



# VIKINGS

Week 1 | Sunday, September 12, 2021 | Paul Brown Stadium | Noon CT | FOX

## 2021 RECORD

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| <b>REGULAR SEASON</b> ..... | <b>0-0</b> |
| <b>NFC NORTH</b> .....      | <b>0-0</b> |
| <b>HOME</b> .....           | <b>0-0</b> |
| <b>AWAY</b> .....           | <b>0-0</b> |

## 2021 SCHEDULE

| Week | Date         | Opponent         | Time (CT) | TV       |
|------|--------------|------------------|-----------|----------|
| 1)   | 9/12 (Sun.)  | at Cincinnati    | Noon      | FOX      |
| 2)   | 9/19 (Sun.)  | at Arizona       | 3:05 p.m. | FOX      |
| 3)   | 9/26 (Sun.)  | SEATTLE          | 3:25 p.m. | FOX      |
| 4)   | 10/3 (Sun.)  | CLEVELAND        | Noon      | CBS      |
| 5)   | 10/10 (Sun.) | DETROIT          | Noon      | FOX      |
| 6)   | 10/17 (Sun.) | at Carolina      | Noon      | FOX      |
| 7)   | 10/24 (Sun.) | BYE WEEK         |           |          |
| 8)   | 10/31 (Sun.) | DALLAS           | 7:20 p.m. | NBC      |
| 9)   | 11/7 (Sun.)  | at Baltimore     | Noon      | FOX      |
| 10)  | 11/14 (Sun.) | at LA Chargers   | 3:05 p.m. | FOX      |
| 11)  | 11/21 (Sun.) | GREEN BAY        | Noon      | FOX      |
| 12)  | 11/28 (Sun.) | at San Francisco | 3:25 p.m. | FOX      |
| 13)  | 12/5 (Sun.)  | at Detroit       | Noon      | CBS      |
| 14)  | 12/9 (Thur.) | PITTSBURGH       | 7:20 p.m. | FOX/NFLN |
| 15)  | 12/20 (Mon.) | at Chicago       | 7:15 p.m. | ESPN     |
| 16)  | 12/26 (Sun.) | LA Rams          | Noon      | FOX      |
| 17)  | 1/2 (Sun.)   | at Green Bay     | 7:20 p.m. | NBC      |
| 18)  | 1/9 (Sun.)   | CHICAGO          | Noon      | FOX      |

## BROADCAST COVERAGE

### ▷ NATIONAL TELEVISION: FOX

**Play-by-Play:** Chris Myers

**Sideline:** Jen Hale

**Analyst:** Daryl Johnston

### ▷ LOCAL RADIO: KFAN-FM 100.3-FM / KTLK 1130-AM

**Play-by-Play:** Paul Allen

**Sideline:** Greg Coleman & Ben Leber

**Analyst:** Pete Bercich

**Pre-Game Show:** Mike Mussman - 10:00 a.m. CT  
KFAN and KTLK serve as the flagship stations for the 72-station, 5-state Vikings Radio Network.

## GAME SUMMARY

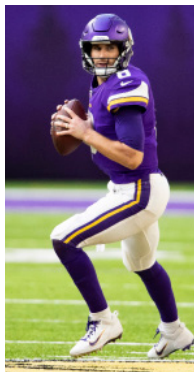
The Minnesota Vikings (7-9 in 2020) open the 2021 regular season against the Cincinnati Bengals (4-11-1) with kickoff set for noon at Paul Brown Stadium. Minnesota will play the season opener on the road for the first time since 2016. The contest also marks the first time in franchise history the Vikings have played Cincinnati to open the schedule.

Minnesota last played at Cincinnati in 2013 when Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer served as defensive coordinator for the Bengals. Overall, Minnesota is 5-2 in season-opening games during the Mike Zimmer era (2014-present) and is 4-1 in the past five season openers. The Vikings are also 2-1 under Zimmer in Week 1 road games.

The Vikings offense features a similar look at the skill positions in 2021, with QB Kirk Cousins, RB Dalvin Cook, WR Justin Jefferson and WR Adam Thielen all returning. Klint Kubiak will take over the play calling responsibility for the first time, serving as the team's offensive coordinator.

The defense welcomes six new starters - DT Michael Pierce, DT Dalvin Tomlinson, LB Nick Vigil, CB Patrick Peterson, CB Bashaud Breeland and S Xavier Woods - and returns three Pro Bowlers from injuries - DE Danielle Hunter, LB Eric Kendricks and LB Anthony Barr. The new-look Vikings secondary, featuring Peterson, Breeland, S Harrison Smith and Woods, have a combined 419 games started. Smith is the only returning Viking in that secondary and recently inked a long-term contract extension with the club.

## STAT OF THE WEEK



Since 2015, Kirk Cousins in the only quarterback in the NFL to record at least 3,500 passing yards and 25 or more touchdowns in six consecutive seasons. QB Tom Brady and QB Aaron Rodgers are the next on that list, throwing for 3,500+ passing yards and 25 or more touchdowns in five of six seasons.

## NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- During the 2020 season in the red zone, Minnesota's third down defense allowed a conversion rate of 35.3%, the second-best mark in the NFL (Miami - 35.0%).
- S **Harrison Smith** has collected 28 career interceptions, including five in 2020 (tied for most in the NFC), the seventh-most in team history and tied for the third-most in the NFL since he entered the NFL in 2012. No safety has more interceptions, and only Richard Sherman (32) and Marcus Peters (31) have more interceptions than Smith in that same span.
- Vikings WR **Adam Thielen** (397 career receptions) passed WR Sammy White for eighth all-time in team history and trails Ring of Honor member Ahmad Rashad (400 career receptions) by three receptions following a 2020 season that saw him tally 74 receptions for 925 yards and 14 touchdowns. Thielen ranks eighth on the Vikings all-time receiving yards list (5,240), and his 39 career receiving touchdowns stand at sixth in Vikings history.
- WR **Justin Jefferson** finished the 2020 season with 1400 receiving yards, ranking second in the NFC, only trailing Arizona's DeAndre Hopkins by seven yards. Jefferson's receiving yards put him as the new NFL record holder for most receiving yards in a rookie season, breaking Anquan Boldin's 16-season record of 1,377 receiving yards.
- RB **Dalvin Cook's** 1,918 yards from scrimmage ranked second in the NFL only trailing Titans RB Derrick Henry. His yards from scrimmage are the most by a Viking since Adrian Peterson won the MVP in 2012 with 2,314 yards from scrimmage.

BY THE  
NUMBERS

73

The 2020 Vikings defense allowed only 73 third down conversions, tied for fourth-best mark in the NFL.

13

WR Adam Thielen's 13 receiving touchdowns in the red zone in 2020 ranked second in the league and only trailed Randy Moss' 14 in 2007 for the most in a single season by a Viking since at least 1991 when red zone stats began to be tracked.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

## PLAYERS

Ameer Abdullah

Dan Chisena

Andrew DePaola

Dakota Dozier

Danielle Hunter

Bisi Johnson

Kene Nwangwu

Whop Philyor

Janarius Robinson

Dru Samia

Ihmir Smith-Marsette

Chazz Surratt

Olisaemeka Udoh

Dede Westbrook

Xavier Woods

## PRONUNCIATION

uh-meer ab-dool-uh

cha-SEN-a

dee-PAUL-uh

DOUGH-jher

duh-KNEEL

BEE-see

kuh-NAY Wong-woo

PHIL-yer

juh-narr-iss

sah-MEE-uh

ah-MEER smith MARR-sett

suh-RATT

OH-lee-suh-MEE-kah 00-doe

DEE-dee

ECK-zay-vee-er

## COACHING STAFF

Imarjaye Albury

Andrew Janocko

Klint Kubiak

Keenan McCardell

Brian Pariani

im-MAR-jay AL-berry

juh-NO-coe

koo-bee-ack

mih-car-DELL

PEAR-ee-ah-nee

## 2021 NEW FACES

## FREE AGENTS/TRADES/WAIVERS (16)

| Player              | Pos | Acq.                   |
|---------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Mackensie Alexander | CB  | Free Agent             |
| Jordan Berry        | P   | Free Agent             |
| Bashaud Breeland    | CB  | Free Agent             |
| Mason Cole          | C   | Trade (Arizona)        |
| Ben Ellefson        | TE  | Waivers (Jacksonville) |
| Everson Griffen     | DE  | Free Agent             |
| Chris Herndon       | TE  | Trade (Jets)           |
| Greg Joseph         | K   | Free Agent             |
| Patrick Peterson    | CB  | Free Agent             |
| Michael Pierce      | DT  | 2020 Covid Opt-out     |
| Sheldon Richardson  | DT  | Free Agent             |
| Dalvin Tomlinson    | DT  | Free Agent             |
| Nick Vigil          | LB  | Free Agent             |
| Stephen Weatherly   | DE  | Free Agent             |
| Dede Westbrook      | WR  | Free Agent             |
| Xavier Woods        | S   | Free Agent             |

## DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND (9)

| Round | Player                 | Pos | School         |
|-------|------------------------|-----|----------------|
| 1)    | Christian Darrisaw     | T   | Virginia Tech  |
| 3)    | Kellen Mond            | QB  | Texas A&M      |
| 3)    | Chazz Surratt          | LB  | North Carolina |
| 3)    | Wyatt Davis            | C   | Ohio State     |
| 3)    | Patrick Jones II       | DE  | Pittsburgh     |
| 4)    | Kene Nwangwu (IR)      | RB  | Iowa State     |
| 4)    | Camryn Bynum           | S   | California     |
| 4)    | Janarius Robinson (IR) | DE  | Florida State  |
| 5)    | Ihmir Smith-Marsette   | WR  | Iowa           |

## RETURNERS

Starters Returning: 15 (9 offense, 6 defense)

Starters Lost: 7 (Harris, Johnson, Odenigbo, Reiff, Rudolph, Stephen, Wilson)

## Leading Returners (Total)

## Passing Yards

Kirk Cousins (4,265)

## Rushing Yards

Dalvin Cook (1,557)

## Rushing TDs

Dalvin Cook (16)

## Receiving Yards

Justin Jefferson (1,400)

## Receiving TDs

Adam Thielen (14)

## Tackles

Eric Kendricks (107)

## Sacks

D.J. Wonnum (3.0)

## Interceptions

Harrison Smith (5)

## Punt Return Yards

K.J. Osborn (27)

## Kick Return Yards

Ameer Abdullah (352) - PS

## ROSTER NOTES

## Oldest Viking Players

Everson Griffen (33, born 12/22/87)

## Youngest Viking Players

Ihmir Smith-Marsette (22, born 8/29/99)

## Most Seasons as a Viking

Harrison Smith (10)

## Most NFL Seasons

Everson Griffen (12)

## College with the most Vikings

LSU (3)

## Home state with the most Vikings

Florida (7) and Texas (7)

## Conference with the most Vikings

SEC (11 players on roster)

## Largest Viking

Blake Brandel and Brian O'Neill (Height: 6-7)

Michael Pierce (Weight: 340 lbs)

## Smallest Viking

Dalvin Cook and Mackensie Alexander (Height: 5-10)

Dede Westbrook (Weight: 178 lbs)

## 1st Round Draft Picks (7)

[5] Patrick Peterson (2011)

[9] Anthony Barr (2014)

[13] Sheldon Richardson (2013)

[18] Garrett Bradbury (2019)

[22] Justin Jefferson (2020)

[23] Christian Darrisaw (2021)

[29] Harrison Smith (2012)

## Pro Bowlers (9)

Anthony Barr (4x)

Dalvin Cook (2x)

Kirk Cousins (2x)

C.J. Ham (1x)

Danielle Hunter (2x)

Justin Jefferson (1x)

Eric Kendricks (1x)

Patrick Peterson-ARI (8x)

Sheldon Richardson-NYJ (1x)

Harrison Smith (5x)

Adam Thielen (2x)



HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER

**NFL HEAD COACH:** 8th Year

**OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE:** 28th Year

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 43nd Year

**REGULAR SEASON:** 64-47-1 (.571)

**POSTSEASON:** 2-3-0 (.400)

**RECORD WITH MIN:** 66-50-1 (.564)

COACHING BACKGROUND

| Year. | Team           | Position    | W-L-T  | Results                                   | NFL Ranking Yds/Off Pts allowed |
|-------|----------------|-------------|--------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1979  | Missouri       | Asst. Coach | 7-5    | Hall of Fame Bowl (W)                     |                                 |
| 1980  | Missouri       | Asst. Coach | .8-4   | Liberty Bowl (L)                          |                                 |
| 1981  | Weber State    | Asst. Coach | 7-4    |   |                                 |
| 1982  | Weber State    | Asst. Coach | 4-7    |   |                                 |
| 1983  | Weber State    | Def. Coord. | 6-5    |   |                                 |
| 1984  | Weber State    | Def. Coord. | 5-6    |   |                                 |
| 1985  | Weber State    | Def. Coord. | 6-5    |   |                                 |
| 1986  | Weber State.   | Def. Coord. | 3-8    |   |                                 |
| 1987  | Weber State    | Def. Coord. | 10-3   | FCS Playoffs - 2nd Round                  |                                 |
| 1988  | Weber State    | Def. Coord. | 5-6    |   |                                 |
| 1989  | Washington St. | Def. Coord. | 6-5    |   |                                 |
| 1990  | Washington St. | Def. Coord. | 3-8    |   |                                 |
| 199   | Washington St. | Def. Coord. | 4-7    |   |                                 |
| 1992  | Washington St. | Def. Coord. | 9-3    | Copper Bowl (L)                           |                                 |
| 1993  | Washington St. | Def. Coord. | 5-6    |   |                                 |
| 1994  | Dallas         | DBs         | 12-4   | NFC East Champs, NFC Championship Game    |                                 |
| 1995  | Dallas         | DBs         | 12-4   | NFC East Champs, Super Bowl XXX Champions |                                 |
| 1996  | Dallas         | DBs         | 10-6   | NFC East Champs, Divisional               |                                 |
| 1997  | Dallas         | DBs         | 6-10   |   |                                 |
| 1998  | Dallas         | DBs         | 10-6   | NFC East Champs, Wild Card                |                                 |
| 1999  | Dallas         | DBs         | 8-8    | Wild Card                                 |                                 |
| 2000  | Dallas         | Def. Coord. | 5-11   |   | 19/21                           |
| 2001  | Dallas         | Def. Coord. | 5-11   |   | 4/19                            |
| 2002  | Dallas         | Def. Coord. | 5-11   |   | 18/12                           |
| 2003  | Dallas         | Def. Coord. | 10-6   | NFC East Champs, Wild Card                | 1/4                             |
| 2004  | Dallas         | Def. Coord. | 6-10   |   | 16/27                           |
| 2005  | Dallas         | Def. Coord. | 9-7    |   | 10/11                           |
| 2006  | Dallas         | Def. Coord. | 9-7    | Wild Card                                 | 13/21t                          |
| 2007  | Atlanta        | Def. Coord. | 4-12   |   | 9/25t                           |
| 2008  | Cincinnati     | Def. Coord. | 4-11-1 |   | 12/1                            |
| 2009  | Cincinnati     | Def. Coord. | 10-6   | AFC North Champs, Wild Card               | 4/8t                            |
| 2010  | Cincinnati     | Def. Coord. | 4-12   |   | 15/19                           |
| 2011  | Cincinnati     | Def. Coord. | 9-7    | Wild Card                                 | 7/9                             |
| 2012  | Cincinnati     | Def. Coord. | 10-6   | Wild Card                                 | 6/6                             |
| 2013  | Cincinnati     | Def. Coord. | 11-5   | AFC North Champs, Wild Card               | 3/4                             |
| 2014  | Minnesota      | Head Coach  | 7-9    |   | 14 /13                          |
| 2015  | Minnesota      | Head Coach  | 11-5   | NFC North Champs, Wild Card               | 13/9                            |
| 2016  | Minnesota      | Head Coach  | 8-8    |   | 3/5                             |
| 2017  | Minnesota      | Head Coach  | 13-3   | NFC North Champs, NFC Championship Game   | 1/1                             |
| 2018  | Minnesota      | Head Coach  | 8-7-1  |   | 4/4                             |
| 2019  | Minnesota      | Head Coach  | 10-6   | Divisional                                | 14/8                            |
| 2020  | Minnesota      | Head Coach  | 7-9    |   |                                 |
| 2021  | Minnesota      | Head Coach  |        |   |                                 |

VIKINGS DEFENSIVE / TEAM RANKINGS SINCE 2014

Yards/game.....Pass yards/game.....Rush yards/game.....Sacks .... Points allowed/game ... Scrimmage TDs allowed .. Rush TDs allowed....Pass TDs allowed... 3rd down rate  
332.0 (5th) ..... 221.0 (3rd) .....111.0 (T-17th) ... 283 (9th) ..... 20.7 (6th).....229 (2nd).....76 (3rd).....153 (3rd) ..... 35.8% (1st)

## ZIMMER'S BACKGROUND



ILLINOIS STATE  
PLAYER - QB/LB (1974-76)



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
ASSISTANT COACH (1979-80)



