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CINCINNATI BENGALS (1-1)
AT
PITTSBURGH STEELERS (1-1)

WEEK 3, GAME 3
SUNDAY, SEPT. 26
AT HEINZ FIELD

UP NEXT: THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
WEEK 4, GAME 4 — SEPT. 30 VS. JACKSONVILLE

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

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

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

Setting the scene: The Bengals this week travel to Pittsburgh to face the division-rival Steelers at Heinz Field on Sunday. Cincinnati will be looking to bounce back from a 20-17 loss in Chicago last week in which a late Bengals rally came up just short.

"The Bears are a tough team with a tough defense," said Bengals head coach Zac Taylor. "We didn't play well enough to win. The turnover battle was 4-1 in their favor, and you won't win many games when you do that."

Cincinnati's loss came despite a strong performance from the defense, which allowed just 206 total yards by Chicago. That counted as the fewest total yards allowed by a Cincinnati defense since Dec. 14, 2014 at Cleveland.

"Our defense gave up seven points on the first drive, and then really didn't give up another point the rest of the game," Taylor said. "I thought our intensity there was outstanding."

Unfortunately for Cincinnati though, the offense could not match the defense's success. The Bengals did manage to put up more yardage (248) than the Bears, but they struggled to find the scoreboard and hold onto the football. Cincinnati committed four turnovers on the day, including a fumble by WR Tee Higgins and INTs on three consecutive plays by QB Joe Burrow.

"That's me trying to get something going and forcing the ball," Burrow said of his uncharacteristic INTs. The first of his three picks ended a league-best streak of 199 attempts without a INT. "You learn a lesson today, that when your defense is playing as good as they are, you don't have to force those balls. You can let the game come to you."

Cincinnati had just three points on the afternoon until Burrow found rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase for a 42-yard score with 4:39 left in the fourth quarter. That made Chase, who had a 50-yard TD in Week 1, just the second player since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger to catch TDs of at least 40 yards in each of his first two career games (Vikings WR Sammy White in 1976).

"We just called a 'go' play," Chase said after the game. "I beat the corner off the line, per usual. After that, Joe threw it up, and I got the ball. Simple as that."

Then, on the ensuing possession, LB Logan Wilson picked off a pass from Bears QB Justin Fields and returned it to the Chicago seven-yard line.

"We had a lot of guys in his face," Wilson said of his third career INT. "He threw it to where his guy should have been, and I just happened to be between him and his guy."

On the next play, Burrow found Higgins for a TD to cut Chicago's lead to 20-17 with 3:39 remaining. That sequence of events made Burrow the first player since Steelers QB Kordell Stewart on Dec. 30, 2001 to throw INTs on three consecutive passes and TDs on two consecutive passes in the same game. Incidentally, Cincinnati was on the other end of Stewart's performance, which came in a 26-23 Steelers win at Paul Brown Stadium.

But with momentum on their side, the Bengals' defense allowed two Bears

first-downs, and Chicago was able to run out the clock and hold on for a win.

"It's exciting that we came back and made it a game," Burrow said. "Obviously it was a little too late though. But we showed a little resilience, like we did last week."

This week, something figures to give as the 1-1 Bengals and 1-1 Steelers sit in a four-way tie for the AFC North lead. Pittsburgh is coming off a 26-17 loss to the Las Vegas Raiders on Sunday.

The series: The Steelers lead 67-36 overall and 35-16 in Pittsburgh. The series includes two postseason games, both Steelers wins in Wild Card round contests at Paul Brown Stadium, after the 2005 and '15 seasons.

The Bengals have played more games against the Steelers (103) than any other foe. Cleveland is second in that category at 95, and Tennessee (formerly Houston Oilers) is third at 76.

A complete recap of the Bengals-Steelers series appears on page 195 of the 2021 Bengals Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:
Bengals — **MOST POINTS:** 42, in a 42-7 win at Riverfront Stadium in 1988. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 35, from the 1988 home win. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 27-3 win at Riverfront in 1990.

Steelers — **MOST POINTS:** 49, in a 49-31 victory at Riverfront Stadium in 1995. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 28 (twice), most recently in a 35-7 win in 2011 at Pittsburgh. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (twice), most recently in a 15-0 win at Three Rivers Stadium in 2000.

The last meetings: Summaries of the two 2020 Bengals-Steelers meetings are on page 14 of this news release.

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

● Bengals P Kevin Huber has played in 192 career Bengals games, tied with QB Ken Anderson (192) for third place all-time. CB Ken Riley (207) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

● Bengals LS Clark Harris has played in 186 career Bengals games, two shy of DT Tim Krumrie (188) for fifth place all-time. Harris passed OT Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place in Game 2 at Chicago.

● Bengals S Brandon Wilson has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with S/CB Tremain Mack for the Bengals' all-time lead.

Records vs. Steelers: Former Bengals WR Carl Pickens caught 13 passes against the Steelers on Oct. 11, 1998 at Cinergy Field, a number no Bengal has matched. There have been 11 instances of a Bengal finishing a game with 12 catches, most recently by WR A.J. Green in the 2016 season opener at the N.Y. Jets, but 13 catches remains in a class by itself.

Pickens had 204 receiving yards in the game, a 25-20 Bengals victory. QB Neil O'Donnell, a former Steeler, was the passer for all 13 catches.

Other Bengals records involving the Steelers include:

● On Oct. 28, 1973, Pittsburgh S Mike Wagner became the first opponent to record three INTs in a game against the Bengals. Four players since have tied.

● On Nov. 10, 1974 at Cincinnati, QB Ken Anderson set the Bengals' game record for completion percentage (90.91), hitting 20 of 22 against the Steelers.

● On Nov. 29, 1992 at Cincinnati, the Steelers tied the record for most sacks against the Bengals in a game with 10, then tied the mark again on

Oct. 13, 1996 at Pittsburgh. The record originally was set by Denver on Oct. 19, 1969 at Cincinnati.

● On Oct. 16, 1994 at Cincinnati, the Bengals set a team record with eight sacks, all on O'Donnell. That mark was tied on Dec. 9, 2001 vs. Jacksonville.

● On Oct. 15, 2000, Pittsburgh's Josh Miller tied for the most punts ever against the Bengals with 12.

● On Dec. 30, 2001 at Cincinnati, Jon Kitna had a Bengals-record 68 pass attempts in an overtime win over the Steelers. The 68 attempts also set a team record, which still stands.

● On Dec. 4, 2017, the Bengals set the dubious record of most penalty yardage incurred during a game at 173. That number shattered the previous mark of 134.

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

● WR Tyler Boyd: Eight games; 38 receptions for 432 yards (11.4) and three TDs.

● TE C.J. Uzomah: Eight games; 12 receptions for 97 yards (8.1).

● HB Joe Mixon: Six games; 67 carries for 347 yards (5.2) and one TD; 12 receptions for 60 yards (5.0).

● WR Auden Tate: Four games; Five receptions for 55 yards (11.0).

● HB Samaje Perine: Three games; 11 carries for 62 yards (5.6); One receptions for seven yards.

● TE Drew Sample: Three games; Four receptions for 38 yards (9.5).

● HB Trayveon Williams (practice squad): Three games; Seven carries for 30 yards (4.3).

● WR Tee Higgins: Two games; 10 catches for 146 yards (14.6) and one TD.

● QB Joe Burrow: One game; 21-of-40 passing (52.5 percent) for 213 yards, one TD and zero INTs (76.4 rating).

BENGALS-STEELERS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	STEELERS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored	20th (22.0)	T-24th (20.0)
Points allowed	T-10th (22.0)	9th (21.0)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	24th (307.0)	T-28th (291.5)
Rushing	18th (109.0)	32nd (57.0)
Passing	28th (198.0)	18th (234.5)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	6th (304.5)	22nd (398.0)
Rushing	11th (95.0)	10th (84.5)
Passing	9th (209.5)	29th (313.5)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-26th (minus-2)	T-14th (even)

Bengals-Steelers connections: Bengals WR Tyler Boyd is from Clairton, Pa. (Clairton High School), and played at the University of Pittsburgh ... Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger is from Findlay, Ohio (Findlay High School) and played at Miami (Ohio) University ... Bengals CB Mike Hilton was with the Steelers form 2016-20 ... Bengals S Sean Davis (practice squad) originally was a second-round draft pick of the Steelers in 2016, and was with the team through the '20 season ... Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin was defensive backs coach at the University of Cincinnati from 1999-2000 ... Bengals G/OT Fred Johnson originally was a college free agent signee of the Steelers in 2019 ... Steelers C/G B.J. Finney was with the Bengals in 2020 ... Steelers DT

Cameron Heyward, QB Dwayne Haskins and G Malcolm Pridgeon (practice squad) all played at Ohio State University ... Steelers RB Benny Snell Jr. is from Columbus, Ohio (Westerville Central High School) and played at the University of Kentucky ... Steelers WR Diontae Johnson played at the University of Toledo ... Steelers DE Chris Wormley is from Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer High School) ... Bengals DE Noah Spence (practice squad) is from Harrisburg, Pa. (Bishop McDevitt High School) ... Steelers senior defensive assistant/secondary coach Teryl Austin was the Bengals' defensive coordinator in 2018 ... Bengals linebackers coach Al Golden played (1987-91) and coached (2000) at Penn State University ... Steelers secondary coach Grady Brown coached at the University of Louisville in 2018 ... Steelers quarterbacks coach Mike Sullivan coached at Ohio University in 2001.

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
Inside-20 possessions: 4		**Inside-20 possessions:** 5	
Total scores: 4 (100.0%)		**Total scores:** 5 (100.0%)	
TDs: 3 (75.0%)		TDs: 3 (60.0%)	
FGs: 1 (25.0%)		FGs: 2 (40.0%)	
TD% rank: T-11th		TD% rank: T-15th	
No scores: 0 (0.0%)		**No scores:** 0 (0.0%)	

STEELERS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
Inside-20 possessions: 4		**Inside-20 possessions:** 7	
Total scores: 4 (100.0%)		**Total scores:** 7 (100.0%)	
TDs: 2 (50.0%)		TDs: 2 (28.6%)	
FGs: 2 (50.0%)		FGs: 5 (71.4%)	
TD% rank: T-19th		TD% rank: T-2nd	
No scores: 0 (0.0%)		**No scores:** 0 (0.0%)	

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

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

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

JERSEY	PANTS/STRIPE	W-L-T	PCT.
Black	Black/Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White/Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White/Black	0-0-0	—
White	Black/Orange	0-1-0	0.000
White	White/Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White/Black	1-0-0	1.000
Orange	Black/Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange	White/Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange	White/Black	0-0-0	—

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

THE HEAD COACHES

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

In 2019, his first season as head coach, Taylor headed off a wave of early season injuries to lead Cincinnati to second-half turnarounds on both offense and defense. Offensively, the Bengals' per-game rushing average jumped 70.6 yards from the first half of the season (59.5) to the second (130.1), while their per-attempt average jumped 1.26 yards (3.17 to 4.43) and they allowed 10 fewer sacks (29 to 19). The team's top four WRs — Tyler Boyd, Alex Erickson, Auden Tate and John Ross III — all posted career-highs in both receptions and receiving yards. Defensively, Cincinnati notched 11 more sacks in the second half of of the season compared to the first, and allowed 84.1 fewer yards per game. The team finished 2-14 that season.

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

Taylor came to Cincinnati after two seasons (2017-18) with the L.A. Rams, where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2017 and quarterbacks coach in '18. In 2018, he helped guide Rams QB Jared Goff to career highs in

every major passing category. Goff ranked fourth in the NFL in passing yards and eighth in passer rating. The Rams' QB play was a key component to their offense, which finished the regular season ranked second in the NFL in total net yards (421.1 per game), fifth in net passing yards (281.7), second in scoring (32.9), first in first downs (401) and fifth in third-down percentage (45.0). Los Angeles won the NFC West with a 13-3 regular-season record and advanced to Super Bowl LIII against the New England Patriots.

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

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

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

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

Taylor's coaching career began at Texas A&M University, where he served as offensive graduate assistant and tight ends coach under head coach Mike Sherman from 2008-11. The Aggies shared the Big 12 South Championship in 2010 and played in three bowl games during Taylor's time in College Station.

As a player, Taylor began his college career at Wake Forest (2002-03), before transferring to Butler County Community College in Kansas ('04) and then playing his final two seasons ('05-06) at the University of Nebraska. Taylor had a decorated career with the Cornhuskers, setting numerous school records and passing for a combined 5850 yards and 45 touchdowns. In his senior season of 2006, Taylor was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year after passing for 3197 total yards and leading the Cornhuskers to a 9-3 record, an appearance in the Big 12 Championship Game and a berth in the Cotton Bowl. He was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

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

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

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

Mike Tomlin was named the 16th head coach in Steelers history when he replaced Bill Cowher on Jan. 22, 2007. He became the youngest coach (36 years, 323 days) in NFL history to win a Super Bowl when the Steelers defeated the Arizona Cardinals, 27-23, in Super Bowl XLIII on Feb. 1, 2009.

