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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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CLEVELAND BROWNS (4-4) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (5-3)

WEEK 9, GAME 9
SUNDAY, NOV. 7
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

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GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

Television: The game will air nationally on CBS-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Ch. 7) in Dayton and on WKYT-TV (Ch. 27) in Lexington. Broadcasters are Jim Nantz (play-by-play), Tony Romo (analyst) and Tracy Wolfson (sideline reporter).

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

Setting the scene: The Bengals this week return home to face the division-rival Cleveland Browns on Sunday at Paul Brown Stadium. Cincinnati will be looking to rebound from a 34-31 upset loss at the N.Y. Jets last week.

"We got out-coached and out-played," said Bengals head coach Zac Taylor. "They were a hungry team, and we knew that they were capable of this. We'd seen it on tape. They took it to us."

After a back-and-forth battle for much of the game, the double-digit favorite Bengals took what seemed at the time to be a decisive 11-point lead midway through the fourth quarter when QB Joe Burrow connected with WR Tyler Boyd for a 10-yard score. Burrow tossed three TDs against the Jets, which made him only the second player in league history to begin either their rookie or second NFL season with multiple TD passes in their first eight games (Dan Marino did it his first 10 games in 1984).

"They gave us their best shot, and we answered their blows," Burrow said after the game. "But they were the better team today, and that's all it comes down to. They beat us."

After Boyd's TD, the Jets answered with a score of their own on the next possession to cut Cincinnati's lead to five. On the ensuing Bengals drive, Cincinnati, which had scored TDs on each of its two previous possessions, remained aggressive deep in their own territory. But on the very first play, Jets DE Shaq Lawson tipped a Burrow pass at the line of scrimmage and intercepted it, giving the ball back to the Jets inside the red zone.

"We were throwing a screen to Ja'Marr (WR Ja'Marr Chase) that we felt good about," Taylor said. "It's a good drive-starter to get the clock going, and you get the ball into a good player's hands. But they tipped it and made a great play, and then they finished it off."

New York found the end zone two plays later, and then took a three-point lead on a trick play on the two-point conversion. After being forced to punt on the ensuing possession, Cincinnati figured to get one more shot on offense with just under two minutes remaining, after their defense seemingly made a key stop on a third-and-11. But CB Mike Hilton was called for unnecessary roughness on the tackle, resulting in an automatic first down for the Jets. New York ultimately was able to run out the clock and seal the win.

"It shouldn't have to come down to those plays," Taylor said when asked about the controversial penalty on Hilton. "We should just play better to not be in a position for that stuff to matter."

The Jets gained 511 total yards and scored 34 points on a Bengals defense that entered the contest ranked in the top 10 leaguewide in both yards and points allowed. Cincinnati had been the last team in the NFL that had not allowed more than 25 points in a game this season.

"Things we've been doing good all year, we didn't do today," said Bengals S

Jessie Bates. "It's simple: We didn't make enough plays, we gave up 34 points and we didn't tackle well enough."

Tackling figures to be an important factor on Sunday against Cleveland, which arrives in Cincinnati with the NFL's top-ranked rushing offense (161.1 yards per game).

"I think our guys are mature enough and professional enough to be able to put this loss behind us when we need to," Taylor said. "We've just got to turn our focus toward Cleveland and move on."

"It's a long season, and you're going to have highs and lows and games you should have won that you didn't. It's emotional when you lose a game like this, but that's part of being a pro and being able to move on. You've just got to be able to be consistent throughout with your approach. I'm not going to change who I am, and the players don't need to change who they are."

Cleveland enters this week's game 4-4, after losing 15-10 at home to Pittsburgh on Sunday.

The series: The Bengals lead 51-44 in the "Battle of Ohio" series and have won nine of the last 15 games. Home field has been a factor over the series, as the Bengals lead 31-17 at home but trail 20-27 as the road club.

Cincinnati has played more games against Cleveland (95) than any foe except Pittsburgh. The Bengals have 102 all-time games against the Steelers (regular season).

Cleveland swept Cincinnati in 2020. The Bengals' last win over the Browns was the second meeting of 2019 at Cincinnati. That was the Bengals' only win in the past three seasons, as the Browns have won five of the last six matchups.

More series notes:

- When Cleveland swept Cincinnati in 2018, it was the Browns' first season sweep over the Bengals since 2002.

- Cleveland's win in Game 11 of 2018 snapped a seven-game Bengals winning streak against the Browns. That streak, the Bengals' longest in the series, began with the second meeting of 2014. The Bengals' previous longest streak had been a five-game run from Game 2 of 2004 through Game 2 of '06.

- The Browns' longest win streak over Cincinnati also has been seven games, extending from Game 2 of the 1992 season through Game 2 of '95.

- Since the Browns' rebirth in 1999, the Bengals lead 27-17, including 15-7 as the home team and 12-10 as the visiting team.

Complete Bengals-Browns series results entering this season are on page 194 of the Bengals' 2021 Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

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

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

The last meetings: Summaries of the two Bengals-Browns meetings in 2020 are on page 17 of this news release.

Bengals seek to regain biggest 'Battle' margin: With its five victories in the last six meetings with Cincinnati, Cleveland has whittled

the Bengals' largest lead of 11 games in the team's all-time series down to seven games. The Bengals' 11-game lead after the 2017 season set the benchmark for the biggest lead held by either side in the "Battle of Ohio" series.

The series began in 1970 with the Browns winning six of the first seven, and their five-game margin at 6-1, after the first meeting of 1973, stands as their largest lead. The Bengals lead 50-38 since that Cleveland high-water mark. The Browns have not led the series since the end of 2005, when they were 33-32.

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

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

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

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

- When Cincinnati's Zac Taylor and Cleveland's Freddie Kitchens met in the first Battle of Ohio of 2019, it was just the second time in series history that a Bengals-Browns meeting featured two rookie head coaches who faced both each other and their Ohio rival for the first time in the same game. The Browns won that contest at FirstEnergy Stadium, 27-19. The first such instance occurred on Oct. 21, 1984, when Bengals first-year head coach Sam Wyche met Browns first-year head coach Marty Schottenheimer in Cincinnati at Riverfront Stadium. The Bengals won that meeting, 12-9. The Bengals' Homer Rice and the Browns' Sam Rutigliano also were rookie head coaches when they met for the first time on Dec. 17, 1978 at Riverfront Stadium. However, that was Rutigliano's second "Battle of Ohio" as Cleveland's head coach. The two teams met in Game 2 that year, before Rice took the reins in Cincinnati (Rice was named Bengals head coach after Game 5).
- Former Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis, who was 22-10 overall against Cleveland, has the most total wins and best winning percentage (.688) of any Bengals head coach in the series. Lewis also has coached the most games (32) against Cleveland. Sam Wyche is second in all three categories, with 10 wins, a .625 winning percentage (10-6) and 16 games.
- Bill Belichick has been the top Browns coach in the series, having posted an 8-2 mark against the Bengals during his 1991-95 tenure.
- Lewis is the only Bengals head coach whose first Cincinnati victory came against Cleveland. Lewis took over as head coach in 2003, and his first win was a 21-14 decision at Cleveland on Sept. 28 of that year. The Bengals entered that game at 0-3, but went on to finish 8-8. The six-game improvement, after a 2-14 season in 2002, was the largest in the NFL for '03.
- Forrest Gregg is the only head coach to pilot both teams in the "Battle of Ohio." Gregg was 1-5 as Browns coach against the Bengals from 1975-77, and

he was 3-4 as Bengals coach against the Browns from '80-83.

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

• The Bengals are 11-8 against Browns head coaches directing their first game in the series. Browns head coaches who won their first game have been Blanton Collier (1970), Nick Skorich ('71), Sam Rutigliano ('78), Bill Belichick ('91), Rob Chudzinski (2013), Mike Pettine ('14), Freddie Kitchens ('19) and Kevin Stefanski ('20). On the losing end for Cleveland have been Forrest Gregg (1975), Marty Schottenheimer ('84), Bud Carson ('89), Jim Shofner ('90), Chris Palmer ('99), Butch Davis (2001), Romeo Crennel ('05), Eric Mangini ('09), Pat Shurmur ('11), Hue Jackson ('16) and Gregg Williams ('18).

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

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

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

BENGALS-BROWNS NFL RANKINGS		
	BENGALS	BROWNS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored.....	7th (27.5)	19th (22.9)
Points allowed.....	6th (20.3)	13th (22.5)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total.....	14th (363.1)	10th (382.5)
Rushing.....	23rd (98.6)	1st (161.1)
Passing.....	11th (264.5)	26th (221.4)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total.....	17th (361.3)	3rd (304.9)
Rushing.....	7th (94.4)	3rd (84.8)
Passing.....	23rd (266.9)	7th (220.1)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential.....	T-17th (minus-1)	T-21st (minus-3)

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT	
OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 20	Inside-20 possessions: 26
Total scores: 18 (90.0%)	Total scores: 22 (84.6%)
TDs: 14 (70.0%)	TDs: 15 (57.7%)
FGs: 4 (20.0%)	FGs: 7 (26.9%)
TD% rank: 5th	TD% rank: 14th
No scores: 2 (10.0%)	No scores: 4 (15.4%)

BROWNS RED-ZONE REPORT	
OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 27	Inside-20 possessions: 26
Total scores: 21 (77.8%)	Total scores: 24 (92.3%)
TDs: 15 (55.6%)	TDs: 18 (69.2%)
FGs: 6 (22.2%)	FGs: 6 (23.1%)
TD% rank: T-23rd	TD% rank: 26th
No scores: 6 (22.2%)	No scores: 2 (7.7%)

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

- Bengals P Kevin Huber has played in 198 career Bengals games, eight shy of LB Reggie Williams (206) for second place all-time. CB Ken Riley (207) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Huber passed QB Ken Anderson (192) for third place all-time in Game 3 at Pittsburgh.
- Bengals LS Clark Harris has played in 192 career Bengals games, tied with QB Ken Anderson for fourth place all-time. Harris passed OT Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place in Game 2 at Chicago, and then passed DT Tim Krumrie (188) for fifth place all-time in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville.
- Bengals S Brandon Wilson has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with S/CB Tremain Mack for the Bengals' all-time lead.
- Bengals HB Joe Mixon has 3931 career rushing yards, 245 shy of RB Cedric Benson (4176) for fifth place all-time.

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

More on Bengals records against the Browns:

- On Dec. 21, 1980 vs. Cleveland, DE Eddie Edwards set the Bengals record for sacks in a game with five. The mark stood unchallenged for 19 years, until DE Antwan Odom tied it on Sept. 20, 2009 at Green Bay.
- In the final Bengals game at Cinergy Field, on Dec. 12, 1999, Cincinnati limited the Browns to the fewest rushing yards ever by an opponent. Cleveland had only 11 net yards on 11 attempts.
- On Sept. 10, 2000, WR Craig Yeast tied a Bengals record for most punt returns in a game with seven. The record was set by RB Tony Davis in 1977, and in addition to Yeast, has since been tied by WR Brandon Tate in 2011.
- On Nov. 25, 2001 at Cleveland, T.J. Houshmandzadeh set the Bengals record for punt return yards in a game with 126. His 86-yarder in that game ranks tied for third-longest in club history.
- The 58-48 Bengals win on Nov. 28, 2004 is the only game in club history in which Cincinnati scored double figures in all four quarters (14-13-14-17 — 58).
- In the Sept. 16, 2007 shootout with the Browns noted above, QB Carson Palmer threw six TD passes, the most ever by a Bengals QB in a single game. That mark also stands tied for the team mark for most TD passes in a game.
- On Dec. 21, 2008, at Cleveland, Bengals CB Leon Hall tied the team record for most interceptions in a game with three. He was the seventh Bengal to reach that mark in a contest, though no one has done it since.
- On Nov. 17, 2013, the Bengals scored 31 points in the second quarter, a team record for most points in a quarter, en route to a 41-20 Cincinnati victory.
- In their 30-0 win at Cleveland on Dec. 14, 2014, the Bengals allowed only five first downs, fewest by an opponent in Bengals history.
- On Oct 23, 2016 against Cleveland, HB Jeremy Hill had the most rushing yards in club history without hitting double digits in carries, breaking a mark that had stood for 45 years. Hill went nine-for-168, averaging 18.7 yards per carry.
- The Bengals' 23-20 overtime victory at Cleveland on Oct. 4, 2009 stands as the longest Bengals game not to end in a tie. Only four seconds remained in the overtime period when K Shayne Graham booted a 31-yard field goal to break a 20-all deadlock. Elapsed scoreboard clock time for the game was 74:56. The only 75-minute games in Bengals history have been three ties, in 2008 vs. Philadelphia, in '14 vs. Carolina and '16 vs. Washington in London. The Bengals lost as overtime expired at Miami on Dec. 22, 2019 when K Jason Sanders kicked a 37-yard field goal, but that game was a 70-minute contest (the NFL shortened overtime from a 15-minute period to a 10-minute period in 2017).

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

- WR Tyler Boyd: Nine games; 46 receptions for 476 yards (10.3) and four TDs; Three rushes for 47 yards (15.7).
- TE C.J. Uzomah: Nine games; 22 receptions for 174 yards (7.9) and three TDs.
- HB Joe Mixon: Seven games; 136 rushes for 654 yards (4.8) and four

TDs; 24 receptions for 240 yards (10.0).

- WR Auden Tate: Four games; Three receptions for 31 yards (10.3).
- QB Joe Burrow: Two games; (0-2 W-L record); 108 attempts and 72 completions (66.7 percent) for 722 yards, six TDs and one INT (100.2 passer rating); 13 rushes for 56 yards (4.3).
- WR Tee Higgins: Two games; Eight receptions for 106 yards (13.3), one rush for seven yards.
- HB Samaje Perine: Two games; One rush for three yards; One reception for three yards.
- TE Drew Sample: Two games; 12 receptions for 97 yards (8.1).
- WR Mike Thomas: Two games; Six receptions for 85 yards (14.2) and one TD.