WEBER STATE  
ASSISTANT COACH (1981-82)  
DEF. COORDINATOR (1983-88)



WASHINGTON ST.  
DEF. COORDINATOR (1989-93)



DALLAS  
DEFENSIVE BACKS (1994-99)  
DEF. COORDINATOR (2000-06)



ATLANTA  
DEF. COORDINATOR (2007)



CINCINNATI  
DEF. COORDINATOR (2008-13)



MINNESOTA  
HEAD COACH (2014-PRESENT)



### ANDRE PATTERSON

ASST. HEAD COACH/CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DL

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 39th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 18th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 10th Season



### ADAM ZIMMER

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 16th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 16th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 8th Season



### KLINT KUBIAK

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR (IN BOOTH)

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 12th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 8th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 5th Season



### RYAN FICKEN

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 18th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 15th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 15th Season

## ASSISTANT COACHES

IMARJAYE ALBURY\*

ROY ANDERSON\*

RICK DENNISON

PAUL GUENTHER\*

ANDREW JANOCKO

CHRISTIAN JONES\*

KEENAN McCARDELL

BRIAN PARIANI

AC PATTERSON\*

KENNEDY POLAMALU

PHIL RAUSCHER

KARL SCOTT

SAM SIEFKES\*

BEN STEELE\*

ROBERT STEEPLES

Def. Quality Control/Assistant Defensive Line

Assistant Defensive Backs

Senior Offensive Advisor

Senior Defensive Assistant

Quarterbacks

Off. Quality Control/Asst. Wide Receivers

Wide Receivers

Tight Ends

Off. Quality Control/Assistant Running Backs

Running Backs

Offensive Line

Defensive Backs

Def. Quality Control/Linebackers

Assistant Offensive Line

Assistant Special Teams

\*In coaching booth during games



## HEAD COACH ZAC TAYLOR

**NFL HEAD COACH:** 3rd Year

**OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE:** 8th Year

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 12th Year

**REGULAR SEASON:** 6-25-1 (.203)

**POSTSEASON:** 0-0 (.000)

**RECORD WITH CIN:** 6-25-1 (.203)

### ZAC TAYLOR SUMMARY

#### PLAYING AND COACHING HISTORY

|                  |  |                                    |
|------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>2019 -</b>    | Cincinnati Bengals                         | Head Coach                         |
| <b>2017 - 18</b> | Los Angeles Rams                           | Assistant Coach                    |
| <b>2016</b>      | Univ. of Cincinnati                        | Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks |
| <b>2012 - 15</b> | Miami Dolphins                             | Assistant Coach**                  |
| <b>2008 - 11</b> | Texas A&M                                  | Graduate Assistant/Assistant Coach |
| <b>2007</b>      | Tampa Bay Buccaneers/Winnipeg Blue Bombers | Quarterback                        |
| <b>2005 - 06</b> | Univ. of Nebraska                          | Quarterback                        |
| <b>2004</b>      | Butler County Community College            | Quarterback                        |
| <b>2002 - 03</b> | Wake Forest                                | Quarterback                        |

\*playing history in italics

\*\*interim offensive coordinator for the final five games of the '15 season

Zac Taylor was named the 10th head coach in Cincinnati Bengals history on Feb. 4, 2019. He now enters his third season looking to maintain the momentum of a late-season surge in 2020, and will be at the helm of one of the NFL's top young offenses, featuring QB Joe Burrow, HB Joe Mixon, and WRs Tyler Boyd, Tee Higgins and Ja'Marr Chase.

Taylor's record after two seasons stands at 6-25-1, however both campaigns were severely hampered by injuries to key players, including T Jonah Williams and WR A.J. Green in 2019, and Burrow and Mixon in '20. In 2020, Taylor helped transition 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 his first 10 career games, while his 404 pass attempts were second and his 2,688 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).

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 – 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.

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 Rams' young 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:

- Tannehill's 15,460 passing yards in his first four seasons were the thirdmost among all quarterbacks in NFL history in their first four seasons, behind only Peyton Manning (1998-2001; 16,418) and Hall of Famer Dan Marino (1983-86; 16,177).
- In 2015, the year in which Taylor spent the last five games of the season calling Miami's offensive plays, Tannehill completed 363 of 586 passes for a career-high 4208 yards, 24 touchdowns and a passer rating of 88.7.
- In 2014, Tannehill tossed a career-high 27 TD passes, the sixth-most in Dolphins history and the most since Marino threw 30 in 1994. Tannehill also set career highs in completion percentage (66.4) and passer rating (92.8), and his 392 completions were a franchise record, surpassing Marino's 385 in 1994.
- In 2013, Tannehill threw for 3912 yards. His 7207 passing yards through his first two seasons were the fifth-most by any quarterback over the course of their first two seasons in NFL history.
- In 2012, Taylor's first season as an NFL coach, Tannehill set team rookie records for passing yards (3294), attempts (484) and completions (282), and he became the first rookie QB in Dolphins history to start all of the team's games.

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.



## VIKINGS IN WEEK ONE

## VIKINGS OPENING DAY RECORDS

Rushing Attempts

Player, Year ..... Rushes

1) Chester Taylor, 2006 ..... 31

2) Adrian Peterson, 2009 ..... 25

3t) Dave Osborn, 1968 ..... 22

3t) Chuck Foreman, 1974 ..... 22

3t) Chuck Foreman, 1977 ..... 22

3t) Robert Smith, 1996 ..... 22

3t) Moe Williams, 2003 ..... 22

**3t) Dalvin Cook, 2017 ..... 22****9t) Dalvin Cook, 2019 ..... 21**

9t) Adrian Peterson, 2014 ..... 21

9t) Clint Jones, 1972 ..... 21

Rushing Yards

Player, Year ..... Yards

1) Adrian Peterson, 2009 ..... 180

2) Robert Smith, 1997 ..... 169

3) Terry Allen, 1992 ..... 140

4) Tommy Mason, 1964 ..... 137

**5) Dalvin Cook, 2017 ..... 127**

6) Chuck Foreman, 1978 ..... 122

7) Robert Smith, 1996 ..... 113

**8) Dalvin Cook, 2019 ..... 111**

9) Robert Smith, 2000 ..... 109

10t) Bill Brown, 1964 ..... 103

10t) Adrian Peterson, 2007 ..... 103

10t) Adrian Peterson, 2008 ..... 103

Rushing Touchdowns

Player, Year ..... TDs

1t) Adrian Peterson, 2009 ..... 3

1t) Daunte Culpepper, 2000 ..... 3

**3t) Dalvin Cook, 2019 ..... 2**

3t) Adrian Peterson, 2013 ..... 2

3t) Adrian Peterson, 2012 ..... 2

3t) Bill Brown, 1968 ..... 2

3t) Chuck Foreman, 1976 ..... 2

3t) Brent McClanahan, 1976 ..... 2

3t) Ted Brown, 1983 ..... 2

3t) Rick Fenney, 1989 ..... 2

Longest Rush

Player, Year ..... Long

1t) Adrian Peterson, 2013 ..... 78t

1t) Robert Smith, 1997 ..... 78t

3) Dave Osborn, 1967 ..... 73

4) Cordarrelle Patterson, 2014 ..... 67t

5) Adrian Peterson, 2009 ..... 64t

6) Robert Smith, 2000 ..... 59

7t) Tommy Mason, 1964 ..... 51

7t) Terry Allen, 1992 ..... 51

9) Adrian Peterson, 2011 ..... 46

10) Clinton Jones, 1968 ..... 43

Passing Attempts

Player, Year ..... Attempts

1) Steve Dils, 1981 ..... 62

2) Fran Tarkenton, 1978 ..... 49

3) Rich Gannon, 1992 ..... 44

4) Tommy Kramer, 1980 ..... 42

5t) Tommy Kramer, 1986 ..... 38

5t) Daunte Culpepper, 2001 ..... 38

7) Warren Moon, 1994 ..... 37

8t) Many players ..... 36

Completions

Player, Year ..... Completions

1) Steve Dils, 1981 ..... 37

2) Tommy Kramer, 1980 ..... 30

3) Fran Tarkenton, 1978 ..... 28

4) Sam Bradford, 2017 ..... 27

5) Warren Moon, 1995 ..... 26

6) Teddy Bridgewater, 2015 ..... 23

7t) Tommy Kramer, 1983 ..... 22

7t) Randall Cunningham, 1999 ..... 22

7t) Daunte Culpepper, 2001 ..... 22

7t) Daunte Culpepper, 2005 ..... 22

Passing Yards

Player, Year ..... Yards

1) Tommy Kramer, 1980 ..... 395

2) Steve Dils, 1981 ..... 361

3) Sam Bradford, 2017 ..... 346

4) Tommy Kramer, 1979 ..... 297

5) Fran Tarkenton, 1978 ..... 282

6) Christian Ponder, 2012 ..... 270

7) Rich Gannon, 1992 ..... 266

8) Fran Tarkenton, 1963 ..... 262

**9) Kirk Cousins, 2020 ..... 259**

10) Gary Cuozzo, 1969 ..... 255

Passing Touchdowns

Player, Year ..... TDs

1) Daunte Culpepper, 2004 ..... 5

2t) Fran Tarkenton, 1961 ..... 4

2t) Tommy Kramer, 1979 ..... 4

2t) Brad Johnson, 1998 ..... 4

5t) Joe Kapp, 1968 ..... 3

5t) Tommy Kramer, 1980 ..... 3

5t) Wade Wilson, 1987 ..... 3

5t) Wade Wilson, 1990 ..... 3

5t) Daunte Culpepper, 2003 ..... 3

5t) Sam Bradford, 2017 ..... 3

Receptions

Player, Year ..... Receptions

1t) Ricky Young, 1978 ..... 12

1t) Ted Brown, 1981 ..... 12

3) Ahmad Rashad, 1980 ..... 11

4t) Randy Moss, 2003 ..... 9

4t) Adam Thielen, 2017 ..... 9

6t) Steve Jordan, 1991 ..... 8

6t) Amp Lee, 1995 ..... 8

6t) Cris Carter, 1996 ..... 8

6t) Cris Carter, 1997 ..... 8

6t) Sammy White, 1981 ..... 8

Receiving Yards

Player, Year ..... Yards

1) Ahmad Rashad, 1980 ..... 160

**2) Adam Thielen, 2017 ..... 157**

3t) Gene Washington, 1969 ..... 152

3t) Ahmad Rashad, 1979 ..... 152

5) Randy Moss, 2003 ..... 150

6) Jerome Simpson, 2013 ..... 140

7) Rickey Young, 1978 ..... 134

8) Bob Grim, 1971 ..... 126

9) Anthony Carter, 1989 ..... 123

10) Cris Carter, 1997 ..... 121

Receiving Touchdowns

Player, Year ..... TDs

1) Ahmad Rashad, 1979 ..... 4

2t) Rickey Young, 1978 ..... 2

2t) Herschel Walker, 1990 ..... 2

2t) Hassan Jones, 1992 ..... 2

2t) Cris Carter, 1997 ..... 2

2t) Cris Carter, 1998 ..... 2

2t) Randy Moss, 1998 ..... 2

2t) Randy Moss, 2004 ..... 2

2t) Stefon Diggs, 2017 ..... 2

## VIKINGS IN WEEK ONE

## VIKINGS OPENING DAY RECORDS

Longest Pass Plays

| Players, Year                 | Play |
|-------------------------------|------|
| 1) Wilson-A. Carter, 1987     | 73t  |
| 2) Culpepper-Moss, 2000       | 66   |
| 3) Culpepper-O. Smith, 2004   | 63t  |
| 4) Culpepper-Chamberlain, '02 | 61   |
| 5) Jackson-Peterson, 2008     | 60t  |
| 6) Kramer-Rashad, 1979        | 52t  |
| 7) Cuzzo-Washington, 1969     | 50   |
| 8t) Johnson-Moss, 1998        | 48t  |
| 8t) Cuzzo-Washington, 1969    | 48t  |

Longest Field Goal

| Player, Year           | Yards |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1) Blair Walsh, 2012   | 55    |
| 2) Paul Edinger, 2005  | 53    |
| 3t) Blair Walsh, 2014  | 52    |
| 3t) Blair Walsh, 2013  | 52    |
| 3t) Jan Stenerud, 1984 | 52    |
| 6t) Fuad Reveiz, 1992  | 50    |
| 6t) Blair Walsh, 2016  | 50    |
| 8) Ryan Longwell, 2007 | 49    |
| 9t) Blair Walsh, 2014  | 46    |
| 9t) Aaron Elling, 2003 | 46    |

Most Field Goals

| Player, Year            | FGs |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 1t) Blair Walsh, 2012   | 4   |
| 1t) Blair Walsh, 2016   | 4   |
| 3t) Fred Cox, 1965      | 3   |
| 3t) Fred Cox, 1969      | 3   |
| 3t) Fred Cox, 1971      | 3   |
| 3t) Fuad Reveiz, 1992   | 3   |
| 3t) Gary Anderson, 2000 | 3   |
| 3t) Doug Brien, 2002    | 3   |
| 3t) Kai Forbath, 2017   | 3   |
| 10t) Many players       | 2   |

Most Points

| Player, Year                                 | Points    |
|--|-----------|
| 1) Ahmad Rashad, 1979                        | 24        |
| 2t) Adrian Peterson, 2013                    | 18        |
| 2t) Adrian Peterson, 2009                    | 18        |
| 2t) Bill Brown, 1968                         | 18        |
| 2t) Ted Brown, 1983                          | 18        |
| 2t) Daunte Culpepper, 2000                   | 18        |
| <b>7) Dalvin Cook, 2020</b>                  | <b>16</b> |
| <b>9t) Many players (last D. Cook, 2019)</b> | <b>12</b> |

Longest Punt

| Player, Year                | Punt |
|-----------------------------|------|
| 1) Mike Mercer, 1962        | 77   |
| 2) Randall Cunningham, 1997 | 65   |
| 3) Chris Kluwe, 2005        | 62   |
| 4t) Bobby Walden, 1966      | 60   |
| 4t) Harry Newsome, 1991     | 60   |
| 6t) Mike Mercer, 1961       | 59   |
| 6t) Chris Kluwe, 2012       | 59   |
| 8) Greg Coleman, 1985       | 58   |
| 9) Britton Colquitt, 2019   | 57   |

Most Punt Returns

| Player, Year             | Returns |
|--------------------------|---------|
| 1) Eddie Payton, 1981    | 6       |
| 2t) Charlie West, 1969   | 5       |
| 2t) David Palmer, 1994   | 5       |
| 2t) Nate Jacquet, 2001   | 5       |
| 2t) Keenan Howry, 2005   | 5       |
| 6t) Charlie West, 1968   | 4       |
| 6t) Leonard Willis, 1976 | 4       |
| 6t) Rufus Bess, 1983     | 4       |
| 6t) Leo Lewis, 1988      | 4       |
| 6t) Leo Lewis, 1989      | 4       |

Longest Punt Return

| Player, Year             | Returns |
|--------------------------|---------|
| 1) Darius Reynaud, 2009  | 36      |
| 2) Leonard Willis, 1976  | 29      |
| 3t) Mewelde Moore, 2006  | 27      |
| 3t) Hugh McElhenny, 1961 | 20      |

Most Kickoff Returns

| Player, Year            | Returns |
|-------------------------|---------|
| 1t) Bob Reed, 1962      | 5       |
| 1t) Lance Rentzel, 1965 | 5       |
| 1t) Eddie Payton, 1980  | 5       |
| 1t) Tyrone Carter, 2000 | 5       |
| 1t) Nate Jacquet, 2001  | 5       |

Longest Kickoff Return

| Player, Year                   | Returns |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1) Percy Harvin, 2011          | 103t    |
| 2) Clinton Jones, 1969         | 71      |
| 3) Cordarrelle Patterson, 2016 | 61      |
| 4) David Palmer, 1999          | 51      |
| 5) Charlie West, 1970          | 49      |
| 6t) Clinton Jones, 1972        | 48      |
| 6t) Qadry Ismail, 1994         | 48      |
| 8) Troy Williamson, 2006       | 44      |
| 9t) Percy Harvin, 2009         | 41      |
| 9t) Jimmy Edwards, 1979        | 41      |

Most Interceptions

| Player, Year             | INTs |
|--------------------------|------|
| 1t) Anthony Harris, 2019 | 2    |
| 1t) Corey Chavous, 2003  | 2    |
| 1t) Jeff Brady, 1996     | 2    |
| 1t) Paul Krause, 1972    | 2    |
| 1t) Jeff Siemon, 1972    | 2    |
| 1t) Larry Vargo, 1965    | 2    |

Longest Interception Return

| Player, Year                    | INT Return |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1) Darren Sharper, 2005         | 88t        |
| <b>2) Harrison Smith, 2014</b>  | <b>81t</b> |
| 3t) Brian Williams, 2003        | 77         |
| <b>3t) Eric Kendricks, 2016</b> | <b>77t</b> |
| 5) Kevin Williams, 2007         | 54t        |
| 6) Nate Wright, 1974            | 44         |
| 7) Paul Krause, 1970            | 40         |
| 8) Jimmy Hitchcock, 1998        | 38         |
| 9) Ed Sharockman, 1967          | 37         |

Tackles

| Player, Year              | Tackles |
|---------------------------|---------|
| 1) Ed McDaniel, 1994      | 21      |
| 2t) Jeff Siemon, 1978     | 16      |
| 2t) Husain Abdullah, 2011 | 16      |

Sacks

| Player, Year                     | Sacks      |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| 1) Keith Millard, 1989           | 3.0        |
| 2t) John Randle, 1997            | 2.0        |
| 2t) Brian Robison, 2007          | 2.0        |
| <b>2t) Everson Griffen, 2014</b> | <b>2.0</b> |

VIKINGS-BENGALS CONNECTIONS

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- Mike Zimmer spent 2008-13 with the Bengals working as the defensive coordinator under Marvin Lewis.
- Adam Zimmer worked for the Bengals during the 2013 season as a defensive assistant.
- Paul Guenther worked for the Bengals from 2005-17 serving in multiple roles with the highest ranking title as defensive coordinator from 2014-17.
- CB Mackensie Alexander played with the Bengals in 2020, starting a career-high 10 games and recording one pick.
- LB Nick Vigil spent four seasons with the Bengals, starting 37 games, recording 182 total tackles and two interceptions.
- Bengals T Riley Reiff played for the Vikings the past four seasons, starting in 58 games.
- CB Trae Waynes was selected by the Vikings in the first-round of the 2015 NFL Draft (11th overall). Waynes ended up playing five years with the Vikings before signing with Cincinnati.
- Bengals Practice Squad TE Thaddeus Moss is the son of Vikings Hall of Fame member Randy Moss.

