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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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CINCINNATI BENGALS (1-0) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (0-1)

WEEK 2, GAME 2
SUNDAY, SEPT. 20
AT RELIANT STADIUM

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

GAME INFORMATION

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

Television: The game will air 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 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 radio stations WCKY-AM (1530) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play), Dave Lapham (analyst) and Tony Pike (analyst).

Setting the scene: The Bengals look to start 2-0 for the second straight season when they take on the Houston Texans on Sunday at Reliant Stadium.

Cincinnati's 33-27 home win over Tampa Bay in the season opener featured noteworthy contributions from all three phases. Defensively, the Bengals had four takeaways, the most by any NFL team in Week 1. All four turnovers were fumble recoveries, with three coming on consecutive Buccaneers drives in the first half. Among the top playmakers in the victory were the team's offseason free agent acquisitions, including S Bryan Cook (forced fumble, fumble recovery), DE Boye Mafe (strip-sack and fumble recovery) and DT Jonathan Allen (sack for nine-yard loss). The second-year LB duo of Barrett Carter and Demetrius Knight Jr. also provided game-altering moments, as Knight got the Bengals on the board with a 27-yard TD on a fumble return, and Carter forced a fumble near the Cincinnati goal line that negated a potential Buccaneers score.

The Bengals' offense had an efficient showing, totaling 351 net yards and 26 first downs. QB Joe Burrow completed 71.4 percent of his passing attempts (25 of 35) for 254 yards, while TE Mike Gesicki led all players with 78 yards and a TD on five catches. After a Buccaneers TD cut Cincinnati's lead to six with 3:19 left in the fourth quarter, Burrow and company were able to drain the remaining clock with an eight-play, 59-yard drive that ended with a kneel-down.

On special teams, K Evan McPherson carried his stellar preseason into Week 1, as he converted each of his four FG attempts including a 55-yarder in the third quarter and a 58-yarder in the fourth. He became the first player in team history to make multiple FGs of 55 or more yards in the same game.

While a highlight-filled victory in front of their home crowd offered an abundance of positives, Bengals players and coaches shared the same sentiment that a stronger performance is still attainable.

"There's a lot of things that we can learn from," said head coach Zac Taylor. "But overall, I was proud of the effort, proud of the enthusiasm the guys played with, the confidence they played with. The objective isn't to be your best team in Week 1, it's to be your best team at the end of the season. I just want to see that process improve for us as we get ready for Houston."

Cincinnati has the opportunity to begin consecutive seasons with a 2-0 mark for the first time since 2014 and '15. The Bengals' first road contest of the year comes against a Texans team that fell 36-31 in its opener against Buffalo.

The series: The Texans lead 9-5, including 2-0 in postseason. The Texans also lead 4-3 in all games played at Houston, though the Bengals lead 3-2 in regular-season games at Houston.

The Texans have won four of the last five meetings, including the most recent meeting, 30-27 at Paycor Stadium in 2023. The Bengals, however, won the most recent contest at Houston, 37-31 in 2020.

The series includes a pair of Texans Wild Card Playoff wins at Houston after

the 2011 and '12 seasons.

Complete series results are on page 223 of the Bengals' 2026 media guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 38, in a 38-3 win at Houston in 2002. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 35, in the '02 win at Houston. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in the '02 win at Houston.

Texans — MOST POINTS: 35, in a 35-6 win at Houston in 2008. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 29, in the '08 win at Houston. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 6 (twice, most recently in a 10-6 win at Cincinnati in 2015).

The last meetings: Summaries of the two most recent Bengals-Texans meetings — in 2023 at Cincinnati, and in '20 at Houston — are on page 12 of this news release.

Hello again, Houston: Though the Bengals and Houston Texans have met only 14 times (including postseason), Cincinnati's NFL rivalry against teams from Houston spans 71 games. The total includes 57 meetings between the Bengals and the Houston Oilers (now Tennessee Titans). Those 57 games were split evenly, 28-28-1, and, the Bengals-Texans series is led 9-5 by Houston.

Thus, the Bengals' combined record against Houston teams is 33-37-1 (includes 2-1 edge for Houston teams in postseason matchups).

Bengals-Texans connections: Texans RB David Montgomery is a native of Cincinnati and attended Mount Healthy High School ... Texans DT Sheldon Rankins and T Trent Brown both played for the Bengals in 2024 ... Bengals tight ends coach/run game coordinator James Casey was a fourth-round draft pick of the Texans in 2009 and spent four seasons ('09-12) with Houston ... Casey also played collegiately at Rice University in Houston from 2007-08, then later spent three seasons ('16-18) on the University of Houston's coaching staff ... Texans defensive coordinator Matt Burke spent two seasons (2014-15) as linebackers coach for the Bengals ... Texans senior defensive assistant Bill Lazor spent three seasons (2016-18) on the Bengals' coaching staff, serving as quarterbacks coach in '16 and offensive coordinator from '17-18 ... Lazor and Bengals head coach Zac Taylor both were on the Miami Dolphins' coaching staff during the 2014-15 seasons ... Texans linebackers coach Bill Davis played QB and WR at the University of Cincinnati from 1985-88 ... Bengals offensive line coach Scott Peters was the assistant O-line coach for Cleveland from 2020-23, when Texans G Wyatt Teller played for the Browns ... Texans head coach DeMeco Ryans served as defensive coordinator for San Francisco in 2022, when Bengals LB Oren Burks played for the 49ers ... Burks and Texans S Reed Blankenship were teammates on the Philadelphia Eagles in 2024 ... Bengals TE Mike Gesicki played alongside Texans C Jake Andrews, WR Kayshon Boutte and T Trent Brown on the New England Patriots in 2023 ... Bengals G Dalton Risner and Texans G Ed Ingram were teammates on the Minnesota Vikings from 2023-24 ... Ingram (2017-21) and Texans TE Foster Moreau ('15-18) played at Louisiana State University, alongside Bengals QB Joe Burrow ('18-19) and WR Ja'Marr Chase ('18-19) ... Bengals S Jordan Battle and Texans DE Will Anderson Jr. were teammates at the University of Alabama from 2020-22 ... Texans LB Wade Woodaz played at Clemson University from 2022-25, alongside Bengals LB Barrett Carter ('22-24) and DE Myles Murphy ('22) ... Texans practice squad WR Mitch Tinsley played for the Bengals in 2025.

BENGALS-TEXANS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	TEXANS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored	7th (33.0)	T-8th (31.0)
Points allowed	T-18th (27.0)	28th (36.0)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	15th (351.0)	10th (381.0)
Rushing	19th (106.0)	13th (124.0)
Passing	9th (245.0)	8th (257.0)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	12th (282.0)	27th (409.0)
Rushing	10th (89.0)	8th (86.0)
Passing	17th (193.0)	29th (323.0)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-1st (plus-3)	T-26th (minus-2)

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 5	Inside-20 possessions: 4
Total scores: 4 (80.0%)	Total scores: 3 (75.0%)
TDs: 2 (40.0%)	TDs: 2 (50.0%)
FGs: 2 (40.0%)	FGs: 1 (25.0%)
TD% rank: T-24th	TD% rank: T-10th
No scores: 1 (20.0%)	No scores: 1 (25.0%)

TEXANS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 5	Inside-20 possessions: 3
Total scores: 4 (80.0%)	Total scores: 3 (100.0%)
TDs: 4 (80.0%)	TDs: 1 (33.3%)
FGs: 0 (0.0%)	FGs: 2 (66.7%)
TD% rank: T-10th	TD% rank: T-5th
No scores: 1 (20.0%)	No scores: 0 (0.0%)

Bengals career records watch: As the Bengals continue the 2026 season, here is a look at potential upcoming movement on the team's career records lists (regular season):

- QB Joe Burrow has 2841 career passing attempts, which are the fifth-most in team history and 376 shy of QB Carson Palmer (3217) for fourth-most. QBs Ken Anderson (4475), Andy Dalton (4449) and Boomer Esiason (3564) hold the top three spots on the team's career list.

- Burrow has completed 1946 career passes, the fifth-most in team history and 69 shy of Esiason (2015) for fourth. Dalton (2757), Anderson (2654) and Palmer (2024) hold the top three spots.

- Burrow has 21,064 career passing yards, the fifth-most in team history and 1630 shy of Palmer (22,694) for fourth. Anderson (32,838), Dalton (31,594) and Esiason (27,149) hold the top three spots.

- Burrow has 158 career TD passes, fourth-most in team history and 29 shy of Esiason (187) for third place overall. Dalton (204) and Anderson (197) are the top two.

- Burrow has 28 career games with 300 or more passing yards, which are tied with Dalton for the team's all-time record.

- WR Ja'Marr Chase has 522 career receptions, the fourth-most in team history and eight shy of WR Carl Pickens (530) for third. WRs Chad Johnson (751) and A.J. Green (649) hold the top two spots.

- Chase has 6849 career receiving yards, the fifth-most in team history and 38 shy of Pickens (6887) for fourth. Johnson (10,783), Green (9430) and WR Isaac Curtis (7101) hold the top three spots.

- Chase has 54 career receiving TDs, the fourth-most in team history and nine shy of Pickens (63) for third. Johnson (66) and Green (65) are the top two.

- Chase has 26 career games with 100 or more receiving yards, the third-most in team history and five shy of Johnson (31) for second. Green (33) has the team record for most such games.

- Chase has 6918 career yards from scrimmage (69 rushing, 6849 receiving), the seventh-most in team history. He is 259 scrimmage yards shy of Curtis (7177) for sixth-most and 1645 yards shy of HB Joe Mixon (8551) for fifth.

- WR Tee Higgins has 45 career receiving TDs, the sixth-most in team history and eight shy of Curtis (53) for fifth.

- K Evan McPherson has accounted for 576 career points, the fifth-most in

team history and 84 shy of fourth-most, which is held by K Doug Pelfrey (660).

- McPherson made four FGs in the season opener vs. Tampa Bay, moving his career total to 123. That surpassed K Horst Muhlmann (120) for the fifth-most made FGs in team history. He now is 30 FGs shy of Pelfrey (153) for fourth.

- McPherson has 207 career made PATs, the fourth-most in team history and 40 shy of K Mike Nugent (247) for third. Kickers Jim Breech (476) and Shayne Graham (248) hold the top two spots.

Uniform watch: Cincinnati will wear white jerseys, white pants (black stripes) and black socks this week at Houston. It is the Bengals' most frequently worn combination since their uniform redesign in 2021, as they have featured this look 21 times and compiled a 13-8 record. That tally includes four road playoff contests following the 2021 and '22 seasons, in which the team went 3-1. The last time the Bengals wore this combination was in a win at Miami in Week 16 of last season.

The Bengals' redesign in 2021 marked the team's first significant change in uniform since '04. There are three different color options for the current jerseys — black, white and orange. The pants feature four options — black with orange stripes, white with orange stripes, white with black stripes, and orange with black stripes. Options for sock color include black, white and orange.

In 2022, with the league's approval for the use of alternate helmets, Cincinnati introduced a new white helmet with its iconic black stripes. When paired with white jerseys and white pants (with black stripes), a new uniform combination was created and was branded as the "White Bengal." The team has worn the white helmet six times and collected a 5-1 record in those games. The Bengals announced they will don the white helmet twice this season, in Week 10 against Pittsburgh on Sunday Night Football and in Week 17 against Baltimore on Thursday Night Football (both home games).

Here is a look at the Bengals' records in every possible uniform combination (regular season and postseason only) since the team redesigned the uniform in 2021:

JERSEY	PANTS (STRIPES)	SOCKS	HELMET	W-L-T	PCT.
Black	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	1-1-0	.500
Black	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	5-2-0	.714
Black	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	Black	Orange	1-2-0	.333
Black	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Black)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	4-2-0	.667
Black	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	7-7-0	.500
Black	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	Orange (Black)+	Black	Orange	1-2-0	.333
Black	Orange (Black)+	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
Black	Orange (Black)+	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	0-1-0	.000
White	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	7-6-0	.538
White	White (Black)	Black	Orange	13-8-0	.619
White*	White (Black)	White	White*	3-1-0	.750
White (CR)*	White (Black)	White	White*	2-0-0	1.000
White	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Black)	White	Orange	1-1-0	.500
White	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Orange (Black)+	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Orange (Black)+	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
White	Orange (Black)+	White	Orange	1-4-0	.200
Orange^	Black (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	Black (Orange)	Orange	Orange	3-2-0	.600
Orange^	Black (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	White (Black)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	White (Black)	Orange	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	White (Black)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	White (Orange)	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	White (Orange)	Orange	Orange	3-0-0	1.000
Orange^	White (Orange)	White	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	Orange (Black)+	Black	Orange	0-0-0	—
Orange^	Orange (Black)+	Orange	Orange	0-1-0	.000
Orange^	Orange (Black)+	White	Orange	0-0-0	—

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

^ — NFL rules allow teams to wear designated alternate and/or throwback and/or color rush uniforms for a combined total of three regular-season games. The Bengals' designated alternate uniform includes the team's orange jersey. The Bengals do not have a throwback uniform.

+ — The Bengals added orange pants with black stripes to their uniform lineup in 2024.

Individually vs. Texans: Here are career regular-season offensive statistics for current Cincinnati players in Bengals games against the Texans (ordered by games played):

- TE Drew Sample: Two games; Three receptions for 20 yards (6.7-yard average) and one TD.
- WR Ja'Marr Chase: One game; Five receptions for 124 yards (24.8) and one TD.
- QB Joe Burrow: One game; 27-of-40 passing for 347 yards, two TDs and two INTs (90.3 rating); Five rushes for 20 yards (4.0).
- WR Tee Higgins: One game; Six receptions for 99 yards (16.5) and one TD.
- TE Tanner Hudson: One game; Six receptions for 33 yards (5.5).

Records vs. Texans: HB Rudi Johnson's 43 rushing attempts against the Texans in 2003 is a Bengals record. That total still is tied for the second-most carries in NFL history and tied for the most carries in a non-overtime game. The only player with more carries in an NFL game was Washington's Jamie Morris, who rushed 45 times in an overtime game on Dec. 17, 1988. That game was against the Bengals, incidentally, at Riverfront Stadium.

Also:

- On Nov. 3, 2002 at Houston, Bengals CB Artrell Hawkins returned an INT 102 yards for a TD. That's tied for the longest INT return in Bengals history (Louis Breeden had a 102-yarder at San Diego on Nov. 8, 1981).
- On Sept. 14, 2017 at Cincinnati, P Kevin Huber tied the team record for most inside-20 punts in a game with six against the Texans. That matched a mark set by Lee Johnson vs. San Diego on Nov. 2, 1997.

THE HEAD COACHES

Zac Taylor was named the 10th head coach in Bengals history on Feb. 4, 2019. The 2026 season is his eighth in the position.

In 2025, Taylor once again orchestrated an offense which ranked near the top of the NFL in several metrics, including sixth in net passing yards per game (235.6), fifth in third-down efficiency (43.4 percent) and second in red zone TD percentage (66.7). After QB Joe Burrow sustained a toe injury early in the year that ultimately caused him to miss nine games, the team acquired QB Joe Flacco in a trade with Cleveland, and Taylor helped the 18th-year veteran quickly assimilate in his system. Over his six starts for the Bengals, Flacco ranked second leaguewide in completions (154) and fifth in passing yards (1636). With Burrow behind center for the final six weeks of the regular season, Taylor guided Cincinnati to top-10 league rankings in scoring (sixth; 27.7 points) and total yards (fourth; 369.7). Taylor also again helped WR Ja'Marr Chase compile an All-Pro season in 2025, as the fifth-year standout finished third in the NFL in receptions (125) and fourth in receiving yards (1412). Chase's running mate, sixth-year WR Tee Higgins, tied for second in the league with a career-high 11 receiving TDs. Taylor additionally continued to expand third-year HB Chase Brown's role in the offense, as he posted his first career 1000-yard rushing season and had a career-high 69 catches for 437 yards. The 2025 campaign also saw Taylor work with first-year defensive coordinator Al Golden as Cincinnati improved in nearly every statistical metric in the second half of the season compared to the first. Following the team's Week 10 bye, the Bengals tied for fifth in the NFL in takeaways (12) and tied for seventh in sacks (22).

In 2024, Taylor guided the Bengals to their fourth consecutive winning season with a record of 9-8. After falling to 4-8 in early December, he led Cincinnati to five straight wins to vault back into the AFC playoff picture. He oversaw one of the NFL's most dynamic offenses, serving as play-caller for a unit that led the league in passing yards (272.9) and ranked sixth in scoring (27.8). Burrow set numerous single-season Bengals records and led all NFL QBs in passing yards (4918) and TD passes (43), while Chase became the youngest player in the Super Bowl era to win the receiving "Triple Crown," as he paced the league in catches (127), receiving yards (1708) and TD catches (17). The individual performances earned Burrow his second career Pro Bowl nod and the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year award, while Chase was named a first-team All-Pro by the Associated Press.

In 2023, Taylor led Cincinnati to a 9-8 mark despite a few key players missing time due to injuries. In 2021 and '22, he led the Bengals to back-to-back AFC North titles, marking the first time in team history Cincinnati won its division in consecutive years.

The 2021 division title was the Bengals' first in six years. The team went on to win three postseason games and claim the AFC Championship (Cincinnati's first since 1988) and a berth in Super Bowl LVI. Burrow, playing in his first full season in Taylor's system, was named the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year after leading the league in completion percentage (70.4), while Chase took home Offensive Rookie of the Year honors after posting the most receiving yards by a rookie in the Super Bowl era (1455, since surpassed).

In 2022, the Bengals made a repeat appearance in the AFC Championship. After entering November with a 4-4 record, Taylor helped Cincinnati tie team regular-season records for consecutive wins (eight) and total wins (12) to earn the No. 3 seed in the AFC playoffs. Offensively, the Bengals ranked fifth in the NFL in passing (265.0) and seventh in scoring (26.1), while defensively Cincinnati held opposing passers to a league-low 59.8 completion percentage. After the 2022 postseason, Taylor's postseason record improved to 5-2.