Bengals-Browns connections: Browns offensive line coach Bill Callahan is the father of Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan. Bill Callahan was also head coach at the University of Nebraska when Bengals head coach Zac Taylor played quarterback there ... Bengals DT Larry Ogunjobi originally was a third-round draft pick of the Browns in 2017, and was with Cleveland through the '20 season ... Browns DT Andrew Billings originally was a fourth-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2016, and was with Cincinnati through the '19 season ... Bengals LB Joe Bachie is from Brook Park, Ohio (Berea High School) ... Bengals DE Wyatt Ray originally was a college free agent signee of the Browns in 2019 ... Browns CB Troy Hill originally was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in 2015, and was on Cincinnati's practice squad during the '15 season ... Browns T James Hudson III played at the University of Cincinnati and is from Toledo, Ohio (Central Catholic High School) ... Bengals QB Joe Burrow is from Athens, Ohio (Athens High School), and also played at Ohio State University from 2015-17 ... Bengals CB Eli Apple, S Vonn Bell, DE Sam Hubbard, and OT Isaiah Prince also played at Ohio State University, as did Browns CB Denzel Ward and DT Tommy Togiai ... Bengals LB Markus Bailey is from Columbus, Ohio (Hilliard Davidson High School) ... Browns DE Ifeadi Odenigbo is from Centerville, Ohio (Centerville High School) ... Bengals TE Mason Schreck (practice squad) is from Medina, Ohio (Medina High School) ... Browns RB Kareem Hunt (Reserve/Injured) played at the University of Toledo ... Browns offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt was on the Bengals' coaching staff from 2018-19 ... Bengals defensive quality control coach Louie Cioffi was on the Browns' coaching staff in 2013 and '16 ... Bengals defensive quality control coach Jordan Kovacs is from Curtice, Ohio (Clay High School) ... Browns strength and conditioning coach Evan Marcus coached at the University of Louisville from 1998-99 ... Bengals senior defensive assistant Mark Duffner coached at Ohio State University from 1975-76.

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

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

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

JERSEY	PANTS/STRIPE	W-L-T	PCT.
Black	Black/Orange.....	0-0-0	—
Black	White/Orange	0-1-0	0.000
Black	White/Black.....	0-0-0	—
White	Black/Orange.....	1-1-0	.500
White	White/Orange	0-0-0	—
White	White/Black.....	3-1-0	.750
Orange	Black/Orange.....	0-0-0	—
Orange	White/Orange	1-0-0	1.000
Orange	White/Black.....	0-0-0	—

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

THE HEAD COACHES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As a player, Taylor began his college career at Wake Forest (2002-03), before transferring to Butler County Community College in Kansas ('04) and then

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

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

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

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

Kevin Stefanski, who was named the 2020 NFL Coach of the Year by Associated Press, is in his second season as the Cleveland Browns head coach after being named the 18th full-time head coach in franchise history on Jan. 13, 2020. Stefanski spent 14 seasons (2006-19) with the Minnesota Vikings and moved up the coaching ladder from assistant to the head coach to offensive coordinator.

In his first season with the Browns, Stefanski led the team to its first playoff appearance since 2002 and first playoff victory in 26 years. He notched the most wins (11) by a first-year Browns head coach since Hall of Famer Paul Brown had 12 in the team's inaugural season in 1946. The 11 wins also were the most by any first-year head coach in 2020 and marked just the 11th time since 1970 a first-year coach has won 11-or-more games. Stefanski's winning percentage (.688) was the best since Blanton Collier (.714) in 1963, and the third-best overall in franchise history.

Stefanski originally joined the Vikings in 2006 as an assistant to the head coach before serving as assistant quarterbacks coach from '09-13, tight ends coach from '14-15, running backs coach in '16 and quarterbacks coach from '17-18. He added the role of interim offensive coordinator for the final three games of the 2018 season prior to being named the team's offensive coordinator in '19.

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

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

Taylor vs. Stefanski: Stefanski leads, 2-0.

Stefanski vs. Bengals: Stefanski leads, 2-0.

BENGALS NOTES

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

BENGALS OFFENSE

- Second in yards per pass play (9.15).
- Fifth in yards per play (6.2).
- Fifth in red-zone TD percentage (70.0).
- Tied for fifth in fourth-down efficiency (63.6; seven for 11).
- Seventh in points per game (27.5).

JOE BURROW

- Second in passing plays of 40 or more yards (nine).
- Third in yards per passing attempt (9.0).
- Third in TD passes (20).
- Fourth in passing plays of 20 or more yards (33).
- Sixth in passing yards (2215).
- Sixth in passer rating (108.0).
- Ninth in completion percentage (67.9).

JOE MIXON

- Second in rushing attempts (137).
- Fourth in rushing yardage (572).
- Tied for fifth in rushing TDs.

- Tied for seventh in scoring — non-kickers (42).

JA'MARR CHASE

- First in receptions of 40 or more yards (six).
- Second in receptions of 20 or more yards (14).
- Third in receiving yards (786).
- Tied for fourth in receiving TDs (seven).
- Sixth in yards from scrimmage (793).
- Tied for seventh in scoring — non-kickers (42).

C.J. UZOMAH

- Tied for 10th in receiving TDs (five).

TYLER BOYD

- Tied for ninth in receptions on third down (13).

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- Tied for fourth in sacks (21).
- Fifth in rushing yards allowed per play (3.9).
- Sixth in points allowed per game (20.3).
- Seventh in rushing yards allowed per game (94.4).
- Eighth in yards allowed per play (5.3).
- Ninth in fourth-down efficiency (38.5; five for 13).
- Tenth in yards allowed per pass play (67.4).

EVAN MCPHERSON

- Tied for sixth in touchbacks on kickoffs (29).

LOGAN WILSON

- Tied for second in INTs (four).

TREY HENDRICKSON

- Tied for fifth in sacks (7.5).

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

- QB Joe Burrow: 167 of 246 (67.9 percent) for 2215 yards (9.0 yards/attempt), 20 TDs and nine INTs (108.0 rating).

Burrow's pace projects to 354 completions, 522 attempts, 4706 yards, 42 TDs and 19 INTs. He's on track to challenge Carson Palmer's completions record (373 in 2007), Ken Anderson's completion percentage record (70.55 in 1982), Andy Dalton's passing yardage record (4293 in 2013), Greg Cook's yards-per-attempt record (9.41 in 1969), Dalton's passing TDs record (33 in 2013), and Dalton's passer rating record (106.3 in 2015).

- WR Ja'Marr Chase: 38 catches for 786 yards (20.7 avg.) and seven TDs.

Chase's pace projects to 80 catches, 1670 yards and 14 TDs. He's on track to challenge WR Chad Johnson's receiving yardage record (1440 in 2007), WR Eddie Brown's yards-per-catch record (24.02 in 1988), and WR Carl Pickens' receiving TDs record (17 in 1995). He also could challenge several NFL rookie records, including Oilers WR Bill Groman's receiving yardage record (1473 in 1960), and Vikings WR Randy Moss' receiving TDs record (17 in 1998).

- DE Trey Hendrickson: 7.5 sacks.

Hendrickson's pace projects to 15.5 sacks for a full season. He's on track to challenge DE Coy Bacon's team record 22 sacks in 1976. Sacks became an official statistic in 1982, however the Bengals tracked that stat back to '76. Cincinnati's record since 1982 is 13.5 sacks by DE Carlos Dunlap in 2015.

- LB Logan Wilson: Four INTs.

Wilson's pace projects to eight INTs. He's on track to challenge CB Deltha O'Neal's record 10 INTs in 2005.

Bengals carry "Mo" into halftime: The Bengals this season have scored a combined 37 points in the last two minutes of the first half. That total is third among all NFL teams. When divided out among Cincinnati's eight games, that's an average of 4.6 points per game in the last two minutes. The Bengals have gotten points in the last two minutes of the first half in six of their eight games this season.

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

TEAM	MOST POINTS IN TWO MINUTES BEFORE HALF
Cleveland Browns	42
New Orleans Saints	41
Cincinnati Bengals	37
Green Bay Packers	34
L.A. Rams	34

... And come out firing after the break: Not only are the Bengals one of the NFL's top teams at scoring before halftime, they're also among the leaders in points scored (34) on the first possession of the second half. Cincinnati has come away with points on its first offensive possession of the second half in six of its eight games this season (four TDs, two FGs).

It should be noted that the Bengals have received the opening kickoff of the second half in seven of their eight games this year, thanks in large part to a streak of luck that saw them win the opening coin toss in each of their first six games (see "Coin-toss streak ends at 11 on page 10"). The Bengals deferred to the second half in each of those six games.

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

TEAM	POINTS
Tennessee Titans	35
Cincinnati Bengals	34
Green Bay Packers	34
Cleveland Browns	31
L.A. Rams	30

Burrow approaching 5K: Bengals QB Joe Burrow enters Sunday's game vs. Cleveland just 97 passing yards shy of 5000 for his career. Sunday will be Burrow's 19th career game, and if he does hit 5000, he will be only the sixth player ever to reach that mark in as few games. Only Patrick Mahomes (16 games) and Justin Herbert (17) reached it quicker. Andrew Luck, Kurt Warner and March Bulger each took 19 games to hit the mark.

In Bengals history, Jeff Blake, Andy Dalton and Carson Palmer were the quickest to 5000 yards, but it took them 22 games. It took Burrow 16 games to reach 4000 yards, two games quicker than Blake and Palmer (18) for fastest by a Bengal.

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

Shortly after his injury last season, Burrow had vowed publicly that he would start Cincinnati's 2021 season opener. On Sept. 12 vs. Minnesota, a little more than nine months after his injury, he not only made good on that promise, he posted then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempt (9.67) in a dramatic Bengals OT win. Burrow's 46-yard drive in the waning minutes of OT set up a game-winning FG as time expired.

So far this season, Burrow has completed 167 of 246 passes (67.9 percent) for 2215 yards, 20 TDs and nine INTs (108.0 rating).

Joe goes 2 x 8: Second-year Bengals QB Joe Burrow has tossed at least two TDs in each of Cincinnati's first eight games this season. The only other rookie or second-year player to accomplish that feat was Pro Football Hall of Fame QB Dan Marino, who tossed at least two TDs in each of his team's first 10 games in 1984 (his second season).

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

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

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

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

* — Asterisk denotes practice squad player.

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

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

So far this season, Burrow and Chase have connected 38 times for 786 yards (20.7 average) and seven TDs.

Chase second through eight games: Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase this season has 786 receiving yards, the second-most in NFL history by any player through their first eight career games. His receiving yardage total ranks third league-wide among all players this season, trailing only Rams WR Cooper Kupp (924) and 49ers WR Deebo Samuel (819).

Here's a look at the players with the most receiving yardage in NFL history through their first eight games.

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	YARDS
Harlon Hill	Chicago Bears	1954	802
Ja'Marr Chase	Cincinnati Bengals	2021	786
Bill Groman	Houston Oilers	1960	708
Marques Colston	New Orleans Saints	2006	700
Odell Beckham Jr.	N.Y. Giants	2014	699

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

- Chase leads all rookies in receiving yardage (786) and TDs (seven). Among all players, he is third in receiving yards and tied for fourth in receiving TDs.
- He leads the NFL in receptions of 40 yards or longer (six), and is second in receptions of 20 yards or longer (14).
- He is the second rookie in NFL history to record at least 50 receiving yards in each of his first seven games. Detroit WR Earl McCullough, who at one time was the world-record holder in the 110-meter hurdles, also did it in 1968. Chase's streak ended in Game 8 at the N.Y. Jets.
- He is one of two players in NFL history with a reception of at least 30 yards in each of their first seven career games. McCullough is the other. Chase's streak ended in Game 8 at the N.Y. Jets.
- His 201 receiving yards on Oct. 24 at Baltimore stand as the second-most among all players in a single game this season. His 201 yards from scrimmage in that game are also tied for second-most leaguewide.
- In his Game 1 vs. Minnesota, his NFL debut, he became the youngest (21 years, 195 days) Bengal ever to top 100 receiving yards
- In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase (21 years, 237 days) became the second-youngest player ever to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game (Mike Evans; 21 years, 87 days).

Two big days for 'Uno': WR Ja'Marr Chase, who is the first player in Bengals history to wear uniform No. 1 and has thus earned the nickname "Uno" among fans, is already taking aim at Cincinnati's rookie receiving record book.

Despite being just eight games into his first NFL season, 'Uno' already has two of the three highest single-game receiving yardage outputs by a rookie in team history. His first entry came on Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay, when he recorded 159 yards on nine catches, including a 70-yard TD just before halftime. It should be noted that the Packers game went into overtime, and that Chase had one catch for 21 yards in the extra period.

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

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

BENGALS ROOKIE	DATE/OPPONENT	REC. YARDS
WR Ja'Marr Chase	10-24-2021 at Baltimore	201
WR Speedy Thomas	12-14-69 at Denver	177
WR Ja'Marr Chase	10-11-21 vs. Green Bay (OT)	159
WR Darnay Scott	11-6-94 at Seattle (OT)	157
WR Speedy Thomas	10-19-69 vs. Denver	155
WR Darnay Scott	10-30-94 vs. Dallas	155

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

Chase this season leads the NFL in TDs (three) and receiving yards (233) in

the final two minutes of the first half, and his five catches of at least 20 yards during that time period also lead the league.

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

- In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, Chase hauled in a 50-yard bomb from Burrow with 42 seconds left in the half to score his first career TD and give the Bengals a 14-7 lead heading into the locker room.
- In Game 3 at Pittsburgh, Chase got behind the defense again and made a fingertip grab for a 34-yard TD with 43 seconds left, helping Cincinnati to a 14-7 halftime lead.
- In Game 5 vs. Green Bay, QB Joe Burrow extended the play and rolled right to find Chase streaking across the field for a 70-yard TD with 50 seconds remaining, cutting the Packers' lead to two at halftime.
- In Game 6 at Detroit, Chase caught a 34-yard pass down the sideline with 23 seconds remaining, and while he didn't find the end zone, the play got the Bengals into Lions territory and set up a FG three plays later that gave the Bengals a 10-point lead at halftime.
- In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase caught three passes for 45 yards on Cincinnati's final drive of the first half, which ended with a FG. Those three catches included a 26-yarder to the Baltimore 19-yard line.

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

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

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

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

That didn't take long: Bengals rookie WR Ja'Marr Chase, the team's first-round pick in April's draft, notched his first career multi-TD game on Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh. Those two TD grabs (nine and 34 yards) made him the first NFL rookie this year with a multi-TD game, and the first Bengal rookie to reach pay dirt twice since Tee Higgins did it last year.

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

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

Tee continues rookie momentum: Bengals WR Tee Higgins this season has continued the momentum he built during his rookie campaign in 2020. Higgins, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, has missed two games this season due to a shoulder injury but still has 29 catches for 353 yards and two TDs.

