning was a four-year starter (2015-18) at the University of Washington, where he led the Huskies to the College Football Playoff in '16 and finished his career with numerous school records.

**Running backs:** Leading the Bengals running back room is seventh-year pro **Joe Mixon**, who ranks fourth in team history in career rushing yards (5493) and rushing TDs (40). Mixon has surpassed the 1000-yard mark in three

of his five full seasons (played just six games in 2020), and in 2022 he asserted himself as a reliable pass catching option with career highs in receptions (60) and receiving yards (441). Voted a team captain for the third straight year, Mixon has opened this season with 56 rushing yards in Week 1 at Cleveland and 59 in Week 2 vs. Baltimore. He is one of 10 active players who have reached the 5000-rushing yard milestone. Next on the running backs depth chart is fifth-year veteran **Trayveon Williams**. Williams has served as a reserve HB with 36 games of experience, totaling 245 rushing yards on 49 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. Brown led the Bengals in rushing attempts (28) and yards (69) during the preseason and added six catches for 32 yards. He made his NFL debut in Week 2 against Baltimore, recording one carry for two yards.

**Wide receivers:** The Bengals' wide receiver room is highlighted by one of the most explosive pass-catching trios in the NFL, with the senior member being eighth-year pro **Tyler Boyd**. Boyd is regarded as a premier slot receiver that poses a challenge for nickel CBs with his size (6-2, 203) and route-running ability. He ranks fifth in team history in career receptions (454) for 5395 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 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 in Week 2 vs. Baltimore, and caught two TDs in the second half. Fellow fourth-year pro **Trenton Irwin** emerged as a dependable option in the WR room last season and is publicly lauded by his coaches and teammates for a strong work ethic. He spent parts of his first three seasons on Cincinnati's practice squad and saw limited game action, but then found a role in 2022 when he played in nine contests with two starts. Despite not making his season debut until Week 8 at Cleveland, Irwin managed to record 15 catches for 231 yards and four TDs. His best performance came on Christmas Eve at New England, when he caught three passes for 45 yards and two TDs in the first half alone to help the Bengals build a 22-0 lead. Two rookies comprise the rest of the WR room, including the team's fourth-round draft choice **Charlie Jones**. Jones is listed behind Boyd as the team's backup slot WR, and also serves as the team's primary punt returner. He was a second-team All-American last season at Purdue, when he led the FBS in receptions (110), while ranking second in receiving yards (1361) and fifth in receiving TDs (12). Sixth-round pick **Andre Iosivas** 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 three offensive snaps and 40 special teams snaps through two 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 has started the first two regular-season contests for the Bengals and has five grabs for 27 yards. Next on the depth chart is fellow 2019 second-round pick **Drew Sample**, who since being drafted by the Bengals has established himself as a premier blocking TE in the NFL. Sample is returning to the lineup after suffering a season-ending knee injury in Week 2 of the 2022 season. He had a streak of 39 consecutive games played (including postseason) prior to the injury, and has also been a core contributor on special teams for Cincinnati. He made his return to the field in the second preseason game at Atlanta, and through two weeks this season has seen action on 32 offensive snaps and 20 special teams snaps. The Bengals on July 24 re-signed **Mitchell Wilcox**, who spent his first three career seasons with Cincinnati. Wilcox came off the Active/Physically Unable to Perform list on Aug. 21, which he had been on since re-signing, and returned to practice. The University of South Florida product has 20 career catches for 155 yards and a TD in 33 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 45 games at that spot. The nucleus of Cincinnati's O-line is C **Ted Karras**, who signed as a free agent in 2022 and almost instantaneously became a vocal leader in the locker room. Recently voted a team captain for the second straight season, Karras has experience at all three interior OL positions but quickly cemented himself as the Bengals'

starting center and played 99.4 percent of offensive snaps in 2022. He spent five of his first six pro seasons with New England, with the only outlier coming in 2020 with Miami. Karras was a member of Patriots Super Bowl winning teams in 2016 and '18, before earning the starting center role in '19. Joining Karras in the 2022 free agency class was RG **Alex Cappa**, who spent his first four seasons with Tampa Bay. Cappa was perhaps the Bengals' most consistent performer on the line through most of the 2022 season, starting the first 16 games before suffering a left ankle injury in the regular-season finale that kept him out of all three playoff contests. He was the Bucs' starting RG from 2019-21, and was a member of the Super Bowl LV-winning team though he did not play in the final three postseason games due to an injury sustained in the Wild Card Playoff. Second-year pro **Cordell Volson** is building off an impressive rookie season in which he played every single offensive snap for Cincinnati at LG (1311, including postseason). Volson was a fourth-round draft pick out of North Dakota State University, where he lined up at four different spots along the O-line during his career. He played in a school-record 65 games at NDSU, helping the Bison win four FCS national championships while earning three FCS All-America honors. **Jonah Williams**, the Bengals' first-round pick in 2019, is the team's starting ROT this year after lining up at LOT for his first three full seasons. He has started all 44 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 51 career games with 32 starts — at ROT, nine at RG and eight at LG. Ford lined up alongside Orlando Brown Jr. for two seasons (2016-17) at the University of Oklahoma. OT **D'Ante Smith** was inactive for all but one game for Cincinnati during the 2022 regular season, but played in all three postseason contests as a reserve lineman. He was originally a fourth-round pick in 2021 and battled injuries as a rookie, seeing action in just two regular-season games. Smith returned in time for the postseason run, playing in both the AFC Championship and Super Bowl LVI. 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 in his two Bengals seasons, but started three games (two at C, one at RG) in his 2021 rookie campaign. A sixth-round draft pick, Hill has seen action in each of Cincinnati's seven 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 30.5 career sacks, the second-most among all players in the '18 draft class. He is also considered among the best DEs in the NFL against the run and led the Bengals with 11 TFLs in 2022. Hubbard made one of the most memorable plays in recent team history during the fourth quarter of the Wild Card Playoff vs. Baltimore, returning a fumble 98 yards for what proved to be the game-winning TD. It was his second career fumble returned for a score (regular and postseason). On the other side of the line is DE **Trey Hendrickson**, who led Cincinnati with eight sacks in 2022 to earn his second straight Pro Bowl nod. Hendrickson joined the team as a free agent in 2021 and in his first year posted a career-high 14 sacks, the second most in a season in team history. His sack of Browns QB Deshaun Watson in Week 1 increased his total to 36.5 since the start of the 2020 season, the fourth-most in the NFL in that span. On July 27, Hendrickson signed a one-year contract extension that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2025 season. DT **DJ Reader**, a 6-3, 335-pound run stuffer, has anchored the defensive line since signing with the Bengals as a free agent in 2020. Reader is a key component of a unit that has ranked in the top-seven leaguewide in rushing yards allowed per game in each of the past two seasons. He spent six games on