In the postseason, Taylor guided Cincinnati to its first playoff win in 31 years, a home Wild Card victory over Las Vegas, before the team went on the road to defeat the AFC's top two seeds, Tennessee and Kansas City.

Taylor came to Cincinnati after two seasons with the L.A. Rams, where he

served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2017 and quarterbacks coach in '18. He broke into NFL coaching with Miami as assistant quarterbacks coach in 2012, then was elevated to quarterbacks coach for the Dolphins from 2013-15.

Taylor had two stints in the college coaching ranks, serving on staff at Texas A&M (2008-11) and Cincinnati (2016). At UC, he served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach under head coach Tommy Tuberville.

Taylor played QB at Wake Forest (2002-03), Butler County (Kan.) C.C. (2004) and Nebraska (2005-06). In 2006, he was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year and led the Cornhuskers to 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. He joined the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as a college free agent in 2007, but was waived prior to the start of training camp. He then spent the 2007 season with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League (did not play).

Taylor was born on May 10, 1983, in Norman, Okla. He graduated from Nebraska in 2006 with a degree in communication studies. He and his wife, Sarah, have four children — Brooks, Luke, Emma Claire and Milly. Sarah is the daughter of former Green Bay Packers and Texas A&M head coach Mike Sherman. Taylor's father, Sherwood, was a defensive back and captain at Oklahoma (1976-79), then later served as an assistant coach at Oklahoma and Kansas State. Taylor's younger brother, Press, played QB at Marshall and currently is the offensive coordinator for the Chicago Bears.

DeMeco Ryans was named the sixth head coach in Houston Texans history on Jan. 31, 2023.

In 2025, the Houston Texans finished the regular season with a 12-5 record under Ryans, tying for the most regular season wins in franchise history and earning the franchise's first ever road playoff win. The Texans also finished the season on a 10-game winning streak, including playoffs — the longest winning streak in franchise history. Houston has won a playoff game in three consecutive seasons for the first time in team history. Ryans became the first head coach in franchise history to record three straight 10-win seasons.

In 2024, the Houston Texans finished the regular season with a 10-7 record and clinched a playoff berth for the eighth time in franchise history. It marked just the second time in franchise history that the Texans made it to the Divisional Round in back-to-back seasons (2012-13). The Texans won their second consecutive AFC South title.

In the Texans' first year under Ryans in 2023, the Texans finished with a 10-7 record and clinched a playoff berth for the first time since 2019. Houston won their seventh AFC South title and became the first team in NFL history to win their division with a rookie quarterback (C.J. Stroud) and first-year head coach. Additionally, Ryans and QB C.J. Stroud became the fourth first-year head coach and rookie quarterback to win a playoff game together.

Ryans served as the defensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers from 2021-22. He was named the 2022 Pro Football Writers of America Assistant Coach of the Year. He helped lead the 49ers to the NFC Championship Game in both 2021 and '22. He spent the previous three seasons (2018-20) as the team's inside linebackers coach, and he was the defensive quality control coach in '17.

As a player, Ryans originally was selected by the Texans in the second round of the 2006 NFL Draft (33rd overall). He played for Houston (2006-11) and the Philadelphia Eagles ('12-15). A 2011 Texans team captain for a squad that claimed the franchise's inaugural AFC South title and playoff berth, Ryans holds the Texans' record for the most tackles by a rookie (156) and currently sits as the second-leading tackler in franchise history (636). During his 10-year playing career, Ryans was named AP Defensive Rookie of the Year and PFWA Rookie of the Year in 2006, first-team All-Pro in '07 and was selected to the Pro Bowl in '07 and '09. He appeared in 140 career games (139 starts) and registered 970 tackles, 46 passes defended, 13.5 sacks, seven forced fumbles, 10 fumble

recoveries and seven INTs.

Ryans played linebacker at Alabama (2002-05). An All-America selection as a senior, he was also SEC Defensive Player of the Year and earned first-team All-SEC honors in 2005. Ryans also was selected as the 2005 Lott Trophy recipient for his combination of athletic excellence and off-field achievements and earned defensive MVP honors in the 2006 Cotton Bowl.

Ryans was born in Bessemer, Ala. on July 28, 1984. He and his wife, Jamila, have two daughters, Xia and Zuri, and two sons, MJ and Micah.

Taylor vs. Texans: The series is tied 1-1.

Taylor vs. Ryans: Ryans leads 1-0.

Ryans vs. Bengals: Ryans leads 1-0.

BENGALS NOTES

2026 Bengals captains: The Bengals this season are led by seven captains who were elected via a players-only vote. Wearing the captains' patch are three offensive players, three defensive players and one special teams representative.

The offensive captains are seventh-year QB Joe Burrow, sixth-year WR Ja'Marr Chase and 11th-year C Ted Karras. Burrow (2020-present) and Karras ('22-present) both have been captains every season they have played for the Bengals. This marks the sixth captaincy overall for Karras, who also wore the patch for the Miami Dolphins in 2020. Chase receives the role for the second straight season, after being recognized for the first time in his career in 2025.

The defensive captains are fifth-year S Bryan Cook, eighth-year DT Dexter Lawrence II and fourth-year CB DJ Turner II. Cook and Turner are serving as captains for the first time in their respective careers, while Lawrence holds the role for a fifth time after being voted a captain in each of the past four seasons while with the N.Y. Giants.

Sixth-year K Evan McPherson was voted a captain on special teams for the second time in his career. He previously served as a captain in the 2024 season.

2026 coaching staff: Head coach Zac Taylor retained nearly the entire coaching staff from the 2025 season, with several assistant coaches on both sides of the ball receiving title changes. The lone addition to the staff during the offseason was Davis Koetter, who was hired as assistant wide receivers coach in February. Koetter spent the 2025 campaign as assistant quarterbacks coach at the University of South Carolina, following two years ('23-24) on staff at the University of Texas.

Four coaches received updated titles during the offseason, including James Casey, who now has the additional title of run game coordinator in addition to his existing role as tight ends coach. Jordan Salkin now serves as assistant QBs coach, after serving as assistant WRs coach in 2025. Ronnie Regula was promoted to assistant linebackers coach after previously serving as defensive assistant, while Mike Moon was promoted to assistant defensive line coach after also previously serving as defensive assistant.

Here is a look at the Bengals' entire 2026 coaching staff:

HEAD COACH:

- Zac Taylor

ASSISTANT COACHES:

- Joey Boese (director of player performance/head strength and conditioning)
- Charles Burks (secondary/cornerbacks)
- James Casey (tight ends/run game coordinator)
- Sean Desai (senior defensive assistant)
- Al Golden (defensive coordinator)
- Justin Hill (running backs)
- Mike Hodges (linebackers)
- Ben Jacobs (assistant special teams)
- Davis Koetter (assistant wide receivers)
- Jordan Kovacs (secondary/safeties)
- Brad Kragthorpe (quarterbacks)
- Michael McCarthy (assistant offensive line)
- Jerry Montgomery (defensive line/run game coordinator)
- Mike Moon (assistant defensive line)
- Scott Peters (offensive line)
- Dan Pitcher (offensive coordinator)
- Justin Rascati (pass game coordinator)
- Ronnie Regula (assistant linebackers)
- Jordan Salkin (assistant quarterbacks)
- Darrin Simmons (assistant head coach/special teams coordinator)
- Diamond Simmons (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Garrett Swanson (assistant strength and conditioning)
- Troy Walters (wide receivers)

OPERATIONS:

- Doug Rosfeld (chief of coaching staff)

2026 schedule notes: In addition to their six games against teams in the AFC North Division, the Bengals are slated to face all teams in the AFC South and NFC South in 2026.

Cincinnati also will play two games — on the road against Miami (Week 5) and at home against Kansas City (Week 14) — that were determined by divisional standings in the 2025 season. As third-place finishers in the AFC North, the Bengals are matched up against the third-place teams from the AFC East (Dolphins) and AFC West (Chiefs).

In 2021, the NFL added a 17th game to the regular-season schedule, and for Cincinnati in '26 that will be a road contest against Washington on Monday Night Football in Week 11. The additional game each year features an interconference matchup and is based on the prior season's standings on a rotating four-year cycle. These contests match a first-place team from one division with a first-place team in an opposite-conference division that the team is not scheduled to play that season. The second, third and fourth-place finishers in each division are matched the same way. The home conference for this game alternates each season, with the NFC hosting the game in 2026. The Bengals have won this matchup in each of the past three seasons.

For the second time in team history, Cincinnati is scheduled to face all three Florida-based teams in the same season, and each matchup will take place before mid-October. The Bengals won their Week 1 home opener against Tampa Bay, then will take on Jacksonville at Paycor Stadium in Week 4 and travel to Miami in Week 5. The only other instance in team history in which all three Florida teams were on the schedule was 1995 — the Jaguars' inaugural season.

The Bengals' bye week in 2026 falls in Week 6, which marks the team's earliest bye since 2017 (also Week 6).

Here are Cincinnati's opponents in 2026, ordered by the date of the game:

HOME: Tampa Bay, Jacksonville, Tennessee, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, Kansas City, Baltimore, Cleveland.

AWAY: Houston, Pittsburgh, Miami, Baltimore, Atlanta (Madrid), Washington, Cleveland, Carolina, Indianapolis.

Bengals travel to Madrid in Week 9: Cincinnati will go abroad for the third time in team history when it faces the Atlanta Falcons in Madrid, Spain as part of the NFL's 2026 International Games. The game, which officially counts as a road contest for Cincinnati, will be played on Sunday, Nov. 8 (Week 9) at Bernabéu Stadium, the home of historic soccer club Real Madrid.

The Bengals' two previous international games both were played in London at Wembley Stadium, as they faced Washington in the 2016 season and the L.A. Rams in '19. Both of those contests counted as home games for Cincinnati.

Madrid hosted its first NFL game in Week 11 of last season, when Miami defeated Washington in overtime. This year's Madrid game is one of nine international games to be played in 2026 across four continents, seven countries and eight stadiums.

Top-10 rankings: Here is a look at where the Bengals finished — both individually and in team categories — among the top 10 in the NFL during the 2025 regular season:

S JORDAN BATTLE

- Tied for eighth in interceptions (four)

WR JA'MARR CHASE

- Third in receptions (125)
- Fourth in receiving yards (1412)
- Tied for fourth in third-down receptions (28)

WR TEE HIGGINS

- Tied for second in receiving TDs (11)

K EVAN MCPHERSON

- Tied for ninth in made PATs (41)

P RYAN REHKOW

- Second in yards per punt (50.5; minimum 40 punts)
- Eighth in net yards per punt (42.9; minimum 40 punts)
- Tied for seventh in inside-20 punts (28)

CB DJ TURNER II

- Tied for third in passes defended (18)

BENGALS OFFENSE

- Second in red zone TD percentage (66.67)
- Third in fourth-down percentage (70.00)
- Fifth in third-down percentage (43.44)
- Sixth in net passing yards per game (235.6)
- Tied for eighth in first downs per game (20.7)
- 10th in sacks allowed per pass attempt (5.63 percent)

BENGALS DEFENSE

- Third in goal-to-go TD percentage (64.00)
- Tied for ninth in forced fumbles (11)
- Tied for 10th in takeaways (21)

Bengals net four Pro Bowlers in '25: Bengals QB Joe Burrow, WR Ja'Marr Chase, QB Joe Flacco and WR Tee Higgins were selected to the AFC team for the 2026 Pro Bowl Games. It marked the 15th time in team history in which Cincinnati had four or more Pro Bowlers.

Chase earned his fifth career, and fifth consecutive, selection. He also was voted a starter at his position for the second straight season. He became the second player in Bengals history to receive a Pro Bowl nod in each of his first five seasons, joining WR A.J. Green, who started his career with seven straight selections from 2011-17.

Burrow collected his third career Pro Bowl recognition after previously receiving the honor in the 2022 and '24 seasons. He is the fourth QB in team history to earn at least three Pro Bowl selections, joining Ken Anderson (four selections), Andy Dalton (three) and Boomer Esiason (three).

Flacco and Higgins each received their first career Pro Bowl recognition. Chase and Higgins became the first Bengals WR duo to make the Pro Bowl in the same season since T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Chad Johnson in 2007.

The 2026 Pro Bowl Games took place on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, Calif.

Here are the players with the most Pro Bowls during their Bengals careers:

PLAYER, POS.	TOTAL PRO BOWLS	PRO BOWL SEASONS
Anthony Munoz, OT.....	11	1981-91
Geno Atkins, DT.....	8	2011-12, '14-19
A.J. Green, WR.....	7	2011-17
Chad Johnson, WR.....	6	2003-07, '09
Lemar Parrish, CB.....	6	1970-71, '74-77
Ja'Marr Chase, WR.....	5	2021-25

Burrow on the mark: QB Joe Burrow, now in his seventh pro season, holds the NFL record for career completion percentage at 68.49 percent (minimum 1500 passing attempts). He has completed 1946 of 2841 passes for 21,064 yards (7.4 yards per attempt), with 158 TDs and 52 INTs.

Over his first six seasons (2020-25), Burrow compiled 28 games with a completion percentage of 70 or higher on at least 30 attempts. That marked the most such games in a player's first six years in NFL history, with the next closest being Kansas City QB Patrick Mahomes (25 games). Burrow then opened 2026 with his 29th such performance, connecting on 25 of 35 passes (71.4 percent) in the win over Tampa Bay.

Burrow has ranked in the top five in the NFL in completion percentage in three of his first six seasons, as he led the league in 2021 with a 70.4 percentage, ranked second in '22 (68.3) and fourth in '24 (70.6). His official clip of 70.552 percent in 2024 set a Bengals single-season record, narrowly edging out QB Ken Anderson's completion rate of 70.550 in 1982.

Here is a look at the all-time leaders in career completion percentage (min. 1500 attempts):

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	YEARS	COMP. %
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati.....	2020-26	68.49
Tua Tagovailoa	Miami.....	2020-25	68.03
Drew Brees	San Diego/New Orleans.....	2001-20	67.69
Jimmy Garoppolo	New England/San Francisco/ Las Vegas/L.A. Rams.....	2014-25	67.36
Kyler Murray	Arizona/Minnesota.....	2019-26	67.11

Joe hits career milestones in '25: QB Joe Burrow returned from a toe injury in late November of 2025 and started each of the Bengals' final six contests. During that stretch, he led the NFL in completions (152), was tied

for second in TD passes (15), ranked third in passing yards (1620), fifth in completion percentage (68.2) and fifth in passer rating (102.2). Perhaps the most memorable performance over that span came in Week 16 at Miami, when he played in his 75th career regular-season game and reached a pair of passing milestones.

Early in the first quarter of the Dolphins game, Burrow eclipsed 20,000 career passing yards when he connected on a 35-yard pass to WR Tee Higgins. His 75 games needed to reach that mark were the fifth-fewest in NFL history, trailing only Kansas City QB Patrick Mahomes (67 games), former Detroit QB Matthew Stafford (71), former Miami QB Dan Marino (74) and former Indianapolis QB Andrew Luck (74). In the third quarter of the win over Miami, Burrow threw his 150th career TD pass when he hit HB Chase Brown for a nine-yard score. He became the third-fastest QB in league history to reach 150 passing TDs, trailing Marino (62 games) and Mahomes (63).

Burrow finished the Dolphins game with 25 completions on 32 attempts (78.1 percent) for 309 yards and four TDs with no INTs. He was named the AFC Offensive Player of the Week for the eighth time in his career, and his passer rating of 146.5 was the second-highest he has ever posted.

Burrow's career completions total following the Miami contest was 1868, the most in NFL history by a player through their first 75 games.

Here is a look at the fastest QBs in NFL history, in terms of games played, to reach 20,000 passing yards (regular season):

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO 20K
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs.....	67
Matthew Stafford	Detroit Lions.....	71
Dan Marino	Miami Dolphins.....	74
Andrew Luck	Indianapolis Colts.....	74
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals.....	75

And here are the fastest QBs to reach 150 TD passes (regular season):

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO 150 TDs
Dan Marino	Miami Dolphins.....	62
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City Chiefs.....	63
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals.....	75
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay Packers.....	76
Andrew Luck	Indianapolis Colts.....	77

Flacco's starting stint: QB Joe Flacco, who is in his 19th NFL season in 2026, started six games for Cincinnati in '25 after being acquired in a trade with Cleveland in early October. From his first Bengals start in Week 6 through his final start in Week 12, he ranked second in the NFL in completions (154), tied for third in TD passes (13) and fifth in passing yards (1636).

Flacco's first start came just five days after his acquisition, on Oct. 12 at Green Bay. At 40 years of age (born Jan. 16, 1985), he became the oldest QB to start a game in Bengals history. Operating in a new offensive system and alongside new teammates, he threw for 219 yards and two TDs, with 179 of those yards coming in the second half.

Just four days later, Flacco helped lead the Bengals to a home victory over Pittsburgh on Thursday Night Football. He passed for 342 yards and three TDs with no INTs, good for a 108.6 rating. After the Steelers took the lead with 2:21 left in regulation, he engineered an eight-play, 52-yard drive to set up the game-winning FG. He became the fourth QB in NFL history with at least 300 passing yards, three TD passes and zero INTs in a game after turning 40 years old, joining Tom Brady (12 such games), Drew Brees (two) and Brett Favre (two).

In Week 9 vs. Chicago, Flacco threw for a career-high 470 yards and four TDs. It marked the first time in his career that he crossed the 400-yard passing threshold, and it was the most passing yards in a game by a QB over 40 years old in league history. The following game, in Week 11 at Pittsburgh, Flacco became the 17th QB in NFL history to make 200 regular-season starts.

