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**WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE**

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# CINCINNATI BENGALS (0-1) AT CLEVELAND BROWNS (0-1)

WEEK 2, GAME 2  
THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, SEPT. 17  
AT FIRSTENERGY STADIUM

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 3, GAME 3  
SEPT. 27 AT PHILADELPHIA

## GAME NOTES

**Kickoff:** 8:20 p.m. Eastern.

**Television:** The game will air nationally on NFL Network and is produced by FOX-TV. In Cincinnati, it also will be carried by WKRC-TV (CBS Ch. 12). Broadcasters are Joe Buck (play-by-play), Troy Aikman (analyst), Erin Andrews (sideline reporter) and Kristina Pink (sideline reporter).

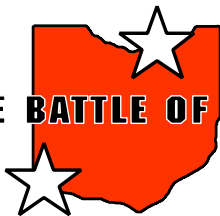
**Radio:** The game will air on the Bengals Radio Network, led by Cincinnati flagship stations WLW-AM (700), WCKY-AM (ESPN 1530; all sports) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

The game also will air nationally on Westwood One Radio, with broadcasters Dan Miller (play-by-play) and Tony Boselli (analyst).

**Setting the scene:** The Bengals this week travel to Cleveland to take on the division-rival Browns on Thursday Night Football. Cincinnati will look to avoid dropping to 0-2, after beginning its season with a loss to the L.A. Chargers at home on Sunday.

"I'm confident in our guys," said Bengals rookie QB Joe Burrow after his NFL debut. "I always have been confident in them. We play (with just) four days (between games), so we're going to have to get healthy, get our bodies right and get ready to go."

### THE BATTLE OF OHIO



Cincinnati fell to the Chargers in nail-biting fashion in Week 1, as a potential game-tying 31-yard FG by the Bengals sailed wide right with two seconds left. That overshadowed a mostly solid debut by Burrow, who after an up-and-down first half helped Cincinnati's offense find its footing late.

But Cincinnati's chances were thwarted by two costly turnovers in the fourth quarter. HB Joe Mixon fumbled on Cincinnati's own 25-yard line, leading to a Chargers go-ahead FG with 8:56 remaining. It was Mixon's first fumble since the 2017 season finale, a span that stretched 541 rushing attempts. The Bengals responded with a furious offensive drive, but that ended with a Burrow INT at L.A.'s 23-yard line.

"They killed us," Taylor said of his team's turnovers. "We went into the second half saying that if we win the turnover battle, we're going to win the game. And it didn't work out that way."

Down three with 3:08 remaining and no time outs, Burrow led Cincinnati on a 14-play, 84 yard drive that was seemingly capped with seven seconds left by an apparent three-yard TD pass to WR A.J. Green, who has playing his first game since Dec. 2018. But the play was nullified by an offensive pass interference penalty on Green, and Cincinnati was forced to settle for the ill-fated FG attempt.

"My left calf just grabbed really hard," said Bengals K Randy Bullock, who was injured on the failed kick. "Obviously that's not an excuse. That's a kick I make 99 times out of 100. It was a freak deal. I let the team down, and I'm really frustrated and disappointed."

Despite the disappointing ending, there were plenty of positives to glean from Sunday's opener. Most notable among those was the performance of Burrow, who was praised after the game by several of his offensive teammates.

"Unbelievable," said WR A.J. Green, noting Burrow's composure down the stretch. "That guy doesn't flinch. The way he handled himself on that last drive

was unbelievable. I haven't seen any rookie handle it the way he did. We've got a special one in Joe."

On the other side of the ball, Cincinnati's defense showed marked improvement from a unit that last year ranked 25th in the NFL in points allowed. The defense, which features six new starters this season, held the Chargers to just 16 points on Sunday, which tied for fifth-fewest in the NFL in Week 1. It also made two critical fourth-down stops, and allowed just one TD on three Chargers trips to the red zone.

This week's matchup marks the first between Burrow and Browns QB Baker Mayfield, who were both Heisman Trophy winners and No. 1 overall draft selections. The game is also likely to be a noteworthy milestone for sports in the COVID-19 pandemic, as it is expected to be the first major sporting event in Ohio with fans in attendance (albeit in limited capacity) in roughly six months.

Cleveland enters the game 0-1, after falling to Baltimore, 38-6, in its opener.

**The series:** The Bengals lead 51-42 in the "Battle of Ohio" series and have won nine of the last 13 games. Home field has been a factor over the series, as the Bengals lead 31-16 at home but trail 20-26 as the road club.

Cincinnati has played more games against Cleveland (93) than any foe except Pittsburgh. The Bengals have 101 all-time games against the Steelers.

The two teams split their divisional series last season. The teams played twice in December, with the Browns winning Game 13 at Cleveland, 27-19, and the Bengals winning the season finale, 33-23, at Cincinnati.

More series notes:

- The Browns swept the Bengals in 2018. It was Cleveland's first season sweep over the Bengals since 2002.
- Cleveland's win in Game 11 of 2018 snapped a seven-game Bengals winning streak against the Browns. That streak, the Bengals' longest in the series, began with the second meeting of 2014. The Bengals' previous longest streak had been a five-game run from Game 2 of 2004 through Game 2 of '06.
- The Browns' longest win streak over Cincinnati also has been seven games, extending from Game 2 of the 1992 season through Game 2 of '95.
- Since the Browns' rebirth in 1999, the Bengals lead 27-15, including 12-9 as the visiting team and 15-6 as the home team.

Complete Bengals-Browns series results entering this season are on page 202 of the Bengals' 2020 Media Guide.

### Team bests from the series:

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 58, in a 58-48 victory at Paul Brown Stadium in 2004. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 34, in a 37-3 win at Cleveland in 2015. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (four times), most recently in a 30-0 win in 2014 at Cleveland.

**Browns — MOST POINTS:** 51, in a 51-45 win at Cleveland in 2007. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 34, in a 34-0 victory at Cincinnati in 1987. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (twice), most recently in an 18-0 win at Cleveland in 2001.

**The last meetings:** Summaries of both 2019 Bengals-Browns meetings are on page 13 of this news release.

**Bengals on Thursday:** The Bengals have played 14 times previously on Thursday, posting a 8-6 record. Cincinnati has a 5-2 record on TNF at home, but just a 3-4 mark on the road. This is the first TNF game the Bengals have played under head coach Zac Taylor. One of the Thursday games,

in 2010, was played on Thanksgiving.

Here's a recap of the Bengals' Thursday experience:

DATE, OPP.	RESULT	COMMENT
9-15-83, @Cle.	Browns, 17-7	Two Browns INTs off Ken Anderson
9-18-86, @Cle.	Bengals, 30-13	Larry Kinnebrew rushes for three TDs
10-19-95, @Pitt.	Bengals, 27-9	Bengals yield 468 yards but no TDs
12-4-97, TENN.	Bengals, 41-14	Corey Dillon rushes for NFL rookie record 246
11-30-06, BALT.	Bengals, 13-7	Ravens scoreless until 1:01 remaining
11-20-08, @Pitt.	Steelers, 27-10	Steelers allow only 20-for-43 rushing
11-25-10, @NYJ	Jets, 26-10	Special teams help Jets erase 7-3 halftime deficit
12-13-12, @Phil.	Bengals, 34-13	Bengals rally with four 2nd-half takeaways
10-31-13, @Mia.	Dolphins, 22-20 (OT)	Andy Dalton sacked for rare OT safety
11-6-14, CLE.	Browns, 24-3	Browns plus-three on turnovers, with three INTs
11-5-15, CLE.	Bengals, 31-10	Bengals dominate 17-0 in second half
9-29-16, MIA.	Bengals, 22-7	A.J. Green's 173 yards and a TD lift Bengals
9-14-17, HOU.	Texans, 13-9	Bengals held out of end zone
9-13-18, BALT.	Bengals, 34-23	Andy Dalton tosses 4 first-half TDs for comfy lead

**Bengals seek to regain biggest 'Battle' margin:** With its three victories in the last four meetings with Cincinnati, Cleveland has whittled the Bengals' largest lead of 11 games in the team's all-time series down to nine games. The Bengals' 11-game lead after the 2017 season set the benchmark for the biggest lead held by either side in the "Battle of Ohio" series.

The series began in 1970 with the Browns winning six of the first seven, and their five-game margin at 6-1, after the first meeting of 1973, stands as their largest lead. The Bengals lead 50-36 since that Cleveland high-water mark. The Browns have not led the series since the end of 2005, when they were 33-32.

Since surrendering that 33-32 lead by giving up a sweep in the 2006 meetings, the Browns have twice pulled into ties — at 34-34 after game one of '07 and at 35-35 after game one of '08. But the Browns have now endured a 14-year stretch without a lead in the series. Barring possible additions to the series in postseason play, the Bengals cannot surrender their series lead until after the first game of 2024, at the earliest. The Browns could not lead again until after the second game of '24.

**More Bengals-Browns facts:** The first-ever Bengals-Browns meeting of any kind was Aug. 29, 1970. On that Saturday, the Browns were visitors for the second preseason game of Riverfront Stadium's debut year. The Bengals won 31-24, moving to 2-0 in preseason in their new home. Also:

- The Bengals were 17-10 against the Browns at Riverfront Stadium/Cinergy Field.
- The Browns were 17-8 against the Bengals at the old Cleveland Stadium, but the Bengals led 12-9 at FirstEnergy Stadium (formerly Cleveland Browns Stadium).
- The Bengals and Browns never played at Nippert Stadium, as Nippert was the Bengals' American Football League home.
- The Bengals have posted 13 season sweeps, and the Browns have posted nine. The teams have split 23 times. In 1982, they played only once, with the scheduled contest at Cleveland cancelled due to a players' strike.
- The first Bengals-Browns regular-season game at Cincinnati on Nov. 15, 1970 drew the first home crowd of 60,000 in Bengals history (60,007 at Riverfront Stadium). The Bengals won 14-10 behind a 110-yard rushing effort from QB Virgil Carter, the only 100-yarder by a QB in Bengals history.
- The largest Bengals home crowd for a Browns game has been 66,072, on Sept. 17, 2006 at Paul Brown Stadium. That ranks as the fifth-largest crowd in Bengals history.
- The Browns drew the largest Bengals crowd in the Riverfront Stadium/Cinergy Field era — 60,284 for a 27-24 Browns win on Oct. 17, 1971.
- The Bengals and Browns met three times in preseason at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, from 1972-74. All were Sunday afternoon games, and the Browns won two of the three.

**Coaches in 'Battle of Ohio:'** Here are some notes about "Battle of Ohio" coaches:

- When Cincinnati's Zac Taylor and Cleveland's Freddie Kitchens met in the first Battle of Ohio of 2019, it was just the second time in series history that a Bengals-Browns meeting featured two rookie head coaches who faced both each other and their Ohio rival for the first time in the same game. The Browns won that contest at FirstEnergy Stadium, 27-19.

The first such instance occurred on Oct. 21, 1984, when Bengals first-year

head coach Sam Wyche met Browns first-year head coach Marty Schottenheimer in Cincinnati at Riverfront Stadium. The Bengals won that meeting, 12-9.

The Bengals' Homer Rice and the Browns' Sam Rutigliano also were rookie head coaches when they met for the first time on Dec. 17, 1978 at Riverfront Stadium. However, that was Rutigliano's second "Battle of Ohio" as Cleveland's head coach. The two teams met in Game 2 that year, before Rice took the reins in Cincinnati (Rice was named Bengals head coach after Game 5).

• Former Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis, who was 22-10 overall against Cleveland, has the most total wins and best winning percentage (.688) of any Bengals head coach in the series. Lewis also has coached the most games (32) against Cleveland. Sam Wyche is second in all three categories, with 10 wins, a .625 winning percentage (10-6) and 16 games.

• Bill Belichick has been the top Browns coach in the series, having posted an 8-2 mark against the Bengals during his 1991-95 tenure.

• Lewis is the only Bengals head coach whose first Cincinnati victory came against Cleveland. Lewis took over as head coach in 2003, and his first win was a 21-14 decision at Cleveland on Sept. 28 of that year. The Bengals entered that game at 0-3, but went on to finish 8-8. The six-game improvement, after a 2-14 season in 2002, was the largest in the NFL for '03.

• Forrest Gregg is the only head coach to pilot both teams in the "Battle of Ohio." Gregg was 1-5 as Browns coach against the Bengals from 1975-77, and he was 3-4 as Bengals coach against the Browns from '80-83.

• Here's a full roundup of Bengals' head coaches, in chronological order, and their records in the "Battle of Ohio:" Paul Brown (5-7), Bill "Tiger" Johnson (3-2), Homer Rice (2-1), Forrest Gregg (3-4), Sam Wyche (10-6), Dave Shula (1-7), Bruce Coslet (2-1), Dick LeBeau (2-3), Marvin Lewis (22-10) and Zac Taylor (1-1).

• The Bengals are 11-7 against Browns head coaches directing their first game in the series. Browns head coaches who won their first game have been Blanton Collier (1970), Nick Skorich ('71), Sam Rutigliano ('78), Bill Belichick ('91), Rob Chudzinski (2013), Mike Pettine (2014) and Freddie Kitchens ('19). On the losing end for Cleveland have been Forrest Gregg (1975), Marty Schottenheimer ('84), Bud Carson ('89), Jim Shofner ('90), Chris Palmer ('99), Butch Davis (2001), Romeo Crennel ('05), Eric Mangini ('09), Pat Shurmur ('11), Hue Jackson ('16) and Gregg Williams ('18).

• Bengals coaches show a 7-3 record the first time out against Cleveland. The seven winners have been Bill Johnson (1976), Homer Rice ('78), Sam Wyche ('84), Dave Shula ('92), Bruce Coslet ('99), Dick LeBeau (2000) and Marvin Lewis ('03). Losing in the first try vs. Cleveland were Paul Brown (1970), Forrest Gregg ('80) and Zac Taylor (2019).

**That '16 game in Cincy was something:** For the Bengals, their 559-yard offensive game vs. Cleveland on Oct. 23, 2016 was:

- The highest yardage output in 26 years, since 582 in an overtime win at the Los Angeles Rams on Oct. 7, 1990.
- The highest output in a regulation-time game since Dec. 17, 1989, when the total was 584 vs. Houston.
- Tied for the seventh highest offensive total in franchise history.
- The game with the most rushing yards (271) in more than 30 years, since the team had 274 on Dec. 8, 1985 vs. Dallas. It ranks No. 7 in franchise history.
- The first game in which the Bengals had a 300-yard passer (Andy Dalton 308), a 100-yard rusher (Jeremy Hill 168) and a 100-yard receiver (A.J. Green 169) in a regulation-time game since Sept. 16, 2007 at Cleveland. Cincinnati also did it on Oct. 12, 2014 vs. Carolina, but that was a tie that went five full quarters.
- The game with the most yards per rush (9.0) since Oct. 22, 2000, when the Bengals averaged 11.0 vs. Denver. That Denver game featured a club-record 407 rushing yards, including a club-record 278 by HB Corey Dillon, which was the NFL individual record at the time.

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

- DE Carlos Dunlap has 81.5 career sacks, two shy of DE Eddie Edwards\* (83.5) for the Bengals' all-time lead.
- Bengals DT Geno Atkins has 75.5 career sacks, six shy of Dunlap (81.5) for second place all-time. Edwards\* (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- WR A.J. Green has 63 career receiving TDs, three behind WR Chad Johnson (66) for the Bengals' all-time lead.
- Green has 63 total TDs, one short of WR Carl Pickens and RB James Brooks (both with 64) for third place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Bengals WR Alex Erickson has 114 career punt returns, 16 shy of CB Lemar Parrish (130) for third place all-time. WR Brandon Tate (153) is the

Bengals' all-time leader.

- Erickson has 871 career punt return yards, 244 shy of CB Adam Jones (1115) for fourth place all time. Tate (1411) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Erickson has 105 career kickoff returns, 10 shy of FB Eric Ball (115) for fifth place all-time. S/CB Tremain Mack (146) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Erickson has 2601 career kickoff return yards, 151 behind RB Stanford Jennings (2752) for fourth place all-time. Mack (3583) is the all-time leader.
- Bengals S Brandon Wilson has one career kickoff return for a TD, one shy of Mack (two) for the Bengals' all-time lead.

\*—The NFL has counted sacks as official statistics since 1982. However, the Bengals have sacks compiled since 1976 and recognize those sacks recorded from '76-81 in their records. Thus, please note that, because the NFL has sacks for all teams only since 1982, the Bengals' sack statistics for players whose careers included seasons prior to '82 will not be included in league information.

