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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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BALTIMORE RAVENS (8-6)

AT

CINCINNATI BENGALS (8-6)

WEEK 16, GAME 15
SUNDAY, DEC. 26
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

UP NEXT:
JAN. 2 VS. KANSAS CITY

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 Sports USA Radio. Broadcasters are Larry Kahn (play-by-play) and Mark Carrier (analyst).

Setting the scene: The Bengals this Sunday return home to face the Baltimore Ravens in a game that carries significant playoff implications. Cincinnati and Baltimore are both 8-6, however the Bengals hold the upper hand in the standings due to a tiebreaker. Cincinnati currently leads the AFC North and is the No. 4 seed in the AFC playoff race, while Baltimore is second in the division and eighth in the AFC — just one spot outside the playoff picture.

Last week, Cincinnati slugged out a 15-10 win at Denver, in what was the lowest-scoring Bengals game since 2017 (Sept. 14 vs. Houston).

"Just a tough all-around performance from the whole team," said Bengals head coach Zac Taylor. "No panic, great poise. You probably could tell from my tone all week, but I have a ton of respect for the Denver Broncos and their coaching staff and players. They play the right way, they coach the right way.

"Today wasn't sexy, but man, it's what we needed. All of our guys stayed patient, and it paid off."

The Bengals started slow, with a FG and five punts in their first six offensive possessions. They ultimately finished the day with just 249 total yards, were four of 13 on third downs, and outside of the end-of-game kneel down managed just one trip inside the red zone (FG).

"It's like that sometimes," said Bengals QB Joe Burrow. "Not every game is going to be throwing for three touchdown passes and 300 yards and all of that. They're a really, really good defense that has invested a lot in their secondary and linebackers. They're very well-coached too. So you've got to give them credit."

Momentum shifted just before halftime, though, when a missed 51-yard FG by the Broncos gave the Bengals possession at their own 41-yard line with nine seconds remaining. Bengals QB Joe Burrow completed a 19-yard pass to WR Tyler Boyd, who got down immediately and allowed for a time out with four seconds remaining. Rookie K Evan McPherson then nailed a Bengals-record 58-yard FG as time expired to give Cincinnati a 6-3 edge at halftime. McPherson now has nine FGs of 50 or more yards this season, one shy of the NFL record of 10 (see "McPherson from deep" on page 9).

"It was really big," Taylor said of the sequence. "We knew they were going to get possession to start the second half, so we needed some momentum.

"We were going to be pretty aggressive outside to Ja'Marr and Tee, but they changed the defense on us. Joe just did a great job — he was patient and took what they gave us. TB (Boyd) was there for the big play."

After Denver jumped ahead 10-9 late in the third quarter with with a 25-yard TD pass, Cincinnati needed only two plays and 45 seconds to re-take the lead with a 56-yard TD pass from Burrow to Boyd.

"We've run that play before over the last couple years, and today it finally paid off for us. We haven't always connected on it, but Joe did a great job. C.J. Uzomah came across and shoved out a defensive end, Joe did a good job buying time in the pocket, and then TB made the big play."

Denver answered Boyd's score by driving all the way to Cincinnati's nine-yard line, but then reserve DE Khalid Kareem crashed into the backfield and wrestled the ball from Broncos QB Drew Lock, who took over in the third quarter after starter Teddy Bridgewater left the game with a head injury. Kareem rumbled 26 yards and fumbled (Broncos recovered), however that portion of the play was overturned by replay, which declared Kareem down by contact shortly after recovering the fumble.

"It was a really a tremendous effort by Khalid," Taylor said. "It's 15-10 and they're driving, so a touchdown would've put us in a tough spot. That was a really big play by him to step up and take that ball away."

Added Burrow: "Our defense came up with a big play there when we needed it. Khalid has fought injuries all year, so to have him make a play like that is awesome. He works really hard, so I'm happy for him."

Cincinnati's offense ran clock late, and a 15-yard pass from Burrow to Boyd on a third-and-10 gave the Bengals a key first down and forced the Broncos to burn their final timeouts. Denver finally got the ball back with 1:04 remaining deep in their own end, but Cincinnati topped off a stellar defensive performance with a sack and three straight incompletions to turn the Broncos over on downs and seal a win.

"When our defense plays the way they did today, you can just feel it," Taylor said. "You feel like they have control over the game, and it allows you to play a pretty dirty game.

"We knew it was going to be tough today, but our defense played their tails off. Those guys stepped up and made plays when they needed to, and they enabled us to play the way we did on offense to be able to get this win."

This week vs. Baltimore, the Bengals square off against the NFL's top-ranked rush defense and one of the league's most dynamic offensive players in QB Lamar Jackson. The Bengals won the teams' previous meeting this year — 41-17 at Baltimore on Oct. 24 — so a win this week would give them their first season sweep of the Ravens since 2015 and put them in the driver's seat for the AFC North title. (It should be noted, though, that there is no scenario in which Cincinnati can clinch the division title or a playoff spot this week.)

"You know what kind of team Baltimore is," Burrow said after the Denver game. "We're going to enjoy this win tonight, and then watch the film tomorrow and get right on to Baltimore. We've still got two more division games left that are really going to decide the fate of the division."

The series: Baltimore leads the series, 27-24.

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 of the last six meetings and have a three-game advantage.

- The Ravens have swept the Bengals two consecutive seasons (2019 and '20). Prior to 2019, the Ravens had not swept the Bengals since 2011.

- With a win on Sunday, the Bengals will sweep the Ravens for the first time since 2015.

- It hasn't been an easy series for the visiting team. The Bengals lead 15-10 in Cincinnati, and the Ravens lead 17-9 in Baltimore.

(The series, continued)

• Since 2010, 14 of the teams' 23 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:** 24, in the Bengals 41-17 win at M&T Bank Stadium on Oct. 24 earlier this season. **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 in 2019. **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 meeting: A summary of the last Bengals-Ravens meeting on Oct. 24 at Baltimore is on page 20 of this news release.

Turnover margin is key vs. Ravens: In the 40 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 34-6 record.

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

| | BENGALS | RAVENS |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS): | | |
| Points scored | 9th (26.4) | 16th (23.9) |
| Points allowed | 11th (21.6) | 19th (22.5) |
| NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS): | | |
| Total | 15th (350.9) | 5th (385.6) |
| Rushing | 20th (109.0) | 3rd (144.7) |
| Passing | 11th (241.9) | 12th (240.9) |
| NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS): | | |
| Total | 15th (345.7) | 19th (351.1) |
| Rushing | 5th (95.9) | 1st (86.2) |
| Passing | 26th (249.8) | 31st (264.9) |
| TURNOVERS: | | |
| Differential | 22nd (minus-3) | 29th (minus-9) |

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

| OFFENSE | DEFENSE |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Inside-20 possessions: 40 | Inside-20 possessions: 42 |
| Total scores: 34 (85.0%) | Total scores: 36 (85.7%) |
| TDs: 24 (60.0%) | TDs: 24 (57.1%) |
| FGs: 10 (25.0%) | FGs: 12 (28.6%) |
| TD% rank: T-13th | TD% rank: 15th |
| No scores: 6 (15.0%) | No scores: 6 (14.3%) |

RAVENS RED-ZONE REPORT

| OFFENSE | DEFENSE |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Inside-20 possessions: 49 | Inside-20 possessions: 36 |
| Total scores: 44 (89.8%) | Total scores: 28 (77.8%) |
| TDs: 31 (63.3%) | TDs: 19 (52.8%) |
| FGs: 13 (26.5%) | FGs: 9 (25.0%) |
| TD% rank: 7th | TD% rank: 10th |
| No scores: 5 (10.2%) | No scores: 8 (22.2%) |

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear black jerseys, black pants (orange stripes) and orange socks this week vs. 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:

| JERSEY | PANTS (STRIPES) | SOCKS | W-L-T | PCT. |
|---------|-----------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Black | Black (Orange) | Black..... | 0-1-0 | .000 |
| Black | Black (Orange) | Orange | 0-0-0 | — |
| Black | Black (Orange) | White | 0-0-0 | — |
| Black | White (Black) | Black..... | 0-1-0 | .000 |
| Black | White (Black) | Orange | 0-0-0 | — |
| Black | White (Black) | White | 0-0-0 | — |
| Black | White (Orange) | Black..... | 0-1-0 | .000 |
| Black | White (Orange) | Orange | 0-1-0 | .000 |
| Black | White (Orange) | White | 0-0-0 | — |
| White | Black (Orange) | Black..... | 0-0-0 | — |
| White | Black (Orange) | Orange | 0-0-0 | — |
| White | Black (Orange) | White | 3-1-0 | .750 |
| White | White (Black) | Black..... | 2-1-0 | .667 |
| White | White (Black) | Orange | 0-0-0 | — |
| White | White (Black) | White | 1-0-0 | 1.000 |
| White | White (Orange) | Black..... | 0-0-0 | — |
| White | White (Orange) | Orange | 0-0-0 | — |
| White | White (Orange) | White | 0-0-0 | — |
| Orange* | Black (Orange) | Black..... | 0-0-0 | — |
| Orange* | Black (Orange) | Orange | 1-0-0 | 1.000 |
| Orange* | Black (Orange) | White | 0-0-0 | — |
| Orange* | White (Black) | Black..... | 0-0-0 | — |
| Orange* | White (Black) | Orange | 0-0-0 | — |
| Orange* | White (Black) | White | 0-0-0 | — |
| Orange* | White (Orange) | Black..... | 0-0-0 | — |
| Orange* | White (Orange) | Orange | 1-0-0 | 1.000 |
| Orange* | White (Orange) | White | 0-0-0 | — |

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

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 204 career Bengals games, two 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 198 career Bengals games, six shy of Huber (204) for third place all-time. Harris passed OT Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place all-time in Game 2 at Chicago, and then he passed DT Tim Krumrie (188) for fifth in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville and QB Ken Anderson (192) for fourth in Game 9 vs. Cleveland.

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: 11 games; 41 receptions for 519 yards (12.7) and two TDs; two rushes for 26 yards (13.0); one pass attempt (incomplete).
- HB Joe Mixon: Eight games; 133 rushes for 445 yards (3.3) and two TDs; 18 receptions for 158 yards (8.8).
- TE C.J. Uzomah: Eight games; 15 receptions for 223 yards (14.9) and three TDs.
- TE Drew Sample: Five games; Seven receptions for 39 yards (5.6).
- WR Auden Tate (Reserve/Injured): Five games; 10 receptions for 144 yards (14.4).
- HB Samaje Perine: Four games; 20 rushes for 103 yards (5.2) and one TD; One reception for 23 yards.
- WR Tee Higgins: Three games; 11 receptions for 124 yards (11.3).
- HB Trayveon Williams: Three games; Four rushes for 74 yards (18.5); One reception for three yards.
- QB Brandon Allen: Two games; 21 attempts with six completions, 48 yards and two INTs (0.0 passer rating); One rush for two yards.
- QB Joe Burrow: Two games; 68 attempts with 42 completions, 599 yards, three TDs and two INTs (92.7 passer rating); Four rushes for 10 yards (2.5).
- WR Mike D. Thomas: Two games; One reception for four yards.
- WR Ja'Marr Chase: One game; Eight receptions for 201 yards (25.1) and one TD.

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 LB Josh Bynes was with the

Bengals in 2020 ... 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 QB Josh Johnson was with the Bengals in 2013 ... Ravens LB Malik Harrison and RB J.K. Dobbins (Injured Reserve) both 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 CB Chris Westry played at the University of Kentucky ... 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 ... 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 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, 4-1.

Taylor vs. Harbaugh: Harbaugh leads, 4-1.

Harbaugh vs. Bengals: Harbaugh leads, 14-13.

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.

TEAM

- First in fewest penalties incurred (58).
- First in fewest penalty yardage incurred (481).

BENGALS OFFENSE

- Fifth in yards per pass play (8.41).
- Ninth in points per game (26.4).

JOE BURROW

- Third in yards per passing attempt (8.37).
- Tied for third in passing plays of 40 or more yards (10).
- Fourth in completion percentage (68.7).
- Sixth in passer rating (100.7).
- Seventh in passing plays of 20 or more yards (48).
- Seventh in third-down passer rating (103.6).
- Eighth in passing yards (3640).
- Eighth in TD passes (26).

JOE MIXON

- Second in rushing attempts (262).
- Second in rushing yardage (1094).
- Third in rushing TDs (12).
- Fourth in scoring — non-kickers (84).
- Sixth in yards from scrimmage (1298).

JA'MARR CHASE

- Tied for third in receiving TDs (10).
- Tied for fourth in receptions of 40 or more yards (six).
- Ninth in receiving yards (1038).
- Tied for ninth in receptions of 20 or more yards (15).
- Tied for 10th in scoring — non-kickers (60).

BENGALS DEFENSE

- Tied for third in sacks (40).
- Fifth in rushing yards allowed per game (95.9).
- Fifth in fourth-down efficiency (40; six for 15).
- Ninth in fewest first downs allowed per game (19.4).

EVAN McPHERSON

- First in FGs of 50 or more yards (nine).
- Seventh in touchbacks on kickoffs (51).
- Eighth in points among kickers (109).

LOGAN WILSON

- Tied for eighth in INTs (four).

TREY HENDRICKSON

- Fifth in sacks (13.0).

17-game pace updates: Several Bengals are on pace to approach team records by the end of this season. Here's a look at some of Cincinnati's top performers, and where their statistics project through 17 games.

• QB Joe Burrow: 299 of 435 for 3640 yards, 26 TDs and 14 INTs (100.7 rating). Burrow's pace projects to 363 completions, 528 attempts, 4420 yards, 31 TDs and 17 INTs. He's on track to challenge Carson Palmer's completions record (373 in 2007), Andy Dalton's passing yardage record (4293 in '13) and Dalton's passing TDs record (33 in '13).

• WR Ja'Marr Chase: 61 catches for 1038 yards and 10 TDs. Chase's pace projects to 74 catches, 1260 yards and 12 TDs. He could challenge WR Chad

Johnson's receiving yardage record (1440 in 2007). He also could challenge Oilers WR Bill Groman's NFL rookie record for receiving yardage (1473 in 1960).

• HB Joe Mixon: 262 rushes for 1094 yards and 12 rushing TDs. He also has two receiving TDs, which give him 14 total TDs. Mixon's pace projects to 318 rushes, 1328 rushing yards, 14 rushing TDs and 17 total TDs. He could challenge RB Rudi Johnson's rushing yardage record (1458 in 2005), RB Ickey Woods' rushing TDs record (15 in 1988) and WR Carl Pickens' total TD record (17 in '95).

• DE Trey Hendrickson: 13 sacks. Hendrickson's pace projects to 15 sacks for a full season. He's unlikely to challenge DE Coy Bacon's 22 sacks in 1976, which the Bengals recognize as the team record. Sacks became an official statistic in 1982, however the Bengals tracked that stat back to '76. Cincinnati's record since 1982 is 13.5 sacks by DE Carlos Dunlap in 2015, and Hendrickson is just one sack shy of tying that mark.

Bengals in Pro Bowl voting: Each week, the NFL releases information on fan voting for the Pro Bowl, including the top 10 vote-getters at each position. Fan voting, which ended on Dec. 16, counts one-third toward determining the final 88 selected Pro Bowlers (44 per conference). Players and coaches voting make up the other two thirds. Rosters will be announced on Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. on NFL Network, and the game will be held on Sunday, Feb. 6 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas (3 p.m. Eastern on ESPN and ABC).