Chasing history: Since the start of his 2021 rookie season, WR Ja'Marr Chase ranks second in the NFL in receptions (522), second in receiving yards (6849) and second in receiving TDs (54). He already is in the top five in Bengals history in each category, ranking fourth in both catches and TDs, and fifth in receiving yards.

Now in his sixth season, Chase's production from 2021-25 rivaled some of the NFL's all-time greats in the early stages of their respective careers. Among all players in league history through their first five seasons, he ranked second in receptions, second in receiving yards and tied for fourth in TDs. The only players with more TD grabs in their first five years were Pro Football Hall of Famers Jerry Rice (66) and Randy Moss (60), and former Dallas WR Dez Bryant (56).

Chase is the only player in NFL history with at least 500 receptions and 50

receiving TDs in his first five seasons. He is one of five players ever to reach the 1000-yard mark in each of his first five years, alongside Moss, former Cincinnati WR A.J. Green, former Tampa Bay/current San Francisco WR Mike Evans, and Minnesota WR Justin Jefferson.

Chase holds a career average of 86.7 receiving yards per game (6849 in 79 games), which is the third-highest mark in NFL history behind L.A. Rams WR Puka Nacua (94.8) and Jefferson (90.2).

In the 2024 campaign, Chase became the sixth player in the Super Bowl era — and the youngest — to claim the receiving “Triple Crown,” as he paced the league in receptions (127; Bengals single-season record), yards (1708; Bengals record) and TDs (17; tied Bengals record). He was voted a first-team All-Pro by the Associated Press in both the 2024 and ’25 season, becoming the fourth Bengals offensive player to receive multiple All-Pro honors in his career. The other players to do so have all been inducted into the team’s Ring of Honor — OT Anthony Munoz (nine All-Pro selections), OT Willie Anderson (three) and WR Chad Johnson (two).

Always open: After leading the NFL with a Bengals-record 127 receptions in 2024, WR Ja’Marr Chase followed up with 125 catches in ’25, which ranked third in the league and second in team history. He became the third player in NFL history with at least 125 receptions in consecutive seasons, joining former Pittsburgh WR Antonio Brown (2014-15) and former New Orleans WR Michael Thomas (’18-19).

Chase totaled 10 or more catches five times during the 2025 season, including a stretch of three straight contests from Weeks 6-8. He brought in 10 receptions in Week 6 at Green Bay, had a Bengals-record 16 in Week 7 vs. Pittsburgh just four days later, then logged 12 in Week 8 vs. the N.Y. Jets. He became the first player in team history to register double-digit catches in three consecutive games.

Chase’s 16 catches against the Steelers broke his own previous Bengals single-game record of 15 receptions, which he amassed in Week 5 of the 2023 season at Arizona. He now owns the four highest single-game reception totals in team history.

Chase’s four career games with 14 or more catches are tied with Brown for the second-most in NFL history. Former L.A. Chargers/Chicago and current Indianapolis WR Keenan Allen holds the league record with six such games in his career.

1+5=6: WR Ja’Marr Chase has an NFL-leading 25 receiving TDs over the past two seasons, with a Bengals-record 17 in the 2024 campaign (led NFL) followed by eight in ’25 (tied for 11th). Not far behind him in that category is teammate Tee Higgins, whose 21 total TD catches in that span rank fourth leaguewide. Higgins caught 10 scoring passes in 2024 (tied for sixth in NFL), then set a career high with 11 last season (tied for second).

Chase and Higgins’ 46 combined TD grabs are the most by any NFL duo over a span of two seasons since 2013-14, when Denver WR Demaryius Thomas and TE Julius Thomas teamed up for 49.

Chase’s 54 career receiving TDs are the second-most in the league since the start of his 2021 rookie season, and already are the fourth-most ever by a Bengal. He currently needs 12 TDs to tie former WR Chad Johnson’s team record of 66.

Higgins became the third player in Bengals history with double-digit receiving TDs in consecutive seasons, joining former WRs Carl Pickens (1994-96) and A.J. Green (2012-13). He currently has 45 career TD catches, which are the sixth-most in Bengals history and tied for the eighth-most in the NFL since he entered the league as a second-round draft pick of Cincinnati in 2020.

Here are the league leaders in receiving TDs since 2024:

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEIVING TDs SINCE ’24
Ja’Marr Chase	Cincinnati Bengals	25
Amon-Ra St. Brown	Detroit Lions	23
Davante Adams	Las Vegas/N.Y. Jets/L.A. Rams	22
Tee Higgins	Cincinnati Bengals	21
(five players tied)	—	16

Brown does it all: In his third pro season in 2025, HB Chase Brown recorded career highs in rushing attempts (232), rushing yards (1019), receptions (69), receiving yards (437) and receiving TDs (five). His 1456 yards from scrimmage led the Bengals and ranked ninth among all NFL running backs.

Brown was one of five players in the 2025 season with at least 1000 rushing yards and 400 receiving yards, alongside Miami RB De’Von Achane, Detroit RB

Jahmyr Gibbs, San Francisco RB Christian McCaffrey and Atlanta RB Bijan Robinson. His 69 catches were the most ever in a season by a Bengals player listed as an RB/HB/FB, surpassing HB Joe Mixon’s 60 grabs in 2022.

Brown totaled 100 or more yards from scrimmage in eight games in 2025, highlighted by a streak of six consecutive games from Weeks 7-13. That marked the longest such streak in Bengals history, and tied for the second-longest in the NFL in 2025 behind a seven-game stretch by McCaffrey (Weeks 1-7).

Brown additionally tied his career high with 11 total TDs in 2025 (six rushing, five receiving), matching his total from the ’24 campaign. He became the first Bengals running back with double-digit TDs in consecutive seasons since HB Rudi Johnson (2004-06). He had a career-best three TDs (one rushing, two receiving) in Week 16 at Miami, with all three scores occurring in a span of seven minutes and 18 seconds of game time in the third quarter.

Brown’s 1456 scrimmage yards also marked the most in a season by a Canadian-born player in NFL history. A native of London, Ontario, he was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals out of the University of Illinois in 2023.

Brown opened the 2026 campaign with 78 scrimmage yards (56 rushing, 22 receiving) in the win over Tampa Bay. He scored his first TD of the year on a five-yard run midway through the second quarter to increase Cincinnati’s lead to 21-3.

Here are the most consecutive games with at least 100 yards from scrimmage:

PLAYER	DATES	CONSECUTIVE GAMES W/ 100/+ YDS.
Chase Brown	Oct. 16, 2025-Nov. 27, 2025	6
Cedric Benson	Dec. 14, 2008-Sept. 20, 2009	*5
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	Nov. 18, 2012-Dec. 13, 2012	5
A.J. Green	Oct. 13, 2013-Nov. 10, 2013	5
Chase Brown	Nov. 17, 2024-Dec. 22, 2024	5

* — Streak spanned two seasons.

Defense opens 2026 with four FRs: The Bengals’ win over Tampa Bay in Week 1 was highlighted by four takeaways from the defense, which all came via fumble recoveries. Cincinnati was the only NFL team to force four turnovers in the opening week.

The first fumble occurred midway through the opening quarter, when DE Myles Murphy knocked the ball free from Buccaneers QB Baker Mayfield while teaming up for a sack alongside LB Barrett Carter. Fellow LB Demetrius Knight Jr. scooped up the loose ball and ran it back 27 yards for the Bengals’ first TD of the season. It marked the first career forced fumble for Murphy and first recovery for Knight.

Just three plays from scrimmage later, Buccaneers RB Bucky Irving took a short pass on third-and-14 and was met by S Bryan Cook. Cook ripped the ball free, and DE Boye Mafe emerged from the bottom of the pile to set up the Bengals’ offense at the Tampa Bay 33-yard line. On the following Buccaneers possession, Mayfield scrambled in the red zone and appeared to have a lane for a potential TD, but Carter punched the ball out and Cook recovered in the Cincinnati end zone.

The three recoveries in successive fashion marked the first time the Bengals recovered three fumbles on three straight opponent drives since Week 1 of the 2007 campaign, in a season-opening win over Baltimore. The last NFL team to accomplish that feat was New Orleans in Week 5 of the 2025 season against the N.Y. Giants.

Cincinnati’s fourth takeaway was early in the fourth quarter, when Mafe strip-sacked Mayfield and DT T.J. Slaton Jr. recovered. It was the fourth career FF for Mafe, who had one in each of the past three seasons while playing for Seattle.

The Bengals’ revamped line also logged four sacks and allowed just 89 total rushing yards. It marked the third game in team history in which Cincinnati had at least four sacks and four FRs, with the other instances occurring on Nov. 6, 1983 at the Houston Oilers, and Sept. 18, 1988 at Pittsburgh.

Sack spree dates to ’25: While the new-look Bengals defensive line helped contribute to four sacks in the season-opening win over Tampa Bay, Cincinnati has been among the NFL leaders in that category dating back to late November of 2025. Since Week 13 of last season, the Bengals have totaled 24 sacks, which ranks second leaguewide behind only Minnesota (26). Of the seven games the Bengals have played in that time frame, they recorded three or more sacks in six of them.

Cincinnati also has at least four sacks in four of its past five games played, including six in last year’s finale against Cleveland which marked a season high. DE Myles Murphy, the team’s first-round draft pick in 2023, has 3.5 sacks, a FF and a FR over his last five appearances.

The current run marks the Bengals' most sacks over a seven-game stretch since Week 16 of the 2016 season through Week 4 of the '17 campaign, when they totaled 26.

2026 veteran defensive additions: Highlighting the Bengals' offseason acquisitions were five defensive veterans who figure to play significant roles for the team in 2026. Four signed with Cincinnati as unrestricted free agents and one — DT Dexter Lawrence II — was acquired via trade. Here is a closer look at those additions, ordered by the date of their signing:

- S Bryan Cook: A Cincinnati native who played his final two collegiate seasons (2020-21) at the University of Cincinnati, Cook signed with his hometown Bengals on March 12, the first full day of free agency. He was a member of two Super Bowl-winning Chiefs teams in 2022 and '23, and is coming off career highs in tackles (82) and passes defended (six) in the '25 campaign. Cook opened his Bengals tenure with a forced fumble and fumble recovery against Tampa Bay.

- DE Boye Mafe: Mafe won a Super Bowl title with Seattle in February, then signed with Cincinnati just over a month later on March 12. A second-round draft pick of the Seahawks in 2022, he racked up 20 sacks over his first four NFL seasons. In 2023, he recorded a sack in seven straight games, the longest streak in Seahawks history. He had a strip-sack and a FR in his Bengals debut vs. Tampa Bay.

- DT Jonathan Allen: Allen signed with the Bengals for his 10th NFL season on March 13, providing Cincinnati with a proven interior defensive lineman. He spent his first eight years (2017-24) with Washington, before playing for Minnesota in '25. A two-time Pro Bowler (2021-22 seasons), he has 46.5 career sacks, the sixth-most by any NFL defensive tackle since he entered the league. His latest sack came in his Cincinnati debut, as he took down Tampa Bay QB Baker Mayfield for a loss of nine yards in the second half to force a Buccaneers FG attempt.

- S Kyle Dugger: After spending the final nine games of the 2025 season with Pittsburgh, Dugger moved across the division by signing with Cincinnati on April 2. He played for New England from 2020 through October '25, spending most of that time as a starting safety for the Patriots, before being acquired by the Steelers in a trade. He has 29 career PDs and 11 INTs, including a pick-six against the Bengals while playing for Pittsburgh in Week 11 of last season.

- DT Dexter Lawrence II: Perhaps one of the most notable transactions of the NFL offseason occurred on April 19, when less than a week ahead of the draft, the Bengals sent the 10th overall selection to the N.Y. Giants in exchange for Lawrence. A three-time Pro Bowler and two-time second-team All-Pro (Associated Press), Lawrence established himself as one of the game's top interior defensive linemen over his seven seasons with New York. He played in his 110th career regular-season game in Cincinnati's opening win over Tampa Bay, and has totaled 341 tackles with 40 TFLs and 30.5 sacks while consistently drawing double-teams from opposing O-lines.

Turner shuts it down: CB DJ Turner II broke out in the 2025 season with 18 PDs, which marked a career high and tied for third-most in the NFL. It also was the most PDs by a Bengals player since the 2009 campaign, when CB Leon Hall had 24 and CB Johnathan Joseph had 20.

Turner's top statistical performance of 2025 came in Week 6 at Green Bay, when he logged a career-best five PDs. He became the first Cincinnati player with at least five PDs in a game since Joseph also had five on Nov. 8, 2009 against Baltimore.

Turner also registered his first two career INTs and forced two fumbles during the 2025 season. He was the only player in the NFL with at least 15 PDs, two INTs and two FFs.

A second-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2023, Turner started a combined 18 games over his first two seasons, then worked his way into the starting lineup for 16 contests in '25.

Here is a look at the NFL leaders in PDs during the 2025 regular season:

PLAYER	TEAM	PASSES DEFENSED
Mike Jackson	Carolina Panthers.....	19
Riley Moss	Denver Broncos.....	19
Tyson Campbell	Jacksonville/Cleveland.....	18
Emmanuel Forbes	L.A. Rams.....	18
DJ Turner II	Cincinnati Bengals.....	18

Defense improves following '25 bye: The Bengals' defense improved in nearly every statistical metric over the final eight weeks of the 2025

regular season (Weeks 11-18) compared to the first nine. Following the team's bye in Week 10, Cincinnati allowed an average of 9.3 fewer points per game, 97.1 fewer total yards, 41.1 fewer rushing yards and 85.7 fewer passing yards.

The Bengals also recorded 12 takeaways over their final eight games, tied for the fifth-most in the NFL in that span. The surge included a streak of five consecutive games (Weeks 12-16) in which Cincinnati forced at least one turnover. Highlighting that run was a season-high five takeaways in the team's victory at Baltimore on Thanksgiving, which marked the seventh-most by the Bengals in a game since 2000.

Cincinnati additionally tied for seventh in the NFL in team sacks (22) over the final eight weeks. Leading the charge was DE Myles Murphy, who notched four of his career-best 5.5 sacks during the back-half of the season.

Of the final eight opposing offenses faced by the Bengals in 2025, six were held to 20 or fewer points. The defense extended that run to seven of its last nine opponents, as Tampa Bay's offense was kept to 20 points in the 2026 season opener.

Money Mac from deep: K Evan McPherson made each of his four FG attempts in the season-opening win over Tampa Bay, converting from distances of 58, 55, 32 and 20 yards. He became the first kicker in Bengals history to make multiple FGs from 55 or more yards in a game. His 58-yarder also tied for the fourth-longest made FG in team history.

McPherson now has 31 career FGs from 50 or more yards, which are more than triple the next closest total by a Bengals kicker (three former Cincinnati kickers had eight such FGs). It also is tied for the fifth-most 50-yard FGs in the NFL since he entered the league in 2021. McPherson owns eight of the 10 longest made kicks in Bengals history, highlighted by a team-record 63-yarder in Week 12 of the 2025 season against New England.

Overall for his career, McPherson has made 123 of 147 FG attempts, good for the third-highest percentage in team history (83.67 percent). During the win over the Buccaneers, he surpassed former K Horst Muhlmann (120) for fifth on the Bengals' all-time FG list.

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

PLAYER	DATE	OPPONENT	FG DISTANCE
Evan McPherson	Nov. 23, 2025	vs. New England Patriots	63
Evan McPherson	Sept. 11, 2022	vs. Pittsburgh Steelers.....	59
Cade York	Dec. 22, 2024	vs. Cleveland Browns	59
Evan McPherson	Dec. 19, 2021	at Denver Broncos.....	58
Evan McPherson	Sept. 13, 2026	vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers.....	58

McPherson on a heater: K Evan McPherson has converted each of his last 16 FG attempts dating back to Week 11 of the 2025 season at Pittsburgh. It marks the third-longest streak of consecutive FGs without a miss in Bengals history (regular season), trailing 21 straight made kicks by Shayne Graham in 2007 and 17 by Graham from '05-06.

McPherson's last missed FG occurred in the fourth quarter of the Bengals' Week 9 game against Chicago on Nov. 2, 2025. His previous longest streak of made FGs was 15, which was recorded during the 2021 campaign.

McPherson's top highlight during his current stretch came in Cincinnati's win at Baltimore on Thanksgiving night, when he went six-for-six on FG attempts. The six FGs were a career high for McPherson, tied for the second-most in a game in Bengals history and tied for the most by any kicker in 2025. He was recognized with his fourth career AFC Special Teams Player of the Week honor.

McPherson's four made FGs in last week's win over Tampa tied for the second-most in a game in his career. It also was the fifth time he converted multiple attempts from 50 or more yards. He has made 23 consecutive attempts from inside of 50 yards, a streak that dates back to Week 13 of the 2024 season.

Preseason kicks: K Evan McPherson enjoyed a perfect preseason in which he made each of his eight FG attempts and each of his seven PAT attempts. He went three-for-three on FG attempts over 50 yards, converting from 56 yards in the preseason opener against Detroit, 58 yards the following week vs. Chicago and 58 again in the preseason finale at Philadelphia.

McPherson is 34 of 36 overall (94.4 percent) on FG attempts in his preseason career, and 14 of 16 from 50 yards and beyond. His 14 made FGs from that distance are the most by any NFL kicker in the preseason since he entered the league in 2021. He has made three preseason kicks from 58 yards, one from 57, and two from 56. He also is a flawless 28-for-28 on PATs in preseason play.

During the Bengals' open practice this year on Aug. 7 at Paycor Stadium, McPherson closed out the night by knocking through seven consecutive FG attempts. His final kick was a 65-yarder that split the uprights with room to spare.

Rehkwow's ranks: Third-year P Ryan Rehkwow holds the Bengals' career records for both gross punting average (49.91 yards; minimum 100 punts) and net punting average (42.86; min. 100). Both marks also rank near the top of the NFL, with his gross average leading all punters and his net average ranking seventh since the start of the 2024 campaign.

