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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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CINCINNATI BENGALS (4-2) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (5-1)

WEEK 7, GAME 7
SUNDAY, OCT. 24
AT M&T BANK STADIUM

UP NEXT: WEEK 8, GAME 8
OCT. 31 AT N.Y. JETS

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

Television: The game will air nationally on CBS-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Ch. 7) in Dayton and on WKYT-TV (Ch. 27) in Lexington. Broadcasters are Kevin Harlan (play-by-play), Trent Green (analyst) and Melanie Collins (sideline reporter).

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

The game also will air nationally on Compass Media Networks. Broadcasters are Gregg Daniels (play-by-play) and Brian Baldinger (analyst).

Setting the scene: The Bengals this week travel to Baltimore to take on the division-rival Ravens on Sunday at M&T Bank Stadium. Cincinnati will be looking to ride the momentum of a 34-11 win over the Detroit Lions on Sunday, which gave the Bengals their largest margin of victory since 2017.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Bengals head coach Zac Taylor of his team's win. "That's what we needed — come on the road after a loss, and win. It wasn't perfect and there are a lot of things we're going to have to clean up, but I thought our guys did a great job of playing in control through that game. Now we just have to put that one behind us and move forward."

Cincinnati opened the game by winning its 11th straight coin toss (more info in "Bengals coin-toss streak at 11"), forcing a three-and-out, and then driving eight plays and 61 yards for their first opening-possession TD of the season. The score came courtesy of rookie sixth-round pick Chris Evans, who made a fingertip grab on a 24-yard pass from QB Joe Burrow. Evans was credited by teammates and coaches for making important plays throughout the game, including a key blitz pickup on a deep pass to WR Ja'Marr Chase in the third quarter.

"We didn't consider it a breakout performance for Chris," Taylor said. "This is what we've seen from him since training camp — running a double-move like that and creating that separation. That's a tough matchup for other teams."

"For him to finish that play was a big deal. Then he stepped up and got some carries and made other plays. It's different from preseason games because the bright lights are on and you're on TV playing against a real NFL team in a real game. I thought he did a nice job."

The Bengals' offense struggled to find its footing for much of the rest of the first half, but the defense turned in a dominant performance that held the Lions scoreless before the break while allowing just 51 total yards. Cincinnati took a 10-0 lead into halftime, thanks in part to a 34-yard pass to Chase that helped set up a FG in the waning seconds of the half. It was the latest installment in what has become a common theme this season for Cincinnati — Burrow and Chase connecting on a deep pass late in the second quarter to give the Bengals points just before halftime (more info in "Chase heats up before halftime").

"Ja'Marr just keeps making plays in those situations," Burrow said. "That's the fourth game now that he's made a big catch in the 'two-minute' right before the half that's gotten us points. He's just going to keep making those plays. That's just the kind of guy he is."

Cincinnati's offense got rolling in the second half and opened the third quarter with a 75-yard TD drive that was capped by a 40-yard TD catch by HB Joe Mixon on a fourth-and-one. Mixon, though, wasn't even the star of the play.

"That's Ja'Marr's touchdown, it wasn't mine," Mixon said of Chase, who sprinted downfield to make a key block and spring him into the end zone. "I got out to the flat and saw him, and he threw a hell of a block. He threw the guy to the ground, and I just finished it."

Mixon posted 153 yards from scrimmage on the day, and Burrow tossed three TDs to become just the second player ever to throw at least two TDs in each of the first six games of their rookie or second season (the other was Dan Marino in 1984, his second season). Chase had 97 receiving yards, barely missing what would've been his third 100-yard game, but his 553 receiving yards so far this season are the second-most since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger by a rookie through their first six games (Anquan Boldin had 593 in 2003).

"There's a lot made of these receivers because of their talent and big-play production," Taylor said. "Their catches, their dances and all that stuff. But they're selfless. They care about their teammates. I could tell just in Ja'Marr's eyes today how excited he was for Joe Mixon to score that touchdown. That's going to take us a long way when we have guys like that."

This week, the Bengals face a division-leading Ravens team led by star QB Lamar Jackson and the NFL's No. 4 offense.

"It feels like every game has been mentioned as a 'measuring-stick' game," Taylor said. "This is just the next game for us. And it's a road divisional game."

"If we want to achieve all the things we've set out to achieve and all the goals we have in front of us, you have to play well and win in your division — at home and on the road. This game is part of this process for us."

The Ravens enter Sunday's matchup 5-1, after beating the L.A. Chargers 34-6 last week.

The series: Baltimore leads the series, 27-23.

Here are some series notes:

- When Cincinnati took a 23-22 series lead in Week 2 of the 2018 season, it was the first time the Bengals had led the series since after the first of two meetings of 1998, when they were up 3-2. That lead didn't last long, however, as the Ravens now have won five straight and recaptured a four-game advantage.

- The Ravens now have swept the Bengals two consecutive seasons (2020 and '21). Prior to 2020, the Ravens had not swept the Bengals since 2011. The most recent Bengals' sweep of the Ravens was in 2015.

- It hasn't been an easy series for the visiting team. The Ravens lead 17-8 in Baltimore, and the Bengals lead 15-10 in Cincinnati.

- Since 2010, 14 of the teams' 22 meetings have been one-score decisions, by eight or fewer points.

Complete Bengals-Ravens series results are on page 193 of the 2021 Bengals Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 42, in a 42-29 win in 2005 at Paul Brown Stadium. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 17, in a 34-17 win at Paul Brown Stadium in the 2013 regular-season finale. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 7 (three times), most recently in a 17-7 win in 2009 at Paul Brown Stadium.

Ravens — MOST POINTS: 49, in a 49-13 win at Paul Brown Stadium last season. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 37, in a 37-0 win at Baltimore in 2000. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (four times), most recently on Sept. 10 in the Ravens' 20-0 win in the 2017 season-opener at Cincinnati.

The last meetings: Summaries of the two 2020 Bengals-Ravens meetings are on page 15 of this news release.

Turnover margin is key vs. Ravens: In the 39 all-time Bengals-Ravens meetings in which the turnover differential has not been even (1995-present), the team who wins the turnover battle has posted a 34-5 record.

Putting it another way, the Bengals are 14-3 against the Ravens with a plus turnover differential, and 2-20 with a minus. Looking at it from Baltimore's point of view, the Ravens are 20-2 with a plus and 3-14 with a minus.

Cincinnati leads 7-4 in games against Baltimore in which the turnover margin was even.

BENGALS-RAVENS NFL RANKINGS

Table with 3 columns: Category, BENGALS, RAVENS. Rows include SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS), NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS), NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS), and TURNOVERS.

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

- Bengals P Kevin Huber has played in 196 career Bengals games, 10 shy of LB Reggie Williams (206) for second place all-time. CB Ken Riley (207) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Huber passed QB Ken Anderson (192) for third place all-time in Game 3 at Pittsburgh.
- Bengals LS Clark Harris has played in 190 career Bengals games, two shy of QB Ken Anderson (192) for fourth place all-time. Harris passed OT Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place in Game 2 at Chicago, and then passed DT Tim Krumrie (188) for fifth place all-time in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville.
- Bengals S Brandon Wilson has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with S/CB Tremain Mack for the Bengals' all-time lead.

Records vs. Ravens: In the first Bengals-Ravens game, Nov. 3, 1996 at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium, head coach Bruce Coslet's Bengals overcame what still stands today as the largest deficit (18 points) to win a road game in franchise history. The Ravens led 21-3 at halftime, but Cincinnati rallied for a 24-21 win on a 39-yard Doug Pelfrey field goal at the final gun.

The Bengals' second-biggest comeback in a road win also was at Baltimore. On Dec. 5, 2004 at M&T Bank Stadium, Cincinnati rallied from a 20-3 deficit to win 27-26. Also:

- Shayne Graham kicked a Bengals-record seven field goals — for all of Cincinnati's scoring — in a 21-7 win at Baltimore in 2007. Graham did not have a missed attempt. The NFL record for field goals in a game is eight, set by Rob Bironas of Tennessee in 2007, and Graham is one of nine players sharing second place with seven.
- In the 2014 season opener at Baltimore, Bengals K Mike Nugent tied the NFL record for field goals in a half (five). His five in the first half gave the Bengals a 15-0 lead toward an eventual 23-16 win.
- In 2008 against the Ravens in Cincinnati, P Kyle Larson punted 11 times, which is tied with three other instances for most in a game in team history. Larson's 480 yards punting that day also stand as the third-most for a single game in Bengals history.
- The Bengals record for kickoff return yardage in a game (228 yards) was set at Baltimore by Brandon Bennett in 2002. Bennett had a 94-yarder for a TD.

Individually vs. Ravens: Past offensive performances by current Bengals players against the Ravens include (ordered by total games played):

- WR Tyler Boyd: 10 games; 37 receptions for 480 yards (13.0) and two TDs; two rushes for 26 yards (13.0); one pass attempt (incomplete).
- HB Joe Mixon: Seven games; 121 rushes for 386 yards (3.2); 18 receptions for 158 yards (8.8).
- TE C.J. Uzomah: Seven games; 12 catches for 132 yards (11.0) and one TD.

- WR Auden Tate: Four games; 10 receptions for 144 yards (14.4).
- TE Drew Sample: Four games; Seven receptions for 39 yards (5.6).
- HB Samaje Perine (Reserve/COVID-19): Three games; Nine rushes for 51 yards (5.7).
- HB Trayveon Williams (Practice Squad): Three games; Four rushes for 74 yards (18.5); One reception for three yards.
- WR Tee Higgins: Two games; Four receptions for 62 yards (15.5).
- WR Mike Thomas: Two games; One reception for four yards.
- QB Brandon Allen: One game; One game; 21 attempts with six completions, 48 yards and two INTs (0.0 passer rating); One rush for two yards.
- QB Joe Burrow: One game; 30 attempts with 19 completions, 183 yards and one INT (66.4 passer rating); Three rushes for 10 yards (3.3).

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

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

RAVENS RED-ZONE REPORT

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

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear white jerseys and black pants (orange stripes) this week at Baltimore. The team over the offseason unveiled new uniforms, marking Cincinnati's first significant uniform redesign since 2004.

There are three different color options for the new jerseys — black, white and orange. The pants also feature three different options — black with orange stripes, white with orange stripes, and white with black stripes. The team's iconic striped helmet was unchanged.

Here are the possible combinations for the Bengals' new uniforms (this table does not consider the additional possible options of the three sock colors of black, orange and white):

Table with 4 columns: JERSEY, PANTS/STRIPE, W-L-T, PCT. Rows list combinations of jersey and pants colors and their win-loss-tie records and percentages.

* — NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate jerseys, color rush (CR) uniforms and/or throwback uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. As in years past, orange will serve as the Bengals' designated alternate jersey. Cincinnati does not have a throwback uniform, and no longer has a color rush uniform.

Bengals-Ravens connections: Ravens G Kevin Zeitler originally was a first-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2012, and was with Cincinnati through the 2016 season ... Ravens head coach John Harbaugh is from Perrysburg, Ohio, played defensive back at Miami (Ohio) University, and coached at Morehead State (1988) and the University of Cincinnati ('89-96) ... Ravens QB Lamar Jackson played at the University of Louisville ... Ravens LB Malik Harrison, RB J.K. Dobbins (Injured Reserve) and WR Binjimen Victor all played at Ohio State University; Harrison is from Columbus, Ohio (Walnut Ridge High School) ... Bengals OT Isaiah Prince is from Greenbelt, Md. (Eleanor Roosevelt High School) ... Ravens OT Andre Smith (practice squad) originally was a first-round pick of the Bengals in 2009, and was with Cincinnati from '09-15 and '17-19 ... Ravens DT Kahlil McKenzie (practice squad) was with the Bengals in 2020 ... Ravens DE Derek Wolfe (Injured Reserve) played at the

University of Cincinnati ... Ravens LB L.J. Fort (Injured Reserve) was on the Bengals' practice squad in 2014 ... Ravens RB Le'Veon Bell (practice squad) is from Reynoldsburg, Ohio (Groveport Madison High School) ... Bengals LB Keandre Jones (practice squad) is from Olney, Md. (Good Counsel High School), and played at the University of Maryland ... Ravens DT Brandon Williams attended prep school for one year at Harmony Community School in Cincinnati ... Ravens CB Chris Westry (practice squad) played at the University of Kentucky ... Ravens quarterbacks coach James Urban was on the Bengals' coaching staff from 2011-17 ... Bengals special teams coordinator Darrin Simmons entered NFL coaching with the Ravens in 1998 ... Bengals senior defensive assistant

Mark Duffner was the head coach at the University of Maryland from 1992-96 ... Bengals offensive line coach Frank Pollack is from Camp Springs, Md. ... Ravens defensive coordinator Don Martindale is from Dayton, Ohio, played at Defiance College from 1981-84, and coached at Defiance ('86-87) and the University of Cincinnati ('96-98) ... Ravens pass defense coordinator Chris Hewitt played defensive back at the University of Cincinnati from 1993-96 ... Ravens RBs coach Craig Ver Steeg coached at the University of Cincinnati 1990-93 ... Ravens assistant special teams coach T.J. Weist coached at the University of Cincinnati from 2010-13 ... Ravens assistant LBs coach Jay Peterson played (1980-83) and coached ('91-98, 2011-13) at Miami (Ohio) University ... Ravens inside LBs coach Rob Ryan coached at Ohio State University in 1988 ... Ravens pass game specialist Keith Williams is from Lima, Ohio.

THE HEAD COACHES

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

In 2019, his first season as head coach, Taylor headed off a wave of early season injuries to lead 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 their per-attempt average jumped 1.26 yards (3.17 to 4.43) and they allowed 10 fewer sacks (29 to 19). The team's top four WRs — Tyler Boyd, Alex Erickson, Auden Tate and John Ross III — all posted career-highs in both receptions and receiving yards. 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. The team finished 2-14 that season.

In 2020, Taylor helped transition QB Joe Burrow, the No. 1 overall pick in the draft, to the pro level despite the absence of an in-person offseason program due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Taylor helped Burrow to one of the most productive starts to a career by a QB in NFL history, before a knee injury ended the rookie's season after 10 games. Still, Burrow's 264 completions were the most ever by an NFL QB through their first 10 career games, while his 404 pass attempts were second and his 2688 passing yards were fifth. Defensively, Taylor oversaw the onboarding of seven new starters, and helped Cincinnati hold opposing passers to just a 62.8 completion percentage (sixth-lowest in the NFL).

Taylor came to Cincinnati after two seasons (2017-18) with the L.A. Rams, where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2017 and quarterbacks coach in '18. In 2018, he helped guide Rams QB Jared Goff to career highs in every major passing category. Goff ranked fourth in the NFL in passing yards and eighth in passer rating. The Rams' QB play was a key component to their offense, which finished the regular season ranked second in the NFL in total net yards (421.1 per game), fifth in net passing yards (281.7), second in scoring (32.9), first in first downs (401) and fifth in third-down percentage (45.0). Los Angeles won the NFC West with a 13-3 regular-season record and advanced to Super Bowl LIII against the New England Patriots.

In 2017, Taylor helped oversee an emerging Rams passing offense that ranked 10th in the NFL in passing yards per game (239.4). Taylor directed a young Rams receiving corps headed by rookie Cooper Kupp, who finished the season with 62 catches, a team-high 869 receiving yards and five TDs.

Prior to his time with the Rams, Taylor had a one-year stint in the college ranks, serving as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at the University of Cincinnati in 2016. Taylor served under head coach Tommy Tuberville at UC.

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

During his time in Miami, Taylor was instrumental in the development of QB Ryan Tannehill, the team's first-round draft pick in 2012.

Taylor's coaching career began at Texas A&M University, where he served as offensive graduate assistant and tight ends coach under head coach Mike Sherman from 2008-11. The Aggies shared the Big 12 South Championship in 2010 and 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. Taylor had a decorated career with the Cornhuskers, setting numerous school records and passing for a combined 5850 yards and 45 touchdowns. In his senior season of 2006, Taylor was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year after passing for 3197 total yards and leading the Cornhuskers to a 9-3 record, an appearance in the Big 12 Championship Game and a berth in the Cotton Bowl. He was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

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

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

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

John Harbaugh is in his 14th season at the helm in Baltimore. He has led the Ravens to a playoff berth in nine of his 13 full seasons (2008-12, '14, '18-20), and in '12, he captured the franchise's second Super Bowl championship.

Under Harbaugh's guidance, Baltimore is one of four teams with at least nine playoff berths in the past 13 seasons. The other three are New England (11), Green Bay (10) and Seattle (9).

In 2020, the Ravens earned their third straight playoff berth by posting an 11-5 regular-season record before falling in the Divisional round at Buffalo. In 2019, Harbaugh became the first Ravens coach ever to win The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year Award. He led the Ravens to the AFC's No. 1 playoff seed and a franchise-best 14-2 record. Baltimore also won a franchise-record 12-straight games to close out the regular season. In 2018, Baltimore (10-6) captured the AFC North Division title, earning a Wild Card playoff berth vs. the Los Angeles Chargers. In 2014, the Ravens posted a 10-6 record en route to capturing a 30-17 victory at Pittsburgh in the Wild Card round.

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

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

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

Harbaugh played defensive back at Miami (Ohio) University from 1980-83, and earned degree in political science. He coached collegiately at Western Michigan (1984-86), Pittsburgh ('87), Morehead State ('88), Cincinnati ('89-96) and Indiana ('97).

Harbaugh was born in Perrysburg, Ohio, on Sept. 23, 1962. He is the son of longtime college coach Jack. His brother, Jim, is head coach at Michigan and played for the Ravens in 1998. His brother-in-law, Tom Crean, who is Georgia's head basketball coach, is married to the brothers' sister, Joani. Harbaugh and his wife, Ingrid, have one daughter.

Taylor vs. Ravens: The Ravens lead, 4-0.

Taylor vs. Harbaugh: Harbaugh leads, 4-0

Harbaugh vs. Bengals: Harbaugh leads, 14-12.

BENGALS NOTES

At the top of the list: Here's a look at where the Bengals rank — both individually and in team categories — among the top 10 in the NFL.

BENGALS OFFENSE

- Tied for second in fourth-down efficiency (75.0; six for eight).
- Third in red-zone TD percentage (83.3).
- Fifth in passing yards per play (8.84).

JOE BURROW

- Tied for second in pass plays of 40 or more yards (six).
- Fourth in yards per pass attempt (8.85).
- Fifth in completion percentage (70.7).
- Tied for sixth in TD passes (14).
- Seventh in passer rating (107.9).
- Tied for 10th in pass plays of 20 or more yards (21).

JOE MIXON

- Second in rushing attempts (111).
- Fourth in rushing yardage (480).
- Tied for 10th in yards from scrimmage (570).

JA'MARR CHASE

- First in receptions of 40 or more yards (five).
- Fourth in receiving yards (553).
- Tied for fourth in receiving TDs (five).
- Tied for fourth in receptions of 20 or more yards (nine).
- Tied for seventh in third-down receptions (11).
- Tied for ninth in scoring — non-kickers (30).

BENGALS DEFENSE

- Second in total yards allowed per play (5.1).
- Fifth in yards allowed per passing play (6.52).
- Tied for fifth in points allowed per game (18.5).
- Tied for sixth in first downs allowed per game (19.6).
- Seventh in yards allowed per rushing play (3.9).
- Eighth in total yards allowed per game (331.0).
- Eighth in rushing yards allowed per game (90.5).
- Ninth in yards per play on first down (5.24).
- Tied for ninth in sacks (14).
- Tenth in opponents' red-zone TD percentage (52.6).

LOGAN WILSON

- Second in INTs (four).
- Tied for 10th in tackles (46).

TREY HENDRICKSON

- Tied for ninth in sacks (5.5).

Bengals coin-toss streak at 11: Just before the ball is kicked this Sunday in Baltimore, the Bengals will be looking to extend a rare and extremely lucky streak that dates back to late last season.

Cincinnati has won the opening coin toss in each of its last nine games, dating back to the team's Dec. 21 Monday Night Football win over Pittsburgh last season. That nine-game stretch includes two overtime contests, and the Bengals won the coin tosses prior to the extra period in both of those games.

Add it all up, and Cincinnati has now won 11 straight coin tosses. The odds of winning 11 straight coin tosses is one in 2048, and the odds of winning 12 straight — which the Bengals could do on Sunday — are one in 4096.

The Bengals' last coin toss loss was on Dec. 13 vs. Dallas last season.

Bengals carry "Mo" into halftime: The Bengals this season have scored a combined 31 points in the last two minutes of the first half. That total is second among all NFL teams. When divided out among Cincinnati's five games, that's an average of 5.2 points per game in the last two minutes.

Here's a look at the NFL teams this season with the most points in the last two minutes before halftime:

| TEAM | MOST POINTS IN TWO MINUTES BEFORE HALF |
|---------------------------|--|
| Cleveland Browns..... | 42 |
| Cincinnati Bengals..... | 31 |
| New Orleans Saints..... | 28 |
| Green Bay Packers..... | 27 |
| San Francisco 49ers..... | 24 |
| Tampa Bay Buccaneers..... | 24 |

... And come out firing after the break: Not only are the Bengals one of the NFL's top teams at scoring before halftime, they're also among the best at getting back on the scoreboard after the break. Cincinnati this

season ranks second in the NFL in points scored (27) on the first offensive possession of the second half.

Cincinnati has won the opening coin toss in each of their six games this season (see "Bengals coin-toss streak at 11"), and has deferred to the second half each time. The offense has come away with points on the first offensive possession of the second half in five of those six games (three TDs, two FGs). The only outlier came on Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay, when Cincinnati drove 32 yards in three plays and reached Packers territory before an INT ended the possession.

Here's a look at the teams this season with the most points scored on the first offensive possession of the second half:

| TEAM | POINTS |
|---------------------------|--------|
| L.A. Rams..... | 30 |
| Cincinnati Bengals..... | 27 |
| Tampa Bay Buccaneers..... | 21 |
| Tennessee Titans..... | 21 |
| Kansas City Chiefs..... | 21 |
| Las Vegas Raiders..... | 21 |

Roster flip noticeable in Year Three: Zac Taylor took over as Bengals head coach in 2019, and throughout his now three-year tenure there has been a steady but noticeable churn of the roster. Of the 50 players on the current roster (as of Tuesday, Oct. 19), only 12 suited up as Bengals prior to Taylor's arrival. That means 38 current Bengals — or 76.0 percent of the roster — have joined Cincinnati since 2019.

Cincinnati's roster overhaul has especially hit overdrive since the end of last season. Twenty-one current Bengals — that's 42 percent of the 50-player roster — had never suited up in a game for Cincinnati prior to the 2021 regular season. (It should be noted that figure includes two players who were with Cincinnati previously but never played — OT Isaiah Prince and TE Mitchell Wilcox.)

Joe goes 2 x 6: Second-year Bengals QB Joe Burrow has tossed at least two TDs in each of Cincinnati's first six games this season. The only other rookie or second-year player to accomplish that feat was Pro Football Hall of Fame QB Dan Marino, who tossed at least two TDs in each of his team's first 10 games in 1984 (his second season).

Burrow bounces back: Bengals QB Joe Burrow returned to the field this season a little more than nine months after his rookie campaign was cut short by a left knee injury. Over the offseason, a hot topic of debate centered on how quickly Burrow could return to game action, and then if and when he would return to form. He answered both of those questions almost immediately.

Shortly after the injury last season, Burrow vowed publicly that he would be Cincinnati's starting QB in the 2021 season-opener. In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, he not only made good on that promise, he went on to post then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67) — he has since topped each of those numbers. Later in the game, Burrow led Cincinnati on a seven-play, 46-yard drive in overtime that set up a game-winning FG as time expired.

So far this season, Burrow has completed 123 of 174 passes (70.7 percent) for 1540 yards, 14 TDs and seven INTs (107.9 rating).

Recapping Burrow's NFL journey: Bengals QB Joe Burrow has returned healthy this year after his rookie campaign last season ended due to a left knee injury suffered early in the third quarter of Cincinnati's Nov. 22 game at Washington. With one of the top statistical seasons by any rookie in Bengals history cut short, the 24-year old Burrow had surgery on Dec. 2 and then embarked on a long rehab process. He was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28, and participated fully in every practice (save for one scheduled rest day). Bengals coaches played it safe with Burrow in preseason though, limiting him to just three snaps, which came in the preseason finale vs. Miami.