Tomlin reached the playoffs four times in his first five seasons, and he is the only coach in Steelers history to win division titles each of his first two seasons. In his 14 years as head coach of the Steelers, Tomlin has led Pittsburgh to seven AFC North titles, most recently in 2020, and has guided the Steelers to the playoffs nine times, including two trips to the Super Bowl (XLIII and XLV). He has led Pittsburgh to a 146-78-1 record in the regular season since becoming the team's head coach in 2007 — the second-best record in the NFL during that time span. His 146-78-1 regular-season record (.651) is the best start in franchise history.

Tomlin secured his 14th straight non-losing season with the Steelers' eighth win in 2020 (a 24-19 victory at Dallas in Week 9), a streak dating back to his first season as the team's head coach in '07.

Tomlin is one of two head coaches in NFL history to begin a head-coaching tenure with at least 14 consecutive non-losing seasons, joining Marty Schottenheimer (14; 1984-97). In 2020, Tomlin's club won its seventh AFC North title. No other head coach has won the AFC North more than four times.

In 2008, Tomlin directed the Steelers to a 12-4 record, winning his second-consecutive AFC North title. That season culminated with a Super Bowl triumph, making Tomlin one of only seven coaches in league history to win a Super Bowl within his first two seasons as an NFL head coach.

In his first season, Tomlin guided the Steelers to a 10-6 record and their first AFC North title since 2004. Tomlin was the Minnesota Vikings' defensive coordinator in 2006 after spending the previous five seasons ('01-05) as defensive backs coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Tomlin coached one of the top defensive backfields in the NFL for the Buccaneers, culminating with its performance in Super Bowl XXXVII. The secondary recorded four interceptions, returning two for touchdowns, to help Tampa Bay capture the franchise's first Super Bowl title.

Tomlin served two seasons as the defensive backs coach at the University of Cincinnati (1999-2000) before going to Tampa Bay. Prior to joining the Cincinnati staff, Tomlin had a short stint on the coaching staff at Tennessee-Martin and then spent two seasons at Arkansas State. Tomlin spent the 1996 season as a graduate assistant at Memphis. Tomlin began his coaching career in 1995 as wide receivers coach at Virginia Military Institute.

Tomlin was a three-year starter at wide receiver at William & Mary (1990-94) and finished his career with 101 receptions for 2046 yards and a school-record 20 touchdown receptions. A first-team All-Yankee Conference selection in 1994, he established a school record with a 20.2 yards-per-catch average. He graduated in 1994 with a degree in sociology.

Tomlin was born in Hampton, Va., on March 15, 1972. He and his wife, Kiya, have two sons, Dino and Mason, and a daughter, Harlyn Quinn.

Taylor vs. Steelers: The Steelers lead, 3-1.

Taylor vs. Tomlin: Tomlin leads, 3-1.

Tomlin vs. Bengals: Tomlin leads 23-6 (that record includes a Wild Card Playoff victory after the 2015 season).

BENGALS NOTES

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

BENGALS DEFENSE
- Tied for 10th in points allowed per game (22.0).
- Sixth in fewest yards allowed per game (304.5).
- Fourth in fewest yards allowed per play (4.5).
- Ninth in fewest rushing yards allowed per game (198.0).
- Seventh in fewest rushing yards allowed per play (3.4).
- Ninth in fewest passing yards allowed per game (198.0).
- Tied for seventh in fewest yards allowed per passing attempt (6.5).
- Ninth in fewest passing yards allowed (419).
- Third in fewest yards per play allowed on first downs (3.71).

BENGALS SPECIAL TEAMS
- Tied for first in FG percentage (1.000)
- Tied for fourth in average yards per punt return (11.3).
- Seventh in fewest yards allowed per kickoff return (15.5).
- Tenth in opponents' average starting field position (23.4).

JOE BURROW
- Tied for ninth in TD passes (four).
- Tied for fifth in pass plays of 40 or more yards (two).

JOE MIXON
- Second in rushing yardage (196).
- Second in rushing attempts (49).
- Eighth in yards from scrimmage (221).

JA'MARR CHASE
- Tied for ninth in third-down receptions (four).

TYLER BOYD
- Tied for ninth in third-down receptions (four).

DARIUS PHILLIPS
- Tied for second in punt returns (six).
- Tied for third in average yards per punt return (11.3).
- First in punt returns in a single game (five)

B.J. HILL
- Tied for ninth in sacks (2.0).

LOGAN WILSON
- Tied for sixth in INTs (one).

GERMAINE PRATT
- Tied for fifth in fumble recoveries (one).

EVAN MCPHERSON
- Tied for first in FG percentage (1.000).

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

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

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

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

Roster flip noticeable in Year 3: Zac Taylor took over as Bengals head coach in 2019, and throughout his now three-year tenure there has been a steady but noticeable churn of the roster. Of the 53 players on the current roster (as of Tuesday, Sept. 21), only 13 suited up as Bengals prior to Taylor's arrival. That means 40 current Bengals — or 75.5 percent of the roster — have joined Cincinnati since 2019.

Cincinnati's roster overhaul has especially hit overdrive since the end of last season. Twenty-two current Bengals — that's 41.5 percent of the 53-player roster — had never suited up in a game for Cincinnati prior to the 2021 regular season. (It should be noted that figure includes three players who were with Cincinnati previously but never played — CB Trae Waynes, OT Isaiah Prince and TE Mitchell Wilcox.)

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

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

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

* — Asterisk denotes AFC high that year.

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

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

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

The players on the Bengals' 2021 opening-week roster averaged 25.68 years old, good for the third-youngest Week 1 roster Cincinnati has had over the last 20 years. The 2018 squad (25.38) was the youngest, while the '06 team (26.57) was the oldest.

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

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

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

The 2021 Bengals had just eight players 200 pounds or lighter, which tied for

the third-fewest over the last 17 years (the league's info in this category goes back only to 2005). The 2017 and '19 Bengals (seven) had the fewest, while the '09 team (13) had the most.

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

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

Burrow bounces back: Bengals QB Joe Burrow returned to the field this season a little more than nine months after his rookie campaign was cut short by a left knee injury. Over the offseason, a hot topic of debate centered on how quickly Burrow could return to game action, and how quickly he would return to form. He answered both of those questions in Game 1 vs. Minnesota. First, he fulfilled a public promise he made shortly after the injury, when he said that he would start Cincinnati's 2021 season opener. Then he emphatically answered any questions that remained about the possibility of having rust.

Burrow against Minnesota posted career-highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67). At halftime, he had as many TDs (two) as he did incompletions (11 of 13 passing). He finished off the game with a seven-play, 46-yard drive in overtime that set up a game-winning FG as time expired. That drive was highlighted by perhaps the play of the day, when on fourth-and-inches with 39 seconds remaining in OT, Burrow changed the play at the line of scrimmage and tossed a 32-yard pass to TE C.J. Uzomah to get the Bengals to the Vikings' 20-yard line. Three plays later, rookie K Evan McPherson nailed the 33-yard game-winner.

"I was excited to get out there and get hit a little bit," Burrow said of his first game back. "I think I could have played a little better, but it's great to get the win in Game 1. I don't think we win that game last year."

So far this season, Burrow has completed 39 of 57 passes (68.4 percent) for 468 yards, four TDs and three INTs (94.8 rating).

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

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

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Burrow tops 3000 passing yards: Bengals QB Joe Burrow surpassed 3000 career passing yards in Game 2 at Chicago, in what was his 12th career game. That made him just the eighth QB ever to reach 3000 in as few games.

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

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

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO REACH 3K YARDS
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs	10
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	10
Cam Newton	Carolina Panthers	11
Andrew Luck	Indianapolis Colts	11
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	12
Deshaun Watson	Houston Texans	12
Baker Mayfield	Cleveland Browns	12
Marc Bulger	St. Louis Rams	12

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

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

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

Burrow's 300-yard games make history: Despite playing only 10 games as a rookie in 2020, Bengals QB Joe Burrow passed for 300 yards five times. That total at the time was tied for second-most ever among NFL rookies, and just one shy of the then-rookie record of six, set by Colts QB Andrew Luck in 2012. Then, of course, came Burrow's season-ending left knee injury on Nov. 22 at Washington.

At the time of his injury — early in the third quarter — Burrow was just 97 yards shy of the 300-yard mark, which would have given him his sixth such performance and put him into a tie with Luck with six games remaining in the season. That never happened, of course, and later in the season Chargers QB Justin Herbert surpassed Luck and established his own rookie record of eight 300-yard games.

Earlier in season, Burrow became the first rookie QB in NFL history to ever throw for 300 yards in three consecutive games — Game 2 at Cleveland (316), Game 3 at Philadelphia (312) and Game 4 vs. Jacksonville (300).

Additionally, Burrow joined Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes as the only players in NFL history to top 300 passing yards in at least five of their first seven career games. Mahomes, though, did it over his first and second seasons, meaning Burrow is the first rookie in league history to accomplish the feat.

Burrow's five 300-yard passing games also put him into a tie for the single-season team record, alongside Boomer Esiason (strike-shortened 1987 season), Carson Palmer (2007) and Andy Dalton ('13). Burrow's three consecutive 300-yard games are tied for the second-most in Bengals history, and were just one shy of Dalton's team record of four, set in 2015.

Burrow does not yet have a 300-yard passing game in 2021.

Burrow's college connections: Bengals QB Joe Burrow may only be in his second NFL season, but he has plenty familiar faces around him in Cincinnati. There are six current Bengals who played with Burrow in college at either Ohio State or LSU, meaning 11.5 percent of Burrow's 52 Bengals teammates suited up with him for at least one season in college.

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

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

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

* — Asterisk denotes practice squad player.

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

McPherson, a fifth-round pick of the Bengals in April's draft, chose to forgo his final year of college eligibility to enter the NFL draft, and thus is among the youngest Bengals on the roster. At the time of his game-winner against Minnesota, which he says was the first "walk-off" kick of his career on any level, he was 22 years and 53 days old (born 7-21-99), making him the youngest

player in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG in overtime. It also made him just the second rookie kicker in NFL history to kick a game-winning FG with no time remaining in OT (the other was Miami K Jason Sanders in 2018). Earlier in the game, McPherson became the youngest Bengal ever to kick a FG or PAT.

So far this season, McPherson has made all five of PATs and all three of his FGs — a pair of 53-yarders, along with the aforementioned 33-yard game-winner.

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

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

Tee continues rookie momentum: Bengals WR Tee Higgins this season has continued the momentum he built during his rookie campaign in 2020. Higgins, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, has 10 catches for 118 yards and two TDs so far this season.

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

It also should be noted that Higgins' rookie accomplishments came despite several obstacles along the way. He did not have an offseason program or preseason games due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and a hamstring injury caused him to miss two weeks early in training camp. He was eased into the WR rotation the first two regular-season games, and then his starting QB — fellow rookie Joe Burrow — was lost for the final six games of the season due to injury. Higgins caught passes from three different QBs as a rookie.

Then, he was held without a catch in the season finale after leaving early in the game with an injury. That injury occurred on a 41-yard catch-and-run in the first quarter, which would have broken the rookie receptions tie with Collinsworth and moved him closer to becoming just the third Bengals rookie to record 1000 receiving yards.

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

Boyd looking for third thousand: Bengals WR Tyler Boyd so far this season has 10 catches for 105 yards. The 2016 second-round pick of the Bengals is looking this season to top 1000 receiving yards for what would be the third time in his career. That would make him just the fifth Bengal ever with as many 1000-yard seasons.

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

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

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

championship in 2019.

So far this season, Burrow and Chase have connected seven times for 155 yards (22.1 average) and two TDs.

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

"Ja'Marr is one of the best receivers I've evaluated in the draft," said Bengals head coach Zac Taylor. "You can see the chemistry that he and Joe had together in that 2019 season. He comes in and adds to a great receiver room that we already have, and gives us one more great playmaker. Adding a guy like Ja'Marr when we already have Tyler Boyd and Tee Higgins, you're able to put pressure on the defense."

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

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

Here's a look at the youngest Bengals to score a touchdown:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BENGALS ROOKIE	GAME	REC. YDS.
WR Ja'Marr Chase	9/12/2021 vs. Minn.	101
WR Jordan Shipley	9/12/2010 at N.E.	82
WR Peter Warrick	9/10/2000 vs. Cle.	80
WR Cris Collinsworth	9/6/1981 vs. Sea.	65

Ja'Marr over the top: Ja'Marr Chase, the Bengals' first-round pick in April's draft, came to Cincinnati with a reputation as a premier deep threat at WR. And so far this season, he's lived up to that billing.

Chase caught a 50-yard TD in his NFL debut on Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota, and then followed it up the next week with a 42-yard TD at Chicago. That made him one of just two players since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger with TD catches of at least 40 yards in each of his first two NFL games. The other player was Vikings WR Sammy White, who accomplished the feat in 1976.

So far this season, Chase has seven catches for a team-high 155 yards and two TDs.

Mixon fastest Bengal to 3K/1K: Bengals HB Joe Mixon currently stands at 3555 career rushing yards and 1033 receiving yards. It took the 2017 second-round pick just 45 career games to hit 3000 career rushing yards, and then another five to top 1000 career receiving yards. That made him one of just seven Bengals ever to hit both marks, however it took him the fewest number of games (50) to do so.