Here's a look at the Bengals in the top 10 at their position in the fan vote for this year's Pro Bowl. Fan voting ended on Dec. 16, therefore this data is final.

| PLAYER | POSITION | AFC RANK | NFL RANK |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Ja'Marr Chase | WR..... | 1 | 4 |
| Joe Mixon | RB..... | 2 | 2 |
| Trey Hendrickson | DE..... | 2 | 3 |
| Vonn Bell | SS..... | 4 | 5 |
| Hakeem Adeniji | G..... | 4 | 6 |
| Sam Hubbard | DE..... | 5 | 7 |

Bengals great in "middle eight": Much has been made this season of the importance of the "middle eight," a stretch of a game that spans the last four minutes of the first half and first four minutes of the second half. Among the people who have touted the importance of the "middle eight" have been former NFL GM Michael Lombardi and current Buccaneers QB Tom Brady.

"The 'middle eight' minutes of the game are so important to the overall outcome," Brady said earlier this year on ESPN's Monday Night Football broadcast with Peyton and Eli Manning. "Who wins the end of the first half and then the start of the third quarter? A lot of times when you defer and you get the ball on offense (to start the second half), you can create a 14-point swing without them ever touching the ball if you score before the half and then you score coming out in the third quarter. You definitely don't want to give the ball back to your opponents (at the end of the half). We always call it "the last shot" in basketball — you don't want to come down and throw up a three-pointer with 18 seconds left on the shot clock."

So how do the Bengals stack up during the "middle eight?" They're among the best in the NFL this season, and their plus-46 point differential equates to a 3.3-point per game edge in that time period.

Here's a look at the teams this season with the largest point differential in the

time period spanning the last four minutes of the first half and first four minutes of the second half.

| TEAM | POINT DIFFERENTIAL |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| L.A. Rams | +59 |
| Cleveland Browns | +54 |
| Cincinnati Bengals | +46 |
| San Francisco 49ers | +42 |
| Indianapolis Colts | +42 |

Bengals carry "Mo" into halftime ... : The Bengals this season have scored a combined 53 points in the last two minutes of the first half. That total is fourth among all NFL teams. When divided out among Cincinnati's 14 games, that's an average of 3.8 points per game in the last two minutes. The Bengals have gotten points (five TDs, six FGs) in the last two minutes of the first half in 10 of their 14 games this season.

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 |
|---------------------|--|
| San Francisco 49ers | 64 |
| Cleveland Browns | 58 |
| Green Bay Packers | 55 |
| Cincinnati Bengals | 53 |
| Indianapolis Colts | 49 |

... 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 leaders in points scored (43) on the first possession of the second half. Cincinnati has come away with points on its first offensive possession of the second half in nine of its 14 games this season (four TDs, five FGs).

It should be noted that the Bengals have received the opening kickoff of the second half in nine of their 14 games this year, thanks in large part to a streak of luck that saw them win the opening coin toss in each of their first six games (see "Coin-toss roller coaster" on page 11). The Bengals deferred to the second half in each of those six games.

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 |
|--------------------|--------|
| Green Bay Packers | 62 |
| Tennessee Titans | 48 |
| L.A. Rams | 47 |
| Baltimore Ravens | 44 |
| Cincinnati Bengals | 43 |

Mixon nearing Bengals TD record: HB Joe Mixon this season has scored 14 touchdowns, which is tied for the fifth-most ever in a season by a Bengal. With three games remaining, Mixon needs just three TDs to tie WR Carl Pickens' single-season TD record of 17, set in 1995.

Here's a look at the Bengals with the most TDs in a season.

| PLAYER | SEASON | TDs |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| WR Carl Pickens | 1995 | 17 |
| RB Pete Johnson | 1981 | 16 |
| RB Pete Johnson | 1979 | 15 |
| RB Ickey Woods | 1988 | 15 |
| RB Pete Johnson | 1983 | 14 |
| RB James Brooks | 1988 | 14 |
| RB Joe Mixon | 2021 | 14 |

Mixon's TD streak ends at nine: Bengals HB Joe Mixon this season put together a streak of nine consecutive games with at least one TD, which tied WR A.J. Green (nine in 2012) for the second-longest such streak in team history. Mixon's streak was broken when he was held out of the end zone on Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco, and he fell one short of the team record of 10, set between the 1994 and '95 seasons by WR Carl Pickens.

Mixon scored 13 total TDs (11 rushing, two receiving) in his nine-game streak, which lasted between Game 4 vs. Jacksonville and Game 12 vs. the L.A. Chargers.

Within his nine-game streak were two other streaks that tied or set team

records. He scored a rushing TD in six straight contests (Games 7-12), tied for the longest such streak in team history (RB Rudi Johnson/2006, and RB Stan Fritts/1975). And he scored multiple TDs in four straight games (Games 8-11), the longest such streak in team history.

The longest previous streak of consecutive games with multiple TDs was three, accomplished by Pete Johnson in 1981 and Rudi Johnson in 2005. The last NFL player with multiple TDs in at least four games was Saints RB Alvin Kamara, who had five straight between the 2019 and '20 seasons. Seahawks WR Doug Baldwin in 2015 was the last player with multiple TDs in four straight games within one season.

For the season, Mixon has 12 rushing TDs and two receiving TDs. He could challenge RB Ickey Woods' team record for rushing TDs in a season (15 in 1988) or WR Carl Pickens' total TD record (17 in '95).

Mixon shuffling toward Ickey's record: Bengals HB Joe Mixon this season has 12 rushing TDs, tied for fourth-most in team history and just three shy of RB Ickey Woods' team-record 15 in 1988. The last Bengal with 12 rushing TDs in a season was RB Rudi Johnson, who scored exactly 12 TDs in three straight seasons — 2004, '05 and '06.

Here's a look at the most rushing TDs in a season in Bengals history.

| PLAYER | SEASON | RUSHING TDs |
|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| FB Ickey Woods | 1988 | 15 |
| FB Pete Johnson | 1979 | 14 |
| FB Pete Johnson | 1983 | 14 |
| FB Pete Johnson | 1981 | 12 |
| HB Rudi Johnson | 2004 | 12 |
| HB Rudi Johnson | 2005 | 12 |
| HB Rudi Johnson | 2006 | 12 |
| HB Joe Mixon | 2021 | 12 |

Bengals tough when Mixon hits 20 carries: The Bengals hold an 11-7 record when HB Joe Mixon reaches the 20-carry mark. And in those 18 games, Mixon has topped 100 rushing yards 12 times. Eleven of his last 14 games with 20 carries have resulted in 100 or more rushing yards.

The Bengals are 3-1 this year when Mixon hits the mark. 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 tops 4K: Bengals HB Joe Mixon now stands as one of only six Bengals ever to rush for 4000 yards in a career. He achieved the feat this season on Nov. 21 at Las Vegas, in what was his 60th career game.

Mixon has 4453 career rushing yards, fifth-most in Bengals history. He passed Harold Green (3727) and Cedric Benson (4176) this year, but he's unlikely to catch Pete Johnson (5421) for fourth place until at least next season. Corey Dillon (8061) is the Bengals' all-time leading rusher, followed by James Brooks (6447), Rudi Johnson (5472) and Pete Johnson (5421).

Mixon fastest to 4K/1K: Bengals HB Joe Mixon now stands as one of just four Bengals ever to surpass 4000 career rushing yards and 1000 career receiving yards. He joins Corey Dillon, James Brooks and Pete Johnson in that category.

Reaching the 4k/1k mark took Mixon just 60 career games, 11 faster than the next-quickest Bengal (Dillon, 71 games). He topped 1000 career receiving yards earlier this season in Game 1 vs. Minnesota, and then surpassed 4000 rushing yards in Game 10 at Las Vegas.

Mixon currently has 4453 career rushing yards and 1212 receiving yards.

It took Mixon just 50 games to reach 3000 rushing and 1000 receiving yards, which also was 11 games quicker than the next-fastest Bengal (Brooks, 61).

Here's a look at the fastest players ever to top 4000 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 4K/1K |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Joe Mixon | 60 |
| Corey Dillon | 71 |
| James Brooks | 76 |
| Pete Johnson | 77 |

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 six times (three lost) since

entering the league in 2017, a span that covers 1232 combined touches on offense (1075 rushes, 158 catches). That includes just three fumbles (two lost) since the start of 2018.

Mixon owns two of the three longest streaks of rushing attempts without a fumble by a Bengal since at least 1990 (when the Elias Sports Bureau began tracking the stat). From 2017-20, he went 541 rushing attempts without a fumble, good for the second-longest by a Bengal over that time period. That streak was halted by a fumble in the 2020 season opener. He then rattled off 327 carries without a fumble, the third-longest such streak in team history, before fumbling on a carry in Game 12 this season.

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 |
| Joe Mixon | 327 | 2020-21 |
| Harold Green | 298 | 1991-93 |
| Jeremy Hill | 282 | 2015-17 |

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. Burrow had surgery on Dec. 2, embarked on a long rehab process, and was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28. He participated fully in every practice of training camp (save for one scheduled rest day) and took just three snaps in preseason — all came in the finale vs. Miami.

Shortly after his injury last season, Burrow had vowed publicly that he would start Cincinnati's 2021 season opener. On Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota, a little more than nine months after his injury, he not only made good on that promise, he posted then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67) in a dramatic Bengals OT win.

Burrow this season has completed 299 of 435 passes (68.7 percent) for 3640 yards, 26 TDs and 14 INTs (100.7 rating).

Burrow surpasses 6K: Bengals QB Joe Burrow surpassed 6000 career passing yards in Game 13 vs. San Francisco this season, in what was just his 23rd career game. That made him the fastest Bengal ever to 6000 passing yards, ahead of QBs Carson Palmer (25 games), Andy Dalton (27) and Jeff Blake (27).

Burrow also was the fastest Bengal to 5000 passing yards (19 games), ahead of Blake, Dalton and Palmer (22 each). And he reached 4000 yards in just 16 games, the fastest in team history ahead of Blake and Palmer (18 each).

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 percent of Burrow's 50 Bengals teammates suited up with him for at least one season in college.

The Bengals also have three practice squad players who played with Burrow, along with one assistant coach — assistant WRs coach Brad Kragthorpe — 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 |
| Drue Chrisman* | P | Ohio State | 2016-17 |
| Keandre Jones* | LB | Ohio State | 2016-17 |
| Thaddeus Moss* | TE | Louisiana State | 2018-19 |

* — Asterisk denotes practice squad player.

Chase, Burrow reunite in Cincinnati: One of the most statistically accomplished QB-WR duos in college football history has reunited

this season 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 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 on 61 passes for 1038 yards (17.0 average) and 10 TDs.

Chase gathering Bengals rookie records: Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase this season has had what already could be considered one the top rookie seasons in team history. Chase in recent weeks has cemented that claim by setting new team rookie records, and he figures to take down a few more by the end of the season.

Chase currently has 61 receptions, the fourth-most ever by a Bengals rookie. WRs Cris Collinsworth and Tee Higgins (67) share the team's rookie record in that category, followed by Green (65). Chase already has passed HB Giovani Bernard (56), WR Tyler Boyd (54) and WR Eddie Brown (53).

Chase currently has 1038 receiving yards, second-most ever by a Bengals rookie behind Green (1057). Chase has already passed WR Cris Collinsworth (1009), Brown (942), Higgins (908) and WR Darnay Scott (896).

Chase has three 100-yard receiving games this season, and could tie WR A.J. Green's team rookie record (four) this Sunday. He currently is tied with WRs Isaac Curtis and Eddie Brown for second-most by a Bengals rookie.

Chase has 10 receiving TDs, already the most ever by a Bengals rookie. He surpassed WR Isaac Curtis's previous team record of nine in just his 13th game — Curtis' record was set in a 14-game season in 1973.

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 receiving yardage (1038) and receiving TDs (10). Among all players, he is ninth in receiving yards and tied for third in receiving TDs.
- He is tied for fourth in the NFL in receptions of 40 yards or longer (six), and is tied for ninth in receptions of 20 yards or longer (15).
- He became just the fifth rookie ever with at least 1000 receiving yards and 10 TDs. He joins John Jefferson (1978), Randy Moss ('98), Mike Evans (2014) and Odell Beckham Jr. ('14). It should be noted that Chase hit the 1000 yard/10 TD mark in just 13 games.
- He is the second rookie in NFL history to record at least 50 receiving yards in each of his first seven games. Detroit WR Earl McCullough, who at one time was the world-record holder in the 110-meter hurdles, also did it in 1968. Chase's streak ended in Game 8 at the N.Y. Jets.
- He is one of two players in NFL history with a reception of at least 30 yards in each of their first seven career games. McCullough is the other. Chase's streak ended in Game 8 at the N.Y. Jets.
- His 201 receiving yards on Oct. 24 at Baltimore stand as the second-most among all players in a single game this season.
- In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase (21 years, 237 days) became the second-youngest player ever to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game (Mike Evans; 21 years, 87 days).
- In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, his NFL debut, he became the youngest (21 years, 195 days) Bengal ever to top 100 receiving yards.

Two big days 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, has taken aim this season at Cincinnati's rookie receiving record book.

Despite having not yet completed his first NFL season, "Uno" already has two of the three highest single-game receiving yardage outputs by a rookie in team history. His first entry came on Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay, when he recorded 159 yards on nine catches, including a 70-yard TD just before halftime. It should be noted that the Packers game went into overtime, and that Chase had one catch for 21 yards in the extra period.

Then, on Oct. 24 at Baltimore, he exploded for a Bengals rookie record 201 receiving yards on eight catches, including an 82-yard bomb in the third quarter that widened Cincinnati's lead to 10 points. At the time he was 21 years and 237 days old, making him the second-youngest player in NFL history to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game.

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

| BENGALS ROOKIE | DATE/OPPONENT | REC. YARDS |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| WR Ja'Marr Chase | 10-24-2021 at Baltimore | 201 |
| 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 |

Chase heats up before halftime: Bengals WR Ja'Marr Chase this season has arguably been the most productive WR in the NFL during the last two minutes of the first half. The rookie out of LSU leads the NFL in receiving yards (233) and catches of at least 20 yards (five) in the final two minutes of the first half, and his three receiving TDs during that time period also are tied for most in 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.
- In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase caught three passes for 45 yards on Cincinnati's final drive of the first half, which ended with a FG. Those three catches included a 26-yarder to the Baltimore 19-yard line.

Tee's streak ends at three: Earlier this season, Bengals second-year WR Tee Higgins topped 100 receiving yards in three consecutive games, which tied the third-longest streak in team history. He had 114 yards on Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh, 138 yards on Dec. 5 vs. the L.A. Chargers, and 114 yards on Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco.

The last Bengal with 100 receiving yards in three straight games was WR A.J. Green, who eventually ran his streak to a team-record five games in 2013.

Here's a look at the longest streaks in Bengals history for consecutive games with at least 100 receiving yards.

| PLAYER | YEAR | CONS. GAMES WITH 100+ REC. YDS. |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| WR A.J. Green | 2013 | 5 |
| WR Carl Pickens | 1994 | 4 |
| WR Isaac Curtis | 1973 | 3 |
| WR Chad Johnson | 2002 | 3 |
| WR Chad Johnson | 2006 | 3 |
| WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh | 2007 | 3 |
| WR Tee Higgins | 2021 | 3 |

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, missed two games earlier this season due to a shoulder injury but still has 59 catches for 835 yards and four 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 at the time the fourth-most ever by a Bengals rookie (topped this year by rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase). He also hauled in six TD catches, which at the time was tied for fifth-most ever by a Bengals rookie (also topped this year by Chase). 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."