Burrow ended his rookie campaign with 404 pass attempts, 264 completions, a 65.3 completion percentage, 13 TDs, five INTs and a passer rating of 89.8. He had five 300-yard passing games, which tied the Bengals' single-season record despite him playing only 10 games. At the time of his injury, the Athens, Ohio native had been on pace to shatter numerous other NFL rookie passing records, including the marks for attempts, completions and passing yards.

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Burrow tops 4000 passing yards: QB Joe Burrow surpassed 4000 career passing yards in Game 6 at Detroit, in what was just his 16th career game. That made him the fastest QB in team history — in terms of games played — to reach 4000 yards, edging out Carson Palmer and Jeff Blake (both 18 games).

It should be noted that Burrow missed nearly the entire second half of his 10th career game, when he left the contest with a season-ending left knee injury early in the third quarter.

In terms of pass attempts, though, he is the third-fastest Bengals QB to 4000 yards. It took Burrow 553 attempts to reach the mark, while it took Blake 547 and Boomer Esiason 538.

Burrow also among fastest Bengals to 3K: In Game 2 at Chicago, QB Joe Burrow reached 3000 career passing yards on just his 444th career attempt. That made him among the fastest Bengals ever to hit the mark.

Here's a look at the Bengals QBs who took the fewest number of passing attempts to reach 3000 career yards:

| BENGALS QB | PASS ATTEMPTS TO REACH 3K YARDS |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jeff Blake | 420 |
| Boomer Esiason | 425 |
| Andy Dalton | 437 |
| Joe Burrow..... | 444 |
| Carson Palmer..... | 446 |

Burrow's college connections: Bengals QB Joe Burrow may only be in his second NFL season, but he has plenty familiar faces around him in Cincinnati. There are six current Bengals who played with Burrow in college at either Ohio State or LSU, meaning 12.2 percent of Burrow's 49 Bengals teammates suited up with him for at least one season in college.

The Bengals also have two practice squad players who played with Burrow, along with one assistant coach — assistant WRs coach Brad Krugthorpe — who was on LSU's staff in 2018, Burrow's first season with the Tigers.

Here's a look at the current Bengals who played with Burrow in college, along with the years they played together. Burrow played at Ohio State from 2015-17, and at Louisiana State from '18-19:

| NAME | POSITION | SCHOOL | SEASONS WITH BURROW |
|----------------|----------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Eli Apple | CB | Ohio State | 2015 |
| Vonn Bell | S | Ohio State | 2015 |
| Ja'Marr Chase | WR | Louisiana State..... | 2018-19 |
| Sam Hubbard | DE | Ohio State | 2015-17 |
| Isaiah Prince | OT | Ohio State | 2015-17 |
| Tyler Shelvin | DT | Louisiana State..... | 2018-19 |
| Keandre Jones* | LB | Ohio State | 2016-17 |
| Thaddeus Moss* | TE | Louisiana State..... | 2018-19 |

* — Asterisk denotes practice squad player.

Tee continues rookie momentum: Bengals WR Tee Higgins this season has continued the momentum he built during his rookie campaign in 2020. Higgins, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, has missed two games this season due to a shoulder injury but still has 18 catches for 194 yards and two TDs.

Last year, Higgins' 67 catches tied with former WR Cris Collinsworth for the most by a rookie in team history, while his team-high 908 receiving yards were good for the fourth-most ever by a Bengals rookie. He also hauled in six TD catches, tied for fifth-most ever by a Bengals rookie. He finished the season ranked third leaguewide in catches, yards and TDs by a rookie.

Higgins this season has drawn praise from numerous Bengals coaches and teammates for transforming his body over the offseason. "My biggest thing was to get stronger," Higgins said over the summer. "I didn't do any routes, I didn't run. I was just really in the weight room for the most part. Then, once I was able to actually get on the field and do like a workout or something, I just went out there and it felt good. I just felt like I had to get stronger, so I focused a little bit more on the weight room. Now I'm weighing like 220 (pounds), and it feels good. Last year I came in at like 220, but it was too heavy for me, so I had to lose a few pounds. Now it feels really good and I feel even faster."

Boyd looking for third thousand: Bengals WR Tyler Boyd so far this season has a team-high 28 catches for 290 yards and a TD. The 2016 second-round pick of the Bengals is looking this season to top 1000 receiving

yards for what would be the third time in his career. That would make him just the fifth Bengal ever with as many 1000-yard seasons.

Currently, Boyd is on pace for 79 catches and 821 yards.

Boyd ended his 2020 season with 841 receiving yards, just 159 shy of reaching the 1000-yard mark for what would have been the third consecutive season. Boyd had been aiming to become just the fourth Bengal ever to reach 1000 receiving yards in at least three consecutive seasons. He was on pace to do just that before he left Game 14 vs. Pittsburgh in the first quarter with a concussion, and then missed the following week at Houston. He also was limited to just 10 games with the team's No. 1 QB, Joe Burrow, who suffered a season-ending injury in November.

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

Chase, Burrow reunite in Cincinnati: One of the most statistically accomplished QB-WR duos in college football history has reunited in Cincinnati. Bengals QB Joe Burrow, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2020 draft, and WR Ja'Marr Chase, the No. 5 overall pick in the '21 draft, are now teammates again after helping power the Louisiana State Tigers to a college football national championship in 2019.

With Burrow as his QB in 2019, Chase set single-season SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20), en route to winning the Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver. Burrow, of course, went on to win the Heisman Trophy as college football's top player that year, after setting numerous NCAA and SEC passing records.

So far this season, Burrow and Chase have connected 27 times for 553 yards (20.5 average) and five TDs.

Chase third-youngest to hit paydirt: It didn't take Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase long to find the end zone. Cincinnati's first-round pick in April's draft caught a 50-yard TD from QB Joe Burrow just before halftime in the team's season-opener vs. Minnesota, and in doing so he became the third-youngest Bengal ever to score a TD. Chase also finished the Vikings game with 101 receiving yards, which made him the youngest Bengal ever to hit 100 receiving yards in a game.

Chase, the youngest Bengal on the current roster, was just 195 days removed from his 21st birthday when he scored in the opener. Only former DE Robert Geathers and HB Joe Mixon, Chase's teammate, were younger for their first Bengals TD. Here's a look at the youngest Bengals to score a touchdown:

| PLAYER | DATE/OPPONENT | AGE |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| HB Joe Mixon | 10-8-2017 vs. Buffalo | 21 years, 76 days |
| DE Robert Geathers | 1-2-2005 at Philadelphia | 21 years, 144 days |
| WR Ja'Marr Chase | 9-12-2021 vs. Minnesota..... | 21 years, 195 days |
| WR Josh Malone | 10-29-2017 vs. Indianapolis..... | 21 years, 222 days |
| S Jessie Bates | 10-28-2018 vs. Tampa Bay..... | 21 years, 244 days |

One big day for 'Uno': WR Ja'Marr Chase, who is the first player in Bengals history to wear uniform No. 1 and has thus earned the nickname "Uno" among fans, is already taking aim at Cincinnati's rookie receiving record book. In just his fifth career game — Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay — 'Uno' recorded 159 receiving yards on nine catches, and scored on a 70-yard bomb from fellow LSU Tiger Joe Burrow just before halftime. That receiving yardage total counted as the second-best ever by a Bengals rookie, behind Speedy Thomas' 177 in 1969.

It should be noted that the Green Bay game went into overtime, and that Chase had one catch for 21 yards in the extra period.

Here's a look at the five best single-game receiving yardage totals by Bengals rookies.

| BENGALS ROOKIE | DATE/OPPONENT | REC. YARDS |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| WR Speedy Thomas | 12-14-69 at Denver | 177 |
| WR Ja'Marr Chase | 10-11-21 vs. Green Bay (OT) | 159 |
| WR Darnay Scott | 11-6-94 at Seattle (OT) | 157 |
| WR Speedy Thomas | 10-19-69 vs. Denver..... | 155 |
| WR Darnay Scott | 10-30-94 vs. Dallas | 155 |

That didn't take long: Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase, the team's first-round pick in April's draft, notched his first career multi-TD game on Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh. Those two TD grabs (nine and 34 yards) made him the

first NFL rookie this year with a multi-TD game, and the first Bengal rookie to reach pay dirt twice since Tee Higgins did it last year.

Higgins recorded his first multi-TD game on Sept. 27, 2020, which at the time was the earliest a Bengals rookie had ever achieved the feat. Chase, though, can now lay claim to it, after his two-TD performance against Pittsburgh came just one day earlier — Sept. 26, 2021. It should be noted that both players recorded their first multi-TD games in Week 3 of their respective seasons.

Chase also now stands as one of only six Bengal rookies ever to catch at least two TDs in a game. The others are Higgins (Sept. 27, 2020 at Philadelphia), Mohamed Sanu (Nov. 25, 2012 vs. Oakland), Darnay Scott (Oct. 30, 1994 vs. Dallas), Cris Collinsworth (Nov. 29, 1981 at Cleveland), and Isaac Curtis (Dec. 9, 1973 vs. Cleveland, and Dec. 16, 1973 at Houston).

Chase goes long in debut: Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase began his pro career in style, with five catches for 101 yards and a TD in his NFL debut. His first two catches converted third downs to keep alive what became a Bengals TD drive, and then his third reception was a 50-yard TD pass from QB Joe Burrow to give the Bengals the lead just before halftime.

That 50-yard TD went down as the longest score of any kind by a Bengals rookie in their NFL debut.

Here's a look at the longest TDs by Bengals rookies in their NFL debut:

| BENGALS ROOKIE | DATE/OPPONENT | TOUCHDOWN |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| WR Ja'Marr Chase | 9-12-2021 vs. Minnesota | 50-yard reception |
| WR A.J. Green | 9-11-2011 at Cleveland..... | 41-yard reception |
| WR Darnay Scott | 9-4-1994 vs. Cleveland | 24-yard reception |
| QB Joe Burrow | 9-13-2020 vs. L.A. Chargers..... | 23-yard rush |

Chase debuts in style: Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase made his NFL debut in Cincinnati's season-opening overtime win over Minnesota on Sept. 12, and he stuffed the stat sheet in what was widely considered one of the top debuts ever by a Bengals rookie.

Chase, Cincinnati's first-round pick in April's draft, had five catches for 101 yards and a TD against the Vikings, which made him the 30th rookie in NFL history to top 100 receiving yards in their NFL debut. And at 21 years and 195 days old, he became the youngest Bengal ever to top 100 receiving yards, and the third-youngest Bengal to score a TD. He was the first Bengal with a receiving TD in his NFL debut since A.J. Green in 2011, and his 50-yard TD catch at the end of the first half was the longest TD of any kind by a Bengals rookie in their NFL debut.

Here's a look at the Bengals rookies with the most receiving yards in their NFL debut:

| BENGALS ROOKIE | DEBUT GAME | REC. YARDS |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| WR Ja'Marr Chase | 9-12-2021 vs. Minnesota | 101 |
| WR Jordan Shipley | 9-12-2010 at New England | 82 |
| WR Peter Warrick | 9-10-2000 vs. Cleveland | 80 |
| WR Cris Collinsworth | 9-6-1981 vs. Seattle..... | 65 |

Chase heats up before halftime: Take a quick glance at the stat sheet, and it's clear that Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase has quickly become one of the most dangerous offensive weapons in the NFL. But as close observers of the Bengals will point out, Chase's big-play ability has been most evident in the waning moments of the first half.

Chase this season leads the NFL in both TDs (three) and receiving yards (188) in the final two minutes of the first half, and his four catches of at least 20 yards during that time period also lead the league.

In a season already full of highlights, Chase's fireworks before halftime have helped Cincinnati seize momentum going into the locker room. Here's a look at Chase's game-changing plays just before halftime:

- In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, Chase hauled in a 50-yard bomb from Burrow with 42 seconds left in the half to score his first career TD and give the Bengals a 14-7 lead heading into the locker room.
- In Game 3 at Pittsburgh, Chase got behind the defense again and made a fingertip grab for a 34-yard TD with 43 seconds left, helping Cincinnati to a 14-7 halftime lead.
- In Game 5 vs. Green Bay, QB Joe Burrow extended the play and rolled right to find Chase streaking across the field for a 70-yard TD with 50 seconds remaining, cutting the Packers' lead to two at halftime.
- In Game 6 at Detroit, Chase caught a 34-yard pass down the sideline with 23 seconds remaining, and while he didn't find the end zone, the play got the

Bengals into Lions territory and set up a FG three plays later that gave the Bengals a 10-point lead at halftime.

The rundown on Chase: Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase has lit up the record books so far in his young career. Here's a rundown of some of his accomplishments to this point in the season.

- Chase leads all rookies in both receiving yardage (553) and TDs (five). Among all players, he is fourth in receiving yards and tied for fourth in receiving TDs.
- He leads the NFL in receptions of 40 yards or longer (five), and is tied for fourth in receptions of 20 yards or longer (nine).
- He is one of just three rookies in NFL history to record at least 50 receiving yards in each of their first six games. The other two were Detroit's Earl McCullouch (1968) and Dallas' CeeDee Lamb (2021).
- He is one of two players in NFL history with a reception of at least 30 yards in each of their first six career games. Detroit WR Earl McCullouch, who at one time was the world-record holder in the 110-meter hurdles, did it in 1968.

Mixon nearing 4k: Bengals HB Joe Mixon has 3839 career rushing yards, sixth-most in team history. He passed RB Harold Green (3727) for sixth place in Game 5 vs. Green Bay, and currently stands 337 shy of HB Cedric Benson (4176) for fifth place.

Mixon, a 2017 second-round pick of the Bengals, is just 161 yards shy of becoming the sixth Bengal ever to rush for 4000 career yards.

Here's a look at the Bengals' all-time rushing leaders.

| PLAYER | RUSH YARDS | YEARS |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| Corey Dillon | 8061 | 1997-2003 |
| James Brooks | 6447 | 1984-91 |
| Rudi Johnson | 5472 | 2001-07 |
| Pete Johnson | 5421 | 1977-83 |
| Cedric Benson | 4176 | 2008-11 |
| Joe Mixon..... | 3839 | 2017-present |

Healthy Reader leads stout D-line: During the 2020 offseason, the Bengals made one of the most significant free agency splashes in team history when they signed DT D.J. Reader to a lucrative four-year contract that lasts through the 2023 season. Big things were expected of Reader, but his impact in 2020 was short-lived after he suffered a season-ending left quad injury in fifth game.

This year, the 6-3, 347-pound Reader has returned healthy and proven his value as a leader and physical presence in the middle of the defensive line. And while the impact of interior defensive linemen is often difficult to quantify with statistics, consider that Cincinnati's run defense ranks eighth in the NFL (90.5 yards/game allowed) this season compared to 29th a year ago (148.0) and 32nd the year before (148.9).

Another measure of the impact of an interior defensive lineman — particularly a nose tackle — is the play of the linebackers behind them. This season, Cincinnati's linebacker play has been among the brightest and most-improved spots on the NFL's eighth-ranked defense. Leading the way has been second-year pro Logan Wilson, who ranks second in the NFL in INTs (four) and 10th in tackles (52).

But perhaps the most impressive part of Reader's 2021 season thus far has been his recovery from the aforementioned quad injury. He recently talked about the severity of it on the Bengals Booth Podcast with Bengals play-by-play radio announcer Dan Hoard.

"I ruptured the tendon, so it was pretty severe," Reader said. "The first six weeks after surgery, you can't move. You have to keep it straight because the tendon has to repair. And then it was a nine-month rehab. They say it only has about a 50 percent 'return' rate — not very high — but it's gotten better with modern medicine and the surgeries.

"Sleeping was probably the hardest thing, because you can't move at all — you have to sleep on your back, you have to keep it straight, and you're in a brace."

Reader has 22 tackles and a sack this season.

Mixon fastest Bengal to 3K/1K: Bengals HB Joe Mixon currently stands at 3839 career rushing yards and 1098 receiving yards. It took the 2017 second-round pick just 45 career games to hit 3000 career rushing yards, and then another five to top 1000 career receiving yards. That made him one of just seven Bengals ever to hit both marks, however it took him the fewest number of games (50) to do so.

Corey Dillon, James Brooks, Pete Johnson, Harold Green, Giovani Bernard

and Essex Johnson are the only other players to accomplish the 3000/1000 feat as Bengals. And of those players, only Dillon, Brooks and Johnson reached 4000 career rushing yards as Bengals, a figure Mixon is just 161 yards shy of matching.

Here's a look at the fastest players ever to top 3000 career rushing yards and 1000 career receiving yards in a Bengals uniform (it should be noted that Brooks began his career with the San Diego Chargers from 1981-83; however, the data counts only rushing/receiving yardage and games played as a Bengal):

| NAME | BENGALS GAMES TO REACH 3K/1K |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Joe Mixon | 50 |
| James Brooks | 61 |
| Corey Dillon | 71 |
| Giovani Bernard | 75 |
| Pete Johnson | 77 |

Bengals tough when Mixon hits 20 carries: The Bengals hold a 9-7 record when HB Joe Mixon reaches the 20-carry mark. And in those 16 games, Mixon has topped 100 rushing yards 10 times. Nine of his last 12 games with 20 carries have resulted in 100-yard rushing performances.

The Bengals are 1-1 this year when Mixon hits the mark — he had 29 carries for 127 yards (4.4 average) in a win over Minnesota in the season opener, and 20 carries for 69 yards in a Week 2 loss at Chicago. Last year, despite being limited by a foot injury to just six games, Mixon hit the 20-carry mark twice, and the Bengals were 1-1 in those contests.

Mixon secures the rock: Not only is Bengals HB Joe Mixon considered one of the top rushers in the NFL, he's also proven effective at protecting the football. Mixon has fumbled just five times (two lost) since entering the league in 2017, a span that covers 1065 combined touches on offense (923 rushes, 142 catches). That includes just two fumbles (lost) since the start of the 2018 season. He also put together a streak of 541 consecutive rushing attempts without a fumble (ended in Game 1 last season), which was the second-longest by a Bengal since the Elias Sports Bureau began tracking the stat in 1990.

Mixon has a current streak of 212 rushes without a fumble, dating back to his fumble in the 2020 opener. He does have one fumble this season, but it came on a pass play (he also recovered it).

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

| NFL PLAYER | CARRIES WITHOUT A FUMBLE | SEASONS SPANNED |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Giovani Bernard | 829 | 2013-20 |
| Joe Mixon | 541 | 2017-20 |
| Harold Green | 298 | 1991-93 |
| Jeremy Hill | 282 | 2015-17 |
| Cedric Benson | 260 | 2010-11 |

Logan second in INTs: Bengals second-year LB Logan Wilson has turned heads this season as one of the team's top defensive players. The 2020 third-round pick has four INTs so far this season, most in the AFC and second-most league-wide. No other linebacker has more than two INTs. Wilson's four picks already are the most by a Bengals LB in a season since Odell Thurman's five in 2005.

Wilson has also been strong against the run. His 52 tackles lead the team and rank 10th league-wide. He has led Cincinnati in tackles in three of the team's six games this season.

As a rookie last season, Wilson was eased into the regular defensive rotation and then battled injuries late in the year. This season, he was assigned the green dot on his helmet as the team's designated communicator, and has been credited by teammates for being a vocal leader.

"He has a huge responsibility on his shoulders this year," DE Trey Hendrickson said of Wilson. "He's taken in a lot in just two years, and you wouldn't know that he's a second-year guy. He's our play-caller out there, and you wouldn't know that he's a second-year guy. He's our play-caller out there, and you wouldn't know that he's a second-year guy. He's our play-caller out there, and you wouldn't know that he's a second-year guy. That's what we need from a guy inside like that. And he's got hands too."

Bengals improve 2020 pass-rush: Over the offseason, one of the Bengals' primary areas of focus was to improve a pass-rush that last year totaled a league-low 17 sacks. Injuries were a key factor a year ago, especially toward the end of the season, but Cincinnati still approached free agency and the draft zeroed in on boosting the defensive line.

So far, it's worked. Through just six games this season, Cincinnati has 14 sacks, just three shy of last season's 16-game total. DE Trey Hendrickson, one of the team's key acquisitions in free agency last March, leads the team with 5.5 sacks, which at the end of last season would have tied for the team lead. Seven Bengals have gotten into the sack column this season, including DT Larry Ogunjobi (one), another free agent acquisition, and DE Cam Sample (one), one of four defensive linemen Cincinnati selected in April's draft. The revamped defensive line has accounted for all but one of the team's sacks this season, and DE Sam Hubbard (1.5) is the only defender in the sack column who was with Cincinnati prior to the 2020 season.

The Bengals this year are tied for ninth league-wide in sacks.

"We've got a band of guys that are all in the same kind of age group," said DT D.J. Reader, who played just five games a year ago due to injury. "We're all similar in ways that we're all competitors. Everybody's competitive. And everybody is on the board right now. Everybody has a sack so now it's just we're all hunting together."

Hendrickson on torrid sack pace: DE Trey Hendrickson is in his first season with the Bengals, but he's already making an impact in the sack column.

Hendrickson, one of the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency haul in March, has a team-high 5.5 sacks through just six games. That total would have tied for the team lead for all of last season.

It's still early, but Hendrickson is on pace for 15.5 sacks for a full 17-game season, which would be second-most in team history between DE Coy Bacon's team-record 22 in 1976, and DE Carlos Dunlap's 13.5 in 2015. It would also make him the first Bengal with double-digit sacks since former DT Geno Atkins' 10 in 2018.

Last season with New Orleans, Hendrickson had 13.5 sacks, tied for the NFC lead and tied for second-most league-wide.

Bell rings of reliability: One of Cincinnati's most trusted leaders and consistent players on the field over the last two seasons has been S Vonn Bell. The sixth-year pro joined the Bengals as an unrestricted free agent prior to the 2020 season, and then proceeded to play in every snap of his first 20 games with the team. His streak of consecutive snaps was broken in Cincinnati's 34-11 win at Detroit on Oct. 17, when the starters were rested late in the fourth quarter.

Still, Bell has missed just 14 defensive snaps as a Bengal, with all of those coming in the aforementioned Lions game. He has played in 21 games for Cincinnati, and over that span has seen action on 1459 of 1473 possible defensive snaps, including a team-high 400 this season.

Bell has been a captain in both of his Bengals seasons. He ranks second on the team in tackles (38) this year, after leading the team in that category (114) last season.

Mr. Reliable wears No. 30: Jessie Bates earned a starting S spot midway through his first preseason in Cincinnati, and he hasn't looked back since. The 2018 second-round pick started 51 straight games to begin his Bengals career — that's three full seasons plus three games — until a neck injury ended his streak in the fourth game of 2021 (Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville). He missed just that one game before returning to the starting lineup the next week vs. Green Bay.

Still, Bates' streak of 51 is tied for the sixth-most consecutive starts by a player to begin their career as a Bengal, and the second-most by a defender. Had he started the Jacksonville game, he would have tied former LB Takeo Spikes (52) for most starts to begin a career by a Bengals defender.

Here's a look at the players with the most consecutive starts to begin a Bengals career:

| PLAYER | CONSECUTIVE STARTS TO BEGIN CAREER |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| C Bob Johnson | 94 |
| QB Andy Dalton | 77 |
| TE Dan Ross | 65 |
| C Russell Bodine | 64 |
| LB Takeo Spikes | 52 |
| S Jessie Bates | 51 |
| LB Bill Bergey | 51 |

Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal: DE Sam Hubbard, a third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, ranks third in sacks (18.0) among all players from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

Players' listed positions vary from media outlet to media outlet (e.g. whether a player is classified as a LB or DE), but according to NFL.com's draft record,

Hubbard was the 13th defensive lineman selected in 2018 — five DEs and seven DTs came off the board before him. According to NFL.com, there were a total of 40 defensive linemen (20 DEs, 20 DTs) selected in the 2018 draft, along with 32 linebackers and one player classified as “EDGE.” There were also, of course, numerous undrafted rookies in 2018.