Corey Dillon, James Brooks, Pete Johnson, Harold Green, Giovani Bernard and Essex Johnson are the only other players to accomplish the 3000/1000 feat as Bengals. And of those players, only Dillon, Brooks and Johnson reached 4000 career rushing yards as Bengals, a figure Mixon is just 445 yards shy of matching.

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

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

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

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

Mixon secures the rock: Not only is Bengals HB Joe Mixon considered one of the top rushers in the NFL, he's also proven effective at protecting the football. Mixon has fumbled just four times (two lost) since entering the league in 2017, a span that covers 995 combined touches on offense (861 rushes, 134 catches). That includes just one fumble (lost) since the start of the 2018 season. He also put together a streak of 541 consecutive rushing attempts without a fumble (ended in Game 1 last season), which was the second-longest by a Bengal since the Elias Sports Bureau began tracking the stat in 1990.

Mixon has a current streak of 150 rushes without a fumble, dating back to his fumble in the 2020 opener.

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

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

Mr. Reliable wears No. 30: Jessie Bates earned a starting S spot midway through his first preseason in Cincinnati, and he hasn't looked back since. The 2018 second-round pick has started all 50 possible games since joining the team, good for the seventh-most consecutive starts by a player to begin their career as a Bengal. It also should be noted that Bates stands just two starts shy of LB Takeo Spikes (52) for most consecutive starts by a defender to begin a Bengals career. At his current pace, he would tie Spikes this season in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville, and then pass him in Game 5 vs. Green Bay.

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

PLAYER	CONSECUTIVE STARTS TO BEGIN CAREER
C Bob Johnson	94
QB Andy Dalton	77
TE Dan Ross	65
C Russell Bodine	64
LB Takeo Spikes	52
LB Bill Bergey	51
S Jessie Bates	50

Bates coming off his best season: Bengals S Jessie Bates this season is looking to build off of a strong 2020 campaign in which he was among the top performers — offense or defense — on the team. Bates, a 2018 Bengals second-round pick, has drawn praise from many observers as one of the top safeties in the NFL.

Bates so far this season leads Cincinnati in tackles (nine). Last year, he started all 16 games and recorded 107 tackles (second on team), including two for losses, along with 15 PDs (tied for sixth in NFL), three INTs and a FF.

Opposing coaches have noticed when watching the film. "I don't know how many interceptions Jessie Bates has, but this is a good player," said Dolphins head coach Brian Flores. "I'll tell you that right now, this is a damn good player."

Added Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin: "I just can't say enough about the play of (the Bengals') safety tandem, specifically Jessie Bates. He's a good player. They are asking him to do more, and he's delivering more."

Said Bates of all the praise: "That only means so much. I play this game to win football games. I'm a leader of this team on the defensive side, and my main goal is to win football games. I look at national media when I need to, but right now I'm just focusing on building the right environment around here."

Bates has started all 49 games of his career (more info in "Mr. Reliable wears No. 30"), and topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons.

Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal: DE Sam Hubbard, a third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, ranks third in sacks (17.0) among all players from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

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

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

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

PLAYER/POSITION	TEAM	PICK (ROUND)	SACKS
Bradley Chubb/DE	Denver	No. 5 (1st)	20.5
Harold Landry/EDGE	Tennessee	No. 41 (2nd)	20.0
Sam Hubbard/DE	Cincinnati	No. 77 (3rd)	17.0
Darius Leonard/OLB	Indianapolis	No. 36 (2nd)	15.0
Marcus Davenport/DE	New Orleans	No. 14 (1st)	13.0

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

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

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

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

● Simmons, who punted at the University of Kansas, has had particular success coaching his former position. Current P Kevin Huber holds the top spot in every Bengals career punting category, along with the top five single seasons

for gross average, net average and inside-20s. Former P Kyle Larson, who spent his entire Bengals term (2004-08) under Simmons, ranks within the top four in every career punting category, and shares with Huber the record for longest punt in team history (75 yards).

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

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

And although the category is not kept as an official team record, it should be noted that LS Clark Harris has executed 1716 deep snaps without a single unplayable delivery since joining the Bengals in mid-2009.

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

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

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

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

2020's 19 4th downs second in NFL history: The Bengals' offense last season successfully converted 19 of its 27 fourth-down attempts, good for a 70.4 percentage that ranked fourth in the NFL.

But while their percentage wasn't historically significant, their league-best 19 fourth-down conversions were. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, whose records on fourth-down conversions go back to 1977, 19 fourth-down conversions is tied for the second-most in a single season in NFL history. That mark also easily outpaces the previous Bengals record of 14, set in 1992 (Bengals records go back to '82).

The Bengals fell just one fourth-down conversion shy of tying the NFL record of 20, set by the 1996 Chicago Bears. But for a moment in time it appeared they had tied the record. In Game 15 at Houston, Cincinnati was driving to break a 24-24 tie when QB Brandon Allen gained the necessary one yard on a fourth-down QB sneak. But Cincinnati was flagged for an illegal formation on the play, which negated the conversion. The Bengals instead settled for a FG and went on to win the game.

So far in 2021, the Bengals have converted two fourth downs on four attempts.

Here's a look at the teams with the most successful fourth-down conversions in a single season (since 1977):

SEASON	TEAM	ATTEMPTED	MADE
1996	Chicago Bears	28	20
2020	Cincinnati Bengals	27	19
1996	New England Patriots	34	19
2007	Jacksonville Jaguars	33	19
1994	New England Patriots	35	18
2002	Jacksonville Jaguars	26	18

25 points does the trick: Since 2011, the Bengals own a 52-5-2 record when scoring 25 or more points. That's good for the third-best winning percentage (.898) in the NFL when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals are 6-4 under head coach Zac Taylor (1-0 this season) when reaching the 25-point plateau.

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

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WINNING PCT.
Miami Dolphins	42	4	0	.913
New England Patriots	92	9	0	.911
Cincinnati Bengals	52	5	2	.898
Denver Broncos	57	8	0	.877
Kansas City Chiefs	71	12	0	.855

Huber, Harris chasing down Kenny: One of the most prestigious Bengals records in existence, and one that has stood for 38 years, could be matched by the end of the 2021 season. Longtime CB Ken Riley's Bengals record 207 games played is currently 15 clear of current P Kevin Huber (192), meaning that if Huber plays in every game the rest of the season, he would tie The Rattler's historic mark that has stood since his retirement in 1983.

Huber currently stands tied with QB Ken Anderson for third place all-time in career games played as a Bengal, and trails only Riley (207) and LB Reggie Williams (206). Not far behind, though, is current LS Clark Harris (186 games played), who has snapped to Huber since joining Cincinnati midway through the 2009 season. Harris passed Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place in Game 2 at Chicago, and he is just two games shy of DT Tim Krumrie (188) for fifth place.

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

PLAYER	GAMES AS A BENGAL	YEARS
CB Ken Riley	207	1969-83
LB Reggie Williams	206	1976-85
QB Ken Anderson	192	1971-86
P Kevin Huber	192	2009-present
DT Tim Krumrie	188	1983-94
LS Clark Harris	186	2009-present
OT Anthony Munoz	185	1980-92

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

Huber now stands first in team history in the following categories:
● Punts (923)
● Punting yards (41,769)
● Gross average (45.25)
● Net average (40.23)
● Inside-20 punts (319)

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

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 319 career inside-20 punts, a margin of more than 100 over the next-best in team history (Lee Johnson, 186).

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

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

PUNTER	2020 TEAM	NFL EXP.	CAREER INSIDE-20s
Andy Lee	Arizona	18	450
Sam Koch	Baltimore	16	429
Brett Kern	Tennessee	14	378
Kevin Huber	Cincinnati	13	319
Johnny Hekker	L.A. Rams	10	268

Bengals leaned on 2020 rookies: Despite the lack of an offseason program to ease the college-to-pro transition, the Bengals in 2020 leaned heavily upon their draft class. The seven players drafted by Cincinnati in April combined to play in 96 games with 33 starts. For perspective, the most combined games played by a Bengals draft class since 1994 (the year the draft went to seven rounds) is 99, achieved by the 11-player class of 2017. The most combined starts over the same period is 50, by the nine-player class of 1988.

This season, the 2020 draft class has played in 10 combined games, with six starts. It should be noted, though, that two players have not yet played due to injury — OT Hakeem Adeniji is on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list, and DE

Khalid Kareem is on Reserve/Injured. The other five players in the draft class all made the roster and have been regular contributors.

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

Here's a closer look at Cincinnati's 2021 entire draft class:
● WR Ja'Marr Chase, LSU (Round 1, Pick 5): Cincinnati looks to re-create the magic of Louisiana State's 2019 season, when Chase and then-Tigers QB Joe Burrow helped lead their team to a national championship. Chase set SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20) that year, en route to winning the Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver.
● G Jackson Carman, Clemson (Round 2, Pick 46): Carman is a native of nearby Fairfield, Ohio, which is about 35 minutes north of Paul Brown Stadium. At Clemson, he played LOT and protected the blindside of QB Trevor Lawrence, the 2021 No. 1 overall draft pick. The Bengals, though, have moved the 6-5, 322-pound Carman to G.
● DE Joseph Ossai, Texas (Round 3, Pick 69): Ossai was set to be the youngest Bengal on the roster at 21 years old, born (4-12-00) just four months prior to the opening of Paul Brown Stadium (8-19-00). He showed great promise early, recording a sack and two additional QB hurries in the preseason opener at Tampa Bay, but a knee injury suffered later in that same game landed him on Reserve/Injured at final cuts and ended his rookie season before it started.
● DE Cam Sample, Tulane (Round 4: Pick 111): Sample earned Defensive MVP honors at the 2021 Senior Bowl, and was rated last season by Pro Football Focus as the most valuable defensive lineman in college football. He is known for his relentless effort and outstanding production in college against both the pass and run.
● DT Tyler Shelvin: LSU (Round 4, Pick 122): The heaviest Bengal on the roster at 350 pounds, Shelvin played NT at LSU and was the man in the middle of the Tigers' national championship defense in 2019. He did not play for LSU in 2020, after opting out of the college season due to COVID-19.
● OT D'Ante Smith, East Carolina (Round 4, Pick 139): Bengals coaches initially called Smith a pure OT prospect due to his size (6-5) and length (35-inch arms), but during training camp practices he impressed with his play at G, so that's where he is listed to begin his NFL career. Smith entered last season at East Carolina considered by scouts as a possible riser on draft boards, but he suffered an injury in the Pirates' opener and did not take the field again until the Senior Bowl in January.
● K Evan McPherson, Florida (Round 5, Pick 149): McPherson spent three seasons at Florida and left as the SEC's all-time leader in FG percentage (85.0). He is also known for his leg strength, as 56.4 percent of his kickoffs in college went for touchbacks.
● C/G Trey Hill, Georgia (Round 6, Pick 190): Hill was the starting C the last two seasons at Georgia, which was widely considered to have one of the top offensive lines in college football. At 6-4, 319 pounds with ability to play both C and G, however the Bengals list him only at C.
● HB Chris Evans, Michigan (Round 6, Pick 202): Bengals coaches first noticed Evans during one-on-one drills at 2021 Senior Bowl practices, when he showed off his hands and route-running ability out of the backfield. He looks to fill the vacant role that was held in recent years by former HB Giovani Bernard.
● DE Wyatt Hubert, Kansas State (Round 7, Pick 235): A productive defender and leader in college at Kansas State, Hubert was expected to push for a spot in the regular pass-rushing rotation as a rookie. But that plan is on hold for now due to a pectoral injury he suffered over the summer. He did not participate in training camp, and is currently on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"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 (45.25) and net (40.23) punting average.

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

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

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

Ring of Honor launches with four members: The Bengals this offseason announced the formation of a Ring of Honor, which will recognize former players, coaches and individuals who have played a significant role in the franchise's history and tradition. The Ring of Honor will be displayed on the east façade inside Paul Brown Stadium, as well as on the Bengals' digital media channels.

The Ring of Honor this year will induct a four-member inaugural class during a halftime ceremony at the Bengals' Sept. 30 home game vs. Jacksonville (Thursday Night Football). The Bengals announced upon the Ring of Honor's formation that the first two members would be Paul Brown, the organization's founder and first head coach, and OT Anthony Munoz, who is widely considered among the top offensive linemen in NFL history. Both Brown (1967) and Munoz ('98) are members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"The Bengals Ring of Honor is a way to show our appreciation for individuals who have made a significant impact on our franchise," said Bengals President Mike Brown. "We selected Paul Brown and Anthony Munoz. They are in the Hall of Fame in Canton, and it pleases me to put them out front as our initial inductees. We have a lot great players and coaches to honor, and it will be fun to reminisce as we go about this process."

The other two members of the Ring of Honor's inaugural class were decided via vote over the summer by Bengals season ticket holders. They selected QB Ken Anderson and CB Ken Riley, two longtime Bengals who were pillars of Cincinnati's first Super Bowl team in 1981.