'Fire department' tough after turnovers: The Bengals' offense and special teams units this season have committed 21 turnovers, including three that were returned for TDs, which means opposing offenses have taken over possession 18 times after Bengals turnovers. In those 18 instances, the Bengals' defense has allowed just three TDs and eight FGs (46 points). That means opponents failed to produce points on seven of those possessions — two punts, one missed FG, a turnover on downs and three INTs (one pick-six).

Opposing offenses have taken over in plus territory after Bengals turnovers on 12 occasions this year. Those have resulted in two TDs, seven FGs, a punt, a missed FG and an INT (26 points).

When opposing offenses take over inside the Bengals' 20-yard line, they have one TD, three FGs and a missed FG (17 points).

Bengals defenders and coaches say that they have embraced these kinds of back-to-the-wall situations. Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo has even coined a name for them. "I tell our guys all the time that we're like the fire department," he said. "We're here to put the fire out. We don't ask how or why. We just go out there and we put it out."

Hendrickson on torrid sack pace: DE Trey Hendrickson, one of the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency haul in March, has made a significant impact in the sack column in just his first season as a Bengal.

Hendrickson has a team-high 13.0 sacks (fifth in NFL) through 14 games. That total is more than double the team lead for all of last season (former DE Carl Lawson, 5.5), and he also is the first Bengal with double-digit sacks since former DT Geno Atkins' 10 in 2018.

Hendrickson is on pace for 15 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.

Last season with New Orleans, Hendrickson had 13.5 sacks, tied for the NFC lead and tied for second-most leaguewide. And since the beginning of the 2020 season, Hendrickson's 26.5 sacks are third-most in the NFL, behind only Pittsburgh's T.J. Watt (32.5) and Cleveland's Myles Garrett (27.0). The Rams' Aaron Donald (23.5) and Carolina's Haason Reddick (23.5) are tied for fourth.

Hendrickson's sack streak at 10: Bengals DE Trey Hendrickson has recorded at least a half sack in 10 straight games, the longest in Bengals history, the longest active streak in the NFL and tied for the fifth-longest in NFL history. The previous Bengals record was six straight games, by Eddie Edwards (1984), Reggie Williams (1984), Carlos Dunlap (2010-11) and Geno Atkins (2016-17).

If he records at least a half sack this Sunday vs. Baltimore, Hendrickson would be in a four-way tie for second place in NFL history behind former Titans DE Jevon Kearse's NFL-record 12.

Hendrickson had recorded a full sack in nine consecutive games (Games 5-13), but he was held to just a half sack in Game 14 at Denver. His nine-game streak was tied for the fourth-longest in NFL history, just two games shy of Chiefs DT Chris Jones' 11 straight games in 2018. It was also the longest such streak in Bengals history, topping the previous record of six straight by Williams (1984) and Edwards ('83).

Hendrickson has 13 sacks this season (fifth in the NFL), and has recorded at least a half sack in 12 of Cincinnati's 14 contests.

Here's a look at the longest streaks of games with at least a half sack in NFL history.

| PLAYER* | TEAM(S) | YEAR(S) | CONS. GAMES WITH A SACK |
|--------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Jevon Kearse | Tenn. | 1999-2000 | 12 |
| Shaun Ellis | NYJ | 2002-03 | 11 |
| Jared Allen | Minn. | 2010-11 | 11 |
| Chris Jones | K.C. | 2018 | 11 |

* — Many players are tied at 10, including Hendrickson.

Bengals improve 2020 pass rush: Over the offseason, one of the primary areas of focus for the Bengals 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 intent on boosting the defensive line.

So far, it's worked. Through 15 weeks, Cincinnati ranks tied for third

leaguewide with 39 sacks, more than double last season's 17 sacks. DE Trey Hendrickson, one of the team's key acquisitions in free agency last March, leads the team and ranks fifth leaguewide with 13 sacks. That's more than double last season's team high (5.5, DE Carl Lawson). Ten Bengals have gotten into the sack column this season, including DT Larry Ogunjobi (7.0), another 2021 free agent acquisition, DT B.J. Hill (5.5), who was acquired in a trade just before the regular season, and DE Cam Sample (1.5), who was one of four defensive linemen Cincinnati selected in April's draft. The revamped defensive line has accounted for all but 2.5 of Cincinnati's 40 sacks this season, and DE Sam Hubbard (7.5) is the only defender in the sack column who was with Cincinnati prior to the 2020 season.

Four players — Hendrickson, Hubbard, Ogunjobi and Hill — have matched or surpassed last season's team lead of 5.5 sacks.

Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal: DE Sam Hubbard, a third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, ranks second in sacks (24.0) among all players from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

Players' listed positions vary by 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) | 30.0 |
| Sam Hubbard/DE | Cincinnati | No. 77 (3rd) | 24.0 |
| Bradley Chubb/DE | Denver | No. 5 (1st) | 20.5 |
| Marcus Davenport/DE | New Orleans | No. 14 (1st) | 18.5 |
| Josh Sweat/DE | Philadelphia | No. 130 (4th) | 15.0 |
| Darius Leonard/LB | Indianapolis | No. 36 (2nd) | 15.0 |

Logan still leads all LBs in INTs: Bengals second-year LB Logan Wilson has missed time lately with a right shoulder injury, but when healthy this season he has turned heads as one of the team's top defensive players. The 2020 third-round pick has four INTs this year, which despite his missed time still ranks tied for fifth in the AFC, tied for eighth leaguewide, and most among all NFL linebackers. Wilson's four picks also 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 90 tackles still lead the team, and he has led the Bengals in tackles in six of the 11 full games in which he has been healthy (was injured in the first half of Game 12 vs. the L.A. Chargers).

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 he's getting the calls out quickly. That's what we need from a guy inside like that. And he's got hands too."

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 the 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 fifth in the NFL (95.9 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 defense. Leading the way has been second-year pro Logan Wilson, who leads the team in tackles (90) and whose four INTs lead all NFL LBs.

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 started every game at NT this season, and has 42 tackles and two sacks.

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, and he has started every game since.

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 |

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.

And although he has missed a few more snaps since that game in Detroit, Bell still leads defense in snaps played (884 of 938) this season. In his now 30 career Bengals games, he has seen action on 1943 of 1997 possible defensive snaps (97.3 percent).

Bell has been a captain in both of his Bengals seasons. He ranks second on the team in tackles (87) this year, after leading the team in that category (114) last season.

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 1822 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.

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 336 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 | 479 |
| Andy Lee | Arizona | 18 | 457 |
| Sam Koch | Baltimore | 16 | 447 |
| Brett Kern | Tennessee | 14 | 389 |
| Kevin Huber | Cincinnati | 13 | 336 |

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 three clear of current P Kevin Huber (204), meaning that if Huber plays in each of the Bengals' three 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 (198 games played), who has snapped to Huber since joining Cincinnati midway through the 2009 season. Harris now stands fourth in career games as a Bengal, and this season has passed Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz (185), DT Tim Krumrie (188) and Anderson (192).

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 | 204 | 2009-present |
| LS Clark Harris | 198 | 2009-present |
| QB Ken Anderson | 192 | 1971-86 |
| DT Tim Krumrie | 188 | 1983-94 |
| OT Anthony Munoz | 185 | 1980-92 |

The Huber roundup: Bengals P Kevin Huber, a 2009 Bengals fifth-round pick who is now in his 13th season, has long been considered the top punter in team history. He has cemented that legacy 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 (970)
- Punting yards (43,997)
- Gross average (45.36)
- Net average (40.32)
- Inside-20 punts (336)

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.

McPherson from deep: Bengals rookie K Evan McPherson has made an NFL-best nine FGs of 50 or more yards this season, and stands just one shy of tying the NFL record for most 50-plus yarders in a season. Former Vikings K Blair Walsh (10) holds the rookie record and is tied for the NFL record.

Nine FGs of 50 or more yards stands as the most-ever by a player through their first 14 career games. It's also more than double the previous team record for most 50-plus yarders in a full season (four, by K Horst Muhlmann in 1970).

In a sign of things to come, McPherson's first-ever NFL FG was a 53-yarder in Cincinnati's season-opener vs. Minnesota. Then, on Nov. 21 at Las Vegas, he tied a single-game NFL record with three FGs of at least 50 yards (54, 53 and 51). For perspective, there were only four instances (including Muhlmann in 1970) prior to this year where a Bengals kicker had as many as three 50-plus yarders in a full season.

On Dec. 19 at Denver, McPherson booted a Bengals-record 58-yard FG as time expired in the first half. It was his second 50-plus yarder of the day.

Here's a look at the NFL players with the most made FGs of 50 or more yards in a season.

| YEAR | ROOKIE | TEAM | 50+ YARD FGs |
|------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 2012 | Blair Walsh* | Minnesota Vikings | 10 |
| 2016 | Justin Tucker | Baltimore Ravens | 10 |
| 2020 | Brandon McManus | Denver Broncos | 10 |
| 2021 | Evan McPherson* | Cincinnati Bengals | 9 |

* — Asterisk denotes rookie.

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.

McPherson this season has made 37 of 39 PATs and 24 of his 28 FGs, including a team-record nine 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 22 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 |

Roster flip noticeable in Year 3: 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 52 players on the current roster (as of Tuesday, Dec. 21), only nine suited up as Bengals prior to Taylor's arrival. That means 43 current Bengals — or 82.7 percent of the roster — have joined Cincinnati since 2019.

Cincinnati's roster overhaul has hit overdrive since the end of last season. Twenty-two current Bengals — that's 42.3 percent of the 52-player roster — had never suited up in a game for Cincinnati prior to the 2021 regular season. (It should be noted that figure includes TE Mitchell Wilcox and OT Isaiah Prince, who were with Cincinnati previously but never played).

Recent acquisitions boost Bengals: Cincinnati's player personnel department has struck gold in acquiring new top talent in each of the last two years. On top of solid drafts (see the next item titled "2020 rookies continue to deliver"), the team has unearthed a bounty of player production in free agency, as well as a trade.

Here's a look at how some of the team's 2020 and '21 additions are faring this season (all are unrestricted free agent additions, unless otherwise noted):

| ACQUIRED, PLAYER | '21 G/S | NOTES |
|------------------------------------|---------|--|
| 2020, S Vonn Bell | 14/14 | Starting S and team captain |
| 2020, DT D.J. Reader | 14/14 | Starting NT |
| 2020, G Quinton Spain (waivers) | 14/14 | Starting G (re-signed as UFA in March) |
| 2020, G Xavier Su'a-Filo | 2/2 | Starting G (though currently on R/I) |
| 2020, WR Mike D. Thomas | 10/1 | Reserve WR; special teamer |
| 2020, CB Trae Waynes | 3/3 | Starting CB (spent eight games on R/I) |
| 2021, S Ricardo Allen (free agent) | 11/0 | Key reserve; veteran leader |
| 2021, CB Eli Apple (free agent) | 14/13 | Key reserve turned starter |
| 2021, CB Chidobe Awuzie | 12/12 | Starting CB (currently Reserve/COVID) |
| 2021, DE Trey Hendrickson | 14/12 | Starting DE; leads team in sacks (13.0) |
| 2021, DT B.J. Hill (trade) | 14/2 | Key reserve with 5.5 sacks |
| 2021, CB Mike Hilton | 14/7 | Starting nickel CB |
| 2021, DT Larry Ogunjobi | 14/14 | Starting DT (three-technique); 7.0 sacks |
| 2021, OT Riley Reiff | 12/12 | Starting ROT (though currently on R/I) |

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 71 games (44 starts) this season. It should be noted that 2020 draft picks have dealt with more injuries this season, and have spent a combined 20 games on reserve lists. LB Akeem Davis-Gaither (left foot), a 2020 fourth-rounder, is on Reserve/Injured and is not expected return this season. LB Logan Wilson currently has a right shoulder injury and has missed time, but he is not currently on a reserve list.

Here is the 2020 Bengals draft class: QB Joe Burrow (first round), WR Tee Higgins (second), LB Logan Wilson (third), Davis-Gaither (fourth), DE Khalid Kareem (fifth), G Hakeem Adeniji (sixth), LB Markus Bailey (seventh). Burrow, Higgins, Wilson and Adeniji are regular starters when healthy.

Flipping the script on the road: The Bengals this season have won five road games, which stands as their most wins away from home since 2015 (six). A win in their last remaining road game — Week 18 at Cleveland — would give them six for the year and tie the single-season team record, accomplished in 1981, 2005, '12, and '15.

Dating back to 2020, Cincinnati has won six of its last eight road games.

It wasn't long ago, though, that the shoe was on the other foot. The Bengals lost 13 straight road games between 2018 and early '20, and that bleeding was

stopped only by a tie at Philadelphia. Head coach Zac Taylor did not pick up his first road win until his 16th game away from Paul Brown Stadium (includes a 2019 neutral site loss to the Rams in London), a fact the third-year Bengals head coach has not forgotten.

"We've really matured," Taylor told the media after his team's 31-13 win at Las Vegas on Nov. 21. "We lost 15 games in a row on the road at one point — I don't know if you all remember that, but I do (laughs).

"This team has really turned their mentality. When we get on a plane, get on a bus and go to a hotel, we come out there really focused. They've handled it really well. I have no concerns taking this team on the road and wondering how they're going to handle it. I'm proud of them."

Bengals tap Senior Bowl pipeline: One of the key factors in Cincinnati's success in the draft the last two years has been the team's ability to identify prospects at the Senior Bowl, a college all-star game held each January that serves as the unofficial start to the pre-draft process.

The Bengals have drafted seven players over the last two years who participated in the Senior Bowl, and all seven are still with the team. Five are on the active roster — OT Hakeem Adeniji (2020, sixth round), HB Chris Evans ('21 sixth round), DE Cam Sample ('21, fourth round), G D'Ante Smith ('21, fourth round) and LB Logan Wilson ('20, third round) — while the other two are on reserve lists — LB Akeem Davis-Gaither ('20, fourth round; Reserve/Injured) and DE Wyatt Hubert ('21, seventh round; Reserve/Non-Football Injury).

Zac Taylor and the rest of the Bengals staff coached the South team at the 2020 Senior Bowl, and Davis-Gaither was on their roster. Wilson and Adeniji were on the North team that year, however coaches cite their close exposure to both during that experience as a major reason they ended up in Cincinnati.

Taylor and his staff have attended each of the last two Senior Bowls (2020-21). He was on the Rams' staff in 2018 and was hired by Cincinnati after L.A.'s run to the Super Bowl that year, therefore neither he nor his full coaching staff attended the 2019 Senior Bowl.