Hubbard has been the Bengals’ starting RDE since 2019, and signed a contract extension with the Bengals in July that keeps him in Cincinnati through the end of the 2025 season.

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

| PLAYER/POSITION | TEAM | PICK (ROUND) | SACKS |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Harold Landry/EDGE | Tennessee | No. 41 (2nd) | 25.5 |
| Bradley Chubb/DE | Denver | No. 5 (1st) | 20.5 |
| Sam Hubbard/DE | Cincinnati | No. 77 (3rd) | 18.0 |
| Darius Leonard/OLB | Indianapolis | No. 36 (2nd) | 15.0 |
| Roquan Smith/LB | Chicago | No. 8 (1st) | 13.0 |
| Marcus Davenport/DE | New Orleans | No. 14 (1st) | 13.0 |

McPherson the youngest with OT winner: Bengals rookie K Evan McPherson made his NFL debut in style on Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota, booting a game-winning 33-yard FG as time expired in OT.

McPherson, a fifth-round pick of the Bengals in April’s draft, chose to forgo his final year of college eligibility to enter the NFL draft, and thus is among the youngest Bengals on the roster. At the time of his game-winner against Minnesota, which he says was the first “walk-off” kick of his career on any level, he was 22 years and 53 days old (born 7-21-99), making him the youngest player in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG in overtime. It also made him just the second rookie kicker in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG with no time remaining in OT (the other was Miami K Jason Sanders in 2018). Earlier in the game, McPherson became the youngest Bengal ever to kick a FG or PAT.

So far this season, McPherson has made all 17 of his PATs and seven of his 10 FGs, including two 50-plus yarders and two game-winners as time expired (33 and 35 yards).

Here’s a look at the youngest players in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG in OT:

| PLAYER | TEAM | DATE/OPPONENT | AGE |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Evan McPherson | Cincinnati | 9-12-2021 vs. Minn. | 22 years, 53 days |
| Pete Stoyanovich | Miami | 10-8-1989 vs. Cle. | 22 years, 163 days |
| Wade Richey | San Francisco | 12-6-1998 at Car. | 22 years, 201 days |
| Ali Haji-Sheikh | N.Y. Giants | 9-11-1983 at Atl. | 22 years, 243 days |
| Blair Walsh | Minnesota | 9-9-2012 vs. Jax. | 22 years, 245 days |

... Make that two walk-offs: Bengals rookie K Evan McPherson said before the season that he had never, at any level of football, even been in a position to kick a game-winning FG or PAT as time expired — a “walk-off,” if you will. He wasted no time changing that in the NFL, when in the season-opener — his NFL debut — he nailed a 33-yarder as time expired in OT to give Cincinnati a dramatic 27-24 win. He did it again three weeks later, in Cincinnati’s Sept. 30 Thursday Night Football matchup vs. Jacksonville, this time converting a 35-yarder as time expired in regulation to give the Bengals a 24-21 win.

For what it’s worth, McPherson has a long way to go to catch former Bengals K Jim Breech, whose 10 “walk-off” kicks (FG or PAT) with no time remaining stand as the most in team history.

But at 21 years old, McPherson does stand as the youngest player in NFL history with two “walk-off” kicks.

Here’s a look at the youngest kickers in NFL history at the time of their second game-winning FG with no time remaining:

| PLAYER | TEAM | AGE |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Evan McPherson | Cincinnati Bengals | 22 years, 71 days |
| Blair Walsh | Minnesota Vikings | 22 years, 357 days |
| Justin Tucker | Baltimore Ravens | 23 years, four days |
| Morten Andersen | New Orleans Saints | 23 years, 51 days |
| Matt Bahr | Pittsburgh Steelers | 23 years, 142 days |

Special teams soar under Simmons: Over the 19-year tenure of Darrin Simmons, the Bengals have consistently boasted one of the top special teams units in the NFL. Simmons in 2020 added the title of assistant head coach to his usual role as special teams coordinator, a nod to a successful run that has seen 17 of his pupils appear in the team’s record book.

Here’s an overview of Simmons’ players’ dominance in the records (for more info, see the Bengals’ records section on page 168 in the 2020 media guide):

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

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

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

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

- Simmons has coached four of the team’s top six leaders in career kickoff return average — Jones, Alex Erickson, Bernard Scott, Glenn Holt — along with five of the six best single seasons by a kickoff returner (based on yards per kickoff return).

And although the category is not kept as an official team record, it should be noted that LS Clark Harris has executed 1751 deep snaps without a single unplayable delivery since joining the Bengals in mid-2009.

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

Wilson goes long: On Cincinnati’s opening possession of last season’s Nov. 29 matchup vs. the N.Y. Giants, S Brandon Wilson fielded a kickoff in the end zone and darted 103 yards for a TD. It counted officially as the longest play of any kind in Bengals history, topping a 102-yard kickoff return by RB Eric Bieniemy (Oct. 26, 1997 at NYG) and a pair of 102-yard INT returns by CBs Artrell Hawkins (Nov. 3, 2002 at Houston) and Louis Breedren (Nov. 8, 1981 at S.D.). It was also the longest play in the AFC in 2020.

According to the NFL’s Next Gen Stats service, which uses GPS to track players’ speed, Wilson reached a top speed of 21.05 MPH during the return. It didn’t, however, match the 22.03 MPH he recorded on a kickoff return for a TD in 2019, which still stands as fastest by a Bengal since NGS’ launch in ‘16.

Wilson currently has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with former S/CB Tremaine Mack for the most in team history.

25 points does the trick: Since 2011, the Bengals own a 53-5-2 record when scoring 25 or more points. That’s good for the second-best winning percentage (.900) in the NFL when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals are 7-4 under head coach Zac Taylor (2-0 this season) when reaching the 25-point plateau.

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

| TEAM | WINS | LOSSES | TIES | WINNING PCT. |
|----------------------|------|--------|------|--------------|
| New England Patriots | 93 | 10 | 0 | .903 |
| Cincinnati Bengals | 53 | 5 | 2 | .900 |
| Miami Dolphins | 42 | 5 | 0 | .894 |
| Denver Broncos | 58 | 8 | 0 | .879 |
| Arizona Cardinals | 52 | 8 | 1 | .861 |

2021 Bengals captains: Prior to start of the regular season, the Bengals named team captains for 2021 on offense, defense and special teams.

On offense, the captains are second-year QB Joe Burrow, fifth-year HB Joe Mixon and sixth-year WR Tyler Boyd. This is Burrow’s second season as a captain, while Mixon and Boyd are first-time captains.

On defense, the captains are fourth-year S Jessie Bates, fourth-year DE Sam Hubbard and sixth-year S Vonn Bell. It’s the first captain nod for both Bates and Hubbard, and the second for Bell, who joined the Bengals last season.

The lone captain on special teams is P Kevin Huber, who is the longest-tenured Bengal on the roster at 13 seasons. Huber is 36 years old, while Boyd, Bell and Hubbard are the next-oldest captains at just 26.

Huber, Harris chasing down Riley: One of the most prestigious Bengals records in existence, and one that has stood for 38 years, could be matched by the end of the 2021 season. Longtime CB Ken Riley’s Bengals record 207 games played is currently 11 clear of current P Kevin Huber (196), meaning that if Huber plays in each of the Bengals’ 11 remaining games

this season, he would tie The Rattler's historic mark that has stood since his retirement in 1983.

In Game 3 vs. Pittsburgh, Huber passed QB Ken Anderson (192) for third place all-time in career games played as a Bengal. He now trails only LB Reggie Williams (206) and Riley (207).

Not far behind that group is current LS Clark Harris (190 games played), who has snapped to Huber since joining Cincinnati midway through the 2009 season. Harris passed Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place in Game 2 at Chicago, and then passed DT Tim Krumrie (188) for fifth place in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville.

Here's a look at the players with the most career games played as a Bengal:

| PLAYER | GAMES AS A BENGAL | YEARS |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| CB Ken Riley | 207 | 1969-83 |
| LB Reggie Williams | 206 | 1976-85 |
| P Kevin Huber..... | 196 | 2009-present |
| QB Ken Anderson..... | 192 | 1971-86 |
| LS Clark Harris | 190 | 2009-present |
| DT Tim Krumrie | 188 | 1983-94 |
| OT Anthony Munoz..... | 185 | 1980-92 |

Huber among NFL's best at pinning 'em: As the evidence shows, no Bengals punter has ever been nearly as successful as Kevin Huber at pinning opponents inside the 20-yard line. The 2009 fifth-round draft choice currently has 325 career inside-20 punts, a margin of more than 100 over the next-best in team history (Lee Johnson, 186).

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

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

| PUNTER | TEAM | NFL EXP. | CAREER INSIDE-20s |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
| Dustin Colquitt | Atlanta..... | 17 | 471 |
| Andy Lee | Arizona..... | 18 | 451 |
| Sam Koch | Baltimore..... | 16 | 435 |
| Brett Kern | Tennessee..... | 14 | 378 |
| Kevin Huber | Cincinnati..... | 13 | 325 |

The Huber roundup: Bengals P Kevin Huber, a 2009 Bengals fifth-round pick who is now in his 13th season in stripes, has long been considered the top punter in team history. He has cemented that legacy in recent seasons by taking over the top spot in the few remaining career punting categories he did not already own.

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

- Punts (939)
- Punting yards (42,509)
- Gross average (45.27)
- Net average (40.24)
- Inside-20 punts (325)

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

- He holds the top five Bengals season averages in both gross and net punting yardage, and in 2020, his 12th NFL season, he re-set his own single-season team records in both categories (47.18 gross, 42.82 net).
- He shares the team record for longest punt (75 yards) with Kyle Larson.
- His 33 inside-20 punts in 2012 is a single-season franchise record.
- His six inside-20 punts on Sept. 14, 2017 vs. Houston are tied with Lee Johnson (Nov. 2, 1997) for the most in a game in Bengals history.

Examining Week 1 Bengals since '02: Here's a look at how Cincinnati's opening-week roster this year stacked up with the Bengals' Week 1 rosters of the last 20 seasons (since 2002). All info is according to the NFL's annual kickoff weekend roster info press release, which compares the height, weight, age and experience of all 32 teams in Week 1.

The 2021 Bengals' average height was 6.18 feet, which tied for the fourth-shortest Week 1 roster Cincinnati has had over the last 20 years. The 2002 team (6.11 feet) was the shortest, while the '16 squad (6.22 feet) was the tallest.

This year's Bengals averaged 248.83 pounds, good for the sixth-heaviest opening-week squad Cincinnati has had over the last 20 years. The 2010 team (251.53) was the heaviest, while the '02 squad (244.6) was the lightest.

The players on the Bengals' 2021 opening-week roster averaged 25.68 years old, good for the third-youngest Week 1 roster Cincinnati has had over the

last 20 years. The 2018 squad (25.38) was the youngest, while the '06 team (26.57) was the oldest.

This year's Bengals players averaged 3.81 years of NFL experience, the eighth-fewest by a Cincinnati squad over the last 20 years. The 2004 team (3.57) was the least-experienced, while the '15 squad (4.49) was the most-experienced.

The 2021 Bengals had 11 rookie and first-year players on the roster, tied for sixth-most over the last 20 years. The 2017 Bengals (14) had the most rookies and first-year players, while the '13 team (seven) had the fewest.

This year's Bengals had just five players age 30 or older, the second-fewest by a Cincinnati team over the last 20 years. The 2011 Bengals (two) had the fewest players 30 or older, while the '15 team (11) had the most.

The 2021 Bengals had just eight players 200 pounds or lighter, which tied for the third-fewest over the last 17 years (the league's info in this category goes back only to 2005). The 2017 and '19 Bengals (seven) had the fewest, while the '09 team (13) had the most.

This year's Bengals had nine players listed shorter than six feet, which tied for the fifth-fewest in that category over the last 17 years (the league's info in this category goes back only to 2005). The 2008 Bengals (five) had the fewest players under six feet, while the 2004, '10 and '15 teams (all 11) had the most.

Finally, the 2021 Bengals had 14 players who weighed 300 pounds or more, tied with the '08 team for the most in the last 19 years (the league's info in this category goes back only to 2003). The 2003, '04 and '17 Bengals (all eight) tied for the fewest.

Kickoff weekend roster comparisons: Early this season, the NFL released its annual comparison of rosters throughout the league on kickoff weekend. The data includes comparisons of height, weight, experience and age across all 32 NFL rosters on the Week 1 of the season.

Here's a look at the Bengals' opening-week roster data from each of the last five seasons (all info is according to the NFL's annual kickoff weekend roster comparison press release):

| CATEGORY | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| Avg. height..... | 6.18 | 6.16 | 6.19 | 6.19 | 6.20 |
| Avg. weight..... | 248.83 | 245.29 | 249.47* | 246.96 | 246.30 |
| Avg. age..... | 25.68 | 25.76 | 25.94 | 25.38 | 25.45 |
| Avg. experience..... | 3.81 | 4.25 | 4.28 | 3.70 | 3.75 |
| Rookie/1st yr. players..... | 11 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 14 |
| Players 30 or older..... | 5 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| Players <200 pounds..... | 8 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 7 |
| Players <6 feet tall..... | 9 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 6 |
| Players >300 pounds..... | 14 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 8 |

* — Asterisk denotes AFC high that year.

2020 rookies continue to deliver: Cincinnati's 2020 draft class combined to play in 96 games (33 starts) as rookies, just three games shy of the most by a Bengals draft class (99 in 2017) since the draft went to seven rounds in 1994. Consider also that the 2020 class was just seven players, while the 2017 class was 11 players.

After being leaned upon heavily as rookies, Cincinnati's 2020 draft class has continued to deliver, combining to play in 28 games (16 starts) this season. It should be noted that two of the seven members of the 2020 class — DE Khalid Kareem and OT Hakeem Adeniji — have not yet played and are on reserve lists, however the other five made all the active roster out of training camp and are regular contributors.

Here is the 2020 Bengals draft class: QB Joe Burrow (first round), WR Tee Higgins (second), LB Logan Wilson (third), LB Akeem Davis-Gaither (fourth), Kareem (fifth), Adeniji (sixth), LB Markus Bailey (seventh).

2021 draft class overview: Of the 10 players Cincinnati selected in April's draft, four were defensive linemen and three were offensive linemen. That haul added more than a ton — 2077 pounds, to be exact — of reinforcement to the Bengals' trenches.

Here's a closer look at Cincinnati's 2021 entire draft class:

• WR Ja'Marr Chase, LSU (Round 1, Pick 5): Cincinnati looks to re-create the magic of Louisiana State's 2019 season, when Chase and then-Tigers QB Joe Burrow helped lead their team to a national championship. Chase set SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20) that year, en route to winning the Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver.

• G Jackson Carman, Clemson (Round 2, Pick 46): Carman is a native of nearby Fairfield, Ohio, which is about 35 minutes north of Paul Brown Stadium. At Clemson, he played LOT and protected the blindside of QB Trevor Lawrence, the 2021 No. 1 overall draft pick. The Bengals, though, have moved the 6-5, 322-

pound Carman to G.

● DE Joseph Ossai, Texas (Round 3, Pick 69): Ossai was set to be the youngest Bengal on the roster at 21 years old, born (4-12-00) just four months prior to the opening of Paul Brown Stadium (8-19-00). He showed great promise early, recording a sack and two additional QB hurries in the preseason opener at Tampa Bay, but a knee injury suffered later in that same game landed him on Reserve/Injured at final cuts and ended his rookie season before it started.

● DE Cam Sample, Tulane (Round 4: Pick 111): Sample earned Defensive MVP honors at the 2021 Senior Bowl, and was rated last season by Pro Football Focus as the most valuable defensive lineman in college football. He is known for his relentless effort and outstanding production in college against both the pass and run.

● DT Tyler Shelvin: LSU (Round 4, Pick 122): The heaviest Bengal on the roster at 350 pounds, Shelvin played NT at LSU and was the man in the middle of the Tigers' national championship defense in 2019. He did not play for LSU in 2020, after opting out of the college season due to COVID-19.

● OT D'Ante Smith, East Carolina (Round 4, Pick 139): Bengals coaches initially called Smith a pure OT prospect due to his size (6-5) and length (35-inch arms), but during training camp practices he impressed with his play at G, so that's where he is listed to begin his NFL career. Smith entered last season at East Carolina considered by scouts as a possible riser on draft boards, but he suffered an injury in the Pirates' opener and did not take the field again until the Senior Bowl in January.

● K Evan McPherson, Florida (Round 5, Pick 149): McPherson spent three seasons at Florida and left as the SEC's all-time leader in FG percentage (85.0). He is also known for his leg strength, as 56.4 percent of his kickoffs in college went for touchbacks.

● C/G Trey Hill, Georgia (Round 6, Pick 190): Hill was the starting C the last two seasons at Georgia, which was widely considered to have one of the top offensive lines in college football. At 6-4, 319 pounds with ability to play both C and G.

● HB Chris Evans, Michigan (Round 6, Pick 202): Bengals coaches first noticed Evans during one-on-one drills at 2021 Senior Bowl practices, when he showed off his hands and route-running ability out of the backfield. He looks to fill the vacant role that was held in recent years by former HB Giovani Bernard.

● DE Wyatt Hubert, Kansas State (Round 7, Pick 235): A productive defender and leader in college at Kansas State, Hubert was expected to push for a spot in the regular pass-rushing rotation as a rookie. But that plan is on hold for now due to a pectoral injury he suffered over the summer. He did not participate in training camp, and is currently on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list.

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

The fastest speed reached by a Bengals ball carrier so far in 2021 came from Joe Mixon, who clocked in at 20.66 MPH on a 19-yard run in the season-opener vs. Minnesota. That run, though, is not among the four fastest by a Bengals ball-carrier since 2016.

Here are Next Gen Stats' fastest Bengals ball carriers since 2016:

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

Three Bengals hail from Queen City: The Bengals have four players — DE Sam Hubbard, P Kevin Huber and G Jackson Carman (Reserve/COVID-19) — who grew up in Greater Cincinnati.

Hubbard, a Moeller High School alum and former Ohio State standout, played his third Bengals season, after joining the team as a third-round draft pick (77th overall) in 2018. He is in his third season as a full-time starting DE, and in July signed a contract extension that keeps him in Cincinnati through 2025.

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

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2009. He is the longest-tenured player on the roster and has played in all but two games throughout his career in Cincinnati. He currently stands as the Bengals' career leader in both gross (45.27) and net (40.24) punting average.

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

Carman, a rookie, is a native of Fairfield, Ohio, a Cincinnati suburb about 35 minutes north of the city. He attended Fairfield High School before playing at Clemson University for three seasons, and then the Bengals selected him in the second round of the 2021 draft.

"As soon as I saw the 513 area code pop up on my phone, everything instantly hit me at once," Carman said on draft night. "It was an amazing feeling. Knowing that I was going to be able to be home, it's indescribable."

Bengals-Jags most-watched TNF since 2018: The broadcast of the Bengals' Sept. 30 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Thursday Night Football drew an average of 8.5 million viewers, which at the time was good for the largest audience of any exclusive TNF game since Week 3 of 2018 (N.Y. Jets vs. Cleveland Browns). The game aired on NFL Network and Yahoo Sports mobile properties, and the viewership measurement includes both television and digital platforms.

By comparison, the Bengals-Jaguars telecast was up 47 percent from last year's Week 4 TNF matchup (Broncos-Jets, 5.8 million viewers), and up 36 percent from the average audience from Weeks 1-3 this season (6.3 million). It was also television's most-watched telecast of the day.

Bengal bites: Rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase, Cincinnati's first-round pick in April's draft, is the first player in Bengals history to wear uniform No. 1 ... According to the NFL's Next Gen Stats service, which tracks players' speed by using GPS, S Brandon Wilson's kickoff return for a TD at Baltimore in 2019 (22.03 MPH) stands as the fastest speed by a Bengal ball-carrier since NGS' launch in '16; The fastest speed by a Bengals ball-carrier in 2021 came from HB Joe Mixon, who reached 20.66 MPH on a 19-yard run in the season-opener vs. Minnesota ... Cincinnati's 19 successful fourth-down conversions in 2020 tied for the second-most in a season in NFL history, just behind the 1996 Chicago Bears (20) ... The longest-tenured player on the roster in 2021 is P Kevin Huber, a 13th-year pro who joined the Bengals as a fifth-round pick in 2009 ... The oldest Bengal on the roster is LS Clark Harris, who is 37 (born July 10, 1984) ... The youngest Bengal is WR Ja'Marr Chase, who is 21 (born March 1, 2000) ... The lightest Bengal on the roster is CB Mike Hilton, who is 184 pounds ... The heaviest Bengal is DT Tyler Shelvin, who is 350 pounds ... The tallest Bengal is OT Isaiah Prince, who is 6-7 ... The shortest Bengal on the roster is CB Mike Hilton, who is 5-9.

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: Second-year pro **Joe Burrow** has returned to action this season, after his rookie campaign was limited to just 10 games due to a left knee injury. So far, he has completed 123 of 174 pass attempts (70.6 percent) for 1540 yards, 14 TDs and seven INTs (107.9 rating). In Cincinnati's Game 1 overtime win vs. Minnesota, his first game back since the injury, he posted then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempts (9.6) — he has since topped all of those numbers. Burrow then ended the game in OT with a seven-play, 46-yard drive that included a fourth-and-inches in which he changed the play at the line of scrimmage and tossed a 32-yard completion to set up a game-winning FG as time expired three plays later. Burrow was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28, and in Game 1 this season he followed through on a vow he made shortly after his injury that he would start the 2021 regular-season opener. After

winning the Heisman Trophy and leading the LSU Tigers to a national championship in 2019, the Bengals made Burrow, a native of Athens, Ohio, the No. 1 pick in the '20 draft. Despite the absence of an offseason program and preseason his rookie year, Burrow got off to one of the best statistical starts to a career by a QB in NFL history, and at the time of his injury had been on pace to shatter numerous NFL rookie records. Still, his five 300-yard passing games in 2020 tied the Bengals' single-season record and stand third-most by a rookie in NFL history, while he also became the first rookie in NFL history to pass for 300 yards in three consecutive games (Games 2-4) and the sixth to top 400 yards in a single game (Oct. 25, 2020 at Cleveland). Listed second on the depth chart is veteran **Brandon Allen**, who started in Burrow's absence late last season. Allen has played in one game this season (Oct. 17 at Detroit), seeing time late in the fourth quarter while the Bengals were up by a wide margin. Last season, Allen

started five of Cincinnati's final six games for the injured Burrow, and completed 63.4 percent of his passes for 925 yards, five TDs and four INTs (82.0 rating). Allen joined the Bengals in August of 2020, and began the season on the practice squad as the team's "quarantine QB" that was kept away from the rest of the QBs at practice/meetings in case they could not play due to COVID-19.

Running backs: Leading the Bengals' running back room is fifth-year pro **Joe Mixon**, who has returned to action this season after his 2020 campaign was limited to just six games due to a right foot injury. Originally a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2017, Mixon has shouldered a heavy load for Cincinnati, and when healthy is considered one of the NFL's top running backs. So far this season, Mixon has rushed for 480 yards (fourth in NFL) and three TDs on 111 carries (second in NFL), and caught 13 passes for 90 yards and one TD. Mixon is 10th in the NFL in yards from scrimmage (570). Mixon has one 100-yard rushing game this season (Game 1 vs. Minnesota) and 11 for his career; he also has two games with at least 100 yards from scrimmage this season (Game 1 vs. Minnesota and Game 6 at Detroit), and 18 for his career. Mixon topped 1000 yards rushing in both 2018 and '19, before his foot injury last season prevented him from making it three seasons in a row. Mixon signed a contract extension in 2020 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '24 season. On Oct. 11, the Bengals placed fifth-year pro **Samaje Perine** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list. That leaves Cincinnati with just one other HB on its active roster — rookie **Chris Evans**, a sixth-round pick out of the University of Michigan. Evans is known for his receiving ability out of the backfield, and this season he has eight catches for 104 yards and a TD along with three carries for 18 yards. Bengals coaches say they first took notice of Evans' route-running and hands during receiving drills at 2021 Senior Bowl practices.