"We have a long history of players, many of them great players. Ken Anderson and Ken Riley are at the top of that list of great players," Mike Brown said. "They were the type of players that we like to think our team is all about. I am pleased they are the top picks of the fans."

In addition to the aforementioned halftime ceremony during the Jacksonville game, the Bengals will also celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the 1981 team's Super Bowl appearance during a pregame ceremony. Munoz, Riley and Anderson all played on that Super Bowl team, and Paul Brown was its general manager.

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

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: Second-year pro **Joe Burrow** has returned to action this season, after his rookie campaign was limited to just 10 games due to a left knee injury. So far, he has completed 39 of 57 pass attempts (68.4 percent) for 468 yards, four TDs and three INTs (94.8 rating). In Cincinnati's Game 1 overtime win vs. Minnesota, his first game back since the injury, he posted career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempts (9.6). Burrow then ended the game in OT with a seven-play, 46-yard drive that included a fourth-and-inches in which he changed the play at the line of scrimmage and tossed a 32-yard completion to set up a game-winning FG as time expired three plays later. Burrow was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28, and in Game 1 this season he followed through on a vow he made shortly after his injury that he would start the 2021 regular-season opener. After winning the Heisman Trophy and leading the LSU Tigers to a national championship in 2019, the Bengals made Burrow, a native of Athens, Ohio, the No. 1 pick in the '20 draft. Despite the absence of an offseason program and preseason his rookie year, Burrow got off to one of the best statistical starts to a career by a QB in NFL history, and at the time of his injury had been on pace to shatter numerous NFL rookie records. Still, his five 300-yard passing games in 2020 tied the Bengals' single-season record and stand third-most by a rookie in NFL history, while he also became the first rookie in NFL history to pass for 300 yards in three consecutive games (Games 2-4) and the sixth to top 400 yards in a single game (Oct. 25, 2020 at Cleveland). Listed second on the depth chart is veteran **Brandon Allen**, who filled in as starter in Burrow's absence late last season. Allen started five of Cincinnati's final six games in 2020, and completed 63.4 percent of his passes for 925 yards, five TDs and four INTs (82.0 rating). Allen joined the Bengals in August of 2020, and then began that season on the practice squad as the team's "quarantine QB" that was kept away from the rest of the QBs at practice/meetings in case they could not play due to COVID-19.

Running backs: Leading the Bengals' running back room is fifth-year pro **Joe Mixon**, who has returned to action this season after his 2020 campaign was limited to just six games due to a right foot injury. Originally a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2017, Mixon has shouldered a heavy load for Cincinnati, and when healthy is considered one of the NFL's top running backs. So far this season, Mixon has rushed for 196 yards (second in NFL) and a TD on 49 carries (second in NFL), and caught five passes for 25 yards. Mixon topped 1000 yards rushing in both 2018 and '19, before his foot injury last season prevented him from making it three seasons in a row. Mixon has one 100-yard rushing game this season (Game 1 vs. Minnesota) and 11 for his career; he also has one game with at least 100 yards from scrimmage this season (Game 1 vs. Minnesota), and 18 for his career. Mixon signed a contract extension in 2020 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '24 season. Fifth-year pro **Samaje Perine**, who also shared a backfield with Mixon in college at Oklahoma, is in his third Bengals season after beginning his career with Washington. Perine this season has five carries for 22 yards, and one catch for seven yards. Perine saw increased playing time late last year in Mixon's absence, and he impressed with a 4.8-yard-per-carry rushing average and three TDs on 63 carries. At 5-11, 240 pounds, Perine brings size and a physical rushing style, and he's also used extensively on special teams. Cincinnati spent a sixth-round pick this year on HB **Chris Evans**, who is known for his receiving ability out of the backfield. Evans impressed during training camp and preseason but has no statistics so far during the regular season. Bengals coaches say they first took notice of Evans' route-running and hands during receiving drills at 2021 Senior Bowl practices.

Wide receivers: Considered one of the top slot receivers in football, sixth-year pro **Tyler Boyd** leads a young and talented group of Bengals wide receivers. So far this season, Boyd has 10 catches for 105 yards. Boyd led the team in catches the last three seasons (2018-20), and stands as one of six Bengals ever to top 1000 receiving yards in consecutive seasons ('18-19). Boyd has nine career 100-yard receiving games, and five games with at least 10 catches. Boyd signed a contract extension in 2019 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '23 season. Returning this season after a terrific rookie year is second-year pro **Tee Higgins**, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020. Higgins so far this season has 10 catches for 118 yards and two TDs. Last season, he led Cincinnati in receiving yards (908) and tied for the franchise's

rookie receptions record (67). Higgins brings considerable size (6-4, 216) to the receiving corps, and coaches have credited him for transforming his body over the offseason to get stronger. Higgins caught six TDs as a rookie last season, after a three-year career at Clemson in which he tied a school record with 27 TDs. The newest and most-anticipated addition to the Bengals' offense this season is first-round draft pick **Ja'Marr Chase**, who brings previous experience with Joe Burrow from their time together in college at LSU. Chase already has been one of Cincinnati's top performers, with 155 yards and two TDs on seven catches. Chase has provided Cincinnati's offense with a downfield threat, and now is one of just two players since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger to have TD catches of at least 40 yards in each of his first two career games. In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, his NFL debut, Chase became the youngest Bengal (21 years, 195 days) ever to post 100 receiving yards, the third-youngest Bengal ever to score a TD, and his 50-yard TD catch at the end of the first half was the longest TD of any kind by a Bengals rookie in their NFL debut. With Burrow as his QB in 2019 at LSU, Chase set single-season SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20), and won the prestigious Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver. Chase has been assigned uniform No. 1, and is the first player in Bengals history to wear that number. Providing valuable depth is **Auden Tate**, a 2018 seventh-round pick who at 6-5, 228 pounds is known as a big-bodied receiver with a knack for making acrobatic catches. Tate battled a shoulder injury last season and was limited to just nine games, but when healthy the Bengals have utilized his wide catch radius and ability to come down with contested catches. Sixth-year pro **Mike Thomas** adds value as a speedy rotational receiver, as well as on special teams. Thomas has one catch for five yards so far this season. Thomas joined the Bengals in 2020 but spent his first four NFL seasons with the L.A. Rams, where in '17 his assistant WRs coach was Zac Taylor. Third-year pro **Stanley Morgan**, a 2019 college free agent signee of the Bengals, also adds depth at receiver, but he has excelled most in the NFL as a gunner on special teams. Rounding out the receivers room is first-year pro **Trenton Irwin**, who was signed from the practice squad to the active roster on Sept. 15. Irwin joined the Bengals midway through 2019 and has spent a majority of the time since on the practice squad.

Tight ends: **C.J. Uzomah**, a 2015 fifth-round pick of the Bengals, has returned to action this year after suffering a season-ending right Achilles injury in the second game of 2020. Uzomah so far this season has four catches for 39 yards. In Cincinnati's Game 1 overtime win vs. Minnesota, his first game back since the injury, Uzomah caught a 32-yard pass on fourth-and-inches in OT to help set up a game-winning FG as time expired three plays later. Uzomah is known for his veteran leadership off the field, and his combination of blocking and receiving ability on it. Also known as complete tight end, with both receiving and blocking ability, is 2019 second-round pick **Drew Sample**. After Uzomah's injury last season, Sample shouldered a heavier work load that saw him start 13 games, play more than 80 percent of the team's offensive snaps, and catch 40 passes and a TD. **Mitchell Wilcox**, a 2020 college free agent signee of the Bengals, spent nearly all of his rookie season on Cincinnati's practice squad. Wilcox is also considered a complete TE prospect — he left USF in 2019 with every single-season and career receiving record for a TE, and also helped block for three different 1000-yard rushers.

Offensive linemen: Now in his second season as Cincinnati's starting LOT is 2019 first-round pick **Jonah Williams**. After missing his entire rookie season to a shoulder injury, Williams started 10 games in his sophomore campaign in 2020. A right knee injury ended Williams' 2020 season early, but it was not deemed serious and he participated fully in the Bengals' offseason program. At ROT this season is 10th-year pro **Riley Reiff**, who signed with Cincinnati in March after spending his first nine NFL seasons with Detroit and Minnesota. Reiff has played LOT for a majority of his career, with his one season as a full-time ROT coming in 2016 with Detroit. Reiff, though, told the local media after signing with Cincinnati that he welcomes the opportunity to play ROT in Cincinnati, and if needed would even move inside to G for the first time in his pro career. Cincinnati's starting C since 2019 has been **Trey Hopkins**, who originally was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in '14. Hopkins battled injuries and bounced between the practice squad and roster for his first three seasons, before settling into a regular role and gaining starting experience at all three interior OL spots. Hopkins suffered a torn left ACL in last season's finale, but he was medically cleared in time to participate in the first practice of training camp on July 28 and lined up as the Bengals' starting C in the regular-season opener. Seventh-year pro **Quinton Spain**, a proven starter at G for the Titans and Bills, joined the Bengals mid-season in 2020 and is listed this year as Cincinnati's starting LG. Spain played in nine games (eight starts) last season for Cincinnati, and made starts at both RG and LG, as well as at ROT when the line was

dealing with injuries and COVID-19 issues. Another valuable veteran on the interior of the line is G **Xavier Su'a-Filo**, who is listed as the starting RG. Su'a-Filo, who is known for his athleticism and intelligence, opened 2020 as the Bengals' No. 1 RG but suffered an ankle injury in the opener and then switched to the starting LG spot upon his return late in the year. Adding depth at OT is third-year pro **Fred Johnson**, who stands at an imposing 6-6, 325 pounds. Johnson has starts at both OT and G during his now three-year career in Cincinnati, but he figures to work mostly at OT this season. Johnson has been a reserve at OT to this point in his career, but the Bengals are a combined 4-1 when he fills in as a starter at either OT spot. The Bengals added three offensive linemen in April's draft. The first was second-rounder **Jackson Carman**, a native of Fairfield, Ohio, about 35 minutes north of Paul Brown Stadium. The 6-5, 322-pound Carman played LOT at Clemson, but he is listed at G for the Bengals. In the fourth round, Cincinnati selected **D'Ante Smith** from East Carolina. Bengals coaches called Smith a "pure OT prospect" due to his size (6-5), length (35-inch arms) and agility, but he excelled at G during training camp, so that is where he is currently listed on the depth chart. In the sixth round, Cincinnati selected Georgia's **Trey Hill**, who is touted as a stout interior blocker with good movement skills and a high football IQ. Hill started 26 career games at C at Georgia, considered one of college football's top offensive lines, and this year is listed as the Bengals' backup C. Adding depth at OT is the tallest Bengal on the roster, Isaiah Prince (6-7), who returns to action in 2021 after opting out of the '20 season due to COVID-19.

Defensive linemen: Cincinnati native and Archbishop Moeller graduate **Sam Hubbard** is in his fourth Bengals season, including his third as a full-time starter, and is considered the leader of the defensive line. A third-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2018, Hubbard's 17.0 career sacks are third-most among players from his draft class (including college free agents), and he's also considered among the best DEs in the NFL against the run. Hubbard signed a contract extension in July that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2025 season. At the LDE is **Trey Hendrickson**, one of Cincinnati's most high-profile additions from free agency in March. So far this season, Hendrickson has 1.5 sacks and a FF. Hendrickson spent the last four seasons (2017-20) with New Orleans, and last year his 13.5 sacks tied for the NFC lead and tied for second in the NFL. Last year's high-profile addition in free agency was DT **D.J. Reader**, a 6-3, 347-pound nose tackle who excels against the run. Reader was limited to just five games last season due to a left quad injury, but he has returned healthy this year and has a sack. Lining up next to Reader is DT **Larry Ogunjobi**, who signed a one-year deal with Cincinnati in March. Ogunjobi has impressed so far this season, with one sack and two additional tackles for a losses. Ogunjobi spent his first four NFL seasons with Cleveland, where he played NT, however in Cincinnati he is playing three-technique DT, which he has called his "natural position." Also in the rotation at three-technique DT is **B.J. Hill**, who was acquired in an Aug. 30 trade with the N.Y. Giants. Hill already has two sacks on the season — both came in his Bengals debut, the season-opener vs. Minnesota. Hill stands 6-3, 311 pounds, and has played in every possible game over his now four-year career. Back in the lineup this season is 6-3, 345-pound DT **Josh Tupou**, who opted out of last season due to COVID-19. Tupou was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in 2017, and has worked his way into the regular defensive rotation as a reliable run-stuffer. In the fourth round of April's draft, the Bengals selected Tulane DE **Cam Sample**, who has seen rotational action in his first NFL season. Sample is known as a productive, versatile and high-energy player, and last season he was rated the most valuable defensive lineman in college football by Pro Football Focus. Bengals coaches say that Sample caught their eye during the 2021 Senior Bowl, where he earned Defensive MVP honors. Later in the fourth round, the Bengals selected 6-2, 350-pound DT **Tyler Shelvin**, a space-eater with a rare blend of strength and athleticism. Shelvin was a key player on LSU's defense during their national championship run in 2019, but he opted out of the '20 college season due to COVID-19. Adding depth at DE is second-year pro **Wyatt Ray**, who was acquired on waivers from Tennessee on Sept. 1. Ray originally was a college free agent signee of the Cleveland Browns in 2019, and has also spent time with Houston, Buffalo, the N.Y. Jets and Tennessee. Rounding out the defensive line group is 6-1, 248-pound rookie DE **Darius Hodge**, a college free agent signee out of Marshall. Hodge, who initially was listed at LB, excelled as a pass-rusher during preseason and earned a roster spot out of training camp.