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

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

Boyd looking for third thousand: Bengals WR Tyler Boyd so far this season has 37 catches for 398 yards and two TDs. The 2016 second-round pick of the Bengals is looking this season to top 1000 receiving yards for what would be the third time in his career. That would make him just the fifth Bengal ever with as many 1000-yard seasons.

Boyd, though, has some work to do to get back on pace for 1000 yards. He currently is on pace for 845 yards and 78 catches.

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

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

Mixon nearing 4K: Bengals HB Joe Mixon has 3931 career rushing yards, sixth-most in team history, and stands just 69 yards shy of becoming the sixth Bengal ever to rush for 4000 career yards.

Mixon passed RB Harold Green (3727) for sixth place on the team's all-time rushing list in Game 5 vs. Green Bay. He currently stands 245 shy of HB Cedric Benson (4176) for fifth place.

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

PLAYER	RUSH YARDS	YEARS
Corey Dillon	8061	1997-2003
James Brooks	6447	1984-91
Rudi Johnson	5472	2001-07
Pete Johnson	5421	1977-83
Cedric Benson	4176	2008-11
Joe Mixon	3931	2017-present

Mixon nearing 4K/1K feat: Bengals HB Joe Mixon currently stands at 3931 career rushing yards and 1156 receiving yards. This Sunday vs. Cleveland, he can become just the fourth Bengal ever to reach 4000 career rushing yards and 1000 receiving yards, joining Corey Dillon, James Brooks and Pete Johnson.

Sunday will be Mixon's 59th career game, which means that if he gains the necessary 69 rushing yards to hit 4000 for his career, he will have accomplished the 4000/1000 feat 12 games quicker than the next-quickest Bengal (Dillon, 71).

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

Here's a look at the fastest players ever to top 4000 career rushing yards and 1000 career receiving yards in a Bengals uniform (it should be noted that Brooks began his career with the San Diego Chargers from 1981-83; however, the data counts only rushing/receiving yardage and games played as a Bengal):

NAME	BENGALS GAMES TO REACH 4K/1K
Corey Dillon	71
James Brooks	76
Pete Johnson	77

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

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

Mixon secures the rock: Not only is Bengals HB Joe Mixon considered one of the top rushers in the NFL, he's also proven effective at

protecting the football. Mixon has fumbled just five times (two lost) since entering the league in 2017, a span that covers 1095 combined touches on offense (949 rushes, 146 catches). That includes just two fumbles (lost) since the start of the 2018 season. He also put together a streak of 541 consecutive rushing attempts without a fumble (ended in Game 1 last season), which was the second-longest by a Bengal since the Elias Sports Bureau began tracking the stat in 1990.

Mixon has a current streak of 238 rushes without a fumble, dating back to his fumble in the 2020 opener. He does have one fumble this season, but it came on a pass play (he also recovered it).

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

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

Roster flip noticeable in Year Three: Zac Taylor took over as Bengals head coach in 2019, and throughout his now three-year tenure there has been a steady but noticeable churn of the roster. Of the 53 players on the current roster (as of Tuesday, Nov. 2), only 12 suited up as Bengals prior to Taylor's arrival. That means 41 current Bengals — or 77.4 percent of the roster — have joined Cincinnati since 2019.

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

Recent acquisitions boost Bengals: Cincinnati's player personnel department has struck gold in acquiring new top talent in each of the last two years. On top of solid drafts (see "2020 rookies continue to deliver" and "2021 draft class overview" on page 11), the team's has unearthed a bounty of player production in free agency, as well as a trade.

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

YEAR ACQUIRED, PLAYER	'21 G/S	NOTES
2020, S Vonn Bell	8/8	Starting S and team captain
2020, DT D.J. Reader	8/8	Starting NT
2020, G Quinton Spain (waivers)	8/8	Starting G (re-signed as UFA in March)
2020, G Xavier Su'a-Filo	2/2	Starting G (though currently on R/I)
2020, WR Mike Thomas	5/1	Reserve WR; special teamer
2020, CB Trae Waynes	2/2	Starting CB (though currently on R/I)
2021, S Ricardo Allen (free agent)	5/0	Key reserve; veteran leader
2021, CB Eli Apple (free agent)	8/7	Key reserve turned starter
2021, CB Chidobe Awuzie	7/7	Starting CB
2021, DE Trey Hendrickson	8/7	Starting DE; leads team in sacks (7.5)
2021, DT B.J. Hill (trade)	8/0	Key reserve with three sacks
2021, CB Mike Hilton	8/3	Starting nickel CB
2021, DT Larry Ogunjobi	8/8	Starting DT (three-technique)
2021, OT Riley Reiff	8/8	Starting ROT

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

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

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

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

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

So far, it's worked. Through just eight games this season, Cincinnati ranks tied for fourth leaguewide with 21 sacks, four more than last season's 16-game total. DE Trey Hendrickson, one of the team's key acquisitions in free agency last March, leads the team and is tied for fifth leaguewide with 7.5 sacks. At the end of last season, that total would have led the team. Seven Bengals have gotten into the sack column this season, including DT Larry Ogunjobi (3.5), another 2021 free agent acquisition, DT B.J. Hill (three), who was acquired in a trade just before the regular season, and DE Cam Sample (one), who was one of four defensive linemen Cincinnati selected in April's draft. The revamped defensive line has accounted for all but one of the team's sacks this season, and DE Sam Hubbard (four) is the only defender in the sack column who was with Cincinnati prior to the 2020 season.

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

Hendrickson's sack streak at four: Bengals DE Trey Hendrickson has recorded a sack in each of the Bengals' last four games, tied for the second-longest active streak in the NFL. Hendrickson has 7.5 sacks on the season, tied for fifth leaguewide, and has recorded a sack in six of Cincinnati's eight contests.

Here's a look at the players with the longest active sack streaks in the NFL.

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES
DE Harold Landry	Tennessee Titans	5
DE Trey Hendrickson	Cincinnati Bengals	4
DE Myles Garrett	Cleveland Browns	4
DE Jonathan Greenard	Houston Texans	4

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

Hendrickson, one of the headliners of Cincinnati's free agency haul in March, has a team-high 7.5 sacks through just eight games. That total would have led the team for all of last season.

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

Last season with New Orleans, Hendrickson had 13.5 sacks, tied for the NFC lead and tied for second-most leaguewide. And since the beginning of the 2020 season, Hendrickson has the third-most sacks (21) of any player in the NFL, trailing only Pittsburgh's T.J. Watt (22) and Cleveland's Myles Garrett (21.5).

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

This year, the 6-3, 347-pound Reader has returned healthy and proven his value as a leader and physical presence in the middle of the defensive line. And while the impact of interior defensive linemen is often difficult to quantify with statistics, consider that Cincinnati's run defense ranks seventh in the NFL (94.4 yards/game allowed) this season compared to 29th a year ago (148.0) and 32nd the year before (148.9).

Another measure of the impact of an interior defensive lineman —

particularly a nose tackle — is the play of the linebackers behind them. This season, Cincinnati's linebacker play has been among the brightest and most-improved spots on the defense. Leading the way has been second-year pro Logan Wilson, who ranks tied for second in the NFL in INTs (four) and 10th in tackles (70).

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

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

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

Reader has started every game at NT this season, and has 27 tackles and a sack.

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

Wilson has also been strong against the run. His 70 tackles lead the team by a wide margin and rank 10th leaguewide. He has led Cincinnati in tackles in four of the team's eight games this season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bell rings of reliability: One of Cincinnati's most trusted leaders and consistent players on the field over the last two seasons has been S Vonn Bell. The sixth-year pro joined the Bengals as an unrestricted free agent prior to the 2020 season, and then proceeded to play in every snap of his first 20 games with the team. His streak of consecutive snaps was broken in Cincinnati's 34-11 win at Detroit on Oct. 17, when the starters were rested late in the fourth quarter. He then missed eight more the following week against the Ravens, with the Bengals holding a 24-point lead late in the fourth quarter.

Still, Bell has missed just 22 defensive snaps as a Bengal, with all of those coming as the defensive starters rested late in the fourth quarter with wide leads against the Lions and Ravens. He has played in 23 games for Cincinnati, and

over that span has seen action on 1607 of 1629 possible defensive snaps (98.6 percent), including a team-high 548 this season.

Bell has been a captain in both of his Bengals seasons. He ranks second on the team in tackles (52) this year, after leading the team in that category (114) last season.

Hubbard a Day 2 draft steal: DE Sam Hubbard, a third-round pick (77th overall) of the Bengals in 2018, ranks tied for second in sacks (20.5) among all players from the '18 rookie class (draft picks and college free agents).

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

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

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

PLAYER/POSITION	TEAM	PICK (ROUND)	SACKS
Harold Landry/EDGE	Tennessee	No. 41 (2nd)	27.5
Sam Hubbard/DE	Cincinnati	No. 77 (3rd)	20.5
Bradley Chubb/DE	Denver	No. 5 (1st)	20.5
Darius Leonard/OLB	Indianapolis	No. 36 (2nd)	15.0
Josh Sweat/DE	Philadelphia	No. 130 (4th)	14.0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And although the category is not kept as an official team record, it should be noted that LS Clark Harris has executed 1771 deep snaps without a single unplayable delivery since joining the Bengals in mid-2009.

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

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

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

the game, McPherson became the youngest Bengal ever to kick a FG or PAT.

So far this season, McPherson has made all 26 of his PATs and 10 of his 13 FGs, including three 50-plus yarders and two game-winners as time expired (33 and 35 yards).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Huber among NFL's best at pinning 'em: As the evidence shows, no Bengals punter has ever been nearly as successful as Kevin Huber at pinning opponents inside the 20-yard line. The 2009 fifth-round draft choice currently has 329 career inside-20 punts, a margin of more than 100 over the next-best in team history (Lee Johnson, 186).

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

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

PUNTER	TEAM	NFL EXP.	CAREER INSIDE-20s
Dustin Colquitt	Atlanta	17	474
Andy Lee	Arizona	18	452
Sam Koch	Baltimore	16	437
Brett Kern	Tennessee	14	382
Kevin Huber	Cincinnati	13	329

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

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

- Punts (947)
- Punting yards (42,910)
- Gross average (45.31)
- Net average (40.25)
- Inside-20 punts (329)

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

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

Huber, Harris chasing down Riley: One of the most prestigious Bengals records in existence, and one that has stood for 38 years, could be matched by the end of the 2021 season. Longtime CB Ken Riley's Bengals record 207 games played is currently nine clear of current P Kevin Huber (198), meaning that if Huber plays in each of the Bengals' nine remaining games this season, he would tie The Rattler's historic mark that has stood since his retirement in 1983.

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

Not far behind that group is current LS Clark Harris (192 games played), who has snapped to Huber since joining Cincinnati midway through the 2009 season. Harris currently stands tied with Anderson (192) for fourth place, and can pass him this Sunday vs. Cleveland. He already passed Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz (185) for sixth place in Game 2 at Chicago, and DT Tim Krumrie (188) for fifth place in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville.

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

PLAYER	GAMES AS A BENGAL	YEARS
CB Ken Riley	207	1969-83
LB Reggie Williams	206	1976-85
P Kevin Huber	198	2009-present
QB Ken Anderson	192	1971-86
LS Clark Harris	192	2009-present
DT Tim Krumrie	188	1983-94
OT Anthony Munoz	185	1980-92

25 points does the trick: Since 2011, the Bengals own a 54-6-2 record when scoring 25 or more points. That's good for the second-best winning percentage (.887) in the NFL when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals are 8-5 under head coach Zac Taylor (3-1 this season) when reaching the 25-point plateau.

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

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WINNING PCT.
New England Patriots	95	10	0	.905
Cincinnati Bengals	54	6	2	.887
Denver Broncos	58	8	0	.879
Miami Dolphins	42	6	0	.875
Arizona Cardinals	53	8	1	.863

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

● **K Evan McPherson, Week 1, AFC Special Teams Player of the Week:**

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

● **QB Joe Burrow, Week 4, AFC Offensive Player of the Week:**

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

● **WR Ja'Marr Chase, September, NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month:**

The fifth overall pick in the 2021 draft led all rookies in receiving yardage (220) and TDs (four) in September. He was one of just nine rookies ever to catch at least one TD in each of his first three career games, and was one of just three players ever to catch TDs of at least 25 yards in each of his first three career games. He also was the youngest player (21 years old) with four receiving TDs through his first three career games, edging out Pro Football Hall of Famer

Randy Moss' three in three games in 1998.

● **WR Ja'Marr Chase, Week 7, AFC Offensive Player of the Week:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coin-toss streak ends at 11: Perhaps the luckiest streak in team history came to an end before kickoff in Game 7 at Baltimore this season, when the Bengals lost a coin toss for the first time since late in the 2020 season.

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

Add it all up, and Cincinnati won 11 straight coin tosses during that stretch, which equates to one in 2048 odds.

Prior to the coin-toss loss in Baltimore, the last toss that didn't go Cincinnati's way was in Game 13 of 2020 (Dec. 13 vs. Dallas).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* — Asterisk denotes AFC high that year.

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

After being leaned upon heavily as rookies, Cincinnati's 2020 draft class has continued to deliver, combining to play in 39 games (22 starts) this season. It should be noted that OT Hakeem Adeniji (Reserve/Non-Football Injury), a 2020 sixth-round pick, has not played yet this season, while DE Khalid Kareem, a fifth-rounder that year, missed the first seven games while on Reserve/Injured. The other five players all made the active roster out of training camp and have been regular contributors.

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

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

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

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

the Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2009. He is the longest-tenured player on the roster and has played in all but two games throughout his career in Cincinnati. He currently stands as the Bengals' career leader in both gross (45.31) and net (40.25) punting average.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

television and digital platforms.