**Records vs. Browns:** The two highest-scoring games in Bengals history have each been against the Browns. On Nov. 28, 2004 at Paul Brown Stadium, the Bengals won 58-48, and the 106 total points is not only a Bengals record, it is the second-most in NFL history, behind only 113 from Washington's 72-41 win over the N.Y. Giants in 1966. And on Sept. 16, 2007, the Bengals and Browns combined for 96 points at Cleveland in a 51-45 Browns win.

More on Bengals records against the Browns:

- On Dec. 21, 1980 vs. Cleveland, DE Eddie Edwards set the Bengals record for sacks in a game with five. The mark stood unchanged for 19 years, until DE Antwan Odom tied it on Sept. 20, 2009 at Green Bay.
- In the final Bengals game at Cinergy Field, on Dec. 12, 1999, Cincinnati limited the Browns to the fewest rushing yards ever by an opponent. Cleveland had only 11 net yards on 11 attempts.
- On Sept. 10, 2000, WR Craig Yeast tied a Bengals record for most punt returns in a game with seven. The record was set by RB Tony Davis in 1977, and in addition to Yeast, has since been tied by WR Brandon Tate in 2011.
- On Nov. 25, 2001 at Cleveland, T.J. Houshmandzadeh set the Bengals record for punt return yards in a game with 126. His 86-yarder in that game ranks tied for third-longest in club history.
- The 58-48 Bengals win on Nov. 28, 2004 is the only game in club history in which Cincinnati scored double figures in all four quarters (14-13-14-17 — 58).
- In the Sept. 16, 2007 shootout with the Browns noted above, QB Carson Palmer threw six TD passes, the most ever by a Bengals QB in a single game. That mark also stands tied for the team mark for most TD passes in a game.
- On Dec. 21, 2008, at Cleveland, Bengals CB Leon Hall tied the team record for most interceptions in a game with three. He was the seventh Bengal to reach that mark in a contest, though no one has done it since.
- On Nov. 17, 2013, the Bengals scored 31 points in the second quarter, a team record for most points in a quarter, en route to a 41-20 Cincinnati victory.
- In their 30-0 win at Cleveland on Dec. 14, 2014, the Bengals allowed only five first downs, fewest by an opponent in Bengals history.
- On Oct 23, 2016 against Cleveland, HB Jeremy Hill had the most rushing yards in club history without hitting double digits in carries, breaking a mark that had stood for 45 years. Hill went nine-for-168, averaging 18.7 yards per carry.

**Individually vs. Browns:** Here is a look at the stats for current Bengals offensive players against Cleveland (ordered by total games played):

- WR A.J. Green: 13 games; 62 receptions for 953 yards (15.4-yard average; 73.3 yards per game) with seven TDs.
- HB Giovanni Bernard: 12 games; 84 rushes for 392 yards (4.7) and one TD; 25 receptions for 258 yards (10.3) and one TD.
- WR Alex Erickson: Eight games; 10 receptions for 130 yards (13.0); One rush for five yards; One passing attempt and one completion for 26 yards.
- TE C.J. Uzomah: Eight games; 18 rec. for 132 yards (7.3) and two TDs.
- WR Tyler Boyd: Seven games; 28 receptions for 303 yards (10.8) and two TDs; Three rushes for 47 yards (15.7).
- HB Joe Mixon: Six games; 120 rushes for 608 yards (5.1) and four TDs; 20 receptions for 200 yards (10.0).
- WR John Ross III: Four games; Eight receptions for 104 yards (13.0) and two TDs; Two rushes for five yards.
- WR Auden Tate: Three games; Three receptions for 31 yards (10.3).

**Bengals-Browns connections:** Browns offensive line coach Bill Callahan is the father of Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan. Bill Callahan was also head coach at the University of Nebraska when Bengals head coach Zac Taylor played quarterback there ... Bengals QB Joe Burrow is from

Athens, Ohio (Athens High School), and also played at Ohio State University from 2015-17 ... Bengals S Vonn Bell, C Billy Price, G Michael Jordan, and Browns CB Denzel Ward all played at Ohio State University ... Browns offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt was quarterbacks coach for the Bengals from 2018-19 ... Browns RB Kareem Hunt played at the University of Toledo ... Browns DE Trevon Young played at the University of Louisville ... Bengals TE Mason Schreck (practice squad) is from Medina, Ohio (Medina High School) ... Bengals senior defensive assistant Mark Duffner coached at Ohio State University from 1975-76 ... Bengals defensive line coach Nick Eason played (2004-06) and coached ('13) for the Browns ... Bengals defensive quality control coach Jordan Kovacs is from Curtice, Ohio (Clay High School) ... Browns strength and conditioning coach Evan Marcus coached at the University of Louisville from 1998-99 ... Browns DT Andrew Billings (Reserve/Opt Out) was originally a fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2016, and was with the team through '19.

**BENGALS-BROWNS NFL RANKINGS**

	BENGALS	BROWNS
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored.....	30th (13.0)	32nd (6.0)
Points allowed.....	T-5th (16.0)	T-30th (38.0)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total.....	25th (295.0)	24th (306.0)
Rushing.....	17th (122.0)	T-9th (138.0)
Passing.....	28th (173.0)	29th (168.0)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total.....	15th (362.0)	T-20th (377.0)
Rushing.....	28th (155.0)	T-13th (107.0)
Passing.....	10th (207.0)	26th (270.0)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential.....	T-26th (minus-2)	T-26th (minus-2)

**Red-zone reports:** Here is a look at Cincinnati's and Cleveland's red-zone reports:

**BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 1	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 3
<b>Total scores:</b> 0 (0.0%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 3 (100%)
TDs: 0 (0.0%)	TDs: 1 (33.3%)
FGs: 0 (0.0%)	FGs: 2 (66.7%)
TD% rank: 32nd	TD% rank: T-3rd
<b>No scores:</b> 1 (100%)	<b>No scores:</b> 0 (0.0%)

**BROWNS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 1	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 6
<b>Total scores:</b> 1 (100%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 5 (83.3%)
TDs: 1 (100%)	TDs: 5 (83.3%)
FGs: 0 (0.0%)	FGs: 0 (0.0%)
TD% rank: T-1st	TD% rank: 26th
<b>No scores:</b> 0 (0.0%)	<b>No scores:</b> 1 (16.7%)

**Uniform watch:** The Bengals are scheduled to wear white jerseys and white pants this week at Cleveland.

Since 2004, the year of the Bengals' last significant uniform redesign, a number of color options for jerseys and pants have been available. Below are the records (regular season plus postseason) for the different combinations:

JERSEY	PANTS	W-L-T	PCT.
Orange*	Black.....	6-1-0	.857
Orange*	White.....	16-7-1	.688
Black	Black.....	18-18-1	.500
Black	White.....	36-37-1	.493
White	Black.....	28-39-0	.418
White (CR)*	White (CR)*.....	2-3-0	.400
White	White.....	19-30-0	.388

\* — NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate jerseys, color rush (CR) uniforms and/or throwback uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. As in years past, orange will serve as the Bengals' designated alternate jersey, and for the fifth straight year, the team will use its color rush uniforms (white jersey, white pants), which debuted in 2016. Cincinnati does not have a throwback uniform.

## THE HEAD COACHES

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

Taylor's first season as head coach ended with a 2-14 record, however the team showed promise late in the year. On offense, Taylor helped key an improved rushing attack that saw its yards-per-game rushing average jump 70.6 yards from the first half of the season (59.5) to the second (130.1). The team's average yards per rushing attempt also jumped 1.26 yards (3.17 to 4.43) the final eight games, and the offense allowed 10 fewer sacks (29 to 19).

On defense, the team notched 11 more sacks in the second half of 2019 compared to the first eight games, and allowed 84.1 fewer yards per game (57.5 fewer rushing yards, 26.6 fewer passing yards).

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 — completions (364), attempts (561), passing yards (4688), passing TDs (32), completion percentage (64.9), yards per attempt (8.36) and passer rating (101.1). 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 directed the Rams' young receiving corps and helped oversee an emerging passing offense that ranked 10th in the NFL in pass yards per game (239.4).

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 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.

As a player, Taylor began his collegiate 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 passing game coordinator/quarterbacks coach for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Taylor was born May 10, 1983, in Norman, Okla., where he was raised and attended 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 is the daughter of former Green Bay Packers and Texas A&M head coach Mike Sherman.

**Kevin Stefanski** is in his first season as the Cleveland Browns head coach. He was named the 18th full-time head coach in franchise history on Jan. 13.

Stefanski spent the previous 14 seasons (2006-19) with the Minnesota Vikings, moving up the coaching ladder from an assistant to the head coach to offensive coordinator.

Stefanski joined the Vikings in 2006 as an assistant to the head coach and remained with the organization under three different head coaches. After serving as assistant QBs coach (2009-13), he spent two seasons ('14-15) coaching tight ends and one season ('16) coaching running backs. From 2017-18, he coached the quarterbacks and added the role of interim offensive coordinator for the final three games before being named the team's offensive coordinator in '19. Under his first full season as offensive coordinator, he helped lead Kirk Cousins to set a career-high passer rating (107.4), a Vikings record for completions (425) and the second-most passing yards (4298) and second-highest passer rating in Vikings history.

Stefanski played defensive back at Pennsylvania (2000-04) and earned a bachelor's degree in communications. Born on April 8, 1982, Stefanski is a native of Philadelphia, Pa.. He and his wife, Michelle, have two sons, Will and Gabe, and one daughter, Juliet.

**Taylor vs. Browns:** Series is tied, 1-1.

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

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

## BENGALS NOTES

**Introducing, Joe Burrow:** The Bengals in April made QB Joe Burrow of Louisiana State the first overall pick in the draft, and presumably the franchise's quarterback of the future. Here's a closer look at how the much-heralded rookie arrived in Cincinnati:

Burrow grew up in Athens, Ohio, in the southeast part of the state. His father, Jimmy, played football at Nebraska and was a longtime college assistant who most recently served as defensive coordinator at Ohio University (2005-18). His brothers, Jamie and Dan, also played collegiately at Nebraska.

Burrow had a decorated high school career at Athens High School that was highlighted by Ohio's 2014 Mr. Football award and his team's state runner-up finish as a senior. He signed with Ohio State, where he was teammates with four current Bengals — S Vonn Bell, DE Sam Hubbard, G Michael Jordan and G/C Billy Price. As a freshman in 2015, he redshirted in a crowded QB room that returned three players off the Buckeyes' national title team in '14. Burrow served as OSU's No. 2 QB in 2016 and saw limited action, but in preseason camp in '17 he broke his throwing hand and returned mid-season as the No. 3 QB.

Burrow graduated from OSU in spring 2018 and transferred to LSU, where he was eligible to play immediately. Despite not officially practicing with the team until July, he won the starting job and led LSU to a 10-3 record that included five wins over top-10 teams.

After a relatively modest statistical season in 2018, Burrow in '19 put together perhaps the greatest season ever by a college QB. He set numerous NCAA-FBS, SEC and LSU records, led the Tigers to a perfect 15-0 record and national championship, won the Heisman Trophy by the largest margin in its 85-year history, and racked up most of all other individual accolade imaginable.

Now in Cincinnati, Burrow ironically — just as in 2018 at LSU — was not able to begin practicing with his new team until late-summer (this time due to the NFL cancelling its offseason program because of COVID-19). And just as

at LSU, he has at his disposal a talented supporting cast, including WRs A.J. Green, Tyler Boyd, John Ross, Auden Tate and Tee Higgins, along with HBs Joe Mixon and Giovani Bernard.

**Burrow the fourth Bengals No. 1 overall pick:** On April 23, the Bengals selected QB Joe Burrow of Louisiana State with the No. 1 overall pick in the first-ever virtual NFL Draft. With prospects required to stay at home throughout the draft due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Burrow was unable to celebrate under the bright lights of the Las Vegas strip, where the event had originally been planned to take place. Instead, he spent the evening celebrating with his parents in their living room in his hometown of Athens, Ohio.

In the days leading up to the draft, Bengals president Mike Brown sent letters to Burrow and his parents, welcoming the 23-year-old and his family to the organization.

"It meant a lot," Burrow said of the gesture. "He also wrote one to my mom and dad as well. That kind of shows the person that he is, and I'm excited to be his quarterback for hopefully a long time."

Burrow is the fourth player selected No. 1 overall by the Bengals. In 1994, Cincinnati selected Ohio State DT Dan Wilkinson with the top pick, and then the following year they executed a draft-day trade with Carolina to move to the top spot and select Penn State RB Ki-Jana Carter. Then, in 2003, the team selected USC QB Carson Palmer with the first pick.

In 1984, the Bengals had rights to the No. 1 selection as a result of their 1983 trade of QB Jack Thompson to Tampa Bay. But Cincinnati traded the top pick to New England in exchange for the Nos. 16 and 28 selections.

**Burrow's supporting cast unmatched:** Bengals QB Joe Burrow this season has one of the most statistically accomplished supporting

casts of any rookie QB ever. Burrow is only the fifth rookie QB in NFL history, and just the second first-rounder, to start a single game and have with him on the roster at least one player with multiple 1000-yard rushing seasons and two players with multiple 1000-yard receiving seasons. Burrow this season has suited up alongside HB Joe Mixon (two career 1000-yard rushing seasons), WR A.J. Green (six 1000-yard receiving seasons) and WR Tyler Boyd (two 1000-yard receiving seasons).

The only other rookie first-round QB was the Steelers' Ben Roethlisberger (11th overall pick in 2004), who had RBs Duce Staley and Jerome Bettis, along with WRs Hines Ward and Plaxico Burress.

There were three instances of it happening with rookie QBs selected outside the first round. In 2001, Dallas' Quincy Carter (second-round pick) had RB Emmitt Smith, and WRs Joey Galloway and Raghib Ismail. In 2005, St. Louis' Ryan Fitzpatrick (seventh rounder) had RB Marshall Faulk, and WRs Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt. And in 2016, Dallas' Dak Prescott (fourth rounder) had RBs Darren McFadden and Alfred Morris, along with TE Jason Witten and WR Dez Bryant.

**Burrow looks to buck first-pick trends:** Prior to this season, 23 of the 24 QBs selected No. 1 overall in the Super Bowl era went on to start at least one game as a rookie. The only exception, ironically, was Cincinnati's No. 1 overall pick in 2003, QB Carson Palmer.

As rookies, those 24 QBs went on to finish their rookie seasons a combined 83-171-1, good for a .327 win percentage, or about a 5-11 rate for a full season.

The record for most wins by a rookie QB selected No. 1 overall is 11, by Indianapolis' Andrew Luck in 2012.

Last year's No. 1 overall pick, Arizona QB Kyler Murray, went 5-10-1 as a rookie starter. The year before, Cleveland's Baker Mayfield went 6-7.

**Bengals rookie QBs as starters:** Joe Burrow this season has become just the 14th rookie QB to start a game for the Bengals. Only two of the previous 13, though, have started more than four games — Greg Cook in 1969 (4-6-1 record) and Andy Dalton in 2011 (9-7 record). Dalton in 2011 earned a Pro Bowl nomination and famously led the Bengals to a Wild Card Playoff berth, despite the team being widely predicted before that season to be among the worst in the NFL.

Other Bengal QBs of note to start as rookies include Ken Anderson in 1971 (0-4) and Boomer Esiason in '84 (3-1). Burrow's fellow No. 1 overall pick, Carson Palmer, did not take over the starting role until his second season.

**Welcome back, A.J.:** The Bengals this season have welcomed the return of WR A.J. Green, who is back in Cincinnati's lineup after missing 20 straight games dating back to 2018.

Green, a 10th-year veteran who prior to Game 1 this season had last played on Dec. 2, 2018, missed all of last season due to a left ankle injury he suffered in the first practice of training camp. He returned to practice mid-way through the season, but re-aggravated the injury and never returned to game action. In 2018, Green was limited by a toe injury (right foot) to just nine games. He suffered the injury on the final drive in Game 8 vs. Tampa Bay, missed the next three games, and then re-aggravated it in the first half of Game 12 vs. Denver. He ended the season on Reserve/Injured, but returned healthy for the start of 2019 training camp. Then came the ankle injury.

Green stands as the Bengals' all-time leader in 100-yard receiving games (33), and is second in career receptions (607) and receiving yards (8958). His 63 career receiving TDs rank tied for second in team history with WR Carl Pickens, and are just three shy of all-time leader Chad Johnson (66).