25 points does the trick: Since 2011, the Bengals own a 56-6-2 record when scoring 25 or more points. That's good for the second-best winning percentage (.891) in the NFL when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals are 10-5 under head coach Zac Taylor (5-1 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 | 98 | 10 | 0 | .907 |
| Cincinnati Bengals | 56 | 6 | 2 | .891 |
| Denver Broncos | 61 | 8 | 0 | .884 |
| Miami Dolphins | 44 | 6 | 0 | .880 |
| Arizona Cardinals | 55 | 8 | 1 | .867 |

Tracking weekly/monthly awards: Four different Bengals this season have won a total of six weekly and/or monthly awards given out by the NFL. This year marks the first time in team history that two Bengals rookies (McPherson and WR Ja'Marr Chase) have won a player of the week award in the same season. Here's a rundown of all the winners:

- K Evan McPherson, Week 1, AFC Special Teams Player of the Week: In what was his NFL debut, the Bengals' rookie fifth-round pick kicked a game-winning 33-yard FG as time expired in OT to give Cincinnati a 27-24 win over Minnesota. At the time, he was 22 years and 53 days old, making him the youngest kicker in NFL history to kick a game-winner in OT. He also was just the second rookie kicker ever to convert a FG as time expired in OT. Earlier in the game, McPherson made his first career NFL field goal, a 53-yarder that counted as the second-longest in the AFC in Week 1.

- QB Joe Burrow, Week 4, AFC Offensive Player of the Week: Burrow threw for 348 yards and two TDs in Cincinnati's Week 4 Thursday Night matchup vs. Jacksonville, while also posting then-career highs in both completion percentage (78.1) and passer rating (132.8) as he helped lead the Bengals to a comeback win. Burrow led Cincinnati to scores on all four of its second-half possessions (TD, TD, TD, FG), and his 10-play, 73-yard drive late in the fourth quarter bled 5:33 off the clock and set up a game-winning FG as time expired. In the second half alone, Burrow completed 17 of 20 passes (85 percent) for 253 yards and two TDs (152.1 rating).

- WR Ja'Marr Chase, September, NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month: The fifth overall pick in the 2021 draft led all rookies in receiving yardage (220) and TDs (four) in September. He was one of just nine rookies ever to catch at least one TD in each of his first three career games, and was one of just three players

ever to catch TDs of at least 25 yards in each of his first three career games. He also was the youngest player (21 years old) with four receiving TDs through his first three career games, edging out Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy Moss' three in three games in 1998.

• WR Ja'Marr Chase, Week 7, AFC Offensive Player of the Week: Chase caught eight passes for a Bengals rookie-record 201 receiving yards and a TD in Cincinnati's 41-17 win in Week 7 at Baltimore. His receiving yardage total was the highest in the AFC through seven weeks, and his 82-yard TD in the third quarter was the longest pass play in the AFC through seven weeks. Chase's 754 receiving yards through Week 7 led the AFC and ranked as the most ever by an NFL player through his first seven career games. Chase is the first Bengals rookie WR ever to win AFC Offensive Player of the Week, and the first Bengals rookie (at any position) to win the award since HB Jeremy Hill in 2014. AFC player of the week awards have been issued since 1984.

• K Evan McPherson, Week 11, AFC Special Teams Player of the Week: McPherson made all four of his FG attempts in the Cincinnati's Week 11 win at Las Vegas, and accounted for 14 of the team's 32 points on the day. Three of his FGs were from 50-plus yards (54, 53, 51), which tied a single-game NFL record.

• HB Joe Mixon, Week 12, AFC Offensive Player of the Week: Mixon helped Cincinnati to a 41-10 win over division-rival Pittsburgh by rushing for a career-high 165 yards, the most-ever by a Bengal against the Steelers. He also scored two TDs, and ran his tally of consecutive games with multiple TDs to four, the longest such streak in team history and the longest active streak in the NFL at the time. It was also his eighth straight game with a TD, which tied the third-longest streak in team history (streak ultimately stretched to nine games, tied for second in team history).

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 (27), Bell (27) and Hubbard (26) are the next-oldest captains.

Bengals' Nebraska connections: The Bengals have of course drawn attention this season for their many connections to the LSU Tigers, but look closer and you'll find several significant links to another school — the University of Nebraska.

Bengals QB Joe Burrow's father, Jimmy, was a starting safety at Nebraska under Tom Osborne in the mid-1970s, and then later served as an assistant under Huskers head coach Frank Solich from 2000-02. While on Nebraska's staff, Jimmy coached Joe's older brothers, Jamie (MLB) and Dan (S), who helped Nebraska to a berth in the BCS National Championship Game (Rose Bowl) in the 2001 season. Joe was five at the time.

Solich was fired by Nebraska after the 2003 season, but then caught on in '05 as head coach at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He promptly hired Jimmy Burrow as defensive coordinator, and the Burrow family moved to Athens, where Joe went on to play in high school and win Ohio's Mr. Football award in 2014.

Solich was replaced at Nebraska by Bill Callahan, who served as Huskers head coach from 2004-07. Bill Callahan is the father of Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan, who at the time of his dad's Nebraska hiring was already a walk-on QB at UCLA. In 2005, Bill Callahan's Huskers got a transfer QB from Butler County (Kan.) Community College by the name of Zac Taylor, who went on to play two seasons with the Huskers and win Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year in his senior season of 2006. Taylor was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

Joe Burrow grew up a Nebraska football fan, but says he was not offered a scholarship by the Huskers out of high school or after his transfer from Ohio State in 2018.

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 or more pounds, tied with the '08 team for the most in the last 19 years (league info 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.

Coin-toss roller coaster: The Bengals have been on both ends of rather improbable coin-toss streaks dating back to late last season.

On the good-luck side, the Bengals won 11 straight coin tosses between Game 14 vs. Pittsburgh last season and Game 6 at Detroit this season. That's a span of nine games, but it included two OT contests, and the Bengals won the toss prior to the extra period in both of those. Winning 11 straight coin tosses equates to one in 2048 odds.

Now for the other side of the coin. The Bengals lost five straight coin tosses between Game 7 and Game 11 this season (no OT games), which equates to one in 32 odds. That streak, though, was broken with a coin-toss win in Game 12 vs. the L.A. Chargers.

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.

Three Bengals hail from Queen City: The Bengals have three players — DE Sam Hubbard, P Kevin Huber and G Jackson Carman — 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.

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 (45.36) and net (40.32) punting average.

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.

And although he doesn't count toward the active roster, practice squad P Drue Chrisman is also a native a Greater Cincinnati. Chrisman grew up in

Lawrenceburg, Ind. (35 minutes from Paul Brown Stadium) and attended La Salle High School in Cincinnati.

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 ... 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 ... The Bengals have two persons with the name of Michael Thomas on the active roster — No. 80 WR Mike D. Thomas (goes by "Mike"; middle name is Davonta), and No. 31 S Michael J. Thomas (goes by "Michael"; has two middle names, "Jacob James").

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. Burrow this season has completed 299 of 435 pass attempts (68.7 percent) for 3640 yards (eighth in the NFL), 26 TDs (eighth in the NFL) and 14 INTs (100.7 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 attempt (9.6) — he has since topped all of those numbers. Burrow has a passer rating of 100 or better in eight games this season, and 11 for his career. Burrow also has passed for 300 or more yards in four games this season, and nine for his career. Burrow has one 400-yard game (Game 7 vs. Baltimore) this season, and two for his career. 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. Listed second on the depth chart is veteran **Brandon Allen**, who started in Burrow's absence late last season. Allen has played in four games this season, after starting six late last year following Burrow's injury. Allen joined the Bengals in August of 2020, and began that 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. Mixon is in the midst of his best pro season yet, and has rushed for 1094 yards (second in NFL) and 12 TDs (third in NFL) on 262 carries (second in NFL). Mixon also has caught 29 passes for 204 yards and two TDs. Mixon ended a nine-game TD streak (see "Mixon's TD streak ends at nine" on page 5) in Game 13 vs. San Francisco, just one game short of tying the franchise record of 10 (WR Carl Pickens, 1994-95). Mixon's 14 total TDs this season are tied for fifth-most ever by a Bengal, and stand just three shy of Pickens' team-record 17, set in 1995. Mixon's 12 rushing TDs are also just three shy of Ickey Woods' team-record 15, set in 1988. Mixon has three 100-yard rushing games this season and 13 for his career; he also has five games with at least 100 yards from scrimmage this season and 21 for his career. Mixon has eclipsed 1000 rushing yards this season for the third time in his career; he hit the mark 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. Fifth-year pro **Samaje Perine**, who also shared a backfield with Mixon in college at Oklahoma, is in his third Bengals season after beginning his career with Washington. This season, Perine has 54 carries for 242 yards and one TD, and 24 catches for 180 yards and one TD. At 5-11, 240 pounds, Perine brings size and a physical rushing style, and he's also used extensively on special teams. The third running back on Cincinnati's active roster is **Chris Evans**, a rookie 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 11 catches for 127 yards and a TD, along with nine carries for 41 yards. Bengals coaches say they first took notice of Evans' route-running and hands during receiving drills at 2021 Senior Bowl practices. **Trayveon Williams**, a sixth-round pick by Cincinnati in the 2019 draft, was signed from the practice squad to the active roster on Dec. 4. Williams has played in four games this season, including two earlier in the year

as a standard elevation from the practice squad.

Wide receivers: 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 has been one of Cincinnati's top performers so far this season, with team-highs in receptions (61), receiving yards (1038) and receiving TDs (10). He leads all rookies in receiving yards (ninth leaguewide) and receiving TDs (tied for third leaguewide). His 10 receiving TDs are a Bengals rookie record, and he is closing in on team rookie records for both catches and receiving yards (see "Chase gathering Bengals rookie records" on page 6). Chase has provided Cincinnati's offense with a downfield threat and is tied for fourth leaguewide in catches of 40 or more yards (six). 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 Bengal rookie in their NFL debut. In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase posted a Bengal rookie-record 201 receiving yards, and became the second-youngest player in NFL history to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game. 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. Considered one of the top slot receivers in football, 27-year-old **Tyler Boyd** is the veteran among a young group of Bengal receivers. So far this season, Boyd has 60 catches for 707 yards and three TDs. 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 100 catches. Boyd, a 2016 second-round pick, signed a contract extension in 2019 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '23 season. 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 59 catches for 835 yards and four TDs, despite missing Games 3-4 due to a shoulder injury. Higgins posted three straight games (Games 11-13) with at least 100 receiving yards, tied for the third-longest streak in team history. During that stretch, Higgins became the first Bengal since 2010 (Terrell Owens, seven) to catch six passes of at least 15 yards in a single game (Game 11 vs. Pittsburgh). Last season, Higgins 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. Sixth-year pro **Mike D. Thomas** (not to be confused with Bengals S Michael J. 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 and excels particularly as a blocker. Morgan also serves as one of Cincinnati's primary gunners on special teams, and has even seen action at KOR. Rounding out the receivers room is first-year pro Trenton Irwin, who was signed off the practice squad on Sept. 15 and has since split time at punt returner. 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 this season is in the midst of a career year, and has a career-high five TDs. He has caught 40 passes for 425 yards this season, and also has been a key figure in some of Cincinnati's most important non-scoring plays of the year. 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 (since matched), 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. In Game 7 at Baltimore, Uzomah had 91 yards receiving and caught TDs of 55 and 32 yards. **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. Also considered a complete TE prospect is **Mitchell Wilcox**, a 2020 college free agent signee of the Bengals. Wilcox left college at 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**, who has started every game this season. Williams missed his entire rookie season due to a shoulder injury, and then was limited by a right knee injury to 10 games in 2020. 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. Hopkins had started every game this year, except for one (Game 12 vs. L.A. Chargers; ankle) Cincinnati's starter at LG is seventh-year pro **Quinton Spain**, who stands at a massive 6-4, 330 pounds. Undrafted out of college in 2015, Spain began his career with the Titans and Bills before joining the Bengals on waivers mid-season in 2020. Spain has remained at LG this year, but last season after joining Cincinnati he played in nine games (eight starts) and made starts at RG, LG and even ROT when the line was dealing with injuries and COVID-19 issues. **Hakeem Adeniji**, a sixth-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, took over mid-season as the starter at RG and has earned praise from coaches for his consistent play. Adeniji spent the first eight games of the season on Reserve/Non-Football Injury (pectoral), but jumped into the starting lineup immediately upon returning in Game 9 vs. Cleveland. Adeniji was drafted as an OT, and played OT in college and as a rookie, so this season has been his first-ever at G. Rookie G **Jackson Carman**, Cincinnati's second-round pick in April's draft, started five games (Games 3-5, 7-8) at RG earlier this season, but has since moved to a reserve role. Another key reserve along the interior of the line is rookie C **Trey Hill**, who is touted as a stout blocker with good movement skills. Hill has two starts this season as an injury replacement — at RG in Game 6 at Detroit and at C in Game 12 vs. L.A. Chargers. 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 filled in at ROT as an injury replacement in recent weeks, after being used earlier this season 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 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 and has filled in at ROT as an injury replacement. Johnson primarily has been a reserve at OT to this point in his career, but the Bengals are a combined 5-1 when he fills in as a starter at either OT spot. Tenth-year pro **Riley Reiff**, who was Cincinnati's starting ROT for most of the season, was placed Reserve/Injured (ankle) on Dec. 16, ahead of Game 14 at Denver.

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 24 career sacks are second-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. Hendrickson this season has a team-high 13 sacks (fifth in the NFL), which is more than double last season's team lead of 5.5. Hendrickson enters Sunday's game vs. Baltimore with at least a half sack in 10 straight games, the longest such streak in Bengals history, the longest active streak in the NFL and tied for the fifth-longest in NFL history. Hendrickson spent 2017-20 with New Orleans, and last year his 13.5 sacks tied for the NFC lead and tied for second in the NFL. Hendrickson's 26.5 sacks since the beginning of 2020 are third-most leaguewide. 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 returned healthy this year and has two sacks. 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 seven sacks and four additional tackles for 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 has 5.5 sacks on the season, which includes a two-sack performance 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. DE **Khalid Kareem**, a Bengals fifth-round pick in 2020, spent the first seven games this season on Reserve/Injured before returning to action and sliding into a rotational DE role. Kareem made one of the top defensive plays of the year in Game 14 at Denver, when he crashed into the backfield and wrestled the ball away from Broncos QB Drew Lock at the Bengals' nine-yard line, as the Broncos were attempting to score and take the lead. In the fourth round of April's draft, the Bengals selected Tulane DE **Cam Sample**, who has seen rotational action so far and has 1.5 sacks. Sample was rated the most valuable defensive lineman in college football last season by Pro Football Focus, and Bengals coaches say that he 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. With veterans Reader and Tupou in the top two NT spots on the depth chart, Shelvin has played in just one game so far this season. 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.

Linebackers: Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is second-year pro **Logan Wilson**, who is wearing the green dot this year as the defense's communicator. Wilson this season leads all NFL linebackers in INTs (four), and also leads Cincinnati in tackles (90). The last Bengals LB with three or more INTs in a season was Odell Thurman (five) in 2005. Wilson, though, suffered a right shoulder injury on Dec. 5 vs. the L.A. Chargers, and his status for this Sunday's game is unknown. 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 82 tackles, including five for losses, along with an INT, two PDs, two FFs and two FRs 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 and has taken over as the "green dot" on defense in Wilson's absence. Second-year pro **Markus Bailey**, a 2020 seventh-round pick of the Bengals, has seen rotational action on defense this season. Bailey has drawn positive reviews from coaches this year after gradually working his way back from a serious college knee injury during his rookie season. The Bengals' depth at LB has been tested this season by injuries and COVID-19 issues, so over their bye (Week 10), they added to their LB room by acquiring second-year pro **Clay Johnston** on waivers from Carolina. Johnston, though, was placed on Reserve/COVID-19 on Dec. 13, and his status for Sunday's game vs. Baltimore is unknown. The 6-1, 232-pound Johnston was a seventh-round pick of the Rams in 2020, and has been used mainly on special teams. Second-year pro **Joe Bachie** had taken over a starting

role in Wilson's absence, but he suffered what Bengals head coach Zac Taylor said was a torn ACL, which will end his 2021 season.