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

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

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: Second-year pro **Joe Burrow** has returned to action this season, after his rookie campaign was limited to just 10 games due to a left knee injury. So far, he has completed 167 of 246 pass attempts (67.9 percent) for 2215 yards (sixth in the NFL), 20 TDs (third in the NFL) and nine INTs (108.0 rating). In Cincinnati's Game 1 overtime win vs. Minnesota, his first game back since the injury, he posted then-career highs in passer rating (128.8), completion percentage (74.1) and yards per attempts (9.6) — he has since topped all of those numbers. Burrow then ended the game in OT with a seven-play, 46-yard drive that included a fourth-and-inches in which he changed the play at the line of scrimmage and tossed a 32-yard completion to set up a game-winning FG as time expired three plays later. In Game 7 at Baltimore, Burrow posted a new career-high in passing yards (416). Burrow was medically cleared in time to take the first snap of training camp on July 28, and in Game 1 this season he followed through on a vow he made shortly after his injury that he would start the 2021 regular-season opener. After winning the Heisman Trophy and leading the LSU Tigers to a national championship in 2019, the Bengals made Burrow, a native of Athens, Ohio, the No. 1 pick in the '20 draft. Despite the absence of an offseason program and preseason his rookie year, Burrow got off to one of the best statistical starts to a career by a QB in NFL history, and at the time of his injury had been on pace to shatter numerous NFL rookie records. Still, his five 300-yard passing games in 2020 tied the Bengals' single-season record and stand third-most by a rookie in NFL history, while he also became the first rookie in NFL history to pass for 300 yards in three consecutive games (Games 2-4) and the sixth to top 400 yards in a single game (Oct. 25, 2020 at Cleveland). Listed second on the depth chart is veteran **Brandon Allen**, who started in Burrow's absence late last season. Allen has played in two games this season (Oct. 17 at Detroit and Oct. 24 at Baltimore), seeing time late in the fourth quarter while the Bengals were up by a wide margin. Last season, Allen started five of Cincinnati's final six games for the injured Burrow, and completed 63.4 percent of his passes for 925 yards, five TDs and four INTs (82.0 rating). Allen joined the Bengals in August of 2020, and began the season on the practice squad as the team's "quarantine QB" that was kept away from the rest of the QBs at practice/meetings in case they could not play due to COVID-19.

Running backs: Leading the Bengals' running back room is fifth-year pro **Joe Mixon**, who has returned to action this season after his 2020 campaign was limited to just six games due to a right foot injury. Originally a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2017, Mixon has shouldered a heavy load for Cincinnati, and when healthy is considered one of the NFL's top running backs. So far this season, Mixon has rushed for 572 yards (fourth in NFL) and five TDs (10th in NFL) on 137 carries (second in NFL). Mixon also has caught 17 passes for 148 yards and two TDs. Mixon has one 100-yard rushing game this season (Game 1 vs. Minnesota) and 11 for his career; he also has two games with at least 100 yards from scrimmage this season (Game 1 vs. Minnesota and Game 6 at Detroit), and 18 for his career. Mixon also has one multi-TD game this season, and four for his career. Mixon topped 1000 yards rushing in both 2018 and '19, before his foot injury last season prevented him from making it three seasons in a row. Mixon signed a contract extension in 2020 that keeps him in Cincinnati

through the '24 season. Fifth-year pro **Samaje Perine**, who also shared a backfield with Mixon in college at Oklahoma, is in his third Bengals season after beginning his career with Washington. This season, Perine has 31 carries for 139 yards and one TD, and 10 catches for 93 yards and one TD. At 5-11, 240 pounds, Perine brings size and a physical rushing style, and he's also used extensively on special teams. The third running back on Cincinnati's active roster is **Chris Evans**, a rookie sixth-round pick out of the University of Michigan. Evans is known for his receiving ability out of the backfield, and this season he has eight catches for 104 yards and a TD, along with three carries for 18 yards. Bengals coaches say they first took notice of Evans' route-running and hands during receiving drills at 2021 Senior Bowl practices.

Wide receivers: The newest addition to the Bengals' offense this season is first-round draft pick **Ja'Marr Chase**, who brings previous experience with Joe Burrow from their time together in college at LSU. Chase has been one of Cincinnati's top performers so far this season, with team-highs in receptions (38), receiving yards (786) and TDs (seven). He leads all rookies in receiving yards (third leaguewide) and TDs (tied for seventh leaguewide). Chase has provided Cincinnati's offense with a downfield threat, and leads the NFL in catches of 40 or more yards (six). Chase is one of just two players in NFL history to record at least 50 receiving yards in each of their first seven games, and is one of two players in NFL history with a reception of at least 30 yards in each of their first seven career games. In Game 1 vs. Minnesota, his NFL debut, Chase became the youngest Bengal (21 years, 195 days) ever to post 100 receiving yards, the third-youngest Bengal ever to score a TD, and his 50-yard TD catch at the end of the first half was the longest TD of any kind by a Bengals rookie in their NFL debut. In Game 7 at Baltimore, Chase posted a Bengals rookie-record 201 receiving yards, and became the second-youngest player in NFL history to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game. With Burrow as his QB in 2019 at LSU, Chase set single-season SEC records for receiving yards (1780) and TDs (20), and won the prestigious Biletnikoff Award as college football's top receiver. Chase has been assigned uniform No. 1, and is the first player in Bengals history to wear that number. Considered one of the top slot receivers in football, 26-year old **Tyler Boyd** is the veteran among a young group of Bengals receivers. So far this season, Boyd has 37 catches for 398 yards and two TDs. Boyd led the team in catches the last three seasons (2018-20), and stands as one of six Bengals ever to top 1000 receiving yards in consecutive seasons ('18-19). Boyd has one 100-yard game this season (Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville) and 10 for his career. Boyd also has five career games with at least 10 catches. Boyd, a 2016 second-round pick, signed a contract extension in 2019 that keeps him in Cincinnati through the '23 season. Returning this season after a terrific rookie year is second-year pro **Tee Higgins**, a second-round pick of the Bengals in 2020. Higgins so far this season has 29 catches for 353 yards and two TDs. Higgins missed Games 3-4 this season due to a shoulder injury. Last season, Higgins led Cincinnati in receiving yards (908) and tied for the franchise's rookie receptions record (67). Higgins brings considerable size (6-4, 216) to the receiving corps, and coaches have credited him for transforming his body over the offseason to get stronger. Providing valuable depth is **Auden Tate**, a 2018

seventh-round pick who at 6-5, 228 pounds is known as a big-bodied receiver with a knack for making acrobatic catches. Tate battled a shoulder injury last season and was limited to just nine games, but when healthy the Bengals have utilized his wide catch radius and ability to come down with contested catches. Sixth-year pro **Mike Thomas** adds value as a speedy rotational receiver, as well as on special teams. Thomas joined the Bengals in 2020 but spent his first four NFL seasons with the L.A. Rams, where in '17 his assistant WRs coach was Zac Taylor. Third-year pro **Stanley Morgan**, a 2019 college free agent signee of the Bengals, also adds depth at receiver, but he has excelled most in the NFL as a gunner on special teams. Rounding out the receivers room is first-year pro **Trenton Irwin**, who was signed off the practice squad on Sept. 15. Irwin joined the Bengals midway through 2019 and has bounced between the practice squad and active roster.

Tight ends: **C.J. Uzomah**, a 2015 fifth-round pick of the Bengals, has returned to action this year after suffering a season-ending right Achilles injury in the second game of 2020. Uzomah this season is in the midst of a career year, and already has a career-high five TDs (tied for tenth in NFL). He has caught 21 passes for 289 yards this season, and also has been a key figure in some of Cincinnati's most important non-scoring plays of the year. In Cincinnati's Game 1 overtime win vs. Minnesota, his first game back since the injury, Uzomah caught a 32-yard pass on fourth-and-inches in OT to help set up a game-winning FG as time expired three plays later. And in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville, Uzomah caught a career-high two TDs (since matched), and then with the game tied late, he took a jailbreak screen 25 yards deep into Jaguars territory to help set up the game-winning FG. In Game 7 at Baltimore, Uzomah had 91 yards receiving and caught TDs of 55 and 32 yards. **Drew Sample**, a 2019 second-round pick of the Bengals, is known as complete tight end with both receiving and blocking ability. Bengals coaches have called him one of the best blocking TEs in the league. After Uzomah's injury last season, Sample shouldered a heavier work load that saw him start 13 games, play more than 80 percent of the team's offensive snaps, and catch 40 passes and a TD. **Mitchell Wilcox**, a 2020 college free agent signee of the Bengals, spent nearly all of his rookie season on Cincinnati's practice squad. Wilcox is also considered a complete TE prospect — he left USF in 2019 with every single-season and career receiving record for a TE, and also helped block for three different 1000-yard rushers.

Offensive linemen: Now in his second season as Cincinnati's starting LOT is 2019 first-round pick **Jonah Williams**. After missing his entire rookie season to a shoulder injury, Williams started 10 games in his sophomore campaign in 2020. A right knee injury ended Williams' 2020 season early, but it was not deemed serious and he participated fully in the Bengals' offseason program and has started every game so far this season. At ROT this season is 10th-year pro **Riley Reiff**, who signed with Cincinnati in March after spending his first nine NFL seasons with Detroit and Minnesota. Reiff has played LOT for a majority of his career, with his one season as a full-time ROT coming in 2016 with Detroit. Reiff, though, told the local media after signing with Cincinnati that he welcomes the opportunity to play ROT in Cincinnati, and if needed would even move inside to G for the first time in his pro career. Cincinnati's starting C since 2019 has been **Trey Hopkins**, who originally was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in '14. Hopkins battled injuries and bounced between the practice squad and roster for his first three seasons, before settling into a regular role and gaining starting experience at all three interior OL spots. Hopkins suffered a torn left ACL in last season's finale, but he was medically cleared in time to participate in the first practice of training camp on July 28. Coaches this season have limited Hopkins in practice during the week in order to ease the load on his knee, but he has started every game. Seventh-year pro **Quinton Spain** is Cincinnati's starter at LG. Undrafted out of college in 2015, Spain began his career with the Titans and Bills before joining the Bengals on waivers mid-season in 2020. Spain has remained at LG this year, but last season after joining Cincinnati he played in nine games (eight starts) and made starts at RG, LG and even ROT when the line was dealing with injuries and COVID-19 issues. Rookie G **Jackson Carman**, Cincinnati's second-round pick in April's draft has taken over at RG for Xavier Su'a-Filo (Reserve/Injured), and has been the starter there since Game 3 at Pittsburgh. He did not start Game 6 at Detroit after spending most of the week on Reserve/COVID-19, but he did see extensive action as a reserve and returned to the starting lineup in Game 7 at Baltimore. One of the key reserves along the interior of the line is rookie **Trey Hill**, who is touted as a stout blocker with good movement skills and a high football IQ. Hill mainly is considered the Bengals' backup center, but he also is listed on the depth chart as the backup RG, having once started at that position (Game 6 at Detroit) as an injury replacement. Hill started 26 career games at C at Georgia, considered one of college football's top offensive lines. The tallest Bengal on the roster this

season is OT **Isaiah Prince** (6-7), who returns to action in 2021 after opting out of the '20 season due to COVID-19. Prince has been used this year as an extra blocker in heavy formations. Prince originally was a sixth-round draft pick of the Dolphins in 2019, and then joined the Bengals on waivers later that year. Adding depth at OT and G is third-year pro **Fred Johnson**, who stands at an imposing 6-6, 325 pounds. Johnson has starts at both OT and G during his now three-year career in Cincinnati, but he has worked mostly at OT this season. Johnson primarily has been a reserve at OT to this point in his career, but the Bengals are a combined 4-1 when he fills in as a starter at either OT spot.

Defensive linemen: Cincinnati native and Archbishop Moeller graduate **Sam Hubbard** is in his fourth Bengals season, including his third as a full-time starter, and is considered the leader of the defensive line. A third-round draft pick of the Bengals in 2018, Hubbard's 20.5 career sacks are tied for second-most among players from his draft class (including college free agents), and he's also considered among the best DEs in the NFL against the run. Hubbard signed a contract extension in July that keeps him in Cincinnati through the 2025 season. At the LDE is **Trey Hendrickson**, one of Cincinnati's most high-profile additions from free agency in March. So far this season, Hendrickson this season has a team-high 7.5 sacks (tied for fifth in the NFL), which would have led the team at the end of last season. Hendrickson spent the last four seasons (2017-20) with New Orleans, and last year his 13.5 sacks tied for the NFC lead and tied for second in the NFL. Hendrickson's 21 sacks since the beginning of 2020 are third-most among all players leaguewide. Last year's high-profile addition in free agency was DT **D.J. Reader**, a 6-3, 347-pound nose tackle who excels against the run. Reader was limited to just five games last season due to a left quad injury, but he has returned healthy this year and has a sack. Lining up next to Reader is DT **Larry Ogunjobi**, who signed a one-year deal with Cincinnati in March. Ogunjobi has impressed so far this season, with 3.5 sacks and three additional tackles for losses. Ogunjobi spent his first four NFL seasons with Cleveland, where he played NT, however in Cincinnati he is playing three-technique DT, which he has called his "natural position." Also seeing regular action at three-technique DT is **B.J. Hill**, who was acquired in an Aug. 30 trade with the N.Y. Giants. Hill already has three sacks on the season, including two in the season-opener less than two weeks after joining the Bengals. Hill stands 6-3, 311 pounds, and has played in every possible game over his now four-year career. Back in the lineup this season is 6-3, 345-pound DT **Josh Tupou**, who opted out of last season due to COVID-19. Tupou was a college free agent signee of the Bengals in 2017, and has worked his way into the regular defensive rotation as a reliable run-stuffer. DE **Khalid Kareem**, a Bengals fifth-round pick in 2020, returned to action in Game 8 at the N.Y. Jets this season, after beginning his second season on Cincinnati's Reserve/Injured list. Kareem played in all 16 games as a rookie (one sack), and this year he has again slid into a rotational DE role. In the fourth round of April's draft, the Bengals selected Tulane DE **Cam Sample**, who has seen rotational action so far and has one sack. Sample is known as a productive, versatile and high-energy player, and last season he was rated the most valuable defensive lineman in college football by Pro Football Focus. Bengals coaches say that Sample caught their eye during the 2021 Senior Bowl, where he earned Defensive MVP honors. Later in the fourth round, the Bengals selected 6-2, 350-pound DT **Tyler Shelvin**, a space-eater with a rare blend of strength and athleticism. Shelvin was a key player on LSU's defense during their national championship run in 2019, but he opted out of the '20 college season due to COVID-19. Adding depth at DE is second-year pro **Wyatt Ray**, who was acquired on waivers from Tennessee on Sept. 1. Ray originally was a college free agent signee of the Cleveland Browns in 2019, and has also spent time with Houston, Buffalo, the N.Y. Jets and Tennessee. Rounding out the defensive line group is 6-1, 248-pound rookie DE **Darius Hodge**, a college free agent signee out of Marshall. Hodge, who initially was listed at LB, excelled as a pass-rusher during preseason and earned a roster spot out of training camp.