Rehkwow's gross average of 50.5 yards per punt in 2025 ranked second leaguewide and set a Bengals single-season record, surpassing his own team mark of 49.1 in his '24 rookie season. He averaged 50 or more yards per punt in 11 games last season, including a season-high 58.0 (three punts for 174 yards) in Week 8 against the N.Y. Jets.

Rehkwow opened his career with a historic debut in Week 1 of the 2024 season, as his 64.5 yards per punt against New England set an NFL single-game record which still stands. Highlighting his performance that day was a team-record 80-yard punt. He finished his rookie campaign with a net punting average of 42.9 yards, good for a Bengals single-season record and sixth in the NFL that year. Following that season, he was recognized on the Pro Football Writers of America All-Rookie Team.

Rehkwow also has 53 career punts downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line, the fifth-most by a Bengal since the statistic began being tracked in 1976 and tied for the eighth-most in the NFL since his 2024 debut.

Trumpy, Brooks to enter ROH: The Bengals announced in July that former TE Bob Trumpy and HB James Brooks will be inducted into the team's Ring of Honor at halftime of the Week 8 game against Tennessee. They will become the 13th and 14th members of the Ring of Honor, which was established in 2021 to recognize former players, coaches and individuals who have played a significant role in the franchise's storied history and tradition.

Trumpy, who entered the NFL as a 12th-round pick of the Bengals in their inaugural 1968 season, spent his entire 10-year playing career ('68-'77) with Cincinnati. He scored the team's first-ever receiving TD on Sept. 15, 1968, and went on to play in 128 games with 120 starts. Among all tight ends in team history, he has the most receiving yards (4600), receiving TDs (35), yards per reception (15.4) and Pro Bowl selections (four).

Brooks played eight seasons (1984-91) in Cincinnati and was one of the most versatile and complete running backs to don the Bengals jersey. He remains the franchise's career record holder for average yards per carry (4.8), while ranking second in team history in rushing yards (6447) and tied for fifth in rushing TDs (37). He also had 3012 receiving yards which contributed to a total of 9459 yards from scrimmage, the fourth-most ever by a Bengal. He holds three of the team's top 10 scrimmage yardage totals in a season, highlighted by a franchise-record 1773 yards in 1986.

Trumpy and Brooks will join the 12 current Ring of Honor inductees, which include QB Ken Anderson, OT Willie Anderson, team founder/head coach Paul Brown, WR Isaac Curtis, HB Corey Dillon, QB Boomer Esiason, WR Chad Johnson, OT Dave Lapham, NT Tim Krumrie, OT Anthony Munoz, CB Lemar Parrish and CB Ken Riley. Inductees are voted in each offseason by Bengals Season Ticket Members, then are officially enshrined in the ring during halftime of a Bengals home game that year.

The Jungle can jam: The announced attendance figure for the Bengals' Week 1 contest against Tampa Bay was 66,625, which marked the fourth-largest announced crowd for a home game in team history. Each of the 17 highest attended games played in Cincinnati, in terms of announced attendance figure, have occurred since the start of the 2022 calendar year.

The Bengals had an announced crowd of 65,000 or more in 30 consecutive regular-season home games from Week 1 of the 2022 campaign through Week 12 of '25. That was the longest such streak in team history, surpassing a span of 24 straight games from 2005-07. The largest home attendance figure in team history is 67,260, which came in Week 4 of the 2022 season when the Bengals defeated Miami on Thursday Night Football. That figure also marked the largest announced crowd for a sporting event in Cincinnati history.

Here are the largest announced home crowds in Bengals franchise history:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATTENDANCE
Sept. 29, 2022	Miami	W, 27-15	67,260
Oct. 27, 2024	Philadelphia	L, 17-37	67,239
Nov. 5, 2023	Buffalo	W, 24-18	66,965
Sept. 13, 2026	Tampa Bay	W, 33-27	66,625
Oct. 16, 2025	Pittsburgh	W, 33-31	66,569

Bengal bites: The average age of the Bengals' active roster is 26.9 years ... The Bengals have netted 24 AFC Player of the Week honors (Offensive, Defensive or Special Teams) since the start of the 2021 season, tied for the third-most by any NFL team in that span, regardless of conference ... The longest-tenured player on the Bengals' active roster is TE Drew Sample, who is in his eighth season with the team ... The oldest player on the roster is QB Joe Flacco, who is 41 (born Jan. 16, 1985) ... The youngest player on the roster is C Connor Lew, who is 21 (born Aug. 30, 2005) ... There is a tie for the tallest player on the roster between OTs Orlando Brown Jr. and Amarius Mims, who both are listed at 6-8 ... There also is a tie for shortest player on the roster between HB Tahj Brooks and WR Ke'Shawn Williams, who both are listed at 5-9 ... Brown, Mims and DT Dexter Lawrence II are tied for the heaviest player on the roster at 350 pounds ... McPherson and CB DJ Turner II are tied for the lightest player on the roster at 185 pounds.

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: Starting QB **Joe Burrow** is in his seventh NFL season and already has placed himself among the top QBs both in Bengals history and the modern NFL era. He holds the highest career completion percentage in league history (68.5; minimum 1500 passing attempts), and late last season he became the third-fastest player ever to reach 150 TD passes as well as the fifth-fastest to 20,000 passing yards (both accomplished in his 75th regular-season game played). He missed nine games in the 2025 campaign due to a toe injury, but returned in late November and started each of the final six contests. A three-time Pro Bowler and two-time NFL Comeback Player of the Year, he ranks in the top five in Bengals history in passing attempts (fifth), completions (fifth), passing yards (fifth), TD passes (fourth), passer rating (first) and 300-yard games (T-first). Burrow opened the 2026 campaign by completing 71.4 percent of his passes (25 of 35) for 254 yards and a TD with an INT in the Week 1 win over Tampa Bay. 19th-year veteran **Joe Flacco** re-signed with Cincinnati in March after starting six games during Burrow's injury absence. He was acquired by the Bengals in a trade with Cleveland last October, and made his first Bengals start just five days later. Over the span of his six starts, he ranked second in the NFL in completions, tied for third in TD passes and ranked fifth in passing yards. Now 41 years old (born Jan. 16, 1985), he is the oldest player on the Bengals' roster and the oldest QB to start a game in team history. Flacco spent his first 11 seasons with Baltimore, highlighted by a Super Bowl victory following the 2012 season, and has also seen game action for Denver (2019), the N.Y. Jets ('20-'22), Cleveland ('23 and '25), and Indianapolis ('24). He ranks in the top 25 in NFL history in career passing yards (14th; 48,176) and TD passes (21st; 272). Flacco saw limited action in the preseason, going five of eight for 51 yards and a TD in the preseason opener vs. Detroit.

Running backs: Fourth-year HB **Chase Brown** enjoyed a breakout season in 2025 in which he set career highs in rushing attempts (232), rushing

yards (1019), receptions (69) and receiving yards (437). He was one of five players in the NFL last season with at least 1000 rushing yards and 400 receiving yards, and his catch total marked the most ever in a season by a Bengals running back. A native of London, Ontario, his 1456 yards from scrimmage were the most in a season by a Canadian-born player in NFL history, and were highlighted by a Bengals-record streak of six straight games with 100 or more scrimmage yards from Weeks 7-13. He started all 17 contests in 2025, after making 10 starts in '24 and zero as a rookie in '23. Brown contributed 78 scrimmage yards (56 rushing, 22 receiving), and scored a five-yard rushing TD in Week 1 vs. Tampa Bay. Listed second on the depth chart is 10th-year veteran **Samaje Perine**, who is in his second Bengals stint. Perine played for the team from 2019-'22, then spent '23 with Denver and '24 with Kansas City before returning to Cincinnati in '25. A physical and versatile back, he has 563 career rushing attempts, 199 receptions and 25 kickoff returns for a total of 4608 all-purpose yards. He contributed 382 rushing yards last season, his most since the 2022 campaign. Perine had 30 receiving yards in the season opener against Tampa Bay, including a 14-yarder on the game's final drive that helped seal the win. **Tahj Brooks**, a sixth-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2025, saw action in 16 contests as a rookie last season. He had 16 carries for 45 yards and one catch for nine yards offensively, while also returning 10 kickoffs for 258 yards. Brooks compiled a record-setting collegiate career at Texas Tech University, where he set school career marks for rushing attempts (879), rushing yards (4557) and 100-yard rushing games (23). He was a first-team All-Big 12 Conference choice in 2023 then followed up with second-team honors in '24, and in both of those seasons was named a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award (nation's top running back).

Wide receivers: Sixth-year WR **Ja'Marr Chase** has been selected to the Pro Bowl in each of his first five seasons and already ranks in the top five in

most of the Bengals' all-time receiving categories. Cincinnati's first-round draft choice (No. 5 overall) in 2021, he is the only player in NFL history with at least 500 receptions and 50 receiving TDs within his first five years in the league. He also is one of just three players in league history to record at least 125 catches in consecutive seasons, doing so in 2024 and '25, and in both years he was recognized as a first-team All-Pro by the Associated Press. In 2024, he became the sixth player in the Super Bowl era to claim the receiving "Triple Crown," leading the NFL in catches, receiving yards and receiving TDs, and he then followed up in '25 by ranking third leaguewide in receptions (125) and fourth in yards (1412). He also set a Bengals single-season record with seven 100-yard receiving games last year. Chase is one-half of arguably the top receiving duo in the NFL, alongside seventh-year pro **Tee Higgins**. Since entering the NFL as a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, Higgins is tied for eighth in the league in TD catches (45) and ranks 16th in receiving yards (5500). He brought in a career-high 11 receiving TDs in 2025 (tied for second in NFL) after scoring 10 in '24, and in doing so became the third player in Bengals history with double-digit TD catches in consecutive seasons. His other totals in 2025 were 59 receptions for 846 yards, helping him earn his first career Pro Bowl nod. Higgins kicked off the 2026 season with three grabs for 59 yards against Tampa Bay. **Andre Iosivas**, a 2023 sixth-round draft selection out of Princeton, has served as the team's third option at WR over the past two-plus seasons. He logged career highs in catches (36), receiving yards (479) and TDs (six) in 2024, then followed up with 33 grabs for 435 yards and two scores in '25. He has shown a knack for getting open in the low red zone, as 11 of his 12 career receiving TDs have come on plays inside the opponent's 10-yard line. Iosivas was an All-American heptathlete for the Princeton men's track and field team, in addition to achieving All-America status in football at the FCS level. Cincinnati used one of its two fourth-round draft choices this past April to select **Colbie Young** out of the University of Georgia. Young, a 6-4, 218-pound athlete, had a five-year college career that saw him go from Lackawanna College (junior college; 2021), to the University of Miami (Fla.; '22-23) to Georgia ('24-25). In four seasons at the Division I level, he had 116 catches for 1437 yards and 13 TDs. He missed time last season due to a leg injury, but in eight games played he caught 26 passes for 358 yards and one score. Young caught five passes for 85 yards during the preseason, including a 17-yard TD catch on Aug. 22 vs. Chicago. One of the top stories out of training camp was **Dohnte Meyers**, who made the team's initial 53-man active roster after originally signing a Reserve/Future contract in January. A slot receiver listed at 5-11, 186 pounds, he led Cincinnati in receptions (11) and receiving yards (121) during the preseason. He made his regular-season career debut in Week 1 vs. Tampa Bay, contributing an 18-yard catch-and-run on the game's final drive. Meyers spent the past two seasons with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League, where he had 89 receptions for 1405 yards and nine TDs, while also logging 11 KORs and nine PRs in 19 games played. He enjoyed a breakout 2025 season in which he averaged 16.2 yards per catch (65 for 1056 yards) and helped the Roughriders win the Grey Cup. He began his college career in 2018-19 at Presbyterian College (FCS) in Clinton, S.C., then spent the '21-22 seasons in Cleveland, Miss. at Delta State University (NCAA Division II). **Ke'Shawn Williams**, a second-year pro, played in Cincinnati's final three games of last season after being acquired on waivers from Pittsburgh in December. Originally a college free agent signee of the Steelers in the 2025 offseason, he saw action in eight games as a rookie prior to being waived. Williams finished his college career at the Indiana University in 2024, following four years at Wake Forest University. He finished this year's preseason with seven catches for 81 yards, including an 11-yard TD grab in the preseason finale at Philadelphia.

Tight ends: A second-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2019, **Drew Sample** has played in 96 career games with 63 starts and serves as a key blocking TE in Cincinnati's offense. After missing most of the 2022 season with a knee injury, he has suited up for 52 consecutive games with 38 starts since the start of the '23 campaign. In addition to his blocking responsibilities, he has contributed 118 career catches for 855 yards and five TDs. **Mike Gesicki** caught five passes for a team-high 78 yards, including a two-yard TD, in the season opener against Tampa Bay. A 2024 free agent signee, he has played in 31 games for the Bengals. Listed at 6-6, 245 pounds, he is an athletic, pass-catching TE who often lines up as a slot receiver. In 2024, he had the second-most receptions in a season by a TE in team history (65) for 665 yards. Originally a second-round pick of Miami in 2022, he spent his first five seasons with the Dolphins, then played for New England in '24 before arriving in Cincinnati. **Erick All Jr.**, a 2024 fourth-round pick of the Bengals, saw his first game action in nearly two years in the team's preseason contest against Chicago on Aug. 22. A native of Fairfield, Ohio (north of Cincinnati), All showed promise as a versatile

TE in his rookie season before a knee injury kept him out for the second half of that year and all of the '25 campaign. His statistical totals as a rookie included 20 receptions for 158 yards. He made his first regular-season appearance since the injury in Week 1 vs. Tampa Bay, lining up for 20 offensive snaps. All spent four college seasons (2019-22) at the University of Michigan and one ('23) at the University of Iowa. Cincinnati selected **Jack Endries** in the seventh round of this year's draft, adding a productive pass-catching TE who played and started 39 games in his college career. He spent his first two collegiate seasons (2023-24) at the University of California, then transferred to the University of Texas for '25. His college totals included 124 receptions for 1376 yards and seven TDs, with 33 for 346 and three scores coming with the Longhorns last season. He was named honorable mention All-ACC in 2024, when he led California in catches (65) and receiving yards (623) as the primary pass-catcher for former Golden Bears QB and the No. 1 overall pick in the '26 draft, Fernando Mendoza. Endries caught six passes for 43 yards and a TD during the preseason.

Offensive line: The nucleus of the Bengals' offensive line is center **Ted Karras**, who is in his 11th NFL season and fifth with Cincinnati. A 2022 free agent acquisition, he has been voted a team captain in each of his four Bengals seasons and started 71 straight games, including postseason. Off the field, he is involved in numerous charitable efforts in the Cincinnati area and has twice been named the team's Club Winner for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award (2023 and '25). Karras spent five of his first six pro seasons with New England, where he was a member of two Super Bowl-winning teams (2016 and '18). He also had a one-year stint with Miami in 2020. Four-time Pro Bowler **Orlando Brown Jr.** has started at LOT in all 46 games he has played in for the Bengals since signing with the team as a free agent in the 2023 offseason. He spent his first three NFL seasons (2018-20) with Baltimore, then played for Kansas City for two seasons and helped the Chiefs win Super Bowl LVII in the '22 campaign. He lined up for all 1110 offensive snaps for Cincinnati last season, anchoring a pass protection unit that contributed to the Bengals ranking sixth in the NFL in net passing yards per game (235.6). His father, the late Orlando Brown Sr., played nine NFL seasons (1994-99, 2003-05), spending time with Cleveland and Baltimore. **Dalton Risner** signed with the Bengals as a free agent following training camp in 2025 and played in 14 games with 11 starts (nine at RG and two at LG) last season. An eighth-year veteran in 2026, he also has played for Denver ('19-22) and Minnesota ('23-24), logging 101 games of regular-season experience. **Amarus Mims**, Cincinnati's first-round draft pick in 2024, has started at ROT in 31 of 33 games played through two seasons. A physically imposing tackle listed at 6-8, 350 pounds, he has been called for just one holding penalty in his career thus far, with zero committed on 1051 offensive snaps played last season. In this year's opener against Tampa Bay, he was widely credited with zero pressures allowed on 37 pass blocking snaps, while lining up primarily against 2026 first-round pick Rueben Bain Jr. The Bengals selected Mims out of the University of Georgia, where he played in 29 games over three seasons (2021-23) and was part of two national championship squads. A teammate of Mims' at Georgia was **Dylan Fairchild**, who the Bengals selected in the third round of the 2025 draft. Fairchild stepped into the starting LG role early in his rookie season, lining up in that spot for 15 games and playing 961 offensive snaps (fifth-most on team). He started 24 career games at Georgia, and in 2024 was named a second-team AP All-American. He also has an impressive background in wrestling, as he compiled a 67-0 career record at West Forsyth High School in Cumming, Ga., and won two Georgia state titles in the Class 7A heavyweight division. **Jalen Rivers**, a fifth-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2025, played in 16 games with seven starts at RG in his rookie season. He started at LOT in each of his final 21 games played at the University of Miami (Fla.), where he collected second-team All-ACC honors in 2023 and honorable mention in '24. He was the Bengals' nominee for the Salute to Service Award last season, as his father, mother and stepfather all served in the U.S. Navy. Rivers played in all three preseason games this year, starting at LOT against Chicago and at ROT at Philadelphia. Lining up opposite of Rivers was OT **Javon Foster**, who started at ROT versus the Bears and LOT in the win over the Eagles. Foster spent the 2025 season on Cincinnati's practice squad, after seeing action in four games as a rookie for Jacksonville in '24. He entered the league as a fourth-round pick of the Jaguars, following a five-year career (2019-23) at the University of Missouri. He played in 49 contests with 38 starts for the Tigers, highlighted by a 2023 season in which he earned first-team All-SEC and third-team All-America honors. The starting center for the Bengals' final two preseason games was rookie **Connor Lew**, who Cincinnati selected in the fourth round of this year's draft. The youngest player on the Bengals' active roster (turned 21 on Aug. 30), Lew started 25 out of 31 games played over a three-year career (2023-25) at Auburn University. That included a streak of 19 consecutive starts that was halted by the knee injury which occurred midway through last season. He was a Southeastern Conference All-Freshman Team pick in 2023,

when he was credited with zero sacks allowed on 228 pass block snaps, according to Pro Football Focus. Lew lettered in wrestling in addition to football at Kennesaw Mountain High School (Ga.), where he also maintained a 4.0 grade point average through all four years. C **Jacob Bayer** spent the final eight games of last season on Cincinnati's practice squad, after going through the offseason and training camp with Buffalo. He signed with the Bills as a college free agent in May 2025, following a collegiate career that included two seasons at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, and two at Arkansas State University. He was a first-team All-Sun Belt Conference performer in 2023, then followed up with second-team status in '24. Bayer lined up for 168 offensive snaps for the Bengals this preseason, the second-most among the team's O-linemen. The most recent addition to the line is OT **Myles Hinton**, who Cincinnati acquired on waivers from Philadelphia on Aug. 31. Listed at 6-6, 342 pounds, Hinton was a sixth-round draft pick of the Eagles in 2025 and spent his entire rookie campaign on the Reserve/Injured list due to a back injury. He played his first three collegiate seasons (2020-22) at Stanford University, then spent the '23-24 seasons at the University of Michigan. He was an honorable mention All-Big Ten choice for the Wolverines in 2024.