the Reserve/Injured list in 2022 due to a knee injury, but returned in Week 11 and started each contest through the AFC Championship. Reader had a stretch from Weeks 12-14 in which he batted down four passes at the line of scrimmage in three games. DT **B.J. Hill** is in his third season with the Bengals and has become a major contributor on the D-line. Hill was acquired in a trade with the N.Y. Giants shortly before the 2021 regular season and has played in 34 games (20 starts) for Cincinnati. He started all 16 contests in 2022, posting a career-high 68 tackles with three sacks, one FF, three FR and four PDs. Hill logged four stops with a sack in Week 1 at Cleveland. DE **Joseph Ossai** is in his third season as a pro, but 2022 was his first healthy year as he missed his entire rookie campaign due to a knee injury. The athletic edge rusher showcased his potential last season with 3.5 sacks as a reserve DE. He then posted six tackles in postseason play, including five with a TFL in the AFC Championship. Ossai saw action in all three preseason games and had an INT on the opening drive at Atlanta, but suffered an ankle injury the following week at Washington that caused him to miss the first two regular-season contests. Second-year DT **Zach Carter** looks to build off a strong rookie season in which he played in all 16 regular-season games with nine starts. Carter, a 2022 third-round pick out of the University of Florida, contributed to the run defense while totaling 23 tackles, a half-sack and a PD. He played in all three postseason games, starting the Wild Card round and AFC Championship as a second DT. Third-year pro **Cam Sample** has played in 32 career regular-season games and serves as a rotational DE. The Tulane University product had 25 tackles with two sacks last season. Sample flashed in the AFC Championship, sacking Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes and bringing down RB Jerick McKinnon for a one-yard loss. Sixth-year DT **Josh Tupou** has been a reliable DT against the run since joining the Bengals as a college free agent in 2017. The 6-3, 340-pound veteran has started 15 games over the past two seasons and logged 31 tackles in that span, including a pair of sacks in 2022. The Bengals selected DE **Myles Murphy** out of Clemson University in the first round (28th overall) of this year's draft, looking to bolster their pass rushing production. Murphy totaled 17.5 sacks in 38 games at Clemson, earning second-team All-ACC honors last season. He brings premier size and athleticism to the D-Line room at 6-5, 270 pounds and played 13 defensive snaps in his NFL debut at Cleveland in Week 1. The Bengals acquired DT **Jay Tufele** on waivers from Jacksonville prior to the 2022 season opener and it proved to be a valuable move, as he started two games (Weeks 8-9) while Reader was recovering from a knee injury. Tufele finished with 16 total tackles in seven regular-season games for Cincinnati. He had nine tackles during the preseason, including five in the preseason opener vs. Green Bay.

**Linebackers:** Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is fourth-year pro **Logan Wilson**, who wears the "green dot" as the defense's communicator. Wilson led the Bengals in tackles the past two regular seasons, with his career-high 123 stops in 2022 marking the most by a Bengals player since Vontaze Burfict (171) in '13. Wilson also has shown a high proficiency when dropping into coverage, as his seven career INTs are the most by an NFL LB since he entered the league in 2020. Wilson was inked to a four-year contract extension on Aug. 5 that will keep him in Cincinnati through the 2027 season. Ranking second on the team in tackles last season with 99 was **Germaine Pratt**. Pratt, a fifth-round Bengals pick in 2019 who is in his fifth pro season, has started 56 of 64 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 16 regular season games each of the past two seasons, with a combined 50 tackles in that span. He provided a crucial block during Sam Hubbard's 98-yard fumble recovery return for a TD in the Wild Card Playoff vs. Baltimore. **Akeem Davis-Gaither** looks to step into an increased role this season after logging a career-best 37 tackles in 16 games (one start) in 2022. Thirteen of those stops came in a dominant Week 3 performance at the N.Y. Jets. Davis-Gaither also played in all three postseason games, recording his first career INT in the Wild Card Playoff against Baltimore. **Joe Bachie** spent the first six games of 2022 on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list while recovering from a left knee injury, but returned to the active roster and saw action in 10 regular-season games and all three postseason contests. He resumed his role as a core special teams player, totaling seven ST tackles in 168 snaps. Bachie has seen action mostly on special teams so far this season, along with playing two defensive snaps.