Linebackers: Among Cincinnati's most promising young defenders is second-year pro **Logan Wilson**, who is wearing the green dot this year as the defense's communicator. Wilson this season ranks tied for second in the NFL in INTs (four) and 10th in tackles (70). The last Bengals LB with three or more INTs in a season was Odell Thurman (five) in 2005. Wilson was Cincinnati's third-round draft pick in 2020. **Germaine Pratt**, a 2019 third-round pick of the Bengals, has grown into a key contributor on defense after being considered a raw prospect coming out of the draft, due to switching from S to LB late in his college career. Pratt has 38 tackles, an INT, a FF and a FR so far this season. In Cincinnati's season-opening win vs. Minnesota, Pratt made the defensive play of the game late in overtime when he forced and recovered a fumble by Vikings RB Dalvin Cook; the play thwarted Minnesota's potential game-winning drive, which had reached the Bengals' 38-yard line, and set up a Cincinnati drive that ended with a game-winning FG as time expired in OT. Pratt, who earned a starting LB

spot midway through his rookie season, has drawn particular praise from coaches this season for his grasp of the defense. **Akeem Davis-Gaither**, a fourth-round pick of the Bengals in 2020, also is in the LB rotation this year. Davis-Gaither is known for his speed and playmaking ability, and has played in every game so far in his career. Drawing positive reviews this season is second-year LB **Markus Bailey**, a seventh-round pick of the Bengals in 2020. Bailey suffered an ACL tear his final season (2019) at Purdue, which coaches cited for bringing him along slowly as a rookie, but he has seen action on defense this season as a rotational linebacker. Rounding out the linebackers is **Joe Bachie**, a second-year pro who joined Cincinnati on waivers in May. Bachie began the 2021 season on Cincinnati's practice squad but impressed in two games as a game-day elevation, so he was signed to the active roster in Week 8.

Defensive backs: S **Jessie Bates**, a fourth-year pro and 2018 Bengals second-round pick, is a team captain and is considered one of the core leaders of the team. Bates so far this season has 50 tackles (third on team) and an INT that he returned 65 yards. Bates earned a starting S spot in training camp as a rookie and started the first 51 games of his career — that's three seasons plus three games — until a neck injury broke the streak and held him out of Cincinnati's Sept. 30 matchup vs. Jacksonville. Bates, though, returned to the lineup the following week vs. Green Bay. Bates topped 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons (2018-20). Next to Bates at S is sixth-year pro **Vonn Bell**, who joined the Bengals in 2020 after spending his first four years with New Orleans. Bell, a team captain, has 52 tackles (second on team), including five for losses, along with three PDs, two FFs and a FR. Last year, in his first season with the Bengals, Bell played all 1059 defensive snaps and led the team in both tackles (114) and FFs (three). Depth at CB was a primary focus for the Bengals in 2020 free agency, as the team added three veteran corners. The first is **Chidobe Awuzie**, a former second-round pick of the Cowboys who spent his first four seasons in Dallas. Awuzie, who is under contract through the 2023 season, has impressed with his coverage and tackling ability this season, and has 32 tackles, eight PDs and an INT. Awuzie missed Game 4 vs. Jacksonville due to a groin injury, but returned to action the following week. The second free agency addition was **Mike Hilton**, who is widely considered among the top slot CBs in the NFL. Hilton, who is under contract through the 2024 season, is among the smallest players on the roster at 5-9, 184 pounds, but he is known as a sure tackler and outstanding blitz. The third free agent addition over the offseason was **Eli Apple**, a former first-round pick of the Giants. Apple brings familiarity with Bell, whom he played alongside in college at Ohio State, as well as with defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo, who was his position coach with the Giants in 2018. Apple has stepped into a starting role of late, after CB **Trae Waynes** was placed on Reserve/Injured on Oct. 12 with a right hamstring injury. Bringing experience at CB is **Darius Phillips**, a 2018 sixth-round pick of the Bengals who, when healthy, has proven to be a playmaker in the secondary. Phillips led the team in INTs (four) in 2019 despite playing only 108 snaps on defense, but then he battled injuries throughout '20. Phillips has taken over as Cincinnati's primary punt returner this season, and thus has mainly filled a rotational role on defense. At safety, 2017 sixth-round pick **Brandon Wilson** is the longest-tenured Bengal on defense. Wilson fills a rotational role on defense

and primary role on special teams. Wilson is considered one of the top kickoff returners in the NFL, and has two career KORs for TDs (tied for most in team history). CB **Jalen Davis** joined the Bengals in mid-2020 and was thrust into action quickly while the team dealt with a wave of injuries and COVID-19 issues. Davis, who previously spent time with the Dolphins and Cardinals, drew praise from coaches during his six games of action in 2020, and earned a contract extension with the Bengals in March. Rounding out the defensive backfield is CB **Nick McCloud**, who was acquired on waivers from Buffalo on Sept. 1. McCloud, a rookie out of Notre Dame, was a college free agent signee of the Bills in May.

Special teams: Cincinnati native and the longest-tenured player on the roster **Kevin Huber** is handling the Bengals' punting duties for the 13th consecutive season. Huber, a graduate of Archbishop McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, originally was a fifth-round pick of his hometown Bengals in 2009. So far this season, Huber is averaging 46.9 gross yards on punts, and 41.1 net yards. Huber is considered the top punter in team history, and stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (947), punting yards (42,910), gross average (45.31), net average (40.25) and inside-20 punts (329). Huber was a Pro Bowl selection in 2014, but he has maintained a high level of play and last season posted career-highs in both gross (47.2) and net (42.8) average. Huber has played in 198 career games, third-most in team history, and is within striking distance this season of leaders Reggie Williams (206) and Ken Riley (207). He passed QB Ken Anderson (192) in Game 3 vs. Pittsburgh. The oldest Bengal on the roster is LS **Clark Harris** (37 years old), who joined the Bengals early in 2009 and has snapped to Huber nearly his entire career. Harris has been a paragon of reliability for Cincinnati, and has never had an unplayable snap in 1771 career attempts (944 punts, 825 placekicks) as a Bengal. Harris, a Pro Bowler in 2017, has played in 192 career games as a Bengal, and passed DT Tim Krumrie (188) for sixth-most in team history in Game 5 vs. Green Bay. Among the youngest players on the roster is 21-year-old rookie K **Evan McPherson**, whom the Bengals selected in the fifth round of April's draft. McPherson has already made a significant impact, and has two game-winning "walk-off" FGs with no time remaining. The first came in overtime of Game 1 vs. Minnesota — his NFL debut — when he nailed a 33-yarder; the second was in Game 4 vs. Jacksonville on Thursday Night Football, and came from 35 yards out as time expired in regulation. McPherson has said that entering this season, he had never kicked a game-winning FG at any level of football. McPherson has made all 26 of his PATs and 10 of his 13 FGs this season, including three from 50-plus. McPherson left the University of Florida as the SEC's all-time leader in FG percentage (85.0). In the return game, S **Brandon Wilson** is considered among the most dangerous kickoff returners in the NFL. Wilson has two career kickoff returns for TDs, tied with Tremain Mack for most in team history, and his 103-yarder last season against the N.Y. Giants stands as the longest play of any kind in team history. Cincinnati's No. 1 PR this season is CB **Darius Phillips**, who prior to 2021 had five career punt returns in the NFL. In college though, Phillips set an FBS career record with 12 career TDs on returns (five KOR, one PR, five INT, one FR). The Bengals also feature a number of experienced players in kick and punt coverage, including Wilson, LB **Akeem Davis-Gaither**, WR **Stanley Morgan** and WR **Mike Thomas**.

IMPORTANT DATES

2021			
Nov. 2	— All trading ends for 2021 at 4 p.m. Eastern.	Nov. 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the "June 1 Tender" was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
Nov. 3	— Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons are subject to the waiver system for the remainder of the regular season and postseason.	Nov. 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Drafted Rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.
Nov. 8	— Any increase in a player's 2021 Salary from a renegotiation or extension that is received by the Management Council after 4 p.m. Eastern, on this day, will be treated as Signing Bonus, and prorated over the entire term of the Player Contract, including 2021.	Nov. 30	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of players who received, or filed a grievance for, the Basic or Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2021 season.
Nov. 16	— At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.	Dec. 1	— Beginning this date through Jan. 31, 2022, NFL clubs are permitted to conduct non-contact tryouts and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2022, or whose 2021 contracts are due to expire on Feb. 8, 2022. Prior to any tryout or negotiation, NFL clubs must first receive written permission from the player's CFL club.
Nov. 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their unsigned Franchise and Transition Players, including Franchise Players who were eligible to receive Offer Sheets until this date. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.	Dec. 2, 4, 6	— Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the last business day prior to a club's Week 13 game for reinstatement of players in Reserve List categories of Retired, Did Not Report, and Exclusive Rights, and of players who were placed on
Nov. 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "UFA Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2021.		

Dec. 14	— Reserve/Left Squad in a previous season.
Dec. 14-15	— NFLMC Labor Seminar, TBD. — Special League Meeting, TBD.
2022	
Jan. 8	— A claiming period of 24 hours shall be in effect for any waivers requested during the period from the Saturday of the final regular season weekend through the conclusion of the final postseason game, except for waiver requests on Friday and Saturday of each week, which shall expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday. Assignment of player contracts will be deferred until the first business day after the Pro Bowl or the Super Bowl, whichever occurs later. Terminations of player contracts will occur at the expiration of the claiming period. A club that is participating in the playoffs may sign players whose contracts have been terminated to its Active/Inactive List, Practice Squad, or Reserve/Future List. A club whose playing season has concluded may sign such players to its Reserve/Future List only.
Jan. 10	— Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2022 season.
Jan. 10	— NCAA National Championship Game, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.
Jan. 10	— Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2019 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2020. Any permissible renegotiated or extended Player Contract will not be considered a Rookie Contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit Rookie Contracts.
Jan. 10	— Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2019 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 10, 2022, but prior to May 3, 2022 (i.e., not later than May 2).
Jan. 10	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club's owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club's 2021 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2022 Team Salary.
Jan. 15-16	— Wild Card Playoff Games.
Jan. 17	— Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2022 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 21.
Jan. 22	— NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
Jan. 22-23	— Divisional Playoff Games.
Jan. 28	— HBCU Combine, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala.
Jan. 30	— AFC and NFC Championship Games.
Jan. 31	— Deadline for NFL clubs to try out and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2022, or whose 2021 contracts are due to expire at noon Eastern, on Feb. 8, 2022.
Jan. 31	— Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2022 season to notify his former Club in writing.
Feb. 1	— Deadline for non-playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
Feb. 3	— East-West Shrine Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.
Feb. 5	— Senior Bowl, Hancock Whitney Stadium, Mobile, Ala.
Feb. 6	— NFL Pro Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.
Feb. 8	— Beginning at noon Eastern, NFL clubs may begin to sign players whose 2021 CFL contracts have expired. Players under contract to a CFL club for the 2022 season or who have an option for the 2022 season are not eligible to be signed.
Feb. 13	— Super Bowl LVI, SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif.
Feb. 14	— Waiver system begins for 2022. A 24-hour claiming period

Feb. 14	— Beginning the first business day after the Super Bowl through the opening of the first training camp for Rookies in 2022, clubs must report all tryouts and visits to the League office; however, such transactions will not be reported to other clubs.
Feb. 19	— HBCU Legacy Bowl, Yulman Stadium, New Orleans, La.
Feb. 21	— Deadline for playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2022 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
Feb. 22	— Beginning this date through 4 p.m. Eastern on March 8 clubs may designate Franchise or Transition Players.
March 1-7	— NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.
March 8	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
March 10	— Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 7(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2022 season.
March 14-16	— During the period beginning at noon Eastern, on March 14 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with, the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2021 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. During the above two-day negotiating period, a prospective UFA who is not represented by an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor is permitted to communicate directly with a new club's front office officials (excluding the Head Coach and other members of the club's coaching staff) regarding contract negotiations. No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 16.
March 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must exercise options for 2022 on all players who have option clauses in their 2021 contracts.
March 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation.
March 16	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2021 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.
March 16	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2022 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern.
March 16	— All 2021 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern.
March 16	— The 2022 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. The first day of the 2022 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16. Clubs will receive a Personnel Notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern, and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 16.
March 16	— Trading period for 2022 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2021 contracts.
March 16	— Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2022 and if not renegotiated after Jan. 9, 2022, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).
March 18	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2022 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.
March 27-30	— Annual League Meeting, The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla.
March 31	— Deadline for clubs to meet 2022 funding requirements

(Important dates, continued)

	for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.	May 6-9 or May 13-16	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie mini-camp from Friday-Sunday or Saturday-Monday.
April 4	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2021 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.	May 16	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
April 18	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.	May 19-22 (Tentative)	— NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their respective clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period.
April 20	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.	May 23-25	— Spring League Meeting, TBD.
April 22	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.	June 1	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "June 1 Tender" to its unsigned Restricted Free Agents who received a Qualifying Offer for a Right of First Refusal Only in order for such player to be subject to the CBA's "June 15 Tender" provision.
April 27	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.	June 2	— For any player removed from the Club's roster or whose contract is assigned via waivers or trade on or after June 2, any unamortized Signing Bonus amounts for future years will be included fully in Team Salary at the start of the 2022 League Year.
April 27	— Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.	June 15	— Deadline for club to withdraw Qualifying Offer to Restricted Free Agents and still retain exclusive negotiating rights by substituting "June 15 Tender" of one-year contract at 110 percent of the player's prior-year Paragraph 5 Salary (with all other terms of his prior-year contract carried forward unchanged).
April 28-30	— Annual Player Selection Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev.	Late June	— Rookie Readiness Program to be held at individual clubs.
May 2	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "UFA Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern, only with his Prior Club.		
May 2	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2019 Draft.		