Wide receivers: Considered one of the top slot receivers in football, sixth-year pro **Tyler Boyd** leads a young and talented group of Bengals wide receivers. So far this season, Boyd has a team-high 28 catches for 290 yards and a TD. Boyd led the team in catches the last three seasons (2018-20), and stands as one of six Bengals ever to top 1000 receiving yards in consecutive seasons ('18-19). Boyd has one 100-yard game this season (Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville) and 10 for his career. Boyd also has five career games with at least 10 catches. Boyd signed a contract extension in 2019 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '23 season. The newest addition to the Bengals' offense this season is first-round draft pick **Ja'Marr Chase**, who brings previous experience with Joe Burrow from their time together in college at LSU. Chase already has been one of Cincinnati's top performers, with team-highs in both receiving yards (553) and TDs (five). He leads all rookies in both categories, and is fourth among all players in receiving yardage and tied for fourth in receiving TDs. Chase has provided Cincinnati's offense with a downfield threat, and leads the NFL in catches of 40 or more yards (five). Chase is one of just 11 rookies in NFL history with at least five TD catches in their first five games, and one of just three rookies in NFL history to record at least 50 receiving yards in each of their first six games. Chase also is one of two players in NFL history with a reception of at least 30 yards in each of their first six career games. In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, his NFL debut, Chase became the youngest Bengal (21 years, 195 days) ever to post 100 receiving yards, the third-youngest Bengal ever to score a TD, and his 50-yard TD catch at the end of the first half was the longest TD of any kind by a Bengals rookie in their NFL debut. With Burrow as his QB in 2019 at LSU, Chase set single-season SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20), and won the prestigious Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver. Chase has been assigned uniform No. 1, and is the first player in Bengals history to wear that number. Returning this season after a terrific rookie year is second-year pro **Tee Higgins**, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020. Higgins so far this season has 18 catches for 194 yards and two TDs. Higgins missed Games 3-4 due to a shoulder injury, but he returned to the starting lineup in Game 5 vs. Green Bay. Last season, he led Cincinnati in receiving yards (908) and tied for the franchise's rookie receptions record (67). Higgins brings considerable size (6-4, 216) to the receiving corps, and coaches have credited him for transforming his body over the offseason to get stronger. Providing valuable depth is **Auden Tate**, a 2018 seventh-round pick who at 6-5, 228 pounds is known as a big-bodied receiver with a knack for making acrobatic catches. Tate battled a shoulder injury last season and was limited to just nine games, but when healthy the Bengals have utilized his wide catch radius and ability to come down with contested catches. Sixth-year pro **Mike Thomas** adds value as a speedy rotational receiver, as well as on special teams. Thomas joined the Bengals in 2020 but spent his first four NFL seasons with the L.A. Rams, where in '17 his assistant WRs coach was Zac Taylor. Third-year pro **Stanley Morgan**, a 2019 college free agent signee of the Bengals, also adds depth at receiver, but he has excelled most in the NFL as a gunner on special

teams. Rounding out the receivers room is first-year pro **Trenton Irwin**, who was signed off the practice squad on Sept. 15. Irwin joined the Bengals midway through 2019 and has bounced between the practice squad and active roster.

Tight ends: **C.J. Uzomah**, a 2015 fifth-round pick of the Bengals, has returned to action this year after suffering a season-ending right Achilles injury in the second game of 2020. Uzomah so far this season has 14 catches for 165 yards and three TDs, and has made two of the most important plays of the year for the Bengals. In Cincinnati's Game 1 overtime win vs. Minnesota, his first game back since the injury, Uzomah caught a 32-yard pass on fourth-and-inches in OT to help set up a game-winning FG as time expired three plays later. And in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville, Uzomah caught a career-high two TDs, and then with the game tied late, he took a jailbreak screen 25 yards deep into Jaguars territory to help set up the game-winning FG. **Drew Sample**, a 2019 second-round pick of the Bengals, is known as complete tight end with both receiving and blocking ability. Bengals coaches have called him one of the best blocking TEs in the league. After Uzomah's injury last season, Sample shouldered a heavier work load that saw him start 13 games, play more than 80 percent of the team's offensive snaps, and catch 40 passes and a TD. **Mitchell Wilcox**, a 2020 college free agent signee of the Bengals, spent nearly all of his rookie season on Cincinnati's practice squad. Wilcox is also considered a complete TE prospect — he left USF in 2019 with every single-season and career receiving record for a TE, and also helped block for three different 1000-yard rushers.

Offensive linemen: Now in his second season as Cincinnati's starting LOT is 2019 first-round pick **Jonah Williams**. After missing his entire rookie season to a shoulder injury, Williams started 10 games in his sophomore campaign in 2020. A right knee injury ended Williams' 2020 season early, but it was not deemed serious and he participated fully in the Bengals' offseason program. At ROT this season is 10th-year pro **Riley Reiff**, who signed with Cincinnati in March after spending his first nine NFL seasons with Detroit and Minnesota. Reiff has played LOT for a majority of his career, with his one season as a full-time ROT coming in 2016 with Detroit. Reiff, though, told the local media after signing with Cincinnati that he welcomes the opportunity to play ROT in Cincinnati, and if needed would even move inside to G for the first time in his pro career. Cincinnati's starting C since 2019 has been **Trey Hopkins**, who originally was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in '14. Hopkins battled injuries and bounced between the practice squad and roster for his first three seasons, before settling into a regular role and gaining starting experience at all three interior OL spots. Hopkins suffered a torn left ACL in last season's finale, but he was medically cleared in time to participate in the first practice of training camp on July 28 and lined up as the Bengals' starting C in the regular-season opener. Seventh-year pro **Quinton Spain** is Cincinnati's starter at LG. Spain began his career with the Titans and Bills, and then last year joined the Bengals mid-season and played in nine games (eight starts), making starts at RG, LG and even ROT when the line was dealing with injuries and COVID-19 issues. Rookie G **Jackson Carman**, Cincinnati's second-round pick in April's draft has taken over at RG for **Xavier Su'a-Filo** (Reserve/Injured), and has been the starter there since Game 3 at Pittsburgh. He did not start Game 6 at Detroit after spending most of the week on Reserve/COVID-19, but he did see extensive action as a reserve. One of the key reserves along the interior of the line is rookie **Trey Hill**, who is touted as a stout blocker with good movement skills and a high football IQ. Hill mainly is considered the Bengals' backup center, but he also is listed on the depth chart as the backup RG, having once started at that position (Game 6 at Detroit) as an injury replacement. Hill started 26 career games at C at Georgia, considered one of college football's top offensive lines. The tallest Bengal on the roster this season is OT **Isaiah Prince** (6-7), who returns to action in 2021 after opting out of the '20 season due to COVID-19. Prince has been used this year as an extra blocker in heavy formations. Prince originally was a sixth-round draft pick of the Dolphins in 2019, and then joined the Bengals on waivers later that year. Adding depth at OT and G is third-year pro **Fred Johnson**, who stands at an imposing 6-6, 325 pounds. Johnson has starts at both OT and G during his now three-year career in Cincinnati, but he has worked mostly at OT this season. Johnson primarily has been a reserve at OT to this point in his career, but the Bengals are a combined 4-1 when he fills in as a starter at either OT spot. Rookie G **D'Ante Smith** was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on Oct. 16, prior to Game 6 at Detroit, after suffering a right knee injury in practice.

Defensive linemen: Cincinnati native and Archbishop Moeller graduate **Sam Hubbard** is in his fourth Bengals season, including his third as a full-time starter, and is considered the leader of the defensive line. A third-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2018, Hubbard's 18.0 career sacks are third-most among players from his draft class (including college free agents), and he's also considered among the best DEs in the NFL against the run. Hubbard signed a contract extension in July that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2025 season.

At the LDE is **Trey Hendrickson**, one of Cincinnati's most high-profile additions from free agency in March. So far this season, Hendrickson has a team-high 4.5 sacks and a FF. Hendrickson spent the last four seasons (2017-20) with New Orleans, and last year his 13.5 sacks tied for the NFC lead and tied for second in the NFL. Last year's high-profile addition in free agency was DT **D.J. Reader**, a 6-3, 347-pound nose tackle who excels against the run. Reader was limited to just five games last season due to a left quad injury, but he has returned healthy this year and has a sack. Lining up next to Reader is DT **Larry Ogunjobi**, who signed a one-year deal with Cincinnati in March. Ogunjobi has impressed so far this season, with one sack and three additional tackles for a losses. Ogunjobi spent his first four NFL seasons with Cleveland, where he played NT, however in Cincinnati he is playing three-technique DT, which he has called his "natural position." Also seeing regular action at three-technique DT is **B.J. Hill**, who was acquired in an Aug. 30 trade with the N.Y. Giants. Hill already has three sacks on the season, including two in the season-opener less than two weeks after joining the Bengals. Hill stands 6-3, 311 pounds, and has played in every possible game over his now four-year career. Back in the lineup this season is 6-3, 345-pound DT **Josh Tupou**, who opted out of last season due to COVID-19. Tupou was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in 2017, and has worked his way into the regular defensive rotation as a reliable run-stuffer. In the fourth round of April's draft, the Bengals selected Tulane DE **Cam Sample**, who has seen rotational action so far and has one sack. Sample is known as a productive, versatile and high-energy player, and last season he was rated the most valuable defensive lineman in college football by Pro Football Focus. Bengals coaches say that Sample caught their eye during the 2021 Senior Bowl, where he earned Defensive MVP honors. Later in the fourth round, the Bengals selected 6-2, 350-pound DT **Tyler Shelvin**, a space-eater with a rare blend of strength and athleticism. Shelvin was a key player on LSU's defense during their national championship run in 2019, but he opted out of the '20 college season due to COVID-19. Adding depth at DE is second-year pro **Wyatt Ray**, who was acquired on waivers from Tennessee on Sept. 1. Ray originally was a college free agent signee of the Cleveland Browns in 2019, and has also spent time with Houston, Buffalo, the N.Y. Jets and Tennessee. Rounding out the defensive line group is 6-1, 248-pound rookie DE **Darius Hodge**, a college free agent signee out of Marshall. Hodge, who initially was listed at LB, excelled as a pass-rusher during preseason and earned a roster spot out of training camp.

Linebackers: Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is second-year pro **Logan Wilson**, who is wearing the green dot as the defense's communicator. Wilson this season ranks second in the NFL in INTs (four) and 10th in tackles (52). The last Bengals LB with three or more INTs in a season was Odell Thurman (five) in 2005. Wilson was Cincinnati's third-round draft pick in 2020. **Germaine Pratt**, a 2019 third-round pick of the Bengals, has grown into a key contributor on defense after being considered a raw prospect coming out of the draft, due to switching from S to LB late in his college career. Pratt has 29 tackles, a FF and a FR so far this season. In Cincinnati's season-opening win vs. Minnesota, Pratt made the defensive play of the game late in overtime when he forced and recovered a fumble by Vikings RB Dalvin Cook; the play thwarted Minnesota's potential game-winning drive, which had reached the Bengals' 38-yard line, and set up a Cincinnati drive that ended with a game-winning FG as time expired in OT. Pratt, who earned a starting LB spot midway through his rookie season, has drawn particular praise from coaches this season for his grasp of the defense. **Akeem Davis-Gaither**, a fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, also is in the LB rotation this year. Davis-Gaither is known for his speed and playmaking ability, and has played in every game so far in his career. Drawing positive reviews this season is second-year LB **Markus Bailey**, a seventh-round pick of the Bengals in 2020. Bailey suffered an ACL tear his final season (2019) at Purdue, which coaches cited for bringing him along slowly as a rookie, but he has seen action on defense this season as a rotational linebacker.

Defensive backs: S **Jessie Bates**, a fourth-year pro and 2018 Bengals second-round pick, is considered one of the core leaders of the team. Bates has 35 tackles so far this season. Bates earned a starting S spot in training camp as a rookie and started the first 51 games of his career — that's three seasons plus three games — until a neck injury broke the streak and held him out of Cincinnati's Sept. 30 matchup vs. Jacksonville. Bates, though, returned to action the following week vs. Green Bay. Bates topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons (2018-20), and last year showed off his coverage ability with 15 PDs (sixth in the NFL). Next to Bates at S is sixth-year pro **Vonn Bell**, who joined the Bengals in 2020 after spending his first four years with New Orleans, has 38 tackles so far this season, including five for losses, along with three PDs and a FF. Last year, in his first season with the Bengals, Bell played all 1059 defensive snaps and led the team in both tackles (114) and FFs (three).

Depth at CB was a primary focus for the Bengals in 2020 free agency, as the team added three veteran corners. The first is **Chidobe Awuzie**, a former second-round pick of the Cowboys who spent his first four seasons in Dallas. Awuzie, who is under contract through the 2023 season, has impressed with his coverage and tackling ability this season, and has 20 tackles, six PDs and an INT. Awuzie missed Game 4 vs. Jacksonville due to a groin injury, but returned to action the following week. The second free agency addition was **Mike Hilton**, who is widely considered among the top slot CBs in the NFL. Hilton, who is under contract through the 2024 season, is among the smallest players on the roster at 5-9, 184 pounds, but he is known as a sure tackler and outstanding blitzing. The third free agent addition over the offseason was **Eli Apple**, a former first-round pick of the Giants. Apple brings familiarity with Bell, whom he played alongside in college at Ohio State, as well as with defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo, who was his position coach with the Giants in 2018. Apple has stepped into a starting role of late, after CB **Trae Waynes** was placed on Reserve/Injured on Oct. 12 with a right hamstring injury. Bringing experience at CB is **Darius Phillips**, a 2018 sixth-round pick of the Bengals who, when healthy, has proven to be a playmaker in the secondary. Phillips led the team in INTs (four) in 2019 despite playing only 108 snaps on defense, but then he battled injuries throughout '20. Phillips has taken over as Cincinnati's primary punt returner this season, and thus has mainly filled a rotational role on defense. At safety, 2017 sixth-round pick **Brandon Wilson** is the longest-tenured Bengal on defense. Wilson fills a rotational role on defense and primary role on special teams. Wilson is considered one of the top kickoff returners in the NFL, and has two career KORs for TDs (tied for most in team history). CB **Jalen Davis** joined the Bengals in mid-2020 and was thrust into action quickly while the team dealt with a wave of injuries and COVID-19 issues. Davis, who previously spent time with the Dolphins and Cardinals, drew praise from coaches during his six games of action in 2020, and earned a contract extension with the Bengals in March. Rounding out the defensive backfield is CB **Nick McCloud**, who was acquired on waivers from Buffalo on Sept. 1. McCloud, a rookie out of Notre Dame, was a college free agent signee of the Bills in May.

Special teams: Cincinnati native and the longest-tenured player on the roster **Kevin Huber** is handling the Bengals' punting duties for the 13th consecutive season. Huber, a graduate of Archbishop McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, originally was a fifth-round pick of his hometown Bengals in 2009. So far this season, Huber is averaging 45.9 gross yards on punts, and 41.1 net yards. Huber is considered the top punter in team history, and stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (939), punting yards (42,509), gross average (45.27), net average (40.24) and inside-20 punts (325). Huber was a Pro Bowl selection in 2014, but he has maintained a high level of play and last season posted career-highs in both gross (47.2) and net (42.8) average. Huber has played in 196 career games, third-most in team history, and is within striking distance this season of leaders Reggie Williams (206) and Ken Riley (207). He passed QB Ken Anderson (192) in Game 3 vs. Pittsburgh. The oldest Bengal on the roster is LS **Clark Harris** (37 years old), who joined the Bengals early in 2009 and has snapped to Huber nearly his entire career. Harris has been a paragon of reliability for Cincinnati, and has never had an unplayable snap in 1751 career attempts (936 punts, 813 placekicks) as a Bengal. Harris, a Pro Bowler in 2017, has played in 190 career games as a Bengal, and passed DT Tim Krumrie (188) for sixth-most in team history in Game 5 vs. Green Bay. Among the youngest players on the roster is 21-year-old rookie K **Evan McPherson**, whom the Bengals selected in the fifth round of April's draft. McPherson has already made a significant impact, and has two game-winning "walk-off" FGs with no time remaining. The first came in overtime of Game 1 vs. Minnesota — his NFL debut — when he nailed a 33-yarder; the second was in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville on Thursday Night Football, and came from 35 yards out as time expired in regulation. McPherson has said that entering this season, he had never kicked a game-winning FG at any level of football. McPherson has made all 17 of his PATs and seven of his ten FGs this season, including two from 50-plus. McPherson left the University of Florida as the SEC's all-time leader in FG percentage (85.0). In the return game, S **Brandon Wilson** is considered among the most dangerous kickoff returners in the NFL. Wilson has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with Tremain Mack for most in team history, and his 103-yarder last season against the N.Y. Giants stands as the longest play of any kind in team history. Cincinnati's No. 1 PR this season is CB **Darius Phillips**, who prior to 2021 had five career punt returns in the NFL. In college though, Phillips was considered among the top returners in college football history, as he set an FBS career record with 12 career TDs on returns (five KOR, one PR, five INT, one FR). The Bengals also feature a number of experienced players in kick and punt coverage, including Wilson, LB **Akeem Davis-Gaither**, WR **Stanley Morgan** and WR **Mike Thomas**.

IMPORTANT DATES

| 2021 | |
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| Mid-Oct. | — Beginning on the sixth calendar day prior to a club's seventh regular season game (including any bye week) clubs are permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness (if the player failed his preseason physical due to a non-football injury or illness) for a period not to exceed 21 days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period, provided that no player may be activated to participate in a Week Six game. |
| Nov. 2 | — All trading ends for 2021 at 4 p.m. Eastern. |
| Nov. 3 | — 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. 8 | — Any increase in a player's 2021 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 2021. |
| Nov. 16 | — At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets. |
| Nov. 16 | — 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 2021. |
| Nov. 16 | — 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 2021. |
| Nov. 16 | — 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 2021. |
| Nov. 16 | — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Drafted Rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021. |
| Nov. 30 | — 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 2021 season. |
| Dec. 1 | — Beginning this date through Jan. 31, 2022, NFL clubs are permitted to conduct non-contact tryouts and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2022, or whose 2021 contracts are due to expire on Feb. 8, 2022. Prior to any tryout or negotiation, NFL clubs must first receive written permission from the player's CFL club. |
| Dec. 2, 4, 6 | — 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. 14 | — NFLMC Labor Seminar, TBD. |
| Dec. 14-15 | — Special League Meeting, TBD. |
| 2022 | |
| Jan. 8 | — A claiming period of 24 hours shall be in effect for any waivers requested during the period from the Saturday of the final regular season weekend through the conclusion of the final postseason game, except for waiver requests on Friday and Saturday of each week, which shall expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday. Assignment of player contracts will be deferred until the first business day after the Pro Bowl or the Super Bowl, whichever occurs later. 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, or Reserve/Future List. A club whose playing season has concluded may sign such players to its Reserve/Future List only. |
| Jan. 10 | — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2022 season. |
| Jan. 10 | — NCAA National Championship Game, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind. |
| Jan. 10 | — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2019 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2020. 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. |
| Jan. 10 | — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2019 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 10, 2022, but prior to May 3, 2022 (i.e., not later than May 2). |
| Jan. 10 | — 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 2021 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2022 Team Salary. |
| Jan. 15-16 | — Wild Card Playoff Games. |
| Jan. 17 | — Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2022 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 21. |
| Jan. 22 | — NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif. |
| Jan. 22-23 | — Divisional Playoff Games. |
| Jan. 28 | — HBCU Combine, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala. |
| Jan. 30 | — AFC and NFC Championship Games. |
| Jan. 31 | — Deadline for NFL clubs to try out and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2022, or whose 2021 contracts are due to expire at noon Eastern, on Feb. 8, 2022. |
| Jan. 31 | — Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2022 season to notify his former Club in writing. |
| Feb. 1 | — Deadline for non-playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council. |
| Feb. 3 | — East-West Shrine Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev. |
| Feb. 5 | — Senior Bowl, Hancock Whitney Stadium, Mobile, Ala. |
| Feb. 6 | — NFL Pro Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev. |
| Feb. 8 | — Beginning at noon Eastern, NFL clubs may begin to sign players whose 2021 CFL contracts have expired. Players under contract to a CFL club for the 2022 season or who have an option for the 2022 season are not eligible to be signed. |
| Feb. 13 | — Super Bowl LVI, SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif. |
| Feb. 14 | — Waiver system begins for 2022. A 24-hour claiming period will be in effect through the Friday prior to the last regular season game (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 after the trading deadline. |
| Feb. 14 | — Beginning the first business day after the Super Bowl through the opening of the first training camp for Rookies in 2022, clubs must report all tryouts and visits to the League office; however, such transactions will not be reported to other clubs. |
| Feb. 19 | — HBCU Legacy Bowl, Yulman Stadium, New Orleans, La. |
| Feb. 21 | — Deadline for playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council. |
| Feb. 22 | — Beginning this date through 4 p.m. Eastern on March 8 clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players. |
| March 1-7 | — NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind. |
| March 8 | — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players. |

(Important dates, continued)

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| March 10 | — Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2022 season. | March 27-30 | — Injury Protection Benefit. |
| March 14-16 | — During the period beginning at noon Eastern, on March 14 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16, 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 2021 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. During the above two-day negotiating period, a prospective UFA who is not represented by an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor 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. No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. | March 31 | — Annual League Meeting, The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla. |
| March 16 | — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must exercise options for 2022 on all players who have option clauses in their 2021 contracts. | April 4 | — Deadline for clubs to meet 2022 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees. |
| March 16 | — 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. | April 18 | — Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2021 regular season may begin offseason workout programs. |
| March 16 | — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2021 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit. | April 20 | — Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs. |
| March 16 | — Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2022 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern. | April 22 | — Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination. |
| March 16 | — All 2021 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern. | April 27 | — Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets. |
| March 16 | — The 2022 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. The first day of the 2022 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. 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 16. | April 27 | — Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents. |
| March 16 | — Trading period for 2022 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2021 contracts. | April 28-30 | — Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players. |
| March 16 | — Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2022 and if not renegotiated after Jan. 9, 2022, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1). | May 2 | — Annual Player Selection Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev. |
| March 18 | — Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician- Certified Candidates for the 2022 Extended | May 2 | — Deadline for Prior Club to send "UFA 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 2019 Draft. |
| | | May 6-9 or May 13-16 | — Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie mini-camp from Friday-Sunday or Saturday-Monday. |
| | | May 16 | — Rookie Football Development Programs begin. |
| | | May 19-22 (Tentative) | — NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their respective clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period. |
| | | May 23-25 | — Spring League Meeting, TBD. |
| | | June 1 | — Deadline for Prior Club to send "June 1 Tender" to its unsigned Restricted Free Agents who received a Qualifying Offer for a Right of First Refusal Only in order for such player to be subject to the CBA's "June 15 Tender" provision. |
| | | June 2 | — For any player removed from the Club's roster or whose contract is assigned via waivers or trade on or after June 2, any unamortized Signing Bonus amounts for future years will be included fully in Team Salary at the start of the 2022 League Year. |
| | | June 15 | — Deadline for club to withdraw Qualifying Offer to Restricted Free Agents and still retain exclusive negotiating rights by substituting "June 15 Tender" of one-year contract at 110 percent of the player's prior-year Paragraph 5 Salary (with all other terms of his prior-year contract carried forward unchanged). |
| | | Late June | — Rookie Readiness Program to be held at individual clubs. |

THE LAST BENGALS-RAVENS MEETINGS

**2020 SEASON
WEEK 5, GAME 5**

**Baltimore Ravens 27, Cincinnati Bengals 3
Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020 at M&T Bank Stadium**

In the first-ever meeting between Bengals QB Joe Burrow and Ravens QB Lamar Jackson, the Ravens jumped out to a 17-0 lead by the first play of the second quarter before cruising the rest of the way to a 27-3 win. Cincinnati's offense couldn't find traction against a stout Baltimore defense that sacked Burrow seven times and held HB Joe Mixon to 2.5 yards per carry. Cincinnati's offense struggled particularly on third downs, converting just three of 16 opportunities on the day. Jackson completed only 51 percent of his passes against a resilient Bengals defense that kept the game within reach into the fourth quarter, but three Cincinnati turnovers, including a fumble that Baltimore returned for a TD, proved too much to overcome. Cincinnati dropped to 1-3-1, while Baltimore improved to 4-1.