Green is also only the ninth player ever, and the only WR, to begin his career with at least seven consecutive Pro Bowl nominations. That list includes Steelers RB Franco Harris, Giants LB Lawrence Taylor, Chiefs LB Derrick Thomas, Lions RB Barry Sanders, Dolphins OT Richmond Webb, 49ers LB Patrick Willis, Browns OT Joe Thomas and Cardinals CB Patrick Peterson. Green's streak of Pro Bowl nominations ended in 2018, though, after his missed time due to the toe injury.

**A.J. gives Burrow a lift:** Joe Burrow's public admiration for WR A.J. Green dates all the way back to the NFL Combine in late February, when he expressed his strong desire to play alongside Cincinnati's seven-time Pro Bowl pass-catcher.

"With any rookie quarterback, the more help you can get the better," the then-presumptive No. 1 overall pick told a swarm of media. "A.J. has been one of the best players at his position for a very long time. If I am lucky enough to get

drafted No. 1 overall, I would like to have him on the roster."

With both of those wishes now a reality, Burrow has taken the field this season with a luxury few of the previous 24 quarterbacks selected No.1 overall have had at their disposal. Burrow's first career start — Game 1 vs. the L.A. Chargers — marked:

- The third time in NFL history a rookie QB who was selected No. 1 overall made his first career start alongside a player with as many career receptions (602) as Green at the time (QB Cam Newton and WR Steve Smith [620 catches] in 2011, and QB Kyler Murray and WR Larry Fitzgerald [1303 catches] in '19).

- The second time in NFL history a rookie QB who was selected No. 1 overall made his first career start alongside a player with as many career receiving yards (8907) as Green at the time (Murray and Fitzgerald [16,279 receiving yards] in 2019).

- The second time in NFL history a rookie QB who was selected No. 1 overall made his first career start with a player with as many career TD catches (63) as Green at the time (Murray and Fitzgerald [116 receiving TDs] in 2019).

**Burrow + Green + Ross = another first:** WRs A.J. Green and John Ross both played (and started) in Joe Burrow's NFL debut on Sept. 13, marking the first time in the common draft era (since 1967) that two WRs who were top-10 draft picks appear (as a starter or reserve) in the starting debut of a rookie QB who was selected No. 1 overall. Burrow, of course, was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2020 draft, while Green was the fourth pick in '11 and Ross went ninth in '17.

It should be noted that in QB Kyler Murray's debut in 2019, Arizona had two former top-10 picks on it's roster in WRs Larry Fitzgerald and Michael Crabtree, however Crabtree was inactive for the game.

**What Burrow's teammates are saying:** Joe Burrow's reputation preceded him when he was drafted by the Bengals in April, and he's been the hottest topic in Cincinnati since. Here's a sampling of what Bengals players have told the media about their new signal caller.

DE Sam Hubbard, a close friend of Burrow's since they played together at Ohio State from 2015-17: "One of the most impressive things about him is that he hasn't changed at all. He's got the same mentality he had as a third-string backup at Ohio State as a freshman, when he was still fighting every day to get on the field and make his name known. He takes that mentality and level-headedness of where he's been to where he's at now."

S Jessie Bates: "You can just feel his presence in the room. He's got that swagger about him. He's a young kid still, and he has a lot to prove ... And he's been moving me around in the middle of the field (in practice) a little bit more than a lot of quarterbacks that are experienced in this league."

WR Auden Tate: "Just his natural swagger. How he walks around, how he approaches the huddle. He doesn't come in to the huddle like a rookie, he comes in almost like a vet who's he's been there before. It's just that calmness that he has — everybody can feel it, so it makes everybody else calmer."

LB Josh Bynes, who intercepted a pass from Burrow early in training camp, prompting Burrow to approach Bynes after practice to ask about the coverage on the play: "Maybe I've had a few vets do that here and there, but definitely not a rookie quarterback. You can tell he's hungry and wants to get better, and that's what I like about him. Everybody knows that, especially on offense. They're gravitating toward him."

WR A.J. Green: "He's going to be great for the next 15 years. With him, it's just getting that rhythm. We're always talking, even before I got hurt (in training camp), about 'I need to put the ball there,' or, 'How do you like this ball? How do you like this route?' So it's always constant communication. Joe is going to be a great one."

**Bengals tough when A.J. suits up:** Bengals WR A.J. Green of course gets plenty of attention for his statistical accomplishments, which place him among the top receivers in Bengals history. But let the record show that Green isn't just a stat-sheet stuffer. When No. 18 is in the lineup, the Bengals are tough to beat.

Here's a closer look at Green's impact on Cincinnati's win column when he's on the field.

WHEN GREEN ...	BENGALS' RECORD	PCT.
Plays .....	66-45-1	.594
Has 100 or more receiving yards.....	22-10-1	.682
Scores a TD .....	38-17	.691
Has at least 81 receiving yards (topping his career average) .....	32-17-1	.650
Has at least six catches (topping his career average).....	31-20-1	.606
Plays alongside WR Tyler Boyd and HB Joe Mixon.....	10-7-0	.588

**A.J. among best ever in per-game production:** Despite his impressive resume, Bengals WR A.J. Green has perhaps fallen off the radar of some observers, after playing in just nine of 32 possible games between 2018-19. But Green's return to the field this season has helped jog the collective memory, and served as a reminder that his per-game receiving production has been among the best in NFL history.

Here's a look at the top players in NFL history, in terms of average receiving yardage per game played (minimum 100 games).

NAME	GAMES PLAYED	YDS.	AVG.
Julio Jones.....	127	12,282	96.71
Calvin Johnson.....	135	11,619	86.07
Antonio Brown.....	131	11,263	85.98
A.J. Green.....	112	8,958	79.98
DeAndre Hopkins.....	111	8,753	78.86

**A.J. finds paydirt:** Bengals WR A.J. Green has 63 career receiving TDs, which since his rookie year of 2011 ranks as the sixth-most of any NFL player, and the third-most among active players. Green and former Bengals WR Carl Pickens are tied for second in team history in TD catches, behind WR Chad Johnson (66). It should be noted that Green has posted those lofty totals despite missing 33 career regular-season games due to injury, including 23 between mid-2018 and the end of '19.

Here's a look at the NFL's leaders in receiving TDs since 2011.

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEIVING TDs
Antonio Brown	Pitt./N.E. ....	75
Jimmy Graham	N.O./Sea./G.B./Chi. ....	70
Rob Gronkowski	N.E./T.B. ....	69
Dez Bryant	Dall./N.O. ....	67
Jordy Nelson	G.B./Oak. ....	66
A.J. Green	Cin. ....	63

**Green and some gold jackets:** Bengals 10th-year WR A.J. Green has 10 career games of at least 150 receiving yards and one TD, making him one of only 10 receivers to ever reach as many games through their first 10 NFL seasons. It should also be noted that Green has just started his 10th season, and his numbers come despite missing 33 regular-season games to injury throughout his career, including 23 between mid-2018 and the end of '19.

Here's a look at the list of players with 10 or more games with 150-plus receiving yards and a TD through their first 10 NFL seasons.

PLAYER	TEAM	NO. OF GAMES
Jerry Rice*	S.F. ....	19
Lance Alworth*	S.D. / Dall. ....	16
Don Maynard*	NYG / NYT / NYJ.....	14
Calvin Johnson	Det. ....	13
Torry Holt	StL. ....	11
Randy Moss*	Minn. / Oak. / N.E. ....	11
A.J. Green	Cincinnati Bengals.....	10
Isaac Bruce*	StL. ....	10
Antonio Brown	Pitt. / N.E. ....	10
Terrell Owens*	S.F. / Dall. ....	10

\* — Asterisk denotes a Pro Football Hall of Famer.

**Boyd looking for his third thousand:** Bengals WR Tyler Boyd this season looks to become just the fourth Cincinnati pass-catcher to record three consecutive 1000-yard seasons. He would join WRs Chad Johnson (six consecutive; 2002-07), A.J. Green (five; '11-15) and Carl Pickens (three; 1994-96).

So far, Boyd has 33 yards on four catches.

Boyd topped the 1000-yard mark in both 2018 and '19, despite his running mate, Green, playing just nine of 32 possible games over that stretch. Last season, he finished with a career-high and team-best 1046 receiving yards (on 90 catches), which slightly bested his '18 total of 1028 yards (on 76 catches)

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

**Mixon also seeking this third thousand:** Bengals HB Joe Mixon this season is looking to become just the fourth player in team history to record three consecutive 1000-yard rushing seasons. He would join Corey Dillon (six consecutive; 1997-2002), Rudi Johnson (three; '04-06) and Cedric Benson (three; '09-11).

So far this season, Mixon has 69 yards on 19 carries.

Mixon, who owns two of the 22 1000-yard rushing seasons in team history, hit the mark in both 2018 and '19. It was the 12th instance, and the first since Benson in 2010-11, of a Bengal rushing for 1000 yards in back-to-back seasons.

Last year, he notched 1137 yards despite a slow start to the season. His 817 yards over the final eight games were second-most in the NFL over that span, and he ended the season with at least 130 rushing yards in three of his final four games. In 2018, he became the first Bengal ever to lead the AFC in rushing yards (1168), and did so despite missing two games due to a knee injury.

Mixon currently stands as one of just five Bengals ever to rush for 1000 yards in multiple seasons — Dillon (six times), Johnson (three), Benson (three) and James Brooks.

On Sept. 2, Mixon signed a contract extension that will keep in him Cincinnati through 2024.

**Mixon and Boyd chasing Chad and Rudi:** Bengals HB Joe Mixon and WR Tyler Boyd this season are looking to become just the second duo in team history to record 1000 rushing yards and 1000 receiving yards together in three consecutive seasons. They would join WR Chad Johnson and HB Rudi Johnson, who achieved the feat from 2004-06.

Chad and Rudi Johnson also are the only other duo to hit their respective 1000-yard marks in back-to-back seasons, a feat Mixon and Boyd did last year.

The Bengals have had a 1000-yard rusher and receiver in the same season 15 times in team history, meaning Boyd and Mixon currently own two of those instances.

**Gio secures the rock:** Bengals HBs Giovani Bernard is known mostly for his versatility out of the backfield for Cincinnati, but as the numbers show, he's also among the NFL's best at securing the football. Bernard has carried 753 consecutive times without fumbling, the longest streak in the NFL.

Bengals HB Joe Mixon entered 2020 with the second-longest streak behind Bernard, but a fumble on a carry in the opener ended his streak of 541, which had started in the 2017 season finale. Still, Bernard and Mixon have combined for just three fumbles on 1510 career rushing attempts.

Here's a look at the NFL's longest active streaks of rushing attempts without a fumble.

NAME	TEAM	RUSH ATT. WITHOUT A FUMBLE
Giovani Bernard	Cincinnati.....	753
Lataavius Murray	New Orleans.....	516
Saquon Barkley	N.Y. Giants.....	493
Phillip Lindsay	Denver.....	423
Leonard Fournette	Tampa Bay.....	403

Bernard's streak dates back to Game 5 of his rookie season in 2013 (Oct. 6 vs. New England). That marked the only fumble of his career on a rushing play, with his other five all coming on passing plays.

That, along with Mixon's aforementioned streak, also rank among the longest in Bengals history. The Elias Sports Bureau reports that over the last 30 years, both streaks easily outpace any other fumble-free streak by a Cincinnati rusher. (Elias' records do not go back far enough to confirm this throughout the team's full history.)

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

PLAYER	RUSH ATT. WITHOUT A FUMBLE	SEASONS SPANNED
Giovani Bernard.....	753	2013-present
Joe Mixon.....	541	2017-20
Harold Green.....	298	1991-93
Jeremy Hill.....	282	2015-17
Cedric Benson.....	260	2010-11

**Gio passes J.B. for receptions lead:** Already considered one of the top receiving running backs in team history, HB Giovani Bernard has further secured that status this season by surpassing a Bengals legend. With 299 career receptions, Bernard now stands as the Bengals' all-time leader in receptions by a running back. He passed former Bengal RB James Brooks (297) for first place in Game 1 vs. the L.A. Chargers. Brooks, however, still holds the Bengals' record for receiving yards by a running back (3012). Bernard's 2533



currently stands 479 shy of that mark.

Brooks played eight seasons (1984-91) with the Bengals, and this season is Bernard's eighth with the team.

**15 carries for Gio does the trick:** Over his now seven seasons in Cincinnati, Giovani Bernard has carved out a spot among the top dual-threat running backs in team history.

But when examining Bernard's workload specifically as a rusher throughout his career, a significant trend becomes apparent — the Bengals are 10-1-1 in games in which Bernard has at least 15 rushing attempts. Bernard, though, has topped 15 carries in just one game since the start of 2018.

In the 12 games in which Bernard has reached 15 carries, he has averaged 78.4 yards, scored seven rushing TDs and topped 100 yards three times.

**Bengals overhaul defense:** After the 2019 season ended, one of the primary focal points of Cincinnati's offseason ahead figured to be improving upon the team's 29th-ranked defense. The Bengals did just that, welcoming a parade of newcomers in free agency in March, and then following that with a draft that invested four of the team's seven picks on defenders.

The result is a defense that looks markedly different from 2019. Gone are five of last year's opening day starters, along with one additional spot that also figures to change hands. New additions to the starting lineup include D.J. Reader at NT, Josh Byner and Germaine Pratt at LB, Mackensie Alexander and CB Darius Phillips at two of the CB spots, and Von Bell at S. Pratt and Phillips were with the Bengals last year, while the rest joined the team in March as unrestricted free agents. Rookie LBs Logan Wilson and Akeem Davis-Gaither have also seen time in the defensive rotation, as has DE Christian Covington, who was acquired in a trade with Denver on Sept. 4.

One of the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency haul was CB Trae Wayne, who was expected to start before suffering a pectoral injury Aug. 9. Wayne was placed on Reserve/Injured on Sept. 9, and is eligible to return later in the season.

**Dunlap, Atkins form NFL's top sack duo:** The Bengals boast perhaps the league's most accomplished pass-rushing duo in DE Carlos Dunlap (81.5 career sacks) and DT Geno Atkins (75.5). Their combined 157 sacks are tied for the most league-wide of any current teammates.

Here's a look at current NFL teammates with the most sacks.

SACKS	PLAYERS	TEAM
157.0	Geno Atkins/Carlos Dunlap	Cincinnati
157.0	Jurrell Casey/Von Miller	Denver
146.0	Whitney Mercilus/JJ Watt	Houston
142.0	Khalil Mack/Robert Quinn	Chicago
139.0	Jason Pierre-Paul/Ndamukong Suh	Tampa Bay

**Dunlap and Atkins by down:** For more than a decade, Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap (81.5 career sacks) and DT Geno Atkins (75.5) have formed one of the NFL's top pass-rushing duos. But a closer look at their production shows that both are at their best when the Bengals need them most.

Dunlap has recorded at least a half sack on 91 different plays throughout his career, while Atkins has done the same on 85 plays. Here's a breakdown of when those plays have occurred:

DOWN	DUNLAP	ATKINS
First down	18	19
Second down	31	20
Third down	42	44
Fourth down	0	2
TOTAL	91	85

**Dunlap, Geno have Edwards in their sights:** With 81.5 career sacks, Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap currently stands just two sacks shy of Cincinnati's all-time leader, DE Eddie Edwards (83.5 sacks). In third place and not far behind is DT Geno Atkins, who has 75.5 career sacks.

Dunlap, a two-time Pro Bowler (2015 and '16) who turned 31 in January, averaged 8.2 sacks over his first 10 NFL seasons, while Edwards averaged just under seven over 12 seasons.

Atkins, who missed nearly half of the 2013 season with a torn ACL, has more than double the number of sacks of the next-closest interior defensive lineman in Bengals history (Tim Krumrie, 34.5). Atkins has finished with at least a share of the NFL lead for sacks by an interior lineman five times in his 10 NFL

seasons (see "Geno aims for another sack crown").

*NOTE: The NFL has counted sacks as official statistics since 1982. However, the Bengals have sack statistics compiled since 1976 and recognize those sacks recorded from '76-81 in its records. Thus, please note that, because the NFL has sacks statistics for all teams only since 1982, the Bengals' sack statistics for players whose careers included seasons prior to '82 will not be included in league information.*

**Geno on HOF pace:** Bengals DT Geno Atkins, who is playing his 11th NFL season in 2020, currently stands at 75.5 career sacks, third in team history and the most ever by a Bengals interior defensive lineman.