THE LAST BENGALS-BROWNS MEETINGS

**2020 SEASON
WEEK 2, GAME 2**

Cleveland Browns 35, Cincinnati Bengals 30
Thursday night, Sept. 17, 2020 at FirstEnergy Stadium

Cleveland's FirstEnergy Stadium had 6000 fans in attendance for a Thursday Night Football matchup in what was Ohio's first major sporting event with fans present in six months, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Bengals rookie QB Joe Burrow, who was making his second career start, set an NFL rookie record for completions in a game with 37, but he did so on 61 passing attempts, the most ever by a Cincinnati QB in a non-overtime contest. Cincinnati ran 30 more plays than Cleveland (83-53), had a seven-minute edge in time of possession, and converted all five of its fourth-down attempts. But the Bengals struggled to stop Cleveland's rushing attack, as the Browns racked up 215 rushing yards and three TDs behind RBs Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt. Cincinnati failed to record a sack, while Cleveland took down Burrow three times and pressured him numerous others. The Bengals dropped to 0-2, while the Browns improved to 1-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	3	10	3	14	—	30
Cleveland.....	7	14	7	7	—	35

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — R.Bullock 38 field goal.....	1-7:13
Cle. — N.Chubb 11 run (C.Parkey kick).....	1-1:48
Cle. — O.Beckham 43 pass from B.Mayfield (C.Parkey kick).....	2-11:54
Cin. — C.Uzomah 23 pass from J.Burrow (R.Bullock kick).....	2-9:00
Cle. — K.Hunt 6 pass from B.Mayfield (C.Parkey kick).....	2-1:31
Cin. — R.Bullock 43 field goal.....	2-0:02
Cle. — N.Chubb 1 run (C.Parkey kick).....	3-5:45
Cin. — R.Bullock 27 field goal.....	3-0:20
Cin. — M.Thomas 4 pass from J.Burrow (R.Bullock kick).....	4-5:55
Cle. — K.Hunt 1 run (C.Parkey kick).....	4-3:55
Cin. — T.Boyd 9 pass from J.Burrow (R.Bullock kick).....	4-0:43

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 6000. Time: 3:21.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CLE.
First downs.....	30	23
Third down conversions-attempts.....	8-18	5-8
Total net yards.....	353	434
Net yards rushing.....	68	215
Net yards passing.....	285	219
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	61-37-0	23-16-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-31	0-0
Punts-average.....	2-49.0	1-43.0
Punt returns-yards.....	0-0	1-13
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-87	0-0
Penalties-yards.....	4-45	8-76
Fumbles-lost.....	2-1	0-0
Time of possession.....	33:39	26:21

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	16	46	9	0	N.Chubb	22	124	26	2
J.Burrow	7	19	7	0	K.Hunt	10	86	33	1
G.Bernard	1	3	3	0	B.Mayfield	3	5	8	0
TOTALS	24	68	9	0	TOTALS	35	215	33	3

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Burrow	61	37	316	3-0	B.Mayfield	23	16	219	2-1
TOTALS	61	37	316	3-0	TOTALS	23	16	219	2-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Boyd	7	72	17	1	O.Beckham	4	74	43t	1
D.Sample	7	45	10	0	J.Landry	3	46	21	0
G.Bernard	5	22	6	0	K.Hodge	2	39	26	0
C.Uzomah	4	42	23t	1	A.Hooper	2	22	11	0
J.Mixon	4	40	18	0	K.Hunt	2	15	9	1
M.Thomas	4	31	14	1	H.Bryant	1	14	14	0
T.Higgins	3	35	18	0	N.Chubb	1	9	9	0
A.Green	3	29	15	0	A.Janovich	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	37	316	23	3	TOTALS	16	219	43t	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Bates 3-7-10, J.Bynes 3-5-8, V.Bell 1-7-8, D.Reader 3-3-6, W.Jackson 4-1-5, M.Alexander 2-2-4, D.Phillips 2-1-3, C.Covington 1-2-3, C.Dunlap 1-2-3, S.Hubbard 1-2-3, F.Akinmoladun 1-1-2, A.Bledsoe 1-1-2, G.Pratt 1-1-2, K.Kareem 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** W.Jackson 1-30. **PD:** W.Jackson 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cleveland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Sendejo 7-3-10, T.Thomas 9-0-9, M.Smith 5-4-9, B.Goodson 6-1-7, S.Richardson 4-2-6, K.Joseph 3-3-6, S.Takitaki 3-2-5, P.Gustin 2-2-4, M.Garrett 3-0-3, D.Ward 2-1-3, J.Jackson 1-2-3, A.Clayborn 1-1-2, T.Mitchell 1-1-2, R.Harrison 1-0-1, J.Elliott 0-1-1, L.Ogunjobi 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** A.Clayborn 1-11, M.Garrett 1-11, S.Richardson 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** T.Mitchell 3, D.Ward 3, B.Goodson 1. **FF:** M.Garrett 1. **FR-YDS.:** J.Jackson 1-0.

**2020 SEASON
WEEK 7, GAME 7**

Cleveland Browns 37, Cincinnati Bengals 34
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020 at Paul Brown Stadium

In just their second-ever meeting, QBs Joe Burrow and Baker Mayfield led an offensive shootout between the host Bengals and visiting Browns. Burrow posted 406 passing yards — the sixth-most ever by a rookie — to go with his three passing TDs and one rushing TD. Burrow's day was highlighted by a 10-play, 80-yard drive that ended with a fourth-down, go-ahead TD pass to HB Giovanni Bernard with 1:06 to play. But the Browns' offense was equally as impressive. After starting the game with zero completions in his first five attempts with an INT, Mayfield did not throw another incompletion the rest of the contest (save for a spike to stop the clock late). It was the first game in NFL history with five combined go-ahead TD passes in the fourth quarter, and that scoring frenzy was capped by a 24-yard pass from Mayfield to WR Donovan Peoples-Jones with 11 seconds left to give the Browns the win. Cincinnati fell to 1-5-1, while Cleveland improved to 5-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cleveland.....	3	7	7	20	—	37
Cincinnati.....	7	10	3	14	—	34

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — J.Burrow 1 run (R.Bullock kick).....	1-6:47
Cle. — C.Parkey 43 field goal.....	1-1:21
Cin. — R.Bullock 37 field goal.....	2-11:09
Cle. — H.Bryant 3 pass from B.Mayfield (C.Parkey kick).....	2-3:39
Cin. — T.Boyd 11 pass from J.Burrow (R.Bullock kick).....	2-0:15
Cle. — H.Bryant 6 pass from B.Mayfield (C.Parkey kick).....	3-9:32
Cin. — R.Bullock 23 field goal.....	3-2:51
Cle. — D.Njoku 16 pass from B.Mayfield (C.Parkey kick).....	4-13:13
Cin. — T.Higgins 16 pass from J.Burrow (R.Bullock kick).....	4-8:45
Cle. — K.Hunt 8 pass from B.Mayfield (C.Parkey kick).....	4-4:53
Cin. — G.Bernard 3 pass from J.Burrow (R.Bullock kick).....	4-1:06
Cle. — D.Peoples-Jones 24 pass from B.Mayfield (kick failed, WL).....	4-0:11

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 9732. Time: 3:12.

TEAM STATISTICS	CLE.	CIN.
First downs.....	23	31
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-7	6-9
Total net yards.....	398	468
Net yards rushing.....	82	81
Net yards passing.....	316	387
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	29-23-1	48-36-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	4-35
Punts-average.....	1-50.0	0-0.0
Punt returns-yards.....	0-0	1-11
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-43	4-75
Penalties-yards.....	5-40	7-45
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	3-1
Time of possession.....	27:05	32:55

RUSHING

CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
K.Hunt	18	76	15	0	G.Bernard	13	37	8	0
J.Landry	2	4	5	0	J.Burrow	6	34	12	1
D.Johnson	1	3	3	0	T.Higgins	1	7	7	0
B.Mayfield	1	-1	-1	0	S.Perine	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	22	82	15	0	TOTALS	21	81	12	1

PASSING

CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Mayfield	28	22	297	5-1	J.Burrow	47	35	406	3-1
J.Landry	1	1	19	0-0	T.Boyd	1	1	16	0-0
TOTALS	29	23	316	5-1	TOTALS	48	36	422	3-1

RECEIVING

CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
R.Higgins	6	110	30	0	T.Boyd	11	101	16	1
J.Landry	5	48	28	0	A.Green	7	82	22	0
H.Bryant	4	56	35	2	T.Higgins	5	71	27	1
D.Peoples-Jones	3	56	24t	1	G.Bernard	5	59	25	1
K.Hunt	3	26	12	1	D.Sample	5	52	16	0
D.Njoku	2	20	16t	1	M.Thomas	2	54	29	0
					S.Perine	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	23	316	35	5	TOTALS	36	422	29	3

DEFENSE

Cleveland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Harrison 6-3-9, B.Goodson 5-2-7, S.Richardson 3-4-7, A.Sendejo 5-1-6, D.Ward 5-1-6, M.Smith 4-1-5, T.Mitchell 4-0-4, M.Wilson 3-1-4, L.Ogunjobi 2-2-4, K.Johnson 1-3-4, M.Garrett 3-0-3, S.Takitaki 2-1-3, O.Vernon 0-2-2, K.Joseph 1-0-1, S.Redwine 1-0-1, V.Taylor 1-0-1, J.Elliott 0-1-1, P.Gustin 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** M.Garrett 2-27, R.Harrison 1-0, K.Johnson 0-5-4, S.Richardson 0-5-4. **INT.-YDS.:** B.Goodson 1-7. **PD:** D.Ward 3, T.Mitchell 2, B.Goodson 1, R.Harrison 1, K.Joseph 1, M.Wilson 1. **FF:** M.Garrett 1. **FR-YDS.:** R.Harrison 1-0.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Bell 4-4-8, J.Bynes 4-3-7, G.Pratt 4-2-6, M.Alexander 3-1-4, L.Wilson 2-2-4, D.Phillips 3-0-3, K.Kareem 0-3-3, L.Sims 2-0-2, S.Williams 2-0-2, J.Bates 1-1-2, X.Williams 1-0-1, A.Bledsoe 0-1-1, M.Daniels 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** D.Phillips 1-21. **PD:** M.Alexander 1, D.Phillips 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

2021 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 2, GAME 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 3, GAME 3

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

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

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns for periods 1, 2, 3, 4, OT and PTS. Cincinnati scored 7, 7, 10, 0 in the first four periods, totaling 24. Pittsburgh scored 0, 7, 0, 3, totaling 10.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns for QTR.-LEFT and play descriptions. Includes plays like T.Boyd 17 pass from J.Burrow and P.Freiermuth 4 pass from B.Roethlisberger.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing CIN. and PITT. stats for First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, Net yards passing, Pass attempts, Sacks, Punts, Kickoff returns, Penalties, Fumbles, and Time of possession.

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns for CIN. and PITT. stats including ATT, YDS, LG, TD for players like J.Mixon and J.Burrow.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns for CIN. and PITT. stats including ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for players like J.Burrow.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns for CIN. and PITT. stats including NO, YDS, LG, TD for players like J.Chase and T.Boyd.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 6-8-14, J.Bates 6-3-9, E.Apple 4-4-8, A.Davis-Gaither 5-2-7, S.Hubbard 3-3-6, G.Pratt 2-4-6, M.Hilton 3-2-5, D.Phillips 3-2-5, V.Bell 3-1-4, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, B.Hill 2-0-2, C.Sample 2-0-2, T.Hendrickson 1-1-2, D.Reader 1-1-2, C.Awuzie 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1, J.Evans 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Hubbard 1-8, B.Hill 1-5, C.Sample 1-5, T.Hendrickson 1-3. INT.-YDS.: L.Wilson 2-13. PD: L.Wilson 2, E.Apple 1, V.Bell 1. FF: V.Bell 1. FR-YDS.: None.

Pittsburgh (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: J.Schobert 4-1-5, T.Edmunds 2-3-5, C.Heyward 1-4-5, M.Fitzpatrick 3-1-4, C.Wormley 2-2-4, T.Norwood 3-0-3, M.Ingram 2-1-3, I.Buggs 1-2-3, A.Maulet 2-0-2, C.Sutton 2-0-2, J.Haden 1-1-2, D.Tuszka 1-1-2, D.Bush 0-2-2, I.Loudermilk 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: T.Edmunds 1-15. PD: T.Edmunds 1, J.Pierre 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

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

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

SCORE BY PERIODS table for Jacksonville vs Cincinnati. Jacksonville scored 7, 7, 0, 7 in the first four periods, totaling 21. Cincinnati scored 0, 0, 14, 10, totaling 24.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table for Jacksonville vs Cincinnati. Includes plays like J.Robinson 6 run and T.Lawrence 7 run.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table for Jacksonville vs Cincinnati. Includes stats for First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, Net yards passing, Pass attempts, Sacks, Punts, Kickoff returns, Penalties, Fumbles, and Time of possession.

RUSHING

RUSHING table for Jacksonville vs Cincinnati. Includes stats for JAX. and CIN. players like J.Robinson and J.Mixon.

PASSING

PASSING table for Jacksonville vs Cincinnati. Includes stats for JAX. and CIN. players like T.Lawrence and J.Burrow.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table for Jacksonville vs Cincinnati. Includes stats for JAX. and CIN. players like L.Shenault and T.Boyd.

DEFENSE

Jacksonville (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: T.Campbell 4-5-9, R.Jenkins 3-4-7, M.Jack 2-5-7, A.Wingard 4-2-6, D.Wilson 3-3-6, T.Herndon 5-0-5, S.Griffin 4-0-4, M.Brown 1-3-4, A.Gotsis 2-1-3, D.Hamilton 2-1-3, J.Allen 1-1-2, K.Chaisson 1-0-1, R.Ford 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: A.Gotsis 1-6. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.Allen 1, S.Griffin 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: L.Wilson 4-6-10, G.Pratt 5-4-9, S.Hubbard 4-2-6, D.Reader 1-5-6, V.Bell 3-2-5, T.Waynes 4-0-4, E.Apple 3-0-3, M.Hilton 2-1-3, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, A.Davis-Gaither 2-0-2, B.Wilson 1-1-2, B.Hill 0-2-2, W.Ray 0-2-2, T.Hendrickson 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Wilson 1-2. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: E.Apple 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 5, GAME 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING G.B. CIN. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD. A.Jones 14, 103, 57, 0. S.Perine 11, 59, 11, 0.

PASSING G.B. CIN. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. Aa.Rodgers 39, 27, 344, 2-1. J.Burrow 38, 26, 281, 2-2.

RECEIVING G.B. CIN. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD. D.Adams 11, 206, 59, 1. J.Chase 6, 159, 70t, 1.