Defensive line: Perhaps the headline addition of the offseason for Cincinnati was DT **Dexter Lawrence II**, who the Bengals acquired in a trade with the N.Y. Giants less than a week before the NFL Draft. An eighth-year veteran, Lawrence has played in 110 career regular-season contests with 103 starts, been voted to the Pro Bowl three times and been named to the AP All-Pro Second Team on two occasions (2022 and '23). He has 30.5 career sacks, the 14th-most by any DT since he entered the league as a first-round pick of the Giants in 2019. His other career statistics include 40 TFLs, 15 PDs, one INT and five FFs. Lawrence lined up for 35 defensive snaps in his Bengals regular-season debut in Week 1 vs. Tampa Bay. One of Lawrence's former Giants teammates, DT **B.J. Hill**, came over to Cincinnati via trade shortly before the 2021 season. Hill has played in 82 regular-season games and seven postseason contests for the Bengals. He has 27.5 sacks in his career, with four recorded in 2025. He also has a knack for batting down passes at the line of scrimmage, with 16 career PDs. Hill began training camp on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform list, then was cleared to resume practicing in mid-August. Two-time Pro Bowler DT **Jonathan Allen** joined the Bengals as an unrestricted free agent this offseason. A former first-round pick of Washington in 2017, he spent his first eight seasons with the Commanders before playing for Minnesota in '25. His career stats include 68 TFLs and 46.5 sacks, the sixth-most among DTs since he entered the NFL. His 68 total tackles last season with the Vikings were his most since 2019. Allen got in the sack column in his Bengals debut, taking down Buccaneers QB Baker Mayfield for a nine-yard loss to force a FG attempt in the second half. Another key offseason acquisition for the Bengals was fifth-year DE **Boye Mafe**, who signed with Cincinnati in March after helping Seattle win Super Bowl LX a month prior. Mafe also made an impact in his Cincinnati regular-season debut, recovering a fumble in the first half and then strip-sacking Mayfield in the fourth quarter (led to Bengals recovery). A second-round pick of the Seahawks in 2022, he played in 68 of a possible 72 games during his Seahawks tenure, including postseason. He had a career-best nine sacks in the 2023 campaign, which led the Seahawks that year and included a franchise-record seven consecutive games with at least one sack. He totaled five tackles in three postseason contests during Seattle's run earlier this year. DE **Myles Murphy** is in his fourth NFL season and looks to build on his top statistical campaign in 2025. The Bengals' first-round pick in 2023 emerged last season with career highs in total tackles (52), TFLs (six), sacks (team-leading 5.5) and PDs (three). His productivity increased particularly in the second half of the year, as over the final nine games he recorded 37 tackles, four sacks and his first career fumble recovery. In the first quarter of Week 1 vs. Tampa Bay, he forced a fumble that was recovered by LB Demetrius Knight Jr. and returned for a Bengals TD. Murphy started 10 contests in 2025, after not starting in 30 games played during his first two seasons. DT **T.J. Slaton Jr.** started all 17 games in his first Bengals season in 2025, after signing with the team as a free agent last spring. He netted 52 tackles, four TFLs and three sacks, with each of his sacks coming in the final five games of the season. Originally a fifth-round draft choice of Green Bay in 2021, he spent his first four seasons with the Packers. Slaton recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter of the season opener vs. Tampa Bay, setting up a Bengals FG drive. Second-year DE **Shemar Stewart** missed most of this year's training camp due to a lower-body injury he sustained in the team's first practice, but he returned to participation in early September. Cincinnati's first-round pick in 2025 (No. 17 overall), Stewart played in eight games with five starts as a rookie. He spent five contests on the Reserve/Injured list late in the year, but returned for the team's final three games and in that stretch recorded

five tackles, his first career sack and first PD. A product of Texas A&M, he was noted during his draft process for standout physical traits, and was one of two players in the 2025 class to produce a perfect 10.0 on the Relative Athletic Score (grades players' measurements compared to peer group). Stewart's former teammate at Texas A&M, DE **Cashius Howell**, was selected by the Bengals in the second round of this year's draft. He is coming off a breakout year with the Aggies in 2025, as he racked up 11.5 sacks, was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year and earned first-team All-America along with first-team All-SEC honors. Howell spent his final two collegiate seasons at Texas A&M, after playing his first three years at Bowling Green State University in northwest Ohio. Noted for his athleticism and quickness off the edge, he clocked a 40-yard dash time of 4.59 seconds and recorded a vertical jump of 32.5 inches at this year's NFL Combine. Howell lined up for 25 defensive snaps in his pro debut against Tampa Bay. Third-year DE **Cedric Johnson** played nine games in each of the past two seasons for the Bengals. A sixth-round draft pick in 2024, he has recorded 17 tackles, three sacks, two TFLs and two FRs. He began the 2025 campaign on the Reserve/Injured list due to a calf injury, before returning to the active roster in October. He played in the first two preseason contests this year, racking up five tackles. DT **Kris Jenkins Jr.**, the Bengals' second-round draft choice in 2024, has played in 30 games with 13 starts in his career, contributing 68 tackles, six TFLs, 5.5 sacks and a PD. Jenkins capped off his collegiate career at the University of Michigan with second-team All-America honors while helping the Wolverines win the national championship in 2023. His father, Kris Jenkins Sr., played 10 NFL seasons (2001-10) as a DT with Carolina and the N.Y. Jets, earning four Pro Bowl selections. Rookie DT **Landon Robinson**, a seventh-round pick of the Bengals, earned a spot on the 53-man roster after leading the team with 2.5 sacks during the preseason. He compiled a decorated career at the United States Naval Academy, highlighted by first-team All-America (AP) honors last season. He also was named first-team All-American Athletic Conference in each of the past two years, and in '25 was the AAC Defensive Player of the Year. In 38 games played over three seasons at Navy, he logged 153 tackles, 18.5 TFLs, 14.5 sacks, two FFs, one FR and one blocked kick. He grew up in Fairlawn, Ohio, and attended Copley High School in Copley, Ohio.

Linebackers: Cincinnati's second-round draft choice in 2025, **Demetrius Knight Jr.** has been a starting LB for the Bengals since early in his rookie season. His 106 total tackles last season ranked second on the team and second among all NFL rookies. He opened the 2026 campaign with seven tackles and returned a fumble recovery 27 yards for his first career TD in the win over Tampa Bay. Knight spent his first four college seasons at Georgia Tech, then played one year at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and finished off his career at the University of South Carolina in '24. Knight's fellow starting LB is **Barrett Carter**, who registered 102 tackles in his own rookie campaign in 2025 (third among NFL rookies). Carter was picked by the Bengals in the fourth round of the 2025 draft after a four-year career at Clemson University that saw him earn two All-ACC honors. Over the course of his four collegiate seasons (2021-24), he was the nation's only player with at least 30 TFLs, 20 pass breakups and three INTs. Carter led the Bengals with eight tackles in the season opener vs. Tampa Bay and forced a fumble that was recovered by S Bryan Cook in the Cincinnati end zone. **Oren Burks** is in his ninth NFL season and his second with the Bengals. A 2025 free agency acquisition, he played in all 17 games with nine starts last year, collecting 34 tackles, one PD, one FF and one FR defensively while also posting 14 special teams tackles. He previously spent the 2024 campaign with Philadelphia, emerging as one of the Eagles' top performers during their postseason run to a Super Bowl LIX title. He entered the league with Green Bay in 2018 and spent his first four seasons with the Packers, before playing for San Francisco from '22-23. **Swayze Bozeman**, who Cincinnati acquired on waivers from the N.Y. Giants in May, impressed the Bengals' coaching staff with 11 tackles (two TFLs) and a PD during the preseason. He entered the league as a college free agent signee of Kansas City in 2024 and saw action in six total contests as a rookie for the Chiefs, including three postseason games. He then played in six games for the N.Y. Giants in 2025.

Defensive backs: Fourth-year CB **DJ Turner II** was voted a team captain for the first time in his career this season, after emerging as one of the NFL's top boundary CBs in 2025. He tied for third in the league with a career-high 18 PDs while adding his first two career INTs and two FFs. A second-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2023, he played in all 17 games with 12 starts as a rookie and then saw action in 11 contests in '24, but missed the final six games of that season due to a collarbone injury. A two-time All-Big Ten honoree at the University of Michigan, he clocked the fastest time in the 40-yard dash of any player at the 2023 NFL Combine (4.26 seconds). Turner opened the 2026 campaign with four tackles against Tampa Bay. A Cincinnati native who spent his final two collegiate seasons (2020-21) at the University of Cincinnati, **Bryan Cook** returned to the Queen City as an unrestricted free agent signee of the

Bengals in March. He spent his first four NFL seasons with Kansas City, where he was a member of the Chiefs' back-to-back Super Bowl winning teams in the 2022 and '23 campaigns. He earned a starting safety role for the Chiefs entering the 2023 season and has started each of his last 50 games played, including his debut with the Bengals in Week 1. He contributed to the win over the Buccaneers with six tackles, a FF (first of career) and a FR. Cook attended nearby Mount Healthy High School, then began his college career at Howard University before transferring to Cincinnati. **Jordan Battle** took over as a full-time starting safety for the Bengals in his third pro season in 2025. He led Cincinnati with 112 tackles and four INTs last season, both of which marked a career high. A Bengals third-round pick in 2023, he started seven contests in his rookie campaign and then six in '24. He has six career picks to go along with 240 tackles. Battle logged six defensive tackles and two special teams stops in the season opener against Tampa Bay. A former teammate of Turner's at Michigan, **Dax Hill**, has lined up at CB for his last 23 games played after transitioning from safety in the 2024 offseason. He missed most of the 2024 campaign due to a knee injury, but returned to start all 17 contests last season and tied his career high with 11 PDs. He posted seven solo tackles in the Week 1 victory over the Buccaneers. The Bengals' first-round draft choice in 2022, he lined up at safety for his first 32 career games, and in the '23 season recorded 110 tackles. His brother, Justice Hill, currently plays RB for the Baltimore Ravens. **Jalen Davis** is a nickel CB who played in the final seven games of the 2025 season with three starts. In that stretch, he had a career-high 19 tackles with two TFLs and a sack, along with one FF and his first career INT. Prior to the back-half of last season, he bounced between Cincinnati's active roster and practice squad after initially joining the team midway through the 2020 campaign. He entered the NFL with Miami in 2018 and spent his rookie year with the Dolphins, then was with Arizona for the entire '19 season and early part of '20. Davis had five tackles with a TFL and a PD in the season opener vs. Tampa Bay. The Bengals added another veteran presence to the safeties room this offseason when they signed seventh-year pro **Kyle Dugger** during free agency. Originally a second-round draft choice of New England in 2020, Dugger spent his first five-plus seasons with the Patriots, then was traded to Pittsburgh last October and started nine games for the Steelers. In 91 regular-season games played (78 starts), he has 454 defensive tackles and 29 special teams stops. He also has 11 INTs with three pick-sixes, including one against the Bengals in Week 11 of last season. **Tacario Davis**, Cincinnati's third-round pick in this year's draft, saw action on four defensive snaps and eight special teams snaps in his career debut against Tampa Bay. A rangy CB with a 6-4 frame, Davis had a strong preseason with 11 tackles, a TFL, two PDs and an INT over the final two games. He spent his final college season in 2025 at the University of Washington, where he started seven games but missed time throughout the year due to injuries. He played the previous three years at Arizona State University, where in 2023 he led the Pac-12 Conference with 15 PBUs. He was recognized as an all-league performer in three different conferences during his college career, as he was named honorable mention All-Pac-12 in 2023, second-team All-Big 12 in '24 and honorable mention All-Big Ten in '25. **Josh Newton**, a fifth-round pick of the Bengals in 2024, has played in 31 games with eight starts over his first two pro seasons. He logged 29 tackles, seven PDs and an INT as a rookie, then followed up with 11 stops and three PDs in 2025. He finished his collegiate career at Texas Christian University (2022-23), after three seasons ('19-21) at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. **DJ Ivey** has contributed as a core special teamer and reserve CB over his three-plus seasons with the Bengals. A seventh-

round pick in 2023, he has seen action in 37 games and logged 13 defensive tackles along with 11 tackles and a fumble recovery on special teams. He played in 58 contests during his college career at the University of Miami (Fla.), then earned a roster spot coming out of his rookie training camp with Cincinnati. **PJ Jules** played in 14 games for the Bengals in 2025 and tied for second on the team with 16 special teams tackles, after spending his entire '24 rookie season on Cincinnati's practice squad. He joined the team as a college free agent signee following a five-year college career at Southern Illinois University. He capped off his time with the Salukis by recording 111 tackles and earning consensus first-team FCS All-America honors in 2023. Jules posted 10 defensive tackles and a stop on special teams during this year's preseason.

Special Teams: Seventh-year K **Evan McPherson** ranks in the top five in Bengals history in FG percentage (83.7; third), PATs (207; fourth), made FGs (123; fifth) and points scored (576; fifth). He has made 31 FGs from a distance of 50 or more yards, which is a team record and tied for the fifth-most among all NFL kickers since he entered the league as a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2021. He owns eight of the 10 longest made kicks in team history, including a record 63-yarder in Week 12 of last season. He accounted for 15 of Cincinnati's 33 points in Week 1 against Tampa Bay, with four FGs and three PATs. His FGs included makes from 55 and 58 yards in the second half. McPherson also had a perfect showing this preseason, converting each of his eight FG attempts and all seven PATs. **Ryan Rehkow** has been Cincinnati's punter and holder on placekicks since joining the team as a free agent in the 2024 offseason. Now in his third season, he maintains the Bengals' career records for gross punting average (49.91 yards; minimum 100 punts) and net punting average (42.86; min. 100). He has 53 punts downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line, the fifth-most by a Bengal since the stat began being tracked in 1976 and tied for the eighth-most in the NFL since the start of the 2024 campaign. Last season, he ranked second in the NFL and broke his own Bengals single-season record with 50.5 yards per punt. Rehkow punted just once in the regular-season opener against Tampa Bay, delivering a 51-yarder. **William Wagner** has recorded 145 long snaps without an unplayable delivery since joining the team as a college free agent in the 2025 offseason. In 2024 at the University of Michigan, he was a finalist for the Patrick Mannelly Award, given to the top long snapper in college football. WR **Dohnté Meyers** returned four kickoffs for 93 yards (23.3 average) in his NFL debut in Week 1 vs. Tampa Bay. In his two seasons (2024-25) with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the CFL, he logged 11 KORs for 319 yards (29.0) along with nine PRs for 94 yards (10.4). Meyers also had two KORs for 54 yards and three PRs for 45 yards in the preseason for the Bengals. WR **Ke'Shawn Williams** stepped into the primary returning role for Cincinnati late last season, after being acquired on waivers from Pittsburgh in December. He contributed nine PRs for 95 yards and eight KORs for 203 yards. He had a career-long 43-yard PR in Week 17 vs. Arizona which set up a Bengals TD drive. He played in eight games for the Steelers in the first half of his 2025 rookie campaign, logging 11 PRs for 112 yards (10.2) and 18 KORs for 425 yards (23.6). Williams ran back a 48-yard KOR late in the first half in the preseason opener against Detroit on Aug. 13. Also in the mix to return kickoffs is veteran HB **Samaje Perine**, who has 25 career KORs for 654 yards (26.2), including a career-high 17 for 430 last season with Cincinnati. His 38-yard return in Week 9 vs. Chicago was the second-longest of his career, behind a 56-yarder in 2024 while playing for Kansas City. Second-year HB **Tahj Brooks** returned two kicks for 49 yards in Week 1 vs. Tampa Bay, including a 26-yarder to set up a Bengals FG drive at the start of the second half. As a rookie last season, he logged 10 KORs for 258 yards, with a long of 41 yards in Week 16 at Miami.