**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. **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 28 games he's played in for the Bengals (including postseason). His 2022 season was cut short by a knee injury suffered in Week 8 at Cleveland, and he spent the following nine-plus months rehabbing before being cleared to practice on July 25 of this year. Awuzie's first game back came on the same field where he sustained the injury, as he played 43 defensive snaps in Week 1 at Cleveland and recorded three solo tackles to go with a FR in the first quarter. Second-year pro **Cam Taylor-Britt** had a promising rookie season in 2022 that included 55 tackles — eighth-most on the team — along with six PDs and one FF. The Bengals' second-round pick in 2022, Taylor-Britt spent the first four games of last season on the Reserve/Injured list while recovering from an abdomen injury, but went on to play in the final 10 contests with nine starts at outside CB. He started all three postseason games and had his first career INT to close out the Divisional Playoff win at Buffalo. Cincinnati used its 2023 second-round selection on **DJ Turner II**, a speedy boundary corner out of the University of Michigan. Turner ran the fastest 40-yard dash at this year's NFL Combine, clocking a time of 4.26 seconds. He recorded three INTs and 20 PDs in four seasons (2019-22) at Michigan, and was named second-team All-Big Ten last season. He made his NFL debut in the regular-season opener at Cleveland, notching two solo tackles. **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 43 career games (including postseason), carving out a role on special teams in addition to his CB duties. **DJ Ivey**, the Bengals' seventh-round pick in April, played in 58 games with 32 starts over a five-year career (2018-22) at the University of Miami (Fla.). At 6-1, 192, he provides a rangy frame and displayed impressive ball skills in training camp. Ivey logged 10 tackles and a team-leading three PDs in the preseason. The Bengals 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 67 games of NFL experience (19 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, but was declared out with a concussion in the fourth quarter. Hill was the Bengals' first-round draft choice in 2022 and played in 15 games with two starts as a rookie. Though he is touted for his versatility in the secondary, the Bengals are relying on Hill as their free safety in his second pro campaign. He saw action on 130 defensive snaps last season in a reserve role, while also being utilized as a gunner on special teams. Hill recorded his first career INT in Week 1 at Cleveland, picking off a Deshaun Watson pass in the third quarter and returning it 20 yards. Hill logged a team-high 11 tackles (nine solos) and a PD in Week 2 against Baltimore. 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 in relief of Scott. **Tycen Anderson** looks to further carve out a role on the Bengals' defense and took a major step toward doing so in the preseason opener vs. Green Bay, when he had two INTs in the second quarter including a 43-yard pick-six. He has seen action on special teams so 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. He punted eight times for 371 yards (46.4) with one touchback and three downed inside the opponents' 20-yard line in the preseason. In his NFL debut in Week 1 at Cleveland, Robbins punted 10 times for 409 total yards, including two downed inside the Browns' 20-yard line. In Week 2, Robbins totaled three punts for 120 yards (40.0) with one downed inside the Ravens' 20-yard line. Robbins additionally handles holding duties on placekicks. Third-year K **Evan McPherson** has quickly become a fan favorite since being drafted in the fifth round in 2021. He has earned a reputation as one of the NFL's top kickers from long range, as his 14 FGs from 50 or more yards are the most within a player's first 30 career games in league history. He has kicked the two longest FGs in team history — a 59-yarder in the 2022 regular-season opener vs. Pittsburgh, and a 58-yarder in Week 15 of the '21 season at Denver. McPherson is also 19

for 19 on FG attempts in the postseason, the second-most consecutive FGs without a miss to begin a postseason career in NFL history. The Bengals' long-snapper is second-year pro **Cal Adomitis**, who took over the role in Week 2 of the 2022 season following a season-ending injury to veteran Clark Harris. In 20 career games (including postseason), Adomitis has delivered 165 snaps without an unplayable attempt. He originally joined the Bengals as a college free agent in 2022 after a five-year career ('17-21) at the University of Pittsburgh. Listed as the first-string punt returner and second-string kickoff returner is rookie WR **Charlie Jones**, who in 2021 was named the Big Ten Return Specialist of the Year while at the University of Iowa. Jones returned 25 kickoffs for 635 yards (25.4) and one TD that season for the Hawkeyes, while also returning 37 punts for 285 yards. In his NFL debut in Week 1 at Cleveland, he returned three punts for 24 yards, with a 15-yarder that set up the Bengals' offense at its 33-yard line in the fourth quarter. Jones scored his first career TD on an 81-yard punt return in Week 2 against Baltimore, the Bengals' first punt return TD since 2012 (CB Adam Jones). 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. WR **Trenton Irwin** is listed behind Jones on the PR depth chart and had limited experience during the 2021 season with three returns for 31 yards. HB **Trayveon Williams**, who last season returned 16 kickoffs for 356 yards over the final eight regular-season contests, is also listed at KOR.

### NFL IMPORTANT DATES

#### 2023

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

- Dec. 15 — Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of players who received, or filed a grievance for, the Basic or Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2023 season.