But a closer look reveals that Atkins is on a Hall-of-Fame pace. When compared to defensive tackles already in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Atkins compares quite favorably at this point in his career.

Here's a look at the sack totals of notable Hall-of-Fame DTs through their 11th seasons, as well as where they stood at the end of their careers. It should be noted that Atkins missed nearly half of the 2013 season, due to a torn ACL. He also has not played yet this season, due to a shoulder injury.

*(NOTE: This list includes only DTs whose careers started after 1982, when the NFL began counting sacks as official statistics):*

NAME	YEARS ACTIVE	THRU 11 SEASONS	CAREER SACKS
John Randle	1990-2003	114.0	137.5
Warren Sapp	1995-2007	84.5	96.5
Geno Atkins	2010-present	*75.5	75.5
Cortez Kennedy	1990-2000	58.0	58.0

\*NOTE: Atkins' 11th season has begun, but he has yet to play due to injury.

**Geno aims for another sack crown:** Bengals DT Geno Atkins in 2020 is looking to reclaim the top spot for most sacks by an NFL interior defensive lineman, a crown that for all intents and purposes had been his for much of his career. Atkins, though, has not claimed that title since 2017.

In his 10 NFL seasons (2010-19), Atkins has five times finished in at least a tie for most sacks by an NFL interior lineman. He claimed it outright in 2012 (12.5 sacks), '16 (nine) and '17 (nine), while sharing it in '11 (7.5) and '15 (11).

Atkins has not played yet this season, due to a shoulder injury. Colts DT Denico Autry currently leads all interior DL with two sacks.

Atkins has been selected to the Pro Bowl eight times in his 10 Bengals seasons. Those eight selections are the most by a Bengals defensive player in team history, ahead of CB Lemar Parrish (six), and second-most overall behind Hall of Fame OT Anthony Munoz. Atkins currently stands at 75.5 career sacks, the most by a Bengals interior lineman and third overall.

**Dunlap's PD frenzy:** Over his now 11 NFL seasons, Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap has earned a reputation as one of the league's best defensive linemen at batting down passes at the line of scrimmage. Dunlap does not have a pass defended yet this season, but last year he finished with eight PDs despite missing two games due to a knee injury.

In 2016, Dunlap had a team-high 15 PDs, which also led all other NFL defensive linemen. It marked the first time since Cincinnati began recording defensive stats in 1976 that a Bengals lineman had ever led the team in PDs.

To paint a clearer picture of just how effective Dunlap has been at batting passes, here's a list of non-defensive backs in the NFL with the most passes defended since the start of the 2016 season.

PLAYER	POS	TEAM	PDs SINCE 2016
Carlos Dunlap	DE	Cin	38
Alec Ogletree	LB	LARams/NYG/NYJ	35
Eric Kendricks	LB	Minn	34
Deion Jones	LB	Atl	32
Luke Kuechly	LB	Car	30

**Dunlap's, Atkins' dominance = team success:** Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap and DT Geno Atkins entered the NFL together in 2010 as draft picks of the Bengals, and in the now 11 seasons since they've established themselves among the top pass-rushing duos in the league. Most importantly though, the record shows that when Dunlap and Atkins are at their most dominant, it usually spells success for Cincinnati.

The Bengals are 12-6 (.667) when Dunlap records more than one sack, and 8-6 (.571) when Atkins records more than one sack. There have been two instances in which both have had more than one sack in the same game (Bengals are 1-1 in those contests), which means Cincinnati is a combined 19-11 (.633) when getting more than one sack from either player.

The Bengals are 9-1 since the beginning of the 2015 season when Dunlap records more than one sack, with the only outlier coming in a 20-17 overtime loss at Denver in 2015. Dunlap had a career-best three sacks in that Denver game and finished 2015 with a career-high 13.5, second-most in Bengals history. Dunlap had two multi-sack games in 2019, and they both came in wins — Game 12 vs. the N.Y. Jets, when he tied his career-high from the 2015 Denver game with three sacks, and Game 16 vs. Cleveland, when he had 2.5 sacks.

Since 2015, the Bengals are 6-4 when Atkins has more than one sack. The Bengals, though, were 0-2 in 2019 when Atkins had more than one sack — two sacks in Game 7 vs. Jacksonville, and 1.5 sacks in Game 10 at Oakland.

Dunlap and Atkins are under contract with the Bengals through the 2021 and '22 seasons, respectively. Dunlap (81.5 sacks) currently stands second on the Bengals' all-time sack list, and Atkins (75.5) is third. The Bengals' leader in career sacks is DE Eddie Edwards, with 83.5.

**Hubbard leads 2018 rookies in sacks:** DE Sam Hubbard, a third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, has 14.5 career sacks, the most of anyone from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

Players' listed positions vary from media outlet to media outlet (e.g. whether a player is classified as a LB or DE), but according to NFL.com's draft record, Hubbard was the 13th defensive lineman selected in 2018 — five DEs and seven DTs came off the board before him. According to NFL.com, there were a total of 40 defensive linemen (20 DEs, 20 DTs) selected in the 2018 draft, along with 32 linebackers on one player classified as "EDGE." There were also, of course, numerous undrafted rookies in 2018.

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

PLAYER	POSITION	TEAM	PICK (ROUND)	SACKS
Sam Hubbard.....	DE	Cin.	No. 77 (3rd)	14.5
Harold Landry.....	EDGE	Tenn.	No. 41 (2nd)	13.5
Bradley Chubb.....	DE	Den.	No. 5 (1st)	13
Darius Leonard.....	OLB	Ind.	No. 36 (2nd)	12
Marcus Davenport.....	DE	N.O.	No. 14 (1st)	10.5

**The Huber roundup:** Bengals P Kevin Huber, a 2009 Bengals fifth-round pick who this year is playing his 12th season in stripes, has long been considered the top punter in team history. He has cemented that legacy within the last year 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 (849)
- Punting yards (38,342)
- Gross average (45.16)
- Net average (40.03)
- Inside-20 punts (299)

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

- He holds the top four Bengals season averages in gross yardage and the top five Bengals season averages in net. His gross record is 46.84 (set in 2014), and his net record is 42.11 (set in '19).
- 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.

**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 299 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 active NFL punters with the most career inside-20 punts.

PUNTER	2020 TEAM	NFL EXP.	CAREER INSIDE-20s
Dustin Colquitt	Pittsburgh.....	16	462
Andy Lee	Arizona.....	17	426
Sam Koch	Baltimore.....	15	407
Brett Kern	Tennessee.....	13	357
Kevin Huber	Cincinnati.....	12	299

**25 points does the trick:** Since 2011, the Bengals own a 47-2-2 record (.941) when scoring 25 or more points. Only Miami has a better winning percentage, at .973 (36-1-0), when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals are 1-1 under head coach Zac Taylor when reaching the 25-point plateau, with the lone loss coming in a 38-35 overtime loss to Miami last season.

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.
Miami Dolphins.....	36	1	0	.973
Cincinnati Bengals.....	47	2	2	.941
New England Patriots.....	87	8	0	.916
Denver Broncos.....	53	6	0	.898
Philadelphia Eagles.....	54	7	0	.885

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

Here are the fastest Bengal ball-carriers since 2016, according to NFL's Next Gen Stats:

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

**Bengals draft picks stick in NFL:** A familiar trend has emerged this season regarding which teams have the most keen eye for talent in the draft, and the Bengals again are toward the top of the list. As of Monday, Sept. 14, there were 53 players on NFL rosters who entered the NFL as draft picks of the Bengals, second-most in the NFL and just two behind Baltimore (55) for the top spot.

Cincinnati has been among the top five teams in this category every week since 2018, and has spent long stretches in the top spot. At times, the Bengals have even held a double-digit lead over the second-place team.

Of the 53 players on Cincinnati's active roster, 36 entered the NFL with the Bengals — 33 as draft picks, and three as college free agents.

Of those 33 draft picks, six were first-round picks, seven were second-rounders, four were third-rounders, five were fourth-rounders, five were fifth-rounders, four were sixth-rounders and two were seventh-rounders.

Here's a look at the teams with the most draft picks on an active NFL roster, as of Monday, Sept. 14.

TEAM	DRAFT PICKS ON NFL ROSTERS
Baltimore Ravens.....	55
Cincinnati Bengals.....	53
New England Patriots.....	52
Green Bay Packers.....	46
Dallas Cowboys.....	45
Minnesota Vikings.....	45

**Bengals' picks stay in stripes:** A useful measurement of talent evaluation in the draft is the ability of a team's draft picks to make their own active roster. The Bengals have proven to be among the best in the NFL in that category.

As of Monday, Sept. 14, there were 33 players on Cincinnati's roster that entered the NFL as Bengals draft picks. Only the Baltimore Ravens, who have 34 of their own picks on their active roster, have more on its active roster.

Here's a look at the NFL teams with the most of their own draft picks on their active roster, as of Monday, Sept. 14.

TEAM	OWN PICKS ON ROSTER
Baltimore Ravens.....	34
Cincinnati Bengals.....	33
Green Bay Packers.....	31
Minnesota Vikings.....	31
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	31
Washington Football Team.....	31



**Special teams soar under Simmons:** Over the now 18-year tenure of Darrin Simmons, the Bengals have consistently boasted one of the top special teams units in the NFL. Simmons this year has 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 different players from his tenure appear in the team's record book.

Here's an overview of Simmons' players' dominance over the Bengals' record book. For more detailed record information, 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 both net average and inside-20s, and the top four seasons for gross average. 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.

He's coached four of the team's top six leaders in career kickoff return average — Jones, Alex Erickson, Bernard Scott, Glenn Holt. Five of the six best single seasons by a kickoff returner (based on yards per kickoff return) have come under Simmons. That includes Brandon Wilson's NFL-best 31.9-yard kickoff return average (second in team history) in 2019.

And although the category is not kept as an official team record, it should be noted that LS Clark Harris has executed more than 1500 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 RB Cedric Peerman

**Two Bengals hail from Queen City:** The Bengals this year have two players — DE Sam Hubbard and P Kevin Huber — who grew up in Greater Cincinnati.

Hubbard, a Moeller High School alum and former Ohio State standout, is in his third Bengals season, after joining the team as a third-round draft pick (77th overall) in 2018. He is in his second season as a full-time starting DE, and last year finished with 8.5 sacks (second on the team).

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

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2009. He is the longest-tenured player on the roster and has played in all but two games throughout his career in Cincinnati. He currently stands as the Bengals' career leader in both gross (45.16) and net (40.03) punting average.

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

It should also be noted that Bengals G Michael Jordan was born in Fairfield, Ohio, just outside of Cincinnati, but his family moved and he attended high school in Michigan.

**Bengal bites:** In 2019, the NFL's Next Gen Stats service, which tracks players' speed by using GPS, clocked S Brandon Wilson's kickoff return for a TD in Game 6 at Baltimore at 22.03 MPH, the third-fastest in the league in 2019, and fastest by a Bengal since NGS' launch in '16 ... The longest-tenured player on the roster is P Kevin Huber, a 12th-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 36 (born July 10, 1984) ... The youngest Bengal is WR Tee Higgins, who is 21 (born Jan. 18, 1999) ... The lightest Bengal on the roster is CB Torry McTyer, who is 188 pounds ... The heaviest Bengal is DT D.J. Reader, who is 347 pounds ... There is a four-way tie for the tallest Bengal — DE Carlos Dunlap, OT/G Fred Johnson, TE C.J. Uzomah and G Michael Jordan are all 6-6 ... The shortest Bengal is Trayveon Williams, who is 5-8.

## POSITION BY POSITION

**Quarterbacks:** Taking the reins of the offense this season is rookie **Joe Burrow**, the No. 1 overall pick in April's draft and a native of Athens, Ohio (roughly 2.5 hours from Cincinnati). So far this season, Burrow has completed 23 of 36 passes for 193 yards, with one INT. He also has eight rushes for 46 yards, including one TD on a 23-yard scamper for his first career score. Last season at LSU, Burrow won the Heisman Trophy by the largest margin in the 85-year history of the award, and led his team to a perfect 15-0 record and National Championship. He also set single-season NCAA FBS records for TD passes (60) and TDs responsible for (65), and SEC records for completions (402), passing yards (5671) and completion percentage (76.3 [402-527]). Backing up Burrow will be second-year pro **Ryan Finley**, a fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2019. As a rookie last season, Finley took over as starter for three games and completed 41 of 87 passes for 474 yards, with two TDs and two INTs.

**Running backs:** Fourth-year pro **Joe Mixon** again leads the Bengals running backs, and this season he looks to become just the fourth Bengal ever to record three consecutive 1000-yard rushing seasons. So far this season, Mixon has rushed 19 times for 69 yards. The 6-1, 220-pound Mixon, who on Sept. 2 signed a contract extension that keeps him in Cincinnati through 2024, has developed into one of the NFL's best backs, and currently has nine career 100-yard rushing performances and 16 games of at least 100 yards from scrimmage. Mixon finished last season on a tear, ranking second in the NFL in rushing yards (817) over the final eight games of the season, including 100-yard rushing performances in three of his final four games. In 2018, his first full season as Cincinnati's starting running back, Mixon became the first Bengals RB ever to lead the AFC in rushing yards (1168) in a season, despite missing two games. Listed as Mixon's backup is eighth-year pro **Giovani Bernard**, who has become one of the top receiving threats out of the backfield in Bengals history. With 299 career receptions, Bernard now stands as Cincinnati's all-time leader in receptions by a running back. Bernard passed former Bengals RB James Brooks (297) in Game 1 vs. the L.A. Chargers. Bernard's 2533 receiving yards, though, are 479 shy of Brooks (3012) for most all-time. Bernard also holds the team record for receiving yards in a game by a RB (128, in 2015 at Arizona), and his 89-yard TD run vs. Carolina in '14 is the second-longest rush in team history. Also adding depth in the running back room is fourth-year pro **Samaje Perine**, a

powerful 5-11, 240-pound runner who originally was a 2017 fourth-round pick of Washington. Perine last season was waived by the Redskins at final cuts, then claimed by Cincinnati, where he bounced between the active roster and practice squad. Perine has seen very limited action on offense for the Bengals, but he's been a solid contributor on special teams and has one ST tackle so far in 2020. Perine and Mixon were college teammates at Oklahoma. **Trayveon Williams**, a second-year pro and 2019 sixth-round pick of the Bengals, again adds depth to the running back room. The 5-8, 208-pound Williams had no statistics as a rookie, and was used primarily on special teams.

**Wide receivers:** After playing only nine of 32 possible games from 2018-19, star wideout **A.J. Green** has returned to the field and provides a boost to Cincinnati's young offense. So far this season, Green has five catches for 51 yards. Green missed seven games in 2018 due to a toe injury (right foot), then returned healthy for '19 training camp before suffering a left ankle injury in the first practice of camp that ended up costing him the entire season. Green currently stands second in team history in career receptions (607) and receiving yards (8958), and is tied for second in receiving TDs (63); Chad Johnson, who played 10 Bengals seasons, is first in all three categories — 751 catches, 10,783 yards and 66 receiving TDs. Green's 33 career 100-yard receiving games are also the most in Bengals history, and his 10 career games with at least 150 yards and one TD are the most among active players. Additionally, Green also stands as the only NFL WR since the 1970 merger to start his career with seven consecutive Pro Bowl nominations, although that streak ended in 2018 after his toe injury. Fifth-year pro **Tyler Boyd** has developed into one of Cincinnati's top offensive weapons, and this year he looks to become just the fourth Bengal ever to record three straight 1000-yard receiving seasons (more in "Boyd looking for his third thousand"). Boyd so far as three catches for 33 yards. Boyd served a majority of 2018-19 as the Bengals' No. 1 WR, due to Green's missed time. Last season, Boyd notched career-highs in catches (90) and receiving yards (1046), while adding five TDs. Boyd has caught at least one pass in all 57 of his games played, and currently has seven career 100-yard receiving performances and three games with at least 10 catches. Joining Boyd and Green is speedster **John Ross III**, Cincinnati's first-round pick (ninth overall) in 2017. Ross so far this season has two catches for 17 yards. Ross battled injuries in each of his first three seasons, but when healthy he proved to be a big-play threat with a nose for

the end zone. Last season, Ross led the NFL in receiving yards through three weeks, then suffered a sternoclavicular injury that landed him on Reserve/Injured; he returned for the final four games and ended the season with 28 catches, 506 yards and three TDs. In 2018, Ross tied for the team lead with seven TD catches, despite battling a groin injury much of the season that kept him out of three games. Widely considered one of the fastest players in the NFL, Ross ran an NFL Combine-record 4.22-second 40-yard dash in 2017. Cincinnati this year invested a second-round pick in **Tee Higgins** of Clemson, a big (6-4, 216) and physical pass-catcher with unique playmaking ability and a nose for the end zone. Higgins played three seasons (2017-19) at Clemson, and finished his career with 27 receiving TDs, tied with DeAndre Hopkins and Sammy Watkins for the most in school history. Higgins, the youngest player on Cincinnati's roster (will turn 22 in January 2021), is known for his outstanding athleticism and was an accomplished prep basketball player (runner-up for Tennessee's Mr. Basketball as a junior). At a 6-5, 228 pounds, third-year pro **Auden Tate** brings a massive physical presence, wide catch radius and knack for the acrobatic catch. Tate, a Bengals seventh-round pick in 2018, saw his first extended offensive action last season and recorded career highs in catches (40) and receiving yards (575), despite missing four games due to injury. Also adding depth in the receiver room is **Alex Erickson**, who has played in all 65 possible games since joining the Bengals in 2016 as a college free agent. Erickson has mostly been a rotational receiver throughout his career, but last year he stepped into more of a regular role and logged career highs in both catches (43) and receiving yards (529). Erickson has also been a key contributor on both punt returns and kickoff returns throughout his career. Also in the mix is fifth-year pro **Mike Thomas**, who joined Cincinnati as an unrestricted free agent in March. Thomas spent his first four seasons with the L.A. Rams, where he was coached by then-Rams assistant Zac Taylor.