COACHING CONNECTIONS

- Bengals head coach Zac Taylor, Bengals assistant offensive line coach Ben Martin and Vikings offensive coordinator Klint Kubiak shared an office at Texas A&M, working as graduate assistants in 2010 and 2011.
- Bengals assistant special teams coach Colt Anderson was a member of the 2009-10 Vikings practice squad.
- Special teams coordinator Ryan Ficken and Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan's time overlapped at UCLA. Ficken was a GA (2004-06) and Callahan played QB (2002-05) before becoming a GA (2006-07). Vikings offensive line coach Phil Rauscher was an undergrad assistant from 2006-07 before becoming a GA (2008-09).
- Vikings tight ends coach Brian Parini coached Bengals tight ends coach James Casey while with the Texans (2009-12) and Broncos (2015).
- Bengals assistant receivers coach Brad Krugthorpe played quarterback at LSU from 2012-15 and was an assistant coach at LSU in 2018, overlapping with Justin Jefferson.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

- Although they did not attend college at the same time, Bengals LS Clark Harris and Vikings LS Andrew DePaola both attended Rutgers.
- Vikings WR Justin Jefferson, Bengals QB Joe Burrow, WR Ja'Marr Chase and TE Thaddeus Moss were all a part of the 2019 LSU National Championship team.
- Vikings LB Anthony Barr, LB Eric Kendricks and Bengals G Xavier Su'a-Filo all played on the 2013 UCLA football team. Barr and Su'a-Filo were both taken in the 2014 NFL Draft.
- Vikings WR Dede Westbrook and Bengals RB's Joe Mixon and Samaje Perine all played at Oklahoma in 2015. Mixon and Perine both rushed for over 1,000 yards, while Westbrook had over 1,500 yards receiving. Bengals LB Jordan Evans also played with these three and led the Sooners in tackles.
- Vikings CB Mackensie Alexander and Bengals DT D.J. Reader both played at Clemson together.
- Helping lead Florida State to a 10-3 record in 2016, both Vikings RB Dalvin Cook and Bengals WR Auden Tate tallied over 400 receiving yards.
- Vikings G Wyatt Davis and LB Tuf Borland teamed with P Druie Chrisman and T Isaiah Price at Ohio State.
- Vikings T Rashod Hill and Bengals WR Michael Thomas were teammates at Southern Miss.
- Minnesota K Greg Joseph and Cincinnati DE Trey Hendrickson played together at Florida Atlantic.
- QB Kellen Mond, Bengals RB Trayveon Williams and G Keaton Sutherland all played at Texas A&M under Jimbo Fisher.
- Vikings T Brian O'Neill and Bengals WR Tyler Boyd both played at Pitt.
- Vikings DBs coach Karl Scott coached safeties at Louisiana Tech in 2015 when Vikings S Xavier Woods and Bengals WR Trent Taylor were with the Bulldogs.
- Bengals DT Tony Brown and Vikings DL Dalvin Tomlinson overlapped at Alabama.
- Vikings DL Armon Watts and Bengals QB Brandon Allen were both at Arkansas in 2015.
- Vikings CB Kris Boyd and Bengals third-round pick LB Joseph Ossai teamed at Texas.

PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

- DT Dalvin Tomlinson, CB Eli Apple and DT B.J. Hill were teammates for the New York Giants in 2017-18.
- S Xavier Woods and CB Chidobe Awuzie were part of the same draft class with the Dallas Cowboys in 2017. They both played four years together in Dallas. Woods was also teammates with G Xavier Su'a-Filo in Dallas the last two years.
- OL Mason Cole and CB Jalen Davis were teammates in Arizona from 2019-2020.
- K Greg Joseph and DT Sheldon Richardson were both teammates of DT Larry Ogunjobi while with the Browns.
- QB Kirk Cousins and CB Bashuad Breeland were teammates with RB Samaje Perine in Washington during the 2017 season.
- K Greg Joseph and CB Tye Smith were teammates with G Quinton Spain while with the Tennessee Titans.

VIKINGS-BENGALS 2020 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

| OFFENSE              | MIN (RK)   | CIN (RK)   | Diff   |
|----------------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Yards / Game         | 393.3 (4)  | 319.8 (29) | 73.5   |
| Yards / Play         | 6.15 (5)   | 4.92 (30)  | 1.23   |
| Rushing Yards / Game | 142.7 (5)  | 104.3 (24) | 38.4   |
| Rushing Yards / Play | 4.88 (4)   | 4.06 (27)  | 0.82   |
| Passing Yards / Game | 250.6 (14) | 215.5 (27) | 35.1   |
| Passing Yards / Play | 7.8 (3)    | 5.9 (28)   | 1.8    |
| Interception Rate    | 2.5% (22)  | 1.9% (12)  | 0.6%   |
| Sacks / Pass Attempt | 7.6% (23)  | 8.3% (25)  | -0.7%  |
| First Downs / Game   | 23.9 (3)   | 19.9 (28)  | 4      |
| Punt Return Avg      | 4.3 (32)   | 10.1 (10)  | -5.8   |
| Kickoff Return Avg   | 21.9 (17)  | 24.6 (9)   | -2.7   |
| Field Goals Made     | 68.2% (32) | 79.4% (22) | -11.2% |
| 3rd Down Pct         | 40.9% (16) | 36.2% (30) | 4.7%   |
| 4th Down Pct         | 56.5% (17) | 70.4% (4)  | -13.9% |
| Red Zone Pct         | 71.2% (6)  | 50% (29)   | 21.2%  |
| Goal to Go%          | 75.6% (15) | 65.4% (27) | 10.2%  |
| Avg Possession Time  | 29:47 (20) | 30:50 (12) |        |
| Points / Game        | 26.9 (11)  | 19.4 (29)  | 7.5    |

| DEFENSE              | MIN (RK)   | CIN (RK)   | Diff  |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Yards / Game         | 393.3 (27) | 389.2 (26) | 4.1   |
| Yards / Play         | 6.07 (27)  | 6.10 (28)  | -0.03 |
| Rushing Yards / Game | 134.4 (27) | 148.0 (29) | -13.6 |
| Rushing Yards / Play | 4.56 (23)  | 5.11 (31)  | -0.55 |
| Passing Yards / Game | 258.8 (25) | 241.2 (19) | 17.6  |
| Passing Yards / Play | 7.7 (30)   | 7.1 (22)   | 0.5   |
| Interception Rate    | 2.8% (7)   | 2.0% (18)  | 0.7%  |
| Sacks / Pass Attempt | 4.3% (28)  | 3.1% (31)  | 1.1%  |
| First Downs / Game   | 22.9 (24)  | 21.4 (15)  | 1.5   |
| Punt Return Avg      | 9.7 (23)   | 5.9 (6)    | 3.8   |
| Kickoff Return Avg   | 24.8 (24)  | 23.1 (19)  | 1.7   |
| 3rd Down Pct         | 39.5% (10) | 43.3% (20) | -3.9% |
| 4th Down Pct         | 70.8% (30) | 62.5% (24) | 8.3%  |
| Red Zone Pct         | 58.6% (11) | 63.8% (24) | -5.2% |
| Goal to Go%          | 65.9% (3)  | 67.7% (5)  | -1.8% |
| Points / Game        | 29.7 (29)  | 26.5 (22)  | 3.2   |

## VIKINGS - BENGALS GAME INFORMATION

## VIKINGS-BENGALS SERIES

## VIKINGS VS. BENGALS ALL-TIME

Won 7, Lost 6; Home 6-0, Away 1-6

## YEAR

## SITE

## RESULT

## VIKINGS VS. BENGALS SINCE 1973

(complete list of Vikings and Bengals matchups available in the history and records section)

|      |                  |                        |
|------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1973 | ..... Cincinnati | ..... Cincinnati 27-0  |
| 1977 | ..... Minnesota  | ..... Minnesota 42-10  |
| 1980 | ..... Cincinnati | ..... Cincinnati 14-0  |
| 1983 | ..... Minnesota  | ..... Minnesota 20-14  |
| 1986 | ..... Cincinnati | ..... Cincinnati 24-20 |
| 1989 | ..... Minnesota  | ..... Minnesota 29-21  |
| 1992 | ..... Cincinnati | ..... Minnesota 42-7   |
| 1995 | ..... Cincinnati | ..... Cincinnati 27-24 |
| 1998 | ..... Minnesota  | ..... Minnesota 24-3   |
| 2005 | ..... Cincinnati | ..... Cincinnati 37-8  |
| 2009 | ..... Minnesota  | ..... Minnesota 30-10  |
| 2013 | ..... Cincinnati | ..... Cincinnati 42-14 |
| 2017 | ..... Minnesota  | ..... Minnesota 34-7   |

## VIKINGS-BENGALS 2020 LEADERS

## VIKINGS

| Category         | Player      | Total | NFC Rank | NFL Rank |
|------------------|-------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Scoring          | Cook        | 17    | 3        | 3        |
| Passing Yds.     | Cousins     | 4,265 | 4        | 8        |
| Passing TDs      | Cousins     | 35    | 4        | 6        |
| Passer Rating    | Cousins     | 105   | 12       | 29       |
| Completion Pct.  | Cousins     | 67.6  | 5        | 9        |
| Rushing Att.     | Cook        | 312   | 1        | 2        |
| Rushing Yds.     | Cook        | 1,557 | 1        | 2        |
| Rushing TDs      | Cook        | 16    | 1t       | 2        |
| Receptions       | Jefferson   | 88    | 10       | 15t      |
| Receiving Yds.   | Jefferson   | 1,400 | 2        | 4        |
| Receiving TDs    | Thielen     | 14    | 2        | 3        |
| Interceptions    | Smith       | 5     | 1        | 4t       |
| Tackles          | Wilson      | 121   | 7        | 13       |
| Forced Fumbles   | Ngakoué     | 2     | 21       | 32t      |
| Opp. FR          | Wilson/Bell | 2     | 2        | 4t       |
| Sacks            | Ngakoué     | 5.0   | 31t      | 56       |
| FGs Made         | Bailey      | 15    | 14       | 28       |
| FG Pct.          | Bailey      | 68.2  | 1        | 32       |
| Net Punting Avg. | Colquitt    | 45.1  | 11       | 22       |
| Punt Ret. Avg.   | Beebe       | 4.7   | DNQ      |          |
| KO Ret. Avg.     | Abdullah    | 23.5  | DNQ      |          |

## BENGALS

| Category         | Player   | Total | AFC Rank | NFL Rank |
|------------------|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| Scoring          | Bernard  | 6     | 30t      | 62t      |
| Passing Yds.     | Burrow   | 2,688 | 12       | 23       |
| Passing TDs      | Burrow   | 13    | 13       | 26       |
| Passer Rating    | Burrow   | 89.8  | 28       | 53       |
| Completion Pct.  | Burrow   | 65.3  | 9        | 22       |
| Rushing Att.     | Bernard  | 124   | 19       | 38       |
| Rushing Yds.     | Mixon    | 428   | 24       | 52       |
| Rushing TDs      | Bernard  | 3     | 21       | 51       |
| Receptions       | Boyd     | 79    | 10       | 24       |
| Receiving Yds.   | Higgins  | 908   | 11       | 28       |
| Receiving TDs    | Boyd     | 4     | 32t      | 63t      |
| Interceptions    | Bates    | 3     | 10t      | 16t      |
| Tackles          | Bell     | 114   | 10       | 24t      |
| Forced Fum.      | Bell     | 4     | 6t       | 13t      |
| Opp. FR          | Bell     | 2     | 3t       | 4t       |
| Sacks            | Lawson   | 5.5   | 21t      | 48t      |
| FGs Made         | Bullock  | 21    | 11       | 20t      |
| FG Pct.          | Bullock  | 80.8  | 3        | 23       |
| Net Punting Avg. | Huber    | 47.2  | 4        | 7t       |
| Punt Ret. Avg.   | Erickson | 10.1  | 4        | 5        |
| KO Ret. Avg.     | Wilson   | 26.2  | 3        | 6        |

VIKINGS - BENGALS GAME INFORMATION

TOP PERFORMERS VS. BENGALS

EVERSON GRIFFEN

2 games played, 1.5 sacks, two tackles for loss, seven total tackles, two quarterback hits.

KIRK COUSINS

While with Washington, Cousins tallied a career-high 458 passing yards against the Bengals in Week 8 of 2016.

MICHAEL PIERCE

7 games played while with Baltimore, 20 tackles, 10 solo tackles, one tackle for loss, one quarterback hit.

VIKINGS-BENGALS SERIES NOTES

- The Vikings play Cincinnati for the 14th (7-6 series) time in franchise history and for the 1st time in the season opener. The lone Vikings win in Cincinnati was 9/27/92, a 42-7 victory.
- The Vikings have a 1-6 record against the Bengals on the road and are undefeated against Cincinnati at home, 6-0.
- Minnesota last visited Cincinnati in 2013 when Mike Zimmer was the Bengals defensive coordinator.
- The Vikings have played in Cincinnati in two stadiums - Riverfront Stadium (5 times) and Paul Brown Stadium (2 times; 2005 & 2013)
- Chris Doleman had 4.0 sacks for the Vikings against the Bengals in the 1989 game at the Metrodome, marking the most sacks by a Viking against Cincinnati in series history.
- In 2017, the Vikings clinched the NFC North by beating the Bengals 34-7 in Week 15, LB Eric Kendricks highlighted the defense performance by picking off Andy Dalton and returning it to the house.

VIKINGS-BENGALS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

|                                      |                              |                                |                           |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Record vs. Bengals .....             | Vikings lead, 7-6            | Most Points, Vikings.....      | 42 (1992, 1997)           |
| Last regular season game .....       | Vikings 34, Bengals 7 (2017) | Most Points, Bengals.....      | 42 (2013)                 |
| Vikings largest winning margin ..... | 35; 42-7 (1992)              | Most Points, both teams.....   | 56, CIN 42, MIN 14 (2013) |
| Bengals largest winning margin ..... | 29; 37-8 (2005)              | Fewest Points, Vikings.....    | 0 (1973, 1980)            |
| Current series streak .....          | Minnesota Vikings 1          | Fewest Points, Bengals.....    | 3 (1998)                  |
| Vikings longest win streak .....     | 2 (198 and 1997)             | Fewest Points, both teams..... | 14; CIN 14, MIN 0 (1980)  |
| Bengals longest win streak .....     | N/A                          |                                |                           |



LB Eric Kendricks returning his second career interception to the house by picking off Bengals QB Andy Dalton.



DE Chris Doleman during his 4.0 sack performance in the Metrodome during the 1989 season.