#### 2024

- Jan. 8 — During the period beginning the Monday following the final regular season weekend through the conclusion of the final postseason game, assignments of player contracts will be deferred until the first business day after the Super Bowl. Terminations of player contracts will occur at the expiration of the claiming period. A club that is participating in the playoffs may sign players whose contracts have been terminated to its Active/Inactive List, Practice Squad (if applicable), or Reserve/Future List. A club whose playing season has concluded may sign such players to its Reserve/Future List only. Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2024 season. NCAA National Championship Game (NRG Stadium, Houston, Texas). Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2021 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2022. Any permissible renegotiated or extended Player Contract will not be considered a Rookie Contract and will not be subject to the rules that limit Rookie Contracts. Clubs may exercise fifth-year options for players selected in the first round of the 2021 Draft. Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club's owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club's 2023 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2024 Team Salary.
- Jan. 10 — Beginning at 4 p.m. Eastern on the Wednesday following the final regular season weekend, rosters are frozen for clubs participating in the postseason with limited exceptions.
- Jan. 13-15 — Wild Card Games.
- Jan. 15 — Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2024 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 19.
- Jan. 20-21 — Divisional Playoff Games.
- Jan. 28 — AFC & NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 31 — Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2024 season based on a 2022 injury or 2023 club authorized offseason surgery to notify his former Club in writing.

Feb. 1	— Deadline for non-playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2023 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.		
Feb. 4	— Pro Bowl (TBD).		
Feb. 11	— Super Bowl LVIII (Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.)		
Feb. 12	— Waiver system begins for 2024. With certain exceptions, a 24-hour claiming period will be in effect through the entire year; however, waiver requests made on Friday and Saturday of each week will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern on the following Monday. Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons whom a club desires to terminate are not subject to the waiver system until the day after the trading deadline. Beginning the first business day after the Super Bowl through the opening of the first training camp for Rookies in 2024, clubs must report all tryouts and visits to the League office; however, such transactions will not be reported to other clubs.		
Feb. 15	— Deadline for playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2023 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.		
Feb. 20	— Beginning this date through at 4 p.m. Eastern on March 5, clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players.		
Feb. 27- March 4	— NFL Scouting Combine (Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.).		
March 5	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players. 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.	March 21	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2024 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.
March 5- April 17	— Draft-Eligible Facility Visits Begin. Clubs are permitted 30 non-local players for physical exams/visits; no on-field workouts.	March 24-27	— Annual League Meeting (Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes, Orlando, Fla.)
March 5- April 24	— Video or telephone interviews with draft-eligible players begin. Clubs are permitted three video or telephone interviews per player, no longer than one hour in length.	March 31	— Deadline for clubs to meet 2024 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.
March 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.	April 1	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2023 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
March 7	— Deadline for clubs whose final game of the 2023 regular season is Sunday, January 7 (60 days after final regular season game) to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2024 season.	April 15	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
March 11-13	— Negotiation Period. During the period beginning at Eastern on March 11 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 13, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2023 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern on March 13. During the above two-day negotiating period, a prospective UFA who is not represented by an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor ("Unrepresented Player") is permitted to communicate directly with a new club's front office officials (excluding the Head Coach and other members of the club's coaching staff) regarding contract negotiations. The club is responsible for confirming the player's status as an Unrepresented Player. No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern on March 13.	April 17	— Deadline for clubs to time, test, visit, interview, or conduct a physical examination with a draft-eligible player at its club facility.
		April 19	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
		April 24	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents who signed offer sheets. Deadline for clubs to time, test, visit, interview (including video and phone calls), or conduct a physical examination with a draft-eligible player at any location.
		April 25-27	— Annual Selection Meeting/NFL Draft (Detroit, Mich.).
		April 29	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "April 29 Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern only with his Prior Club.
		May 2	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2021 Draft.
		May 3-6 or May 10-13	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday on one of the two weekends following the Draft.
		May 13	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
		May 16-19	— (Tentative) NFLPA Rookie Premiere (TBD).
		May 20-22	— Spring League Meeting/Coach Accelerator (Loews Vanderbilt Hotel, Nashville, Tenn.).
March 13	— End/Start of League Year. Deadline at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern, for clubs to exercise individually negotiated options for 2024 on all players who have option clauses in their 2023 contracts, subject to any earlier deadline specified in a player's contract. Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation. Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2023 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit. Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2024 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern. All 2023 NFL player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern. The 2024 League Year and Free Agency signing period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. 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. Trading period for 2024. Trading begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2023 contracts. Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2024, and if not renegotiated after Jan. 7, 2024, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).	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-RAMS MEETINGS**

**2019 SEASON  
WEEK 8, GAME 8**

**L.A. Rams 24, Cincinnati Bengals 10**  
Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019 at Wembley Stadium (London, England)

The Bengals traveled to London, England, as part of the NFL's International Series, and took on head coach Zac Taylor's former team, the L.A. Rams. The two teams traded scores for much of the first half, before Rams WR Cooper Kupp caught a 65-yard TD on a double-reverse pass that gave L.A. a one-score edge at the break. But while the Bengals' defense managed to hold the Rams to just seven second-half points, the offense struggled after halftime and was held scoreless in the final two periods en route to the defeat. Cincinnati couldn't find an answer for Kupp, whose 220 receiving yards tied for the third-most ever in a game by a Bengals opponent. Bengals QB Andy Dalton tossed his 197th career TD, tying former QB Ken Anderson for most in team history. Then, with :08 remaining and the game out of reach, Dalton connected with WR Auden Tate for what would've been the record-setter, but a replay review overturned the ruling on the field of a catch and nullified the score. Los Angeles improved to 5-3, while Cincinnati fell to 0-8. On Tuesday following the game, Taylor announced that rookie Ryan Finley would take over as the team's starting QB in the Bengals' next game after the bye.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
LARams — G.Zuerlein 23 field goal.....	1-6:41
Cin. — R.Bullock 28 field goal.....	2-14:57
LARams — J.Reynolds 31 pass from J.Goff (G.Zuerlein kick).....	2-10:43
Cin. — J.Mixon 1 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	2-5:18
LARams — C.Kupp 65 pass from J.Goff (G.Zuerlein kick).....	2-3:57
LARams — T.Gurley 3 run (G.Zuerlein kick).....	3-10:14