THE LAST BENGALS-TEXANS MEETINGS

2020 SEASON WEEK 16, GAME 15

Cincinnati Bengals 37, Houston Texans 31 Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020 at NRG Stadium

Playing without their top QB, top HB and top WR, the Bengals dominated offensively with 540 total net yards. Cincinnati QB Brandon Allen completed 78.3 percent of his passes for 371 yards, two TDs and a 126.5 passer rating. Bengals HBs Samaje Perine and Giovani Bernard both topped 100 yards from scrimmage (136 and 131, respectively), with Perine scoring two rushing TDs. Houston kept it close with strong performances from QB Deshaun Watson (324 yards and three TDs passing) and HB David Johnson (139 yards from scrimmage and two TDs), but Cincinnati DE Sam Hubbard forced a Watson fumble with 1:35 left and DT/DE Margus Hunt recovered. Cincinnati later tacked on a FG for the win. The Bengals improved to 4-10-1, while the Texans fell to 4-11.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	3	14	13	—	37
Houston.....	3	7	14	7	—	31

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — D.Sample 8 pass from B.Allen (A.Seibert kick).....	1-8:32
Hou. — K.Fairbairn 21 field goal.....	1-1:22
Cin. — A.Seibert 35 field goal.....	2-3:30
Hou. — B.Cooks 25 pass from D.Watson (K.Fairbairn kick).....	2-1:54
Cin. — S.Perine 46 run (A.Seibert kick).....	3-12:59
Hou. — D.Johnson 4 run (K.Fairbairn kick).....	3-9:05
Cin. — T.Higgins 20 pass from B.Allen (A.Seibert kick).....	3-5:46
Hou. — D.Johnson 2 pass from D.Watson (K.Fairbairn kick).....	3-0:55
Cin. — A.Seibert 48 field goal.....	4-10:35
Hou. — D.Fells 22 pass from D.Watson (K.Fairbairn kick).....	4-6:15
Cin. — S.Perine 3 run (A.Seibert kick).....	4-1:57
Cin. — A.Seibert 36 field goal.....	4-0:18

Missed FGs: A.Seibert (49W). **Attendance:** 12,344. **Time:** 3:04.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	HOU.
First downs.....	27	23
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-13	4-9
Total net yards.....	540	488
Net yards rushing.....	169	166
Net yards passing.....	371	322
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	38-29-0	33-24-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	1-2
Punts-average.....	1-40.0	4-45.0
Punt returns-yards.....	1-7	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	1-24	2-35
Penalties-yards.....	5-35	6-46
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	3-1
Time of possession.....	36:10	23:50

RUSHING									
CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	HOU.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
S.Perine	13	95	46t	2	D.Johnson	12	128	48	1
G.Bernard	16	65	11	0	D.Watson	5	38	14	0
T.Williams	2	6	6	0					
B.Allen	2	3	4	0					
TOTALS	33	169	46t	2	TOTALS	17	166	48	1

PASSING									
CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	HOU.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Allen	37	29	371	2-0	D.Watson	33	24	324	3-0
A.Erickson	1	0	0	0-0					
TOTALS	38	29	371	2-0	TOTALS	33	24	324	3-0

RECEIVING									
CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	HOU.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	7	66	28	0	B.Cooks	7	141	50	1
T.Higgins	6	99	30	1	K.Coutee	5	54	17	0
A.Erickson	6	88	42	0	J.Akins	4	39	15	0
A.Green	4	64	33	0	D.Johnson	3	11	12	1
S.Perine	4	41	15	0	P.Brown	1	29	29	0
D.Sample	1	8	8t	1	D.Fells	1	22	22t	1
T.Irwin	1	5	5	0	C.Hansen	1	8	8	0
					K.Warring	1	3	3	0
					S.Mitchell	1	2	2	0
					C.Heck	0	8	8	0
					M.Scharching	0	7	7	0
TOTALS	29	371	42	2	TOTALS	24	324	50	3

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Phillips 7-2-9, V.Bell 6-2-8, L.Sims 4-1-5, G.Pratt 3-2-5, J.Bynes 3-1-4, S.Hubbard 2-2-4, J.Bates 2-1-3, W.Jackson 2-0-2, M.Hunt 1-0-1, C.Lawson 1-0-1, M.Alexander 0-1-1, C.Covington 0-1-1, M.Daniels 0-1-1, S.Williams 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** S.Hubbard 1-2. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** D.Phillips 2, M.Bailey 1, W.Jackson 1. **FF:** V.Bell 1, S.Hubbard 1, D.Phillips 1. **FR-YDS.:** M.Hunt 1-0.

Houston (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** Z.Cunningham 9-5-14, L.Johnson 6-5-11, T.Adams 8-1-9, K.Crossen 8-0-8, V.Hargreaves 5-1-6, J.Martin 3-1-4, J.Reid 3-1-4, A.Moore 2-1-3, C.Omenihu 1-2-3, J.Watt 1-2-3, C.Watkins 1-1-2, R.Blacklock 1-0-1, J.Greenard 1-0-1, B.Scarlett 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** K.Crossen 4, J.Reid 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

2023 SEASON WEEK 10, GAME 9

Houston Texans 30, Cincinnati Bengals 27 Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 at Paycor Stadium

The Bengals trailed by 10 with under four minutes remaining before storming back to tie the game 27-27, but Houston marched 55 yards on six plays in the final 1:33 to set up a game-winning FG as time expired. After QB Joe Burrow's second INT of the fourth quarter, CB Cam Taylor-Britt got the ball back for the Bengals with his own pick that led to a Cincinnati TD three plays later. The Bengals forced a quick punt, and on the following possession Burrow hit WR Tyler Boyd for a 64-yard gain to set up the tying FG. Houston's final drive finished off a day that featured 544 offensive net yards. After an opening-drive TD gave the Bengals an early lead, the offense was forced to punt on its next five possessions while the Texans scored 20 straight points. An Evan McPherson FG followed by a 64-yard TD catch by WR Ja'Marr Chase closed the deficit to 20-17 late in the third quarter, but Houston quickly answered with a TD on its next drive to regain a two-possession advantage. Cincinnati fell to 5-4, while Houston improved to 5-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Houston.....	0	10	10	10	—	30
Cincinnati.....	7	0	10	10	—	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — T.Irwin 32 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	1-9:43
Hou. — N.Dell 6 pass from C.Stroud (M.Ammendola kick).....	2-10:33
Hou. — M.Ammendola 45 field goal.....	2-0:10
Hou. — M.Ammendola 22 field goal.....	3-9:27
Hou. — D.Singletary 6 run (M.Ammendola kick).....	3-7:08
Cin. — E.McPherson 50 field goal.....	3-3:00
Cin. — J.Chase 64 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick).....	3-0:10
Hou. — C.Stroud 8 run (M.Ammendola kick).....	4-12:47
Cin. — J.Mixon 1 run (E.McPherson kick).....	4-3:18
Cin. — E.McPherson 31 field goal.....	4-1:33
Hou. — M.Ammendola 38 field goal.....	4-0:00

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 66,526. **Time:** 3:10.

TEAM STATISTICS	HOU.	CIN.
First downs.....	28	20
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-13	6-14
Total net yards.....	544	380
Net yards rushing.....	188	66
Net yards passing.....	356	314
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	39-23-1	40-27-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-0	4-33
Punts-average.....	4-42.3	5-51.8
Punt returns-yards.....	3-18	1-8
Kickoff returns-yards.....	0-0	2-25
Penalties-yards.....	7-50	4-63
Fumbles-lost.....	2-2	1-0
Time of possession.....	31:30	28:30

RUSHING									
HOU.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
D.Singletary	30	150	22	1	J.Mixon	11	46	15	1
X.Hutchinson	1	17	17	0	J.Burrow	5	20	17	0
N.Dell	1	13	13	0					
C.Stroud	2	8	8t	1					
TOTALS	34	188	22	2	TOTALS	16	66	17	1

PASSING									
HOU.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Stroud	39	23	356	1-1	J.Burrow	40	27	347	2-2
TOTALS	39	23	356	1-1	TOTALS	40	27	347	2-2

RECEIVING									
HOU.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
N.Brown	7	172	34	0	T.Boyd	8	117	64	0
N.Dell	6	56	17	1	T.Hudson	6	33	13	0
D.Schultz	4	71	25	0	J.Chase	5	124	64t	1
J.Metchie	2	25	19	0	T.Irwin	2	54	32t	1
M.Boone	2	6	4	0	D.Sample	2	12	9	0
R.Woods	1	15	15	0	J.Mixon	2	-1	0	0
D.Singletary	1	11	11	0	I.Smith	1	6	6	0
					T.Williams	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	23	356	34	1	TOTALS	27	347	64t	2

DEFENSE

Houston (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Thomas 4-4-8, D.Houston-Carson 7-0-7, S.Rankins 5-0-5, D.Perryman 4-1-5, B.Cashman 2-3-5, S.Griffin 2-3-5, C.Harris 2-3-5, M.Collins 2-2-4, S.Nelson 2-2-4, J.Greenard 3-0-3, K.Hinish 0-2-2, D.Horton 1-0-1, W.Anderson 0-1-1, K.Davis 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** S.Rankins 3-25, K.Hinish 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** D.Houston-Carson 1-13, S.Griffin 1-0. **PD:** S.Griffin 1, D.Houston-Carson 1. **FF:** S.Rankins 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** C.Taylor-Britt 7-2-9, M.Hilton 6-2-8, C.Awuzie 5-3-8, G.Pratt 4-4-8, D.Hill 4-3-7, C.Sample 3-2-5, L.Wilson 2-3-5, T.Hendrickson 2-2-4, J.Battle 2-1-3, B.Hill 2-1-3, N.Scott 1-2-3, D.Turner 1-2-3, D.Reader 2-0-2, Z.Carter 0-1-1, M.Murphy 0-1-1, J.Tufele 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** T.Hendrickson 0.5-0, L.Wilson 0.5-0. **INT.-YDS.:** C.Taylor-Britt 1-30. **PD:** D.Hill 2, C.Taylor-Britt 2, C.Awuzie 1, D.Turner 1, L.Wilson 1. **FF:** L.Wilson 1. **FR-YDS.:** M.Hilton 1-0, D.Reader 1-0.

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Cincinnati Bengals 33, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 27
Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026 at Paycor Stadium

The Bengals' defense had four takeaways which were converted into 24 points in a season-opening win. All of the takeaways were fumble recoveries, including three on consecutive Buccaneers drives in the first half. LB Demetrius Knight Jr. scored on a 27-yard fumble return for a TD. The Bengals built a 17-point lead in the third quarter before a Tampa Bay FG and 38-yard pick-six by LB Josiah Trotter made it a one-possession game. K Evan McPherson made all of his four FG attempts, including a pair in the fourth quarter to regain a double-digit advantage. The Buccaneers pulled to within one score again with 3:19 left, but the Cincinnati offense responded with an eight-play, 59-yard drive to drain the remaining clock. Bengals defensive veteran free agent acquisitions made an impact, as Jonathan Allen and Boye Mafe both had a sack, while S Bryan Cook had a FF and FR.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Tampa Bay.....	3	7	10	7	—	27
Cincinnati.....	14	10	3	6	—	33

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
T.B. — C.McLaughlin 34 field goal	1-9:09
Cin. — D.Knight 27 fumble return (E.McPherson kick)	1-6:18
Cin. — M.Gesicki 2 pass from J.Burrow (E.McPherson kick)	1-1:48
Cin. — C.Brown 5 run (E.McPherson kick)	2-5:32
T.B. — B.Irving 10 run (C.McLaughlin kick)	2-1:49
Cin. — E.McPherson 20 field goal	2-0:06
Cin. — E.McPherson 55 field goal	3-10:03
T.B. — C.McLaughlin 51 field goal	3-3:41
T.B. — J.Trotter 38 interception return (C.McLaughlin kick)	3-2:16
Cin. — E.McPherson 58 field goal	4-14:04
Cin. — E.McPherson 32 field goal	4-5:19
T.B. — B.Mayfield 9 run (C.McLaughlin kick)	4-3:19

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 66,625. **Time:** 3:03.

TEAM STATISTICS	T.B.	CIN.
First downs	19	26
Third down conversions-attempts	5-10	8-14
Total net yards	282	351
Net yards rushing	89	106
Net yards passing	193	245
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	28-23-0	35-25-1
Sacks against-yards lost	4-23	1-9
Punts-average	0-0.0	1-51.0
Punt returns-yards	1-13	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards	7-206	6-142
Penalties-yards	8-39	7-47
Fumbles-lost	4-4	0-0
Time of possession	28:35	31:25

RUSHING

T.B.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
B.Irving	8	45	10t	1	C.Brown	16	56	13	1
B.Mayfield	5	30	9t	1	J.Burrow	5	20	12	0
K.Gainwell	5	15	7	0	S.Perine	5	20	8	0
C.Godwin	1	3	3	0	D.Meyers	1	10	10	0
T.Johnson	1	-4	-4	0					
TOTALS	20	89	10	2	TOTALS	27	106	13	1

PASSING

T.B.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Mayfield	28	23	216	0-0	J.Burrow	35	25	254	1-1
TOTALS	28	23	216	0-0	TOTALS	35	25	254	1-1

RECEIVING

T.B.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
B.Irving	7	48	22	0	M.Gesicki	5	78	25	1
E.Egbuka	5	63	17	0	C.Brown	5	22	9	0
C.Godwin	4	40	30	0	T.Higgins	3	59	29	0
T.Hurst	3	36	16	0	S.Perine	3	30	14	0
C.Otton	3	26	13	0	D.Sample	3	19	11	0
K.Gainwell	1	3	3	0	J.Chase	2	12	16	0
					A.Iosivas	2	12	12	0
					D.Meyers	1	18	18	0
					T.Hudson	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	23	216	30	0	TOTALS	25	254	29	1

DEFENSE

Tampa Bay (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Trotter 3-7-10, Z.McCollum 8-1-9, A.Winfield 7-2-9, A.Anzalone 2-5-7, A.Robinson 3-2-5, B.Morrison 4-0-4, K.Scott 4-0-4, T.Smith 3-1-4, J.Parrish 2-0-2, A.Nelson 1-1-2, R.Bain 1-0-1, Y.Diaby 1-0-1, A.Muhammad 1-0-1, R.Nunez-Roches 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Trotter 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** J.Trotter 1-38. **PD:** Z.McCollum 2, B.Morrison 1, J.Parrish 1, J.Trotter 1, T.Smith 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** B.Carter 5-3-8, D.Hill 7-0-7, D.Knight 5-2-7, J.Battle 5-1-6, B.Cook 4-2-6, J.Davis 2-3-5, D.Turner 3-1-4, J.Allen 2-1-3, M.Murphy 1-1-2, K.Jenkins 1-0-1, B.Mafe 1-0-1, T.Slaton 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Allen 1-9, K.Jenkins 1-4, B.Mafe 1-3, B.Carter 0.5-3.5, M.Murphy 0.5-3.5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Davis 1. **FF:** B.Carter 1, B.Cook 1, B.Mafe 1, M.Murphy 1. **FR-YDS.:** D.Knight 1-27, B.Cook 1-0, B.Mafe 1-0, T.Slaton 1-0.

THE BENGALS ARE:

REGULAR SEASON

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

1-0 when game is outdoors (no permanent roof/open retractable roof)
0-0 when game is inside (with permanent roof/closed retractable roof)
0-0 on natural grass
1-0 on synthetic surface
0-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
0-0 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
1-0 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
1-0 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
0-0 when passing for 250 or more net yards
0-0 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
1-0 when passing for less than 250 net yards
1-0 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
1-0 with plus turnover differential
0-0 with even turnover differential
0-0 with minus turnover differential
1-0 with fewer penalties than opponent
0-0 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

UNDER ZAC TAYLOR (REGULAR SEASON; 2019-PRESENT)

29-30-0 at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)
24-33-1 on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)
34-27-0 when scoring first
19-36-1 when opponent scores first
10-20-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
23-35-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
32-17-0 when leading after one quarter
10-14-1 when tied after one quarter
11-32-0 when trailing after one quarter
40-17-0 when leading at halftime
5-3-0 when tied at halftime
8-43-1 when trailing at halftime
41-12-1 when leading after three quarters
6-1-0 when tied after three quarters
6-50-0 when trailing after three quarters
47-25-1 when scoring 20 or more points
25-55-1 when opponent scores 20 or more points

49-60-1 when game is outdoors (no permanent roof/open retractable roof)
4-3-0 when game is inside (with permanent roof/closed retractable roof)
15-24-1 on natural grass
38-39-0 on synthetic surface
17-10-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
15-39-1 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
35-53-1 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
38-24-0 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
29-25-1 when passing for 250 or more net yards
23-25-0 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
24-38-0 when passing for less than 250 net yards
30-38-1 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
34-12-1 with plus turnover differential
12-16-0 with even turnover differential
7-35-0 with minus turnover differential
33-34-1 with fewer penalties than opponent
34-40-1 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

56 — Chase Brown, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 20 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 20 — Samaje Perine, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

16 — Chase Brown, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 5 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 5 — Samaje Perine, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

LONGEST RUSHES

13 — Chase Brown, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 12 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 11 — Chase Brown, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

RECEPTIONS

5 — Mike Gesicki, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 5 — Chase Brown, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 3 — (three times)

RECEIVING YARDS

78 — Mike Gesicki, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 59 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 30 — Samaje Perine, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

PASSING YARDS

254 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

PASS ATTEMPTS

35 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

PASS COMPLETIONS

25 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

LONGEST PASSES

29 — Joe Burrow to Tee Higgins, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 25 — Joe Burrow to Mike Gesicki, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 24 — Joe Burrow to Mike Gesicki, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

78 — Chase Brown, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 78 — Mike Gesicki, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 59 — Tee Higgins, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

26 — Tahj Brooks, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 25 — Dohnt Meyers, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 24 — Dohnt Meyers, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

— — (none)

COMBINED TACKLES AND ASSISTS

8 — Barrett Carter, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 7 — Dax Hill, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 7 — Demetrius Knight Jr., Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay

TACKLES

7 — Dax Hill, Sept. 13 vs. Tampa Bay
 5 — (three times)

GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	ATT-COMP	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 13	TAMPA BAY	351	27-106	245	35-25	1/1	1-9	26	8-14	0-0	31:25
Sept. 20	at Houston										
Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh										
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 11	at Miami										
Oct. 18	— BYE —										
Oct. 25	at Baltimore										
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE										
Nov. 8	vs. Atlanta (Madrid)										
Nov. 15	PITTSBURGH										
Nov. 23	at Washington										
Nov. 29	NEW ORLEANS										
Dec. 6	at Cleveland										
Dec. 13	KANSAS CITY										
Dec. 20	at Carolina										
(TBD)	at Indianapolis										
Dec. 31	BALTIMORE										
(TBD)	CLEVELAND										
TOTALS		351	27-106	245	35-25	1/1	1-9	26	8-14	0-0	31:25

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	ATT-COMP	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 13	TAMPA BAY	282	20-89	193	28-23	0/0	4-23	19	5-10	4-4	28:35
Sept. 20	at Houston										
Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh										
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 11	at Miami										
Oct. 18	— BYE —										
Oct. 25	at Baltimore										
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE										
Nov. 8	vs. Atlanta (Madrid)										
Nov. 15	PITTSBURGH										
Nov. 23	at Washington										
Nov. 29	NEW ORLEANS										
Dec. 6	at Cleveland										
Dec. 13	KANSAS CITY										
Dec. 20	at Carolina										
(TBD)	at Indianapolis										
Dec. 31	BALTIMORE										
(TBD)	CLEVELAND										
TOTALS		282	20-89	193	28-23	0/0	4-23	19	5-10	4-4	28:35

TRANSACTIONS

(TRANSACTIONS FROM 6-10-25 THROUGH 6-9-26 ARE IN BENGALS' 2026 MEDIA GUIDE)

June 9, 2026	— Renegotiated the contract of QB Joe Burrow* ; Signed the following draft pick: DE Cashius Howell (D2).		
Aug. 8, 2026	— Waived S Isaiah Nwokobia (injury settlement).		
Aug. 15, 2026	— Signed CB Matthew McDoom (FA); Placed CB Ceyair Wright on the Exempt/Left Squad list.		
Aug. 24, 2026	— Terminated the contract of OT Cody Ford .		
Aug. 30, 2026	— Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Injured list and were designated for return: G Brian Parker II and CB Ja'Sir Taylor ; Terminated the contracts of the following four vested veterans: HB Gary Brightwell , LB Joe Giles-Harris , QB Josh Johnson and S Russ Yeast ; Waived the following 30 players: LB Liam Anderson , S Daijahn Anthony , G Liam Brown , HB Kentrel Bullock , QB Sean Clifford , OT Andrew Coker , DT Howard Cross III , LB Jack Dingle , DE Isaiah Foskey , LB Eric Gentry , TE Cam Grandy , HB Jamal Haynes , LB Shaka Heyward , DT McKinnley Jackson , DT Jordan Jefferson , WR Xavier Johnson , WR Charlie Jones , OT Christian Jones , TE Josh Kattus , CB Jalen Kimber , CB Bralyn Lux , CB Matthew McDoom , HB Kendall Milton , WR Jordan Moore , DE Antwaun Powell-Ryland , WR Kendric Pryor , OT Corey Robinson II , WR Noah Thomas , WR Mitch Tinsley and CB Ceyair Wright (Exempt/Left Squad).	Aug. 31, 2026	— Acquired OT Myles Hinton on waivers from Philadelphia; Terminated the contract of TE Tanner Hudson ; Signed the following 11 players to the Practice Squad: HB Kentrel Bullock , QB Sean Clifford , DT Howard Cross III , DE Isaiah Foskey , LB Joe Giles-Harris , LB Shaka Heyward , CB Bralyn Lux , HB Kendall Milton , WR Jordan Moore , WR Noah Thomas and S Russ Yeast .
		Sept. 1, 2026	— Signed the following five players to the Practice Squad: CB Trikweze Bridges , OT Blake Freeland , TE Tanner Hudson , QB Josh Johnson and DE Garmon Randolph .
		Sept. 12, 2026	— Elevated LB Joe Giles-Harris and TE Tanner Hudson from the Practice Squad to the active roster (standard elevations).
		Sept. 14, 2026	— LB Joe Giles-Harris and TE Tanner Hudson reverted from the active roster to the Practice Squad.

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

PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

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

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

RF — reserve/future list
PSI — practice squad/injured list
= — standard elevation from practice squad
^ — reserve/injured player designated for return
***** — returned to practice while on a reserve list
+ — designated third quarterback

GAME→	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
NAME↓	G-S	T.B.	@Hou.	@Pitt.	JAX.	@Mia.	@Balt.	TENN.	@Atl.	PITT.	@Wash.	N.O.	@Cle.	K.C.	@Car.	@Ind.	BALT.	CLE.
All, Erick, Jr.	1-0	P																
Allen, Jonathan	1-1	DT																
Battle, Jordan	1-1	S																
Bayer, Jacob	1-0	P																
Bozeman, Swayze	1-0	P																
Bridges, Trikweze	0-0	PS																
Brooks, Tahj	1-0	P																
Brown, Chase	1-1	HB																
Brown, Orlando, Jr.	1-1	LOT																
Bullock, Kentrel	0-0	PS																
Burks, Oren	1-0	P																
Burrow, Joe	1-1	QB																
Carter, Barrett	1-1	LB																
Chase, Ja'Marr	1-1	WR																
Clifford, Sean	0-0	PS																
Cook, Bryan	1-1	S																
Cross, Howard, III	0-0	PS																
Davis, Jalen	1-1	NCB																
Davis, Tacario	1-0	P																
Dugger, Kyle	1-0	P																
Endries, Jack	0-0	IL																
Fairchild, Dylan	1-1	LG																
Flacco, Joe	1-0	P																
Foskey, Isaiah	0-0	PS																
Foster, Javon	0-0	DNP																
Freeland, Blake	0-0	PS																
Gesicki, Mike	1-0	P																
Giles-Harris, Joe	1-0	P=																
Heyward, Shaka	0-0	PS																
Higgins, Tee	1-1	WR																
Hill, B.J.	1-0	P																
Hill, Dax	1-1	CB																
Hinton, Myles	0-0	IL																
Howell, Cashius	1-0	P																
Hudson, Tanner	1-0	P=																
Iosivas, Andrei	1-1	WR																
Ivey, DJ	1-0	P																
Jenkins, Kris, Jr.	1-0	P																
Johnson, Cedric	1-0	P																
Johnson, Josh	0-0	PS																
Jules, PJ	1-0	P																
Karras, Ted	1-1	C																
Knight, Demetrius, Jr. .	1-1	LB																
Lawrence, Dexter, II	1-1	NT																
Lew, Connor	0-0	IL																
Lux, Bralyn	0-0	PS																
Mafe, Boye	1-1	RDE																
McPherson, Evan	1-0	P																
Meyers, Dohnte	1-0	P																
Milton, Kendall	0-0	PS																
Mims, Amarius	1-1	ROT																
Moore, Jordan	0-0	PS																
Murphy, Myles	1-1	LDE																
Newton, Josh	0-0	IL																
Parker, Brian, II	0-0	RI																
Perine, Samaje	1-0	P																
Randolph, Garmon	0-0	PS																
Rehkov, Ryan	1-0	P																
Risner, Dalton	1-1	RG																
Rivers, Jalen	1-0	P																
Robinson, Landon	0-0	IL																
Sample, Drew	1-1	TE																
Slaton, T.J., Jr.	1-0	P																
Stewart, Shemar	0-0	IL																
Taylor, Ja'Sir	0-0	RI																
Thomas, Noah	0-0	PS																
Turner, DJ, II	1-1	CB																
Wagner, William	1-0	P																
Williams, Ke'Shawn	0-0	IL																
Yeast, Russ	0-0	PS																
Young, Colbie	1-0	P																

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 13	TAMPA BAY	Chase	O.Brown	Fairchild	Karras	Risner	Mims	Sample	Iosivas	Higgins	Burrow	C.Brown
Sept. 20	at Houston											
Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh											
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE											
Oct. 11	at Miami											
Oct. 18	— BYE —											
Oct. 25	at Baltimore											
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE											
Nov. 8	vs. Atlanta (Madrid)											
Nov. 15	PITTSBURGH											
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Nov. 29	NEW ORLEANS											
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Dec. 13	KANSAS CITY											
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(TBD)	at Indianapolis											
Dec. 31	BALTIMORE											
(TBD)	CLEVELAND											

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	LB	LB	NCB	CB	CB	S	S
Sept. 13	TAMPA BAY	Murphy	Lawrence	Allen	Mafe	Carter	Knight	Davis	D.Hill	Turner	Cook	Battle
Sept. 20	at Houston											
Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh											
Oct. 4	JACKSONVILLE											
Oct. 11	at Miami											
Oct. 18	— BYE —											
Oct. 25	at Baltimore											
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE											
Nov. 8	vs. Atlanta (Madrid)											
Nov. 15	PITTSBURGH											
Nov. 23	at Washington											
Nov. 29	NEW ORLEANS											
Dec. 6	at Cleveland											
Dec. 13	KANSAS CITY											
Dec. 20	at Carolina											
(TBD)	at Indianapolis											
Dec. 31	BALTIMORE											
(TBD)	CLEVELAND											

DEPTH CHART

SEPT. 15, 2026

OFFENSE

WR	1	Ja'Marr Chase	12	Ke'Shawn Williams	
LOT	75	Orlando Brown Jr.	73	Javon Foster	
LG	63	Dylan Fairchild	74	Jalen Rivers	
C	64	Ted Karras	<u>65</u>	<u>Connor Lew</u>	
RG	66	Dalton Risner	69	Jacob Bayer	
ROT	71	Amarius Mims	77	Myles Hinton	
TE	89	Drew Sample	88	Mike Gesicki	83 Erick All Jr. <u>84</u> <u>Jack Endries</u>
WR	80	Andrei Iosivas	81	Dohnte Meyers	
WR	5	Tee Higgins	<u>86</u>	<u>Colbie Young</u>	
QB	9	Joe Burrow	16	Joe Flacco	
HB	30	Chase Brown	34	Samaje Perine	25 Tahj Brooks

DEFENSE

LDE	99	Myles Murphy	94	Shemar Stewart	52 Cedric Johnson
NT	97	Dexter Lawrence II	98	T.J. Slaton Jr.	
DT	93	Jonathan Allen	92	B.J. Hill	90 Kris Jenkins Jr. <u>96</u> <u>Landon Robinson</u>
RDE	53	Boye Mafe	<u>55</u>	<u>Cashius Howell</u>	
LB	49	Barrett Carter	47	Swayze Bozeman	
LB	44	Demetrius Knight Jr.	42	Oren Burks	
NCB	35	Jalen Davis	28	Josh Newton	
CB	23	Dax Hill	<u>20</u>	<u>Tacario Davis</u>	
CB	0	DJ Turner II	38	DJ Ivey	
S	6	Bryan Cook	37	PJ Jules	
S	27	Jordan Battle	29	Kyle Dugger	

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	8	Ryan Rehkow			
K	2	Evan McPherson			
LS	46	William Wagner			
H	8	Ryan Rehkow			
PR	81	Dohnte Meyers	12	Ke'Shawn Williams	
KOR	12	Ke'Shawn Williams	81	Dohnte Meyers	34 Samaje Perine 25 Tahj Brooks

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jacob Bayer (pronounced as "bear")	Andrei Iosivas AHN-dray YO-see-vahsh
Joey Boese (Strength and Conditioning Coach) bo-ZAY	PJ Jules (pronounced as "jewels")
Swayze Bozeman SWAY-zee	Davis Koetter (Assistant Wide Receivers Coach) (pronounced as "cutter")
Trikweze Bridges (Practice Squad) TRY-quez	Connor Lew LOO
Tahj Brooks (pronounced as second syllable of "montage")	Bralyn Lux (Practice Squad) BRAY-linn LUX
Kentrel Bullock (Practice Squad) KENN-trell	Boye Mafe BOY-yay MAH-fay
Tacario Davis tuh-CAR-ee-o	Evan McPherson mick-FEAR-son
Sean Desai (Senior Defensive Assistant Coach) deh-SIGH	Dohnte Meyers DAHN-tay
Kyle Dugger DUG-er (first syllable pronounced as "Doug")	Amarius Mims uh-MARR-ee-us
Jack Endries ENN-drees	Samaje Perine suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine
Joe Flacco FLACK-o	Justin Rascati (Pass Game Coordinator) rah-SCOTT-ee
Javon Foster juh-VONN	Ronnie Regula (Assistant Linebackers Coach) reh-GHOUL-uh
Mike Gesicki geh(hard "g")-SICK-ee	Ryan Rehkow REE-ko
Joe Giles-Harris (Practice Squad) jiles-HAIR-iss	Dalton Risner RISE-ner
Shaka Heyward (Practice Squad) SHAH-kah	Ja'Sir Taylor (Reserve/Injured) JAH-sear
Cashius Howell CASH-us	Ke'Shawn Williams KEY-shawn

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

SEPT. 15, 2026

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
83	All, Erick, Jr.	TE	6-5	255	9-13-00	3	Iowa	Fairfield, Ohio	D4'24
93	Allen, Jonathan	DT	6-3	300	1-16-95	10	Alabama	Ashburn, Va.	FA'26
27	Battle, Jordan	S	6-1	215	12-14-00	4	Alabama	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3'23
69	Bayer, Jacob	C	6-3	310	12-12-02	1	Arkansas State	Grandview, Texas	FA'25
47	Bozeman, Swayze	LB	6-2	225	11-2-98	2	Southern Mississippi	Flora, Miss.	W(NYG)'26
25	Brooks, Tahj	HB	5-9	220	5-13-02	2	Texas Tech	Manor, Texas	D6'25
30	Brown, Chase	HB	5-10	210	3-21-00	4	Illinois	London, Ontario (Canada)	D5'23
75	Brown, Orlando, Jr.	OT	6-8	350	5-2-96	9	Oklahoma	Baltimore, Md.	UFA(K.C.)'23
42	Burks, Oren	LB	6-3	233	3-21-95	9	Vanderbilt	Lorton, Va.	UFA(Phil.)'25
9	Burrow, Joe	QB	6-4	215	12-10-96	7	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
49	Carter, Barrett	LB	6-0	231	10-23-02	2	Clemson	Suwanee, Ga.	D4'25
1	Chase, Ja'Marr	WR	6-0	205	3-1-00	6	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.	D1'21
6	Cook, Bryan	S	6-1	210	9-7-99	5	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	UFA(K.C.)'26
35	Davis, Jalen	CB	5-10	186	2-2-96	6	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
20	Davis, Tacario	CB	6-4	194	8-17-04	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D3'26
29	Dugger, Kyle	S	6-1	216	3-22-96	7	Lenoir-Rhyne	Decatur, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'26
84	Endries, Jack	TE	6-5	245	3-26-04	R	Texas	Danville, Calif.	D7a'26
63	Fairchild, Dylan	G	6-5	318	5-8-03	2	Georgia	Cumming, Ga.	D3'25
16	Flacco, Joe	QB	6-6	245	1-16-85	19	Delaware	Audubon, N.J.	T(Cle.)'25
73	Foster, Javon	OT	6-5	319	3-31-00	2	Missouri	Detroit, Mich.	FA'25
88	Gesicki, Mike	TE	6-6	245	10-3-95	9	Penn State	Stafford, N.J.	UFA(N.E.)'24
5	Higgins, Tee	WR	6-4	220	1-18-99	7	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
92	Hill, B.J.	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	9	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
23	Hill, Dax	CB	6-0	195	9-29-00	5	Michigan	Tulsa, Okla.	D1'22
77	Hinton, Myles	OT	6-6	342	1-9-02	2	Michigan	Norcross, Ga.	W(Phil.)'26
55	Howell, Cashius	DE	6-3	255	4-16-03	R	Texas A&M	Kansas City, Mo.	D2'26
80	Iosivas, Andrei	WR	6-3	210	10-15-99	4	Princeton	Honolulu, Hawaii	D6a'23
38	Ivey, DJ	CB	6-1	192	2-25-00	4	Miami (Fla.)	Florida City, Fla.	D7'23
90	Jenkins, Kris, Jr.	DT	6-3	310	10-10-01	3	Michigan	Olney, Md.	D2'24
52	Johnson, Cedric	DE	6-3	264	9-6-02	3	Mississippi	Mobile, Ala.	D6b'24
37	Jules, PJ	S	6-0	203	5-14-01	2	Southern Illinois	Orlando, Fla.	CFA'24
64	Karras, Ted	C	6-4	310	3-15-93	11	Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.	UFA(N.E.)'22
44	Knight, Demetrius, Jr.	LB	6-2	240	7-21-00	2	South Carolina	Locust Grove, Ga.	D2'25
97	Lawrence, Dexter, II	DT	6-5	350	11-12-97	8	Clemson	Wake Forest, N.C.	T(NYG)'26
65	Lew, Connor	C	6-4	310	8-30-05	R	Auburn	Kennesaw, Ga.	D4a'26
53	Mafe, Boye	DE	6-4	265	11-30-98	5	Minnesota	Minnetonka, Minn.	UFA(Sea.)'26
2	McPherson, Evan	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	6	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
81	Meyers, Dohnte	WR	5-11	186	7-6-00	1	Delta State	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'26
71	Mims, Amarius	OT	6-8	350	10-14-02	3	Georgia	Cochran, Ga.	D1'24
99	Murphy, Myles	DE	6-5	275	1-3-02	4	Clemson	Marietta, Ga.	D1'23
28	Newton, Josh	CB	5-11	190	9-14-00	3	Texas Christian	Monroe, La.	D5'24
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	10	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	UFA(K.C.)'25
8	Rehkow, Ryan	P	6-4	235	9-11-98	3	Brigham Young	Veradale, Wash.	FA'24
66	Risner, Dalton	G	6-5	312	7-13-95	8	Kansas State	Wiggins, Colo.	FA'25
74	Rivers, Jalen	G	6-6	319	9-12-02	2	Miami (Fla.)	Jacksonville, Fla.	D5'25
96	Robinson, Landon	DT	6-0	295	1-3-03	R	Navy	Fairlawn, Ohio	D7b'26
89	Sample, Drew	TE	6-5	260	4-16-96	8	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
98	Slaton, T.J., Jr.	DT	6-5	340	10-3-97	6	Florida	Plantation, Fla.	UFA(G.B.)'25
94	Stewart, Shemar	DE	6-5	267	11-12-03	2	Texas A&M	Miami, Fla.	D1'25
0	Turner, DJ, II	CB	5-11	185	11-9-00	4	Michigan	Suwanee, Ga.	D2'23
46	Wagner, William	LS	6-2	240	12-20-00	2	Michigan	Alpharetta, Ga.	CFA'25
12	Williams, Ke'Shawn	WR	5-9	189	12-27-01	2	Indiana	Philadelphia, Pa.	W(Pitt.)'25
86	Young, Colbie	WR	6-4	218	7-24-02	R	Georgia	Binghamton, N.Y.	D4b'26