## VIKINGS NOTES

## 2020 REGULAR SEASON HONOR ROLL

**DALVIN COOK**

First Team All-Pro (PFWA, SN)

First Team All-NFC (PFWA)

Second Team All-Pro (PFF)

Pro Bowl Participant (2nd)

November - NFC Offensive Player of the Month

Week 3 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week vs. Tennessee

Week 8 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week at Green Bay

Week 8 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week at Green Bay

Week 9 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week vs. Detroit

Week 9 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week vs. Detroit

**KIRK COUSINS**

Week 12 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week vs. Carolina

Week 17 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week at Detroit

**CAMERON DANTZLER**

All-Rookie Team (PFWA)

**JUSTIN JEFFERSON**

Rookie of the Year (SN, PFF)

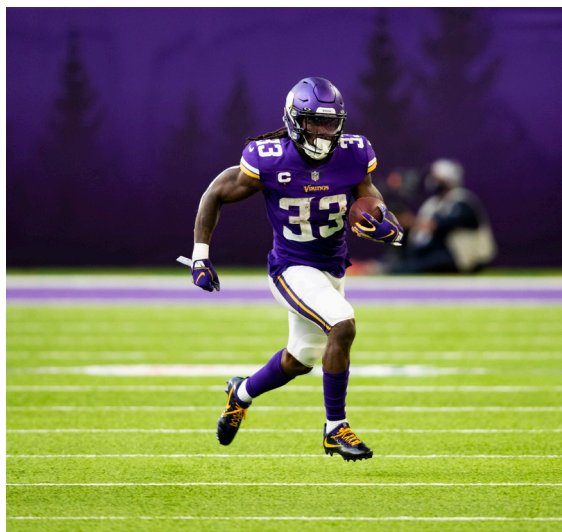
Offensive Rookie of the Year (PFF)

All-Rookie Team (PFWA)

Second Team All-Pro (AP, PFF)

Pro Bowl Participant (1st)

Week 6 - Pepsi Zero Sugar Rookie of the Week vs. Atlanta



## KIRK COUSINS NOTES



## QB KIRK COUSINS

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/205**COLLEGE:** Michigan State**NFL SEASON:** 10**VIKINGS SEASON:** 4

Cousins finished eighth in the NFL with a 105.0 passer rating in 2020 while setting the Vikings record for highest career passer rating with a minimum of 1,500 attempts. Since joining the team in 2018, Cousins has completed 1,081 of 1,566 attempts en route to a 103.6 passer rating. The veteran quarterback became the second player in team history to throw 35 or more touchdowns in a season and set a franchise record with eight games of three-plus passing touchdowns in 2020. His 17 career games with 300-plus passing yards, three-plus touchdowns and 115.0 or better passer rating are the most in the first nine seasons of a quarterback's career in NFL history.

**2020 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS**

| Player, Team                     | Passing touchdowns |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay         | 48                 |
| Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay | 40                 |
| Russell Wilson, Seattle          | 40                 |
| Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City     | 38                 |
| Josh Allen, Buffalo              | 38                 |
| <b>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</b>   | <b>35</b>          |

**2018-20 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS**

| Player, Team                     | Passing touchdowns |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City     | 114                |
| Russell Wilson, Seattle          | 106                |
| Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay         | 99                 |
| Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay | 93                 |
| <b>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</b>   | <b>91</b>          |
| Matt Ryan, Atlanta               | 87                 |
| Deshaun Watson, Houston          | 85                 |
| Drew Brees, New Orleans          | 83                 |

**NFL COMPLETIONS SINCE 2015**

| Player, Team                                      | Completions  |
|---|--------------|
| Matt Ryan, Atlanta                                | 2,359        |
| Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis | 2,252        |
| Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay                  | 2,227        |
| <b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>         | <b>2,213</b> |
| Drew Brees, New Orleans                           | 2,205        |

**NFL PASSING YARDS SINCE 2015**

| Player, Team                                      | Yards         |
|---|---------------|
| Matt Ryan, Atlanta                                | 27,601        |
| Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis | 26,785        |
| Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay                  | 25,946        |
| <b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>         | <b>25,342</b> |
| Drew Brees, New Orleans                           | 24,325        |
| Russell Wilson, Seattle                           | 23,996        |

**NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015**

| Player, Team                                      | Games     |
|---|-----------|
| Matt Ryan, Atlanta                                | 39        |
| Drew Brees, New Orleans                           | 37        |
| Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis | 36        |
| Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay                  | 35        |
| <b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>         | <b>33</b> |

**NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015**

| Player, Team                                      | Games     |
|---|-----------|
| Drew Brees, New Orleans                           | 53        |
| Russell Wilson, Seattle                           | 50        |
| <b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>         | <b>48</b> |
| Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay                  | 48        |
| Matt Ryan, Atlanta                                | 45        |
| Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis | 44        |

**NFL COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (MINIMUM 1,500 ATTEMPTS)**

| Player, Team                                      | Completion Percentage |
|---|-----------------------|
| Deshaun Watson, Houston                           | 67.8                  |
| Drew Brees, San Diego/New Orleans                 | 67.7                  |
| <b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>         | <b>67.0</b>           |
| Teddy Bridgewater, Minnesota/New Orleans/Carolina | 66.5                  |
| Chad Pennington, New York Jets/Miami              | 66.0                  |
| Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City                      | 66.0                  |
| Dak Prescott, Dallas                              | 66.0                  |

**VIKINGS PASSER RATING IN A SEASON**

| Player, Year              | Passer rating |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Daunte Culpepper, 2004    | 110.9         |
| <b>Kirk Cousins, 2019</b> | <b>107.4</b>  |
| Brett Favre, 2009         | 107.2         |

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After the Vikings bye in Week 7, Kirk Cousins recorded a passer rating of 113.6, the third-best mark in the league during that span. His 24 passing touchdowns were second in the NFL in Weeks 8-17.

124.3

Cousins led the NFL in the month of November with a passer rating of 124.3 through five games and was the only NFC quarterback to lead his team to four wins in the month.

JUSTIN JEFFERSON NOTES



WR JUSTIN JEFFERSON

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-1/195  
COLLEGE: LSU  
NFL SEASON: 2  
VIKINGS SEASON: 2

Jefferson put together arguably the best season by a rookie receiver in the Super Bowl era in 2020, breaking an 18-year-old rookie receiving record as he finished the year with 1,400 yards en route to Pro Bowl and All-Pro honors. He became just the second player since the AFL-NFL merger to post seven 100-yard receiving games as a rookie, and his 87.5 receiving yards per game rank second-most by a rookie in the history of the league. The fifth receiver drafted in 2020, Jefferson set Vikings rookie records for receiving yards (1,400), receptions (88) and 100-yard games (7), passing the marks established by Hall of Famer Randy Moss during his 1998 Offensive Rookie of the Year

2020 RECEIVING YARDS

| Player, Team                       | Receiving Yards |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Stefon Diggs, Buffalo              | 1,535           |
| Travis Kelce, Kansas City          | 1,416           |
| DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona           | 1,407           |
| <b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b> | <b>1,400</b>    |
| Calvin Ridley, Atlanta             | 1,374           |
| Davante Adams, Green Bay           | 1,374           |
| DK Metcalf, Seattle                | 1,303           |
| Tyreek Hill, Kansas City           | 1,276           |

2020 RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES

| Player, Team                       | Receiving Yards |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b> | <b>1,400</b>    |
| CeeDee Lamb, Dallas                | 935             |
| Tee Higgins, Cincinnati            | 908             |
| Chase Claypool, Pittsburgh         | 873             |
| Jerry Jeudy, Denver                | 856             |

2020 RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| Player, Team                       | Receiving Yards/Game |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Davante Adams, Green Bay           | 98.1                 |
| Stefon Diggs, Buffalo              | 95.9                 |
| Travis Kelce, Kansas City          | 94.4                 |
| Calvin Ridley, Atlanta             | 91.6                 |
| DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona           | 87.9                 |
| <b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b> | <b>87.5</b>          |
| Julio Jones, Atlanta               | 85.7                 |
| Tyreek Hill, Kansas City           | 85.1                 |

ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS BY NFL ROOKIES

| Player, Team, Season                     | Receiving Yards |
|--|-----------------|
| Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL)         | 1,473           |
| <b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota, 2020</b> | <b>1,400</b>    |
| Anquan Boldin, Arizona, 2003             | 1,377           |
| Randy Moss, Minnesota, 1998              | 1,313           |
| Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014 | 1,305           |
| Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952            | 1,231           |
| Michael Clayton, Tampa Bay, 2004         | 1,193           |



Vikings WR Justin Jefferson distributed 100 free backpacks filled with school supplies outside the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center ahead of the new school year for students.

MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY NFL ROOKIES

| Player, Team, Season                     | 100-Yard Games |
|--|----------------|
| Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL)         | 9              |
| <b>Justin Jefferson, 2020</b>            | <b>7</b>       |
| Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014 | 7              |
| Harlon Hill, Chicago, 1954               | 7              |
| Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952            | 6              |

MOST RECEPTIONS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

| Player, Season                | Receptions |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Justin Jefferson, 2020</b> | <b>88</b>  |
| Randy Moss, 1998              | 69         |
| Percy Harvin, 2009            | 60         |
| Stefon Diggs, 2015            | 52         |

MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

| Player, Season                | Receiving Yards |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Justin Jefferson, 2020</b> | <b>1,400</b>    |
| Randy Moss, 1998              | 1,313           |
| Sammy White, 1976             | 906             |
| Paul Flatley, 1963            | 867             |
| Percy Harvin, 2009            | 790             |

MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

| Player, Season                | 100-Yard Games |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Justin Jefferson, 2020</b> | <b>7</b>       |
| Randy Moss, 1998              | 4              |
| Sammy White, 1976             | 3              |
| Hassan Jones, 1986            | 3              |

(Note: Anthony Carter played his first season with the Vikings in 1985, but played his first true season of professional football in the USFL. His stats do not count in the team's rookie records.)

DALVIN COOK NOTES



RB DALVIN COOK

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5-10/210  
COLLEGE: Florida State  
NFL SEASON: 5  
VIKINGS SEASON: 5

Cook, who signed an extension with the Vikings the day before the Week 1 matchup with Green Bay went on to post a career year in 2020, earning his second consecutive Pro Bowl selection. Cook became the third Viking in team history to rush for over 1,500 yards in a season and passed Robert Smith's 2000 season total (1,521) to move into third place in franchise history with 1,557 rushing yards. Cook's 108 points scored also tied Adrian Peterson's 2009 mark for the second-most points by a Vikings position player in team history (Chuck Foreman, 132 in 1975). In November, Cook led the NFL with 641 rushing yards on 127 attempts and an average of 128.2 rushing yards per game through five contests en route to being named NFC Offensive Player of the Month.

2019-20 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

| Player, Team                          | Rushing touchdowns |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Derrick Henry, Tennessee              | 33                 |
| <b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>         | <b>29</b>          |
| Aaron Jones, Green Bay                | 25                 |
| Todd Gurley, Los Angeles Rams/Atlanta | 21                 |
| Alvin Kamara, New Orleans             | 21                 |

2019-20 NFL RUSHING YARDS

| Player, Team                   | Rushing yards |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Derrick Henry, Tennessee       | 3,567         |
| <b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>  | <b>2,692</b>  |
| Nick Chubb, Cleveland          | 2,561         |
| Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas        | 2,336         |
| Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas | 2,215         |

2019-20 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

| Player, Team                           | Rushing yards/Game |
|--|--------------------|
| Derrick Henry, Tennessee               | 115.0              |
| <b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>          | <b>96.1</b>        |
| Nick Chubb, Cleveland                  | 91.5               |
| Christian McCaffrey, Carolina          | 84.8               |
| Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas Raiders | 79.1               |

2019-20 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

| Player, Team                  | Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Derrick Henry, Tennessee      | 3,887 (3,567, 320)           |
| <b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b> | <b>3,572 (2,692, 880)</b>    |
| Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas       | 3,094 (2,336, 758)           |
| Alvin Kamara, New Orleans     | 3,018 (1,729, 1,289)         |
| Aaron Jones, Green Bay        | 3,017 (2,188, 829)           |



With the help and support from Dalvin Cook, the Minnesota Vikings Foundation, in partnership with Xcel Energy, introduced Vikings Table, a custom-built food truck with the mission of serving healthy meals and nutritional education to youth across the Minneapolis-St. Paul community.

VIKINGS RUSHING YARDS IN A SEASON

| Player, Season           | Rushing yards |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Adrian Peterson, 2012    | 2,097         |
| Adrian Peterson, 2008    | 1,760         |
| <b>Dalvin Cook, 2020</b> | <b>1,557</b>  |
| Robert Smith, 2000       | 1,521         |
| Adrian Peterson, 2015    | 1,485         |
| Adrian Peterson, 2009    | 1,383         |

VIKINGS MOST CAREER RUSHING YARDS

| Player, Seasons               | Rushing yards |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Adrian Peterson, 2007-16      | 11,747        |
| Robert Smith, 1993-2000       | 6,818         |
| Chuck Foreman, 1973-79        | 5,887         |
| Bill Brown, 1962-74           | 5,757         |
| Ted Brown, 1979-86            | 4,546         |
| Dave Osborn, 1965-75          | 4,320         |
| Darrin Nelson, 1982-89, 91-92 | 4,231         |
| <b>Dalvin Cook, 2017-</b>     | <b>3,661</b>  |

VIKINGS MOST CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

| Player, Seasons                  | Games     |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Adrian Peterson, 2007-16         | 49        |
| Robert Smith, 1993-2000          | 29        |
| Chuck Foreman, 1973-79           | 17        |
| <b>Dalvin Cook, 2017-Present</b> | <b>15</b> |
| Michael Bennett, 2001-05         | 9         |
| Bill Brown, 1962-74              | 8         |

VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

| Player, Season           | Rushing touchdowns |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Adrian Peterson, 2009    | 18                 |
| <b>Dalvin Cook, 2020</b> | <b>16</b>          |
| <b>Dalvin Cook, 2019</b> | <b>13</b>          |
| Terry Allen, 1992        | 13                 |
| Chuck Foreman, 1976      | 13                 |
| Chuck Foreman, 1975      | 13                 |

**2** Dalvin Cook finished second in the NFL with 1,918 scrimmage yards, 1,557 rushing yards and 111.2 rushing yards per game. He tied for second in the league with 16 rushing touchdowns.

**641** Cook's 641 yards were the seventh-most rushing yards recorded in the month of November in NFL history, and the total set a team record for the month of November. His 128.2 rushing yards per game and 166.4 scrimmage yards per game also ranked third in Vikings history for the month.

## ADAM THIELEN NOTES



## WR ADAM THIELEN

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-2/200

COLLEGE: Minnesota State

NFL SEASON: 8

VIKINGS SEASON: 8

Thielen finished the season with 925 yards on 74 receptions and set a career record with 14 receiving touchdowns in 2020. His 14 receiving scores rank fifth in team history for a single season. Overall, Thielen's 14 receiving touchdowns ranked third in the NFL, and his four games with two touchdowns tied for the third-most in a season in franchise history, behind only Cris Carter (seven in 1995) and Hall of Famer Randy Moss (five in 2003).

## 2020 NFL RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

| Player, Team                   | Receiving touchdowns |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Davante Adams, Green Bay       | 18                   |
| Tyreek Hill, Kansas City       | 15                   |
| <b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b> | <b>14</b>            |
| Mike Evans, Tampa Bay          | 13                   |

## 2017-20 NFL RECEPTIONS, WIDE RECEIVERS

| Player, Team                       | Receptions |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona   | 430        |
| Michael Thomas, New Orleans        | 418        |
| Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers | 403        |
| Davante Adams, Green Bay           | 383        |
| Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Bufalo     | 356        |
| Julio Jones, Atlanta               | 351        |
| Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland     | 348        |
| Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams     | 322        |
| <b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>     | <b>308</b> |
| JuJu Smith-Schuster                | 308        |

## 2017-20 NFL LEADING RECEIVERS ON THIRD DOWN

| Player, Season                     | Receptions |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers | 118        |
| DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona   | 104        |
| Michael Thomas, New Orleans        | 99         |
| Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams      | 96         |
| Julio Jones, Atlanta               | 92         |
| <b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>     | <b>89</b>  |

## 2017-20 NFL RECEIVING YARDS, WIDE RECEIVERS

| Player, Team                               | Receiving yards |
|--|-----------------|
| DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona           | 5,522           |
| Julio Jones, Atlanta                       | 5,286           |
| Michael Thomas, New Orleans                | 4,813           |
| Tyreek Hill, Kansas City                   | 4,798           |
| Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers         | 4,780           |
| Mike Evans, Tampa Bay                      | 4,688           |
| Davante Adams, Green Bay                   | 4,642           |
| Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Bufalo             | 4,535           |
| Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams             | 4,070           |
| Brandin Cooks, New England/LA Rams/Houston | 4,019           |
| <b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>             | <b>3,992</b>    |



In September of 2018, Adam and his wife Caitlin announced the launch of the Thielen Foundation, which aims to create programs that serve, educate and inspire individuals so they're equipped and empowered to reach their full potential.

## 2017-20 NFL MOST 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES

| Player, Team                       | 100+ Yard Games |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona   | 24              |
| Julio Jones, Atlanta               | 23              |
| Michael Thomas, New Orleans        | 18              |
| Davante Adams, Green Bay           | 18              |
| <b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>     | <b>17</b>       |
| Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers | 17              |
| Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Bufalo     | 17              |

## MOST 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES BY VIKING IN A SEASON

| Player, Season            | 100+ Yard Games |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Adam Thielen, 2018</b> | <b>9</b>        |
| Randy Moss, 2000          | 8               |
| Randy Moss, 2003          | 8               |

## VIKINGS CAREER 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES

| Player              | 100+ Yard Games |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Randy Moss          | 41              |
| Cris Carter         | 40              |
| Anthony Carter      | 22              |
| <b>Adam Thielen</b> | <b>20</b>       |
| Jake Reed           | 18              |

## VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

| Player              | Receiving Touchdowns |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Cris Carter         | 110                  |
| Randy Moss          | 92                   |
| Anthony Carter      | 52                   |
| Sammy White         | 50                   |
| Kyle Rudolph        | 48                   |
| <b>Adam Thielen</b> | <b>39</b>            |
| Ahmad Rashad        | 34                   |
| Jake Reed           | 33                   |

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Adam Thielen is only the third player in franchise history with 14 or more receiving touchdowns in a season, joining Cris Carter (1995) and Randy Moss (1998, 2000, 2003).