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 83,720. **Time:** 3:05.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	LARams
First downs.....	24	19
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-18	7-13
Total net yards.....	401	470
Net yards rushing.....	104	98
Net yards passing.....	297	372
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	52-32-0	31-17-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	5-32	0-0
Punts-average.....	5-41.6	5-44.4
Punt returns-yards.....	1-0	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	0-0	1-14
Penalties-yards.....	6-40	9-59
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	32:43	27:17

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	LARams	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	17	66	13	0	D.Henderson	11	49	15	0
G.Bernard	3	31	25	0	T.Gurley	10	44	20	1
A.Dalton	1	4	4	0	R.Woods	4	6	6	0
T.Boyd	1	3	3	0	J.Reynolds	1	-1	-1	0
TOTALS	22	104	25	0	TOTALS	26	98	20	1

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	LARams	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	52	32	329	1-0	J.Goff	31	17	372	2-0
TOTALS	52	32	329	1-0	TOTALS	31	17	372	2-0

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	LARams	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Erickson	6	97	52	0	C.Kupp	7	220	65t	1
T.Eifert	6	74	27	0	J.Reynolds	3	73	31t	1
T.Boyd	6	65	22	0	R.Woods	2	36	31	0
A.Tate	5	65	27	0	D.Henderson	2	20	14	0
J.Mixon	4	11	4	1	G.Everett	2	15	11	0
G.Bernard	2	14	11	0	T.Higbee	1	8	8	0
C.Uzomah	1	4	4	0					
S.Morgan	1	3	3	0					
A.Dalton	1	-4	-4	0					
TOTALS	32	329	52	1	TOTALS	17	372	65t	2

**DEFENSE**

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Bates 7-0-7, S.Williams 5-1-6, T.McRae 4-1-5, N.Vigil 3-2-5, P.Brown 3-1-4, C.Dunlap 3-0-3, A.Zettel 3-0-3, A.Brown 2-0-2, B.Webb 2-0-2, S.Hubbard 1-1-2, G.Atkins 1-0-1, G.Pratt 1-0-1, R.Wren 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Bates 1, C.Dunlap 1, W.Jackson 1, T.McRae 1, N.Vigil 1, S.Williams 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Los Angeles Rams** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Rapp 9-3-12, C.Littleton 4-4-8, J.Ramsey 6-1-7, M.Christian 6-0-6, E.Weddle 6-0-6, M.Brookers 4-1-5, D.Fowler 3-1-4, A.Donald 3-0-3, T.Hill 3-0-3, S.Ebukam 2-1-3, D.Williams 2-0-2, O.Okoronkwo 1-1-2, M.Fox 1-0-1, S.Joseph 1-0-1, N.Robey 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** D.Fowler 1.5-13.5, O.Okoronkwo 1.5-8, A.Donald 1-3, M.Brookers 0.5-4.5, C.Littleton 0.5-3. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** N.Robey 2, M.Christian 1, S.Ebukam 1, T.Hill 1, T.Rapp 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**2021 SEASON  
SUPER BOWL LVI**

**L.A. Rams 23, Cincinnati Bengals 20**  
Sunday night, Feb. 13, 2022 at SoFi Stadium (Inglewood, Calif.)

Playing in their first Super Bowl in 33 years, the four-point underdog Bengals were technically the home team even though the game was held at the "visiting" Rams' home stadium. Cincinnati's first offensive possession stalled at midfield after a failed fourth-and-one conversion, and the Rams took advantage with a 50-yard TD drive to strike first. Los Angeles stretched its lead to 13-3 early in the second quarter, but the Bengals closed to within 13-10 with a trick-play TD pass from HB Joe Mixon to WR Tee Higgins. Then, on the first play of the second half, Higgins caught a 75-yard TD pass from QB Joe Burrow to give Cincinnati its first lead. On the first play of the ensuing possession, an INT by Bengals CB Chidobe Awuzie set up Cincinnati at the Rams' 31-yard line, but the Bengals turned it into only a FG. Behind a strong pass rush, Los Angeles then held Cincinnati scoreless on its final five possessions. After a TD by WR Cooper Kupp gave Los Angeles a three-point lead with 1:25 remaining, Cincinnati's attempt to tie or win ended on fourth-and-one at midfield when Burrow threw an incomplete pass while being tackled.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
L.A. Rams.....	7	6	3	7	—	23
Cincinnati.....	3	7	10	0	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
LARams — O.Beckham 17 pass from M.Stafford (M.Gay kick).....	1-6:22
Cin. — E.McPherson 29 field goal.....	1-0:28
LARams — C.Kupp 11 pass from M.Stafford (pass failed).....	2-12:51
Cin. — T.Higgins 6 pass from J.Mixon (E.McPherson kick).....	2-5:47
Cin. — T.Higgins 75 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	3-14:48
Cin. — E.McPherson 38 field goal.....	3-10:15
LARams — M.Gay 41 field goal.....	3-5:58
LARams — C.Kupp 1 pass from M.Stafford (M.Gay kick).....	4-1:25

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 70,048. **Time:** 3:26.