Linebackers: Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is second-year pro **Logan Wilson**, the team's third-round draft pick in 2020. Wilson in 2021 is in his first season wearing the green dot as the defense's communicator, and so far he has a team-high 16 and an INT. Wilson battled injuries as a rookie in 2020 and was limited to 12 games (two starts), but when healthy he saw his role on defense increase. **Germaine Pratt**, a 2019 third-round pick of the Bengals, has grown into a key contributor on defense after

being considered a raw prospect coming out of the draft, due to switching from S to LB late in his college career. Pratt has nine tackles, a FF and a FR so far this season. In Cincinnati's season-opening win vs. Minnesota, Pratt made the defensive play of the game late in overtime when he forced and recovered a fumble by Vikings RB Dalvin Cook; the play thwarted Minnesota's potential game-winning drive, which had reached the Bengals' 38-yard line, and set up a Cincinnati drive that ended with a game-winning FG as time expired in OT. Pratt, who earned a starting LB spot midway through his rookie season, has drawn particular praise from coaches this season for his grasp of the defense. At 26 years old, fifth-year pro **Jordan Evans** is Cincinnati's longest-tenured linebacker by two years. Evans originally was a sixth-round pick of the Bengals in 2017, and has developed into a valuable rotational LB and special teams contributor. **Akeem Davis-Gaither**, a fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, also is in the LB rotation this year. Davis-Gaither is known for his speed and playmaking ability, and played in all 16 games (two starts) as a rookie. Drawing positive reviews this season is second-year LB **Markus Bailey**, a seventh-round pick of the Bengals in 2020. Bailey suffered an ACL tear his final season (2019) at Purdue, which coaches cite for bringing him along slowly as a rookie, but he did begin to see action on defense late last season.

Defensive backs: S **Jessie Bates**, a fourth-year pro and 2018 Bengals second-round pick, is considered one of the core leaders of the team. So far this season, Bates has 14 tackles. Bates earned a starting S spot in training camp as a rookie and has started every game since, becoming one of Cincinnati's most productive players. Bates topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons (2018-20), and last year showed off his coverage ability with 15 PDs (sixth in the NFL). Next to Bates at S is sixth-year pro **Vonn Bell**, who has not missed a single snap since joining the Bengals in 2020 after spending his first four seasons with New Orleans. So far this season, Bell has 13 tackles, including two for a losses, and a PD. Last year, in his first season with the Bengals, Bell played all 1059 defensive snaps and led the team in both tackles (114) and FFs (three). One of the headliners of the Bengals' 2020 free agency haul was CB **Trae Waynes**, who is listed as one of Cincinnati's two starting outside CBs. Waynes, though, has not played yet this season due to a hamstring injury suffered late in training camp. Last year, Waynes suffered a pectoral injury early in training camp and ended up missing the entire season. Depth at CB was a primary focus for the Bengals in 2020 free agency, as the team added three veteran corners. The first is **Chidobe Awuzie**, a former second-round pick of the Cowboys who spent his first four seasons in Dallas. Awuzie, who is under contract through the 2023 season, mans the other outside CB spot opposite Waynes. The second free agency addition was **Mike Hilton**, who is widely considered among the top slot CBs in the NFL. Hilton, who is under contract through the 2024 season, is among the smallest players on the roster at 5-9, 184 pounds, but he is known as a sure tackler and outstanding blitzer. The third free agent addition over the offseason was **Eli Apple**, a former first-round pick of the Giants. Apple brings familiarity with Bell, whom he played alongside in college at Ohio State, as well as with defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo, who was his position coach with the Giants in 2018. Bringing experience and a veteran presence at CB is **Darius Phillips**, a 2018 sixth-round pick of the Bengals who,

when healthy, has proven to be a playmaker in the secondary. Phillips led the team in INTs (four) in 2019 despite playing only 108 snaps on defense, but then he battled injuries throughout '20. Phillips has taken over as Cincinnati's primary punt returner this season, and thus is filling a rotational role on defense. At safety, 2017 sixth-round pick **Brandon Wilson** fills a rotational role on defense and primary role on special teams. Wilson is considered one of the top kickoff returners in the NFL, and has two career KORs for TDs (tied for most in team history). CB **Jalen Davis** joined the Bengals in mid-2020 and was thrust into action quickly while the team dealt with a wave of injuries and COVID-19 issues. Davis, who previously spent time with the Dolphins and Cardinals, drew praise from coaches during his six games of action in 2020, and earned a contract extension with the Bengals in March. Rounding out the defensive backfield is CB **Nick McCloud**, who was acquired on waivers from Buffalo on Sept. 1. McCloud, a rookie out of Notre Dame, was a college free agent signee of the Bills in May.

Special teams: Cincinnati native and the longest-tenured player on the roster **Kevin Huber** is handling the Bengals' punting duties for the 13th consecutive season. Huber, a graduate of Archbishop McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, originally was a fifth-round pick of his hometown Bengals in 2009. So far this season, Huber is averaging 45.2 gross yards on punts, and 41.7 net yards. Huber is considered the top punter in team history, and stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (923), punting yards (41,769), gross average (45.25), net average (40.23) and inside-20 punts (319). Huber was a Pro Bowl selection in 2014, but he has maintained a high level of play and last season posted career-highs in both gross (47.2) and net (42.8) average. Huber also is tied with QB Ken Anderson for third place in team history in games played (192), and he's within striking distance this season of leaders Reggie Williams (206) and Ken Riley (207). The oldest Bengal on the roster is LS **Clark Harris** (37 years old), who joined the Bengals early in 2009 and has snapped to Huber nearly his entire career. Harris has been a paragon of reliability for Cincinnati, and has never had an unplayable snap in 1716 career attempts (920 punts, 794 placekicks) as a Bengal. Harris, a Pro Bowler in 2017, has also been strong in kick coverage throughout his career. Harris has played in 186 career games as a Bengal, sixth-most in team history. Among the youngest players on the roster is 21-year-old rookie K **Evan McPherson**, whom the Bengals selected in the fifth round of April's draft. McPherson has already made a significant impact, after nailing a game-winning 33-yard FG as time expired in overtime of his first career game (season-opener vs. Minnesota). McPherson is known for his strong leg and accuracy, and left the University of Florida as the SEC's all-time leader in FG percentage (85.0). In the return game, S **Brandon Wilson** is considered among the top kickoff returners in the NFL. Wilson has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with Tremain Mack for most in team history, and his 103-yarder last season against the N.Y. Giants stands as the longest play of any kind in team history. Cincinnati's No. 1 PR this season is CB **Darius Phillips**, who prior to 2021 had five career punt returns in the NFL. In college though, Phillips was considered among the top returners in college football history, as he set an FBS career record with 12 career TDs on returns (five KOR, one PR, five INT, one FR). The Bengals also feature a number of experienced players in kick and punt coverage, including Wilson, LB **Jordan Evans**, LB **Akeem Davis-Gaither**, WR **Stanley Morgan** and WR **Mike Thomas**.

IMPORTANT DATES

	2021
Sept. 28	— 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.
Oct. 12-13	— Fall League Meeting, TBD
Mid-Oct.	— Beginning on the sixth calendar day prior to a club's seventh regular season game (including any bye week) clubs are permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness (if the player failed his preseason physical due to a non-football injury or illness) for a period not to exceed 21 days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period, provided that no player may be activated to participate in a Week Six game.
Nov. 2	— All trading ends for 2021 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
Nov. 3	— Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons are subject to the waiver system for the remainder of the regular season and postseason.
Nov. 8	— Any increase in a player's 2021 Salary from a renegotiation

or extension that is received by the Management Council after 4 p.m. Eastern, on this day, will be treated as Signing Bonus, and prorated over the entire term of the Player Contract, including 2021.

Nov. 16	— At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.
Nov. 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their unsigned Franchise and Transition Players, including Franchise Players who were eligible to receive Offer Sheets until this date. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
Nov. 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "UFA Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
Nov. 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the "June 1 Tender" was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
Nov. 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their

Drafted Rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.

Nov. 30 — Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of players who received, or filed a grievance for, the Basic or Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2021 season.

Dec. 1 — Beginning this date through Jan. 31, 2022, NFL clubs are permitted to conduct non-contact tryouts and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2022, or whose 2021 contracts are due to expire on Feb. 8, 2022. Prior to any tryout or negotiation, NFL clubs must first receive written permission from the player's CFL club.

Dec. 2, 4, 6 — Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the last business day prior to a club's Week 13 game for reinstatement of players in Reserve List categories of Retired, Did Not Report, and Exclusive Rights, and of players who were placed on Reserve/Left Squad in a previous season.

Dec. 14 — NFLMC Labor Seminar, TBD.

Dec. 14-15 — Special League Meeting, TBD.

2022

Jan. 8 — A claiming period of 24 hours shall be in effect for any waivers requested during the period from the Saturday of the final regular season weekend through the conclusion of the final postseason game, except for waiver requests on Friday and Saturday of each week, which shall expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday.
Assignment of player contracts will be deferred until the first business day after the Pro Bowl or the Super Bowl, whichever occurs later.
Terminations of player contracts will occur at the expiration of the claiming period.
A club that is participating in the playoffs may sign players whose contracts have been terminated to its Active/Inactive List, Practice Squad, or Reserve/Future List. A club whose playing season has concluded may sign such players to its Reserve/Future List only.

Jan. 10 — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2022 season.

Jan. 10 — NCAA National Championship Game, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.

Jan. 10 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2019 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2020. Any permissible renegotiated or extended Player Contract will not be considered a Rookie Contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit Rookie Contracts.

Jan. 10 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2019 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 10, 2022, but prior to May 3, 2022 (i.e., not later than May 2).

Jan. 10 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club's owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club's 2021 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2022 Team Salary.

Jan. 15-16 — Wild Card Playoff Games.

Jan. 17 — Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2022 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 21.

Jan. 22 — NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.

Jan. 22-23 — Divisional Playoff Games.

Jan. 28 — HBCU Combine, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala.

Jan. 30 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.

Jan. 31 — Deadline for NFL clubs to try out and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2022, or whose 2021 contracts are due to expire at noon Eastern, on Feb. 8, 2022.

Jan. 31 — Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury

Protection Benefit for the 2022 season to notify his former Club in writing.

Feb. 1 — Deadline for non-playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.

Feb. 3 — East-West Shrine Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.

Feb. 5 — Senior Bowl, Hancock Whitney Stadium, Mobile, Ala.

Feb. 6 — NFL Pro Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.

Feb. 8 — Beginning at noon Eastern, NFL clubs may begin to sign players whose 2021 CFL contracts have expired. Players under contract to a CFL club for the 2022 season or who have an option for the 2022 season are not eligible to be signed.

Feb. 13 — Super Bowl LVI, SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif.

Feb. 14 — Waiver system begins for 2022. A 24-hour claiming period will be in effect through the Friday prior to the last regular season game (waiver requests made on Friday and Saturday of each week will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday.) Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons whom a club desires to terminate are not subject to the waiver system until after the trading deadline.

Feb. 14 — Beginning the first business day after the Super Bowl through the opening of the first training camp for Rookies in 2022, clubs must report all tryouts and visits to the League office; however, such transactions will not be reported to other clubs.

Feb. 19 — HBCU Legacy Bowl, Yulman Stadium, New Orleans, La.

Feb. 21 — Deadline for playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.

Feb. 22 — Beginning this date through 4 p.m. Eastern on March 8 clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players.

March 1-7 — NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.

March 8 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.

March 10 — Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2022 season.

March 14-16 — During the period beginning at noon Eastern, on March 14 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with, the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2021 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 16.
During the above two-day negotiating period, a prospective UFA who is not represented by an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor is permitted to communicate directly with a new club's front office officials (excluding the Head Coach and other members of the club's coaching staff) regarding contract negotiations.
No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 16.

March 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must exercise options for 2022 on all players who have option clauses in their 2021 contracts.

March 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation.

March 16 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2021 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.

March 16 — Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2022 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern.

March 16 — All 2021 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern.