Defensive backs: S **Jessie Bates III**, a fourth-year pro and 2018 Bengals second-round pick, is a team captain and is considered one of the core leaders of the team. Bates so far this season has 79 tackles (fourth on team), an INT (65-yard return) and a FR (46-yard return). 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 the lineup the following week and hasn't missed a game since. Bates topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons (2018-20). 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. Bell, a team captain, has 87 tackles (second on team), including five for losses and a half sack, along with five PDs, three FFs and a FR. Bell has played 97.3 percent of the team's defensive snaps in his two years in Cincinnati, and in 2020 he 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 brought in an influx of reinforcements at the position. The most high-profile of those additions is **Chidobe Awuzie**, a former second-round pick of the Cowboys who spent his first four seasons in Dallas. Awuzie, who signed as an unrestricted free agent and is under contract through the 2023 season, has impressed with his coverage and tackling ability this season, and has 47 tackles, 12 PDs and two INTs. Awuzie, though, is currently on Reserve/COVID-19, and his status for this Sunday's game is unknown. Awuzie missed Game 4 vs. Jacksonville due to a groin injury, and in recent weeks has battled a foot injury (though it did not cause him to miss a start). 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 blitzer. Hilton had a 24-yard pick-six in Game 11 vs. Pittsburgh, his former team, and he said it was first-career pick-six at any level dating back to pee-wee football. Another veteran CB addition is **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. Injuries in the Bengals' defensive backfield have thrust Apple into a starting role, so he has started all but one game this season and has two INTs. The most physically imposing member of the secondary is 6-3, 203-pound CB **Tre Flowers**, who joined Cincinnati on waivers from Seattle in October. Flowers has filled a rotational role for the Bengals, and mostly has been used to cover TEs in passing situations. Another mid-season addition in the mix is CB **Vernon Hargreaves III**, whom the Bengals acquired on waivers from Houston on Nov. 4. Hargreaves was a first-round pick of the Buccaneers in 2016, and adds depth and experience in the secondary. Another mid-season acquisition is veteran S **Michael J. Thomas** (not to be confused with WR Mike D. Thomas), who originally was a college free agent signee of the 49ers back in 2012, and has 102 games of NFL experience with five teams (including Cincinnati). Thomas is

known for his impact on special teams, and has either led or finished second on his team in special teams tackles in six of the last seven seasons (outlier was in injury shortened 2020 season). CB **Jalen Davis** also fills a rotational role on defense this season, and has been a valuable special teams contributor. The 5-10, 185-pound 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. On Dec. 14, the Bengals placed CB Darius Phillips on Reserve/Injured with a left shoulder injury that he suffered on Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco.

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 47.1 gross yards on punts, and 42.0 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 (970), punting yards (43,997), gross average (45.36), net average (40.32) and inside-20 punts (336). 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 204 career games, third-most in team history, and is closing in on leaders Reggie Williams (206) and Ken Riley (207). 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 1822 career attempts (967 punts, 853 placekicks) as a Bengal. Harris, a Pro Bowler in 2017, has played in 198 career games as a Bengal. 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 said that entering this season, he had never kicked a game-winning FG at any level of football. McPherson has been particularly effective from long range, netting nine field goals of at least 50 yards, the most-ever by a Bengal in a season, the most in the NFL this season and one shy of the NFL's single-season record (see "McPherson from deep" on page 9). In Cincinnati's Game 10 win at Las Vegas, McPherson made four FGs, including an NFL-record tying three from 50-plus yards (54, 53, 51). And then in Game 14 at Denver, he made a 58 yard field goal — the longest in Bengals history. So far, McPherson has made 37 of 39 PATs and 24 of 28 FGs this season. The Bengals have used a rotation of players are punt returner, including WR **Trenton Irwin** and WR **Tyler Boyd** on the active roster, and WR Trent Taylor, who currently on the practice squad. There has also been a rotation at KOR, a spot held in recent years by S Brandon Wilson, suffered a season-ending injury in November. Among the players in the mix at KOR in his absence have been Phillips, Taylor, WR **Stanley Morgan** and WR Pooka Williams. The Bengals also feature a number of experienced players in kick and punt coverage, including HB **Samaje Perine**, S **Michael J. Thomas**, Morgan and WR **Mike D. Thomas**.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Jan. 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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. 8-12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — College Gridiron Showcase (Farrington Field, Fort Worth, Texas). |
| Jan. 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2022 season. |
| Jan. 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — NCAA National Championship Game, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind. |
| Jan. 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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. 10-15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Hula Bowl (Bounce House, Orlando, Fla.). |
| Jan. 15-17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Wild Card Playoff Games. |
| Jan. 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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. 22-23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Divisional Playoff Games. |
| Jan. 24-29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif. |
| Jan. 28-29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — HBCU Combine, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala. |
| Jan. 28-Feb. 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — East-West Shrine Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev. |
| Jan. 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — AFC and NFC Championship Games. |
| Jan. 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2022 season to notify his former Club in writing. |
| Jan. 31-Feb. 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Senior Bowl, Hancock Whitney Stadium, Mobile, Ala. |
| Feb. 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Deadline for non-playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council. |
| Feb. 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — NFL Pro Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev. |
| Feb. 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Beginning at 12:01 p.m. 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. 9-12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Cajun All-Star Game (Provost Umphrey Stadium, Beaumont, Texas). |
| Feb. 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Super Bowl LVI, SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif. |
| Feb. 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Beginning the first business day after the Super Bowl through the opening of the first training camp for Rookies in |
| Feb. 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 2022, clubs must report all tryouts and visits to the League office; however, such transactions will not be reported to other clubs. |
| Feb. 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Deadline for playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council. |
| Feb. 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — HBCU Legacy Bowl, Yulman Stadium, New Orleans, La. |
| Feb. 22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Beginning this date through 4 p.m. Eastern on March 8 clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players. |
| March 1-7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind. |
| March 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players. |
| March 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — College Pro Days Begin. Workouts of a school's Pro Day-eligible players with players outside of the scheduled Pro Day activities are prohibited. Private dinners, meetings, interviews are permitted. |
| March 8- April 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Draft-Eligible Facility Visits Begin. Clubs permitted 30 non-local players for physical exams/visits; no on-field workouts. |
| March 8- April 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Video or telephone interviews with draft-eligible players begin. Three video or telephone interviews per player; no longer than one hour in length. |
| March 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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 14-16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must exercise options for 2022 on all players who have option clauses in their 2021 contracts. |
| March 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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. |
| March 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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. |
| March 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2022 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern. |
| March 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — All 2021 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern. |
| March 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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. |
| March 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Trading period for 2022 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2021 contracts. |
| March 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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). |
| March 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2022 Extended Injury Protection Benefit. |

(Important dates, continued)

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|--------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| (Late March) | — International Player Pathway Pro Day (TBD). | May 2 | — Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2019 Draft. |
| March 27-30 | — Annual League Meeting, The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla. | 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. |
| March 31 | — Deadline for clubs to meet 2022 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees. | May 16 | — Rookie Football Development Programs begin. |
| April 4 | — Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2021 regular season may begin offseason workout programs. | May 19-22 (Tentative) | — NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period. |
| April 18 | — Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs. | May 23-25 | — Spring League Meeting, TBD. |
| April 20 | — Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination. | 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. |
| April 22 | — Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets. | 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. |
| April 27 | — Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents. | 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). |
| April 27 | — Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players. | Late June | — Rookie Readiness Program to be held at individual clubs. |
| April 28-30 | — Annual Player Selection Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev.. | | |
| 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. | | |

2021 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Cincinnati Bengals 27, Minnesota Vikings 24 (OT) 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 like 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.

PASSING CIN. PITT. table with columns for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. J.Burrow 18 14 172 3-1.

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

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 like 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.

PASSING JAX. CIN. table with columns for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. T.Lawrence 24 17 204 0-0.

RECEIVING JAX. CIN. table with columns for NO, YDS, LG, TD. L.Shenault 6 99 52 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 (OT) 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 G.B. CIN. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions-attempts, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns G.B., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns G.B., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns G.B., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

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.Yiandom 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, Cin. - E.McPherson 38 field goal 2-0:00, etc.

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

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

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, DET., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, DET., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, DET., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

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, J.Bachie 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.Penisis 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.

WEEK 7, GAME 7

Cincinnati Bengals 41, Baltimore Ravens 17
Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 at M&T Bank Stadium

The visiting Bengals broke a five-game Ravens winning streak in dominating fashion, posting their largest-ever margin of victory (24) over Baltimore and scoring their most points against the Ravens in 16 years.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 3, 10, 14, 14, —, 41. Baltimore: 0, 10, 7, 0, —, 17.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT and PTS. Includes plays like E.McPherson 52 field goal, J.Tucker 45 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 70,659. Time: 3:15.

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

RUSHING table with columns CIN. and BALT. Includes J.Mixon, S.Perine, J.Burrow, and Totals.

PASSING table with columns CIN. and BALT. Includes J.Burrow and Totals.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN. and BALT. Includes J.Chase, T.Higgins, T.Boyd, C.Uzomah, S.Perine, and Totals.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Bates 4-3-7, L.Ogunjobi 5-1-6, L.Wilson 4-2-6, V.Bell 5-0-5, C.Awuzie 4-1-5, S.Hubbard 3-2-5, A.Davis-Gaither 2-3-5, G.Pratt 3-0-3, J.Bachie 0-3-3, M.Hilton 2-0-2, C.Sample 2-0-2, M.Bailey 1-1-2, D.Reader 1-1-2, J.Davis 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, E.Apple 1-0-1, T.Flowers 1-0-1, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1, B.Hill 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Hubbard 2.5-5.5, L.Ogunjobi 1.5-5.5, T.Hendrickson 1-7. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Awuzie 1, J.Davis 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1, S.Hubbard 1, D.Phillips 1. FF: A.Davis-Gaither. FR-YDS.: None.

Baltimore (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Averett 7-0-7, M.Humphrey 4-3-7, J.Bynes 5-1-6, T.Bowser 2-4-6, C.Campbell 2-3-5, J.Madubuike 1-3-4, T.Young 2-0-2, C.Clark 1-1-2, D.Elliott 1-1-2, J.Houston 1-1-2, P.McPhee 1-1-2, P.Queen 1-1-2, J.Ellis 0-2-2, M.Harrison 1-0-1, O.Oweh 1-0-1, J.Smith 1-0-1, B.Stephens 1-0-1, C.Board 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Bowser 0.5-3.5, C.Campbell 0.5-3.5. INT.-YDS.: M.Humphrey 1-0. PD: A.Averett 3, M.Humphrey 1, B.Williams 1, T.Young 1. FF: M.Humphrey 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 8, GAME 8

N.Y. Jets 34, Cincinnati Bengals 31
Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 at MetLife Stadium

Jets QB Mike White, an injury replacement, completed 82 percent of his passes for the second-most yards (405) ever by a QB in his first career start to lead the upset over the Bengals, who entered as double-digit favorites.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 0, 17, 7, 7, —, 31. N.Y. Jets: 7, 7, 3, 17, —, 34.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT and PTS. Includes plays like Mi.Carter 8 run, J.Mixon 1 run, J.Chase 2 pass, etc.

Missed FGs: M.Ammendola (54WL). Attendance: 67,503. Time: 3:18.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and NYJ. Includes First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN. and NYJ. Includes J.Mixon, J.Chase, J.Burrow, and Totals.

PASSING table with columns CIN. and NYJ. Includes J.Burrow, T.Boyd, and Totals.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN. and NYJ. Includes T.Boyd, T.Higgins, J.Mixon, C.Uzomah, J.Chase, S.Perine, and Totals.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 10-2-12, V.Bell 5-4-9, J.Bates 6-2-8, C.Awuzie 7-0-7, G.Pratt 5-1-6, T.Hendrickson 3-3-6, S.Hubbard 3-3-6, L.Ogunjobi 3-2-5, E.Apple 3-1-4, D.Reader 3-0-3, A.Davis-Gaither 2-1-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, B.Hill 2-0-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, J.Tupou 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Ogunjobi 1-5, T.Hendrickson 1-3. INT.-YDS.: J.Bates 1-65, G.Pratt 1-4. PD: S.Hubbard 2, C.Awuzie 1, J.Bates 1, G.Pratt 1. FF: V.Bell 1. FR-YDS.: V.Bell 1-0.

N.Y. Jets (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Mosley 8-2-10, M.Maye 5-0-5, M.Carter II 2-2-4, B.Hall 2-2-4, S.Rankins 2-2-4, J.Davis 3-0-3, A.Davis 2-1-3, J.Zuniga 1-2-3, Q.Williams 2-0-2, B.Echols 1-1-2, F.Fatukasi 1-1-2, J.Guidry 1-1-2, Quincy.Williams 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: Quinnen.Williams 1-12, S.Rankins 1-8, J.Zuniga 1-8. INT.-YDS.: S.Lawson 1-1. PD: S.Lawson 2, M.Carter II 1, B.Echols 1, B.Hall 1, Quinnen.Williams 1, Quincy.Williams 1. FF: J.Zuniga 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 9, GAME 9

Cleveland Browns 41, Cincinnati Bengals 16
Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals committed three turnovers, forced none, and had several key drops in the passing game as Cleveland cruised to a comfortable win at Paul Brown Stadium.

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

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and PTS. Lists plays like D.Ward 99 interception return and J.Mixon 11 run.

Missed FGs: C.McLaughlin (45WL). Attendance: 65,451. Time: 3:07.

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing CLE. and CIN. stats like First downs, Total net yards, and Time of possession.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns CLE., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns CLE., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns CLE., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Cleveland (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: A.Walker 12-2-14, T.Hill 7-0-7, G.Newsoms 5-0-5, S.Takitaki 3-2-5, M.McDowell 2-2-4, G.Delpit 3-0-3, J.Johnson 3-0-3, E.Lee 2-1-3, J.Elliott 0-3-3, I.Odenigbo 2-0-2, D.Ward 2-0-2, M.Garrett 1-1-2, M.Wilson 1-1-2, S.Day 0-2-2, R.Harrison 0-2-2, J.Clowney 1-0-1, A.Green 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hill 2-13, M.Garrett 1.5-6.5, A.Walker 1-5, S.Day 0.5-0.5. INT.-YDS.: D.Ward 1-99, J.Johnson 1-31. PD: G.Newsoms 3, D.Ward 3, G.Delpit 1, A.Green 1, J.Johnson 1, M.Smith 1. FF: J.Johnson 1. FR.-YDS.: A.Green 1-16.

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

WEEK 11, GAME 10

Cincinnati Bengals 32, Las Vegas Raiders 13
Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021 at Allegiant Stadium

The Bengals started slow in their first-ever game in Las Vegas, but they scored 19 points in the final quarter to widen what for most of the game was a narrow lead.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Rows for Cincinnati and Las Vegas.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and PTS. Lists plays like D.Carlson 26 field goal and E.McPherson 54 field goal.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 61,712. Time: 2:51.