**Tight ends:** Sixth-year pro **C.J. Uzomah** leads Cincinnati's tight ends group this season, and brings a reliable and productive veteran presence to the offense. Uzomah so far this season has four catches for 45 yards. A fifth-round pick of the Bengals in 2015, Uzomah has drawn praise from coaches for his leadership, as well as his development as both a receiver and blocker over the last few years. Sharing time with Uzomah will be 2019 second-round pick **Drew Sample**, who returned healthy this season after a right ankle injury ended his rookie campaign after nine games. Bengals coaches praised Sample as the "best blocking tight end in the draft" coming out of college, and last year noted his mid-year ascension right before his injury. Fourth-year pro **Cethan Carter**, a special teams ace who contributes mainly as a blocker on offense, is also in the mix this season. Carter has only two career catches (one for a TD), but is considered among the most important special teams players on the roster. He has one special teams tackle this year, after tying for the team lead with seven last season.

**Offensive line:** One of the most significant additions to the Bengals' roster this year is LOT **Jonah Williams**, Cincinnati's first-round pick in 2019 who missed his entire rookie season due to a left shoulder injury suffered in OTAs. Williams, who started every possible game in his three seasons in college at Alabama, had surgery in June 2019 and was around the Bengals' facility every day last season to attend regular meetings. Coaches praised Williams at the start of training camp this year for transforming his body over the offseason, despite having no formal team workouts in Cincinnati. Next to Williams will be LG **Michael Jordan**, a second-year pro who underwent his own body transformation this offseason. Jordan, a fourth-round pick in 2019, was named the starting LG out of training camp as a rookie last year but relinquished the job after early season struggles due in part to a knee injury. He regained the job late in the season and showed significant improvement, helping HB Joe Mixon to 100-yard rushing performances in three of the final four games. C **Trey Hopkins**, a fifth-year pro and the longest-tenured Bengal on the offensive line, returns for his second straight season as Cincinnati's starting center. Hopkins, who has starting experience at all three interior OL positions, won the No. 1 C job in 2019 training camp and played so well that he earned a contract extension in December (through '22 season). At RG will be veteran **Xavier Su'a-Filo**, who joined Cincinnati as an unrestricted free agent in March after previous stints with Houston and Dallas. Su'a-Filo suffered a left ankle injury in the third quarter of the opener against the Chargers, and did not return. Zac Taylor said on Monday that he did not expect Su'a-Filo to play on Thursday at Cleveland. Su'a-Filo spent 2018-19 with Dallas and served as a top reserve at G, but was thrust into regular action in both seasons due to injuries. For the third straight season, **Bobby Hart** will line up as the Bengals' starter at ROT. Hart has started every game at ROT since joining the team prior to the 2018 season, and was a significant part of the blocking effort for HB Joe Mixon's back-to-back 1000-yard

seasons in '18 and '19. A key reserve along the interior of the offensive line is G/C **Billy Price**, who has starting experience at all three interior OL positions. Price filled in for the injured Su'a-Filo at RG in the opener vs. the Chargers. The Bengals' first-round pick in 2018, Price served as Cincinnati's No. 1 C as a rookie, despite battling injuries that held him out of six games. He moved to a reserve role in 2019, but ended up starting eight games (seven at LG, one at RG) due to injuries along the line. Another key reserve this season is **Fred Johnson**, who can play both OT and G. At a massive 6-6, 325 pounds, the physically imposing Johnson is considered a raw prospect with natural power and athletic ability. Johnson originally was a college free agent signee of the Steelers in 2019, then joined the Bengals on waivers midway through his rookie year and went on to see extensive playing time (one start) at LOT down the stretch. Also adding depth along the line is rookie OT/G **Hakeem Adeniji**, a sixth-round pick out of the University of Kansas. The Bengals took notice of Adeniji at the Senior Bowl, where he showcased his versatility for the North team (Cincinnati coached the South). Adeniji started all 48 possible games during his college career, seeing time at both RT and LT, but Bengals coaches say he also has the ability to play G. Also in the mix at G is **Shaq Calhoun**, a Bengals waiver acquisition (from Miami) after final cuts. Calhoun, a second-year pro out of Mississippi State, was a college free agent signee of the Dolphins in 2019. He made the Dolphins' roster out of training camp as a rookie, then started seven games late in year.

**Defensive line:** With 81.5 career sacks, 11th-year DE **Carlos Dunlap** is closing in on the Bengals' all-time sack record, held by DE Eddie Edwards (83.5). Dunlap has led the Bengals in sacks five times in his 10 previous seasons, including in 2019, when eight of his nine total sacks came over the final seven weeks of the season. Dunlap has 18 career games with more than one sack, and the Bengals are 12-6 in those contests, including 9-1 since the beginning of 2015. The 6-6, 280-pound Dunlap is also known for batting down passes at the line of scrimmage, and his 38 PDs since the start of 2016 are the most in the NFL among non-defensive backs. On Dunlap's heels in Cincinnati's all-time sacks standings is DT **Geno Atkins**, whose 75.5 career sacks put him in third place. Atkins, though, missed Game 1 vs. the L.A. Chargers with a shoulder injury, and his status for Thursday's game at Cleveland is unknown. Atkins has more than double the number of career sacks as the next-closest interior defensive lineman in team history, and his eight career Pro Bowl nominations are the most ever by a Bengals defensive player ahead of Lemar Parrish (six). Atkins has led the Bengals in sacks five times in his 10 seasons, and also has finished in at least a share of the NFL lead for sacks by an interior defensive lineman five times — he claimed it outright three times (2012, '16, '17), and shared it twice ('11 and '15). Atkins has 14 career games with more than one sack, and the Bengals are 8-6 in those contests. Cincinnati made perhaps its most significant free agency splash ever in March with the addition of fifth-year DT **D.J. Reader**, a massive interior lineman who spent his first four seasons with the Houston Texans. Known for his size (6-3, 327), motor and run-stuffing ability, Reader is also considered an impressive all-around athlete and was a first baseman and pitcher for Clemson's nationally ranked baseball team in 2013. Lining up at RDE is Cincinnati native (Archbishop Moeller High School) **Sam Hubbard**, who is in his second season as a full-time starter. A 2018 third-round pick of the Bengals, Hubbard's 14.5 career sacks are the most of anyone from the rookie class of 2018. Hubbard played safety in high school before switching to DE at Ohio State, and with the Bengals has also seen brief action at DT in nickel packages. Perhaps the best pure pass-rusher on Cincinnati's roster is fourth-year DE Carl Lawson, who has one sack so far this season. The 2017 fourth-round pick of the Bengals has struggled with injuries at times throughout his career, but when healthy he's proven to be a disruptive force. He currently stands at 15.5 career sacks, but coaches are quick to point to the frequency with which he gets into the backfield. Last season, he recorded a team-high 22 QB hits despite missing four games. After battling injuries early in 2019, he ended the season on a tear, with three of his five sacks and 14 of his 22 QB hits coming in the final four games. In August, Cincinnati signed DT **Mike Daniels** to boost depth on the interior of the defensive line. A ninth-year player, Daniels spent his first seven seasons with Green Bay before joining Detroit last year. Daniels was a Pro Bowler with the Packers in 2017, and at 6-0, 310 pounds is known for his power, nasty streak and pass-rushing ability. Cincinnati spent a fifth-round pick this year on Notre Dame DE **Khalid Kareem**, who will add depth on the d-line this season. A team captain in college and the son of a high school coach, Kareem is known for his length (34 3/8-inch arms, 84-inch wingspan), intelligence and effort. He played as a 3-4 DE for the Irish and was a two-year starter, notching 26 career tackles for losses, including 13 sacks. Adding more depth and versatility to the d-line is second-year pro **Andrew Brown**, a 2018 fifth-round pick out of the Bengals. After spending his rookie season developing on Cincinnati's practice squad, Brown has put together strong offseasons each of the last two years and earned

roster spots out of training camp in both. Last year, Brown played in 14 games and recorded 14 tackles, seeing time mostly as a rotational player. Brown is listed on the roster at DE, but was drafted as a DT and can be used as an interior pass rusher. A high-effort player with natural talent, Brown won the prestigious Gatorade National Player of the Year Award as a high school senior in 2013. Cincinnati acquired 6-2, 305-pound DE **Christian Covington** via a trade with Denver (gave up LB Austin Calitro) on Sept. 4. Covington, a sixth-year player out of Rice University, will add depth along the defensive line. Covington originally was a 2015 sixth round pick of the Houston Texans, where he played alongside Bengals teammate Reader.

**Linebacker:** Cincinnati's young linebacker room is led by a veteran presence in ninth-year pro **Josh Bynes**, who signed with the Bengals in March as an unrestricted free agent. Bynes this season already has eight tackles and a sack. Bynes played last season with Baltimore, and previously spent time with Detroit and Arizona. Known for his leadership, intelligence and ability to stop the run, Bynes has been a part of four top-10 defenses and four top-10 rush defenses in his eight previous seasons. Listed as the other starter at LB is second-year pro **Germaine Pratt**, Cincinnati's third-round pick in 2019 who has shown rapid development. Pratt so far this season has a team-high 12 tackles. After having a limited defensive role the first half of his rookie season in 2019, Pratt earned a starting spot midway through the year and finished with 72 tackles (fifth on the team). Considered a green prospect coming out of N.C. State, Pratt spent his first two collegiate seasons at S before switching to LB, and in his only season as a starting LB led the Wolfpack in tackles and earned all-conference honors. Fourth-year pro **Jordan Evans**, a 2017 sixth-round pick out of Oklahoma, again adds depth and special teams value to the Bengals' linebacker room. Last year, Evans was used as a rotational player on defense (76 snaps, with six tackles and a PD), but was second on the team in special teams snaps and had six ST tackles. Cincinnati this season spent a third-round pick on Wyoming's **Logan Wilson**, a speedy (4.63-second 40-yard dash at the combine) and instinctive player known best for his outstanding college production. Wilson, who early this season has played primarily in Cincinnati's nickel packages, has two tackles so far in his rookie campaign. A high school WR and DB, Wilson switched to LB in college and went on to start all 52 possible games at LB over the next four years, racking up 17 double-digit tackle games, three 100-tackle seasons and 421 career tackles. Wilson, a three-time team captain (voted by teammates) in college, first caught the eye of Bengals coaches as a member of the North team at the 2020 Senior Bowl (though Cincinnati coached the South). Cincinnati's coaches did coach Appalachian State's **Akeem Davis-Gaither** on the South team at the Senior Bowl, and were impressed enough to spend a fourth-round pick on him three months later during the draft. Davis-Gaither has also seen action early this season in Cincinnati's nickel packages, and has three tackles. Known for his speed, motor and instincts, Davis-Gaither topped 100 tackles in each of his final two college seasons and earned 2019 Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year honors as a senior. Another rookie in the mix this season is seventh-round pick **Markus Bailey**. A Hilliard, Ohio (outside Columbus) native and Purdue grad, Bailey was considered one of the most productive defenders in the Big Ten when healthy, however serious knee injuries (left ACL as a freshman, right ACL as a senior) caused his draft stock to slide. Bailey fully recovered from last year's injury, and was a full participant from early in training camp this year. Considered strong against the run and pass, Bailey led the Boilermakers in tackles in two of his three healthy seasons, and also recorded 13.5 career sacks, 13 PDs and six INTs.

**Defensive backs:** Among the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency haul in March was S **Vonn Bell**, a fifth-year player out of Ohio State who spent his first four NFL seasons (2016-19) with the New Orleans Saints. Bell has eight tackles so far this season. Known for his tackling proficiency, Bell ranked within the top two on the team in both total tackles and solo tackles in each of his four seasons in New Orleans, and also helped the Saints to top-five run defenses in both 2018 and '19. Lining up next to Bell is S **Jessie Bates**, Cincinnati's second-round pick in 2018. Bates has five tackles so far this season. Bates topped 100 tackles in each of his first two seasons in Cincinnati, including his rookie season in 2018 when he became just the sixth Bengals rookie ever to lead the team in tackles. Bates has never missed a game (all starts) over his now three seasons, and in 2018 he was the team's first rookie defender in 20 years to start all 16 games (Takeo Spikes, 1998). Shifting to a new role this season is S **Shawn Williams**, a 2013 third-round pick and vocal veteran leader on the defense. Williams was the Bengals' No. 1 SS from 2016-19, but this year is expected to contribute in a variety of defensive roles. Williams, though, suffered a calf injury early in training camp this year and missed Game 1; that broke a streak of 35 consecutive games played dating back to late 2017. Williams led the team in

tackles (112) in 2019, after leading the team in INTs (five) in 2018. Leading the Bengals' CBs is 2016 first-round pick **William Jackson III**, who is in his third season as a full-time starting corner. Now healthy after battling a shoulder injury throughout 2019, Jackson drew positive reviews from coaches throughout training camp and is off to a strong start this season, with four tackles and two PDs. Manning the other outside CB position this year is 2018 sixth-round pick **Darius Phillips**, who when healthy has turned heads with his playmaking ability and nose for the football. Last year, Phillips led the Bengals in INTs (four) and tied for third in PDs (seven), despite playing in just eight games (one start) and seeing action on 108 total defensive snaps all season. New addition **Mackensie Alexander**, an unrestricted free agent signee who spent his first four NFL seasons with the Minnesota Vikings, is playing a significant role this year as Cincinnati's primary slot CB. Alexander helped the Vikings to top-five NFL rankings in both total defense and passing defense in three of his four seasons with the team. Considered a good blitzer, he also led all NFL CBs in sacks in 2018. Adding depth at CB this year is **Tony Brown**, a third-year pro out of the University of Alabama who spent his first two seasons with the Green Bay Packers. Brown played in 20 games (three starts) over his first two seasons, and also brings the speed of an All-American college track athlete, with a solid 6-0, 198-pound frame. Also adding depth at CB is unrestricted free agent signee **LeShaun Sims**, a fifth-year player who spent his first four NFL seasons with the Tennessee Titans. At 6-0, 203 pounds, Sims brings a tough, physical playing style, and is known as a willing tackler. In addition to providing depth on defense, Sims also figures to be a key figure on special teams. One of the fastest and most versatile players on Cincinnati's roster is S **Brandon Wilson**, a rotational DB on defense who is best known for his massive special teams impact. Last season, Wilson averaged an NFL-best 31.3 yards on kickoff returns, the second-best mark in Bengals history, while also recording six special teams tackles as a gunner on coverage units. Also in the mix at CB this season is **Torry McTyer**, a fourth-year pro out of UNLV. The Bengals signed McTyer off of Kansas City's practice squad in September 2019, and he went on to play in five games and record two tackles. McTyer was originally a 2017 college free agent signee of the Miami Dolphins, where his defensive backs coach was current Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo.