March 16 — The 2022 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern.
The first day of the 2022 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. Clubs will receive a Personnel Notice that will include all transactions submitted

	—	to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern, and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16.
March 16	—	Trading period for 2022 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2021 contracts.
March 16	—	Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2022 and if not renegotiated after Jan. 9. 2022, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).
March 18	—	Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician- Certified Candidates for the 2022 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.
March 27-30	—	Annual League Meeting, The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla.
March 31	—	Deadline for clubs to meet 2022 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.
April 4	—	Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2021 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
April 18	—	Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
April 20	—	Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.
April 22	—	Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
April 27	—	Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
April 27	—	Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.
April 28-30	—	Annual Player Selection Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev.
May 2	—	Deadline for Prior Club to send "UFA Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not

		signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern, only with his Prior Club.
May 2	—	Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2019 Draft.
May 6-9 or May 13-16	—	Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie mini-camp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
May 16	—	Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
May 19-22 (Tentative)	—	NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their respective clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period.
May 23-25	—	Spring League Meeting, TBD.
June 1	—	Deadline for Prior Club to send "June 1 Tender" to its unsigned Restricted Free Agents who received a Qualifying Offer for a Right of First Refusal Only in order for such player to be subject to the CBA's "June 15 Tender" provision.
June 2	—	For any player removed from the Club's roster or whose contract is assigned via waivers or trade on or after June 2, any unamortized Signing Bonus amounts for future years will be included fully in Team Salary at the start of the 2022 League Year.
June 15	—	Deadline for club to withdraw Qualifying Offer to Restricted Free Agents and still retain exclusive negotiating rights by substituting "June 15 Tender" of one-year contract at 110 percent of the player's prior-year Paragraph 5 Salary (with all other terms of his prior-year contract carried forward unchanged).
Late June	—	Rookie Readiness Program to be held at individual clubs.

2020 SEASON
WEEK 10, GAME 9

Pittsburgh Steelers 36, Cincinnati Bengals 10
Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020 at Heinz Field

After dealing with its first COVID-19 cases over the bye the previous week, Cincinnati traveled to Pittsburgh to take on the undefeated Steelers under some of the most unique circumstances in team history. In all, four eligible players (including practice squad) and four assistant coaches were unavailable for the game for reasons related to COVID-19. And, in addition, five listed Bengals starters were held out of the contest due to unrelated injuries. Cincinnati kept the game close early behind a strong first half from QB Joe Burrow, but the rookie completed just five of his 15 pass attempts for 24 yards over the final two periods. Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger, who was held out of his team's facility all week due to COVID-19 procedures, threw for 333 yards and four TDs against a depleted Bengals secondary. And after the Bengals lost yet another defensive starter — CB Mackensie Alexander — to injury in the first half, the Steelers used two second-half TD passes to WR Chase Claypool to widen the margin and cruise to a 36-10 win. Cincinnati dropped to 2-6-1, while Pittsburgh improved to 9-0.

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	0	7	0	3	—	10
Pittsburgh	12	10	7	7	—	36

TEAM — SCORING PLAY

		QTR.-LEFT
Pitt.	— C.Boswell 41 field goal	1-11:23
Pitt.	— C.Boswell 30 field goal	1-4:50
Pitt.	— D.Johnson 12 pass form B.Roethlisberger (pass failed)	1-1:51
Cin.	— T.Higgins 2 pass from J.Burrow (R.Bullock kick)	2-10:37
Pitt.	— J.Smith-Schuster 8 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick)	2-7:23
Pitt.	— C.Boswell 45 field goal	2-1:48
Pitt.	— C.Claypool 11 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick)	3-4:22
Pitt.	— C.Claypool 5 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick)	4-10:31
Cin.	— R.Bullock 37 field goal	4-5:05

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 5909. **Time:** 3:16.

TEAM STATISTICS

	CIN.	PITT.
First downs	16	22
Third down conversions-attempts	0-13	6-16
Total net yards	324	377
Net yards rushing	139	44
Net yards passing	185	333
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	40-21-0	46-27-0
Sacks against-yards lost	4-28	0-0
Punts-average	9-44.6	7-49.3
Punt returns-yards	2-13	4-60
Kickoff returns-yards	3-63	3-49
Penalties-yards	6-65	6-45
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Time of possession	29:32	30:28

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
S.Perine	7	48	15	0	J.Conner	13	36	16	0
S.Williams	1	39	39	0	B.Snell	3	12	8	0
G.Bernard	8	30	11	0	B.Roethlisberger	1	0	0	0
T.Williams	5	22	8	0	R.McCloud	1	-1	-1	0
					C.Claypool	2	-3	0	0
TOTALS	21	139	39	0	TOTALS	20	44	16	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Burrow	40	21	213	1-0	B.Roethlisberger	46	27	333	4-0
TOTALS	40	21	213	1-0	TOTALS	46	27	333	4-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Higgins	7	115	54	1	J.Smith-Schuster	9	77	24	1
T.Boyd	6	41	20	0	D.Johnson	6	116	46	1
G.Bernard	4	17	13	0	C.Claypool	4	56	15	2
A.Tate	2	24	19	0	E.Ebron	2	38	24	0
D.Sample	1	9	9	0	J.Washington	2	30	16	0
S.Perine	1	7	7	0	J.Conner	2	12	8	0
					R.McCloud	2	4	4	0
TOTALS	21	213	54	1	TOTALS	27	333	46	4

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Brown 6-3-9, J.Bates 5-2-7, G.Pratt 4-3-7, W.Jackson 5-1-6, M.Alexander 2-2-4, K.Kareem 3-0-3, V.Bell 2-1-3, J.Davis 2-1-3, S.Hubbard 1-2-3, A.Bledsoe 1-1-2, J.Bynes 1-1-2, C.Lawson 1-1-2, C.Covington 0-2-2, L.Wilson 1-0-1, A.Davis-Gaither 0-1-1, R.McKenzie 0-1-1, X.Williams 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Bates 2, V.Bell 2, T.Brown 1, S.Hubbard 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.
Pittsburgh (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** Te.Edmunds 5-3-8, M.Fitzpatrick 6-0-6, R.Spillane 4-1-5, C.Sutton 4-0-4, T.Watt 4-0-4, J.Haden 3-1-4, V.Williams 1-3-4, B.Dupree 2-1-3, T.Alualu 1-2-3, S.Davis 2-0-2, S.Nelson 2-0-2, A.Brooks 1-1-2, S.Tuitt 1-1-2, C.Heyward 0-2-2, C.Davis 1-0-1, A.Highsmith 1-0-1, R.McCloud 1-0-1, A.Williamson 1-0-1, M.Allen 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.Watt 2-15, B.Dupree 1-7, R.Spillane 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Haden 3, S.Nelson 1. **FF:** C.Sutton 1. **FR-YDS.:** S.Nelson 1-0.

2020 SEASON
WEEK 15, GAME 14

Cincinnati Bengals 27, Pittsburgh Steelers 17
Monday night, Dec. 21, 2020 at Paul Brown Stadium

The 14-point underdog Bengals pulled off an upset for the ages on Monday Night Football against the visiting Steelers, who entered the contest having won their last 11 games over Cincinnati. Led by third-string QB Ryan Finley, the Bengals posted 27 points on a Steelers defense that entered the contest allowing an NFL-low 18.2 points per game. Cincinnati was helped by three takeaways in the first half, and jumped out to a 17-0 lead at the break while holding Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger to just 19 passing yards, his fewest ever before halftime in 230 career starts. The Steelers came alive after the break with 17 second-half points, but the Bengals' run-heavy offense (41 rushes, 13 passes), coupled with multiple key defensive stops, helped Cincinnati hold on for the win. Cincinnati improved to 3-10-1, while Pittsburgh dropped to 11-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Pittsburgh	0	0	10	7	—	17
Cincinnati	3	14	0	10	—	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY

		QTR.-LEFT
Cin.	— A.Seibert 34 field goal	1-5:12
Cin.	— G.Bernard 4 run (A.Seibert kick)	2-12:05
Cin.	— G.Bernard 14 pass from R.Finley (A.Seibert kick)	2-4:20
Pitt.	— D.Johnson 23 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick)	3-12:07
Pitt.	— C.Boswell 25 field goal	3-5:27
Cin.	— R.Finley 23 run (A.Seibert kick)	4-11:21
Pitt.	— B.Snell 1 run (C.Boswell kick)	4-5:32
Cin.	— A.Seibert 33 field goal	4-0:12

Missed FGs: A.Seibert (55WR). **Attendance:** 10,249. **Time:** 3:05.

TEAM STATISTICS

	PITT.	CIN.
First downs	12	13
Third down conversions-attempts	4-16	4-14
Total net yards	244	230
Net yards rushing	86	152
Net yards passing	158	78
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	38-20-1	13-7-0
Sacks against-yards lost	1-12	2-11
Punts-average	6-52.2	7-45.6
Punt returns-yards	3-19	2-17
Kickoff returns-yards	1-30	0-0
Penalties-yards	4-30	2-16
Fumbles-lost	3-2	0-0
Time of possession	27:57	32:03

RUSHING

PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
B.Snell	18	84	29	1	G.Bernard	25	83	3.3	1
A.McFarland	1	5	5	0	R.Finley	10	47	23t	1
J.Samuels	1	4	4	0	S.Perine	4	14	8	0
B.Roethlisberger	2	-1	-0.5	0	T.Williams	2	8	5	0
C.Claypool	1	-6	-6.0	0					
TOTALS	23	86	29	1	TOTALS	41	152	23t	2

PASSING

PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Roethlisberger	38	20	170	1-1	R.Finley	13	7	89	1-0
TOTALS	38	20	170	1-1	TOTALS	13	7	89	1-0

RECEIVING

PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Johnson	8	59	23t	1	T.Higgins	3	31	14	0
C.Claypool	3	54	37	0	A.Green	2	40	30	0
B.Snell	3	23	14	0	G.Bernard	1	14	14t	1
J.Smith-Schuster	3	15	21	0	D.Sample	1	4	4	0
J.Samuels	1	12	12	0					
A.McFarland	1	9	9	0					
R.McCloud	1	-2	-2	0					
TOTALS	20	170	37	1	TOTALS	7	89	30	1

DEFENSE

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** M.Fitzpatrick 6-1-7, C.Heyward 4-3-7, A.Williamson 4-3-7, M.Allen 2-4-6, A.Highsmith 3-2-5, S.Tuitt 3-2-5, T.Alualu 2-3-5, T.Watt 4-0-4, T.Edmunds 2-1-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, J.Haden 2-0-2, S.Nelson 2-0-2. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.Watt 1-11, S.Tuitt 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** S.Nelson 2, J.Haden 1, C.Sutton 1. **FF:** None.
Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Bynes 3-5-8, V.Bell 5-2-7, M.Alexander 6-0-6, G.Pratt 3-3-6, D.Phillips 5-0-5, J.Bates 4-1-5, W.Jackson 3-0-3, C.Lawson 2-0-2, M.Daniels 1-1-2, A.Bledsoe 1-0-1, M.Hunt 1-0-1, C.Covington 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Lawson 1-12. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Alexander 1-21. **PD:** D.Phillips 3, M.Alexander 2, J.Bates 1, S.Hubbard 1, M.Hunt 1, W.Jackson 1, G.Pratt 1. **FF:** V.Bell 1, C.Lawson 1. **FR-YDS.:** J.Bynes 1-0, J.Evans 1-0.

WEEK 1, GAME 1

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

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

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Minnesota	0	7	7	10	0	24
Cincinnati	0	14	7	3	3	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 2, GAME 2

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

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

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	0	0	3	14	—	17
Chicago	7	0	0	13	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS

	CIN.	CHI.
First downs	14	16
Third down conversions-attempts	6-12	6-15
Total net yards	248	206
Net yards rushing	69	123
Net yards passing	179	83
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	30-19-3	24-15-1
Sacks against-yards lost	4-28	3-33
Punts-average	2-37.5	4-42.3
Punt returns-yards	1-15	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards	3-54	1-10
Penalties-yards	4-57	8-70
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-0
Time of possession	28:39	31:21

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

THE BENGALS ARE:

2021 REGULAR SEASON

1-0	at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)	**1-1**	when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
0-1	on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)	**0-0**	when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
0-0	when scoring first	**0-1**	on natural grass
1-1	when opponent scores first	**1-0**	on synthetic surface
1-1	in games decided by three points or fewer	**1-0**	when rushing for 125 or more net yards
1-1	in games decided by seven points or fewer	**0-0**	when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
0-0	when leading after one quarter	**0-1**	when rushing for less than 125 net yards
1-0	when tied after one quarter	**1-1**	when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
0-1	when trailing after one quarter	**0-0**	when passing for 250 or more net yards
1-0	when leading at halftime	**1-0**	when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
0-0	when tied at halftime	**1-1**	when passing for less than 250 net yards
0-1	when trailing at halftime	**0-1**	when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
1-0	when leading after three quarters	**1-0**	with plus turnover differential
0-0	when tied after three quarters	**0-0**	with even turnover differential
0-1	when trailing after three quarters	**0-1**	with minus turnover differential
1-0	when scoring 20 or more points	**1-1**	with fewer penalties than opponent
1-1	when opponent scores 20 or more points	**1-1**	with fewer penalty yards than opponent

UNDER ZAC TAYLOR (2019-PRESENT)