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

| TEAM — SCORING PLAY | QTR.-LEFT |
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| Balt. — J.Tucker 46 field goal..... | 1-10:40 |
| Balt. — M.Andrews 5 pass from L.Jackson (J.Tucker kick)..... | 1-0:40 |
| Balt. — M.Brown 2 pass from L.Jackson (J.Tucker kick)..... | 2-14:56 |
| Balt. — J.Tucker 39 field goal..... | 3-2:36 |
| Balt. — P.Queen 53 fumble recovery return (J.Tucker kick)..... | 4-8:21 |
| Cin. — R.Bullock 38 field goal..... | 4-0:32 |

Missed FGs: J.Tucker (61WR). **Attendance:** 0. **Time:** 2:57.

| TEAM STATISTICS | CIN. | BALT. |
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| First downs..... | 12 | 17 |
| Third down conversions-attempts..... | 3-16 | 7-15 |
| Total net yards..... | 205 | 332 |
| Net yards rushing..... | 70 | 161 |
| Net yards passing..... | 135 | 171 |
| Pass attempts-completions-interceptions..... | 30-19-1 | 37-19-1 |
| Sacks against-yards lost..... | 7-48 | 1-9 |
| Punts-average..... | 7-50.1 | 4-44.3 |
| Punt returns-yards..... | 1-4 | 3-10 |
| Kickoff returns-yards..... | 0-0 | 1-30 |
| Penalties-yards..... | 5-40 | 4-25 |
| Fumbles-lost..... | 3-2 | 0-0 |
| Time of possession..... | 34:39 | 25:21 |

RUSHING

| CIN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD | BALT. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD |
|----------|-----|-----|----|----|------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| J.Mixon | 24 | 59 | 7 | 0 | M.Ingram | 11 | 57 | 20 | 0 |
| J.Burrow | 3 | 10 | 6 | 0 | D.Duvernay | 1 | 42 | 42 | 0 |
| M.Thomas | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | J.Dobbins | 1 | 34 | 34 | 0 |
| | | | | | G.Edwards | 7 | 25 | 6 | 0 |
| | | | | | L.Jackson | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| | | | | | M.Brown | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | | R.Griffin | 1 | -1 | -1 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 28 | 70 | 7 | 0 | TOTALS | 24 | 161 | 42 | 0 |

PASSING

| CIN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I | BALT. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| J.Burrow | 30 | 19 | 183 | 0-1 | L.Jackson | 37 | 19 | 180 | 2-1 |
| TOTALS | 30 | 19 | 183 | 0-1 | TOTALS | 37 | 19 | 180 | 2-1 |

RECEIVING

| CIN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD | BALT. | NO | YDS | LG | TD |
|-----------|----|-----|----|----|------------|----|-----|----|----|
| J.Mixon | 6 | 35 | 19 | 0 | M.Brown | 6 | 77 | 30 | 1 |
| T.Higgins | 4 | 62 | 26 | 0 | M.Andrews | 6 | 56 | 14 | 1 |
| T.Boyd | 4 | 42 | 14 | 0 | J.Dobbins | 3 | 21 | 9 | 0 |
| D.Sample | 2 | 22 | 14 | 0 | D.Duvernay | 2 | 17 | 9 | 0 |
| A.Tate | 1 | 12 | 12 | 0 | P.Ricard | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| M.Thomas | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0 | N.Boyle | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| G.Bernard | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 19 | 183 | 26 | 0 | TOTALS | 19 | 180 | 30 | 2 |

DEFENSE

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

Baltimore (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** P.Queen 6-3-9, C.Clark 5-4-9, J.Ferguson 3-3-6, P.McPhee 5-0-5, M.Humphrey 4-1-5, D.Elliott 2-3-5, M.Peters 4-0-4, T.Bowser 2-2-4, M.Judon 3-0-3, D.Wolfe 3-0-3, M.Harrison 2-1-3, C.Campbell 2-0-2, B.Williams 1-1-2, C.Board 0-2-2, L.Fort 0-2-2, J.Smith 1-0-1, J.Madubuike 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** M.Peters 1-10, D.Elliott 1-9, M.Humphrey 1-8, C.Clark 1-7, P.McPhee 1-7, P.Queen 1-6, J.Smith 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Peters 1-12. **PD:** P.McPhee 1, M.Peters 1. **FF:** M.Humphrey 1, M.Peters 1, P.Queen 1. **FR-YDS.:** P.Queen 2-53.

**2020 SEASON
WEEK 17, GAME 16**

**Baltimore Ravens 38, Cincinnati Bengals 3
Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium**

The host Bengals entered the season finale against Baltimore with a chance to spoil their division rival's playoff hopes with a victory, but the Ravens secured their postseason spot with 404 rushing yards. Widely speculated to be his last game as a Bengal, WR A.J. Green needed one receiving TD to tie Chad Johnson's career total of 66 for the most in team history, but was held without a catch. Likewise, WR Tee Higgins needed just one reception to break a tie with Cris Collinsworth for the most by a rookie in team history at 67. But Higgins' apparent 41-yard catch in the first quarter was negated by a penalty, and he suffered a hamstring injury on the play that held him out the rest of the game. Cincinnati ended its season 4-11-1, while Baltimore finished 11-5 and earned a spot in the playoffs as a Wild Card.

| SCORE BY PERIODS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | PTS. |
|------------------|----|---|----|---|----|------|
| Baltimore..... | 10 | 7 | 21 | 0 | — | 38 |
| Cincinnati..... | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | — | 3 |

| TEAM — SCORING PLAY | QTR.-LEFT |
|--|-----------|
| Balt. — J.Tucker 34 field goal..... | 1-8:08 |
| Balt. — M.Boykin 43 pass from L.Jackson (J.Tucker kick)..... | 1-3:48 |
| Balt. — M.Brown 18 pass from L.Jackson (J.Tucker kick)..... | 2-4:26 |
| Cin. — A.Seibert 38 field goal..... | 2-0:32 |
| Balt. — J.Dobbins 4 run (J.Tucker kick)..... | 3-9:55 |
| Balt. — M.Brown 9 pass from L.Jackson (J.Tucker kick)..... | 3-3:44 |
| Balt. — J.Dobbins 72 run (J.Tucker kick)..... | 3-1:45 |

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 10,499. **Time:** 2:55.

| TEAM STATISTICS | BALT. | CIN. |
|--|---------|--------|
| First downs..... | 24 | 10 |
| Third down conversions-attempts..... | 11-7 | 1-9 |
| Total net yards..... | 525 | 195 |
| Net yards rushing..... | 404 | 147 |
| Net yards passing..... | 121 | 48 |
| Pass attempts-completions-interceptions..... | 19-11-1 | 21-6-2 |
| Sacks against-yards lost..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punts-average..... | 2-50.0 | 7-48.4 |
| Punt returns-yards..... | 2-10 | 2-26 |
| Kickoff returns-yards..... | 0-0 | 2-34 |
| Penalties-yards..... | 6-49 | 3-29 |
| Fumbles-lost..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Time of possession..... | 40:31 | 19:29 |

RUSHING

| BALT. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD | CIN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|----|------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Dobbins | 13 | 160 | 72t | 2 | T.Williams | 4 | 74 | 55 | 0 |
| L.Jackson | 11 | 97 | 20 | 0 | S.Perine | 9 | 51 | 15 | 0 |
| G.Edwards | 12 | 60 | 11 | 0 | T.Boyd | 1 | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| M.Ingram | 9 | 39 | 16 | 0 | G.Bernard | 3 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| D.Duvernay | 1 | 22 | 22 | 0 | A.Erickson | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| J.Hill | 2 | 21 | 16 | 0 | B.Allen | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| T.Huntley | 6 | 5 | 2 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 54 | 404 | 72t | 2 | TOTALS | 19 | 147 | 55 | 0 |

PASSING

| BALT. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I | CIN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| L.Jackson | 18 | 10 | 113 | 3-1 | B.Allen | 21 | 6 | 48 | 0-2 |
| T.Huntley | 1 | 1 | 8 | 0-0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 19 | 11 | 121 | 3-1 | TOTALS | 21 | 6 | 48 | 0-2 |

RECEIVING

| BALT. | NO | YDS | LG | TD | CIN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD |
|-----------|----|-----|-----|----|------------|----|-----|----|----|
| M.Brown | 5 | 41 | 18t | 2 | D.Sample | 2 | 15 | 8 | 0 |
| M.Andrews | 4 | 27 | 9 | 0 | C.Carter | 1 | 21 | 21 | 0 |
| M.Boykin | 1 | 43 | 43t | 1 | A.Erickson | 1 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| G.Edwards | 1 | 10 | 10 | 0 | T.Williams | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| | | | | | T.Boyd | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 11 | 121 | 43t | 3 | TOTALS | 6 | 48 | 21 | 0 |

DEFENSE

Baltimore (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** M.Judon 3-3-6, C.Clark 3-1-4, P.Queen 2-2-4, T.Bowser 3-0-3, A.Averett 2-0-2, L.Fort 1-1-2, B.Williams 1-1-2, D.Elliott 0-2-2, D.Wolfe 0-2-2, M.Humphrey 1-0-1, J.Madubuike 1-0-1, M.Peters 1-0-1, J.Ward 1-0-1, M.Harrison 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** C.Clark 1-0, M.Peters 1-0. **PD:** A.Averett 2, C.Clark 2, J.Ferguson 1, M.Peters 1, J.Ward 1, D.Wolfe 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Bynes 7-3-10, A.Davis-Gaither 6-4-10, G.Pratt 6-2-8, J.Bates 5-3-8, C.Covington 1-5-6, S.Hubbard 3-2-5, X.Williams 1-4-5, L.Sims 3-1-4, R.McKenzie 2-2-4, V.Bell 1-2-3, J.Evans 1-2-3, D.Phillips 1-2-3, C.Lawson 2-0-2, T.Brown 1-1-2, J.Davis 1-0-1, K.Kareem 1-0-1, S.Williams 1-0-1, A.Bledsoe 0-1-1, M.Hunt 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** A.Davis-Gaither 1-0. **PD:** M.Hunt 2, A.Davis-Gaither 1, L.Sims 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

2021 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Cincinnati Bengals 27, Minnesota Vikings 24 Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

Bengals QB Joe Burrow, who was less than 10 months removed from a left knee injury that ended his rookie season, showed few signs of rust, posting career-highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67). HB Joe Mixon, whose 2020 season also ended early due to injury, rushed for 127 yards and a TD on 29 carries. Rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase impressed in his NFL debut with five catches for 101 yards, including a 50-yard TD. Minnesota closed a 14-point second-half deficit and sent the game to OT with a 53-yard FG at the end of regulation. Late in OT, LB Germaine Pratt forced and recovered a fumble by Vikings RB Dalvin Cook, setting up a seven-play, 46-yard drive that was highlighted by a 32-yard pass from Burrow to TE C.J. Uzomah on fourth-and-inches. Rookie K Evan McPherson, making his NFL debut, then nailed a 33-yard FG as time expired to give Cincinnati the win. The game was the first in NFL history with a game-tying FG with no time left in regulation, and a game-winning FG with no time left in OT. Cincinnati moved to 1-0, and Minnesota dropped to 0-1.

| SCORE BY PERIODS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | PTS. |
|------------------|---|----|---|----|----|------|
| Minnesota..... | 0 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 24 |
| Cincinnati..... | 0 | 14 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 27 |

| TEAM — SCORING PLAY | QTR.-LEFT |
|---|-----------|
| Minn. — A.Thielen 5 pass from K.Cousins (G.Joseph kick)..... | 2-6:39 |
| Cin. — T.Higgins 2 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick)..... | 2-1:47 |
| Cin. — J.Chase 50 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick)..... | 2-0:35 |
| Cin. — J.Mixon 2 run (E.McPherson kick)..... | 3-9:15 |
| Minn. — A.Thielen 24 pass from K.Cousins (G.Joseph kick)..... | 3-2:24 |
| Cin. — E.McPherson 53 field goal..... | 4-14:13 |
| Minn. — D.Cook 1 run (G.Joseph kick)..... | 4-9:23 |
| Minn. — G.Joseph 53 field goal..... | 4-0:00 |
| Cin. — E.McPherson 33 field goal..... | 5-0:00 |

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 56,525. **Time:** 3:38.

| TEAM STATISTICS | MINN. | CIN. |
|--|---------|---------|
| First downs..... | 24 | 20 |
| Third down conversions-attempts..... | 6-16 | 3-14 |
| Total net yards..... | 403 | 366 |
| Net yards rushing..... | 67 | 149 |
| Net yards passing..... | 336 | 217 |
| Pass attempts-completions-interceptions..... | 50-37-0 | 27-20-0 |
| Sacks against-yards lost..... | 3-26 | 5-44 |
| Punts-average..... | 8-50.3 | 7-47.4 |
| Punt returns-yards..... | 1-12 | 5-53 |
| Kickoff returns-yards..... | 1-21 | 1-11 |
| Penalties-yards..... | 12-116 | 3-15 |
| Fumbles-lost..... | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Time of possession..... | 35:09 | 34:51 |

RUSHING

| MINN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD | CIN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD |
|------------|-----|-----|----|----|----------|-----|-----|----|----|
| D.Cook | 20 | 61 | 17 | 1 | J.Mixon | 29 | 127 | 19 | 1 |
| A.Abdullah | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | S.Perine | 5 | 22 | 13 | 0 |
| A.Mattison | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | J.Burrow | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | | | J.Chase | 1 | -2 | -2 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 22 | 67 | 17 | 1 | TOTALS | 36 | 149 | 19 | 1 |

PASSING

| MINN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I | CIN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|------|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| K.Cousins | 49 | 36 | 351 | 2-0 | J.Burrow | 27 | 20 | 261 | 2-0 |
| J.Jefferson | 1 | 1 | 11 | 0-0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 50 | 37 | 362 | 2-0 | TOTALS | 27 | 20 | 261 | 2-0 |

RECEIVING

| MINN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD | CIN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD |
|-------------|----|-----|-----|----|-----------|----|-----|-----|----|
| A.Thielen | 9 | 92 | 24t | 2 | J.Chase | 5 | 101 | 50t | 1 |
| K.Osborn | 7 | 76 | 25 | 0 | T.Higgins | 4 | 58 | 28 | 1 |
| D.Cook | 6 | 43 | 9 | 0 | J.Mixon | 4 | 23 | 12 | 0 |
| J.Jefferson | 5 | 71 | 34 | 0 | T.Boyd | 3 | 32 | 18 | 0 |
| T.Conklin | 4 | 41 | 27 | 0 | C.Uzomah | 2 | 35 | 32 | 0 |
| A.Abdullah | 2 | 15 | 10 | 0 | S.Perine | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| C.Ham | 2 | 9 | 6 | 0 | M.Thomas | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| D.Westbrook | 1 | 11 | 11 | 0 | | | | | |
| A.Mattison | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 37 | 362 | 34 | 2 | TOTALS | 20 | 261 | 50t | 2 |

DEFENSE

Minnesota (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** E.Kendricks 6-9-15, N.Vigil 8-2-10, B.Breeland 5-2-7, M.Pierce 3-4-7, H.Smith 5-1-6, D.Hunter 3-3-6, X.Woods 4-1-5, D.Tomlinson 2-2-4, S.Weatherly 2-1-3, K.Boyd 2-0-2, D.Wonnum 1-1-2, B.Lynch 0-2-2, M.Alexander 1-0-1, P.Peterson 1-0-1, A.Watts 1-0-1, S.Richardson 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** M.Pierce 2-14, N.Vigil 1-12, H.Smith 1-10, D.Hunter 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** M.Alexander 1, X.Woods 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Bates 6-3-9, G.Pratt 6-2-8, V.Bell 4-3-7, L.Wilson 4-3-7, E.Apple 6-0-6, C.Awuzie 4-2-6, M.Hilton 4-2-6, L.Ogunjobi 4-2-6, R.Allen 2-3-5, B.Hill 3-0-3, S.Hubbard 1-2-3, D.Reader 0-3-3, J.Evans 1-0-1, D.Phillips 1-0-1. **SKS-YDS.:** B.Hill 2-17, L.Ogunjobi 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** C.Awuzie 2. **FF:** G.Pratt 1. **FR-YDS.:** G.Pratt 1-0.

WEEK 2, GAME 2

Chicago Bears 20, Cincinnati Bengals 17 Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 at Soldier Field

The visiting Bengals allowed the fewest total yards (206) by a Cincinnati defense in seven years, but the offense struggled to protect the football and find the scoreboard. Bengals QB Joe Burrow threw three INTs — including a pick-six — on consecutive attempts in the fourth quarter, helping the Bears to a comfortable 17-point margin late. But Burrow connected with rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase for a 42-yard score with 4:39 remaining, and then an INT by Bengals LB Logan Wilson on the ensuing possession set up a seven-yard TD from Burrow to WR Tee Higgins on the next play to cut the margin to just three. Burrow was the first NFL player in 20 years with INTs on three consecutive plays and TD passes on two consecutive plays in the same game (Steelers QB Kordell Stewart on Dec. 30, 2001 at Cincinnati). The Bengals' comeback bid fell short though, as Bears rookie QB Justin Fields, who was filling in for injured starter Andy Dalton, led Chicago to two first downs as the Bears ran out the clock and hung on for a 20-17 win. Cincinnati dropped to 1-1, while Chicago improved to 1-1.

| SCORE BY PERIODS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | PTS. |
|------------------|---|---|---|----|----|------|
| Cincinnati..... | 0 | 0 | 3 | 14 | — | 17 |
| Chicago..... | 7 | 0 | 0 | 13 | — | 20 |

| TEAM — SCORING PLAY | QTR.-LEFT |
|---|-----------|
| Chi. — A.Robinson 11 pass from A.Dalton (C.Santos kick)..... | 1-9:58 |
| Cin. — E.McPherson 53 field goal..... | 3-8:22 |
| Chi. — C.Santos 28 field goal..... | 4-14:52 |
| Chi. — R.Smith 53 interception return (C.Santos kick)..... | 4-10:55 |
| Chi. — C.Santos 22 field goal..... | 4-6:40 |
| Cin. — J.Chase 42 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick)..... | 4-4:39 |
| Cin. — T.Higgins 7 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick)..... | 4-3:39 |

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 60,840. **Time:** 2:55.

| TEAM STATISTICS | CIN. | CHI. |
|--|---------|---------|
| First downs..... | 14 | 16 |
| Third down conversions-attempts..... | 6-13 | 6-15 |
| Total net yards..... | 248 | 206 |
| Net yards rushing..... | 69 | 123 |
| Net yards passing..... | 179 | 83 |
| Pass attempts-completions-interceptions..... | 30-19-3 | 24-15-1 |
| Sacks against-yards lost..... | 4-28 | 3-33 |
| Punts-average..... | 2-37.5 | 4-42.3 |
| Punt returns-yards..... | 1-15 | 0-0 |
| Kickoff returns-yards..... | 3-54 | 1-10 |
| Penalties-yards..... | 4-57 | 8-70 |
| Fumbles-lost..... | 1-1 | 1-0 |
| Time of possession..... | 28:39 | 31:21 |

RUSHING

| CIN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD | CHI. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD |
|---------|-----|-----|----|----|--------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| J.Mixon | 20 | 69 | 10 | 0 | D.Montgomery | 20 | 61 | 11 | 0 |
| | | | | | J.Fields | 10 | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | | A.Dalton | 2 | 25 | 14 | 0 |
| | | | | | D.Williams | 2 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 20 | 69 | 10 | 0 | TOTALS | 34 | 123 | 14 | 0 |

PASSING

| CIN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I | CHI. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| J.Burrow | 30 | 19 | 207 | 2-3 | J.Fields | 13 | 6 | 60 | 0-1 |
| | | | | | A.Dalton | 11 | 9 | 56 | 1-0 |
| TOTALS | 30 | 19 | 207 | 2-3 | TOTALS | 24 | 15 | 116 | 1-1 |

RECEIVING

| CIN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD | CHI. | NO | YDS | LG | TD |
|-----------|----|-----|-----|----|--------------|----|-----|----|----|
| T.Boyd | 7 | 73 | 22 | 0 | D.Mooney | 6 | 66 | 21 | 0 |
| T.Higgins | 6 | 60 | 14 | 1 | D.Montgomery | 3 | 18 | 10 | 0 |
| J.Chase | 2 | 54 | 42t | 1 | A.Robinson | 2 | 24 | 13 | 1 |
| C.Uzomah | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | D.Williams | 2 | -2 | 3 | 0 |
| C.Evans | 1 | 14 | 14 | 0 | M.Goodwin | 1 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| J.Mixon | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | C.Kmet | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 19 | 207 | 42 | 2 | TOTALS | 15 | 116 | 21 | 1 |

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** L.Wilson 2-7-9, S.Hubbard 6-2-8, V.Bell 5-1-6, J.Bates 4-1-5, L.Ogunjobi 1-3-4, E.Apple 2-1-3, B.Hill 2-1-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, C.Sample 2-1-3, T.Hendrickson 1-2-3, D.Reader 1-2-3, C.Awuzie 2-0-2, A.Davis-Gaither 2-0-2, J.Evans 1-1-2, W.Ray 1-1-2, G.Pratt 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** T.Hendrickson 1.5-20.5, D.Reader 1-8, S.Hubbard 0.5-4.5. **INT.-YDS.:** L.Wilson 1-18. **PD:** E.Apple 1, C.Awuzie 1, V.Bell 1, L.Wilson 1. **FF:** T.Hendrickson 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Chicago (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Smith 5-4-9, D.Shelley 5-1-6, A.Hicks 3-1-4, E.Jackson 3-1-4, B.Nichols 3-1-4, K.Vildor 3-1-4, R.Quinn 3-0-3, A.Blackson 2-1-3, Ta.Gipson 2-1-3, A.Ogletree 1-2-3, J.Johnson 2-0-2, D.Houston-Carson 1-1-2, K.Mack 1-1-2. **SKS-YDS.:** R.Quinn 2-8, R.Smith 1-8, K.Mack 1-6, B.Nichols 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** R.Smith 1-53, A.Blackson 1-6, J.Johnson 1-3. **PD:** J.Johnson 4, A.Blackson 1, A.Ogletree 1, R.Smith 1, K.Vildor 1. **FF:** E.Jackson 1. **FR-YDS.:** Ta.Gipson 1-13.

WEEK 3, GAME 3

Cincinnati Bengals 24, Pittsburgh Steelers 10
Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 at Heinz Field

The Steelers were without numerous starters due to injury, including All-Pro OLB T.J. Watt, and the Bengals took full advantage. Bengals QB Joe Burrow completed 77.8 percent of his passes, tossed three TDs to just one INT, and posted a 122.9 passer rating. He averaged 9.6 yards per attempt through the air, while HB Joe Mixon averaged 5.0 yards per carry on the ground. Rookie Ja'Marr Chase scored two TDs, including a 34-yarder down the sideline before the half to give Cincinnati the lead for good. The Bengals also held the Steelers without a sack, breaking Pittsburgh's NFL-record streak of 75 straight games with a sack. Defensively, the Bengals applied constant pressure to Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger, sacking him four times and hitting him three more. LB Logan Wilson picked off Roethlisberger twice, and both instances led to Burrow TD passes. Cincinnati cruised to a 24-10 win and improved to 2-1, while Pittsburgh dropped to 1-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns for 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 7, 7, 10, 0, —, 24. Pittsburgh: 0, 7, 0, 3, —, 10.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays such as T.Boyd 17 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick) 1-2:54.

Missed FGs: C.Boswell (42W). Attendance: 58,076. Time: 3:02.

TEAM STATISTICS CIN. PITT. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions-attempts, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING CIN. PITT. table with columns for ATT, YDS, LG, TD. J.Mixon 18 90 27 0, J.Burrow 5 7 8 0.

PASSING CIN. PITT. table with columns for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. J.Burrow 18 14 172 3-1, B.Roethlisberger 58 38 318 1-2.

RECEIVING CIN. PITT. table with columns for NO, YDS, LG, TD. J.Chase 4 65 34t 2, T.Boyd 4 36 17t 1.