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing CIN. and L.V. stats like First downs, Total net yards, and Time of possession.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, L.V., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, L.V., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, L.V., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: V.Bell 5-1-6, S.Hubbard 3-2-5, L.Wilson 3-2-5, C.Awuzie 4-0-4, J.Bates 4-0-4, G.Pratt 3-1-4, E.Apple 3-0-3, D.Reader 0-3-3, T.Hendrickson 2-0-2, M.Hilton 2-0-2, L.Ogunjobi 0-2-2, M.Bailey 1-0-1, B.Hill 1-0-1, K.Kareem 0-1-1, W.Ray 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-5, S.Hubbard 1-4. INT.-YDS.: E.Apple 1-0. PD: E.Apple 1. FF: T.Hendrickson 1. FR.-YDS.: S.Hubbard 1-43.

Las Vegas (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: D.Perryman 9-3-12, J.Abram 6-6-12, C.Littleton 3-6-9, B.Facynson 3-3-6, C.Nassib 4-0-4, C.Hayward 3-1-4, N.Hobbs 3-1-4, D.Leavitt 1-3-4, Y.Ngakoue 2-1-3, M.Crosby 1-2-3, Q.Jefferson 2-0-2, S.Thomas 2-0-2, K.Wright 2-0-2, J.Hankins 1-2-2, D.Square 1-1-2, C.Ferrell 1-0-1, T.Moehrig 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Thomas 1-10, Q.Jefferson 1-8, Y.Ngakoue 1-1. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: B.Facynson 3, D.Perryman 2, T.Moehrig 1. FF: Y.Ngakoue 1. FR.-YDS.: D.Leavitt 1-30.

WEEK 12, GAME 11

Cincinnati Bengals 41, Pittsburgh Steelers 10
Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The 31-point victory margin was the Bengals' largest over the Steelers in 32 years. Bengals HB Joe Mixon rushed for a career-high 165 yards and two TDs, while QB Joe Burrow had a career-high 83.5 completion percentage.

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

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT and play details for Cincinnati.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 63,238. Time: 3:02.

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing Pittsburgh and Cincinnati across various metrics like First downs, Net yards, etc.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns for Pittsburgh and Cincinnati players and their yards.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns for Pittsburgh and Cincinnati players and their completions/yardage.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns for Pittsburgh and Cincinnati players and their catches/yardage.

DEFENSE

Pittsburgh (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: J.Schobert 8-2-10, M.Fitzpatrick 5-4-9, C.Heyward 3-5-8, T.Edmunds 5-1-6, A.Maulet 3-3-6, A.Highsmith 3-2-5, D.Bush 2-3-5, J.Pierre 3-1-4, C.Sutton 3-1-4, C.Wormley 2-2-4, T.Charlton 1-1-2, T.Watt 1-1-2, H.Mondeaux 0-2-2, D.Tuszka 0-2-2, T.Norwood 1-0-1, R.Spillane 1-0-1, A.Witherspoon 1-0-1, I.Loudermilk 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Wormley 1-12, C.Heyward 1-6. INT.-YDS.: M.Fitzpatrick 1-18. PD: M.Fitzpatrick 1, I.Loudermilk 1, A.Witherspoon 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 6-0-6, M.Bailey 3-2-5, B.Hill 3-1-4, T.Flowers 2-2-4, M.Hilton 2-2-4, V.Bell 3-0-3, D.Reader 2-1-3, E.Apple 2-0-2, T.Hendrickson 2-0-2, S.Hubbard 2-0-2, M.J. Thomas 2-0-2, J.Bachie 1-1-2, G.Pratt 1-1-2, W.Ray 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, C.Awuzie 1-0-1, L.Ogunjobi 1-0-1, D.Phillips 1-0-1, C.Sample 1-0-1, J.Davis 0-1-1, K.Kareem 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: B.Hill 1-9, S.Hubbard 1-4, T.Hendrickson 1-0. INT.-YDS.: E.Apple 1-50, M.Hilton 1-24. PD: E.Apple 1, J.Bates 1, M.Hilton 1, D.Phillips 1, M.J. Thomas 1. FF: T.Hendrickson 1. FR-YDS.: S.Hubbard 1-0.

WEEK 13, GAME 12

Los Angeles Chargers 41, Cincinnati Bengals 22
Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The visiting Chargers raced to a 24-0 lead early in the second quarter and looked to be on their way to an easy win, but Cincinnati scored twice before halftime to trim the lead to 24-13, and then got to within 24-22 midway through the third quarter.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. for L.A. Chargers and Cincinnati.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT and play details for Los Angeles Chargers.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 51,414. Time: 3:20.

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing Los Angeles Chargers and Cincinnati across various metrics.

RUSHING

Rushing stats table with columns for Los Angeles Chargers and Cincinnati players.

PASSING

Passing stats table with columns for Los Angeles Chargers and Cincinnati players.

RECEIVING

Receiving stats table with columns for Los Angeles Chargers and Cincinnati players.

DEFENSE

L.A. Chargers (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: K.White 7-3-10, D.Tranquill 6-4-10, D.James 3-4-7, N.Adderley 2-5-7, T.Campbell 4-2-6, C.Harris 4-0-4, C.Rumph 2-1-3, J.Jones 2-1-3, C.Covington 2-0-2, M.Davis 2-0-2, B.Fehoko 1-1-2, U.Nwosu 2-0-2, J.Bosa 1-0-1, N.Niemann 1-0-1, J.Tillery 1-0-1, K.Fackrell 0-1-1, J.Gaziano 0-1-1, T.Marshall 0-1-1, A.Ogbongbemiga 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: U.Nwosu 2-11, D.Tranquill 1-10, J.Jones 1-7, C.Rumph 1-5, N.Adderley 0.5-3.5, D.James 0.5-3.5. INT.-YDS.: M.Davis 1-0, C.Harris 1-0. PD: M.Davis 3, C.Harris 1, D.Tranquill 1. FF: C.Covington 1, U.Nwosu 1. FR-YDS.: T.Campbell 1-61, U.Nwosu 1-0.

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: J.Bachie 6-3-9, M.Hilton 6-3-9, G.Pratt 3-6-9, J.Bates 4-2-6, V.Bell 2-4-6, B.Hill 1-4-5, S.Hubbard 1-4-5, T.Hendrickson 1-3-4, C.Awuzie 3-0-3, L.Wilson 1-2-3, E.Apple 1-1-2, L.Ogunjobi 1-1-2, V.Hargreaves 0-2-2, C.Sample 0-2-2, J.Tupou 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Ogunjobi 1-9, T.Hendrickson 1-6, V.Bell 0.5-6, C. Sample 0.5-6, B.Hill 0.5-3, S.Hubbard 0.5-3. INT.-YDS.: C.Awuzie 1-0. PD: C.Awuzie 2, E.Apple 1, M.Hilton 1. FF: M.Hilton 1, G.Pratt 1. FR-YDS.: J.Bates 1-46, G.Pratt 1-0.

WEEK 14, GAME 13

San Francisco 49ers 26, Cincinnati Bengals 23 (OT) Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals fell behind 17-6 at halftime due to costly mistakes — two turnovers on muffed punts (49ers turned them into 10 points), a Ja'Marr Chase TD catch that was ruled a drop by replay review, and a taunting penalty after a third-down stop on defense that resulted in a 49ers TD on the next play. Cincinnati entered the fourth quarter trailing 20-6, but staged a dramatic comeback to tie at 20 and force OT. Burrow posted a 151.0 passer rating in the final period and tossed two TDs to Chase, and then San Francisco K Robbie Gould missed a potential game-winning FG from 47 yards at the end of regulation. In OT, Cincinnati's offense moved downfield quickly for a FG. On the next drive, the 49ers drove 75 yards on seven plays for a game-winning TD. Bengals DE Trey Hendrickson recorded a sack in his ninth straight game — tied for fourth-longest streak in NFL history — before leaving with a back injury. Chase's two receiving TDs gave him 10 for the season, the most-ever by a Bengals rookie. The Bengals fell to 7-6, while the 49ers improved to 7-6.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 23

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like R.Gould 33 field goal, E.McPherson 37 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: R.Gould (47WR), E.McPherson (46WL). Attendance: 50,481. Time: 3:24.

TEAM STATISTICS S.F. CIN. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING S.F. CIN. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CIN. listing players like J.Wilson, D.Samuel, etc.

PASSING S.F. CIN. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CIN. listing players like J.Garoppolo, J.Burrow, etc.

RECEIVING S.F. CIN. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN. listing players like G.Kittle, B.Aiyuk, etc.

DEFENSE table with columns S.F. CIN. listing players like J.Tartt, F.Warner, etc.

San Francisco (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Al-Shaair 8-3-11, K.Williams 5-2-7, J.Tartt 3-4-7, F.Warner 1-6-7, A.Thomas 2-4-6, T.Hufanga 4-1-5, J.Ward 3-2-5, D.Jones 2-3-5, A.Armstead 2-2-4, N.Bosa 2-1-3, J.Norman 2-1-3, S.Ebukam 0-3-3, J.Willis 0-3-3, M.Harris 1-1-2, K.Givens 1-0-1, D.Lenoir 1-0-1, C.Omenihu 1-0-1, A.Key 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: N.Bosa 2-12, K.Williams 1-14, A.Al-Shaair 1-2, S.Ebukam 0.5-4.5, A.Key 0.5-4.5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: A.Al-Shaair 1, J.Norman 1, C.Omenihu 1, J.Ward 1. FF: S.Ebukam 1. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Bell 5-5-10, J.Bates 8-1-9, G.Pratt 4-5-9, C.Awuzie 4-2-6, J.Bachie 3-1-4, B.Hill 3-1-4, L.Ogunjobi 3-1-4, D.Reader 3-0-3, E.Apple 2-1-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, C.Sample 2-1-3, S.Hubbard 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, T.Flowers 1-0-1, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-10, B.Hill 1-9, L.Ogunjobi 1-9, D.Reader 1-2, (team) 1-11. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Awuzie 2, V.Bell 2, E.Apple 1, J.Bates 1, G.Pratt 1. FF: V.Bell 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 15, GAME 14

Cincinnati Bengals 15, Denver Broncos 10 Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 at Empower Field at Mile High

The visiting Bengals started slow before rookie K Evan McPherson booted a team-record 58-yard FG as time expired in the first half to give Cincinnati a 6-3 lead at the break. The Broncos jumped ahead 10-9 with a 25-yard TD pass late in the third quarter, but it took just two plays for the Bengals to re-take the lead with a 56-yard TD pass of their own from QB Joe Burrow to WR Tyler Boyd. Denver responded by driving to Cincinnati's nine-yard line, but reserve DE Khalid Kareem stifled the Broncos' scoring opportunity by crashing into the backfield and wrestling the ball away from Denver QB Drew Lock. Cincinnati began to burn late clock time, and a 15-yard Burrow-to-Boyd completion on a third-and-10 forced Denver to spend its remaining time outs. The Broncos finally got the ball back with 1:04 to play, but the Bengals' defense capped a stellar performance by forcing a sack and three incompletions to seal the game. Cincinnati improved to 8-6 and took over sole possession of first place in the AFC North, while Denver dropped to 7-7.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati 15, Denver 10

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like E.McPherson 53 field goal, B.McManus 54 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: B.McManus (51WR). Attendance: 76,134. Time: 3:11.

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

RUSHING CIN. DEN. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD, DEN. listing players like J.Mixon, S.Perine, etc.

PASSING CIN. DEN. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, DEN. listing players like J.Burrow, T.Bridgewater, etc.

RECEIVING CIN. DEN. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD, DEN. listing players like T.Boyd, C.Uzomah, etc.

DEFENSE table with columns CIN. DEN. listing players like G.Pratt, V.Bell, etc.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: G.Pratt 9-6-15, V.Bell 6-0-6, J.Bachie 5-1-6, J.Bates 4-1-5, D.Reader 4-1-5, B.Hill 2-3-5, M.Bailey 1-4-5, M.Hilton 4-0-4, L.Ogunjobi 1-3-4, T.Hendrickson 1-2-3, K.Kareem 2-0-2, T.Waynes 2-0-2, J.Tupou 0-2-2, E.Apple 1-0-1, T.Flowers 0-1-1, S.Hubbard 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Ogunjobi 1.5-14, T.Hendrickson 0.5-5, M.Bailey 0.5-4, G.Pratt 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: E.Apple 2, M.Bailey 1. FF: K.Kareem 1. FR-YDS.: K.Kareem 1-4.

Denver (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: B.Browning 6-4-10, J.Griffith 7-1-8, J.Cooper 4-1-5, P.Surtain 3-2-5, J.Simmons 3-1-4, B.Chubb 1-3-4, M.Purcell 2-1-3, B.Callahan 2-0-2, R.Darby 2-0-2, S.Harris 2-0-2, K.Jackson 1-1-2, N.Hairston 1-0-1, S.Weatherly 1-0-1, D.Williams 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Simmons 2-15, S.Harris 1-6. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: B.Chubb 1, R.Darby 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

THE BENGALS ARE:

2021 REGULAR SEASON

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

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

UNDER ZAC TAYLOR (2019-PRESENT)

8-15-0 at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)
6-16-1 on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)
9-12-0 when scoring first
5-19-1 when opponent scores first
2-10-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
4-16-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
10-9-0 when leading after one quarter
2-5-1 when tied after one quarter
2-17-0 when trailing after one quarter
11-9-0 when leading at halftime
1-1-0 when tied at halftime
2-21-1 when trailing at halftime
12-6-1 when leading after three quarters
2-1-0 when tied after three quarters
0-24-0 when trailing after three quarters
13-10-1 when scoring 20 or more points
6-26-1 when opponent scores 20 or more points

12-31-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
2-0-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
4-12-1 on natural grass
10-19-0 on synthetic surface
7-6-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
4-17-1 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
6-25-1 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
10-14-0 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
5-15-1 when passing for 250 or more net yards
6-13-0 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
9-16-0 when passing for less than 250 net yards
8-18-1 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
9-3-1 with plus turnover differential
4-7-0 with even turnover differential
1-21-0 with minus turnover differential
9-19-1 with fewer penalties than opponent
11-18-1 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

165 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh
127 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
123 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 21 at Las Vegas

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

30 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 21 at Las Vegas
29 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
28 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh

LONGEST RUSHES

46 — Samaje Perine, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)
32 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh
27 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh

RECEPTIONS

9 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
9 — Tee Higgins, Dec. 5 vs. L.A. Chargers
8 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore

RECEIVING YARDS

201 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
159 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
138 — Tee Higgins, Dec. 5 vs. L.A. Chargers

PASSING YARDS

416 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
348 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
348 — Joe Burrow, Dec. 12 vs. San Francisco

PASS ATTEMPTS

40 — Joe Burrow, Nov. 7 vs. Cleveland
40 — Joe Burrow, Dec. 5 vs. L.A. Chargers
38 — (two times)

PASS COMPLETIONS

28 — Joe Burrow, Nov. 7 vs. Cleveland
26 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
25 — (two times)

LONGEST PASSES

82 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)
70 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay (TD)
56 — Joe Burrow to Tyler Boyd, Dec. 19 at Denver (TD)

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

201 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
163 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh
159 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

44 — Brandon Wilson, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
32 — Darius Phillips, Nov. 21 at Las Vegas
30 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

17 — Darius Phillips, Nov. 28 vs. Pittsburgh
16 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
15 — (four times)

TOTAL TACKLES*

15 — Germaine Pratt, Dec. 19 at Denver
14 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
12 — Logan Wilson, Oct. 31 at N.Y. Jets