DEFENSE Green Bay (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: A.Amos 6-3-9, D.Campbell 5-4-9, D.Savage 5-1-6, K.Barnes 3-3-6, K.Clark 3-3-6, K.King 4-1-5, R.Gary 1-4-5, E.Stokes 3-1-4, P.Smith 1-3-4, C.Sullivan 2-0-2, O.Burks 1-1-2, K.Keke 0-2-2, T.Lancaster 0-2-2, D.Lowry 0-2-2, T.Slaton 0-2-2, I.Yiadom 1-0-1, H.Black 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: K.Barnes 1-8, P.Smith 1-7, D.Lowry 0.5-1, T.Slaton 0.5-1. INT.-YDS.: D.Campbell 1-13, A.Amos 1-0. PD: D.Lowry 2, A.Amos 1, D.Campbell 1, E.Stokes 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None. Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: J.Bates 8-1-9, V.Bell 8-1-9, C.Awuzie 5-1-6, L.Wilson 3-3-6, G.Pratt 4-1-5, D.Reader 2-3-5, M.Hilton 3-1-4, T.Hendrickson 2-2-4, B.Hill 1-3-4, J.Tupou 0-3-3, A.Davis-Gaither 1-1-2, E.Apple 1-0-1, T.Waynes 1-0-1, S.Hubbard 0-1-1, W.Ray 0-1-1, C.Sample 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 2-11. INT.-YDS.: C.Awuzie 1-42. PD: C.Awuzie 2, M.Hilton 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 6, GAME 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING CIN. DET. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD. J.Mixon 18, 94, 18, 0. D.Swift 13, 24, 9, 1.

PASSING CIN. DET. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. J.Burrow 29, 19, 271, 3-1. J.Goff 42, 28, 202, 0-1.

RECEIVING CIN. DET. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD. J.Mixon 5, 59, 40t, 1. T.Hockenson 8, 74, 33, 0.

DEFENSE Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: V.Bell 5-2-7, L.Wilson 5-1-6, C.Awuzie 5-0-5, A.Davis-Gaither 5-0-5, J.Bachie 2-2-4, J.Bates 3-0-3, M.Hilton 3-0-3, D.Reader 3-0-3, L.Ogunjobi 2-1-3, W.Ray 1-2-3, T.Hendrickson 2-0-2, J.Davis 0-2-2, R.Allen 1-0-1, E.Apple 1-0-1, M.Bailey 1-0-1, B.Hill 1-0-1, S.Hubbard 1-0-1, J.Tupou 1-0-1, B.Wilson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hendrickson 1-10. INT.-YDS.: L.Wilson 1-0. PD: C.Awuzie 1, J.Bachie 1, V.Bell 1, A.Davis-Gaither 1, L.Wilson 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None. Detroit (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: D.Barnes 6-2-8, J.Reeves-Maybin 6-1-7, A.Anzalone 3-4-7, J.Jacobs 5-1-6, C.Harris 4-1-5, A.Parker 3-2-5, T.Walker 3-1-4, M.Brockers 2-2-4, J.Okwara 3-0-3, T.Flowers 2-1-3, A.Bryant 2-0-2, N.Williams 2-0-2, A.McNeill 1-1-2, A.Oruwariye 1-1-2, J.Penisis 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: A.Bryant 1-12, J.Okwara 1-10. INT.-YDS.: A.Oruwariye 1-18. PD: D.Barnes 1, J.Jacobs 1, L.Onwuzurike 1, A.Oruwariye 1, T.Walker 1. FF: J.Jacobs 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 7, GAME 7

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

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

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

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and BALT. Includes First downs, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, etc.

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

PASSING table with columns CIN. and BALT. Includes J.Burrow, T.Huntley, and TALS.

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

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

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

WEEK 8, GAME 8

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

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

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

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and NYJ. Includes First downs, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, etc.

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

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

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

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

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

THE BENGALS ARE:

2021 REGULAR SEASON

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

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

UNDER ZAC TAYLOR (2019-PRESENT)

7-12-0 at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)
4-16-1 on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)
7-12-0 when scoring first
4-16-1 when opponent scores first
2-9-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
3-15-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
8-9-0 when leading after one quarter
1-3-1 when tied after one quarter
2-16-0 when trailing after one quarter
8-9-0 when leading at halftime
1-1-0 when tied at halftime
2-18-1 when trailing at halftime
9-6-1 when leading after three quarters
2-1-0 when tied after three quarters
0-21-0 when trailing after three quarters
11-8-1 when scoring 20 or more points
6-23-1 when opponent scores 20 or more points

10-28-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
1-0-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
2-12-1 on natural grass
9-16-0 on synthetic surface
5-6-0 when rushing for 125 or more net yards
3-16-1 when opponent rushes for 125 or more net yards
5-22-1 when rushing for less than 125 net yards
8-12-0 when opponent rushes for less than 125 net yards
5-12-1 when passing for 250 or more net yards
5-11-0 when opponent passes for 250 or more net yards
6-16-0 when passing for less than 250 net yards
6-17-1 when opponent passes for less than 250 net yards
6-3-1 with plus turnover differential
4-7-0 with even turnover differential
1-18-0 with minus turnover differential
7-17-1 with fewer penalties than opponent
8-16-1 with fewer penalty yards than opponent

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

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

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

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

LONGEST RUSHES

46 — Samaje Perine, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)
 27 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
 21 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)

RECEPTIONS

9 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
 8 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
 7 — (two times)

RECEIVING YARDS

201 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
 159 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 118 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville

PASSING YARDS

416 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
 348 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
 281 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay

PASS ATTEMPTS

38 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 38 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
 34 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 31 at N.Y. Jets

PASS COMPLETIONS

26 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 25 — Joe Burrow, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville
 23 — Joe Burrow, Oct. 24 at Baltimore

LONGEST PASSES

82 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)
 70 — Joe Burrow to Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay (TD)
 55 — Joe Burrow to C.J. Uzomah, Oct. 24 at Baltimore (TD)

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

201 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 24 at Baltimore
 159 — Ja'Marr Chase, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 153 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 17 at Detroit

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

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

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

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

TOTAL TACKLES*

14 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh
 12 — Logan Wilson, Oct. 31 at N.Y. Jets
 10 — Logan Wilson, Sept. 30 vs. Jacksonville

SOLO TACKLES*

10 — Logan Wilson, Oct. 31 at N.Y. Jets
 8 — Jessie Bates, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay
 8 — Vonn Bell, Oct. 10 vs. Green Bay

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

2021 GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	366	36-149	217	20-27	2/0	5-44	20	3-14	0-0	34:51
Sept. 19	at Chicago	248	20-69	179	19-30	2/3	5-28	14	6-13	1-1	28:39
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh	268	24-96	172	14-18	3/1	0-0	12	3-9	0-0	24:38
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE	420	22-78	342	25-32	2/0	1-6	21	5-9	0-0	31:15
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY	367	24-103	264	26-38	2/2	3-17	18	5-14	0-0	34:06
Oct. 17	at Detroit	398	36-142	256	20-30	4/1	2-22	20	8-15	1-0	35:52
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	520	24-111	409	23-38	3/1	1-7	19	4-13	1-0	28:11
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	318	16-41	277	22-35	3/1	3-28	18	4-10	1-0	23:40
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 14	—BYE—										
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas										
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS										
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO										
Dec. 19	at Denver										
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE										
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY										
Jan. 9	at Cleveland										
TOTALS		2905	202-789	2116	169-248	21/9	20-152	142	38-97	4-1	29:03

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	403	22-67	336	37-50	2/0	3-26	24	6-16	1-1	35:09
Sept. 19	at Chicago	206	34-123	83	15-24	1/1	3-33	16	6-15	1-0	31:21
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh	342	15-45	297	38-58	1/2	4-21	21	9-19	1-0	35:22
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE	341	30-139	202	17-24	0/0	1-2	21	6-12	1-0	28:45
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY	466	22-133	333	27-39	2/1	2-11	21	4-11	0-0	33:59
Oct. 17	at Detroit	228	18-36	192	28-42	0/1	1-10	15	5-14	0-0	24:08
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	393	24-115	278	20-42	1/0	5-18	20	5-16	1-0	31:49
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	511	27-97	414	39-49	3/2	2-8	32	6-11	1-1	36:20
Nov. 7	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 14	—BYE—										
Nov. 21	at Las Vegas										
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 5	L.A. CHARGERS										
Dec. 12	SAN FRANCISCO										
Dec. 19	at Denver										
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE										
Jan. 2	KANSAS CITY										
Jan. 9	at Cleveland										
TOTALS		2890	192-755	2135	221-328	10/7	21-129	170	47-114	6-2	30:57

TRANSACTIONS

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

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

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

2021 PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

- P** — played as a substitute
- DNP** — did not play
- IL** — inactive list
- PS** — practice squad
- NWT** — not with team
- REX** — roster exemption
- RI** — reserve/injured list

- 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
- RSBT** — reserve/suspended by team list
- ROO** — reserve/opt-out
- RC19** — reserve/COVID-19 list

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

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

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 12	MINNESOTA	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Su'a-Filo	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 19	at Chicago	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Su'a-Filo	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 26	at Pittsburgh	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Burrow	Mixon
Sept. 30	JACKSONVILLE	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Thomas	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 10	GREEN BAY	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 17	at Detroit	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	T.Hill	Reiff	Uzomah	D.Sample(2ndTE)	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	Chase	Williams	Spain	Hopkins	Carman	Reiff	Uzomah	Boyd	Higgins	Burrow	Mixon
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Jan. 9	at Cleveland											

DEFENSE

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

DEPTH CHART

NOV. 2, 2021

OFFENSE

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

DEFENSE

LDE	94	Sam Hubbard		<u>96</u>	<u>Cam Sample</u>		93	Wyatt Ray
NT	98	D.J. Reader		68	Josh Tupou		<u>99</u>	<u>Tyler Shelvin</u>
DT	65	Larry Ogunjobi		92	B.J. Hill			
RDE	91	Trey Hendrickson		90	Khalid Kareem		<u>44</u>	<u>Darius Hodge</u>
LB	55	Logan Wilson		59	Akeem Davis-Gaither		49	Joe Bachie
LB	57	Germaine Pratt		51	Markus Bailey			
NCB	21	Mike Hilton		35	Jalen Davis			
CB	20	Eli Apple		33	Tre Flowers		<u>29</u>	<u>Nick McCloud</u>
CB	22	Chidobe Awuzie		23	Darius Phillips			
S	24	Vonn Bell		37	Ricardo Allen			
S	30	Jessie Bates III		40	Brandon Wilson			

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

NOV. 2, 2021

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
8	Allen, Brandon	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	5	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
37	Allen, Ricardo	S	5-9	186	12-18-91	7	Purdue	Daytona Beach, Fla.	FA'21
20	Apple, Eli	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	6	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.	FA'21
22	Awuzie, Chidobe	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	5	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
49	Bachie, Joe	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	2	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
51	Bailey, Markus	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	2	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
30	Bates, Jessie, III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	4	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
24	Bell, Vonn	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	6	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	6	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
9	Burrow, Joe	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	2	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
79	Carman, Jackson	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	R	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
1	Chase, Ja'Marr	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	R	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.	D1'21
35	Davis, Jalen	CB	5-10	185	2-2-96	2	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
59	Davis-Gaither, Akeem	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
25	Evans, Chris	HB	5-11	211	10-5-97	R	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
33	Flowers, Tre	CB	6-3	203	6-2-95	4	Oklahoma State	Converse, Texas	W(Sea.)'21
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	13	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
91	Hendrickson, Trey	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	5	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
85	Higgins, Tee	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	2	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
92	Hill, B.J.	DT	6-3	311	4-20-95	4	North Carolina State	Oakboro, N.C.	T(NYG)'21
63	Hill, Trey	C/G	6-4	319	1-23-00	R	Georgia	Warner Robins, Ga.	D6a'21
21	Hilton, Mike	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	5	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
44	Hodge, Darius	DE	6-1	248	7-3-98	R	Marshall	Wake Forest, N.C.	CFA'21
66	Hopkins, Trey	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	6	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
94	Hubbard, Sam	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	4	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	13	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
16	Irwin, Trenton	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
74	Johnson, Fred	OT/G	6-6	325	6-5-97	3	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
90	Kareem, Khalid	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	2	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20
29	McCloud, Nick	CB	6-1	190	7-9-98	R	Notre Dame	Rock Hill, S.C.	W(Buff.)'21
2	McPherson, Evan	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	R	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	5	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
17	Morgan, Stanley	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
65	Ogunjobi, Larry	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Cle.)'21
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	5	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
23	Phillips, Darius	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
57	Pratt, Germaine	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	3	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
75	Prince, Isaiah	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
93	Ray, Wyatt	DE	6-3	255	10-24-96	2	Boston College	Boca Raton, Fla.	W(Tenn.)'21
98	Reader, D.J.	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	6	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
71	Reiff, Riley	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.	FA'21
96	Sample, Cam	DE	6-3	267	9-20-99	R	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
89	Sample, Drew	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	3	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
99	Shelvin, Tyler	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	R	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21
67	Spain, Quinton	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.	FA'20
19	Tate, Auden	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
80	Thomas, Mike D.	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	6	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
68	Tupou, Josh	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
87	Uzomah, C.J.	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	7	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
84	Wilcox, Mitchell	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	1	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
73	Williams, Jonah	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	3	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
40	Wilson, Brandon	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
55	Wilson, Logan	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	2	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20

PRACTICE SQUAD (date signed to PS)

6	Browning, Jake (9-7-21)	QB	6-2	209	4-11-96	1	Washington	Folsom, Calif.	FA'21
76	Daniels, Mike (9-6-21)	DT	6-0	310	5-5-89	10	Iowa	Stratford, N.J.	FA'20
61	Gaillard, Lamont (9-21-21)	C	6-3	305	2-8-96	3	Georgia	Fayetteville, N.C.	FA'21
41	Henderson, Trayvon (9-1-21)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
27	Hill, Holton (10-12-21)	CB	6-2	196	3-28-97	4	Texas	Houston, Texas	FA'21
36	Holyfield, Elijah (10-12-21)	HB	5-10	215	11-30-97	2	Georgia	College Park, Ga.	FA'21
47	Jones, Keanre (9-1-21)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	1	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
81	Moss, Thaddeus (10-26-21)	TE	6-3	249	5-14-98	2	Louisiana State	Charlotte, N.C.	W(Wash.)'21
86	Schreck, Mason (9-1-21)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
52	Spence, Noah (9-1-21)	DE	6-2	251	1-8-94	5	Eastern Kentucky	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'21
64	Sutherland, Keaton (9-2-21)	G	6-5	315	2-12-97	3	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	FA'20
11	Taylor, Trent (9-1-21)	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA'21
31	Thomas, Michael J. (10-5-21)	S	5-11	195	3-17-90	8	Stanford	Houston, Texas	FA'21
12	Williams, Pooka, Jr. (9-1-21)	WR	5-9	175	6-19-99	R	Kansas	New Orleans, La.	CFA'21
32	Williams, Trayveon (9-1-21)	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
95	Wren, Renell (9-1-21)	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	3	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19