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Recording his 14th receiving touchdown of the season in Week 17 and 39th of his career, Thielen ranks sixth in franchise history in career receiving scores. He broke a tie with Ahmad Rashad (34) with two scores against Dallas in Week 11 of the 2020 season.



## HARRISON SMITH NOTES



## S HARRISON SMITH

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/214  
**COLLEGE:** Notre Dame  
**NFL SEASON:** 10  
**VIKINGS SEASON:** 10

Smith, who recently signed a contract extension, finished the 2020 season with 89 tackles and tied a career high with five interceptions. The five-time Pro Bowler has 28 career interceptions, which ranks seventh-most in franchise history while his 859 tackles are the third-most by a Vikings defensive back in team history.

## 2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

| Player, Team                     | Interceptions |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Xavier Howard, Miami             | 10            |
| J.C. Jackson, New England        | 9             |
| Tyrann Mathieu, Kansas City      | 6             |
| <b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b> | <b>5</b>      |
| Quandre Diggs, Seattle           | 5             |
| Justin Simmons, Denver           | 5             |

## VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

| Player, Seasons              | Interceptions TDs |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b> | <b>4</b>          |
| Darren Sharper, 2005-08      | 3                 |
| Jimmy Hitchcock, 1998-99     | 3                 |
| Dewayne Washington, 1994-97  | 3                 |
| Audray McMillan, 1989-93     | 3                 |
| Joey Browner, 1983-91        | 3                 |
| Bobby Bryant, 1968-80        | 3                 |
| Ed Sharockman, 1962-72       | 3                 |
| Rip Hawkins, 1961-65         | 3                 |

## VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURNS OF 50+ YARDS

| Player                         | 50+ Returns                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Harrison Smith, 2012-18</b> | <b>4 (56t, 81t, 52, 52)</b> |
| Charlie West, 1968-73          | 3 (89, 54, 50)              |

## SMITH'S INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

| Game                    | Play                            |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| vs. Arizona, 10/21/12   | 31t INT Return off John Skelton |
| vs. Chicago, 12/9/12    | 56t INT Return off Jay Cutler   |
| at St. Louis, 9/7/14    | 81t INT Return off Austin Davis |
| vs. NY Giants, 12/27/15 | 35t INT Return off Eli Manning  |

## NFL LEADERS - PRO BOWLS BY A DB SINCE 2012

| Player, Team   | Pro Bowl Appearances |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>Patrick Peterson, Minnesota</b>                   | <b>7</b>             |
| Earl Thomas, Seattle/Baltimore                       | 6                    |
| Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco               | 5                    |
| Eric Weddle, San Diego/Baltimore/Los Angeles         | 5                    |
| <b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b>                     | <b>5</b>             |
| Aqib Talib, Tampa Bay/New England/Denver/Los Angeles | 5                    |



Harrison Smith and other teammates joined 25 children from Children's Minnesota for a holiday shopping event at DICK'S Sporting Goods hosted by the Mike Zimmer Foundation in 2019.

## VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

| Player, Seasons                | Interceptions |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Paul Krause, 1968-79           | 53            |
| Bobby Bryant, 1968-80          | 51            |
| Ed Sharockman, 1962-72         | 40            |
| Joey Browner, 1983-91          | 37            |
| Nate Wright, 1971-80           | 31            |
| Carl Lee, 1983-93              | 29            |
| <b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b>   | <b>28</b>     |
| Orlando Thomas, 1995-2001      | 22            |
| John Turner, 1978-83, '85, '87 | 22            |

## VIKINGS SEASON SACKS BY A DB

| Player, Season, Position       | Sacks      |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Robert Griffith, 1999, S       | 4.0        |
| Mackensie Alexander, 2018, CB  | 4.0        |
| <b>Harrison Smith, 2018, S</b> | <b>3.0</b> |
| <b>Harrison Smith, 2014, S</b> | <b>3.0</b> |
| Brian Williams, 2003, CB       | 3.0        |
| Joey Browner, 1990, S          | 3.0        |
| Tommy Hannon, 1979, S          | 3.0        |

## VIKINGS CAREER SACKS BY A DB

| Player, Seasons              | Sacks       |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b> | <b>13.5</b> |
| Joey Browner, 1983-91        | 9.5         |

## VIKINGS CAREER TACKLES BY A DB

| Player, Years                | Tackles    |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Tommy Hannon, 1977-84        | 1,056      |
| Joey Browner, 1983-91        | 987        |
| <b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b> | <b>859</b> |
| Antoine Winfield, 2005-12    | 769        |
| Robert Griffith, 1994-01     | 714        |
| Carl Lee, 1983-93            | 702        |

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Smith recorded his 28th career interception and team-leading fifth of 2020 in the season finale at Detroit. Smith ranks seventh all-time on the Vikings career interceptions list.

13.5

Smith ranks second in the league for most sacks (13.5) by a defensive back since 2012 behind only Jamal Adams (21.5).

## ERIC KENDRICKS NOTES



## LB ERIC KENDRICKS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-0/232

COLLEGE: UCLA

NFL SEASON: 7

VIKINGS SEASON: 7

Following the 2019 season, Eric Kendricks was named to his first Pro Bowl and earned *Associated Press* First-Team All-Pro honors, becoming the first Vikings linebacker to be named All-Pro since Chad Greenway (Second Team) in 2012. In 2020, Kendricks tallied 107 tackles and three interceptions through 11 games before suffering a calf injury. Despite missing five games, he finished tied for first in the league in interceptions among linebackers and his six passes defended tied for ninth-most by players at the position.

## 2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

| Player, Team                     | Interceptions |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b> | <b>3</b>      |
| Eric Wilson, Minnesota           | 3             |
| Tyus Bowser, Baltimore           | 3             |
| Joe Schobert, Jacksonville       | 3             |
| Eight players tied               | 2             |

## NFL TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2020

| Player, Team                                       | Total Tackles |
|--|---------------|
| Bobby Wagner, Seattle                              | 849           |
| Lavonte David, Tampa Bay                           | 694           |
| Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans | 663           |
| Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants                | 657           |
| <b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>                   | <b>639</b>    |
| Luke Kuechly, Carolina                             | 619           |
| K.J. Wright, Seattle                               | 591           |
| Landon Collins, New York Giants/Washington         | 586           |
| Tahir Whitehead, Detroit/Oakland/Carolina          | 574           |

## 2019-20 PASSES DEFENSED, NFL LINEBACKERS

| Player, Team                     | Pass. Def. |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| K.J. Wright, Seattle             | 21         |
| <b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b> | <b>18</b>  |
| Demario Davis, New Orleans       | 17         |
| Jayon Brown, Tennessee           | 16         |
| T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh            | 15         |
| Fred Warner, San Francisco       | 15         |
| Jaylon Smith, Dallas             | 14         |
| Bobby Wagner, Seattle            | 14         |
| Darius Leonard, Indianapolis     | 14         |



Vikings LB Eric Kendricks, teamed up with Hippy Feet to create a line of products that help support homeless youth. Hippy Feet, a Minneapolis-based Benefit Corporation is dedicated to supporting the homeless, with each product sold helping provide transitional employment to young people, ages 16-24, who are experiencing homelessness. Since its launch in 2016, Hippy Feet has been able to provide jobs for more than 150 young people affected by homelessness.

VIKINGS LB CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS  
(LEAGUE STATS SINCE 1999)

| Player, Years                       | Total Tackles for Loss |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| E.J. Henderson, 2003-11             | 67                     |
| Chad Greenway, 2006-16              | 62                     |
| <b>Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present</b> | <b>38</b>              |
| <b>Anthony Barr, 2014-Present</b>   | <b>36</b>              |
| Ed McCDaniel, 1992-2001             | 29                     |
| Ben Leber, 2006-10                  | 27                     |
| Erin Henderson, 2008-13             | 26                     |
| Eric Wilson, 2017-2020              | 18                     |
| Kailee Wong, 1998-2001              | 16                     |
| Dwayne Rudd, 1997-2000              | 14                     |
| Henri Crockett, 2002-03             | 12                     |

DANIELLE HUNTER NOTES



DE DANIELLE HUNTER

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-5/252  
COLLEGE: LSU  
NFL SEASON: 6  
VIKINGS SEASON: 6

Danielle Hunter's 14.5 sacks in 2019 gave him 48.5 from 2016-19, the third-most in the NFL in that span. Hunter recorded 48.0 sacks prior to turning 25 years of age, an NFL record since sacks became an official stat in 1982, and became the youngest player (25 years and 40 days) to eclipse 50.0 career sacks, doing so against Detroit on 12/8/19. In the Vikings Wild Card victory over New Orleans, Hunter sacked Drew Brees 1.5 times to tie for fourth-most in the postseason entering the divisional rounds and set a postseason career-high. Hunter missed all of 2020 with an injury.

2019 NFL TACKLES FOR LOSS

| Player, Team                      | Tackles for loss |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams    | 20               |
| Shaquil Barrett, Tampa Bay        | 19               |
| Joey Bosa, Los Angeles Chargers   | 18               |
| Za'Darius Smith, Green Bay        | 17               |
| Bud Dupree, Pittsburgh            | 16               |
| Nick Bosa, San Francisco          | 16               |
| Dante Fowler, Los Angeles Rams    | 16               |
| Maxx Crosby, Oakland              | 16               |
| Dante Fowler, Los Angeles Rams    | 16               |
| <b>Danielle Hunter, Minnesota</b> | <b>15</b>        |
| Two other players                 | 15               |

2019 NFL SACKS

| Player, Team                      | Sacks       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Shaquil Barrett, Tampa Bay        | 19.5        |
| Chandler Jones, Arizona           | 19.0        |
| Cameron Jordan, New Orleans       | 15.5        |
| <b>Danielle Hunter, Minnesota</b> | <b>14.5</b> |
| T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh             | 14.5        |
| Za'Darius Smith, Green Bay        | 13.5        |
| Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams    | 12.5        |
| Preston Smith, Green Bay          | 12.0        |
| Four Players                      | 11.5        |

CAREER SACKS PRIOR TO TURNING 25

| Player, Team                      | Sacks       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Danielle Hunter, Minnesota</b> | <b>48.0</b> |
| Robert Quinn, Saint Louis         | 45.0        |
| Derrick Thomas, Kansas City       | 43.5        |

2018 NFL SACKS

| Player, Team                      | Sacks       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams    | 20.5        |
| J.J. Watt, Houston                | 16.0        |
| Chris Jones, Kansas City          | 15.5        |
| <b>Danielle Hunter, Minnesota</b> | <b>14.5</b> |
| Von Miller, Denver                | 14.5        |
| Frank Clark, Seattle              | 14.0        |



Danielle Hunter recently participated in a People Serving People event, supplying children, through Scheels, with new clothes and school supplies as they prepare to start the school year.

2016-19 NFL SACKS

| Player, Team                      | Sacks       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Chandler Jones, Arizona           | 60.0        |
| Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams    | 52.0        |
| <b>Danielle Hunter, Minnesota</b> | <b>48.5</b> |
| Cameron Jordan, New Orleans       | 48.0        |
| Von Miller, Denver                | 46.0        |
| Ryan Kerrigan, Washington         | 42.5        |
| Khalil Mack, Oakland/Chicago      | 42.5        |

VIKINGS MOST SACKS IN FIRST 4 SEASONS W/ TEAM  
(\* JOINED VIKINGS AS ROOKIE)

| Player, Seasons                   | Sacks       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Jared Allen, 2008-11              | 62.0        |
| <b>Danielle Hunter, 2015-18 *</b> | <b>40.0</b> |
| Alan Page, 1967-70 *              | 39.0        |
| Jim Marshall, 1961-64             | 37.0        |
| John Randle, 1990-93 *            | 34.5        |

VIKINGS SACKS IN A SEASON (NFL-LED NFL, NFC-LED NFC)

| Player, Season               | Sacks       |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Jared Allen, 2011, NFL       | 22.0        |
| Chris Doleman, 1989, NFL     | 21.0        |
| Keith Millard, 1989          | 18.0        |
| Alan Page, 1976, NFL         | 18.0        |
| John Randle, 1997, NFL       | 15.5        |
| Carl Eller, 1977             | 15.0        |
| Carl Eller, 1969             | 15.0        |
| <b>Danielle Hunter, 2019</b> | <b>14.5</b> |
| <b>Danielle Hunter, 2018</b> | <b>14.5</b> |
| Jared Allen, 2009, NFC       | 14.5        |
| Jared Allen, 2008            | 14.5        |
| Chris Doleman, 1992          | 14.5        |

54.5

Danielle Hunter has recorded 54.5 sacks since 2015, which ranks seventh among active NFL players.



## PATRICK PETERSON



## CB PATRICK PETERSON

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/198  
**COLLEGE:** LSU  
**NFL SEASON:** 11  
**VIKINGS SEASON:** 1

Patrick Peterson joined the Vikings as a free agent in 2021 after spending 10 seasons in Arizona. While at Arizona, he started all 16 games in 9 of 10 seasons and started 10/10 games in 2019 after being activated. Peterson earned three Associated Press 1st-Team All-Pro honors. The eight-time Pro Bowler left Arizona with 29 career regular-season interceptions, including one in a playoff game. Peterson owns the sixth most all-time in Cardinals history. Peterson was also a five-time team captain (2013, 2015-18) and started all 154 games he played in Arizona.

## NFL LEADERS - INTERCEPTIONS (2011-20)

| Player, Team                               | Interceptions |
|--|---------------|
| Richard Sherman, San Francisco             | 36            |
| Marcus Peters, Baltimore                   | 30            |
| Reggie Nelson (FA)                         | 29            |
| <b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b> | <b>28</b>     |
| <b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b>           | <b>28</b>     |

## NFL LEADERS - GAMES STARTED BY A DB SINCE 2011

| Player, Team                                 | Games Started |
|--|---------------|
| Devin McCourty, New England                  | 155           |
| <b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b>   | <b>154</b>    |
| Malcolm Jenkins, New Orleans/Philadelphia    | 154           |
| Brandon Carr, Kansas City/Dallas/Baltimore   | 144           |
| Eric Weddle, San Diego/Baltimore/Los Angeles | 141           |

## NFL LEADERS - FUMBLE RECOVERIES BY AN ACTIVE DB SINCE 2011

| Player, Team                               | Fumble Recoveries |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b> | <b>12</b>         |
| Rodney McLeod, Los Angeles/Philadelphia    | 10                |
| Malcolm Jenkins, New Orleans/Philadelphia  | 10                |
| Vonn Bell, New Orleans/Cincinnati          | 9                 |
| Justin Bethel, Arizona/New England         | 9                 |

## NFL LEADERS - PRO BOWLS BY A DB SINCE 2011

| Player, Team   | Pro Bowl Appearances |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b>           | <b>8</b>             |
| Earl Thomas, Seattle/Baltimore                       | 7                    |
| Eric Weddle, San Diego/Baltimore/Los Angeles         | 6                    |
| Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco               | 5                    |
| <b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b>                     | <b>5</b>             |
| Aqib Talib, Tampa Bay/New England/Denver/Los Angeles | 5                    |



*Patrick's Corners is a program that provides at-risk students access to books and a fun reading environment through placing libraries in Title I schools and inner-city community centers. Eleven schools have received Patrick's Corners since the program's development.*

## NFL 2010 ALL-DECADE TEAM MEMBER (DEFENSE)

| Player, Team            | Position  |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Calais Campbell         | DE        |
| Cameron Jordan          | DE        |
| Julius Peppers          | DE        |
| J.J. Watt               | DE        |
| Geno Atkins             | DT        |
| Fletcher Cox            | DT        |
| Aaron Donald            | DT        |
| Ndamukong Suh           | DT        |
| Chandler Jones          | LB        |
| Luke Kuechly            | LB        |
| Khalil Mack             | LB        |
| Von Miller              | LB        |
| Bobby Wagner            | LB        |
| Patrick Willis          | LB        |
| <b>Patrick Peterson</b> | <b>CB</b> |
| Darrelle Revis          | CB        |
| Richard Sherman         | CB        |
| Eric Berry              | S         |
| Earl Thomas             | S         |
| Eric Weddle             | S         |
| Chris Harris Jr.        | DB        |
| Tyrann Mathieu          | DB        |

BY THE  
NUMBERS

154

In his 10 seasons with Arizona, Patrick Peterson started in all 154 games he played.

29

The eight-time Pro Bowler left Arizona with 28 career regular-season interceptions, the sixth most all-time in Cardinals history.

## SCHEDULE NOTES

**WK 1**  
9/12/21



**at Cincinnati**  
**7-6**  
**(1-6) A**

Minnesota will play the season opener on the road for the first time since 2016. The contest also marks the first time in franchise history the Vikings have played Cincinnati to open the schedule. Minnesota last played at Cincinnati in 2013 when Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer served as defensive coordinator for the Bengals. Overall, Minnesota is 5-2 in season-opening games during the Mike Zimmer era (2014-present) and is 4-1 in the past five season openers.