SOLO TACKLES*

10 — Logan Wilson, Oct. 31 at N.Y. Jets
9 — Germaine Pratt, Dec. 19 at Denver
8 — (three 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 | 520 | 24-111 | 409 | 23-38 | 3/1 | 1-7 | 19 | 4-13 | 1-0 | 28:11 |
| Oct. 31 | at N.Y. Jets | 318 | 16-41 | 277 | 22-35 | 3/1 | 3-28 | 18 | 4-10 | 1-0 | 23:40 |
| Nov. 7 | CLEVELAND | 348 | 23-85 | 263 | 29-42 | 0/2 | 5-25 | 25 | 3-11 | 4-1 | 35:22 |
| Nov. 14 | —BYE— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 21 | at Las Vegas | 288 | 38-159 | 129 | 20-29 | 1/0 | 3-19 | 23 | 8-16 | 3-1 | 37:20 |
| Nov. 28 | PITTSBURGH | 370 | 38-198 | 172 | 20-25 | 1/1 | 2-18 | 25 | 5-11 | 0-0 | 35:20 |
| Dec. 5 | L.A. CHARGERS | 356 | 25-96 | 260 | 24-40 | 1/2 | 6-40 | 21 | 6-12 | 2-2 | 31:14 |
| Dec. 12 | SAN FRANCISCO | 397 | 26-86 | 311 | 25-34 | 2/0 | 5-37 | 22 | 4-13 | 4-2 | 34:17 |
| Dec. 19 | at Denver | 249 | 26-113 | 136 | 15-22 | 1/0 | 3-21 | 12 | 4-13 | 0-0 | 27:19 |
| Dec. 26 | BALTIMORE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 2 | KANSAS CITY | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 9 | at Cleveland | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 4913 | 378-1526 | 3387 | 302-440 | 27/14 | 44-312 | 270 | 68-173 | 17-7 | 30:37 |

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 | 393 | 24-115 | 278 | 20-42 | 1/0 | 5-18 | 20 | 5-16 | 1-0 | 31:49 |
| Oct. 31 | at N.Y. Jets | 511 | 27-97 | 414 | 39-49 | 3/2 | 2-8 | 32 | 6-11 | 1-1 | 36:20 |
| Nov. 7 | CLEVELAND | 361 | 23-153 | 208 | 14-21 | 2/0 | 2-10 | 14 | 3-9 | 2-0 | 24:38 |
| Nov. 14 | —BYE— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 21 | at Las Vegas | 278 | 18-72 | 206 | 19-27 | 1/1 | 2-9 | 13 | 1-7 | 2-1 | 22:40 |
| Nov. 28 | PITTSBURGH | 301 | 15-51 | 250 | 24-41 | 1/2 | 3-13 | 16 | 7-13 | 2-1 | 24:40 |
| Dec. 5 | L.A. CHARGERS | 363 | 22-79 | 284 | 26-35 | 3/1 | 4-33 | 18 | 4-13 | 2-2 | 28:46 |
| Dec. 12 | SAN FRANCISCO | 355 | 23-100 | 255 | 27-41 | 2/0 | 5-41 | 21 | 5-15 | 2-0 | 33:50 |
| Dec. 19 | at Denver | 292 | 34-133 | 159 | 18-34 | 1/0 | 3-27 | 19 | 7-16 | 1-1 | 32:41 |
| Dec. 26 | BALTIMORE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 2 | KANSAS CITY | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 9 | at Cleveland | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 4840 | 327-1343 | 3497 | 349-527 | 20/11 | 40-262 | 271 | 74-187 | 17-7 | 29:23 |

TRANSACTIONS

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

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| <p>Aug. 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 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 — Returned G Keaton Sutherland to the Practice Squad from the Reserve/COVID-19 list; S Trayvon Henderson reverted</p> | <p>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> <p>Oct. 20, 2021 — Announced that OT Hakeem Adeniji (Reserve/Non-Football Injury list) was eligible to practice.</p> <p>Oct. 21, 2021 — Returned HB Samaje Perine to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Oct. 23, 2021 — Elevated LB Joe Bachie from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Oct. 25, 2021 — LB Joe Bachie reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Oct. 26, 2021 — Signed LB Joe Bachie off the Practice Squad; Returned TE Thaddeus Moss (Practice Squad/Injured) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 30, 2021 — Returned DE Khalid Kareem (designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Elevated HB Trayveon Williams from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> <p>Nov. 1, 2021 — HB Trayveon Williams reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Nov. 4, 2021 — Returned OT Hakeem Adeniji (designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Acquired CB Vernon Hargreaves III on waivers from Houston; Waived DE Darius Hodge and CB Nick McCloud.</p> <p>Nov. 9, 2021 — Acquired LB Clay Johnston on waivers from Carolina; Placed LB Markus Bailey on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Placed LB Akeem Davis-Gaither and S Brandon Wilson on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Nov. 10, 2021 — Placed CB Chidobe Awuzie on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 13, 2021 — Returned CB Chidobe Awuzie to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 15, 2021 — Signed S Michael J. Thomas off the Practice Squad; Placed TE Mitchell Wilcox on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; Signed LB Austin Calitro (FA) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Nov. 18, 2021 — Returned LB Markus Bailey to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 20, 2021 — Elevated TE Mason Schreck from the Practice Squad to the active roster (COVID-19 replacement).</p> <p>Nov. 22, 2021 — TE Mason Schreck reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.</p> <p>Nov. 25, 2021 — Returned TE Mitchell Wilcox to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list.</p> <p>Nov. 27, 2021 — Elevated TE Thaddeus Moss from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).</p> |
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(Transactions, continued)

- Nov. 29, 2021 — TE **Thaddeus Moss** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.
- Dec. 4, 2021 — Signed HB **Trayveon Williams** from the Practice Squad; Placed WR **Auden Tate** on the Reserve/Injured list; Elevated G **Keaton Sutherland** and WR **Pooka Williams** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both standard elevations).
- Dec. 6, 2021 — G **Keaton Sutherland** and WR **Pooka Williams** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.
- Dec. 8, 2021 — Announced that G **D'Ante Smith** and CB **Trae Waynes** were designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.
- Dec. 11, 2021 — Elevated LB **Austin Calitro** and LB **Keandre Jones** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both standard elevations).
- Dec. 13, 2021 — Placed LB **Clay Johnston** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list; LB **Austin Calitro** and LB **Keandre Jones** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.

- Dec. 14, 2021 — Placed CB **Darius Phillips** on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed P **Drue Chrisman** to the Practice Squad.
- Dec. 16, 2021 — Placed OT **Riley Reiff** on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed CB **Chidobe Awuzie** on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.
- Dec. 17, 2021 — Signed CB **John Brannon** to the Practice Squad; Released P **Drue Chrisman** from the Practice Squad.
- Dec. 18, 2021 — Returned G **D'Ante Smith** and CB **Trae Waynes** (both were designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list) to the active roster; Elevated LB **Austin Calitro** and WR **Trent Taylor** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (both COVID-19 replacements); Elevated LB **Keandre Jones** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).
- Dec. 20, 2021 — Re-signed P **Drue Chrisman** to the Practice Squad; Released CB **Holton Hill** from the Practice Squad; LB **Austin Calitro**, LB **Keandre Jones** and WR **Trent Taylor** reverted to the Practice Squad from the active roster.

* *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
- RNF** — 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 | |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|
| | 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 | 6-6 | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI* | RG | RG | RG | RG | RG | RG | RG | RG | RG | RG | RG |
| Allen, Brandon | 4-0 | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | P | P | DNP | P | DNP | P | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| Allen, Ricardo | 11-0 | P | RI | RI | RI | P^ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Apple, Eli | 14-13 | CB | CB | CB | CB | P | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB |
| Awuzie, Chidobe | 12-12 | CB | CB | CB | IL | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB | CB |
| Bachie, Joe | 9-2 | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | P+< | P+< | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Bailey, Markus | 13-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Bates, Jessie, III | 13-13 | S | S | S | IL | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Bell, Vonn | 14-14 | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Boyd, Tyler | 14-8 | P | WR | WR | WR | WR | P | WR | WR | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Brannon, John | 0-0 | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT |
| Brown, Tony | 0-0 | PS+ | PS | PS | PS | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT |
| Browning, Jake | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Burrow, Joe | 14-14 | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB | QB |
| Calitro, Austin | 2-0 | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | PS+ | PS+ | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Carman, Jackson | 14-5 | P | P | RG | RG | RG | P | RG | RG | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Chase, Ja'Marr | 14-14 | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR |
| Chrisman, Drue | 0-0 | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT |
| Daniels, Mike | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Davis, Jalen | 14-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Davis, Sean | 2-0 | NWT | P= | P+< | PS | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT |
| Davis-Gaither, Akeem | 9-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI |
| Evans, Chris | 11-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | IL | P | P | P | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL |
| Evans, Jordan | 5-0 | P | P | P | P | P | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI |
| Flowers, Tre | 8-0 | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | IL | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Gaillard, Lamont | 0-0 | NWT | NWT | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Hargreaves, Vernon, III | 2-0 | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL |
| Harris, Clark | 14-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Henderson, Trayvon | 1-0 | PS | PS+ | PS+ | P= | PS+ | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Hendrickson, Trey | 14-12 | RDE | P | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE |
| Higgins, Tee | 12-12 | WR | WR | IL | IL | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR | WR |
| Hill, B.J. | 14-2 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | 2ndDT | P | 2ndDT | P | 2ndDT | P | 2ndDT | P |
| Hill, Holton | 0-0 | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | PS+ | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Hill, Trey | 11-2 | DNP | DNP | P | P | P | RG | P | P | P | P | P | C | P | P | DNP | P | DNP | P |
| Hilton, Mike | 14-7 | NCB | NCB | NCB | P | P | P | P | P | P | NCB | NCB | NCB | NCB | NCB | NCB | NCB | NCB | NCB |
| Hodge, Darius | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | IL | IL | IL | IL | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT |
| Holyfield, Elijah | 0-0 | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Hopkins, Trey | 13-13 | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C |
| Hubbard, Sam | 14-14 | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE |
| Huber, Kevin | 14-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Hubert, Wyatt | 0-0 | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI | RNFI |
| Irwin, Trenton | 6-0 | PS | IL | P | P | P | P | P | DNP | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL |
| Johnson, Fred | 3-1 | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | DNP | IL | IL | IL | IL | DNP | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL |
| Johnston, Clay | 4-0 | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT |
| Jones, Keandre | 2-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Kareem, Khalid | 5-0 | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI^ | RI^ | P | P | P | P | P | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | P |
| Lewis, Donnie, Jr. | 0-0 | RI | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT |
| McCloud, Nick | 2-0 | IL | IL | P | P | IL | P | IL | IL | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT |
| McPherson, Evan | 14-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Mixon, Joe | 14-14 | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB | HB |
| Morgan, Stanley | 14-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Moss, Thaddeus | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | DNP= | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Ogunjobi, Larry | 14-14 | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT | DT |
| Ossai, Joseph | 0-0 | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI |
| Patrick, Jacques | 0-0 | PS | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT |
| Perine, Samaje | 13-0 | P | P | P | P | P | RC19 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Phillips, Darius | 12-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL |
| Pratt, Germaine | 14-14 | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB |
| Prince, Isaiah | 12-1 | P | DNP | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | ROT | P | P | P | P | IL |
| Ray, Wyatt | 13-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | IL | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Reader, D.J. | 14-14 | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT | NT |
| Reiff, Riley | 12-12 | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL |
| Sample, Cam | 13-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | IL | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Sample, Drew | 14-7 | 2ndTE | P | 2ndTE | P | P | 2ndTE | P | P | 2ndTE | 2ndTE | 2ndTE | P | 2ndTE | P | 2ndTE | P | 2ndTE | P |
| Schreck, Mason | 1-0 | PS+ | PS+ | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS+ | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Shelvin, Tyler | 1-0 | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL |
| Smith, D'Ante | 2-0 | IL | IL | P | DNP | DNP | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI |
| Spain, Quinton | 14-14 | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG | LG |
| Spence, Noah | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS+ | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Su'a-Filo, Xavier | 2-2 | RG | IL | IL | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI |
| Sutherland, Keaton | 0-0 | PS+ | PS+ | RC19 | RC19 | PS | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | PS | PS+ | DNP+< | PS+ | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS |
| Tate, Auden | 7-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL | IL |
| Taylor, Trent | 1-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS+ | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | P+< |
| Thomas, Michael J. | 5-0 | NWT | NWT | NWT | NWT | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Thomas, Mike D. | 10-1 | P | P | WR | IL | IL | IL | IL | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Tupou, Josh | 14-7 | P | 2ndDT | P | 2ndDT | 2ndDT | 2ndDT | 2ndDT | 2ndDT | 2ndDT | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Uzomah, C.J. | 14-14 | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE | TE |
| Waynes, Trae | 3-3 | IL | IL | CB | CB | CB | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | CB |
| Wilcox, Mitchell | 12-0 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Williams, Jonah | 14-14 | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT |
| Williams, Pooka, Jr. | 1-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ |
| Williams, Trayveon | 4-0 | PS | PS | PS+ | PS | PS+ | P+< | PS+ | P+< | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | P | P | P | P | P | IL |
| Wilson, Brandon | 9-1 | P | P | P | S | P | P | P | P | P | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI | RI |
| Wilson, Logan | 12-12 | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | LB | IL |
| Wren, Renell | 0-0 | PS+ | PS+ | PS | PS | PS+ | PS | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | PS+ | 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 | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Carman | Reiff | Uzomah | Boyd | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| Oct. 31 | at N.Y. Jets | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Carman | Reiff | Uzomah | Boyd | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| Nov. 7 | CLEVELAND | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Adeniji | Reiff | Uzomah | D.Sample(2ndTE) | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| Nov. 14 | —BYE— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 21 | at Las Vegas | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Adeniji | Reiff | Uzomah | D.Sample(2ndTE) | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| Nov. 28 | PITTSBURGH | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Adeniji | Reiff | Uzomah | D.Sample(2ndTE) | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| Dec. 5 | L.A. CHARGERS | Chase | Williams | Spain | T.Hill | Adeniji | Prince | Uzomah | Boyd | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| Dec. 12 | SAN FRANCISCO | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Adeniji | Reiff | Uzomah | D.Sample(2ndTE) | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| Dec. 19 | at Denver | Chase | Williams | Spain | Hopkins | Adeniji | Johnson | Uzomah | Boyd | Higgins | Burrow | Mixon |
| 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 | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Wilson | Pratt | Tupou(2ndDT) | Apple | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Oct. 31 | at N.Y. Jets | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Wilson | Pratt | Tupou(2ndDT) | Apple | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Nov. 7 | CLEVELAND | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Wilson | Pratt | Tupou(2ndDT) | Apple | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Nov. 14 | —BYE— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 21 | at Las Vegas | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Wilson | Pratt | Hilton | Apple | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Nov. 28 | PITTSBURGH | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | B.Hill(2nd DT) | Wilson | Pratt | Hilton | Apple | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Dec. 5 | L.A. CHARGERS | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Wilson | Pratt | Hilton | Apple | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Dec. 12 | SAN FRANCISCO | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Bachie | Pratt | B.Hill(2ndDT) | Apple | Awuzie | Bell | Bates |
| Dec. 19 | at Denver | Hubbard | Reader | Ogunjobi | Hendrickson | Bachie | Pratt | Hilton | Apple | Waynes | Bell | Bates |
| Dec. 26 | BALTIMORE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 2 | KANSAS CITY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 9 | at Cleveland | | | | | | | | | | | |