TEAM STATISTICS	LARams	CIN.
First downs.....	18	15
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-15	3-14
Total net yards.....	313	305
Net yards rushing.....	43	79
Net yards passing.....	270	226
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	41-26-2	34-23-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-13	7-43
Punts-average.....	6-43.5	6-43.3
Punt returns-yards.....	4-25	2-28
Kickoff returns-yards.....	1-17	0-0
Penalties-yards.....	2-10	4-31
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	30:47	29:13

**RUSHING**

LARams	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Akers	13	21	8	0	J.Mixon	15	72	14	0
D.Henderson	4	7	5	0	J.Chase	1	4	4	0
C.Kupp	1	7	7	0	J.Burrow	2	3	4	0
M.Stafford	3	6	7	0	S.Perine	2	0	0	0
S.Michel	2	2	3	0					
TOTALS	23	43	8	0	TOTALS	20	79	14	0

**PASSING**

LARams	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
M.Stafford	40	26	283	3-2	J.Burrow	33	22	263	1-0
C.Kupp	1	0	0	0-0	J.Mixon	1	1	6	1-0
TOTALS	41	26	283	3-2	TOTALS	34	23	269	2-0

**RECEIVING**

LARams	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Kupp	8	92	22	2	J.Chase	5	89	46	0
B.Hopkins	4	47	16	0	T.Boyd	5	48	16	0
V.Jefferson	4	23	13	0	J.Mixon	5	1	4	0
D.Henderson	3	43	25	0	T.Higgins	4	100	75t	2
C.Akers	3	14	7	0	C.Uzomah	2	11	6	0
O.Beckham	2	52	35	1	M.D.Thomas	1	17	17	0
B.Skowronek	2	12	7	0	C.Evans	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	26	283	35	3	TOTALS	23	269	75t	2

**DEFENSE**

**L.A. Rams** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Williams 3-5-8, E.Jones 6-1-7, T.Rapp 4-3-7, A.Robinson 5-1-6, L.Floyd 4-1-5, E.Weddle 4-1-5, A.Donald 3-1-4, D.Long 3-1-4, J.Ramsey 3-1-4, G.Gaines 0-3-3, V.Miller 2-0-2, N.Scott 2-0-2, T.Reeder 1-1-2, J.Hollins 1-0-1, O.Okoronkwo 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** V.Miller 2-16, A.Donald 2-10, L.Floyd 1-8, E.Jones 1-7, A.Robinson 1-2. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** E.Jones 1, V.Miller 1, J.Ramsey 1, D.Williams 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** L.Wilson 8-1-9, S.Hubbard 5-3-8, G.Pratt 5-3-8, V.Bell 5-2-7, J.Bates 3-3-6, C.Awuzie 5-0-5, E.Apple 3-2-5, M.Hilton 3-1-4, B.Hill 1-2-3, T.Hendrickson 1-1-2, K.Kareem 1-1-2, T.Flowers 1-0-1, D.Reader 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.Hendrickson 1-7, D.Reader 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** C.Awuzie 1-1, J.Bates 1-0. **PD:** E.Apple 1, C.Awuzie 1, J.Bates 1, L.Wilson 1. **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, R.Smith 3-2-5, A.Washington 3-2-5, 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 9-2-11, 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 3-0-3, 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.

# IN 2023, THE BENGALS ARE:

## REGULAR SEASON

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

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

**16-17-0** at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)  
**12-21-1** on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)  
**19-12-0** when scoring first  
**9-26-1** when opponent scores first  
**4-14-1** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**10-21-1** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**19-9-0** when leading after one quarter  
**5-7-1** when tied after one quarter  
**4-22-0** when trailing after one quarter  
**20-9-0** when leading at halftime  
**2-2-0** when tied at halftime  
**6-27-1** when trailing at halftime  
**21-6-1** when leading after three quarters  
**3-1-0** when tied after three quarters  
**4-31-0** when trailing after three quarters  
**27-12-1** when scoring 20 or more points  
**13-32-1** when opponent scores 20 or more points

**25-37-1** when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
**3-1-0** when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
**7-16-1** on natural grass  
**21-22-0** on synthetic surface  
**10-7-0** when rushing for 125 or more net yards  
**7-22-1** when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards  
**17-31-1** when rushing for less than 125 net yards  
**21-16-0** when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards  
**15-16-1** when passing for 250 or more net yards  
**14-14-0** when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards  
**13-22-0** when passing for less than 250 net yards  
**14-24-1** when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards  
**16-6-1** with plus turnover differential  
**8-9-0** with even turnover differential  
**4-23-0** 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

59 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 56 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
 12 — Chris Evans, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

13 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
 13 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 2 — (two times)

### LONGEST RUSHES

22 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
 14 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 12 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### RECEPTIONS

8 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 6 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 5 — (two times)

### RECEIVING YARDS

89 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 52 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 39 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### PASSING YARDS

222 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 82 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### PASS ATTEMPTS

41 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 31 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
 1 — Jake Browning, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### PASS COMPLETIONS

27 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 14 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### LONGEST PASSES

32 — Joe Burrow to Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 20 — Joe Burrow to Tee Higgins, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 18 — Joe Burrow to Tee Higgins, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

95 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore (59 rushing, 36 receiving)  
 89 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore (0 rushing, 89 receiving)  
 73 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 at Cleveland (56 rushing, 17 receiving)