**WK 2**  
9/19/21



**at Arizona**  
**17-11**  
**(6-7) A**

The Vikings look to continue their winning streak against the Cardinals in Week 2 after having won the previous two meetings in Minnesota. The meeting marks the fifth game played in Arizona between the two clubs since the Cardinals relocated from St. Louis in 1988.

**WK 3**  
9/26/21



**Minneapolis**  
**5-13**  
**(3-4) H**

Minnesota hosts Seattle in the home-opener at U.S. Bank Stadium in Week 3, marking the first time since the 2015 season the Vikings will play the Seahawks at home after the two clubs have met in Seattle each of the last three seasons. The Vikings look to pick up their first win against the Seahawks since a 35-9 victory at home in 2009, which would snap a seven-game losing streak versus Seattle.

**WK 4**  
10/3/21



**Minneapolis**  
**12-4**  
**(7-2) H**

The Vikings welcome Cleveland in Week 4 for the teams' first meeting since playing in London at Twickenham Stadium in 2017. It also marks the first matchup between Head Coaches Mike Zimmer and Kevin Stefanski, who served on the Vikings coaching staff for 14 seasons before becoming the Browns head coach in 2020.

**WK 5**  
10/10/21



**Minneapolis**  
**78-39-2**  
**(42-16-1) H**

Minnesota chases a fourth consecutive victory over Detroit at U.S. Bank Stadium after dropping the first two contests between the teams at the venue that opened in 2016. In the Week 9 home victory over Detroit in 2020, Vikings RB Dalvin Cook had his first career 200-yard outing and scored two touchdowns to become the sixth player in league history with a rushing touchdown in each of his first seven games of a season.

**WK 6**  
10/17/21



**at Carolina**  
**9-6**  
**(2-3) A**

The Vikings head to Charlotte, North Carolina, to take on the Panthers in Week 6 for the first time since 2017. Last season, Minnesota beat Carolina 28-27 at home in Week 12. In the contest, WR Chad Beebe caught a 10-yard pass from QB Kirk Cousins with 46 seconds left to cap a comeback win after trailing 24-13 in the fourth quarter.

**WK 8**  
10/31/21



**Minneapolis**  
**15-17**  
**(7-11) H**

The Vikings play the Cowboys for the third consecutive season and third in prime time since facing Dallas on *Thursday Night Football* on Dec. 1, 2016. Minnesota last hosted Dallas on a Sunday night in Week 3 of the 1995 season, a 23-17 Cowboys OT victory. Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer previously spent 13 seasons on the Cowboys coaching staff, serving as a defensive backs coach (1994-99) and defensive coordinator (2000-06).

**WK 9**  
11/7/21



**at Baltimore**  
**3-3**  
**(1-3) A**

Minnesota looks to record its first victory on the road at Baltimore since the teams' first meeting in 1998 when the Vikings came away with a 38-28 win. A back-and-forth fourth quarter in Minnesota's last game at Baltimore in Week 14 of the 2013 season saw six lead changes with the Vikings scoring a 79-yard touchdown with 45 seconds to play before the Ravens took a 29-26 lead with four seconds to go in the game. Week 9 marks NT Michael Pierce's first game against his former team since signing with the Vikings as a free agent in 2020.

**WK 10**  
11/14/21



**at Los Angeles**  
**7-6**  
**(2-3) A**

Minnesota is set to play the Los Angeles Chargers at SoFi Stadium for the first time since its opening. The Vikings have won the previous two contests against the Chargers, most recently claiming a 39-10 victory on the road in 2019. In that game, Minnesota scored 30 unanswered points in the game's final 35 minutes. Overall, Week 10 will feature two of the best offensive rookies of 2020 in Vikings WR Justin Jefferson and Chargers QB Justin Herbert.

**WK 11**  
11/21/21



**Minneapolis**  
**55-63-3**  
**(29-30) H**

In the first game with Green Bay of the season, the Vikings look to even their home series record against the Packers after dropping the 2020 home opener 43-34. In the last outing at U.S. Bank Stadium between the clubs, WR Adam Thielen tied a career high with two receiving touchdowns and RB Dalvin Cook had two rushing scores.

**WK 12**  
11/28/21



**at San Francisco**  
**23-24-1**  
**(8-15-1) A**

Minnesota visits San Francisco for a regular season game for the first time since a 2015 contest saw the 49ers take a 20-3 victory. The Vikings own a 1-1 record against the 49ers under Mike Zimmer in the regular season and last met in the 2019 NFC Divisional Playoff game that was held in San Francisco.

**WK 13**  
12/5/21



**at Detroit**  
**78-39-2**  
**(36-23-1) A**

The Vikings own a four-game winning streak on the road at Detroit and have beaten the Lions in the previous seven games, dating back to Week 12 of the 2017 season. In the last outing between the clubs (in the 2020 season finale), Vikings WR Justin Jefferson recorded 133 receiving yards to set the Super Bowl-era rookie record for most receiving yards (1,400) and set multiple Vikings records.

**WK 14**  
12/9/21



**Minneapolis**  
**9-9**  
**(4-2) H**

Minnesota welcomes Pittsburgh to U.S. Bank Stadium for the first time since the venue opened in 2016 as the teams will square off on *Thursday Night Football*. The Vikings are 7-11 in Thursday night contests, and the franchises are meeting on *TNF* for the first time. The Vikings last played Pittsburgh at home in 2005 and the Week 14 game will be Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin's first game back in Minnesota since serving as the Vikings defensive coordinator in 2006.

**WK 15**  
12/20/21



**at Chicago**  
**61-57-2**  
**(24-33-2) A**

Minnesota meets Chicago on *Monday Night Football* for the 16th time in franchise history, the most of any opponent, and leads the series 8-7. A victory in Week 15 would give the Vikings a win at Soldier Field and on *Monday Night Football* for the second straight season after defeating the Bears, 19-13, in Week 10 of the 2020 season. Overall, it's the fourth meeting on *MNF* between the two clubs in the last six seasons (2016-17, 2020-21).

**WK 16**  
12/26/21



**Minneapolis**  
**27-17-2**  
**(16-3-2) H**

Minnesota and the Los Angeles Rams square off at U.S. Bank Stadium for the second time since the venue opened in 2016. Under Mike Zimmer, the Vikings own a 3-1 record against the Rams after falling to Los Angeles 38-31 in the 2018 matchup on the road and are 2-0 at home since 2014. The Vikings last battled two Los Angeles franchises in the same season in 1987 when Minnesota played at the L.A. Rams (9/20/87) and hosted the L.A. Raiders (11/8/87).

**WK 17**  
1/2/22



**at Green Bay**  
**55-63-3**  
**(26-33-3) A**

Minnesota is looking to come away with consecutive wins on the road at Green Bay for the first time since the 2004-05 seasons after defeating the Packers 28-22 in the second meeting of 2020 in Week 8. In that game, RB Dalvin Cook became the first player to surpass 200 yards from scrimmage and score four touchdowns at Lambeau Field, giving the Vikings their first win in Green Bay since 2017.

**WK 18**  
1/9/22



**Minneapolis**  
**61-57-2**  
**(37-24) H**

Minnesota has finished the regular season at home vs. Chicago five of the past six seasons (2016-19, 2021). The Jan. 9 game is the latest regular-season contest in team history. Previously, the latest game of the season fell on Jan. 7 after Week 2 games were postponed in 2001. The 17-game slate in 2021 marks the first expansion of the NFL regular-season structure since 1978.

## 2021 VIKINGS ROSTER

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

UPDATED 9/6/21

| NO. | NAME                  | POS | HT   | WT  | AGE | EXP | COLLEGE              | HOMETOWN             | ACQUIRED     |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 24  | Alexander, Mackensie  | CB  | 5-10 | 192 | 27  | 6   | Clemson              | Immokalee, FL        | FA '21       |
| 55  | Barr, Anthony         | LB  | 6-5  | 257 | 29  | 8   | UCLA                 | San Pedro, CA        | D1a '14      |
| 3   | Berry, Jordan         | P   | 6-5  | 195 | 30  | 7   | Eastern Kentucky     | Melbourne, Australia | FA '21       |
| 29  | Boyd, Kris            | CB  | 5-11 | 195 | 24  | 3   | Texas                | Gilmer, TX           | D7a '19      |
| 56  | Bradbury, Garrett     | C   | 6-3  | 300 | 26  | 3   | North Carolina State | Charlotte, NC        | D1 '19       |
| 64  | Brandel, Blake        | T   | 6-7  | 315 | 24  | 1   | Oregon State         | Milwaukie, OR        | D6a '20      |
| 21  | Breeland, Bashaud     | CB  | 5-11 | 195 | 29  | 8   | Clemson              | Allendale, SC        | FA '21       |
| 43  | Brynum, Camryn        | S   | 6-0  | 200 | 23  | R   | California           | Corona, CA           | D4b '21      |
| 72  | Cleveland, Ezra       | G   | 6-6  | 312 | 23  | 2   | Mississippi State    | Spanaway, WA         | D2 '20       |
| 82  | Cole, Mason           | C   | 6-5  | 298 | 25  | 4   | Michigan             | Tarpon Springs, FL   | T (ARZ) '21  |
| 53  | Conklin, Tyler        | TE  | 6-3  | 248 | 26  | 4   | Central Michigan     | Chesterfield, MI     | D5a '18      |
| 57  | Connelly, Ryan        | LB  | 6-2  | 234 | 25  | 3   | Wisconsin            | Eden Prairie, MN     | W '20        |
| 33  | Cook, Dalvin          | RB  | 5-10 | 210 | 26  | 5   | Florida State        | Miami, FL            | D2 '17       |
| 8   | Cousins, Kirk         | QB  | 6-3  | 205 | 33  | 10  | Michigan State       | Holland, MI          | FA '18       |
| 27  | Dantzler, Cameron     | CB  | 6-2  | 190 | 23  | 2   | Mississippi State    | Hammond, LA          | D3a '20      |
| 71  | Darrisaw, Christian   | T   | 6-5  | 315 | 22  | R   | Virginia Tech        | Upper Marlboro, MD   | D1 '21       |
| 51  | Davis, Wyatt          | G   | 6-4  | 315 | 22  | R   | Ohio State           | Beellflower, CA      | D3c '21      |
| 42  | DePaola, Andrew       | LS  | 6-1  | 229 | 34  | 7   | Rutgers              | Parkton, MD          | FA '20       |
| 86  | Dillon, Brandon       | TE  | 6-5  | 250 | 24  | 2   | Marian               | Flora, IL            | UDFA '19     |
| 45  | Dye, Troy             | LB  | 6-3  | 225 | 24  | 2   | Oregon               | Norco, CA            | D4c '20      |
| 82  | Ellefson, Ben         | TE  | 6-3  | 250 | 25  | 2   | North Dakota State   | Hawley, MN           | W '21        |
| 97  | Griffen, Everson      | DE  | 6-3  | 273 | 33  | 12  | USC                  | Avondale, AZ         | FA '21       |
| 30  | Ham, C.J.             | FB  | 5-11 | 250 | 28  | 6   | Augustana            | Duluth, MN           | UDFA '16     |
| 20  | Hand, Harrison        | CB  | 5-11 | 185 | 22  | 2   | Temple               | Cherry Hill, NJ      | D5a '20      |
| 89  | Herndon, Chris        | TE  | 6-4  | 253 | 25  | 4   | Miami                | Norcross, GA         | T (NVJ) '21  |
| 69  | Hill, Rashod          | T   | 6-6  | 310 | 29  | 6   | Southern Mississippi | Jacksonville, FL     | PS (JAX) '16 |
| 99  | Hunter, Danielle      | DE  | 6-5  | 263 | 26  | 7   | Louisiana State      | Katy, TX             | D3 '15       |
| 18  | Jefferson, Justin     | WR  | 6-1  | 195 | 22  | 2   | Louisiana State      | St. Rose, LA         | D1a '20      |
| 93  | Jones II, Patrick     | DE  | 6-4  | 264 | 22  | R   | Pittsburgh           | Chesapeake, VA       | D3d '21      |
| 1   | Joseph, Greg          | K   | 6-0  | 206 | 27  | 4   | Florida Atlantic     | Boca Raton, FL       | FA '21       |
| 54  | Kendricks, Eric       | LB  | 6-0  | 232 | 29  | 7   | UCLA                 | Fresno, CA           | D2 '15       |
| 48  | Lynch, Blake          | LB  | 6-3  | 233 | 24  | 2   | Baylor               | Gilmer, TX           | UDFA '20     |
| 92  | Lynch, James          | DT  | 6-4  | 295 | 22  | 2   | Baylor               | Round Rock, TX       | D4b '20      |
| 25  | Mattison, Alexander   | RB  | 5-11 | 215 | 23  | 3   | Boise State          | San Bernardino, CA   | D3 '19       |
| 44  | Metellus, Josh        | S   | 5-11 | 207 | 23  | 2   | Michigan             | Pembroke Pines, FL   | D6b '20      |
| 71  | Mond, Ke'len          | QB  | 6-3  | 212 | 21  | R   | Texas A&M            | San Antonio, TX      | D3a '21      |
| 75  | O'Neill, Brian        | T   | 6-7  | 310 | 25  | 4   | Pittsburgh           | Wilmington, DE       | D2 '18       |
| 17  | Osborn, K.J.          | WR  | 5-11 | 203 | 24  | 2   | Miami                | Ypsilanti, MI        | D5b '20      |
| 7   | Peterson, Patrick     | CB  | 6-1  | 198 | 31  | 11  | LSU                  | Fort Lauderdale, FL  | FA '21       |
| 58  | Pierce, Michael       | DT  | 6-0  | 340 | 28  | 6   | Samford              | Daphne, AL           | FA '20       |
| 90  | Richardson, Sheldon   | DT  | 6-3  | 290 | 30  | 9   | Missouri             | St. Louis, MO        | FA '21       |
| 22  | Smith, Harrison       | S   | 6-2  | 211 | 32  | 10  | Notre Dame           | Knoxville, TN        | D1b '12      |
| 15  | Smith-Marsette, Ihmir | WR  | 6-1  | 185 | 22  | R   | Iowa                 | Newark, NJ           | D5a '21      |
| 41  | Surratt, Chazz        | LB  | 6-2  | 233 | 24  | R   | North Carolina       | Denver, NC           | D3b '21      |
| 19  | Thielen, Adam         | WR  | 6-2  | 200 | 31  | 8   | Minnesota State      | Detroit Lakes, MN    | UDFA '13     |
| 94  | Tomlinson, Dalvin     | DT  | 6-3  | 325 | 28  | 5   | Alabama              | McDonough, GA        | D6c '19      |
| 74  | Udoh, Oluasameka      | G   | 6-6  | 320 | 24  | 3   | Elon                 | Fayetteville, NC     | D6c '19      |
| 59  | Vigil, Nick           | LB  | 6-2  | 230 | 28  | 6   | Utah State           | Plain City, UT       | FA '21       |
| 96  | Watts, Armon          | DT  | 6-5  | 307 | 25  | 3   | Arkansas             | St. Louis, MO        | D6a '19      |
| 91  | Weatherly, Stephen    | DE  | 6-5  | 262 | 27  | 6   | Vanderbilt           | Snellville, GA       | FA '21       |
| 12  | Westbrook, Dede       | WR  | 6-0  | 178 | 27  | 5   | Oklahoma             | Cameron, TX          | FA '21       |
| 98  | Wonnun, D.J.          | DE  | 6-5  | 258 | 23  | 2   | South Carolina       | Stone Mountain, GA   | D4a '20      |
| 23  | Woods, Xavier         | S   | 5-11 | 204 | 26  | 5   | Louisiana Tech       | West Monroe, LA      | FA '21       |

## PRACTICE SQUAD

|    |                   |    |      |     |    |   |                  |                     |             |
|----|-------------------|----|------|-----|----|---|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 31 | Abdullah, Amer    | RB | 5-9  | 196 | 28 | 7 | Nebraska         | Homewood, AL        | W (DET) '18 |
| 65 | Bailey, Zack      | T  | 6-5  | 315 | 25 | 3 | South Carolina   | Summerville, SC     | PS '20      |
| 34 | Bargas, Jake      | FB | 6-2  | 245 | 24 | 2 | North Carolina   | Boca Raton, FL      | UDFA '20    |
| 47 | Borland, Tuf      | LB | 6-1  | 233 | 23 | R | Ohio State       | Bolingbrook, IL     | UDFA '21    |
| 40 | Davidson, Zach    | TE | 6-7  | 251 | 23 | R | Central Missouri | Webb City, MO       | D5b '21     |
| 46 | Dorn, Myles       | S  | 6-2  | 210 | 23 | 2 | North Carolina   | Charlotte, NC       | UDFA '20    |
| 78 | Dotzler, Dakota   | G  | 6-4  | 305 | 30 | 8 | Furman           | West Columbia, SC   | FA '19      |
| 68 | Hinton, Kyle      | G  | 6-2  | 315 | 23 | 2 | Washington       | Peoria, AZ          | D7d '20     |
| 9  | Jackson, Tristhon | WR | 6-1  | 191 | 23 | 1 | Syracuse         | West Bloomfield, MI | PS '21      |
| 14 | Mannion, Sean     | QB | 6-6  | 230 | 29 | 7 | Oregon State     | Pleasanton, CA      | PS '21      |
| 87 | Mitchell, Myron   | WR | 6-1  | 185 | 23 | R | UAB              | Jasper, AL          | UDFA '21    |
| 39 | Nickerson, Parry  | CB | 5-10 | 179 | 26 | 4 | Tulane           | Algiers, LA         | FA '21      |
| 16 | Philroy, Whop     | WR | 5-11 | 182 | 23 | R | Indiana          | Tampa, FL           | UDFA '21    |
| 36 | Rose Jr., A.J.    | RB | 6-1  | 212 | 23 | R | Kentucky         | Cleveland, OH       | UDFA '21    |
| 5  | Smith, Ty         | CB | 6-0  | 190 | 28 | 6 | Towson           | Raleigh, NC         | FA '21      |
| 79 | Willekes, Kenny   | DE | 6-3  | 264 | 24 | 2 | Michigan State   | Rockford, MI        | D7a '20     |