6-11-0	at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)	**7-26-1**	when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
1-15-1	on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)	**0-0-0**	when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
4-11-0	when scoring first	**0-12-1**	on natural grass
3-15-1	when opponent scores first	**7-14-0**	on synthetic surface
1-7-1	in games decided by three points or fewer	**4-6-0**	when rushing for 125 or more net yards
2-13-1	in games decided by seven points or fewer	**2-15-1**	when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
5-8-0	when leading after one quarter	**2-20-1**	when rushing for less than 125 net yards
1-3-1	when tied after one quarter	**5-11-0**	when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
1-15-0	when trailing after one quarter	**2-10-1**	when passing for 250 or more net yards
5-8-0	when leading at halftime	**3-9-0**	when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
1-1-0	when tied at halftime	**5-16-0**	when passing for less than 250 net yards
1-17-1	when trailing at halftime	**4-17-1**	when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
6-5-1	when leading after three quarters	**5-2-1**	with plus turnover differential
1-1-0	when tied after three quarters	**2-7-0**	with even turnover differential
0-20-0	when trailing after three quarters	**0-17-0**	with minus turnover differential
7-6-1	when scoring 20 or more points	**5-16-1**	with fewer penalties than opponent
5-21-1	when opponent scores 20 or more points	**6-16-1**	with fewer penalty yards than opponent

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

- 127 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 69 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 19 at Chicago
- 22 — Samaje Perine, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

- 29 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 20 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 19 at Chicago
- 5 — Samaje Perine, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota

LONGEST RUSHES

- 19 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 13 — Samaje Perine, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 12 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota

RECEPTIONS

- 7 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 19 at Chicago
- 6 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 19 at Chicago
- 5 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota

RECEIVING YARDS

- 101 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 73 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 19 at Chicago
- 60 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 19 at Chicago

PASSING YARDS

- 261 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 207 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 19 at Chicago

PASS ATTEMPTS

- 30 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 19 at Chicago
- 27 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota

PASS COMPLETIONS

- 20 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 19 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 19 at Chicago

LONGEST PASSES

- 50 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota (TD)
- 42 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 19 at Chicago (TD)
- 32 — Joe Burrow to C.J. Uzomah, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

- 150 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 99 — Ja'Marr Chase, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 73 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 19 at Chicago

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

- 27 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 19 at Chicago
- 11 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 18 — Brandon Wilson, Sept. 19 at Chicago

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

- 15 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 15 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 15 — Darius Phillips, Sept. 19 at Chicago

TOTAL TACKLES*

- 9 — Jessie Bates, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 9 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 19 at Chicago
- 8 — Germaine Pratt, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota

SOLO TACKLES*

- 6 — Eli Apple, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 6 — Jessie Bates, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota
- 6 — Germaine Pratt, Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota

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

2021 GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	366	36-149	217	20-27	2/0	5-44	20	3-14	0-0	34:51
Sept. 19	at Chicago	248	20-69	179	19-30	2/3	4-28	14	6-12	1-1	28:39
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh										
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY										
Oct. 17	at Detroit										
Oct. 24	at Baltimore										
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets										
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 14	—BYE—										
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas										
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS										
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO										
Dec. 19	at Denver										
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE										
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY										
Jan. 9	at Cleveland										
TOTALS		614	56-218	396	39-57	4/3	9-72	34	9-26	1-1	29:18

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	403	22-67	336	37-50	2/0	3-26	24	6-16	1-1	35:09
Sept. 19	at Chicago	206	34-123	83	15-24	1/1	3-33	16	6-15	1-0	31:21
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh										
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY										
Oct. 17	at Detroit										
Oct. 24	at Baltimore										
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets										
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 14	—BYE—										
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas										
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS										
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO										
Dec. 19	at Denver										
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE										
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY										
Jan. 9	at Cleveland										
TOTALS		609	56-190	419	52-74	3/1	6-59	40	12-31	2-1	30:42

TRANSACTIONS

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

June 2, 2021 — Signed WR **Ja'Marr Chase** (D1) and DE **Joseph Ossai** (D3); Placed LS **Dan Godsil** on the Reserve/Retired list.

July 22, 2021 — Acquired C **Lamont Gaillard** on waivers from Arizona.

July 26, 2021 — Signed DE **Sam Hubbard*** to a contract extension; Signed WR **Reece Horn** (FA).

July 27, 2021 — Signed OT **Gunnar Vogel** (FA).

Aug. 16, 2021 — Waived WR **Reece Horn**, WR **Riley Lees** and TE **Pro Wells**.

Aug. 22, 2021 — Signed DE **Noah Spence** (FA); Terminated the contract of S **Kavon Frazier**; Waived DE **Freedom Akinmoladun**, QB **Eric Dungey**, C **Lamont Gaillard** and TE **Cheyenne O'Grady**.

Aug. 23, 2021 — Waived (injured) CB **Donnie Lewis Jr.**.

Aug. 24, 2021 — CB **Donnie Lewis Jr.** cleared waivers and reverted to Reserve/Injured list.

Aug. 30, 2021 — Acquired DT **B.J. Hill** in a trade with the N.Y. Giants for C **Billy Price**.

Aug. 31, 2021 — Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list: OT **Hakeem Adeniji** and DE **Wyatt Hubert**; Placed DE **Joseph Ossai** on the Reserve/Injured list; Terminated the contracts of the following four vested veterans: DT **Mike Daniels**, TE **Mason Schreck**, DE **Noah Spence** and WR **Trent Taylor**; Waived the following 20 players: LB **Joe Bachie**, DE **Amani Bledsoe**, CB **Tony Brown**, P **Drue Chrisman**, S **Trayvon Henderson**, LB **Keandre Jones**, G **Michael Jordan**, DT **Kahlil McKenzie**, TE **Thaddeus Moss**, HB **Jacques Patrick**, CB **Antonio Phillips**, CB **Winston Rose**, K **Austin Seibert**, QB **Kyle Shurmur**, G **Keaton Sutherland**, OT **Gunnar Vogel**, WR **Scotty Washington**, HB **Pooka Williams Jr.**, HB **Trayveon Williams** and DT **Renell Wren**.

Sept. 1, 2021 — Acquired the following two players on waivers: DE **Wyatt Ray** (from Tennessee) and CB **Nick McCloud** (from Buffalo); Terminated the contract of WR **Mike Thomas**; Waived WR **Trenton Irwin**; Signed the following 15 players to the Practice Squad: LB **Joe Bachie**, P **Drue Chrisman**, S **Trayvon Henderson**, LB **Keandre Jones**, TE **Thaddeus Moss**, HB **Jacques Patrick**, CB **Tony Brown**, CB **Winston Rose**, TE **Mason Schreck**, DE **Noah Spence**, G **Keaton Sutherland**, WR **Trent Taylor**, HB **Pooka Williams Jr.**, HB **Trayveon Williams** and DT **Renell Wren**.

Sept. 2, 2021 — Re-signed WR **Mike Thomas**; Placed DE **Khalid Kareem** on the Reserve/Injured list.

Sept. 3, 2021 — Signed WR **Trenton Irwin** to the Practice Squad.

Sept. 6, 2021 — Signed DT **Mike Daniels** to the Practice Squad; Released CB **Winston Rose** from the Practice Squad.

Sept. 7, 2021 — Signed QB **Jake Browning** (FA) to the Practice Squad; Released P **Drue Chrisman** from the Practice Squad.

Sept. 14, 2021 — Waived CB **Donnie Lewis** from the Reserve/Injured list.

Sept. 15, 2021 — Signed WR **Trenton Irwin** off the Practice Squad; Placed S **Ricardo Allen** on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed S **Sean Davis** (FA) to the Practice Squad.

Sept. 18, 2021 — Elevated S **Sean Davis** from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevation).

Sept. 20, 2021 — S **Sean Davis** reverted from the active roster to the Practice Squad; Placed G **Keaton Sutherland** (practice squad) on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.

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* *NOTE: Signed a new contract before pre-existing contract expired.*

LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

P — played as a substitute	**RPUP** — reserve/physically unable to perform list	**RF** — reserve/future list
DNP — did not play	**RNFI** — reserve/non-football injury list	**PSI** — practice squad/injured list
IL — inactive list	**RNF-I** — reserve/non-football illness list	***** — eligible to practice while on a reserve list
PS — practice squad	**RSBC** — reserve/suspended by commissioner list	**^** — reserve/injured player designated for return
NWT — not with team	**RSBT** — reserve/suspended by team list	**+** — designated practice squad protected player
REX — roster exemption	**ROO** — reserve/opt-out	**=** — standard elevation from practice squad
RI — reserve/injured list	**RC19** — reserve/COVID-19 list	**<** — COVID-19 replacement from practice squad

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

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Su'a-Filo	Reiff	Uzomah	Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 19	at Chicago	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Su'a-Filo	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh											
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE											
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY											
Oct. 17	at Detroit											
Oct. 24	at Baltimore											
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets											
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND											
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Nov. 21	at Las Vegas											
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS											
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO											
Dec. 19	at Denver											
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE											
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY											
Jan. 9	at Cleveland											

DEFENSE

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

DEPTH CHART

SEPT. 21, 2021

OFFENSE

Pos							
WR	1	Ja'Marr Chase	19	Auden Tate		
LOT	73	Jonah Williams	75	Isaiah Prince		
LG	67	Quinton Spain	70	D'Ante Smith		
C	66	Trey Hopkins	63	Trey Hill		
RG	72	Xavier Su'a-Filo	79	Jackson Carman		
ROT	71	Riley Reiff	74	Fred Johnson		
TE	87	C.J. Uzomah	89	Drew Sample	84	Mitchell Wilcox
WR	83	Tyler Boyd	17	Stanley Morgan	16	Trenton Irwin
WR	85	Tee Higgins	80	Mike Thomas		
QB	9	Joe Burrow	8	Brandon Allen		
HB	28	Joe Mixon	34	Samaje Perine	25	Chris Evans

DEFENSE

Pos							
LDE	94	Sam Hubbard	96	Cam Sample	93	Wyatt Ray
NT	98	D.J. Reader	68	Josh Tupou	99	Tyler Shelvin
DT	65	Larry Ogunjobi	92	B.J. Hill		
RDE	91	Trey Hendrickson	44	Darius Hodge		
LB	55	Logan Wilson	59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	51	Markus Bailey
LB	57	Germaine Pratt	50	Jordan Evans		
NCB	21	Mike Hilton	35	Jalen Davis		
CB	26	Trae Waynes	20	Eli Apple	29	Nick McCloud
CB	22	Chidobe Awuzie	23	Darius Phillips		
S	24	Vonn Bell	40	Brandon Wilson		
S	30	Jessie Bates III	40	Brandon Wilson		

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos					
P	10	Kevin Huber		
K	2	Evan McPherson		
LS	46	Clark Harris		
H	10	Kevin Huber		
PR	23	Darius Phillips	83	Tyler Boyd
KOR	40	Brandon Wilson	23	Darius Phillips

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Hakeem Adeniji (Reserve/NFI) ....hah-KEEM uh-DENN-ih-gee
Lou **Anarumo** (Defensive Coordinator)..ann-ah-ROO-mo
Chidobe Awuzie .... CHIH-doe-bay ah-WOOZ-yeh
Joe **Bachie** (practice squad) ....BAH-chee
Joey **Boese** (Strength and Conditioning Coach)......................................bo-ZAY
Louie **Cioffi** (Defensive Quality Control Coach) ....CHO-fee
Akeem Davis-Gaither ....AH-keem DAY-viss-GAY-thur
Trayvon Henderson (practice squad) .... TRAY-vahn
Keandre Jones (practice squad)...kee-AHN-dray
Khalid Kareem (Reserve/Injured)..KAH-lid kuh-REEM
Thaddeus Moss (practice squad) ....THA-dee-us
Larry **Ogunjobi**..O-gunn-JO-bee

Joseph Ossai (Reserve/Injured)..o-SIGH
Jacques Patrick (practice squad)..JAH-quez
Samaje Perine .... suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine
D'Ante Smith ....dee-AHN-tay
Xavier Su'a-Filo..ZAY-vyer SOO-uh-FEE-lo
Josh **Tupou** ....TEW-po
C.J. **Uzomah**..yew-ZAH-mah
Trae Waynes .... TRAY
Pooka Williams Jr. (practice squad)..POO-kah
Trayveon Williams (practice squad)..TRAY-vee-ahn
Renell Wren (practice squad) ....reh-NELL RENN