**Special teams:** The longest-tenured player on this year's roster is P **Kevin Huber**, a Cincinnati native (Archbishop McNicholas High School) and University of Cincinnati alum. Huber, a 2009 fifth-round pick of the Bengals, has played in all but two possible regular-season games over his now 12 seasons with the team. So far this season, Huber has averaged 55 yards on six punts, with a net of 43.8, and three inside-20s and three touchbacks. Huber stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (849), punting yards (38,342), gross average (45.16), net average (40.03) and inside-20 punts (299). Huber also shares franchise record for longest punt (75 yards). Last season was among the most productive in Huber's career, with a career-high 42.11-yard net average and 30 inside-20s to just five touchbacks. Huber also has served as the holder on placekicks for his entire career. **Randy Bullock** has handled the Bengals' placekicking duties since midway through the 2016 season, when he joined Cincinnati on waivers from Pittsburgh. Bullock has converted 85.54 percent (71 made/83 attempts) of his FG attempts as a Bengal, good for the second-best mark in team history and narrowly behind Shayne Graham (86.76; 177 made/204 attempts). Handling the long-snapping duties again this season is **Clark Harris**, the oldest Bengal on the roster (turned 36 in July). Harris has been a paragon of reliability since joining the team in mid-2009, and over his Bengals career has handled 1570 deep snaps (846 punts, 724 placekicks) without a single unplayable delivery. Harris, a Pro Bowler in 2017, is the second-longest tenured player on the roster, behind Huber. S and KOR **Brandon Wilson** headlines Cincinnati's group of return specialists this season. Wilson's only kickoff return this year has gone for 44 yards. Wilson, a 2017 sixth-round pick of the Bengals, led the NFL in '19 with a 31.3-yard average on kickoff returns (minimum 20 attempts), good for the second-best single season average in team history. Wilson played in just 12 games last season, and served as the No. 1 KOR for just eight contests. Considered one of the fastest players on Cincinnati's roster, he was clocked by NFL's Next Gen Stats at 22.03 MPH during his kickoff return for a TD in Game 6 vs. Baltimore last year, good for the third-fastest speed by an NFL ball carrier in 2019. Wilson has also been a key cog to Cincinnati's coverage units throughout his career, and last year ranked third on the team in special teams tackles (six). Listed as the No. 1 PR again this season is WR **Alex Erickson**, who has held that position since joining the Bengals as a college free agent in 2016. Erickson has two punt returns for 29 yards (14.5) so far this season. Erickson is also an accomplished kick returner, a position he held from 2016-18 prior to Wilson's breakout campaign in '19, and he owns two of Cincinnati's top five seasons ever for average yards per KOR — AFC-best 27.93 as a rookie in '16, and 26.2 in '18. Expected to play key

roles in Cincinnati's special teams coverage units this season are Wilson, LB Jordan Evans, and TE **Cethan Carter**. Taking over this season as the person

protector on punts will HB Giovanni Bernard. Under the tenure of assistant head coach/special teams coordinator, the personal protector position has been a coveted role that is traditionally manned by one of the most trusted players on special teams.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**2020**

Sept. 11, 14-15 — Beginning on these dates, any player with at least four previous pension-credited seasons who is released from his Club's Active List or Inactive List (or from his Club's Reserve/Injured List if placement occurred after the club's first regular-season game) is entitled to claim Termination Pay, after the end of the regular season, subject to the terms and conditions of CBA Article 30.

Sept. 29 — Beginning on the Tuesday following the third weekend of regular-season games, the claiming priority is based on the inverse order of the standing of clubs in the current season's games.

Mid-Oct. — At any time after six weeks have elapsed since a player was placed on Reserve/Injured or Reserve/Non-Football Injury/Illness, each club is permitted to designate two players for return from either list to the Club's 53-player Active/Inactive List. A player who is "Designated For Return" must have suffered a major football-related injury or non-football-related injury or illness after reporting to training camp and passing his preseason physical examination and must have been placed on the applicable Reserve List after 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day following the final roster reduction. A player whom the Club wishes to designate for return is permitted to return to practice for a period not to exceed 21 days. The Club is required to notify the League office that the player has been "Designated For Return" on the first day the player begins to practice. The player cannot be returned to the Active/Inactive List until eight games have elapsed since the date he was placed on Reserve.

Mid-Oct. — Beginning on the sixth calendar day prior to a club's seventh regular-season game (including any bye week) clubs are permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness (if the player failed his preseason physical due to a non-football injury or illness) for a period not to exceed 21

days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period, provided that no player may be activated to participate in a Week Six game.

Oct. 13-14 — Fall League Meeting, The Whitley, Atlanta-Buckhead, Georgia.

Nov. 3 — All trading ends for 2020 at 4 p.m. Eastern.

Nov. 4 — Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons are subject to the waiver system for the remainder of the regular season and postseason.

Nov. 9 — Any increase in a player's 2020 Salary from a renegotiation or extension that is received by the Management Council after 4 p.m. Eastern, on this day, will be treated as Signing Bonus, and prorated over the entire term of the Player Contract, including 2020.

Nov. 17 — At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.

Nov. 17 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their unsigned Franchise and Transition Players, including Franchise Players who were eligible to receive Offer Sheets until this date. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2020.

Nov. 17 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "May 5 Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2020.

Nov. 17 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the "June 1 Tender" was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2020.

Nov. 17 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Drafted Rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2020.

**THE TWO 2019 BENGALS-BROWNS MEETINGS**

**2019 SEASON**

**WEEK 14, GAME 13**

**Cleveland Browns 27, Cincinnati Bengals 19**  
**Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019 at FirstEnergy Stadium**

For just the second time in history, a Bengals-Browns matchup featured two rookie head coaches (Cincinnati's Zac Taylor and Cleveland's Freddie Kitchens) who were facing both each other and their Ohio rival for the first time in the same game. The visiting Bengals gained 451 yards, HB Joe Mixon rushed for a career-high 146 yards and a TD, Cincinnati was plus-one in turnovers, and Browns QB Baker Mayfield was held to just a 38.9 passer rating. But mistakes and situational football doomed the Bengals, who scored just one TD on five trips inside the red zone, converted just three of 12 third downs, threw a pick-six, and committed eight penalties for 99 yards. Trailing by eight points in the fourth quarter, Bengals S Jessie Bates III seemingly set Cincinnati up for a potential game-tying TD when he recorded an INT on Cleveland's 18-yard line. But replay review ruled that there was defensive PI on the play, allowing the Browns to continue for a FG. Cincinnati countered with its own late FG, but failed to recover an onside kick with 12 seconds left.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	6	7	3	3	—	19
Cleveland.....	7	7	10	3	—	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — R.Bullock 34 field goal.....	1-10:56
Cin. — D.Ward 61 interception return (A.Seibert kick).....	1-5:36
Cin. — R.Bullock 44 field goal.....	1-1:37
Cin. — J.Mixon 1 run (R.Bullock kick).....	2-12:07
Cle. — B.Mayfield 7 run (A.Seibert kick).....	2-6:37
Cle. — K.Hunt 3 run (A.Seibert kick).....	3-12:10
Cin. — R.Bullock 28 field goal.....	3-4:39
Cle. — A.Seibert 53 field goal.....	3-0:16
Cle. — A.Seibert 31 field goal.....	4-1:06
Cin. — R.Bullock 46 field goal.....	4-0:12

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 67,431. **Time:** 3:15.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CLE.
First downs.....	27	17
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-12	7-12
Total net yards.....	451	333
Net yards rushing.....	179	146
Net yards passing.....	272	187
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	39-23-1	24-11-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-16	1-5
Punts-average.....	2-41.5	2-41.5
Punt returns-yards.....	1-0	2-16
Kickoff returns-yards.....	5-114	2-47
Penalties-yards.....	8-99	6-30
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	34:31	25:29

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	23	146	26	1	N.Chubb	15	106	57	0
G.Bernard	4	15	13	0	K.Hunt	9	28	7	1
A.Dalton	3	11	6	0	B.Mayfield	2	13	7	1
T.Boyd	1	7	7	0	G.Gilbert	1	-1	-1	0
TOTALS	31	179	26	1	TOTALS	27	146	57	2

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	38	22	262	0-1	B.Mayfield	24	11	192	0-2
A.Erickson	1	1	26	0-0					
TOTALS	39	23	288	0-1	TOTALS	24	11	192	0-2

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Boyd	5	75	21	0	J.Landry	4	76	34	0
A.Erickson	5	45	12	0	K.Hunt	2	40	29	0
T.Eifert	4	49	17	0	O.Beckham	2	39	21	0
J.Mixon	3	40	24	0	R.Seals-Jones	1	22	22	0
G.Bernard	2	31	26	0	N.Chubb	1	11	11	0
J.Ross	2	28	24	0	D.Njoku	1	4	4	0
A.Tate	1	16	16	0					
C.Uzomah	1	4	4	0					
TOTALS	23	288	26	0	TOTALS	11	192	34	0

**DEFENSE**

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** G.Pratt 5-3-8, S.Williams 5-2-7, C.Dunlap 5-0-5, C.Lawson 4-1-5, N.Vigil 2-2-4, C.Fejedelem 2-0-2, W.Jackson 2-0-2, J.Bates 1-1-2, D.Dennard 1-1-2, G.Mabin 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1, G.Atkins 0-1-1, A.Brown 0-1-1, J.Evans 0-1-1, R.Wren 0-1-1, A.Zettel 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Lawson 1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** N.Vigil 1-34, J.Bates 1-9. **PD:** J.Bates 3, C.Dunlap 2, N.Vigil 2, D.Dennard 1, B.Webb 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cleveland** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** L.Ogunjobi 4-5-9, S.Redwine 6-2-8, J.Schobert 4-4-8, S.Richardson 4-3-7, T.Carrie 4-2-6, M.Wilson 3-3-6, D.Randall 4-1-5, D.Ward 4-1-5, G.Williams 4-0-4, J.Burris 2-1-3, E.Ankou 1-0-1, S.Takitaki 1-0-1, B.Bryant 0-1-1, B.Cox 0-1-1, P.Gustin 0-1-1, C.Thomas 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.Richardson 1-8, B.Cox 0-5-4, L.Ogunjobi 0-5-4. **INT.-YDS.:** D.Ward 1-61. **PD:** D.Ward 2, S.Redwine 1, M.Wilson 1. **FF:** T.Carrie 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**2019 SEASON**

**WEEK 17, GAME 16**

**Cincinnati Bengals 33, Cleveland Browns 23**  
**Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019 at Paul Brown Stadium**

The Bengals finished their 2019 regular season with a win over the visiting Browns thanks to an offense that benefited from a noteworthy effort by HB Joe Mixon, who rushed for a career-high 162 yards and two TDs. The defense sacked Browns QB Baker Mayfield six times, 2.5 of which came from DE Carlos Dunlap, who was named AFC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance (Dunlap had five total tackles, as well as one pass defended and one forced fumble). The unit also intercepted Mayfield three times, including two picks by CB Darius Phillips, a reserve who was thrust into a starting role due to injuries at the position. Mayfield was held to just 44.4 percent passing (12 of 27), while Cleveland's RB Nick Chubb, who entered the game ranked first in the NFL in individual rushing yards, was limited to just 41 yards on 13 carries. The Bengals improved to final 2019 regular-season record of 2-14, while the Browns fell to 6-10.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cleveland.....	7	9	0	7	—	23
Cincinnati.....	13	7	3	10	—	33

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cle. — D.Ratley 46 pass from B.Mayfield (A.Seibert kick).....	1-13:32
Cin. — C.Uzomah 15 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	1-9:53
Cin. — J.Mixon 3 run (kick failed).....	1-4:45
Cin. — A.Dalton 5 run (R.Bullock kick).....	2-10:06
Cle. — A.Seibert 42 field goal.....	2-6:53
Cle. — J.Landry 56 pass from B.Mayfield (kick failed).....	2-1:52
Cin. — R.Bullock 47 field goal.....	3-9:04
Cin. — J.Mixon 2 run (R.Bullock kick).....	4-14:16
Cle. — O.Beckham 20 pass from B.Mayfield (A.Seibert kick).....	4-7:16
Cin. — R.Bullock 46 field goal.....	4-1:55

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 47,759. **Time:** 3:00.

TEAM STATISTICS	CLE.	CIN.
First downs.....	15	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-13	9-14
Total net yards.....	313	361
Net yards rushing.....	74	179
Net yards passing.....	239	182
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	27-12-3	28-16-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	6-40	1-8
Punts-average.....	4-51.8	3-55.7
Punt returns-yards.....	1-9	2-1
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-95	3-62
Penalties-yards.....	4-33	3-20
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	25:19	34:41

**RUSHING**

CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
N.Chubb	13	41	8	0	J.Mixon	26	162	41	2
B.Mayfield	4	29	11	0	A.Dalton	8	10	7	1
K.Hunt	3	4	5	0	A.Erickson	1	5	5	0
					G.Bernard	3	4	5	0
					J.Ross	1	-2	-2	0
TOTALS	20	74	11	0	TOTALS	39	179	41	3

**PASSING**

CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Mayfield	27	12	279	3-3	A.Dalton	28	16	190	1-1
TOTALS	27	12	279	3-3	TOTALS	28	16	190	1-1

**RECEIVING**

CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
O.Beckham	3	81	36	1	T.Boyd	5	59	22	0
K.Hunt	3	32	11	0	C.Uzomah	5	25	15	1
J.Landry	2	82	56	1	J.Ross	2	42	28	0
D.Ratley	2	64	46	1	T.Eifert	2	34	25	0
K.Hodge	1	19	19	0	A.Erickson	1	16	16	0
N.Chubb	1	1	1	0	J.Mixon	1	14	14	0
TOTALS	12	279	56	3	TOTALS	16	190	28	1

**DEFENSE**

**Cleveland** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** M.Wilson 6-3-9, J.Schobert 5-3-8, D.Ward 6-0-6, L.Ogunjobi 5-1-6, B.Cox 3-1-4, P.Gustin 3-1-4, S.Redwine 2-2-4, J.Zimmer 1-3-4, S.Richardson 1-2-3, G.Williams 1-2-3, D.Randall 0-3-3, J.Burris 1-1-2, C.Thomas 0-2-2, O.Vernon 0-2-2, E.Ankou 0-1-1, E.Murray 0-1-1, S.Takitaki 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** D.Randall 0-5-4, O.Vernon 0-5-4. **INT.-YDS.:** D.Ward 1-0. **PD:** J.Burris 2, D.Randall 2, D.Ward 2. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** S.Hubbard 3-3-6, C.Dunlap 4-1-5, G.Atkins 2-3-5, P.Pratt 2-3-5, C.Lawson 3-1-4, N.Vigil 3-1-4, B.Webb 3-1-4, S.Williams 3-0-3, A.Billings 1-1-2, J.Bates 1-0-1, C.Fejedelem 1-0-1, D.Phillips 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 2-5-11.5, C.Lawson 2-19, S.Hubbard 1-5-9.5. **INT.-YDS.:** D.Phillips 2-55, B.Webb 1-1. **PD:** D.Phillips 3, C.Dunlap 1, B.Webb 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

# 2020 GAME SUMMARIES

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

### L.A. Chargers 16, Cincinnati Bengals 13 Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals took the field in the season opener inside a Paul Brown Stadium without fans, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The game also marked the much-anticipated debut of Bengals rookie QB Joe Burrow, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2020 draft. After a first half in which Burrow was sacked three times and pressured numerous others, Cincinnati's offense found its footing late, but two fourth-quarter turnovers thwarted Cincinnati's chances. HB Joe Mixon fumbled for the first time in more than two years — a span of 541 rushing attempts — leading to a Chargers go-ahead FG. Then, Burrow led a drive to the Chargers' 23-yard line before throwing an INT to Chargers DE Melvin Ingram III. Down three points with 3:08 remaining, Burrow led one final drive that spanned 14 plays and 84 yards. With seven seconds left, he connected for an apparent go-ahead TD with WR A.J. Green, who played for the first time since Dec. 2018, but the play was nullified by an offensive pass interference penalty on Green. K Randy Bullock then pushed a potential game-tying 31-yard FG wide right with two seconds left, erasing the possibility for an overtime period.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
L.A. Chargers	0	6	0	10	—	16
Cincinnati	7	0	6	0	—	13