DEFENSE Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 6-8-14, J.Bates 6-3-9, E.Apple 4-4-8, A.Davis-Gaither 5-2-7, S.Hubbard 3-3-6, G.Pratt 2-4-6, M.Hilton 3-2-5, D.Phillips 3-2-5, V.Bell 3-1-4, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, B.Hill 2-0-2, C.Sample 2-0-2, T.Hendrickson 1-1-2, D.Reader 1-1-2, C.Awuzie 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1, J.Evans 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Hubbard 1-8, B.Hill 1-5, C.Sample 1-5, T.Hendrickson 1-3. INT.-YDS.: L.Wilson 2-13. PD: L.Wilson 2, E.Apple 1, V.Bell 1. FF: V.Bell 1. FR-YDS.: None. Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Schobert 4-1-5, T.Edmunds 2-3-5, C.Heyward 1-4-5, M.Fitzpatrick 3-1-4, C.Wormley 2-2-4, T.Norwood 3-0-3, M.Ingram 2-1-3, I.Buggs 1-2-3, A.Maulet 2-0-2, C.Sutton 2-0-2, J.Haden 1-1-2, D.Tuszka 1-1-2, D.Bush 0-2-2, I.Loudermilk 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: T.Edmunds 1-15. PD: T.Edmunds 1, J.Pierre 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

Cincinnati Bengals 24, Jacksonville Jaguars 21
Thursday night, Sept. 30, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The game featured the previous two No. 1 overall picks in Cincinnati second-year QB Joe Burrow and Jacksonville rookie QB Trevor Lawrence. The Jaguars owned the first half, racking up 15 first downs and 240 total yards en route to a 14-0 halftime lead. The turning point for Cincinnati came with a minute left in the first half, when LB Logan Wilson tackled Lawrence at the one-yard line on a fourth down to prevent a halftime deficit of 21. In the second half, Burrow led a comeback that saw Cincinnati score on all four possessions (TD, TD, TD, FG). Burrow completed 17 of his 20 second-half attempts (85 percent) for 253 yards and two TDs (152.1 rating). With just over a minute left and the score tied 21-21, Burrow made what was perhaps the play of the game when he audibled into a jailbreak screen that went to TE C.J. Uzomah, who ran it for 25 yards to the Jacksonville 21-yard line. That play set up a 35-yard, game-winning FG by K Evan McPherson two plays later. At halftime of the game, the Bengals inducted four people as part of their inaugural Ring of Honor class — founder/GM/head coach Paul Brown, OT Anthony Munoz, QB Ken Anderson and CB Ben Riley. Cincinnati improved to 3-1, while Jacksonville fell to 0-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns for 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Jacksonville: 7, 7, 0, 7, —, 21. Cincinnati: 0, 0, 14, 10, —, 24.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays such as J.Robinson 6 run (M.Wright kick) 1-1:28.

Missed FGs: E.McPherson (43W). Attendance: 63,198. Time: 2:59.

TEAM STATISTICS JAX. CIN. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions-attempts, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING JAX. CIN. table with columns for ATT, YDS, LG, TD. J.Robinson 18 78 20 2, T.Lawrence 8 36 11 1.

PASSING JAX. CIN. table with columns for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. T.Lawrence 24 17 204 0-0, J.Burrow 32 25 348 2-0.

RECEIVING JAX. CIN. table with columns for NO, YDS, LG, TD. L.Shenault 6 99 52 0, T.Boyd 9 118 33 0.

DEFENSE Jacksonville (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: T.Campbell 4-5-9, R.Jenkins 3-4-7, M.Jack 2-5-7, A.Wingard 4-2-6, D.Wilson 3-3-6, T.Herndon 5-0-5, S.Griffin 4-0-4, M.Brown 1-3-4, A.Gotsis 2-1-3, D.Hamilton 2-1-3, J.Allen 1-1-2, K.Chaisson 1-0-1, R.Ford 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: A.Gotsis 1-6. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.Allen 1, S.Griffin 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None. Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 4-6-10, G.Pratt 5-4-9, S.Hubbard 4-2-6, D.Reader 1-5-6, V.Bell 3-2-5, T.Waynes 4-0-4, E.Apple 3-0-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, A.Davis-Gaither 2-0-2, B.Wilson 1-1-2, B.Hill 0-2-2, W.Ray 0-2-2, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Wilson 1-2. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: E.Apple 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 5, GAME 5

Green Bay Packers 25, Cincinnati Bengals 22
Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The host Bengals and visiting Packers combined to miss six placekicks, including five FGs, but Packers K Mason Crosby broke the run of misses and nailed a 49-yarder late in OT to secure a Green Bay win. The Packers racked up 466 total yards, including 206 receiving yards from WR Davante Adams, but the Bengals' defense held them to just two TDs on five total trips to the red zone. Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase had a big day of his own, posting the second-most receiving yards (159) ever by a Cincinnati rookie. The highlight of the day came just before halftime, when Bengals QB Joe Burrow connected with Chase on a 70-yard TD that drew the Bengals within two points. Cincinnati tied the game with 3:27 left in the fourth quarter, but McPherson missed a potential go-ahead 57-yard FG with 26 seconds left, and then Crosby missed from 51 yards as time expired. In OT, Crosby missed from 40 yards and McPherson from 49, before Crosby finally converted with 1:55 remaining. Green Bay improved to 4-1, while Cincinnati fell to 3-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Green Bay: 0, 16, 3, 3, 3, 25. Cincinnati: 7, 7, 0, 8, 0, 22.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like S.Perine 4 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick) 1-1:25, G.B. - A.Dillon 12 pass from Aa.Rodgers (kick failed, HLU) 2-11:45, etc.

Missed FGs: M.Crosby (36WL, 51WL, 40WL), E.McPherson (57RU, 49WL). Attendance: 64,195. Time: 3:22.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns G.B., CIN. First downs: 21, 18. Total net yards: 466, 367. Net yards rushing: 133, 103. Net yards passing: 333, 264. Pass attempts-completions-interceptions: 39-27-1, 38-26-2. Sacks against-yards lost: 2-11, 3-17. Punts-average: 2-33.5, 5-38.8. Punt returns-yards: 2-9, 1-2. Kickoff returns-yards: 2-13, 1-42. Penalties-yards: 2-10, 2-21. Fumbles-lost: 0-0, 0-0. Time of possession: 33:59, 34:06.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns G.B., CIN. A.Jones: 14, 103, 57, 0, S.Perine: 11, 59, 11, 0. A.Dillon: 8, 30, 17, 0, J.Mixon: 10, 33, 10, 1. J.Burrow: 3, 11, 9, 0. TOTALS: 22, 133, 57, 0, 24, 103, 11, 1.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns G.B., CIN. Aa.Rodgers: 39, 27, 344, 2-1, J.Burrow: 38, 26, 281, 2-2. TOTALS: 39, 27, 344, 2-1, 38, 26, 281, 2-2.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns G.B., CIN. D.Adams: 11, 206, 59, 1, J.Chase: 6, 159, 70t, 1. A.Dillon: 4, 49, 24, 1, T.Higgins: 5, 32, 10, 0. A.Jones: 4, 6, 5, 0, S.Perine: 4, 24, 10, 1. M.Lewis: 2, 34, 20, 0, T.Boyd: 4, 24, 9, 0. R.Cobb: 2, 30, 15, 0, C.Uzomah: 2, 16, 9, 0. A.Lazard: 2, 6, 7, 0, C.Evans: 2, 15, 8, 0. R.Tonyan: 1, 8, 8, 0, D.Sample: 2, 9, 6, 0. K.Hill: 1, 5, 5, 0, J.Mixon: 1, 2, 2, 0. TOTALS: 27, 344, 59, 2, 26, 281, 70t, 2.

DEFENSE

Green Bay (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: A.Amos 6-3-9, D.Campbell 5-4-9, D.Savage 5-1-6, K.Barnes 3-3-6, K.Clark 3-3-6, K.King 4-1-5, R.Gary 1-4-5, E.Stokes 3-1-4, P.Smith 1-3-4, C.Sullivan 2-0-2, O.Burks 1-1-2, K.Keke 0-2-2, T.Lancaster 0-2-2, D.Lowry 0-2-2, T.Slaton 0-2-2, I.Yiadom 1-0-1, H.Black 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: K.Barnes 1-8, P.Smith 1-7, D.Lowry 0.5-1, T.Slaton 0.5-1. INT.-YDS.: D.Campbell 1-13, A.Amos 1-0. PD: D.Lowry 2, A.Amos 1, D.Campbell 1, E.Stokes 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: J.Bates 8-1-9, V.Bell 8-1-9, C.Awuzie 5-1-6, L.Wilson 3-3-6, G.Pratt 4-1-5, D.Reader 2-3-5, M.Hilton 3-1-4, T.Hendrickson 2-2-4, B.Hill 1-3-4, J.Tupou 0-3-3, A.Davis-Gaither 1-1-2, E.Apple 1-0-1, T.Waynes 1-0-1, S.Hubbard 0-1-1, W.Ray 0-1-1, C.Sample 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 2-11. INT.-YDS.: C.Awuzie 1-42. PD: C.Awuzie 2, M.Hilton 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 6, GAME 6

Cincinnati Bengals 34, Detroit Lions 11
Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021 at Ford Field

The visiting Bengals cruised to a 23-point win, good for their largest margin of victory in four seasons. Rookie HB Chris Evans caught a 24-yard TD on Cincinnati's first offensive possession, but the offense struggled for much of the rest of the first half. Cincinnati's defense picked up the slack though, holding the Lions scoreless in the first two quarters while allowing just 51 total yards. Cincinnati led just 10-0 at halftime, but in the second half the offense came away with points on all four of its full possessions (three TDs and a FG). Cincinnati was effective in the air and on the ground. QB Joe Burrow tossed three TDs on the afternoon and posted a 115.7 passer rating, while HB Joe Mixon racked up 153 total yards, including a 40-yard receiving TD that featured a massive downfield block from rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase to lead him into the end zone. Cincinnati improved to 4-2, while Detroit fell to 0-6.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 7, 3, 10, 14, -, 34. Detroit: 0, 0, 0, 11, -, 11.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like C.Evans 24 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick) 1-8:26, C. - E.McPherson 38 field goal 2-0:00, J.Mixon 40 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick) 3-10:40, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 50,831. Time: 2:57.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN., DET. First downs: 20, 15. Total net yards: 398, 228. Net yards rushing: 142, 36. Net yards passing: 256, 192. Pass attempts-completions-interceptions: 30-20-1, 42-28-1. Sacks against-yards lost: 2-22, 1-10. Punts-average: 3-54.3, 6-55.5. Punt returns-yards: 3-26, 3-25. Kickoff returns-yards: 1-2, 4-89. Penalties-yards: 4-31, 9-77. Fumbles-lost: 1-0, 0-0. Time of possession: 35:52, 24:08.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns CIN., DET. J.Mixon: 18, 94, 18, 0, D.Swift: 13, 24, 9, 1. J.Burrow: 5, 20, 6, 0, J.Williams: 4, 11, 6, 0. C.Evans: 4, 18, 6, 0, J.Goff: 1, 1, 1, 0. T.Williams: 6, 13, 6, 0. B.Allen: 3, -3, -1, 0. TOTALS: 36, 142, 18, 0, 18, 36, 9, 1.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns CIN., DET. J.Burrow: 29, 19, 271, 3-1, J.Goff: 42, 28, 202, 0-1. B.Allen: 1, 1, 7, 1-0. TOTALS: 30, 20, 278, 4-1, 42, 28, 202, 0-1.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns CIN., DET. J.Mixon: 5, 59, 40t, 1, T.Hockenson: 8, 74, 33, 0. J.Chase: 4, 97, 53, 0, K.Raymond: 6, 37, 10, 0. C.Evans: 3, 49, 24t, 1, D.Swift: 5, 43, 15, 0. T.Higgins: 3, 44, 23, 0, A.St. Brown: 5, 26, 9, 0. C.Uzomah: 3, 15, 8, 1, K.Hodge: 2, 9, 7, 0. T.Boyd: 1, 7, 7, 0, T.Kennedy: 1, 15, 15, 0. A.Tate: 1, 7, 7t, 1, J.Williams: 1, -2, -2, 0. TOTALS: 20, 278, 53, 4, 28, 202, 33, 0.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: V.Bell 5-2-7, L.Wilson 5-1-6, C.Awuzie 5-0-5, A.Davis-Gaither 5-0-5, J.Bachie 2-2-4, J.Bates 3-0-3, M.Hilton 3-0-3, D.Reader 3-0-3, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, W.Ray 1-2-3, T.Hendrickson 2-0-2, J.Davis 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, E.Apple 1-0-1, M.Bailey 1-0-1, B.Hill 1-0-1, S.Hubbard 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1, B.Wilson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-10. INT.-YDS.: L.Wilson 1-0. PD: C.Awuzie 1, V.Bell 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1, L.Wilson 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Detroit (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: D.Barnes 6-2-8, J.Reeves-Maybin 6-1-7, A.Anzalone 3-4-7, J.Jacobs 5-1-6, C.Harris 4-1-5, A.Parker 3-2-5, T.Walker 3-1-4, M.Brockers 2-2-4, J.Okwara 3-0-3, T.Flowers 2-1-3, A.Bryant 2-0-2, N.Williams 2-0-2, A.McNeill 1-1-2, A.Oruwaraye 1-1-2, J.Penisini 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: A.Bryant 1-12, J.Okwara 1-10. INT.-YDS.: A.Oruwaraye 1-18. PD: D.Barnes 1, J.Jacobs 1, L.Onwuzurike 1, A.Oruwaraye 1, T.Walker 1. FF: J.Jacobs 1. FR-YDS.: None.

THE BENGALS ARE:

2021 REGULAR SEASON

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

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

UNDER ZAC TAYLOR (2019-PRESENT)

7-12-0 at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)
3-15-1 on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)
6-12-0 when scoring first
4-15-1 when opponent scores first
2-8-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
3-14-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
7-9-0 when leading after one quarter
1-3-1 when tied after one quarter
2-15-0 when trailing after one quarter
7-8-0 when leading at halftime
1-1-0 when tied at halftime
2-18-1 when trailing at halftime
8-5-1 when leading after three quarters
2-1-0 when tied after three quarters
0-21-0 when trailing after three quarters
10-7-1 when scoring 20 or more points
6-22-1 when opponent scores 20 or more points

9-27-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
1-0-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
1-12-1 on natural grass
9-15-0 on synthetic surface
5-6-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
3-16-1 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
4-21-1 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
7-11-0 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
4-11-1 when passing for 250 or more net yards
4-10-0 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
6-16-0 when passing for less than 250 net yards
6-17-1 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
6-2-1 with plus turnover differential
4-7-0 with even turnover differential
0-18-0 with minus turnover differential
6-16-1 with fewer penalties than opponent
7-16-1 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

127 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
94 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 17 at Detroit
90 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

29 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
20 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 19 at Chicago
18 — (two times)

LONGEST RUSHES

27 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
19 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
18 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 17 at Detroit

RECEPTIONS

9 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
7 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 19 at Chicago
6 — (three times)

RECEIVING YARDS

159 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
118 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
101 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota

PASSING YARDS

348 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
281 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
271 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 17 at Detroit

PASS ATTEMPTS

38 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
32 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
30 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 19 at Chicago

PASS COMPLETIONS

26 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
25 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
20 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota

LONGEST PASSES

70 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay (TD)
53 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 17 at Detroit
50 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota (TD)

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

159 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
153 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 17 at Detroit
150 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

44 — Brandon Wilson, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
30 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
28 — Brandon Wilson, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

16 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
15 — (four times)

TOTAL TACKLES*

14 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
10 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
9 — (four times)

SOLO TACKLES*

8 — Jessie Bates, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
8 — Von Bell, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
6 — (six times)

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

2021 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. 12 | MINNESOTA | 366 | 36-149 | 217 | 20-27 | 2/0 | 5-44 | 20 | 3-14 | 0-0 | 34:51 |
| Sept. 19 | at Chicago | 248 | 20-69 | 179 | 19-30 | 2/3 | 5-28 | 14 | 6-13 | 1-1 | 28:39 |
| Sept. 26 | at Pittsburgh | 268 | 24-96 | 172 | 14-18 | 3/1 | 0-0 | 12 | 3-9 | 0-0 | 24:38 |
| Sept. 30 | JACKSONVILLE | 420 | 22-78 | 342 | 25-32 | 2/0 | 1-6 | 21 | 5-9 | 0-0 | 31:15 |
| Oct. 10 | GREEN BAY | 367 | 24-103 | 264 | 26-38 | 2/2 | 3-17 | 18 | 5-14 | 0-0 | 34:06 |
| Oct. 17 | at Detroit | 398 | 36-142 | 256 | 20-30 | 4/1 | 2-22 | 20 | 8-15 | 1-0 | 35:52 |
| Oct. 24 | at Baltimore | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 31 | at N.Y. Jets | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 7 | CLEVELAND | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 14 | —BYE— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 21 | at Las Vegas | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 28 | PITTSBURGH | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 5 | L.A. CHARGERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 12 | SAN FRANCISCO | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 19 | at Denver | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 26 | BALTIMORE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 2 | KANSAS CITY | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 9 | at Cleveland | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 2067 | 162-637 | 1430 | 124-175 | 15/7 | 16-117 | 105 | 30-74 | 2-1 | 30:03 |

DEFENSE

| DATE | OPPONENT | YDS | RUSH-YDS | PASS YDS | COMP-ATT | TD-P/INT | SKD-YDS | 1D | 3D-CONV | F-FL | POSS |
|---------------|---------------|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|-----|---------|------|-------|
| Sept. 12 | MINNESOTA | 403 | 22-67 | 336 | 37-50 | 2/0 | 3-26 | 24 | 6-16 | 1-1 | 35:09 |
| Sept. 19 | at Chicago | 206 | 34-123 | 83 | 15-24 | 1/1 | 3-33 | 16 | 6-15 | 1-0 | 31:21 |
| Sept. 26 | at Pittsburgh | 342 | 15-45 | 297 | 38-58 | 1/2 | 4-21 | 21 | 9-19 | 1-0 | 35:22 |
| Sept. 30 | JACKSONVILLE | 341 | 30-139 | 202 | 17-24 | 0/0 | 1-2 | 21 | 6-12 | 1-0 | 28:45 |
| Oct. 10 | GREEN BAY | 466 | 22-133 | 333 | 27-39 | 2/1 | 2-11 | 21 | 4-11 | 0-0 | 33:59 |
| Oct. 17 | at Detroit | 228 | 18-36 | 192 | 28-42 | 0/1 | 1-10 | 15 | 5-14 | 0-0 | 24:08 |
| Oct. 24 | at Baltimore | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 31 | at N.Y. Jets | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 7 | CLEVELAND | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 14 | —BYE— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 21 | at Las Vegas | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 28 | PITTSBURGH | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 5 | L.A. CHARGERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 12 | SAN FRANCISCO | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 19 | at Denver | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 26 | BALTIMORE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 2 | KANSAS CITY | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 9 | at Cleveland | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 1986 | 141-543 | 1443 | 162-237 | 6/5 | 14-103 | 118 | 36-87 | 4-1 | 29:57 |

TRANSACTIONS

(TRANSACTIONS FROM 7-21-20 THROUGH 6-2-21 ARE IN BENGALS' 2021 MEDIA GUIDE.)

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| <p>June 2, 2021 — Signed WR Ja'Marr Chase (D1) and DE Joseph Ossai (D3); Placed LS Dan Godsil on the Reserve/Retired list.</p> <p>July 22, 2021 — Acquired C Lamont Gaillard on waivers from Arizona.</p> <p>July 26, 2021 — Signed DE Sam Hubbard* to a contract extension; Signed WR Reece Horn (FA).</p> <p>July 27, 2021 — Signed OT Gunnar Vogel (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 16, 2021 — Waived WR Reece Horn, WR Riley Lees and TE Pro Wells.</p> <p>Aug. 22, 2021 — Signed DE Noah Spence (FA); Terminated the contract of S Kavon Frazier; Waived DE Freedom Akinmoladun, QB Eric Dungey, C Lamont Gaillard and TE Cheyenne O'Grady.</p> <p>Aug. 23, 2021 — Waived (injured) CB Donnie Lewis Jr..</p> <p>Aug. 24, 2021 — CB Donnie Lewis Jr. cleared waivers and reverted to Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 30, 2021 — Acquired DT B.J. Hill in a trade with the N.Y. Giants for C Billy Price.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2021 — Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list: OT Hakeem Adeniji and DE Wyatt Hubert; Placed DE Joseph Ossai on the Reserve/Injured list; Terminated the contracts of the following four vested veterans: DT Mike Daniels, TE Mason Schreck, DE Noah Spence and WR Trent Taylor; Waived the following 20 players: LB Joe Bachie, DE Amani Bledsoe, CB Tony Brown, P Drue Chrisman, S Trayvon Henderson, LB Keandre Jones, G Michael Jordan, DT Kahlil McKenzie, TE Thaddeus Moss, HB Jacques Patrick, CB Antonio Phillips, CB Winston Rose, K Austin Seibert, QB Kyle Shurmur, G Keaton Sutherland, OT Gunnar Vogel, WR Scotty Washington, HB Pooka Williams Jr., HB Trayveon Williams and DT Renell Wren.</p> <p>Sept. 1, 2021 — Acquired the following two players on waivers: DE Wyatt Ray (from Tennessee) and CB Nick McCloud (from Buffalo); Terminated the contract of WR Mike Thomas; Waived WR Trenton Irwin; Signed the following 15 players to the Practice Squad: LB Joe Bachie, P Drue Chrisman, S Trayvon Henderson, LB Keandre Jones, TE Thaddeus Moss, HB Jacques Patrick, CB Tony Brown, CB Winston Rose, TE Mason Schreck, DE Noah Spence, G Keaton Sutherland, WR Trent Taylor, HB Pooka Williams Jr., HB Trayveon Williams and DT Renell Wren.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2021 — Re-signed WR Mike Thomas; Placed DE Khalid Kareem on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2021 — Signed WR Trenton Irwin to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 6, 2021 — Signed DT Mike Daniels to the Practice Squad; Released CB Winston Rose from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 7, 2021 — Signed QB Jake Browning (FA) to the Practice Squad; Released P Drue Chrisman from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 14, 2021 — Waived CB Donnie Lewis from the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 15, 2021 — Signed WR Trenton Irwin off the Practice Squad; Placed</p> | <p>S Ricardo Allen on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed S Sean Davis (FA) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 18, 2021 — Elevated S Sean Davis from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Sept. 20, 2021 — S Sean Davis reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster; Placed G Keaton Sutherland (practice squad) on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Sept. 21, 2021 — Signed C Lamont Gaillard to the practice squad; HB Jacques Patrick signed off practice squad by San Francisco.</p> <p>Sept. 25, 2021 — Elevated S Sean Davis from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Sept. 27, 2021 — S Sean Davis reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Sept. 30, 2021 — Elevated S Trayvon Henderson to the active roster from the Practice Squad (standard elevation); Placed TE Thaddeus Moss on the Practice Squad/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 1, 2021 — Announced that G Keaton Sutherland returned to the Practice Squad from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; S Trayvon Henderson reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Oct. 5, 2021 — Signed P Drue Chrisman (FA) and S Michael Thomas (FA) to the practice squad; Released CB Tony Brown and S Sean Davis from the practice squad.</p> <p>Oct. 6, 2021 — Announced that S Ricardo Allen was designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 9, 2021 — Returned S Ricardo Allen (designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Placed G Xavier Su'a-Filo on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 11, 2021 — Placed LB Jordan Evans on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed G Jackson Carman and HB Samaje Perine on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 12, 2021 — Placed CB Trae Waynes on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed CB Holton Hill (FA) and HB Elijah Holyfield (FA) to the Practice Squad; Released P Drue Chrisman from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 13, 2021 — Announced that DE Khalid Kareem was designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 14, 2021 — Acquired CB Tre Flowers on waivers from Seattle.</p> <p>Oct. 15, 2021 — Returned G Jackson Carman to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 16, 2021 — Placed G D'Ante Smith on the Reserve/Injured list; Elevated LB Joe Bachie to the active roster from the Practice Squad (COVID-19 elevation); Elevated HB Trayveon Williams to the active roster from the Practice Squad (standard elevation).</p> <p>Oct. 18, 2021 — LB Joe Bachie and HB Trayveon Williams reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> |
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* NOTE: Signed a new contract before pre-existing contract expired.