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

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

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned to RI; injury)

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

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NOTE: An equals sign (=) indicates a player on a reserve list who is eligible to practice and eligible to return to the active roster in 2021.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NOV. 2, 2021

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
1	Ja'Marr Chase	WR	6-0	201	3-1-00	R	Louisiana State	Metairie, La.	D1'21
2	Evan McPherson	K	5-11	185	7-21-99	R	Florida	Fort Payne, Ala.	D5'21
8	Brandon Allen	QB	6-2	209	9-5-92	5	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	FA'20
9	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	221	12-10-96	2	Louisiana State	Athens, Ohio	D1'20
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	13	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
16	Trenton Irwin	WR	6-2	207	12-10-95	1	Stanford	Valencia, Calif.	FA'19
17	Stanley Morgan	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
19	Auden Tate	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	4	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
20	Eli Apple	CB	6-1	203	8-9-95	6	Ohio State	Voorhees, N.J.	FA'21
21	Mike Hilton	CB	5-9	184	3-9-94	5	Mississippi	Fayetteville, Ga.	UFA(Pitt.)'21
22	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	6-0	202	5-24-95	5	Colorado	San Jose, Calif.	UFA(Dall.)'21
23	Darius Phillips	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	4	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	205	12-12-94	6	Ohio State	Rossville, Ga.	UFA(N.O.)'20
25	Chris Evans	HB	5-11	211	10-5-97	R	Michigan	Indianapolis, Ind.	D6b'21
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	5	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
29	Nick McCloud	CB	6-1	190	7-9-98	R	Notre Dame	Rock Hill, S.C.	W(Buff.)'21
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	4	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
33	Tre Flowers	CB	6-3	203	6-2-95	4	Oklahoma State	Converse, Texas	W(Sea.)'21
34	Samaje Perine	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	5	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Mia.)'20
35	Jalen Davis	CB	5-10	185	2-2-96	2	Utah State	La Mesa, Calif.	FA'20
37	Ricardo Allen	S	5-9	186	12-18-91	7	Purdue	Daytona Beach, Fla.	FA'21
40	Brandon Wilson	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	5	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
44	Darius Hodge	DE	6-1	248	7-3-98	R	Marshall	Wake Forest, N.C.	CFA'21
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	13	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
49	Joe Bachie	LB	6-2	235	2-26-98	2	Michigan State	Brook Park, Ohio	W(Phil.)'21
51	Markus Bailey	LB	6-0	235	3-7-97	2	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	D7'20
55	Logan Wilson	LB	6-2	241	7-8-96	2	Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming	D3'20
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	3	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
59	Akeem Davis-Gaither	LB	6-2	224	9-21-97	2	Appalachian State	Thomasville, N.C.	D4'20
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65	Larry Ogunjobi	DT	6-3	305	6-3-94	5	North Carolina-Charlotte	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Cle.)'21
66	Trey Hopkins	C	6-3	316	7-6-92	6	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
67	Quinton Spain	G	6-4	330	8-7-91	7	West Virginia	Petersburg, Va.	FA'20
68	Josh Tupou	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	4	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
71	Riley Reiff	OT	6-6	305	12-1-88	10	Iowa	Parkston, S.D.	FA'21
73	Jonah Williams	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	3	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19
74	Fred Johnson	OT/G	6-6	325	6-5-97	3	Florida	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W(Pitt.)'19
75	Isaiah Prince	OT	6-7	305	7-29-97	2	Ohio State	Greenbelt, Md.	W(Mia.)'19
79	Jackson Carman	G	6-5	322	1-22-00	R	Clemson	Fairfield, Ohio	D2'21
80	Mike D. Thomas	WR	6-1	189	8-16-94	6	Southern Mississippi	Chicago, Ill.	UFA(LARams)'20
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	6	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
84	Mitchell Wilcox	TE	6-4	247	11-7-96	1	South Florida	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	CFA'20
85	Tee Higgins	WR	6-4	216	1-18-99	2	Clemson	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	D2'20
87	C.J. Uzomah	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	7	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
89	Drew Sample	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	3	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
90	Khalid Kareem	DE	6-4	268	4-28-98	2	Notre Dame	Detroit, Mich.	D5'20
91	Trey Hendrickson	DE	6-4	270	12-5-94	5	Florida Atlantic	Apopka, Fla.	UFA(N.O.)'21
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94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	4	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
96	Cam Sample	DE	6-3	267	9-20-99	R	Tulane	Snellville, Ga.	D4a'21
98	D.J. Reader	DT	6-3	347	7-1-94	6	Clemson	Greensboro, N.C.	UFA(Hou.)'20
99	Tyler Shelvin	DT	6-2	350	7-22-98	R	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	D4b'21

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11	Trent Taylor (9-1-21)	WR	5-8	181	4-30-94	5	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA'21
12	Pooka Williams Jr. (9-1-21)	WR	5-9	175	6-19-99	R	Kansas	New Orleans, La.	CFA'21
27	Holton Hill (10-12-21)	CB	6-2	196	3-28-97	4	Texas	Houston, Texas	FA'21
31	Michael J. Thomas (10-5-21)	S	5-11	195	3-17-90	8	Stanford	Houston, Texas	FA'21
32	Trayveon Williams (9-1-21)	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
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41	Trayvon Henderson (9-1-21)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
47	Keandre Jones (9-1-21)	LB	6-3	220	9-24-97	1	Maryland	Olney, Md.	FA'20
52	Noah Spence (9-1-21)	DE	6-2	251	1-8-94	5	Eastern Kentucky	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'21
61	Lamont Gaillard (9-21-21)	C	6-3	305	2-8-96	3	Georgia	Fayetteville, N.C.	FA'21
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81	Thaddeus Moss (10-26-21)	TE	6-3	249	5-14-98	2	Louisiana State	Charlotte, N.C.	W(Wash.)'21
86	Mason Schreck (9-1-21)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	4	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
95	Renell Wren (9-1-21)	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	3	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19

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

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

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50	Jordan Evans (10-11-21; knee)	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	5	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
58	Joseph Ossai (8-31-21; knee)	DE	6-4	256	4-12-00	R	Texas	Ketu Ijanikin, Lagos (Nigeria)	D3'21
70	D'Ante Smith (10-16-12; knee)	G	6-5	305	6-9-98	R	East Carolina	Augusta, Ga.	D4c'21
72	Xavier Su'a-Filo (10-9-21; knee)	G	6-4	310	1-1-91	8	UCLA	American Fork, Utah	UFA(Dall.)'20

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

NOTE: An equals sign (=) indicates a player on a reserve list who is eligible to practice and eligible to return to the active roster in 2021.

2021 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

RECORD: 5-3

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-12-21	W	27-24 (OT)	MINNESOTA	56,525
9-19-21	L	17-20	at Chicago	60,840
9-26-21	W	24-10	at Pittsburgh	58,076
9-30-21	W	24-21	JACKSONVILLE	63,198
10-10-21	L	22-25 (OT)	GREEN BAY	64,195
10-17-21	W	34-11	at Detroit	50,831
10-24-21	W	41-17	at Baltimore	70,659
10-31-21	L	31-34	at N.Y. Jets	67,503
11-7-21			CLEVELAND	
11-14-21			—BYE—	
11-21-21			at Las Vegas	
11-28-21			PITTSBURGH	
12-5-21			L.A. CHARGERS	
12-12-21			SAN FRANCISCO	
12-19-21			at Denver	
12-26-21			BALTIMORE	
1-2-22			KANSAS CITY	
1-9-22			at Cleveland	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	142	170
Rushing	37	46
Passing	95	110
Penalty	10	14
3rd Down: Made-Att	38-97	47-114
3rd Down Pct.	39.2	41.2
4th Down: Made-Att	7-11	5-13
4th Down Pct.	63.6	38.5
POSSESSION AVG.	29:03	30:57
TOTAL NET YARDS	2905	2890
Avg. Per Game	363.1	361.3
Total Plays	470	541
Avg. Per Play	6.2	5.3
NET YARDS RUSHING	789	755
Avg. Per Game	98.6	94.4
Total Rushes	202	192
NET YARDS PASSING	2116	2135
Avg. Per Game	264.5	266.9
Sacked-Yards Lost	20-152	21-129
Gross Yards	2268	2264
Att.-Completions	248-169	328-221
Completion Pct.	68.1	67.4
Had Intercepted	9	7
PUNTS-AVG.	33-46.9	35-46.4
Net Punting Avg.	33-41.1	35-40.9
PENALTIES-YARDS	35-307	56-448
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	4-1	6-2
TOUCHDOWNS	27	18
Rushing	6	7
Passing	21	10
Returns	0	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	24	58	65	70	3	220
OPPONENTS	21	54	20	64	3	162

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-R	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Evan McPherson	0	0	0	0	26-26	10-13	0	56
Ja'Marr Chase	7	0	7	0	—	—	0	42
Joe Mixon	7	5	2	0	—	—	0	42
C.J. Uzomah	5	0	5	0	—	—	0	30
Tee Higgins	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	14
Tyler Boyd	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Samaje Perine	2	1	1	0	—	—	0	12
Chris Evans	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Auden Tate	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	27	6	21	0	26-26	10-13	0	220
OPPONENTS	18	7	10	1	14-15	12-17	0	162

Two-point conversions: Tee Higgins 1. BENGALS 1-1 (0-0 R, 1-1 P), OPPONENTS 2-3 (0-0 R, 2-3 P).

Sacks-yards: Trey Hendrickson 7.5-54.5, Sam Hubbard 4-18, Larry Ogunjobi 3.5-19.5, B.J. Hill 3-22, D.J. Reader 1-8, Cam Sample 1-5, Logan Wilson 1-2. BENGALS 21-129, OPPONENTS 20-152.

Fumbles-lost: Tee Higgins 1-1, Joe Burrow 1-0, Ja'Marr Chase 1-0, Joe Mixon 1-0. BENGALS 4-1, OPPONENTS 6-2.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Joe Burrow	246	167	2215	67.9	9.0	20	8.1	9	3.7	82t	20-152	108.0
Brandon Allen	1	1	7	100.0	7.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	7t	0-0	135.4
Tyler Boyd	1	1	46	100.0	46.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	46	0-0	118.8
BENGALS	248	169	2268	68.1	9.15	21	8.5	9	3.6	82t	20-152	110.1
OPPONENTS	328	221	2264	67.4	6.90	10	3.0	7	2.1	59	21-129	88.3

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	137	572	4.2	27	5
Samaje Perine	31	139	4.5	46t	1
Joe Burrow	19	43	2.3	9	0
Chris Evans	4	18	4.5	6	0
Trayveon Williams	6	13	2.2	6	0
Ja'Marr Chase	2	7	3.5	9	0
Brandon Allen	3	-3	-1.0	-1	0
BENGALS	202	789	3.9	46t	6
OPPONENTS	192	755	3.9	57	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Ja'Marr Chase	38	786	20.7	82t	7
Tyler Boyd	37	398	10.8	33	2
Tee Higgins	29	353	12.2	54	2
C.J. Uzomah	21	289	13.8	55t	5
Joe Mixon	17	148	8.7	46	2
Samaje Perine	10	93	9.3	23	1
Chris Evans	8	104	13.0	24t	1
Auden Tate	3	39	13.0	18	1
Mike Thomas	3	24	8.0	19	0
Drew Sample	2	9	4.5	6	0
Trenton Irwin	1	25	25.0	25	0
BENGALS	169	2268	13.4	82t	21
OPPONENTS	221	2264	10.2	59	10

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Logan Wilson	4	31	7.8	18	0
Jessie Bates III	1	65	65.0	65	0
Chidobe Awuzie	1	42	42.0	42	0
Germaine Pratt	1	4	4.0	4	0
BENGALS	7	142	20.3	65	0
OPPONENTS	9	109	12.1	53t	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK
Kevin Huber	33	1548	46.9	41.1	4	14	61	0
BENGALS	33	1548	46.9	41.1	4	14	61	0
OPPONENTS	35	1625	46.4	40.9	3	11	64	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Darius Phillips	15	8	108	7.2	16	0
Trenton Irwin	2	2	26	13.0	15	0
BENGALS	17	10	134	7.9	16	0
OPPONENTS	10	10	113	11.3	21	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Wilson	11	256	23.3	44	0
Darius Phillips	2	43	21.5	24	0
Germaine Pratt	1	2	2.0	2	0
BENGALS	14	301	21.5	44	0
OPPONENTS	13	289	22.2	35	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Evan McPherson	0-0	1-1	4-4	2-4	3-4
BENGALS	0-0	1-1	4-4	2-4	3-4
OPPONENTS	0-0	6-6	1-2	4-6	1-3

Evan McPherson: (53G, 33G), (53G), (43G), (43WL, 35G), (57RU, 49WL), (38G, 40G), (52G, 30G), (21G).

Opponents: (53G), (28G, 22G), (42WL, 26G), (—), (44G, 44G, 22G, 36WL, 51WL, 40WL, 49G), (35G), (45G), (54WL, 24G, 24G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Logan Wilson	38	32	70	1-2	4-31	4	0	0-0
Vonn Bell	38	14	52	0-0	0-0	3	2	1-0
Jessie Bates	37	13	50	0-0	1-65	1	0	0-0
Germaine Pratt	26	12	38	0-0	1-4	1	1	1-0
Sam Hubbard	21	15	36	4-18	0-0	3	0	0-0
Chidobe Awuzie	28	4	32	0-0	1-42	8	0	0-0
Larry Ogunjobi	19	11	30	3.5-19.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Mike Hilton	21	8	29	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Eli Apple	21	6	27	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
D.J. Reader	12	15	27	1-8	0-0	0	0	0-0
Akeem Davis-Gaither	19	7	26	0-0	0-0	3	1	0-0
Trey Hendrickson	11	8	19	7.5-54.5	0-0	1	0	0-0
B.J. Hill	11	7	18	3-22	0-0	0	0	0-0
Cam Sample	6	2	8	1-5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Ricardo Allen	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Wyatt Ray	2	6	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Joe Bachie	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Josh Tupou	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Darius Phillips	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Trae Waynes	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jordan Evans	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jalen Davis	0	4	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Markus Bailey	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Brandon Wilson	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tre Flowers	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

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

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