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8	Allen, Brandon	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	5	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
20	Apple, Eli	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	6	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.	FA'21
22	Awuzie, Chidobe	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	5	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
51	Bailey, Markus	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	2	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
30	Bates, Jessie, III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	4	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
24	Bell, Vonn	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	6	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	6	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
9	Burrow, Joe	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	2	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
79	Carman, Jackson	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	R	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
1	Chase, Ja'Marr	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	R	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.	D1'21
35	Davis, Jalen	CB	5-10	185	2-2-96	2	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
59	Davis-Gaither, Akeem	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
25	Evans, Chris	HB	5-11	211	10-5-97	R	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
50	Evans, Jordan	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	5	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	13	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
91	Hendrickson, Trey	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	5	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
85	Higgins, Tee	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	2	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
92	Hill, B.J.	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	4	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
63	Hill, Trey	C	6-4	319	1-23-00	R	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
21	Hilton, Mike	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	5	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
44	Hodge, Darius	DE	6-1	248	7-3-98	R	Marshall	Wake Forest, N.C.	CFA'21
66	Hopkins, Trey	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	6	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
94	Hubbard, Sam	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	4	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	13	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
16	Irwin, Trenton	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
74	Johnson, Fred	OT	6-6	325	6-5-97	3	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
29	McCloud, Nick	CB	6-1	190	7-9-98	R	Notre Dame	Rock Hill, S.C.	W(Buff.)'21
2	McPherson, Evan	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	R	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	5	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
17	Morgan, Stanley	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
65	Ogunjobi, Larry	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Cle.)'21
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	5	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
23	Phillips, Darius	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
57	Pratt, Germaine	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	3	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
75	Prince, Isaiah	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
93	Ray, Wyatt	DE	6-3	255	10-24-96	2	Boston College	Boca Raton, Fla.	W(Tenn.)'21
98	Reader, D.J.	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	6	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
71	Reiff, Riley	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.	FA'21
96	Sample, Cam	DE	6-3	267	9-20-99	R	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
89	Sample, Drew	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	3	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
99	Shelvin, Tyler	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	R	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21
70	Smith, D'Ante	G	6-5	305	6-9-98	R	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
67	Spain, Quinton	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.	FA'20
72	Su'a-Filo, Xavier	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	8	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20
19	Tate, Auden	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
80	Thomas, Mike	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	6	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
68	Tupou, Josh	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
87	Uzomah, C.J.	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	7	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
26	Waynes, Trae	CB	6-0	190	7-25-92	7	Michigan State	Kenosha, Wis.	UFA(Minn.)'20
84	Wilcox, Mitchell	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	1	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
73	Williams, Jonah	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	3	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
40	Wilson, Brandon	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
55	Wilson, Logan	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	2	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20

PRACTICE SQUAD (date signed to PS)

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49	Bachie, Joe (9-1-21)	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	2	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
27	Brown, Tony (9-1-21)	CB	6-0	198	7-13-95	4	Alabama	Beaumont, Texas	W(G.B.)'20
6	Browning, Jake (9-7-21)	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	FA'21
76	Daniels, Mike (9-6-21)	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	10	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.	FA'20
33	Davis, Sean (9-15-21)	S	6-1	202	10-23-93	6	Maryland	Washington, D.C.	FA'21
41	Henderson, Trayvon (9-1-21)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
47	Jones, Keandre (9-1-21)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	1	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
81	Moss, Thaddeus (9-1-21)	TE	6-3	249	5-14-98	2	Louisiana State	Charlotte, N.C.	W(Wash.)'21
31	Patrick, Jacques (9-1-21)	HB	6-2	231	1-7-97	1	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'20
86	Schreck, Mason (9-1-21)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
52	Spence, Noah (9-1-21)	DE	6-2	251	1-8-94	5	Eastern Kentucky	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'21
11	Taylor, Trent (9-1-21)	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA'21
12	Williams, Pooka, Jr. (9-1-21)	WR	5-9	175	6-19-99	R	Kansas	New Orleans, La.	CFA'21
32	Williams, Trayveon (9-1-21)	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
95	Wren, Renell (9-1-21)	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	3	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19

RESERVE/COVID-19 (date assigned to RC19)

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
64	Sutherland, Keaton (9-21-21, from PS)	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	3	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	FA'20

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

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
77	Adeniji, Hakeem (8-31-21; pectoral)	OT	6-4	302	12-8-97	2	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20
56	Hubert, Wyatt (8-31-21; pectoral)	DE	6-3	258	6-13-98	R	Kansas State	Topeka, Kan.	D7'21

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned to RI; injury)

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
37	Allen, Ricardo (9-15-21; hand)	S	5-9	186	12-18-91	7	Purdue	Daytona Beach, Fla.	FA'21
90	Kareem, Khalid (9-2-21; shoulder)	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	2	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20
58	Ossai, Joseph (8-31-21; knee)	DE	6-4	256	4-12-00	R	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21

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

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
1	Ja'Marr Chase	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	R	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.	D1'21
2	Evan McPherson	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	R	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
8	Brandon Allen	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	5	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
9	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	2	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	13	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
16	Trenton Irwin	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
17	Stanley Morgan	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
19	Auden Tate	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
20	Eli Apple	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	6	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.	FA'21
21	Mike Hilton	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	5	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
22	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	5	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
23	Darius Phillips	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	6	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
25	Chris Evans	HB	5-11	211	10-5-97	R	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
26	Trae Waynes	CB	6-0	190	7-25-92	7	Michigan State	Kenosha, Wis.	UFA(Minn.)'20
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	5	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
29	Nick McCloud	CB	6-1	190	7-9-98	R	Notre Dame	Rock Hill, S.C.	W(Buff.)'21
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	4	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
34	Samaje Perine	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	5	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
35	Jalen Davis	CB	5-10	185	2-2-96	2	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
40	Brandon Wilson	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
44	Darius Hodge	DE	6-1	248	7-3-98	R	Marshall	Wake Forest, N.C.	CFA'21
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	13	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
50	Jordan Evans	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	5	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
51	Markus Bailey	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	2	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
55	Logan Wilson	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	2	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	3	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
63	Trey Hill	C	6-4	319	1-23-00	R	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
65	Larry Ogunjobi	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Cle.)'21
66	Trey Hopkins	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	6	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
67	Quinton Spain	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.	FA'20
68	Josh Tupou	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
70	D'Ante Smith	G	6-5	305	6-9-98	R	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
71	Riley Reiff	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.	FA'21
72	Xavier Su'a-Filo	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	8	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20
73	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	3	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
74	Fred Johnson	OT	6-6	325	6-5-97	3	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
75	Isaiah Prince	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
79	Jackson Carman	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	R	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
80	Mike Thomas	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	6	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	6	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
84	Mitchell Wilcox	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	1	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
85	Tee Higgins	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	2	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
87	C.J. Uzomah	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	7	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	3	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
91	Trey Hendrickson	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	5	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
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93	Wyatt Ray	DE	6-3	255	10-24-96	2	Boston College	Boca Raton, Fla.	W(Tenn.)'21
94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	4	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
96	Cam Sample	DE	6-3	267	9-20-99	R	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
98	D.J. Reader	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	6	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
99	Tyler Shelvin	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	R	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21

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6	Jake Browning (9-7-21)	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	FA'21
11	Trent Taylor (9-1-21)	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA'21
12	Pooka Williams Jr. (9-1-21)	WR	5-9	175	6-19-99	R	Kansas	New Orleans, La.	CFA'21
27	Tony Brown (9-1-21)	CB	6-0	198	7-13-95	4	Alabama	Beaumont, Texas	W(G.B.)'20
31	Jacques Patrick (9-1-21)	HB	6-2	231	1-7-97	1	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'20
32	Trayveon Williams (9-1-21)	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
33	Sean Davis (9-15-21)	S	6-1	202	10-23-93	6	Maryland	Washington, D.C.	FA'21
41	Trayvon Henderson (9-1-21)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
47	Keandre Jones (9-1-21)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	1	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
49	Joe Bachie (9-1-21)	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	2	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
52	Noah Spence (9-1-21)	DE	6-2	251	1-8-94	5	Eastern Kentucky	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'21
76	Mike Daniels (9-6-21)	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	10	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.	FA'20
81	Thaddeus Moss (9-1-21)	TE	6-3	249	5-14-98	2	Louisiana State	Charlotte, N.C.	W(Wash.)'21
86	Mason Schreck (9-1-21)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
95	Renell Wren (9-1-21)	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	3	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
64	Keaton Sutherland (9-21-21, from PS)	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	3	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	FA'20

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

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
56	Wyatt Hubert (8-31-21; pectoral)	DE	6-3	258	6-13-98	R	Kansas State	Topeka, Kan.	D7'21
77	Hakeem Adeniji (8-31-21; pectoral)	OT	6-4	302	12-8-97	2	Kansas	Garland, Texas	D6'20

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned to RI; injury)

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
37	Ricardo Allen (9-15-21; hand)	S	5-9	186	12-18-91	7	Purdue	Daytona Beach, Fla.	FA'21
58	Joseph Ossai (8-31-21; knee)	DE	6-4	256	4-12-00	R	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
90	Khalid Kareem (9-2-21; shoulder)	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	2	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20

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

RECORD: 1-1

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

TEAM STATISTICS

	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	34	40
Rushing	9	11
Passing	22	23
Penalty	3	6
3rd Down: Made-Att.	9-26	12-31
3rd Down Pct.	34.6	38.7
4th Down: Made-Att.	2-4	2-3
4th Down Pct.	50.0	66.7
POSSESSION AVG.	29:18	30:42
TOTAL NET YARDS	614	609
Avg. Per Game	307.0	304.5
Total Plays	122	136
Avg. Per Play	5.0	4.5
NET YARDS RUSHING	218	190
Avg. Per Game	109.0	95.0
Total Rushes	56	56
NET YARDS PASSING	396	419
Avg. Per Game	198.0	209.5
Sacked-Yards Lost	9-72	6-59
Gross Yards	468	478
Att.-Completions	57-39	74-52
Completion Pct.	68.4	70.3
Had Intercepted	3	1
PUNTS-AVG.	9-45.2	12-47.6
Net Punting Avg.	9-41.7	12-40.3
PENALTIES-YARDS	7-72	20-186
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	1-1	2-1
TOUCHDOWNS	5	5
Rushing	1	1
Passing	4	3
Returns	0	1

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	0	14	10	17	3	44
OPPONENTS	7	7	7	23	0	44

SCORING

	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	5-5	3-3	0	14
Ja'Marr Chase	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Tee Higgins	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Joe Mixon	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	5	1	4	0	5-5	3-3	0	44
OPPONENTS	5	1	3	1	5-5	3-3	0	44

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

Sacks-yards: B.J. Hill 2-17, Trey Hendrickson 1.5-20.5, Larry Ogunjobi 1-9, D.J. Reader 1-8, Sam Hubbard 0.5-4.5. BENGALS 6-59, OPPONENTS 9-72.

Fumbles-lost: Tee Higgins 1-1. BENGALS 1-1, OPPONENTS 2-1.

PASSING

	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	57	39	468	68.4	8.21	4	7.0	3	5.3	50t	9-72	94.8
BENGALS	57	39	468	68.4	8.21	4	7.0	3	5.3	50t	9-72	94.8
OPPONENTS	74	52	478	70.3	6.46	3	4.1	1	1.4	34	6-59	95.4

RUSHING

	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	49	196	4.0	19	1
Samaje Perine	5	22	4.4	13	0
Joe Burrow	1	2	2.0	2	0
Ja'Marr Chase	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
BENGALS	56	218	3.9	19	1
OPPONENTS	56	190	3.4	17	1

RECEIVING

	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Tee Higgins	10	118	11.8	28	2
Tyler Boyd	10	105	10.5	22	0
Ja'Marr Chase	7	155	22.1	50t	2
Joe Mixon	5	25	5.0	12	0
C.J. Uzomah	4	39	9.8	32	0
Chris Evans	1	14	14.0	14	0
Samaje Perine	1	7	7.0	7	0
Mike Thomas	1	5	5.0	5	0
BENGALS	39	468	12.0	50t	4
OPPONENTS	52	478	9.2	34	3

INTERCEPTIONS

	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Logan Wilson	1	18	18.0	18	0
BENGALS	1	18	18.0	18	0
OPPONENTS	3	62	20.7	53t	1

PUNTING

	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	9	407	45.2	41.7	1	4	61	0
BENGALS	9	407	45.2	41.7	1	4	61	0
OPPONENTS	12	571	47.6	40.3	1	3	63	0

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Darius Phillips	6	4	68	11.3	15	0
BENGALS	6	4	68	11.3	15	0
OPPONENTS	1	4	12	12.0	12	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Wilson	4	65	16.3	27	0
BENGALS	4	65	16.3	27	0
OPPONENTS	2	31	15.5	21	0

FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Evan McPherson	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2
BENGALS	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2
OPPONENTS	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-1

Evan McPherson: (53G, 33G), (53G).

Opponents: (53G), (28G, 22G).

DEFENSE*

	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Logan Wilson	7	9	16	0-0	1-18	1	0	0-0
Jessie Bates	10	4	14	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Vonn Bell	9	4	13	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Sam Hubbard	6	4	10	0.5-4.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Larry Ogunjobi	5	5	10	1-9	0-0	0	0	0-0
Eli Apple	9	0	9	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Germaine Pratt	7	2	9	0-0	0-0	1	1	1-0
Chidobe Awuzie	6	2	8	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
Mike Hilton	6	2	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
B.J. Hill	5	1	6	2-17	0-0	0	0	0-0
D.J. Reader	1	5	6	1-8	0-0	0	0	0-0
Ricardo Allen	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Cam Sample	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jordan Evans	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Trey Hendrickson	1	2	3	1.5-20.5	0-0	0	1	0-0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Wyatt Ray	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Darius Phillips	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*

	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Samaje Perine	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Stanley Morgan	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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