2021 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

RP — 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
ROO — reserve/opt-out
RC19 — reserve/COVID-19 list

RF — reserve/future list
PSI — practice squad/injured list
***** — eligible to practice while on a reserve list
^ — reserve/injured player designated for return
+ — designated practice squad protected player
= — standard elevation from practice squad
< — COVID-19 replacement from practice squad

| NAME | Cin. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
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| | G-S | MINN. | @Chi. | @Pitt. | JAX. | G.B. | @Det. | @Balt. | @NYJ | CLE. | @L.V. | PITT. | LAC | S.F. | @Den. | BALT. | K.C. | @Cle. |
| Adeniji, Hakeem | 0-0 |RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allen, Brandon | 1-0 |DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allen, Ricardo | 3-0 |P | RI | RI | RI | P^ | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apple, Eli | 6-5 |CB | CB | CB | CB | P | CB | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Awuzie, Chidobe | 5-5 |CB | CB | CB | IL | CB | CB | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bachie, Joe | 1-0 |PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | P+< | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bailey, Markus | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bates, Jessie, III | 5-5 |S | S | S | IL | S | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bell, Vonn | 6-6 |S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boyd, Tyler | 6-4 |P | WR | WR | WR | WR | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brown, Tony | 0-0 |PS+ | PS | PS | PS | NWT | NWT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Browning, Jake | 0-0 |PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burrow, Joe | 6-6 |QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carman, Jackson | 6-3 |P | P | RG | RG | RG | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chase, Ja'Marr | 6-6 |WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chrisman, Drue | 0-0 |NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | PS | NWT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Daniels, Mike | 0-0 |PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Davis, Jalen | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Davis, Sean | 2-0 |NWT | P= | P+= | PS | NWT | NWT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Davis-Gaither, Akeem | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Evans, Chris | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Evans, Jordan | 5-0 |P | P | P | P | P | RI | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flowers, Tre | 0-0 |NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | IL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gaillard, Lamont | 0-0 |NWT | NWT | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harris, Clark | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Henderson, Trayvon | 1-0 |PS | PS+ | PS+ | P= | PS+ | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hendrickson, Trey | 6-5 |RDE | P | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Higgins, Tee | 4-4 |WR | WR | IL | IL | WR | WR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hill, B.J. | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hill, Holton | 0-0 |NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | PS+ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hill, Trey | 4-1 |DNP | DNP | P | P | P | RG | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hilton, Mike | 6-3 |NCB | NCB | NCB | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hodge, Darius | 4-0 |P | P | P | P | IL | IL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Holyfield, Elijah | 0-0 |NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hopkins, Trey | 6-6 |C | C | C | C | C | C | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hubbard, Sam | 6-6 |LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Huber, Kevin | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hubert, Wyatt | 0-0 |RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Irwin, Trenton | 4-0 |PS | IL | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Johnson, Fred | 1-0 |IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Keandre | 0-0 |PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kareem, Khalid | 0-0 |RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI^ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lewis, Donnie, Jr. | 0-0 |RI | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McCloud, Nick | 2-0 |IL | IL | IL | P | IL | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McPherson, Evan | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mixon, Joe | 6-6 |HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Morgan, Stanley | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moss, Thaddeus | 0-0 |PS | PS | PS | PSI | PSI | PSI | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ogunjobi, Larry | 6-6 |DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ossai, Joseph | 0-0 |RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Patrick, Jacques | 0-0 |PS | PS | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Perine, Samaje | 5-0 |P | P | P | P | P | RC19 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phillips, Darius | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pratt, Germaine | 6-6 |LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prince, Isaiah | 5-0 |P | DNP | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ray, Wyatt | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reader, D.J. | 6-6 |NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reiff, Riley | 6-6 |ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sample, Cam | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sample, Drew | 6-3 |2ndTE | P | 2ndTE | P | P | 2ndTE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schreck, Mason | 0-0 |PS+ | PS+ | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelvin, Tyler | 0-0 |IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Smith, D'Ante | 1-0 |IL | IL | P | DNP | DNP | RI | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spain, Quinton | 6-6 |LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spence, Noah | 0-0 |PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Su'a-Filo, Xavier | 2-2 |RG | RG | IL | IL | RI | RI | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sutherland, Keaton | 0-0 |PS+ | PS+ | RC19 | RC19 | PS | PS+ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tate, Auden | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Taylor, Trent | 0-0 |PS | PS | PS | PS | PS+ | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas, Michael J. | 0-0 |NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas, Mike D. | 4-1 |P | P | P | WR | IL | IL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tupou, Josh | 6-4 |P | 2ndDT | P | 2ndDT | 2ndDT | 2ndDT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Uzomah, C.J. | 6-6 |TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Waynes, Trae | 2-2 |IL | IL | IL | CB | CB | RI | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wilcox, Mitchell | 6-0 |P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Williams, Jonah | 6-6 |LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Williams, Pooka, Jr. | 0-0 |PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Williams, Trayveon | 1-0 |PS | PS | PS+ | PS | PS+ | P+= | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wilson, Brandon | 6-1 |P | P | P | S | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wilson, Logan | 6-6 |LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wren, Renell | 0-0 |PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | PS | PS+ | PS | | | | | | | | | | | |

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

| DATE | OPPONENT | WR | LOT | LG | C | RG | ROT | TE | WR | WR | QB | HB |
|----------|---------------|-------|----------|-------|---------|-----------|-------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|-------|
| Sept. 12 | MINNESOTA | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Su'a-Filo | Reiff | Uzomah | D.Sample(2ndTE) | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| Sept. 19 | at Chicago | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Su'a-Filo | Reiff | Uzomah | Boyd | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| Sept. 26 | at Pittsburgh | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Carman | Reiff | Uzomah | Boyd | D.Sample(2ndTE) | Burrow | Mixon |
| Sept. 30 | JACKSONVILLE | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Carman | Reiff | Uzomah | Boyd | Thomas | Burrow | Mixon |
| Oct. 10 | GREEN BAY | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Carman | Reiff | Uzomah | Boyd | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| Oct. 17 | at Detroit | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | T.Hill | Reiff | Uzomah | D.Sample(2ndTE) | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| Oct. 24 | at Baltimore | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 31 | at N.Y. Jets | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 7 | CLEVELAND | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 14 | —BYE— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 21 | at Las Vegas | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 28 | PITTSBURGH | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 5 | L.A. CHARGERS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 12 | SAN FRANCISCO | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 19 | at Denver | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 26 | BALTIMORE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 2 | KANSAS CITY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 9 | at Cleveland | | | | | | | | | | | |

DEFENSE

| DATE | OPPONENT | LDE | NT | DT | RDE | LB | LB | NCB | CB | CB | S | S |
|----------|---------------|---------|--------|----------|--------------|--------|-------|--------------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| Sept. 12 | MINNESOTA | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Wilson | Pratt | Hilton | Apple | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Sept. 19 | at Chicago | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Tupou(2ndDT) | Wilson | Pratt | Hilton | Apple | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Sept. 26 | at Pittsburgh | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Wilson | Pratt | Hilton | Apple | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Sept. 30 | JACKSONVILLE | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Wilson | Pratt | Tupou(2ndDT) | Waynes | Apple | Bell | Wilson |
| Oct. 10 | GREEN BAY | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Wilson | Pratt | Tupou(2ndDT) | Waynes | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Oct. 17 | at Detroit | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Wilson | Pratt | Tupou(2ndDT) | Apple | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Oct. 24 | at Baltimore | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 31 | at N.Y. Jets | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 7 | CLEVELAND | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 14 | —BYE— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 21 | at Las Vegas | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 28 | PITTSBURGH | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 5 | L.A. CHARGERS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 12 | SAN FRANCISCO | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 19 | at Denver | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 26 | BALTIMORE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 2 | KANSAS CITY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 9 | at Cleveland | | | | | | | | | | | |

DEPTH CHART

OCT. 19, 2021

OFFENSE

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|------------|-----------|-----------------------|--|-----------|--------------------|----|-----------------|
| WR | 1 | <u>Ja'Marr Chase</u> | | 19 | Auden Tate | | |
| LOT | 73 | Jonah Williams | | 75 | Isaiah Prince | | |
| LG | 67 | Quinton Spain | | 74 | Fred Johnson | | |
| C | 66 | Trey Hopkins | | <u>63</u> | <u>Trey Hill</u> | | |
| RG | <u>79</u> | <u>Jackson Carman</u> | | <u>63</u> | <u>Trey Hill</u> | | |
| ROT | 71 | Riley Reiff | | 74 | Fred Johnson | | |
| TE | 87 | C.J. Uzomah | | 89 | Drew Sample | 84 | Mitchell Wilcox |
| WR | 83 | Tyler Boyd | | 17 | Stanley Morgan | 16 | Trenton Irwin |
| WR | 85 | Tee Higgins | | 80 | Mike Thomas | | |
| QB | 9 | Joe Burrow | | 8 | Brandon Allen | | |
| HB | 28 | Joe Mixon | | <u>25</u> | <u>Chris Evans</u> | | |

DEFENSE

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|------------|----|------------------|--|-----------|---------------------|----|-------------|----------------------|
| LDE | 94 | Sam Hubbard | | <u>96</u> | <u>Cam Sample</u> | | 93 | Wyatt Ray |
| NT | 98 | D.J. Reader | | 68 | Josh Tupou | | <u>99</u> | <u>Tyler Shelvin</u> |
| DT | 65 | Larry Ogunjobi | | 92 | B.J. Hill | | | |
| RDE | 91 | Trey Hendrickson | | <u>44</u> | <u>Darius Hodge</u> | | | |
| LB | 55 | Logan Wilson | | 59 | Akeem Davis-Gaither | | | |
| LB | 57 | Germaine Pratt | | 51 | Markus Bailey | | | |
| NCB | 21 | Mike Hilton | | 35 | Jalen Davis | | | |
| CB | 20 | Eli Apple | | <u>29</u> | <u>Nick McCloud</u> | | | |
| CB | 22 | Chidobe Awuzie | | 23 | Darius Phillips | 33 | Tre Flowers | |
| S | 24 | Vonn Bell | | 37 | Ricardo Allen | | | |
| S | 30 | Jessie Bates III | | 40 | Brandon Wilson | | | |

SPECIAL TEAMS

| | | | | | | | |
|------------|----------|-----------------------|----|-----------------|----|------------|--|
| P | 10 | Kevin Huber | | | | | |
| K | <u>2</u> | <u>Evan McPherson</u> | | | | | |
| LS | 46 | Clark Harris | | | | | |
| H | 10 | Kevin Huber | | | | | |
| PR | 23 | Darius Phillips | 16 | Trenton Irwin | 83 | Tyler Boyd | |
| KOR | 40 | Brandon Wilson | 23 | Darius Phillips | | | |

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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| <p>Hakeem Adeniji (Reserve/NFI) hah-KEEM uh-DENN-ih-gee</p> <p>Lou Anarumo (Defensive Coordinator)..... ann-ah-ROO-mo</p> <p>Chidobe Awuzie CHIH-doe-bay ah-WOOZ-yeh</p> <p>Joe Bachie (Practice Squad)BAH-chee</p> <p>Joey Boese (Strength and Conditioning Coach).....bo-ZAY</p> <p>Louie Cioffi (Defensive Quality Control Coach).....CHO-fee</p> <p>Akeem Davis-GaitherAH-keem DAY-viss-GAY-thur</p> <p>Trayvon Henderson (Practice Squad)..... TRAY-vahn</p> <p>Keandre Jones (Practice Squad)..... kee-AHN-dray</p> <p>Khalid Kareem (Reserve/Injured)..... KAH-lid kuh-REEM</p> <p>Evan McPhersonmick-FEAR-son</p> <p>Thaddeus Moss (Practice Squad/Injured)THA-dee-us</p> | <p>Larry OgunjobiO-gunn-JO-bee</p> <p>Joseph Ossai (Reserve/Injured)..... o-SIGH</p> <p>Samaje Perine (Reserve/COVID-19)..... suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine</p> <p>D'Ante Smith (Reserve/Injured) dee-AHN-tay</p> <p>Xavier Su'a-Filo (Reserve/Injured)..... ZAY-vyer SOO-uh-FEE-lo</p> <p>Josh TupouTEW-po</p> <p>C.J. Uzomahyew-ZAH-mah</p> <p>Trae Waynes (Reserve/Injured) TRAY</p> <p>Pooka Williams Jr. (Practice Squad).....POO-kah</p> <p>Trayveon Williams (Practice Squad)..... TRAY-vee-ahn</p> <p>Renell Wren (Practice Squad) reh-NELL RENN</p> |
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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

OCT. 19, 2021

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
|-----|----------------------|------|------|-----|----------|------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 8 | Allen, Brandon | QB | 6-2 | 209 | 9-5-92 | 5 | Arkansas | Fayetteville, Ark. | FA'20 |
| 37 | Allen, Ricardo | S | 5-9 | 186 | 12-18-91 | 7 | Purdue | Daytona Beach, Fla. | FA'21 |
| 20 | Apple, Eli | CB | 6-1 | 203 | 8-9-95 | 6 | Ohio State | Voorhees, N.J. | FA'21 |
| 22 | Awuzie, Chidobe | CB | 6-0 | 202 | 5-24-95 | 5 | Colorado | San Jose, Calif. | UFA(Dall.)'21 |
| 51 | Bailey, Markus | LB | 6-0 | 235 | 3-7-97 | 2 | Purdue | Columbus, Ind. | D7'20 |
| 30 | Bates, Jessie, III | S | 6-1 | 200 | 2-26-97 | 4 | Wake Forest | Fort Wayne, Ind. | D2'18 |
| 24 | Bell, Vonn | S | 5-11 | 205 | 12-12-94 | 6 | Ohio State | Rossville, Ga. | UFA(N.O.)'20 |
| 83 | Boyd, Tyler | WR | 6-2 | 203 | 11-15-94 | 6 | Pittsburgh | Clairton, Pa. | D2'16 |
| 9 | Burrow, Joe | QB | 6-4 | 221 | 12-10-96 | 2 | Louisiana State | Athens, Ohio | D1'20 |
| 79 | Carman, Jackson | G | 6-5 | 322 | 1-22-00 | R | Clemson | Fairfield, Ohio | D2'21 |
| 1 | Chase, Ja'Marr | WR | 6-0 | 201 | 3-1-00 | R | Louisiana State | Metairie, La. | D1'21 |
| 35 | Davis, Jalen | CB | 5-10 | 185 | 2-2-96 | 2 | Utah State | La Mesa, Calif. | FA'20 |
| 59 | Davis-Gaither, Akeem | LB | 6-2 | 224 | 9-21-97 | 2 | Appalachian State | Thomasville, N.C. | D4'20 |
| 25 | Evans, Chris | HB | 5-11 | 211 | 10-5-97 | R | Michigan | Indianapolis, Ind. | D6b'21 |
| 33 | Flowers, Tre | CB | 6-3 | 203 | 6-2-95 | 4 | Oklahoma State | Converse, Texas | W(Sea.)'21 |
| 46 | Harris, Clark | LS | 6-5 | 250 | 7-10-84 | 13 | Rutgers | Manahawkin, N.J. | FA'09 |
| 91 | Hendrickson, Trey | DE | 6-4 | 270 | 12-5-94 | 5 | Florida Atlantic | Apopka, Fla. | UFA(N.O.)'21 |
| 85 | Higgins, Tee | WR | 6-4 | 216 | 1-18-99 | 2 | Clemson | Oak Ridge, Tenn. | D2'20 |
| 92 | Hill, B.J. | DT | 6-3 | 311 | 4-20-95 | 4 | North Carolina State | Oakboro, N.C. | T(NYG)'21 |
| 63 | Hill, Trey | C/G | 6-4 | 319 | 1-23-00 | R | Georgia | Warner Robins, Ga. | D6a'21 |
| 21 | Hilton, Mike | CB | 5-9 | 184 | 3-9-94 | 5 | Mississippi | Fayetteville, Ga. | UFA(Pitt.)'21 |
| 44 | Hodge, Darius | DE | 6-1 | 248 | 7-3-98 | R | Marshall | Wake Forest, N.C. | CFA'21 |
| 66 | Hopkins, Trey | C | 6-3 | 316 | 7-6-92 | 6 | Texas | Houston, Texas | CFA'14 |
| 94 | Hubbard, Sam | DE | 6-5 | 265 | 6-29-95 | 4 | Ohio State | Cincinnati, Ohio | D3a'18 |
| 10 | Huber, Kevin | P | 6-1 | 210 | 7-16-85 | 13 | Cincinnati | Cincinnati, Ohio | D5'09 |
| 16 | Irwin, Trenton | WR | 6-2 | 207 | 12-10-95 | 1 | Stanford | Valencia, Calif. | FA'19 |
| 74 | Johnson, Fred | OT/G | 6-6 | 325 | 6-5-97 | 3 | Florida | West Palm Beach, Fla. | W(Pitt.)'19 |
| 29 | McCloud, Nick | CB | 6-1 | 190 | 7-9-98 | R | Notre Dame | Rock Hill, S.C. | W(Buff.)'21 |
| 2 | McPherson, Evan | K | 5-11 | 185 | 7-21-99 | R | Florida | Fort Payne, Ala. | D5'21 |
| 28 | Mixon, Joe | HB | 6-1 | 220 | 7-24-96 | 5 | Oklahoma | Oakley, Calif. | D2'17 |
| 17 | Morgan, Stanley | WR | 6-0 | 205 | 9-7-96 | 3 | Nebraska | New Orleans, La. | CFA'19 |
| 65 | Ogunjobi, Larry | DT | 6-3 | 305 | 6-3-94 | 5 | North Carolina-Charlotte | Greensboro, N.C. | UFA(Cle.)'21 |
| 23 | Phillips, Darius | CB | 5-10 | 190 | 6-26-95 | 4 | Western Michigan | Detroit, Mich. | D5c'18 |
| 57 | Pratt, Germaine | LB | 6-3 | 245 | 5-21-96 | 3 | North Carolina State | High Point, N.C. | D3'19 |
| 75 | Prince, Isaiah | OT | 6-7 | 305 | 7-29-97 | 2 | Ohio State | Greenbelt, Md. | W(Mia.)'19 |
| 93 | Ray, Wyatt | DE | 6-3 | 255 | 10-24-96 | 2 | Boston College | Boca Raton, Fla. | W(Tenn.)'21 |
| 98 | Reader, D.J. | DT | 6-3 | 347 | 7-1-94 | 6 | Clemson | Greensboro, N.C. | UFA(Hou.)'20 |
| 71 | Reiff, Riley | OT | 6-6 | 305 | 12-1-88 | 10 | Iowa | Parkston, S.D. | FA'21 |
| 96 | Sample, Cam | DE | 6-3 | 267 | 9-20-99 | R | Tulane | Snellville, Ga. | D4a'21 |
| 89 | Sample, Drew | TE | 6-5 | 258 | 4-16-96 | 3 | Washington | Bellevue, Wash. | D2'19 |
| 99 | Shelvin, Tyler | DT | 6-2 | 350 | 7-22-98 | R | Louisiana State | Lafayette, La. | D4b'21 |
| 67 | Spain, Quinton | G | 6-4 | 330 | 8-7-91 | 7 | West Virginia | Petersburg, Va. | FA'20 |
| 19 | Tate, Auden | WR | 6-5 | 228 | 2-3-97 | 4 | Florida State | Irmo, S.C. | D7c'18 |
| 80 | Thomas, Mike D. | WR | 6-1 | 189 | 8-16-94 | 6 | Southern Mississippi | Chicago, Ill. | UFA(LARams)'20 |
| 68 | Tupou, Josh | DT | 6-3 | 345 | 5-2-94 | 4 | Colorado | Long Beach, Calif. | CFA'17 |
| 87 | Uzomah, C.J. | TE | 6-6 | 260 | 1-14-93 | 7 | Auburn | Suwanee, Ga. | D5'15 |
| 84 | Wilcox, Mitchell | TE | 6-4 | 247 | 11-7-96 | 1 | South Florida | Tarpon Springs, Fla. | CFA'20 |
| 73 | Williams, Jonah | OT | 6-5 | 305 | 11-17-97 | 3 | Alabama | Folsom, Calif. | D1'19 |
| 40 | Wilson, Brandon | S | 5-10 | 200 | 7-27-94 | 5 | Houston | Shreveport, La. | D6b'17 |
| 55 | Wilson, Logan | LB | 6-2 | 241 | 7-8-96 | 2 | Wyoming | Casper, Wyoming | D3'20 |

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| 49 | Bachie, Joe (9-1-21) | LB | 6-2 | 235 | 2-26-98 | 2 | Michigan State | Brook Park, Ohio | W(Phil.)'21 |
| 6 | Browning, Jake (9-7-21) | QB | 6-2 | 209 | 4-11-96 | 1 | Washington | Folsom, Calif. | FA'21 |
| 76 | Daniels, Mike (9-6-21) | DT | 6-0 | 310 | 5-5-89 | 10 | Iowa | Stratford, N.J. | FA'20 |
| 61 | Gaillard, Lamont (9-21-21) | C | 6-3 | 305 | 2-8-96 | 3 | Georgia | Fayetteville, N.C. | FA'21 |
| 41 | Henderson, Trayvon (9-1-21) | S | 6-0 | 205 | 8-15-95 | 2 | Hawaii | Sacramento, Calif. | CFA'18 |
| 27 | Hill, Holton (10-12-21) | CB | 6-2 | 196 | 3-28-97 | 4 | Texas | Houston, Texas | FA'21 |
| 36 | Holyfield, Elijah (10-12-21) | HB | 5-10 | 215 | 11-30-97 | 2 | Georgia | College Park, Ga. | FA'21 |
| 47 | Jones, Keandre (9-1-21) | LB | 6-3 | 220 | 9-24-97 | 1 | Maryland | Olney, Md. | FA'20 |
| 86 | Schreck, Mason (9-1-21) | TE | 6-5 | 252 | 11-4-93 | 4 | Buffalo | Medina, Ohio | D7'17 |
| 52 | Spence, Noah (9-1-21) | DE | 6-2 | 251 | 1-8-94 | 5 | Eastern Kentucky | Harrisburg, Pa. | FA'21 |
| 64 | Sutherland, Keaton (9-2-21) | G | 6-5 | 315 | 2-12-97 | 3 | Texas A&M | Flower Mound, Texas | FA'20 |
| 11 | Taylor, Trent (9-1-21) | WR | 5-8 | 181 | 4-30-94 | 5 | Louisiana Tech | Shreveport, La. | FA'21 |
| 31 | Thomas, Michael J. (10-5-21) | S | 5-11 | 195 | 3-17-90 | 8 | Stanford | Stanford, Texas | FA'21 |
| 12 | Williams, Pooka, Jr. (9-1-21) | WR | 5-9 | 175 | 6-19-99 | R | Kansas | New Orleans, La. | CFA'21 |
| 32 | Williams, Trayveon (9-1-21) | HB | 5-8 | 206 | 10-18-97 | 3 | Texas A&M | Houston, Texas | D6a'19 |
| 95 | Wren, Renell (9-1-21) | DT | 6-5 | 318 | 10-23-95 | 3 | Arizona State | St. Louis, Mo. | D4b'19 |

PRACTICE SQUAD/INJURED (date signed to PSI; injury)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 81 | Moss, Thaddeus (9-30-21; head/neck) | TE | 6-3 | 249 | 5-14-98 | 2 | Louisiana State | Charlotte, N.C. | W(Wash.)'21 |
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RESERVE/COVID-19 (date assigned to RC19)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|----|------|-----|---------|---|----------|---------------------|------------|
| 34 | Perine, Samaje (10-11-21) | HB | 5-11 | 240 | 9-16-95 | 5 | Oklahoma | Pflugerville, Texas | W(Mia.)'20 |
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RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY (date assigned to RI; injury)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------|---|--------------|----------------|-------|
| 77 | Adeniji, Hakeem (8-31-21; pectoral) | OT | 6-4 | 302 | 12-8-97 | 2 | Kansas | Garland, Texas | D6'20 |
| 56 | Hubert, Wyatt (8-31-21; pectoral) | DE | 6-3 | 258 | 6-13-98 | R | Kansas State | Topeka, Kan. | D7'21 |