DEPTH CHART

DEC. 21, 2021

OFFENSE

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|------------|----|----------------|--|-----------|-----------------------|--|
| WR | 1 | Ja'Marr Chase | | 16 | Trenton Irwin | |
| LOT | 73 | Jonah Williams | | 74 | Fred Johnson | |
| LG | 67 | Quinton Spain | | <u>70</u> | <u>D'Ante Smith</u> | |
| C | 66 | Trey Hopkins | | <u>63</u> | <u>Trey Hill</u> | |
| RG | 77 | Hakeem Adeniji | | <u>79</u> | <u>Jackson Carman</u> | |
| ROT | 75 | Isaiah Prince | | 74 | Fred Johnson | |
| TE | 87 | C.J. Uzomah | | 89 | Drew Sample | 84 Mitchell Wilcox |
| WR | 83 | Tyler Boyd | | 17 | Stanley Morgan | |
| WR | 85 | Tee Higgins | | 80 | Mike D. Thomas | |
| QB | 9 | Joe Burrow | | 8 | Brandon Allen | |
| HB | 28 | Joe Mixon | | 34 | Samaje Perine | <u>25</u> Chris Evans <u>32</u> Trayveon Williams |

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 | | 90 | Khalid Kareem | |
| LB | 55 | Logan Wilson | | 49 | Joe Bachie | 51 Markus Bailey |
| LB | 57 | Germaine Pratt | | 51 | Markus Bailey | |
| NCB | 21 | Mike Hilton | | 35 | Jalen Davis | |
| CB | 20 | Eli Apple | | 33 | Tre Flowers | |
| CB | 26 | Trae Waynes | | 29 | Vernon Hargreaves III | |
| S | 24 | Vonn Bell | | 31 | Michael J. Thomas | |
| S | 30 | Jessie Bates III | | 37 | Ricardo Allen | |

SPECIAL TEAMS

| | | | | | |
|------------|----------|-----------------------|--|----|-------------------|
| P | 10 | Kevin Huber | | | |
| K | <u>2</u> | <u>Evan McPherson</u> | | | |
| LS | 46 | Clark Harris | | | |
| H | 10 | Kevin Huber | | | |
| PR | 83 | Tyler Boyd | | 16 | Trenton Irwin |
| KOR | 25 | Chris Evans | | 32 | Trayveon Williams |

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

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| <p>Hakeem Adeniji hah-KEEM uh-DENN-ih-gee</p> <p>Lou Anarumo (Defensive Coordinator)..... ann-ah-ROO-mo</p> <p>Chidobe Awuzie (Reserve/COVID-19) CHIH-doe-bay ah-WOOZ-yeh</p> <p>Joe Bachie BAH-chee</p> <p>Joey Boese (Strength and Conditioning Coach)..... bo-ZAY</p> <p>Louie Cioffi (Defensive Quality Control Coach)..... CHO-fee</p> <p>Akeem Davis-Gaither (Reserve/Injured)..... AH-keem DAY-viss-GAY-thur</p> <p>Vernon Hargreaves III HAR-graves</p> <p>Trayvon Henderson (Practice Squad) TRAY-vahn</p> <p>Keandre Jones (Practice Squad)..... kee-AHN-dray</p> <p>Khalid Kareem..... KAH-lid kuh-REEM</p> <p>Evan McPherson mick-FEAR-son</p> <p>Thaddeus Moss (Practice Squad) THA-dee-us</p> | <p>Larry Ogunjobi O-gunn-JO-bee</p> <p>Joseph Ossai (Reserve/Injured)..... o-SIGH</p> <p>Samaje Perine suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine</p> <p>Riley Reiff (Reserve/Injured) REEF</p> <p>D'Ante Smith dee-AHN-tay</p> <p>Xavier Su'a-Filo (Reserve/Injured) ZAY-vyer SOO-uh-FEE-lo</p> <p>Josh Tupou TEW-po</p> <p>C.J. Uzomah yew-ZAH-mah</p> <p>Trae Waynes TRAY</p> <p>Pooka Williams Jr. (Practice Squad)..... POO-kah</p> <p>Trayveon Williams TRAY-vee-ahn</p> <p>Renell Wren (Practice Squad) reh-NELL RENN</p> |
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| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
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| 77 | Adeniji, Hakeem | G | 6-4 | 302 | 12-8-97 | 2 | Kansas | Garland, Texas | D6'20 |
| 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 |
| 49 | Bachie, Joe | LB | 6-2 | 235 | 2-26-98 | 2 | Michigan State | Brook Park, Ohio | W(Phil.)'21 |
| 51 | Bailey, Markus | LB | 6-0 | 235 | 3-7-97 | 2 | Purdue | Columbus, Ohio | 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 |
| 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 |
| 29 | Hargreaves, Vernon, III | CB | 5-10 | 204 | 6-3-95 | 6 | Florida | Tampa, Fla. | W(Hou.)'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 | 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 |
| 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 | 6-6 | 325 | 6-5-97 | 3 | Florida | West Palm Beach, Fla. | W(Pitt.)'19 |
| 90 | Kareem, Khalid | DE | 6-4 | 268 | 4-28-98 | 2 | Notre Dame | Detroit, Mich. | D5'20 |
| 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 |
| 34 | Perine, Samaje | HB | 5-11 | 240 | 9-16-95 | 5 | Oklahoma | Pflugerville, Texas | W(Mia.)'20 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 70 | Smith, D'Ante | G | 6-5 | 305 | 6-9-98 | R | East Carolina | Augusta, Ga. | D4c'21 |
| 67 | Spain, Quinton | G | 6-4 | 330 | 8-7-91 | 7 | West Virginia | Petersburg, Va. | FA'20 |
| 31 | Thomas, Michael J. | S | 5-11 | 195 | 3-17-90 | 8 | Stanford | Houston, Texas | FA'21 |
| 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 |
| 26 | Waynes, Trae | CB | 6-0 | 190 | 7-25-92 | 7 | Michigan State | Kenosha, Wis. | UFA(Minn.)'20 |
| 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 |
| 32 | Williams, Trayveon | HB | 5-8 | 206 | 10-18-97 | 3 | Texas A&M | Houston, Texas | D6a'19 |
| 55 | Wilson, Logan | LB | 6-2 | 241 | 7-8-96 | 2 | Wyoming | Casper, Wyoming | D3'20 |

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| 39 | Brannon, John (12-17-21) | CB | 6-2 | 195 | 3-10-98 | 2 | Western Carolina | Charlotte, N.C. | FA'21 |
| 6 | Browning, Jake (9-7-21) | QB | 6-2 | 209 | 4-11-96 | 1 | Washington | Folsom, Calif. | FA'21 |
| 48 | Calitro, Austin (11-15-21) | LB | 6-0 | 240 | 1-10-94 | 4 | Villanova | Orlando, Fla. | FA'21 |
| 4 | Chrisman, Drue (12-20-21) | P | 6-3 | 209 | 6-30-97 | R | Ohio State | Lawrenceburg, Ind. | 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 |
| 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 |
| 81 | Moss, Thaddeus (10-26-21) | TE | 6-3 | 249 | 5-14-98 | 2 | Louisiana State | Charlotte, N.C. | W(Wash.)'21 |
| 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 |
| 12 | Williams, Pooka, Jr. (9-1-21) | WR | 5-9 | 175 | 6-19-99 | R | Kansas | New Orleans, La. | CFA'21 |
| 95 | Wren, Renell (9-1-21) | DT | 6-5 | 318 | 10-23-95 | 3 | Arizona State | St. Louis, Mo. | D4b'19 |

RESERVE/COVID-19 (date assigned to RC19)

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| 22 | Awuzie, Chidobe (12-16-21) | CB | 6-0 | 202 | 5-24-95 | 5 | Colorado | San Jose, Calif. | UFA(Dall.)'21 |
| 44 | Johnston, Clay (12-13-21) | LB | 6-1 | 232 | 8-8-96 | 2 | Baylor | Abilene, Texas | W(Car.)'21 |

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| 56 | Hubert, Wyatt (8-31-21; pectoral) | DE | 6-3 | 258 | 6-13-98 | R | Kansas State | Topeka, Kan. | D7'21 |
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| 59 | Davis-Gaither, Akeem (11-9-21; foot) | LB | 6-2 | 224 | 9-21-97 | 2 | Appalachian State | Thomasville, N.C. | D4'20 |
| 50 | Evans, Jordan (10-11-21; knee) | LB | 6-3 | 242 | 1-27-95 | 5 | Oklahoma | Norman, Okla. | D6a'17 |
| 58 | Ossai, Joseph (8-31-21; knee) | DE | 6-4 | 256 | 4-12-00 | R | Texas | Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria) | D3'21 |
| 23 | Phillips, Darius (12-14-21; shoulder) | CB | 5-10 | 190 | 6-26-95 | 4 | Western Michigan | Detroit, Mich. | D5c'18 |
| 71 | Reiff, Riley (12-16-21; ankle) | OT | 6-6 | 305 | 12-1-88 | 10 | Iowa | Parkston, S.D. | FA'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 |
| 19 | Tate, Auden (12-4-21; calf) | WR | 6-5 | 228 | 2-3-97 | 4 | Florida State | Irmo, S.C. | D7c'18 |
| 40 | Wilson, Brandon (11-9-21; knee) | S | 5-10 | 200 | 7-27-94 | 5 | Houston | Shreveport, La. | D6b'17 |

COACHING STAFF: HEAD COACH: Zac Taylor. ASSISTANT COACHES: Lou Anarumo (defensive coordinator), Colt Anderson (assistant special teams), Joey Boese (strength and conditioning), Brian Callahan (offensive coordinator), James Casey (tight ends), Louie Cioffi (defensive quality control), Mark Duffner (senior defensive assistant), Al Golden (linebackers), Justin Hill (running backs), Marion Hobby (defensive line), Todd Hunt (assistant strength and conditioning), Steve Jackson (secondary/cornerbacks), Jordan Kovacs (defensive quality control), Brad Krugthorpe (assistant wide receivers), Robert Livingston (secondary/safeties), Ben Martin (assistant offensive line), Dan Pitcher (quarterbacks), Frank Pollack (offensive line/run game coordinator), Darrin Simmons (assistant head coach/special teams coordinator), Garrett Swanson (assistant strength and conditioning), Troy Walters (wide receivers). **STAFF:** Doug Rosfeld (director of coaching operations).

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| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
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| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 26 | Trae Waynes | CB | 6-0 | 190 | 7-25-92 | 7 | Michigan State | Kenosha, Wis. | UFA(Minn.)'20 |
| 28 | Joe Mixon | HB | 6-1 | 220 | 7-24-96 | 5 | Oklahoma | Oakley, Calif. | D2'17 |
| 29 | Vernon Hargreaves III | CB | 5-10 | 204 | 6-3-95 | 6 | Florida | Tampa, Fla. | W(Hou.)'21 |
| 30 | Jessie Bates III | S | 6-1 | 200 | 2-26-97 | 4 | Wake Forest | Fort Wayne, Ind. | D2'18 |
| 31 | Michael J. Thomas | S | 5-11 | 195 | 3-17-90 | 8 | Stanford | Houston, Texas | FA'21 |
| 32 | Trayveon Williams | HB | 5-8 | 206 | 10-18-97 | 3 | Texas A&M | Houston, Texas | D6a'19 |
| 33 | Tre Flowers | CB | 6-3 | 203 | 6-2-95 | 4 | Oklahoma State | Converse, Texas | W(Sea.)'21 |
| 34 | Samaje Perine | HB | 5-11 | 240 | 9-16-95 | 5 | Oklahoma | Pflugerville, Texas | W(Mia.)'20 |
| 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 |
| 46 | Clark Harris | LS | 6-5 | 250 | 7-10-84 | 13 | Rutgers | Manahawkin, N.J. | FA'09 |
| 49 | Joe Bachie | LB | 6-2 | 235 | 2-26-98 | 2 | Michigan State | Brook Park, Ohio | W(Phil.)'21 |
| 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 |
| 63 | Trey Hill | C | 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 |
| 70 | D'Ante Smith | G | 6-5 | 305 | 6-9-98 | R | East Carolina | Augusta, Ga. | D4c'21 |
| 73 | Jonah Williams | OT | 6-5 | 305 | 11-17-97 | 3 | Alabama | Folsom, Calif. | D1'19 |
| 74 | Fred Johnson | OT | 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 |
| 77 | Hakeem Adeniji | G | 6-4 | 302 | 12-8-97 | 2 | Kansas | Garland, Texas | D6'20 |
| 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 |
| 90 | Khalid Kareem | DE | 6-4 | 268 | 4-28-98 | 2 | Notre Dame | Detroit, Mich. | D5'20 |
| 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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| 4 | Drue Chrisman (12-20-21) | P | 6-3 | 209 | 6-30-97 | R | Ohio State | Lawrenceburg, Ind. | FA'21 |
| 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 |
| 36 | Elijah Holyfield (10-12-21) | HB | 5-10 | 215 | 11-30-97 | 2 | Georgia | College Park, Ga. | FA'21 |
| 39 | John Brannon (12-17-21) | CB | 6-2 | 195 | 3-10-98 | 2 | Western Carolina | Charlotte, N.C. | 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 |
| 48 | Austin Calitro (11-15-21) | LB | 6-0 | 240 | 1-10-94 | 4 | Villanova | Orlando, Fla. | FA'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 |
| 81 | Thaddeus Moss (10-26-21) | TE | 6-3 | 249 | 5-14-98 | 2 | Louisiana State | Charlotte, N.C. | W(Wash.)'21 |
| 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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| 22 | Chidobe Awuzie (12-16-21) | CB | 6-0 | 202 | 5-24-95 | 5 | Colorado | San Jose, Calif. | UFA(Dall.)'21 |
| 44 | Clay Johnston (12-13-21) | LB | 6-1 | 232 | 8-8-96 | 2 | Baylor | Abilene, Texas | W(Car.)'21 |

RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY (date assigned to RNFI; injury)

| | | | | | | | | | |
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| 56 | Wyatt Hubert (8-31-21; pectoral) | DE | 6-3 | 258 | 6-13-98 | R | Kansas State | Topeka, Kan. | D7'21 |
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| 19 | Auden Tate (12-4-21; calf) | WR | 6-5 | 228 | 2-3-97 | 4 | Florida State | Irmo, S.C. | D7c'18 |
| 23 | Darius Phillips (12-14-21; shoulder) | CB | 5-10 | 190 | 6-26-95 | 4 | Western Michigan | Detroit, Mich. | D5c'18 |
| 40 | Brandon Wilson (11-9-21; knee) | S | 5-10 | 200 | 7-27-94 | 5 | Houston | Shreveport, La. | D6b'17 |
| 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 |
| 59 | Akeem Davis-Gaither (11-9-21; foot) | LB | 6-2 | 224 | 9-21-97 | 2 | Appalachian State | Thomasville, N.C. | D4'20 |
| 71 | Riley Reiff (12-16-21; ankle) | OT | 6-6 | 305 | 12-1-88 | 10 | Iowa | Parkston, S.D. | FA'21 |
| 72 | Xavier Su'a-Filo (10-9-21; knee) | G | 6-4 | 310 | 1-1-91 | 8 | UCLA | American Fork, Utah | UFA(Dall.)'20 |

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