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

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

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

81 — Charlie Jones, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore (TD)  
 15 — Charlie Jones, Sept. 10 at Cleveland  
 8 — Charlie Jones, Sept. 10 at Cleveland

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

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

### SOLO TACKLES\*

9 — Dax Hill, Sept. 17 vs. Baltimore  
 7 — (three times)

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

# GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 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										
Oct. 1	at Tennessee										
Oct. 8	at Arizona										
Oct. 15	SEATTLE										
Oct. 22	— BYE —										
Oct. 29	at San Francisco										
Nov. 5	BUFFALO										
Nov. 12	HOUSTON										
Nov. 16	at Baltimore										
Nov. 26	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 4	at Jacksonville										
Dec. 10	INDIANAPOLIS										
(TBD)	MINNESOTA										
Dec. 23	at Pittsburgh										
Dec. 31	at Kansas City										
(TBD)	CLEVELAND										
<b>TOTALS</b>		424	35-141	283	41-73	2/1	3-21	25	12-30	0-0	25:33

## 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										
Oct. 1	at Tennessee										
Oct. 8	at Arizona										
Oct. 15	SEATTLE										
Oct. 22	— BYE —										
Oct. 29	at San Francisco										
Nov. 5	BUFFALO										
Nov. 12	HOUSTON										
Nov. 16	at Baltimore										
Nov. 26	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 4	at Jacksonville										
Dec. 10	INDIANAPOLIS										
(TBD)	MINNESOTA										
Dec. 23	at Pittsburgh										
Dec. 31	at Kansas City										
(TBD)	CLEVELAND										
<b>TOTALS</b>		765	77-384	381	40-62	3/1	3-10	47	13-28	2-1	34:27

# TRANSACTIONS

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

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

# PARTICIPATION CHART

## LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

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

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

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

NAME	1 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	2-0	P	P															
Anderson, Tycen	2-0	P	P															
Awuzie, Chidobe	2-2	CB	CB															
Bachie, Joe	2-0	P	P															
Bailey, Markus	2-0	P	P															
Battle, Jordan	2-0	P	P															
Boyd, Tyler	2-2	WR	WR															
Brown, Chase	1-0	IL	P															
Brown, Orlando, Jr.	2-2	LOT	LOT															
Browning, Jake	1-0	P	DNP															
Burrow, Joe	2-2	QB	QB															
Cappa, Alex	2-2	RG	RG															
Carman, Jackson	0-0	IL	IL															
Carter, Zach	2-0	P	P															
Chase, Ja'Marr	2-2	WR	WR															
Cochran, Devin	0-0	RI	RI															
Collins, La'el	0-0	RPUP	NWT															
Davis, Dominique	0-0	PS	PS															
Davis, Jalen	2-0	P	P															
Davis-Gaither, Akeem	2-0	P	P															
Evans, Chris	1-0	P	IL															
Felton, Demetric, Jr.	0-0	PS	PS															
Ford, Cody	2-0	P	P															
Gentry, Zach	0-0	PS	PS															
George, Allan	0-0	PS	PS															
Gilliam, Nate	0-0	PS	PS															
Grier, Will	0-0	PS	PS															
Gunter, Jeff	0-0	PS	PS															
Hendrickson, Trey	2-2	RDE	RDE															
Heyward, Shaka	0-0	PS	PS															
Higgins, Tee	2-2	WR	WR															
Hill, B.J.	2-2	DT	DT															
Hill, Dax	2-2	S	S															
Hill, Trey	0-0	IL	IL															
Hilton, Mike	2-2	NCB	NCB															
Hubbard, Sam	2-2	LDE	LDE															
Hudson, Tanner	0-0	PS	PS															
Iosivas, Andrei	2-0	P	P															
Irwin, Trenton	2-0	P	P															
Ivey, DJ	0-0	IL	IL															
Jackson, Shedrick	0-0	PS	PS															
Jones, Charlie	2-0	P	P															
Jones, Sidney, IV	0-0	PS	PS															
Karras, Ted	2-2	C	C															
Kirkland, Jaxson	0-0	PS	PS															
Lassiter, Kwamie, II	0-0	PS	PS															
Maxwell, Devonnsha	0-0	RI	RI															
McPherson, Evan	2-0	P	P															
Mixon, Joe	2-2	HB	HB															
Morgan, Stanley	0-0	PS	PS															
Murphy, Myles	2-0	P	P															
Nelson, Garrett	0-0	PS	PS															
Ossai, Joseph	0-0	IL	IL															
Pesefea, Tautala	0-0	RI	NWT															
Pratt, Germaine	2-2	LB	LB															
Reader, DJ	2-2	NT	NT															
Robbins, Brad	2-0	P	P															
Sample, Cam	2-0	P	P															
Sample, Drew	2-0	P	P															
Scharping, Max	2-0	P	P															
Scott, Nick	2-2	S	S															
Smith, D'Ante	0-0	DNP	DNP															
Smith, Irv, Jr.	2-2	TE	TE															
Taylor-Britt, Cam	2-2	CB	CB															
Tell, Marvell, III	0-0	RI	RI															
Thomas, Michael J.	0-0	PS	PS															
Tufele, Jay	1-0	P	DNP															
Tupou, Josh	2-0	P	P															
Turner, DJ, II	2-0	P	P															
Volson, Cordell	2-2	LG	LG															
Wilcox, Mitchell	2-0	P	P															
Williams, Jonah	2-2	ROT	ROT															
Williams, Trayveon	2-0	P	P															
Wilson, Logan	2-2	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											
Oct. 1	at Tennessee											
Oct. 8	at Arizona											
Oct. 15	SEATTLE											
Oct. 22	— BYE —											
Oct. 29	at San Francisco											
Nov. 5	BUFFALO											
Nov. 12	HOUSTON											
Nov. 16	at Baltimore											
Nov. 26	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 4	at Jacksonville											
Dec. 10	INDIANAPOLIS											
(TBD)	MINNESOTA											
Dec. 23	at Pittsburgh											
Dec. 31	at Kansas City											
(TBD)	CLEVELAND											