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — J.Burrow 23 run (R.Bullock kick)	1-2:24
LAC — M.Badgley 24 field goal	2-7:10
LAC — M.Badgley 43 field goal	2-0:00
Cin. — R.Bullock 50 field goal	3-9:12
Cin. — R.Bullock 43 field goal	3-1:32
LAC — J.Kelley 5 run (M.Badgley kick)	4-12:23
LAC — M.Badgley 22 field goal	4-8:56

**Missed FGs:** M.Badgley (50WR), R.Bullock (31WR). **Attendance:** 0.  
**Time:** 3:17.

TEAM STATISTICS	LAC	CIN.
First downs	19	19
Third down conversions-attempts	6-16	6-14
Total net yards	362	295
Net yards rushing	155	122
Net yards passing	207	173
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	30-16-0	36-23-1
Sacks against-yards lost	2-1	3-20
Punts-average	5-48.8	6-55.0
Punt returns-yards	2-7	2-29
Kickoff returns-yards	1-46	1-44
Penalties-yards	6-35	7-44
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Time of possession	30:10	29:50

#### RUSHING

LAC	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
A.Ekeler	19	84	13	0	J.Mixon	19	69	14	0
J.Kelley	12	60	26	1	J.Burrow	8	46	23t	1
T.Taylor	6	7	4	0	G.Bernard	1	7	7	0
J.Jackson	2	4	2	0					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>23t</b>	<b>1</b>

#### PASSING

LAC	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
T.Taylor	30	16	208	0-0	J.Burrow	36	23	193	0-1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>0-1</b>

#### RECEIVING

LAC	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
H.Henry	5	73	33	0	A.Green	5	51	14	0
M.Williams	4	69	37	0	C.Uzomah	4	45	19	0
K.Allen	4	37	13	0	T.Boyd	4	33	11	0
J.Guyton	1	16	16	0	G.Bernard	4	21	10	0
V.Green	1	10	10	0	J.Ross III	2	17	15	0
A.Ekeler	1	3	3	0	M.Thomas	2	17	12	0
					D.Sample	1	7	7	0
					J.Mixon	1	2	2	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>

#### DEFENSE

**L.A. Chargers** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** C.Hayward Jr. 12-0-12, K.Murray Jr. 4-4-8, J.Bosa 5-0-5, N.Vigil 3-2-5, U.Nwosu 2-2-4, L.Joseph 2-2-4, D.King II 2-1-3, C.Harris Jr. 2-1-3, D.Perryman 1-2-3, J.Tillery 2-0-2, M.Ingram III 2-0-2, J.Jones 2-0-2, I.Rochell 1-1-2, D.Square 1-1-2, K.White 1-1-2, R.Jenkins 1-0-1, D.Tranquill 1-0-1, M.Davis 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Tillery 1-14, J.Bosa 1-3, U.Nwosu 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Ingram III 1-0. **PD:** C.Hayward Jr. 2, M.Ingram III 1. **FF:** D.Perryman 1. **FR-YDS.:** N.Vigil 1-0.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** G.Pratt 7-5-12, S.Hubbard 3-6-9, J.Bynes 4-4-8, V.Bell 4-4-8, J.Bates III 5-0-5, C.Lawson 4-1-5, W.Jackson III 3-1-4, D.Reader 1-3-4, A.Davis-Gaither 3-0-3, C.Dunlap 1-2-3, C.Covington 0-3-3, L.Wilson 2-0-2, M.Daniels 1-1-2, D.Phillips 0-1-1, K.Kareem 0-1-1, A.Brown 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Lawson 1-1, J.Bynes 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Bates III 2, W.Jackson III 2, D.Phillips 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.



## IN 2020, THE BENGALS ARE:

### REGULAR SEASON

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

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

## UNDER ZAC TAYLOR, THE BENGALS ARE:

### 2019-PRESENT

**2-7** at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)  
**0-8** on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)  
**0-7** when scoring first  
**2-8** when opponent scores first  
**0-4** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**0-8** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**2-5** when leading after one quarter  
**0-2** when tied after one quarter  
**0-8** when trailing after one quarter  
**2-4** when leading at halftime  
**0-0** when tied at halftime  
**0-11** when trailing at halftime  
**2-3** when leading after three quarters  
**0-1** when tied after three quarters  
**0-11** when trailing after three quarters  
**2-3** when scoring 20 or more points  
**1-12** when opponent scores 20 or more points

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

# BEST PERFORMANCES

## REGULAR SEASON

### RUSHING YARDS

- 69 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 46 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 7 — Giovanni Bernard, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

- 19 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 8 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 1 — Giovanni Bernard, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### LONGEST RUSHES

- 23 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers (TD)
- 14 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 7 — (three times)

### RECEPTIONS

- 5 — A.J. Green, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 4 — (three times)

### RECEIVING YARDS

- 51 — A.J. Green, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 45 — C.J. Uzomah, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 33 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### PASSING YARDS

- 193 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### PASS ATTEMPTS

- 36 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### PASS COMPLETIONS

- 23 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### LONGEST PASSES

- 19 — Joe Burrow to C.J. Uzomah, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 15 — Joe Burrow to C.J. Uzomah, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 15 — Joe Burrow to John Ross III, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

- 71 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 51 — A.J. Green, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 46 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

- 44 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

- 22 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 7 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

- 12 — Germaine Pratt, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 9 — Sam Hubbard, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 8 — (two times)

### SOLO TACKLES\*

- 7 — Germaine Pratt, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 5 — Jessie Bates III, Sept. 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- 4 — (three times)

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

# GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 13	L.A. CHARGERS	295	28-122	173	23-36	0/1	3-20	19	6-14	2-1	29:50
Sept. 17	at Cleveland										
Sept. 27	at Philadelphia										
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 11	at Baltimore										
Oct. 18	at Indianapolis										
Oct. 25	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE										
Nov. 8	— BYE —										
Nov. 15	at Pittsburgh										
Nov. 22	at Washington										
Nov. 29	N.Y. GIANTS										
Dec. 6	at Miami										
Dec. 13	DALLAS										
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 27	at Houston										
Jan. 3	BALTIMORE										
<b>TOTALS</b>		295	28-122	173	23-36	0/1	3-20	19	6-14	2-1	29:50

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 13	L.A. CHARGERS	362	39-155	207	16-30	0/0	2-1	19	6-16	0-0	30:10
Sept. 17	at Cleveland										
Sept. 27	at Philadelphia										
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 11	at Baltimore										
Oct. 18	at Indianapolis										
Oct. 25	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE										
Nov. 8	— BYE —										
Nov. 15	at Pittsburgh										
Nov. 22	at Washington										
Nov. 29	N.Y. GIANTS										
Dec. 6	at Miami										
Dec. 13	DALLAS										
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 27	at Houston										
Jan. 3	BALTIMORE										
<b>TOTALS</b>		362	39-155	207	16-30	0/0	2-1	19	6-16	0-0	30:10

# TRANSACTIONS

## (TRANSACTIONS FROM 6-27-19 THROUGH 7-21-20 ARE IN BENGALS' 2020 MEDIA GUIDE)

- July 21, 2020 — Signed the following four draft picks: OT/G **Hakeem Adeniji** (D6), LB **Markus Bailey** (D7), LB **Akeem Davis-Gaither** (D4) and LB **Logan Wilson** (D3).
- July 23, 2020 — Signed DE **Khalid Kareem** (D5).
- July 26, 2020 — Waived CB **Isiah Swann** (failed physical).
- July 28, 2020 — Signed WR **Tee Higgins** (D2).
- July 29, 2020 — Waived DT **Ryan Glasgow** (failed physical).
- July 31, 2020 — Signed QB **Joe Burrow** (D1); Placed OT **Isaiah Prince** on the Reserve/Opt-Out list.
- Aug. 1, 2020 — Signed QB **Brandon Allen** (FA) and K **Tristan Vizcaino** (FA).
- Aug. 3, 2020 — Placed DT **Josh Tupou** on the Reserve/Opt-Out list; Waived TE **Mortiz Böhringer** and HB **Devwah Whaley**.
- Aug. 11, 2020 — Waived DT **Tyler Clark**.
- Aug. 12, 2020 — Signed DT **Mike Daniels** (FA); Placed WR **John Ross** on the Reserve list.
- Aug. 14, 2020 — Acquired DE **Bryce Sterk** on waivers from Miami.
- Aug. 15, 2020 — Signed DE **Amani Bledsoe** (FA).
- Aug. 17, 2020 — Waived HB **Rodney Anderson** (failed physical).
- Aug. 23, 2020 — Placed DT **Renell Wren** on the Reserve/Injured list; Activated WR **John Ross III** from the Reserve list.
- Aug. 25, 2020 — Signed C **Frederick Mauigoa** (FA) and DT **Kahlil McKenzie** (FA); Waived G **Clay Cordasco** and WR **Damion Willis**.
- Aug. 26, 2020 — Signed S **Maurice Smith** (FA); Waived K **Tristan Vizcaino**.
- Sept. 2, 2020 — Signed HB **Joe Mixon\*** to a contract extension.
- Sept. 3, 2020 — Waived OT **O'Shea Dugas**, LB **Brady Sheldon** and DE **Bryce Sterk**.
- Sept. 4, 2020 — Acquired DE **Christian Covington** in a trade with Denver for LB **Austin Calitro**.
- Sept. 5, 2020 — Terminated the contract of QB **Brandon Allen**; Waived the following 23 players: DT **Freedom Akinmoladun**, DE **Amani Bledsoe**, DT **Trey Dishon**, QB **Jake Dolegala**, TE **Jordan Franks**, DE **Kendall Futrell**, LS **Dan Godsil**, S **Trayvon Henderson**, WR **Trenton Irwin**, OT **Josh Knipfel**, WR **DaMarkus Lodge**, CB **Greg Mabin**, C **Frederick Mauigoa**, DT **Kahlil McKenzie**, CB **Torry McTyer**, WR **Stanley Morgan**, HB **Jacques Patrick**, CB **Winston Rose**, TE **Mason Schreck**, S **Maurice Smith**, LB **Marcel Spears Jr.**, WR **Scotty Washington** and TE **Mitchell Wilcox**.
- Sept. 6, 2020 — Acquired G **Shaq Calhoun** on waivers from Miami; Terminated the contract of G **Alex Redmond**; Signed the following 14 players to the practice squad: DE **Freedom Akinmoladun**, QB **Brandon Allen**, DE **Amani Bledsoe**, DE **Kendall Futrell**, S **Trayvon Henderson**, WR **Trenton Irwin**, OT **Josh Knipfel**, DT **Kahlil McKenzie**, WR **Stanley Morgan**, HB **Jacques Patrick**, CB **Winston Rose**, TE **Mason Schreck**, WR **Scotty Washington** and TE **Mitchell Wilcox**.
- Sept. 7, 2020 — Re-signed CB **Torry McTyer**; Placed CB **Trae Waynes** on the Reserve/Injured list.
- Sept. 8, 2020 — Signed LB **Keandre Jones** and G **Keaton Sutherland** to the practice squad.
- Sept. 13, 2020 — DE **Amani Bledsoe** and S **Trayvon Henderson** reverted from the active roster to the practice squad.

\* NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.

# PARTICIPATION CHART

## LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

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|--|--|---|
| <p><b>P</b> — played as a substitute</p> <p><b>DNP</b> — did not play</p> <p><b>IL</b> — inactive list</p> <p><b>PS</b> — practice squad (IPP = Intl. Player Pathway)</p> <p><b>RI</b> — reserve/injured list</p> <p><b>RPUP</b> — reserve/physically unable to perform list</p> | <p><b>RNFI</b> — reserve/non-football injury list</p> <p><b>RNF-I</b> — reserve/non-football illness list</p> <p><b>RSBC</b> — reserve/suspended by commissioner list</p> <p><b>RSBT</b> — reserve/suspended by team list</p> <p><b>ROO</b> — reserve/opt-out</p> <p><b>RF</b> — reserve/future list</p> | <p><b>PSPP</b> — practice squad protected player</p> <p><b>PSI</b> — practice squad/injured list</p> <p><b>REX</b> — roster exemption</p> <p><b>^</b> — reserve/injured player designated for return</p> <p><b>*</b> — eligible to practice while on a reserve list</p> <p><b>NWT</b> — not with team</p> |
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NAME	Cin. G-S	1 LAC	2 @Cle.	3 @Phil.	4 JAX.	5 @Balt.	6 @Ind.	7 CLE.	8 TENN.	9 @Pitt.	10 @Wash.	11 NYG	12 @Mia.	13 DALL.	14 PITT.	15 @Hou.	16 BALT.
Adeniji, Hakeem	0-0	DNP															
Akinmoladun, Freedom	0-0	PS															
Alexander, Mackensie	1-1	NCB															
Allen, Brandon	0-0	PS															
Atkins, Geno	0-0	IL															
Bailey, Markus	0-0	IL															
Bates, Jessie, III	1-1	S															
Bell, Vonn	1-1	S															
Bernard, Giovanni	1-0	P															
Bledsoe, Amani	1-0	P															
Boyd, Tyler	1-1	WR															
Brown, Andrew	1-0	P															
Brown, Tony	1-0	P															
Bullock, Randy	1-0	P															
Burrow, Joe	1-1	QB															
Bynes, Josh	1-1	LB															
Calhoun, Shaq	0-0	IL															
Carter, Cethan	1-0	P															
Covington, Christian	1-0	P															
Daniels, Mike	1-1	DT															
Davis-Gaither, Akeem	1-0	P															
Dunlap, Carlos	1-1	LDE															
Erickson, Alex	1-0	P															
Evans, Jordan	1-0	P															
Finley, Ryan	0-0	DNP															
Futrell, Kendall	0-0	PS															
Green, A.J.	1-1	WR															
Harris, Clark	1-0	P															
Hart, Bobby	1-1	ROT															
Henderson, Trayvon	1-0	P															
Higgins, Tee	1-0	P															
Hopkins, Trey	1-1	C															
Hubbard, Sam	1-1	RDE															
Huber, Kevin	1-0	P															
Irwin, Trenton	0-0	PS															
Jackson, William, III	1-1	CB															
Johnson, Fred	1-0	P															
Jones, Keandre	0-0	PS															
Jordan, Michael	1-1	LG															
Kareem, Khalid	1-0	P															
Knipfel, Josh	0-0	PS															
Lawson, Carl	1-0	P															
McKenzie, Kahlil	0-0	PS															
McTyer, Torry	0-0	IL															
Mixon, Joe	1-1	HB															
Morgan, Stanley	0-0	PSPP															
Patrick, Jacques	0-0	PS															
Perine, Samaje	1-0	P															
Phillips, Darius	1-1	CB															
Pratt, Germaine	1-1	LB															
Price, Billy	1-0	P															
Prince, Isaiah	0-0	ROO															
Reader, D.J.	1-1	NT															
Rose, Winston	0-0	PS															
Ross, John, III	1-1	WR															
Sample, Drew	1-0	P															
Schreck, Mason	0-0	PSPP															
Sims, LeShaun	0-0	IL															
Su'a-Filo, Xavier	1-1	RG															
Sutherland, Keaton	0-0	PS															
Tate, Auden	1-0	P															
Thomas, Mike	1-0	P															
Tupou, Josh	0-0	ROO															
Uzomah, C.J.	1-1	TE															
Washington, Scotty	0-0	PS															
Waynes, Trae	0-0	RI															
Wilcox, Mitchell	0-0	PS															
Williams, Jonah	1-1	LOT															
Williams, Shawn	0-0	IL															
Williams, Trayveon	0-0	IL															
Wilson, Brandon	1-0	P															
Wilson, Logan	1-0	P															
Wren, Renell	0-0	RI															

# STARTING LINEUPS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 13	L.A. CHARGERS	Green	J.Williams	Jordan	Hopkins	Su'a-Filo	Hart	Uzomah	Boyd	Ross	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 17	at Cleveland											
Sept. 27	at Philadelphia											
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE											
Oct. 11	at Baltimore											
Oct. 18	at Indianapolis											
Oct. 25	CLEVELAND											
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE											
Nov. 8	— BYE —											
Nov. 15	at Pittsburgh											
Nov. 22	at Washington											
Nov. 29	N.Y. GIANTS											
Dec. 6	at Miami											
Dec. 13	DALLAS											
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 27	at Houston											
Jan. 3	BALTIMORE											