## RESERVE/INJURED

|    |                    |    |      |     |    |   |                   |                     |          |
|----|--------------------|----|------|-----|----|---|-------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 12 | Beebe, Chad        | WR | 5-10 | 187 | 27 | 4 | Northern Illinois | Aurora, IL          | UDFA '18 |
| 85 | Chisena, Dan       | WR | 6-3  | 203 | 24 | 2 | Penn State        | Downington, PA      | UDFA '20 |
| 81 | Johnson, Bisi      | WR | 6-0  | 210 | 24 | 3 | Colorado State    | Lakewood, CO        | D7c '19  |
| 26 | Nwangwu, Kene      | RB | 6-1  | 210 | 23 | R | Iowa State        | Frisco, TX          | D4a '21  |
| 13 | Proehl, Blake      | WR | 6-1  | 190 | 22 | R | East Carolina     | Charlotte, NC       | UDFA '21 |
| 95 | Robinson, Janarius | DE | 6-5  | 258 | 23 | R | Florida State     | Panama City, FL     | D4c '21  |
| 73 | Samia, Dru         | G  | 6-5  | 314 | 24 | 3 | Oklahoma          | West Sacramento, CA | D4 '19   |
| 66 | Scott, Jordan      | DT | 6-1  | 326 | 22 | R | Oregon            | Largo, FL           | UDFA '21 |
| 84 | Smith Jr., Irv     | TE | 6-2  | 240 | 23 | 3 | Alabama           | New Orleans, LA     | D2 '19   |
| 14 | Stanley, Nate      | QB | 6-4  | 233 | 24 | 1 | Iowa              | Menomonie, WI       | D7b '20  |

## RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL ILLNESS

|    |                |    |     |     |    |   |            |                  |         |
|----|----------------|----|-----|-----|----|---|------------|------------------|---------|
| 76 | Twyman, Jaylen | DT | 6-2 | 285 | 22 | R | Pittsburgh | Washington, D.C. | D6a '21 |
|----|----------------|----|-----|-----|----|---|------------|------------------|---------|

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## 2021 VIKINGS ROSTER

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

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| NO. | NAME                 | POS | HT   | WT  | AGE | EXP | COLLEGE              | HOMETOWN             | ACQUIRED     |
|-----|----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1   | Greg Joseph          | K   | 6-0  | 206 | 27  | 4   | Florida Atlantic     | Boca Raton, FL       | FA '21       |
| 3   | Adam Berry           | P   | 6-5  | 195 | 30  | 7   | Eastern Kentucky     | Melbourne, Australia | FA '21       |
| 7   | Patrick Peterson     | CB  | 6-1  | 198 | 31  | 11  | LSU                  | Fort Lauderdale, FL  | FA '21       |
| 8   | Kirk Cousins         | QB  | 6-3  | 205 | 33  | 10  | Michigan State       | Holland, MI          | FA '18       |
| 11  | Kellen Mond          | QB  | 6-3  | 212 | 22  | R   | Texas A&M            | San Antonio, TX      | D3a '21      |
| 12  | Dede Westbrook       | WR  | 6-0  | 178 | 27  | 5   | Oklahoma             | Cameron, TX          | FA '21       |
| 15  | Ihmir Smith-Marsette | WR  | 6-1  | 185 | 22  | R   | Iowa                 | Newark, NJ           | D5a '21      |
| 17  | K.J. Osborn          | WR  | 5-11 | 203 | 24  | 2   | Miami                | Ypsilanti, MI        | D5b '20      |
| 18  | Justin Jefferson     | WR  | 6-1  | 195 | 22  | 2   | Louisiana State      | St. Rose, LA         | D7a '19      |
| 19  | Adam Thielen         | WR  | 6-2  | 200 | 31  | 8   | Minnesota State      | Detroit Lakes, MN    | UDFA '13     |
| 20  | Harrison Hand        | CB  | 5-11 | 185 | 22  | 2   | Temple               | Cherry Hill, NJ      | D5a '20      |
| 21  | Bashaud Breeland     | CB  | 5-11 | 195 | 29  | 8   | Clemson              | Allendale, SC        | FA '21       |
| 22  | Harrison Smith       | S   | 6-2  | 211 | 32  | 10  | Notre Dame           | Knoxville, TN        | D1b '12      |
| 23  | Xavier Woods         | S   | 5-11 | 204 | 26  | 5   | Louisiana Tech       | West Monroe, LA      | FA '21       |
| 24  | Mackensie Alexander  | CB  | 5-10 | 192 | 27  | 6   | Clemson              | Immokalee, FL        | FA '21       |
| 25  | Alexander Mattison   | RB  | 5-11 | 215 | 23  | 3   | Boise State          | San Bernardino, CA   | D3 '19       |
| 27  | Cameron Dantzier     | CB  | 6-2  | 190 | 23  | 2   | Mississippi State    | Hammond, LA          | D3a '20      |
| 29  | Kris Boyd            | CB  | 5-11 | 195 | 24  | 3   | Texas                | Gilmer, TX           | D7a '19      |
| 30  | C.J. Ham             | RB  | 5-11 | 250 | 28  | 6   | Augustana            | Duluth, MN           | UDFA '16     |
| 33  | Dalvin Cook          | RB  | 5-10 | 210 | 26  | 5   | Florida State        | Miami, FL            | D2 '17       |
| 41  | Chazz Surratt        | LB  | 6-2  | 233 | 24  | R   | North Carolina       | Denver, NC           | D3b '21      |
| 42  | Andrew DePaola       | LS  | 6-1  | 229 | 34  | 7   | Rutgers              | Parkton, MD          | FA '20       |
| 43  | Camryn Bynum         | S   | 6-0  | 200 | 23  | R   | California           | Corona, CA           | D4b '21      |
| 44  | Josh Metellus        | S   | 5-11 | 207 | 23  | 2   | Michigan             | Pembroke Pines, FL   | D6b '20      |
| 45  | Troy Dye             | LB  | 6-3  | 225 | 24  | 2   | Oregon               | Norco, CA            | D4c '20      |
| 48  | Blake Lynch          | LB  | 6-3  | 233 | 24  | 2   | Baylor               | Gilmer, TX           | UDFA '20     |
| 51  | Wyatt Davis          | C   | 6-4  | 315 | 22  | R   | Ohio State           | Bellevue, CA         | D3c '21      |
| 52  | Mason Cole           | C   | 6-5  | 298 | 25  | 4   | Michigan             | Tarpon Springs, FL   | T (ARZ) '21  |
| 54  | Eric Kendricks       | LB  | 6-0  | 232 | 29  | 7   | UCLA                 | Fresno, CA           | D2 '15       |
| 55  | Anthony Barr         | LB  | 6-5  | 257 | 29  | 8   | UCLA                 | San Pedro, CA        | D1a '14      |
| 56  | Garrett Bradbury     | C   | 6-3  | 300 | 26  | 3   | North Carolina State | Charlotte, NC        | D1 '19       |
| 58  | Michael Pierce       | DT  | 6-0  | 340 | 28  | 6   | Samford              | Daphne, AL           | FA '20       |
| 57  | Ryan Connelly        | LB  | 6-2  | 234 | 25  | 3   | Wisconsin            | Eden Prairie, MN     | W '20        |
| 59  | Nick Vigil           | LB  | 6-2  | 230 | 28  | 6   | Utah State           | Plain City, UT       | FA '21       |
| 64  | Blake Brandel        | T   | 6-7  | 315 | 24  | 1   | Oregon State         | Milwaukee, OR        | D6a '20      |
| 69  | Rashod Hill          | CB  | 6-0  | 310 | 29  | 6   | Southern Mississippi | Jacksonville, FL     | PS (JAX) '16 |
| 71  | Christian Darrisaw   | T   | 6-5  | 315 | 22  | R   | Virginia Tech        | Upper Marlboro, MD   | D1 '21       |
| 72  | Ezra Cleveland       | C   | 6-6  | 312 | 23  | 2   | Boise State          | Spanaway, WA         | D2 '20       |
| 74  | Olisaemeka Udoh      | G   | 6-6  | 320 | 24  | 3   | Elon                 | Fayetteville, NC     | D6c '19      |
| 75  | Brian O'Neill        | T   | 6-7  | 310 | 25  | 4   | Pittsburgh           | Wilmington, DE       | D2 '18       |
| 82  | Ben Ellefson         | TE  | 6-3  | 250 | 25  | 2   | North Dakota State   | Hawley, MN           | W '21        |
| 83  | Tyler Conklin        | TE  | 6-3  | 248 | 26  | 4   | Central Michigan     | Chesterfield, MI     | D5a '18      |
| 86  | Brandon Dillon       | TE  | 6-5  | 250 | 24  | 2   | Marian               | Flora, IN            | UDFA '19     |
| 89  | Chris Herndon        | TE  | 6-4  | 253 | 25  | 4   | Miami                | Norcross, GA         | T (NYJ) '21  |
| 90  | Sheldon Richardson   | DT  | 6-3  | 290 | 30  | 9   | Missouri             | St. Louis, MO        | FA '21       |
| 91  | Stephen Weatherly    | DE  | 5-5  | 262 | 27  | 6   | Vanderbilt           | Snellville, GA       | FA '21       |
| 92  | James Lynch          | DT  | 6-4  | 295 | 22  | 2   | Baylor               | Round Rock, TX       | D4b '20      |
| 93  | Patrick Jones II     | DE  | 6-4  | 264 | 22  | R   | Pittsburgh           | Chesapeake, VA       | D3d '21      |
| 94  | Dalvin Tomlinson     | DT  | 6-3  | 325 | 28  | 5   | Alabama              | McDonough, GA        | FA '21       |
| 96  | Armon Watts          | DT  | 6-5  | 307 | 25  | 3   | Arkansas             | St. Louis, MO        | D6a '19      |
| 97  | Everson Griffen      | DE  | 6-3  | 273 | 33  | 12  | USC                  | Avondale, AZ         | FA '21       |
| 98  | D.J. Wonnum          | DE  | 6-5  | 258 | 23  | 2   | South Carolina       | Stone Mountain, GA   | D4a '20      |
| 99  | Danielle Hunter      | DE  | 6-5  | 263 | 26  | 7   | Louisiana State      | Katy, TX             | D3 '15       |

## PRACTICE SQUAD

|    |                  |    |      |     |    |   |                  |                     |             |
|----|------------------|----|------|-----|----|---|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 5  | Tye Smith        | CB | 6-0  | 190 | 28 | 6 | Towson           | Raleigh, NC         | FA '21      |
| 9  | Trishton Jackson | WR | 6-1  | 191 | 23 | 1 | Syracuse         | West Bloomfield, MI | PS '21      |
| 14 | Sean Mannion     | QB | 6-6  | 230 | 29 | 7 | Oregon State     | Pleasanton, CA      | PS '21      |
| 16 | Whop Philyor     | WR | 5-11 | 182 | 23 | R | Indiana          | Tampa, FL           | UDFA '21    |
| 31 | Ameer Abdullah   | WR | 5-9  | 196 | 28 | 7 | Nebraska         | Homewood, AL        | W (DET) '18 |
| 34 | Jake Bargas      | FB | 6-2  | 245 | 24 | 2 | North Carolina   | Boca Raton, FL      | UDFA '20    |
| 36 | A.J. Rose Jr.    | RB | 6-1  | 212 | 23 | R | Kentucky         | Cleveland, OH       | UDFA '21    |
| 39 | Parry Nickerson  | CB | 5-10 | 179 | 26 | 4 | Tulane           | Algiers, LA         | FA '21      |
| 40 | Zach Davidson    | TE | 6-7  | 251 | 23 | R | Central Missouri | Webb City, MO       | D5b '21     |
| 46 | Myles Dorn       | S  | 6-2  | 210 | 23 | 2 | North Carolina   | Charlotte, NC       | UDFA '20    |
| 47 | Tuf Borland      | LB | 6-1  | 233 | 23 | R | Ohio State       | Bolingbrook, IL     | UDFA '21    |
| 65 | Zack Bailey      | T  | 6-5  | 315 | 25 | 3 | South Carolina   | Summerville, SC     | PS '20      |
| 68 | Kyle Hinton      | G  | 6-2  | 315 | 23 | 2 | Washburn         | Peoria, AZ          | D7d '20     |
| 78 | Dakota Dozier    | G  | 6-4  | 305 | 30 | 8 | Furman           | West Columbia, SC   | FA '19      |
| 79 | Kenny Willekes   | DE | 6-3  | 264 | 24 | 2 | Michigan State   | Rockford, MI        | D7a '20     |
| 87 | Myron Mitchell   | WR | 6-1  | 185 | 23 | R | UAB              | Jasper, AL          | UDFA '21    |

## RESERVE/INJURED

|    |                   |    |      |     |    |   |                   |                     |          |
|----|-------------------|----|------|-----|----|---|-------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 12 | Chad Beebe        | WR | 5-10 | 187 | 27 | 4 | Northern Illinois | Aurora, IL          | UDFA '18 |
| 13 | Blake Proehl      | WR | 6-1  | 190 | 22 | R | East Carolina     | Charlotte, NC       | UDFA '21 |
| 14 | Nate Stanley      | QB | 6-4  | 233 | 24 | 1 | Iowa              | Menomonie, WI       | D7b '20  |
| 26 | Kene Nwangwu      | RB | 6-1  | 210 | 23 | R | Iowa State        | Frisco, TX          | D4a '21  |
| 66 | Jordon Scott      | DT | 6-1  | 326 | 22 | R | Oregon            | Largo, FL           | UDFA '21 |
| 73 | Dru Samia         | G  | 6-5  | 314 | 24 | 3 | Oklahoma          | West Sacramento, CA | D4 '19   |
| 81 | Bisi Johnson      | WR | 6-0  | 210 | 24 | 3 | Colorado State    | Lakewood, CO        | D7c '19  |
| 84 | Irv Smith Jr.     | TE | 6-2  | 240 | 23 | 3 | Alabama           | New Orleans, LA     | D2 '19   |
| 85 | Dan Chisena       | CB | 6-3  | 203 | 24 | 2 | Penn State        | Downington, PA      | UDFA '20 |
| 95 | Janarius Robinson | DE | 6-5  | 258 | 23 | R | Florida State     | Panama City, FL     | D4c '21  |

## RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL ILLNESS

|    |               |    |     |     |    |   |            |                  |         |
|----|---------------|----|-----|-----|----|---|------------|------------------|---------|
| 76 | Jaylen Twyman | DT | 6-2 | 285 | 22 | R | Pittsburgh | Washington, D.C. | D6a '21 |
|----|---------------|----|-----|-----|----|---|------------|------------------|---------|

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**OFFENSE (23): Klint Kubiak****Quarterbacks (2): Andrew Janocko**

|    |               |    |     |     |    |    |                |                 |         |
|----|---------------|----|-----|-----|----|----|----------------|-----------------|---------|
| 8  | Cousins, Kirk | QB | 6-3 | 205 | 33 | 10 | Michigan State | Holland, MI     | FA '18  |
| 11 | Mond, Kellen  | QB | 6-3 | 212 | 22 | R  | Texas A&M      | San Antonio, TX | D3a '21 |

**Running Backs (3): Kennedy Polamalu/AC Patterson**

|    |                     |    |      |     |    |   |               |                   |          |
|----|---------------------|----|------|-----|----|---|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| 33 | Cook, Dalvin        | RB | 5-10 | 210 | 26 | 5 | Florida State | Miami, FL         | D2 '17   |
| 30 | Ham, C.J.           | FB | 5-11 | 250 | 28 | 6 | Augustana     | Duluth, MN        | UDFA '16 |
| 25 | Mattison, Alexander | RB | 5-11 | 215 | 23 | 3 | Boise State   | San Bernadino, CA | D3 '19   |