## DEFENSE

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

# DEPTH CHART

SEPT. 19, 2023

## OFFENSE

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

## DEFENSE

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

## SPECIAL TEAMS

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

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

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

SEPT. 19, 2023

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

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

39	Marvell Tell III (8-29-23; concussion)	CB	6-2	198	8-2-96	2	Southern California	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'22
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: 0-2**

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			L.A. RAMS	
10-1-23			at Tennessee	
10-8-23			at Arizona	
10-15-23			SEATTLE	
10-22-23			— BYE —	
10-29-23			at San Francisco	
11-5-23			BUFFALO	
11-12-23			HOUSTON	
11-16-23			at Baltimore	
11-26-23			PITTSBURGH	
12-4-23			at Jacksonville	
12-10-23			INDIANAPOLIS	
(TBD)			MINNESOTA	
12-23-23			at Pittsburgh	
12-31-23			at Kansas City	
(TBD)			CLEVELAND	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	25	47
Rushing	6	23
Passing	16	21
Penalty	3	3
3rd Down: Made-Att	12-30	13-28
3rd Down Pct.	40.0	46.4
4th Down: Made-Att	1-2	0-0
4th Down Pct.	50.0	0.0
POSSESSION AVG.	25:33	34:27
TOTAL NET YARDS	424	765
Avg. Per Game	212.0	382.5
Total Plays	111	142
Avg. Per Play	3.8	5.4
NET YARDS RUSHING	141	384
Avg. Per Game	70.5	192.0
Total Rushes	35	77
NET YARDS PASSING	283	381
Avg. Per Game	141.5	190.5
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-21	3-10
Gross Yards	304	391
Att.-Completions	73-41	62-40
Completion Pct.	56.2	64.5
Had Intercepted	1	1
PUNTS-AVG.	13-40.7	9-49.8
Net Punting Avg.	13-37.8	9-35.9
PENALTIES-YARDS	9-50	11-99
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	0-0	2-1
TOUCHDOWNS	3	5
Rushing	0	2
Passing	2	3
Returns	1	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	0	10	10	7	0	27
OPPONENTS	7	16	10	18	0	51

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Tee Higgins	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	3-3	2-3	0	9
Charlie Jones	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	3	0	2	1	3-3	2-3	0	27
OPPONENTS	5	2	3	0	4-4	5-6	0	51

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

**Sacks-yards:** Germaine Pratt 1-7, Trey Hendrickson 1-3, B.J. Hill 1-0. BENGALS 3-10, OPPONENTS 3-21.

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

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	72	41	304	56.9	4.22	2	2.8	1	1.4	32	3-21	70.6
Jake Browning	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	—	0-0	39.6
BENGALS	73	41	304	56.2	4.16	2	2.7	1	1.4	32	3-21	69.7
OPPONENTS	62	40	391	64.5	6.31	3	4.8	1	1.6	52	3-10	91.5

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	26	115	4.4	22	0
Chris Evans	2	12	6.0	7	0
Trayveon Williams	2	7	3.5	5	0
Joe Burrow	2	4	2.0	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	35	141	4.0	22	0
OPPONENTS	77	384	5.0	20	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Ja'Marr Chase	10	70	7.0	13	0
Tee Higgins	8	89	11.1	20	2
Tyler Boyd	8	62	7.8	13	0
Joe Mixon	7	53	7.6	32	0
Irv Smith Jr.	5	27	5.4	8	0
Trayveon Williams	2	4	2.0	3	0
Chris Evans	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
BENGALS	41	304	7.4	32	2
OPPONENTS	40	391	9.8	52	3

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Dax Hill	1	20	20.0	20	0
BENGALS	1	20	20.0	20	0
OPPONENTS	1	36	36.0	36	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK
Brad Robbins	13	529	40.7	37.8	1	3	54	0
BENGALS	13	529	40.7	37.8	1	3	54	0
OPPONENTS	9	448	49.8	35.9	1	3	66	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Charlie Jones	4	1	105	26.3	81t	1
BENGALS	4	1	105	26.3	81t	1
OPPONENTS	4	6	17	4.3	6	0

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

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

**Evan McPherson:** (42G, 51WR), (27G).

**Opponents:** (42G, 34G, 43G), (69WR, 44G, 40G).

DEFENSE*	TK	AS	CM	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Germaine Pratt	14	6	20	1-7	0-0	0	1	0-0
Nick Scott	8	12	20	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Logan Wilson	13	5	18	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dax Hill	14	3	17	0-0	1-20	2	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	5	7	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Mike Hilton	5	4	9	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Cam Taylor-Britt	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
B.J. Hill	6	1	7	1-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Chidobe Awuzie	6	0	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-0
Cam Sample	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
DJ Reader	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Trey Hendrickson	2	3	5	1-3	0-0	1	0	0-0
Zach Carter	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
DJ Turner II	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jay Tufele	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jordan Battle	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

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

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