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24	Bridges, Trikweze (9-1-26)	CB	6-2	200	9-20-00	2	Florida	Lanett, Ala.	FA'26
31	Bullock, Kentrel (8-31-26)	HB	5-10	204	3-31-02	R	South Alabama	Columbia, Miss.	CFA'26
4	Clifford, Sean (8-31-26)	QB	6-2	212	7-14-98	2	Penn State	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA'25
95	Cross, Howard, III (8-31-26)	DT	6-1	285	7-31-01	2	Notre Dame	Paramus, N.J.	CFA'25
51	Foskey, Isaiah (8-31-26)	DE	6-5	280	10-30-00	4	Notre Dame	Concord, Calif.	FA'25
76	Freeland, Blake (9-1-26)	OT	6-8	305	5-3-01	4	Brigham Young	Herriman, Utah	FA'26
43	Giles-Harris, Joe (8-31-26)	LB	6-2	234	4-1-97	3	Duke	Montvale, N.J.	FA'25
50	Heyward, Shaka (8-31-26)	LB	6-3	238	4-19-00	3	Duke	Dacula, Ga.	CFA'23
87	Hudson, Tanner (9-1-26)	TE	6-5	241	11-12-94	7	Southern Arkansas	Camden, Tenn.	FA'22
11	Johnson, Josh (9-1-26)	QB	6-3	219	5-15-86	14	San Diego	Oakland, Calif.	UFA(Wash.)'26
21	Lux, Bralyn (8-31-26)	CB	5-10	180	8-28-00	1	Texas Tech	San Jose, Calif.	CFA'25
36	Milton, Kendall (8-31-26)	HB	6-1	230	2-10-02	1	Georgia	Fresno, Calif.	FA'24
14	Moore, Jordan (8-31-26)	WR	6-0	191	4-18-02	1	Duke	Sykesville, Md.	CFA'25
56	Randolph, Garmon (9-1-26)	DE	6-8	260	10-5-00	1	Baylor	Jefferson, Ga.	FA'26
17	Thomas, Noah (8-31-26)	WR	6-5	203	1-13-04	R	Georgia	Pearland, Texas	CFA'26
22	Yeast, Russ (8-31-26)	S	5-10	195	5-8-99	3	Kansas State	Danville, Ky.	FA'25

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

62	Parker, Brian, II (8-30-26; knee)	G	6-5	310	1-6-04	R	Duke	Cincinnati, Ohio	D6'26
26	Taylor, Ja'Sir (8-30-26; hamstring)	CB	5-11	185	1-8-99	5	Wake Forest	Asbury Park, N.J.	UFA(NYJ)'26

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
0	DJ Turner II.....	CB	5-11	185	11-9-00	4	Michigan	Suwanee, Ga.....	D2'23
1	Ja'Marr Chase.....	WR	6-0	205	3-1-00	6	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.....	D1'21
2	Evan McPherson.....	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	6	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.....	D5'21
5	Tee Higgins.....	WR	6-4	220	1-18-99	7	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.....	D2'20
6	Bryan Cook.....	S	6-1	210	9-7-99	5	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	UFA(K.C.)'26
8	Ryan Rehkow.....	P	6-4	235	9-11-98	3	Brigham Young	Veradale, Wash.....	FA'24
9	Joe Burrow.....	QB	6-4	215	12-10-96	7	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio.....	D1'20
12	Ke'Shawn Williams.....	WR	5-9	189	12-27-01	2	Indiana	Philadelphia, Pa.....	W(Pitt.)'25
16	Joe Flacco.....	QB	6-6	245	1-16-85	19	Delaware	Audubon, N.J.....	T(Cle.)'25
20	Tacario Davis.....	CB	6-4	194	8-17-04	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.....	D3'26
23	Dax Hill.....	CB	6-0	195	9-29-00	5	Michigan	Tulsa, Okla.....	D1'22
25	Tahj Brooks.....	HB	5-9	220	5-13-02	2	Texas Tech	Manor, Texas.....	D6'25
27	Jordan Battle.....	S	6-1	215	12-14-00	4	Alabama	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.....	D3'23
28	Josh Newton.....	CB	5-11	190	9-14-00	3	Texas Christian	Monroe, La.....	D5'24
29	Kyle Dugger.....	S	6-1	216	3-22-96	7	Lenoir-Rhyne	Decatur, Ga.....	UFA(Pitt.)'26
30	Chase Brown.....	HB	5-10	210	3-21-00	4	Illinois	London, Ontario (Canada).....	D5'23
34	Samaje Perine.....	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	10	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas.....	UFA(K.C.)'25
35	Jalen Davis.....	CB	5-10	186	2-2-96	6	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.....	FA'20
37	PJ Jules.....	S	6-0	203	5-14-01	2	Southern Illinois	Orlando, Fla.....	CFA'24
38	DJ Ivey.....	CB	6-1	192	2-25-00	4	Miami (Fla.)	Florida City, Fla.....	D7'23
42	Oren Burks.....	LB	6-3	233	3-21-95	9	Vanderbilt	Lorton, Va.....	UFA(Phil.)'25
44	Demetrius Knight Jr.....	LB	6-2	240	7-21-00	2	South Carolina	Locust Grove, Ga.....	D2'25
46	William Wagner.....	LS	6-2	240	12-20-00	2	Michigan	Alpharetta, Ga.....	CFA'25
47	Swayze Bozeman.....	LB	6-2	225	11-2-98	2	Southern Mississippi	Flora, Miss.....	W(NYG)'26
49	Barrett Carter.....	LB	6-0	231	10-23-02	2	Clemson	Suwanee, Ga.....	D4'25
52	Cedric Johnson.....	DE	6-3	264	9-6-02	3	Mississippi	Mobile, Ala.....	D6b'24
53	Boye Mafe.....	DE	6-4	265	11-30-98	5	Minnesota	Minnetonka, Minn.....	UFA(Sea.)'26
55	Cashius Howell.....	DE	6-3	255	4-16-03	R	Texas A&M	Kansas City, Mo.....	D2'26
63	Dylan Fairchild.....	G	6-5	318	5-8-03	2	Georgia	Cumming, Ga.....	D3'25
64	Ted Karras.....	C	6-4	310	3-15-93	11	Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.....	UFA(N.E.)'22
65	Connor Lew.....	C	6-4	310	8-30-05	R	Auburn	Kennesaw, Ga.....	D4a'26
66	Dalton Risner.....	G	6-5	312	7-13-95	8	Kansas State	Wiggins, Colo.....	FA'25
69	Jacob Bayer.....	C	6-3	310	12-12-02	1	Arkansas State	Grandview, Texas.....	FA'25
71	Amarius Mims.....	OT	6-8	350	10-14-02	3	Georgia	Cochran, Ga.....	D1'24
73	Javon Foster.....	OT	6-5	319	3-31-00	2	Missouri	Detroit, Mich.....	FA'25
74	Jalen Rivers.....	G	6-6	319	9-12-02	2	Miami (Fla.)	Jacksonville, Fla.....	D5'25
75	Orlando Brown Jr.....	OT	6-8	350	5-2-96	9	Oklahoma	Baltimore, Md.....	UFA(K.C.)'23
77	Myles Hinton.....	OT	6-6	342	1-9-02	2	Michigan	Norcross, Ga.....	W(Phil.)'26
80	Andrei Iosivas.....	WR	6-3	210	10-15-99	4	Princeton	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	D6a'23
81	Dohnte Meyers.....	WR	5-11	186	7-6-00	1	Delta State	Atlanta, Ga.....	FA'26
83	Erick All Jr.....	TE	6-5	255	9-13-00	3	Iowa	Fairfield, Ohio.....	D4'24
84	Jack Endries.....	TE	6-5	245	3-26-04	R	Texas	Danville, Calif.....	D7a'26
86	Colbie Young.....	WR	6-4	218	7-24-02	R	Georgia	Binghamton, N.Y.....	D4b'26
88	Mike Gesicki.....	TE	6-6	245	10-3-95	9	Penn State	Stafford, N.J.....	UFA(N.E.)'24
89	Drew Sample.....	TE	6-5	260	4-16-96	8	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.....	D2'19
90	Kris Jenkins Jr.....	DT	6-3	310	10-10-01	3	Michigan	Olney, Md.....	D2'24
92	B.J. Hill.....	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	9	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.....	T(NYG)'21
93	Jonathan Allen.....	DT	6-3	300	1-16-95	10	Alabama	Ashburn, Va.....	FA'26
94	Shemar Stewart.....	DE	6-5	267	11-12-03	2	Texas A&M	Miami, Fla.....	D1'25
96	Landon Robinson.....	DT	6-0	295	1-3-03	R	Navy	Fairlawn, Ohio.....	D7b'26
97	Dexter Lawrence II.....	DT	6-5	350	11-12-97	8	Clemson	Wake Forest, N.C.....	T(NYG)'26
98	T.J. Slaton Jr.....	DT	6-5	340	10-3-97	6	Florida	Plantation, Fla.....	UFA(G.B.)'25
99	Myles Murphy.....	DE	6-5	275	1-3-02	4	Clemson	Marietta, Ga.....	D1'23

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4	Sean Clifford (8-31-26).....	QB	6-2	212	7-14-98	2	Penn State	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	FA'25
11	Josh Johnson (9-1-26).....	QB	6-3	219	5-15-86	14	San Diego	Oakland, Calif.....	UFA(Wash.)'26
14	Jordan Moore (8-31-26).....	WR	6-0	191	4-18-02	1	Duke	Sykesville, Md.....	CFA'25
17	Noah Thomas (8-31-26).....	WR	6-5	203	1-13-04	R	Georgia	Pearland, Texas.....	CFA'26
21	Bralyn Lux (8-31-26).....	CB	5-10	180	8-28-00	1	Texas Tech	San Jose, Calif.....	CFA'25
22	Russ Yeast (8-31-26).....	S	5-10	195	5-8-99	3	Kansas State	Danville, Ky.....	FA'25
24	Trikweze Bridges (9-1-26).....	CB	6-2	200	9-20-00	2	Florida	Lanett, Ala.....	FA'26
31	Kentrel Bullock (8-31-26).....	HB	5-10	204	3-31-02	R	South Alabama	Columbia, Miss.....	CFA'26
36	Kendall Milton (8-31-26).....	HB	6-1	230	2-10-02	1	Georgia	Fresno, Calif.....	FA'24
43	Joe Giles-Harris (8-31-26).....	LB	6-2	234	4-1-97	3	Duke	Montvale, N.J.....	FA'25
50	Shaka Heyward (8-31-26).....	LB	6-3	238	4-19-00	3	Duke	Dacula, Ga.....	CFA'23
51	Isaiah Foskey (8-31-26).....	DE	6-5	280	10-30-00	4	Notre Dame	Concord, Calif.....	FA'25
56	Garmon Randolph (9-1-26).....	DE	6-8	260	10-5-00	1	Baylor	Jefferson, Ga.....	FA'26
76	Blake Freeland (9-1-26).....	OT	6-8	305	5-3-01	4	Brigham Young	Herriman, Utah.....	FA'26
87	Tanner Hudson (9-1-26).....	TE	6-5	241	11-12-94	7	Southern Arkansas	Camden, Tenn.....	FA'22
95	Howard Cross III (8-31-26).....	DT	6-1	285	7-31-01	2	Notre Dame	Paramus, N.J.....	CFA'25

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

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62	Brian Parker II (8-30-26; knee).....	G	6-5	310	1-6-04	R	Duke	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	D6'26

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STATISTICS

RECORD: 1-0

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
Sept. 13	W	33-27	TAMPA BAY	66,625
Sept. 20			at Houston	
Sept. 27			at Pittsburgh	
Oct. 4			JACKSONVILLE	
Oct. 11			at Miami	
Oct. 18			— BYE —	
Oct. 25			at Baltimore	
Nov. 1			TENNESSEE	
Nov. 8			vs. Atlanta (Madrid)	
Nov. 15			PITTSBURGH	
Nov. 23			at Washington	
Nov. 29			NEW ORLEANS	
Dec. 6			at Cleveland	
Dec. 13			KANSAS CITY	
Dec. 20			at Carolina	
(TBD)			at Indianapolis	
Dec. 31			BALTIMORE	
(TBD)			CLEVELAND	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	26	19
Rushing	10	5
Passing	14	12
Penalty	2	2
3rd Down: Made-Att. (Pct.)	8-14 (57.1)	5-10 (50.0)
4th Down: Made-Att. (Pct.)	0-0 (0.0)	0-0 (0.0)
AVG. POSSESSION PER 60 MINS	31:25	28:35
TOTAL NET YARDS	351	282
Avg. Per Game	351.0	282.0
Total Plays	63	52
Avg. Per Play	5.6	5.4
NET YARDS RUSHING	106	89
Avg. Per Game	106.0	89.0
Attempts	27	20
NET YARDS PASSING	245	193
Avg. Per Game	245.0	193.0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9	4-23
Gross Yards	254	216
Att.-Completions (Pct.)	35-25 (71.4)	28-23 (82.1)
Had Intercepted	1	0
PUNTS-AVG.	1-51.0	0-0.0
Net Punting Avg.	38.0	0.0
PENALTY-TIES-YARDS	7-47	8-39
FUMBLES-LOST	0-0	4-4
TOUCHDOWNS	3	3
Rushing	1	2
Passing	1	0
Returns	1	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	14	10	3	6	0	33
OPPONENTS	3	7	10	7	0	27

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	XPK	XP2	FG	S	PTS
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	3-3	0	4-4	0	15
Chase Brown	1	1	0	0	—	0	—	0	6
Mike Gesicki	1	0	1	0	—	0	—	0	6
Demetrius Knight	1	0	0	1	—	0	—	0	6
BENGALS	3	1	1	1	3-3	0-0	4-4	0	33
OPPONENTS	3	2	0	1	3-3	0-0	2-2	0	27

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

Sacks-yards: Jonathan Allen 1-9, Kris Jenkins Jr. 1-4, Boye Mafe 1-3, Barrett Carter 0.5-3.5, Myles Murphy 0.5-3.5. BENGALS 4-23, OPPONENTS 1-9.

Fumbles-lost: None. BENGALS 0-0, OPPONENTS 4-4.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	35	25	254	71.4	7.26	1	2.9	1	2.9	29	1-9	89.5
BENGALS	35	25	254	71.4	7.26	1	2.9	1	2.9	29	1-9	89.5
OPPONENTS	28	23	216	82.1	7.71	0	0.0	0	0.0	30	4-23	98.8

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Chase Brown	16	56	3.5	13	1
Joe Burrow	5	20	4.0	12	0
Samaje Perine	5	20	4.0	8	0
Dohnte Meyers	1	10	10.0	10	0
BENGALS	27	106	3.9	13	1
OPPONENTS	20	89	4.5	10t	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Mike Gesicki	5	78	15.6	25	1
Tee Higgins	3	59	19.7	29	0
Samaje Perine	3	30	10.0	14	0
Chase Brown	5	22	4.4	9	0
Drew Sample	3	19	6.3	11	0
Dohnte Meyers	1	18	18.0	18	0
Ja'Marr Chase	2	12	6.0	16	0
Andrej Iosivas	2	12	6.0	12	0
Tanner Hudson	1	4	4.0	4	0
BENGALS	25	254	10.2	29	1
OPPONENTS	23	216	9.4	30	0

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
(None)	0	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	0	0	—	—	0
OPPONENTS	1	38	38.0	38t	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK
Ryan Rehkow	1	51	51	38	0	0	51	0
BENGALS	1	51	51	38	0	0	51	0
OPPONENTS	0	0	—	—	0	0	—	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
(None)	0	0	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	0	0	0	—	—	0
OPPONENTS	1	0	13	13.0	13	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Dohnte Meyers	4	93	23.3	25	0
Tahj Brooks	2	49	24.5	26	0
BENGALS	6	142	23.7	26	0
OPPONENTS	7	206	29.4	47	0

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

Evan McPherson: (20G, 55G, 58G, 32G).

Opponents: (34G, 51G).

DEFENSE*	TK	AS	CM	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Barrett Carter	5	3	8	0.5-3.5	0-0	0	1	0-0
Dax Hill	7	0	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Demetrius Knight Jr.	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-27
Jordan Battle	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Bryan Cook	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-0
Jalen Davis	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
DJ Turner II	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jonathan Allen	2	1	3	1-9	0-0	0	0	0-0
Myles Murphy	1	1	2	0.5-3.5	0-0	0	1	0-0
Kris Jenkins Jr.	1	0	1	1-4	0-0	0	0	0-0
Boye Mafe	1	0	1	1-3	0-0	0	1	1-0
T.J. Slaton Jr.	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Jordan Battle	1	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Swayze Bozeman	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Samaje Perine	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Evan McPherson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Oren Burks	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tacario Davis	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Joe Giles-Harris	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cedric Johnson	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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