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned to RI; injury)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------|---|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 50 | Evans, Jordan (10-11-21; knee) | LB | 6-3 | 242 | 1-27-95 | 5 | Oklahoma | Norman, Okla. | D6a'17 |
| 90 | = Kareem, Khalid (9-2-21; shoulder) | DE | 6-4 | 268 | 4-28-98 | 2 | Notre Dame | Detroit, Mich. | D5'20 |
| 58 | Ossai, Joseph (8-31-21; knee) | DE | 6-4 | 256 | 4-12-00 | R | Texas | Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria) | D3'21 |
| 70 | Smith, D'Ante (10-16-12; knee) | G | 6-5 | 305 | 6-9-98 | R | East Carolina | Augusta, Ga. | D4c'21 |
| 72 | Su'a-Filo, Xavier (10-9-21; knee) | G | 6-4 | 310 | 1-1-91 | 8 | UCLA | American Fork, Utah | UFA(Dall.)'20 |
| 26 | Waynes, Trae (10-12-21; hamstring) | CB | 6-0 | 190 | 7-25-92 | 7 | Michigan State | Kenosha, Wis. | UFA(Minn.)'20 |

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

OCT. 19, 2021

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|-----|----------|------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Ja Marr Chase | WR | 6-0 | 201 | 3-1-00 | R | Louisiana State | Metairie, La. | D1'21 |
| 2 | Evan McPherson | K | 5-11 | 185 | 7-21-99 | R | Florida | Fort Payne, Ala. | D5'21 |
| 8 | Brandon Allen | QB | 6-2 | 209 | 9-5-92 | 5 | Arkansas | Fayetteville, Ark. | FA'20 |
| 9 | Joe Burrow | QB | 6-4 | 221 | 12-10-96 | 2 | Louisiana State | Athens, Ohio | D1'20 |
| 10 | Kevin Huber | P | 6-1 | 210 | 7-16-85 | 13 | Cincinnati | Cincinnati, Ohio | D5'09 |
| 16 | Trenton Irwin | WR | 6-2 | 207 | 12-10-95 | 1 | Stanford | Valencia, Calif. | FA'19 |
| 17 | Stanley Morgan | WR | 6-0 | 205 | 9-7-96 | 3 | Nebraska | New Orleans, La. | CFA'19 |
| 19 | Auden Tate | WR | 6-5 | 228 | 2-3-97 | 4 | Florida State | Irmo, S.C. | D7c'18 |
| 20 | Eli Apple | CB | 6-1 | 203 | 8-9-95 | 6 | Ohio State | Voorhees, N.J. | FA'21 |
| 21 | Mike Hilton | CB | 5-9 | 184 | 3-9-94 | 5 | Mississippi | Fayetteville, Ga. | UFA(Pitt.)'21 |
| 22 | Chidobe Awuzie | CB | 6-0 | 202 | 5-24-95 | 5 | Colorado | San Jose, Calif. | UFA(Dall.)'21 |
| 23 | Darius Phillips | CB | 5-10 | 190 | 6-26-95 | 4 | Western Michigan | Detroit, Mich. | D5c'18 |
| 24 | Vonn Bell | S | 5-11 | 205 | 12-12-94 | 6 | Ohio State | Rossville, Ga. | UFA(N.O.)'20 |
| 25 | Chris Evans | HB | 5-11 | 211 | 10-5-97 | R | Michigan | Indianapolis, Ind. | D6b'21 |
| 28 | Joe Mixon | HB | 6-1 | 220 | 7-24-96 | 5 | Oklahoma | Oakland, Calif. | D2'17 |
| 29 | Nick McCloud | CB | 6-1 | 190 | 7-9-98 | R | Notre Dame | Rock Hill, S.C. | W(Buff.)'21 |
| 30 | Jessie Bates III | S | 6-1 | 200 | 2-26-97 | 4 | Wake Forest | Fort Wayne, Ind. | D2'18 |
| 33 | Tre Flowers | CB | 6-3 | 203 | 6-2-95 | 4 | Oklahoma State | Converse, Texas | W(Sea.)'21 |
| 35 | Jalen Davis | CB | 5-10 | 185 | 2-2-96 | 2 | Utah State | La Mesa, Calif. | FA'20 |
| 37 | Ricardo Allen | S | 5-9 | 186 | 12-18-91 | 7 | Purdue | Daytona Beach, Fla. | FA'21 |
| 40 | Brandon Wilson | S | 5-10 | 200 | 7-27-94 | 5 | Houston | Shreveport, La. | D6b'17 |
| 44 | Darius Hodge | DE | 6-1 | 248 | 7-3-98 | R | Marshall | Wake Forest, N.C. | CFA'21 |
| 46 | Clark Harris | LS | 6-5 | 250 | 7-10-84 | 13 | Rutgers | Manahawkin, N.J. | FA'09 |
| 51 | Markus Bailey | LB | 6-0 | 235 | 3-7-97 | 2 | Purdue | Columbus, Ohio | D7'20 |
| 55 | Logan Wilson | LB | 6-2 | 241 | 7-8-96 | 2 | Wyoming | Casper, Wyoming | D3'20 |
| 57 | Germaine Pratt | LB | 6-3 | 245 | 5-21-96 | 3 | North Carolina State | High Point, N.C. | D3'19 |
| 59 | Akeem Davis-Gaither | LB | 6-2 | 224 | 9-21-97 | 2 | Appalachian State | Thomasville, N.C. | D4'20 |
| 63 | Trey Hill | C/G | 6-4 | 319 | 1-23-00 | R | Georgia | Warner Robins, Ga. | D6a'21 |
| 65 | Larry Ogunjobi | DT | 6-3 | 305 | 6-3-94 | 5 | North Carolina-Charlotte | Greensboro, N.C. | UFA(Cle.)'21 |
| 66 | Trey Hopkins | C | 6-3 | 316 | 7-6-92 | 6 | Texas | Houston, Texas | CFA'14 |
| 67 | Quinton Spain | G | 6-4 | 330 | 8-7-91 | 7 | West Virginia | Petersburg, Va. | FA'20 |
| 68 | Josh Tupou | DT | 6-3 | 345 | 5-2-94 | 4 | Colorado | Long Beach, Calif. | CFA'17 |
| 71 | Riley Reiff | OT | 6-6 | 305 | 12-1-88 | 10 | Iowa | Parkston, S.D. | FA'21 |
| 73 | Jonah Williams | OT | 6-5 | 305 | 11-17-97 | 3 | Alabama | Folsom, Calif. | D1'19 |
| 74 | Fred Johnson | OT/G | 6-6 | 325 | 6-5-97 | 3 | Florida | West Palm Beach, Fla. | W(Pitt.)'19 |
| 75 | Isaiah Prince | OT | 6-7 | 305 | 7-29-97 | 2 | Ohio State | Greenbelt, Md. | W(Mia.)'19 |
| 79 | Jackson Carman | G | 6-5 | 322 | 1-22-00 | R | Clemson | Fairfield, Ohio | D2'21 |
| 80 | Mike D. Thomas | WR | 6-1 | 189 | 8-16-94 | 6 | Southern Mississippi | Chicago, Ill. | UFA(LARams)'20 |
| 83 | Tyler Boyd | WR | 6-2 | 203 | 11-15-94 | 6 | Pittsburgh | Clairton, Pa. | D2'16 |
| 84 | Mitchell Wilcox | TE | 6-4 | 247 | 11-7-96 | 1 | South Florida | Tarpon Springs, Fla. | CFA'20 |
| 85 | Tee Higgins | WR | 6-4 | 216 | 1-18-99 | 2 | Clemson | Oak Ridge, Tenn. | D2'20 |
| 87 | C.J. Uzomah | TE | 6-6 | 260 | 1-14-93 | 7 | Auburn | Suwanee, Ga. | D5'15 |
| 89 | Drew Sample | TE | 6-5 | 258 | 4-16-96 | 3 | Washington | Bellevue, Wash. | D2'19 |
| 91 | Trey Hendrickson | DE | 6-4 | 270 | 12-5-94 | 5 | Florida Atlantic | Apopka, Fla. | UFA(N.O.)'21 |
| 92 | B.J. Hill | DT | 6-3 | 311 | 4-20-95 | 4 | North Carolina State | Oakboro, N.C. | T(NYG)'21 |
| 93 | Wyatt Ray | DE | 6-3 | 255 | 10-24-96 | 2 | Boston College | Boca Raton, Fla. | W(Tenn.)'21 |
| 94 | Sam Hubbard | DE | 6-5 | 265 | 6-29-95 | 4 | Ohio State | Cincinnati, Ohio | D3a'18 |
| 96 | Cam Sample | DE | 6-3 | 267 | 9-20-99 | R | Tulane | Snellville, Ga. | D4a'21 |
| 98 | D.J. Reader | DT | 6-3 | 347 | 7-1-94 | 6 | Clemson | Greensboro, N.C. | UFA(Hou.)'20 |
| 99 | Tyler Shelvin | DT | 6-2 | 350 | 7-22-98 | R | Louisiana State | Lafayette, La. | D4b'21 |

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| 6 | Jake Browning (9-7-21) | QB | 6-2 | 209 | 4-11-96 | 1 | Washington | Folsom, Calif. | FA'21 |
| 11 | Trent Taylor (9-1-21) | WR | 5-8 | 181 | 4-30-94 | 5 | Louisiana Tech | Shreveport, La. | FA'21 |
| 12 | Pooka Williams Jr. (9-1-21) | WR | 5-9 | 175 | 6-19-99 | R | Kansas | New Orleans, La. | CFA'21 |
| 27 | Holton Hill (10-12-21) | CB | 6-2 | 196 | 3-28-97 | 4 | Texas | Houston, Texas | FA'21 |
| 31 | Michael J. Thomas (10-5-21) | S | 5-11 | 195 | 3-17-90 | 8 | Stanford | Houston, Texas | FA'21 |
| 32 | Trayveon Williams (9-1-21) | HB | 5-8 | 206 | 10-18-97 | 3 | Texas A&M | Houston, Texas | D6a'19 |
| 36 | Elijah Holyfield (10-12-21) | HB | 5-10 | 215 | 11-30-97 | 2 | Georgia | College Park, Ga. | FA'21 |
| 41 | Trayvon Henderson (9-1-21) | S | 6-0 | 205 | 8-15-95 | 2 | Hawaii | Sacramento, Calif. | CFA'18 |
| 47 | Keandre Jones (9-1-21) | LB | 6-3 | 220 | 9-24-97 | 1 | Maryland | Olney, Md. | FA'20 |
| 49 | Joe Bachie (9-1-21) | LB | 6-2 | 235 | 2-26-98 | 2 | Michigan State | Brook Park, Ohio | W(Phil.)'21 |
| 52 | Noah Spence (9-1-21) | DE | 6-2 | 251 | 1-8-94 | 5 | Eastern Kentucky | Harrisburg, Pa. | FA'21 |
| 61 | Lamont Gaillard (9-21-21) | C | 6-3 | 305 | 2-8-96 | 3 | Georgia | Fayetteville, N.C. | FA'21 |
| 64 | Keaton Sutherland (9-1-21) | G | 6-5 | 315 | 2-12-97 | 3 | Texas A&M | Flower Mound, Texas | FA'20 |
| 76 | Mike Daniels (9-6-21) | DT | 6-0 | 310 | 5-5-89 | 10 | Iowa | Stratford, N.J. | FA'20 |
| 86 | Mason Schreck (9-1-21) | TE | 6-5 | 252 | 11-4-93 | 4 | Buffalo | Medina, Ohio | D7'17 |
| 95 | Renell Wren (9-1-21) | DT | 6-5 | 318 | 10-23-95 | 3 | Arizona State | St. Louis, Mo. | D4b'19 |

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|----|------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 81 | Thaddeus Moss (9-30-21; head/neck) | TE | 6-3 | 249 | 5-14-98 | 2 | Louisiana State | Charlotte, N.C. | W(Wash.)'21 |
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| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|----|------|-----|---------|---|----------|---------------------|------------|
| 34 | Samaje Perine (10-11-21) | HB | 5-11 | 240 | 9-16-95 | 5 | Oklahoma | Pflugerville, Texas | W(Mia.)'20 |
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RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY (date assigned to RI; injury)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------|---|--------------|----------------|-------|
| 56 | Wyatt Hubert (8-31-21; pectoral) | DE | 6-3 | 258 | 6-13-98 | R | Kansas State | Topeka, Kan. | D7'21 |
| 77 | Hakeem Adeniji (8-31-21; pectoral) | OT | 6-4 | 302 | 12-8-97 | 2 | Kansas | Garland, Texas | D6'20 |

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------|---|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 26 | Trae Waynes (10-12-21; hamstring) | CB | 6-0 | 190 | 7-25-92 | 7 | Michigan State | Kenosha, Wis. | UFA(Minn.)'20 |
| 50 | Jordan Evans (10-11-21; knee) | LB | 6-3 | 242 | 1-27-95 | 5 | Oklahoma | Norman, Okla. | D6a'17 |
| 58 | Joseph Ossai (8-31-21; knee) | DE | 6-4 | 256 | 4-12-00 | R | Texas | Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria) | D3'21 |
| 70 | D'Ante Smith (10-16-12; knee) | G | 6-5 | 305 | 6-9-98 | R | East Carolina | Augusta, Ga. | D4c'21 |
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RECORD: 4-2

| DATE | W-L | SCORE | OPPONENT | ATTENDANCE |
|----------|-----|------------|---------------|------------|
| 9-12-21 | W | 27-24 (OT) | MINNESOTA | 56,525 |
| 9-19-21 | L | 17-20 | at Chicago | 60,840 |
| 9-26-21 | W | 24-10 | at Pittsburgh | 58,076 |
| 9-30-21 | W | 24-21 | JACKSONVILLE | 63,198 |
| 10-10-21 | L | 22-25 (OT) | GREEN BAY | 64,195 |
| 10-17-21 | W | 34-11 | at Detroit | 50,831 |
| 10-24-21 | | | at Baltimore | |
| 10-31-21 | | | at N.Y. Jets | |
| 11-7-21 | | | CLEVELAND | |
| 11-14-21 | | | —BYE— | |
| 11-21-21 | | | at Las Vegas | |
| 11-28-21 | | | PITTSBURGH | |
| 12-5-21 | | | L.A. CHARGERS | |
| 12-12-21 | | | SAN FRANCISCO | |
| 12-19-21 | | | at Denver | |
| 12-26-21 | | | BALTIMORE | |
| 1-2-22 | | | KANSAS CITY | |
| 1-9-22 | | | at Cleveland | |

| TEAM STATISTICS | BENGALS | OPPONENTS |
|--------------------|---------|-----------|
| TOTAL FIRST DOWNS | 105 | 118 |
| Rushing | 31 | 32 |
| Passing | 67 | 75 |
| Penalty | 7 | 11 |
| 3rd Down: Made-Att | 30-74 | 36-87 |
| 3rd Down Pct. | 40.5 | 41.4 |
| 4th Down: Made-Att | 6-8 | 4-9 |
| 4th Down Pct. | 75.0 | 44.4 |
| POSSESSION AVG. | 30:03 | 29:57 |
| TOTAL NET YARDS | 2067 | 1986 |
| Avg. Per Game | 344.5 | 331.0 |
| Total Plays | 353 | 392 |
| Avg. Per Play | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| NET YARDS RUSHING | 637 | 543 |
| Avg. Per Game | 106.2 | 90.5 |
| Total Rushes | 162 | 141 |
| NET YARDS PASSING | 1430 | 1443 |
| Avg. Per Game | 238.3 | 240.5 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 16-117 | 14-103 |
| Gross Yards | 1547 | 1546 |
| Att.-Completions | 175-124 | 237-162 |
| Completion Pct. | 70.9 | 68.4 |
| Had Intercepted | 7 | 5 |
| PUNTS-AVG. | 25-45.9 | 28-47.0 |
| Net Punting Avg. | 25-41.1 | 28-41.5 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 29-251 | 43-356 |
| FUMBLES-BALLS LOST | 2-1 | 4-1 |
| TOUCHDOWNS | 18 | 12 |
| Rushing | 3 | 5 |
| Passing | 15 | 6 |
| Returns | 0 | 1 |

| SCORE BY PERIODS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | PTS |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| BENGALS | 21 | 31 | 44 | 49 | 3 | 148 |
| OPPONENTS | 14 | 37 | 10 | 47 | 3 | 111 |

| SCORING | TD | TD-R | TD-P | TD-Rt | K-PAT | FG | S | PTS |
|----------------|----|------|------|-------|-------|------|---|-----|
| Evan McPherson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17-17 | 7-10 | 0 | 38 |
| Ja'Marr Chase | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | — | — | 0 | 30 |
| Joe Mixon | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | — | — | 0 | 24 |
| C.J. Uzomah | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | — | — | 0 | 18 |
| Tee Higgins | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | — | — | 0 | 14 |
| Tyler Boyd | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | — | 0 | 6 |
| Chris Evans | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | — | 0 | 6 |
| Samaje Perine | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | — | 0 | 6 |
| Auden Tate | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | — | 0 | 6 |
| BENGALS | 18 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 17-17 | 7-10 | 0 | 148 |
| OPPONENTS | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 10-11 | 9-13 | 0 | 111 |

Two-point conversions: Tee Higgins 1. BENGALS 1-1 (0-0 R, 1-1 P), OPPONENTS 1-1 (0-0 R, 1-1 P).

Sacks-yards: Trey Hendrickson 5.5-44.5, B.J. Hill 3-22, Sam Hubbard 1.5-12.5, Larry Ogunjobi 1-9, D.J. Reader 1-8, Cam Sample 1-5, Logan Wilson 1-2. BENGALS 14-103, OPPONENTS 16-117.

Fumbles-lost: Tee Higgins 1-1, Joe Mixon 1-0. BENGALS 2-1, OPPONENTS 4-1.

| PASSING | ATT | CMP | YDS | CMP% | YDS/ATT | TD | TD% | INT | INT% | LG | SKD-YDS | RAT |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|-------|---------|----|-------|-----|------|-----|---------|-------|
| Joe Burrow | 174 | 123 | 1540 | 70.7 | 8.85 | 14 | 8.0 | 7 | 4.0 | 70t | 16-117 | 107.9 |
| Brandon Allen | 1 | 1 | 7 | 100.0 | 7.00 | 1 | 100.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 7t | 0-0 | 135.4 |
| BENGALS | 175 | 124 | 1547 | 70.9 | 8.84 | 15 | 8.6 | 7 | 4.0 | 70t | 16-117 | 109.9 |
| OPPONENTS | 237 | 162 | 1546 | 68.4 | 6.52 | 6 | 2.5 | 5 | 2.1 | 59 | 14-103 | 85.9 |

| RUSHING | ATT | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|-------------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| Joe Mixon | 111 | 480 | 4.3 | 27 | 3 |
| Samaje Perine | 20 | 87 | 4.4 | 13 | 0 |
| Joe Burrow | 17 | 44 | 2.6 | 9 | 0 |
| Chris Evans | 4 | 18 | 4.5 | 6 | 0 |
| Trayveon Williams | 6 | 13 | 2.2 | 6 | 0 |
| Ja'Marr Chase | 1 | -2 | -2.0 | -2 | 0 |
| Brandon Allen | 3 | -3 | -1.0 | -1 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 162 | 637 | 3.9 | 27 | 3 |
| OPPONENTS | 141 | 543 | 3.9 | 57 | 5 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|---------------|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| Tyler Boyd | 28 | 290 | 10.4 | 33 | 1 |
| Ja'Marr Chase | 27 | 553 | 20.5 | 70t | 5 |
| Tee Higgins | 18 | 194 | 10.8 | 28 | 2 |
| C.J. Uzomah | 14 | 165 | 11.8 | 32 | 3 |
| Joe Mixon | 13 | 90 | 6.9 | 40t | 1 |
| Chris Evans | 8 | 104 | 13.0 | 24t | 1 |
| Samaje Perine | 7 | 54 | 7.7 | 15 | 1 |
| Auden Tate | 3 | 39 | 13.0 | 18 | 1 |
| Mike Thomas | 3 | 24 | 8.0 | 19 | 0 |
| Drew Sample | 2 | 9 | 4.5 | 6 | 0 |
| Trenton Irwin | 1 | 25 | 25.0 | 25 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 124 | 1547 | 12.5 | 70t | 15 |
| OPPONENTS | 162 | 1546 | 9.5 | 59 | 6 |

| INTERCEPTIONS | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|----------------|----|-----|------|-----|----|
| Logan Wilson | 4 | 31 | 7.8 | 18 | 0 |
| Chidobe Awuzie | 1 | 42 | 42.0 | 42 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 5 | 73 | 14.6 | 42 | 0 |
| OPPONENTS | 7 | 108 | 15.4 | 53t | 1 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | NET | TB | IN-20 | LG | BLK. |
|-------------|----|------|------|------|----|-------|----|------|
| Kevin Huber | 25 | 1147 | 45.9 | 41.1 | 3 | 10 | 61 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 25 | 1147 | 45.9 | 41.1 | 3 | 10 | 61 | 0 |
| OPPONENTS | 28 | 1316 | 47.0 | 41.5 | 2 | 9 | 64 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | FC | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|-----------------|----|----|-----|------|----|----|
| Darius Phillips | 12 | 7 | 88 | 7.3 | 16 | 0 |
| Trenton Irwin | 2 | 1 | 26 | 13.0 | 15 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 14 | 8 | 114 | 8.1 | 16 | 0 |
| OPPONENTS | 7 | 8 | 60 | 8.6 | 14 | 0 |

| KICKOFF RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|----|----|
| Brandon Wilson | 10 | 238 | 23.8 | 44 | 0 |
| Darius Phillips | 2 | 43 | 21.5 | 24 | 0 |
| Germaine Pratt | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 2 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 13 | 283 | 21.8 | 44 | 0 |
| OPPONENTS | 9 | 185 | 20.6 | 28 | 0 |

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

Evan McPherson: (53G, 33G), (53G), (43G), (43WL, 35G), (57RU, 49WL), (38G, 40G).

Opponents: (53G), (28G, 22G), (42WL, 26G), (—), (44G, 44G, 22G, 36WL, 51WL, 40WL, 49G), (35G).

| DEFENSE* | ST | AT | TT | SKS-YDS | INT-YDS | PD | FF | FR-YDS |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----------|---------|----|----|--------|
| Logan Wilson | 24 | 28 | 52 | 1-2 | 4-31 | 4 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Vonn Bell | 28 | 10 | 38 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3 | 1 | 0-0 |
| Jessie Bates | 27 | 8 | 35 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Germaine Pratt | 18 | 11 | 29 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1-0 |
| Sam Hubbard | 15 | 10 | 25 | 1.5-12.5 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Mike Hilton | 17 | 7 | 24 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Eli Apple | 17 | 5 | 22 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3 | 0 | 0-0 |
| D.J. Reader | 8 | 14 | 22 | 1-8 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Chidobe Awuzie | 17 | 3 | 20 | 0-0 | 1-42 | 6 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Larry Ogunjobi | 11 | 8 | 19 | 1-9 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Akeem Davis-Gaither | 15 | 3 | 18 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 0-0 |
| B.J. Hill | 9 | 6 | 15 | 3-22 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Trey Hendrickson | 7 | 5 | 12 | 5.5-44.5 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Wyatt Ray | 2 | 6 | 8 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Darius Phillips | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Cam Sample | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1-5 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Ricardo Allen | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Josh Tupou | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Trae Waynes | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Joe Bachie | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Jordan Evans | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Brandon Wilson | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Jalen Davis | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Marcus Bailey | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |

| SPECIAL TEAMS* | ST | AT | TT | FF | FR-YDS | BP | BFG | BXP |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|--------|----|-----|-----|
| Chris Evans | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stanley Morgan | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jalen Davis | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Samaje Perine | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe Bachie | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Akeem Davis-Gaither | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jordan Evans | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Darius Phillips | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Germaine Pratt | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Logan Wilson | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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