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	LB	LB	NCB	CB	CB	S	S
Sept. 13	L.A. CHARGERS	Dunlap	Reader	Daniels	Hubbard	Bynes	Pratt	Alexander	Phillips	Jackson	Bell	Bates
Sept. 17	at Cleveland											
Sept. 27	at Philadelphia											
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE											
Oct. 11	at Baltimore											
Oct. 18	at Indianapolis											
Oct. 25	CLEVELAND											
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE											
Nov. 8	— BYE —											
Nov. 15	at Pittsburgh											
Nov. 22	at Washington											
Nov. 29	N.Y. GIANTS											
Dec. 6	at Miami											
Dec. 13	DALLAS											
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 27	at Houston											
Jan. 3	BALTIMORE											



# DEPTH CHART

SEPT. 15, 2020

## OFFENSE

<b>WR</b>	18	A.J. Green		19	Auden Tate		80	Mike Thomas
<b>LOT</b>	73	Jonah Williams		74	Fred Johnson			
<b>LG</b>	60	Michael Jordan		<u>77</u>	<u>Hakeem Adeniji</u>			
<b>C</b>	66	Trey Hopkins		53	Billy Price			
<b>RG</b>	72	Xavier Su'a-Filo		63	Shaq Calhoun			
<b>ROT</b>	68	Bobby Hart		74	Fred Johnson			
<b>TE</b>	87	C.J. Uzomah		89	Drew Sample		82	Cethan Carter
<b>WR</b>	83	Tyler Boyd		12	Alex Erickson			
<b>WR</b>	11	John Ross III		<u>85</u>	<u>Tee Higgins</u>			
<b>QB</b>	<u>9</u>	<u>Joe Burrow</u>		5	Ryan Finley			
<b>HB</b>	28	Joe Mixon		25	Giovani Bernard		34	Samaje Perine
							32	Trayveon Williams

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	96	Carlos Dunlap		90	<u>Khalid Kareem</u>			
<b>NT</b>	98	D.J. Reader		99	Christian Covington		93	Andrew Brown
<b>DT</b>	97	Geno Atkins		76	Mike Daniels			
<b>RDE</b>	94	Sam Hubbard		58	Carl Lawson			
<b>LB</b>	56	Josh Bynes		<u>55</u>	<u>Logan Wilson</u>		<u>51</u>	<u>Markus Bailey</u>
<b>LB</b>	57	Germaine Pratt		<u>59</u>	<u>Akeem Davis-Gaither</u>		50	Jordan Evans
<b>NCB</b>	21	Mackensie Alexander		20	Torry McTyer			
<b>CB</b>	23	Darius Phillips		38	LeShaun Sims			
<b>CB</b>	22	William Jackson III		27	Tony Brown			
<b>S</b>	24	Vonn Bell		36	Shawn Williams			
<b>S</b>	30	Jessie Bates III		40	Brandon Wilson			

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	10	Kevin Huber						
<b>K</b>	4	Randy Bullock						
<b>LS</b>	46	Clark Harris						
<b>H</b>	10	Kevin Huber						
<b>PR</b>	12	Alex Erickson		23	Darius Phillips		83	Tyler Boyd
<b>KOR</b>	40	Brandon Wilson		23	Darius Phillips		12	Alex Erickson

NOTE: Rookies are underlined. Parentheses indicate an injured player.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<p><b>Hakeem Adeniji</b> ..... hah-KEEM uh-DENN-ih-gee</p> <p>Freedom <b>Akinmoladun</b> (Practice Squad)..... AA-kinn-MOO-lah-dune</p> <p><b>Mackensie Alexander</b> .....mack-ENN-see</p> <p>Lou <b>Anarumo</b> (Defensive Coordinator)..... ann-ah-ROO-mo</p> <p><b>Geno Atkins</b>..... JEE-no</p> <p><b>Giovani Bernard</b>.....jee-o-VAHN-ee</p> <p>Bob <b>Bicknell</b> (Wide Receivers Coach) ..... bick-NELL</p> <p>Joey <b>Boese</b> (Strength and Conditioning Coach)..... bo-ZAY</p> <p>Randy <b>Bullock</b> ..... BULL-luck</p> <p><b>Cethan Carter</b>.....SEE-thin</p>	<p><b>Akeem Davis-Gaither</b>..... AH-keem DAY-viss-GAY-thur</p> <p><b>Trayvon Henderson</b> (Practice Squad) ..... TRAY-vahn</p> <p><b>Khalid Kareem</b> ..... KAH-lid kuh-REEM</p> <p><b>Samaje Perine</b> ..... suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine</p> <p><b>Xavier Su'a-Filo</b> .....ZAYV-yer SOO-uh-FEE-lo</p> <p>Josh <b>Tupou</b> (Reserve/Opt-out) ..... TEW-po</p> <p>C.J. <b>Uzomah</b> .....yew-ZAH-mah</p> <p><b>Trayveon Williams</b> ..... TRAY-vee-ahn</p> <p><b>Renell Wren</b> (Reserve/Injured) ..... reh-NELL RENN</p>
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# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

**SEPT. 15, 2020**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
77	Adeniji, Hakeem	G	6-4	302	12-8-97	R	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
21	Alexander, Mackensie	CB	5-10	192	11-12-93	5	Clemson	Immokalee, Fla.	UFA(Minn.)'20
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	11	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
51	Bailey, Markus	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	R	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
30	Bates, Jessie, III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	3	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
24	Bell, Vonn	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	5	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
25	Bernard, Giovanni	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	8	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	5	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
93	Brown, Andrew	DT	6-3	290	12-30-95	2	Virginia	Chesapeake, Va.	D5b'18
27	Brown, Tony	CB	6-0	198	7-13-95	3	Alabama	Beaumont, Texas	W(G.B.)'20
4	Bullock, Randy	K	5-9	210	12-16-89	9	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
9	Burrow, Joe	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	R	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
56	Bynes, Josh	LB	6-1	235	8-24-89	9	Auburn	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.	UFA(Balt.)'20
63	Calhoun, Shaq	G	6-3	310	2-20-96	2	Mississippi State	Pleasant Grove, Ala.	W(Mia.)'20
82	Carter, Cethan	TE	6-3	248	9-5-95	4	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
99	Covington, Christian	DT	6-2	305	10-16-93	6	Rice	Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada)	T(Den.)'20
76	Daniels, Mike	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	9	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.	FA'20
59	Davis-Gaither, Akeem	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	R	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	11	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
12	Erickson, Alex	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	5	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
50	Evans, Jordan	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	4	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
5	Finley, Ryan	QB	6-4	207	12-26-94	2	North Carolina State	Phoenix, Ariz.	D4a'19
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	10	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	12	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
68	Hart, Bobby	OT	6-5	310	8-21-94	6	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'18
85	Higgins, Tee	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	R	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
66	Hopkins, Trey	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	5	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
94	Hubbard, Sam	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	3	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	12	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
22	Jackson, William, III	CB	6-0	196	10-27-92	5	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
74	Johnson, Fred	OT	6-6	325	6-5-97	2	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
60	Jordan, Michael	G	6-6	315	1-25-98	2	Ohio State	Canton, Mich.	D4c'19
90	Kareem, Khalid	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	R	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20
58	Lawson, Carl	DE	6-2	265	6-29-95	4	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
20	McTyer, Torry	CB	5-11	188	4-10-95	4	Nevada-Las Vegas	Los Angeles, Calif.	FA'19
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	4	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	4	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
23	Phillips, Darius	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	3	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
57	Pratt, Germaine	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	2	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
53	Price, Billy	C	6-4	310	10-11-94	3	Ohio State	Austintown, Ohio	D1'18
98	Reader, D.J.	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	5	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
11	Ross, John, III	WR	5-11	194	11-27-95	4	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
89	Sample, Drew	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	2	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
38	Sims, LeShaun	CB	6-0	203	9-18-93	5	Southern Utah	Las Vegas, Nev.	UFA(Tenn.)'20
72	Su'a-Filo, Xavier	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	7	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20
19	Tate, Auden	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	3	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
80	Thomas, Mike	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	5	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
87	Uzomah, C.J.	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	6	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
73	Williams, Jonah	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	2	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
36	Williams, Shawn	S	6-0	212	5-13-91	8	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
32	Williams, Trayveon	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	2	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
40	Wilson, Brandon	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	4	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
55	Wilson, Logan	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	R	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)**

92	Akinmoladun, Freedom (9-6-20)	DT	6-3	284	2-11-96	1	Nebraska	Grandview, Mo.	FA'19
8	Allen, Brandon (9-6-20)	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	4	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
91	Bledsoe, Amani (9-6-20)	DE	6-4	280	2-6-98	1	Oklahoma	Lawrence, Kan.	FA'20
79	Futrell, Kendall (9-6-20)	DE	6-2	222	10-27-97	R	East Carolina	Winterville, N.C.	CFA'20
41	Henderson, Trayvon (9-6-20)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
16	Irwin, Trenton (9-6-20)	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
47	Jones, Keandre (9-8-20)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	R	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
75	Knipfel, Josh (9-6-20)	OT	6-6	309	2-26-98	R	Iowa State	Hampton, Iowa	CFA'20
69	McKenzie, Kahliil (9-6-20)	DT	6-3	320	1-3-97	2	Tennessee	Green Bay, Wis.	FA'20
17	Morgan, Stanley (9-6-20)	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	2	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
31	Patrick, Jacques (9-6-20)	HB	6-2	231	1-7-97	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'20
39	Rose, Winston (9-6-20)	CB	6-0	180	11-29-93	1	New Mexico	Inglewood, Calif.	FA'20
86	Schreck, Mason (9-6-20)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	3	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
65	Sutherland, Keaton (9-8-20)	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	2	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	FA'20
14	Washington, Scotty (9-6-20)	WR	6-5	217	7-26-97	R	Wake Forest	Washington, D.C.	CFA'20
84	Wilcox, Mitchell (9-6-20)	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	R	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20

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

26	Waynes, Trae (9-7-20; pectoral)	CB	6-0	190	7-25-92	6	Michigan State	Kenosha, Wis.	UFA(Minn.)'20
95	Wren, Renell (8-23-20; quadriceps)	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	2	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19

**RESERVE/OPT-OUT (date assigned)**

71	Prince, Isaiah (7-31-20)	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
91	Tupou, Josh (8-3-20)	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17

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4	Randy Bullock	K	5-9	210	12-16-89	9	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
5	Ryan Finley	QB	6-4	207	12-26-94	2	North Carolina State	Phoenix, Ariz.	D4a'19
9	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	R	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	12	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	John Ross III	WR	5-11	194	11-27-95	4	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
12	Alex Erickson	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	5	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
18	A.J. Green	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	10	Georgia	Shmerville, S.C.	D1'11
19	Auden Tate	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	3	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
20	Torry McTyer	CB	5-11	188	4-10-95	4	Nevada-Las Vegas	Los Angeles, Calif.	FA'19
21	Mackensie Alexander	CB	5-10	192	11-12-93	5	Clemson	Immokalee, Fla.	UFA(Minn.)'20
22	William Jackson III	CB	6-0	196	10-27-92	5	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
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24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	5	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
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28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	4	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	3	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
32	Trayveon Williams	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	2	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
34	Samaje Perine	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	4	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
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40	Brandon Wilson	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	4	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	12	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
50	Jordan Evans	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	4	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
51	Markus Bailey	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	R	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
53	Billy Price	C	6-4	310	10-11-94	3	Ohio State	Austintown, Ohio	D1'18
55	Logan Wilson	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	R	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20
56	Josh Bynes	LB	6-1	235	8-24-89	9	Auburn	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.	UFA(Balt.)'20
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	2	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
58	Carl Lawson	DE	6-2	265	6-29-95	4	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
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89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	2	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
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99	Christian Covington	DT	6-2	305	10-16-93	6	Rice	Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada)...	T(Den.)'20

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14	Scotty Washington (9-6-20)	WR	6-5	217	7-26-97	R	Wake Forest	Washington, D.C.	CFA'20
16	Trenton Irwin (9-6-20)	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
17	Stanley Morgan (9-6-20)	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	2	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
31	Jacques Patrick (9-6-20)	HB	6-2	231	1-7-97	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'20
39	Winston Rose (9-6-20)	CB	6-0	180	11-29-93	1	New Mexico	Inglewood, Calif.	FA'20
41	Trayvon Henderson (9-6-20)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
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# STATISTICS

**RECORD: 0-1**

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-13-20	L	13-16	L.A. Chargers	0
9-17-20			at Cleveland	
9-27-20			at Philadelphia	
10-4-20			Jacksonville	
10-11-20			at Baltimore	
10-18-20			at Indianapolis	
10-25-20			Cleveland	
11-1-20			Tennessee	
11-8-20			— BYE —	
11-15-20			at Pittsburgh	
11-22-20			at Washington	
11-29-20			N.Y. Giants	
12-6-20			at Miami	
12-13-20			Dallas	
12-21-20			Pittsburgh	
12-27-20			at Houston	
1-3-20			Baltimore	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	19	19
Rushing	5	7
Passing	14	10
Penalty	0	2
3rd Down: Made-Att	6-14	6-16
3rd Down Pct.	42.9	37.5
4th Down: Made-Att	0-0	0-2
4th Down Pct.	0.0	0.0
POSSESSION AVG.	29:50	30:10
TOTAL NET YARDS	295	362
Avg. Per Game	295.0	362.0
Total Plays	67	71
Avg. Per Play	4.4	5.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	122	155
Avg. Per Game	122.0	155.0
Total Rushes	28	39
NET YARDS PASSING	173	207
Avg. Per Game	173.0	207.0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-20	2-1
Gross Yards	193	208
Att.-Completions	36-23	30-16
Completion Pct.	63.9	53.3
Had Intercepted	1	0
PUNTS-AVG.	6-55.0	5-48.8
Net Punting Avg.	6-43.8	5-43.0
PENALTIES-YARDS	7-44	6-35
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	2-1	0-0
TOUCHDOWNS	1	1
Rushing	1	1
Passing	0	0
Returns	0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	7	0	6	0	0	13
OPPONENTS	0	6	0	10	0	16

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	1-1	2-3	0	7
Joe Burrow	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	1	1	0	0	1-1	2-3	0	13
OPPONENTS	1	1	0	0	1-1	3-4	0	16

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

**Sacks-yards:** Carl Lawson 1-1, Josh Byrnes 1-0. BENGALS 2-1, OPPONENTS 3-20.

**Fumbles-lost:** Joe Mixon 1-1, Joe Burrow 1-0. BENGALS 2-1, OPPONENTS 0-0.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	36	23	193	63.9	5.36	0	0.0	1	2.8	19	3-20	66.1
BENGALS	36	23	193	63.9	5.36	0	0.0	1	2.8	19	3-20	66.1
OPPONENTS	30	16	208	53.3	6.93	0	0.0	0	0.0	37	2-1	75.4

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	19	69	3.6	14	0
Joe Burrow	8	46	5.8	23t	1
Giovani Bernard	1	7	7.0	7	0
BENGALS	28	122	4.4	23t	1
OPPONENTS	39	155	4.0	26	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	5	51	10.2	14	0
C.J. Uzomah	4	45	11.3	19	0
Tyler Boyd	4	33	8.3	11	0
Giovani Bernard	4	21	5.3	10	0
Adrian Ross	2	17	8.5	15	0
Mike Thomas	2	17	8.5	12	0
Drew Sample	1	7	7.0	7	0
Joe Mixon	1	2	2.0	2	0
BENGALS	23	193	8.4	19	0
OPPONENTS	16	208	13.0	37	0

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
(None)	0	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	0	0	—	—	0
OPPONENTS	1	0	—	—	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	6	330	55.0	43.8	3	3	70	0
BENGALS	6	330	55.0	43.8	3	3	70	0
OPPONENTS	5	244	48.8	43.0	0	1	63	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	2	0	29	14.5	22	0
BENGALS	2	0	29	14.5	22	0
OPPONENTS	2	1	7	3.5	7	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Wilson	1	44	44.0	44	0
BENGALS	1	44	44.0	44	0
OPPONENTS	1	46	46.0	46	0

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

**Randy Bullock:** (50G, 43G, 31WR).

**Opponents:** (24G, 43G, 50WR, 22G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Germaine Pratt	7	5	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	3	6	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Vonn Bell	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Byrnes	4	4	8	1-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jessie Bates III	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Carl Lawson	4	1	5	1-1	0-0	0	0	0-0
William Jackson III	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
D.J. Reader	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carlos Durlap	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Christian Covington	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Logan Wilson	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Mike Daniels	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Andrew Brown	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Khalid Kareem	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Darius Phillips	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Logan Wilson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cethan Carter	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Evans	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Darius Phillips	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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