**Wide Receivers (5): Keenan McCardell/Christian Jones**

|    |                       |    |      |     |    |   |                 |                   |          |
|----|-----------------------|----|------|-----|----|---|-----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 18 | Jefferson, Justin     | WR | 6-1  | 195 | 22 | 2 | Louisiana State | St. Rose, LA      | D1a '20  |
| 17 | Osborn, K.J.          | WR | 5-11 | 203 | 24 | 2 | Miami           | Ypsilanti, MI     | D5b '20  |
| 15 | Smith-Marsette, Ihmir | WR | 6-1  | 185 | 22 | R | Iowa            | Newark, NJ        | D5a '21  |
| 19 | Thielen, Adam         | WR | 6-2  | 200 | 31 | 8 | Minnesota State | Detroit Lakes, MN | UDFA '13 |
| 12 | Westbrook, Dede       | WR | 6-0  | 178 | 27 | 5 | Oklahoma        | Cameron, TX       | FA '21   |

**Tight Ends (4): Brian Pariani**

|    |                 |    |     |     |    |   |                    |                  |             |
|----|-----------------|----|-----|-----|----|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 83 | Conklin, Tyler  | TE | 6-3 | 248 | 26 | 4 | Central Michigan   | Chesterfield, MI | D5a '18     |
| 86 | Dillon, Brandon | TE | 6-5 | 250 | 24 | 2 | Marian             | Flora, IN        | UDFA '19    |
| 89 | Herndon, Chris  | TE | 6-4 | 253 | 25 | 4 | Miami              | Norcross, GA     | T (NYJ) '21 |
| 82 | Ellefson, Ben   | TE | 6-3 | 250 | 25 | 2 | North Dakota State | Hawley, MN       | W '21       |

**Offensive Line (9): Phil Rauscher/Ben Steele**

|    |                     |   |     |     |    |   |                      |                    |              |
|----|---------------------|---|-----|-----|----|---|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 56 | Bradbury, Garrett   | C | 6-3 | 300 | 26 | 3 | North Carolina State | Charlotte, NC      | D1 '19       |
| 64 | Brandel, Blake      | T | 6-7 | 315 | 24 | 1 | Oregon State         | Milwaukie, OR      | D6a '20      |
| 72 | Cleveland, Ezra     | G | 6-6 | 312 | 23 | 2 | Boise State          | Spanaway, WA       | D2 '20       |
| 52 | Cole, Mason         | C | 6-5 | 298 | 25 | 4 | Michigan             | Tarpon Springs, FL | T (ARZ) '21  |
| 71 | Darrisaw, Christian | T | 6-5 | 315 | 22 | R | Virginia Tech        | Upper Marlboro, MD | D1 '21       |
| 51 | Davis, Wyatt        | G | 6-4 | 315 | 22 | R | Ohio State           | Bellflower, CA     | D3c '21      |
| 69 | Hill, Rashod        | T | 6-6 | 310 | 29 | 6 | Southern Mississippi | Jacksonville, FL   | P5 (JAX) '16 |
| 75 | O'Neill, Brian      | T | 6-7 | 310 | 25 | 4 | Pittsburgh           | Wilmington, DE     | D2 '18       |
| 74 | Udoh, Oluisekemika  | G | 6-6 | 320 | 24 | 3 | Elon                 | Fayetteville, NC   | D6c '19      |

**DEFENSE (27): Andre Patterson/Adam Zimmer****Defensive Line (10): Andre Patterson/Imarjaye Albury**

|    |                     |    |     |     |    |    |                 |                    |         |
|----|---------------------|----|-----|-----|----|----|-----------------|--------------------|---------|
| 97 | Griffen, Everson    | DE | 6-3 | 273 | 33 | 12 | USC             | Avondale, AZ       | FA '21  |
| 90 | Hunter, Danielle    | DE | 6-5 | 263 | 26 | 7  | Louisiana State | Katy, TX           | D3 '15  |
| 93 | Jones II, Patrick   | DE | 6-4 | 264 | 22 | R  | Pittsburgh      | Chesapeake, VA     | D3d '21 |
| 92 | Lynch, James        | DT | 6-4 | 295 | 22 | 2  | Baylor          | Round Rock, TX     | D4b '20 |
| 58 | Pierce, Michael     | DT | 6-4 | 290 | 28 | 6  | Samford         | Daphne, AL         | FA '20  |
| 90 | Richardson, Sheldon | DT | 6-3 | 290 | 30 | 9  | Missouri        | St. Louis, MO      | FA '21  |
| 94 | Tomlinson, Dalvin   | DT | 6-3 | 325 | 28 | 5  | Alabama         | McDonough, GA      | FA '21  |
| 96 | Watts, Armon        | DT | 6-5 | 307 | 25 | 3  | Arkansas        | St. Louis, MO      | D6a '19 |
| 91 | Weatherly, Stephen  | DE | 6-5 | 262 | 27 | 6  | Vanderbilt      | Snellville, GA     | FA '21  |
| 98 | Wonnum, D.J.        | DE | 6-5 | 258 | 23 | 2  | South Carolina  | Stone Mountain, GA | D4a '20 |

**Linebackers (7): Adam Zimmer/Sam Siefkes**

|    |                 |    |     |     |    |   |                |                  |          |
|----|-----------------|----|-----|-----|----|---|----------------|------------------|----------|
| 55 | Barr, Anthony   | LB | 6-5 | 257 | 29 | 8 | UCLA           | San Pedro, CA    | D1a '14  |
| 57 | Connelly, Ryan  | LB | 6-2 | 234 | 25 | 3 | Wisconsin      | Eden Prairie, MN | W '20    |
| 45 | Dye, Troy       | LB | 6-3 | 225 | 24 | 2 | Oregon         | Norco, CA        | D4c '20  |
| 54 | Kendricks, Eric | LB | 6-0 | 232 | 29 | 7 | UCLA           | Fresno, CA       | D2 '15   |
| 48 | Lynch, Blake    | LB | 6-3 | 233 | 24 | 2 | Baylor         | Gilmer, TX       | UDFA '20 |
| 41 | Surratt, Chazz  | LB | 6-2 | 233 | 24 | R | North Carolina | Denver, NC       | D3b '21  |
| 59 | Vigil, Nick     | LB | 6-2 | 230 | 28 | 6 | Utah State     | Plain City, UT   | FA '21   |

**Defensive Backs (10): Karl Scott/Roy Anderson**

|    |                      |    |      |     |    |    |                   |                     |         |
|----|----------------------|----|------|-----|----|----|-------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 24 | Alexander, Mackensie | CB | 5-10 | 192 | 27 | 6  | Clemson           | Immokalee, FL       | FA '21  |
| 29 | Boyd, Kris           | CB | 5-11 | 195 | 24 | 3  | Texas             | Gilmer, TX          | D7a '19 |
| 21 | Breeland, Bashaud    | CB | 5-11 | 195 | 29 | 8  | Clemson           | Allendale, SC       | FA '21  |
| 43 | Bynum, Camryn        | S  | 6-0  | 200 | 23 | R  | California        | Corona, CA          | D4b '21 |
| 27 | Dantzler, Cameron    | CB | 6-2  | 190 | 23 | 2  | Mississippi State | Hammond, LA         | D3a '20 |
| 20 | Hand, Harrison       | CB | 5-11 | 185 | 22 | 2  | Temple            | Cherry Hill, NJ     | D5a '20 |
| 44 | Metellus, Josh       | S  | 5-11 | 207 | 23 | 2  | Michigan          | Pembroke Pines, FL  | D6b '20 |
| 7  | Peterson, Patrick    | CB | 6-1  | 198 | 31 | 11 | LSU               | Fort Lauderdale, FL | FA '21  |
| 22 | Smith, Harrison      | S  | 6-2  | 211 | 32 | 10 | Notre Dame        | Knoxville, TN       | D1b '12 |
| 23 | Woods, Xavier        | S  | 5-11 | 204 | 26 | 5  | Louisiana Tech    | West Monroe, LA     | FA '21  |

**SPECIAL TEAMS (3): Ryan Ficken****Specialists (3): Ryan Ficken/Robert Steeples**

|    |                 |    |     |     |    |   |                  |                      |        |
|----|-----------------|----|-----|-----|----|---|------------------|----------------------|--------|
| 3  | Berry, Jordan   | P  | 6-5 | 195 | 30 | 7 | Eastern Kentucky | Melbourne, Australia | FA '21 |
| 42 | DePaola, Andrew | LS | 6-1 | 229 | 34 | 7 | Rutgers          | Parkton, MD          | FA '20 |
| 1  | Joseph, Greg    | K  | 6-0 | 206 | 27 | 4 | Florida Atlantic | Boca Raton, FL       | FA '21 |

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## DEPTH CHART

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## OFFENSE

|        |                  |    |                             |    |                |
|--------|------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|----------------|
| WR: 18 | Justin Jefferson | 17 | K.J. Osborn                 | 12 | Dede Westbrook |
| LT: 69 | Rashod Hill      | 71 | <u>Christian Darrisaw</u>   |    |                |
| LG: 72 | Ezra Cleveland   |    |                             |    |                |
| C: 56  | Garrett Bradbury | 52 | Mason Cole                  |    |                |
| RG: 74 | Olisaemeka Udoh  | 51 | <u>Wyatt Davis</u>          |    |                |
| RT: 75 | Brian O'Neill    | 64 | Blake Brandel               |    |                |
| TE: 83 | Tyler Conklin    | 86 | Brandon Dillon              | 89 | Chris Herndon  |
|        |                  |    |                             | 82 | Ben Ellefson   |
| WR: 19 | Adam Thielen     | 15 | <u>Ihmir Smith-Marsette</u> |    |                |
| QB: 8  | Kirk Cousins     | 11 | <u>Kellen Mond</u>          |    |                |
| HB: 33 | Dalvin Cook      | 25 | Alexander Mattison          |    |                |
| FB: 30 | C.J. Ham         |    |                             |    |                |

## DEFENSE

|         |                  |    |                      |    |                         |
|---------|------------------|----|----------------------|----|-------------------------|
| LE: 99  | Danielle Hunter  | 91 | Stephen Weatherly    |    |                         |
| NT: 58  | Michael Pierce   | 96 | Armon Watts          | 92 | James Lynch             |
| DT: 94  | Dalvin Tomlinson | 90 | Sheldon Richardson   |    |                         |
| RE: 98  | D.J. Wonnum      | 97 | Everson Griffen      | 93 | <u>Patrick Jones II</u> |
| SLB: 55 | Anthony Barr     | 48 | Blake Lynch          | 57 | Ryan Connelly           |
| MLB: 54 | Eric Kendricks   | 45 | Troy Dye             |    |                         |
| WLB: 59 | Nick Vigil       | 41 | <u>Chazz Surratt</u> |    |                         |
| LCB: 7  | Patrick Peterson | 24 | Mackensie Alexander  | 20 | Harrison Hand           |
| RCB: 21 | Bashaud Breeland | 29 | Kris Boyd            | 27 | Cameron Dantzler        |
| SS: 22  | Harrison Smith   | 44 | Josh Metellus        |    |                         |
| FS: 23  | Xavier Woods     | 43 | <u>Camryn Bynum</u>  |    |                         |

## SPECIAL TEAMS

|        |                             |    |                |    |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------------------|
| K: 1   | Greg Joseph                 |    |                |    |                             |
| P: 3   | Jordan Berry                |    |                |    |                             |
| H: 3   | Jordan Berry                |    |                |    |                             |
| LS: 42 | Andrew DePaola              |    |                |    |                             |
| KR: 15 | <u>Ihmir Smith-Marsette</u> | 17 | K.J. Osborn    |    |                             |
| PR: 17 | K.J. Osborn                 | 12 | Dede Westbrook | 15 | <u>Ihmir Smith-Marsette</u> |

## 2021 VIKINGS ROSTER

## HOW THE 2020 VIKINGS WERE BUILT

| YEAR | DRAFT   | TRADES                                  | FREE AGENCY/WAIVERS   |
|------|---|---|---|
| 2012 | S Harrison Smith (1)  |   |   |
| 2013 |   |   | WR Adam Thielen*  |
| 2014 | LB Anthony Barr (1)   |   |   |
| 2015 | DE Danielle Hunter (3)<br>LB Eric Kendricks (2)   |   |   |
| 2016 |   |   | FB C.J. Ham*<br>T Rashod Hill**   |
| 2017 | RB Dalvin Cook (2)  |   |   |
| 2018 | TE Tyler Conklin (5)<br>T Brian O'Neill (2)   |   | QB Kirk Cousins**   |
| 2019 | C Garrett Bradbury (1)<br>CB Kris Boyd (7)<br>RB Alexander Mattison (3)<br>T Olisaemeka Udoh (6)<br>DT Armon Watts (6)  |   | TE Brandon Dillon*  |
| 2020 | T Blake Brandel (6)<br>T Ezra Cleveland (2)<br>CB Cameron Dantzler (3)<br>LB Troy Dye (4)<br>CB Harrison Hand (5)<br>WR Justin Jefferson (1)<br>DT James Lynch (4)<br>S Josh Metellus (6)<br>WR K.J. Osborn (5)<br>DE D.J. Wonnum (4) |   | LB Ryan Connelly**<br>LS Andrew DePaola**<br>LB Blake Lynch*<br>DT Michael Pierce**   |
| 2021 | S Camryn Bynum (4)<br>T Christian Darrisaw (1)<br>G Wyatt Davis (3)<br>DE Patrick Jones II (3)<br>QB Kellen Mond (3)<br>WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette (5)<br>LB Chazz Surratt (3)   | Mason Cole (ARZ)<br>Chris Herndon (NYJ) | CB Mackensie Alexander**<br>P Jordan Berry**<br>Bashaud Breeland**<br>Ben Ellefson**<br>Everson Griffen**<br>Greg Joseph**<br>Patrick Peterson**<br>Sheldon Richardson**<br>Dalvin Tomlinson**<br>Nick Vigil**<br>Stephen Weatherly**<br>Dede Westbrook**<br>Xavier Woods** |

\*Rookie free agent prior to joining Vikings

\*\*NFL veteran or had been in other NFL camps prior to joining Vikings

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## ROUTE TO THE NFL

## 1ST ROUND (7)

[5] Patrick Peterson (2011-ARZ)  
 [9] Anthony Barr (2014)  
 [13] Sheldon Richardson (2013-NYJ)  
 [18] Garrett Bradbury (2019)  
 [22] Justin Jefferson (2020)  
 [23] Christian Darrisaw (2021)  
 [29] Harrison Smith (2012)

## 2ND ROUND (6)

[41] Dalvin Cook (2017)  
 [45] Eric Kendricks (2015)  
 [54] Mackensie Alexander (2016)  
 [55] Dalvin Tomlinson (2017-NYG)  
 [58] Ezra Cleveland (2020)  
 [62] Brian O'Neill (2018)

## 3RD ROUND (9)

[66] Kellen Mond (2021)  
 [78] Chazz Surratt (2021)  
 [86] Wyatt Davis (2021)  
 [87] Nick Vigil (2016-CIN)  
 [88] Danielle Hunter (2015)  
 [89] Cameron Dantzler (2020)  
 [90] Patrick Jones II (2021)  
 [97] Mason Cole (2018-ARZ)  
 [102] Alexander Mattison (2019)

## 4TH ROUND (9)

[100] Everson Griffen (2010)  
 [102] Bashaud Breeland (2014-WAS)  
 [102] Kirk Cousins (2012-WAS)  
 [107] Chris Herndon (2018-NYJ)  
 [110] Dede Westbrook (2017-JAX)  
 [117] D.J. Wonnum (2020)  
 [125] Camryn Bynum (2021)  
 [130] James Lynch (2020)  
 [132] Troy Dye (2020)

## 5TH ROUND (5)

[143] Ryan Connelly (2019-NYG)  
 [157] Tyler Conklin (2018)  
 [157] Ihmir Smith-Marsette (2021)  
 [169] Harrison Hand (2020)  
 [176] K.J. Osborn (2020)

## 6TH ROUND (5)

[190] Armon Watts (2019)  
 [191] Xavier Woods (2017-DAL)  
 [193] Olisaemeka Udoh (2019)  
 [203] Blake Brandel (2020)  
 [205] Josh Metellus (2020)

## 7TH ROUND (2)

[217] Kris Boyd (2019)  
 [27] Stephen Weatherly (2016)

## UNDRAFTED (10)

Jordan Berry (2015-PIT)  
 Andrew DePaola (2012-TB)  
 Brandon Dillon (2019)  
 Ben Ellefson (2020-JAX)  
 C.J. Ham (2016)  
 Rashod Hill (2016-JAX)  
 Greg Joseph (2018-MIA)  
 Blake Lynch (2020)  
 Michael Pierce (2016-BAL)  
 Adam Thielen (2013)

[overall selection in brackets]  
 (year and team in parenthesis)

## NFL EXPERIENCE

## 11th Year (1)

Britton Colquitt

## 10th Year (1)

Dan Bailey

## 9th Year (2)

Kirk Cousins  
 Harrison Smith

## 7th Year (3)

Todd Davis  
 Shamar Stephen  
 Adam Thielen

## 6th Year (6)

Ameer Abdullah  
 Andrew DePaola  
 Dakota Dozier  
 Anthony Harris  
 Eric Kendricks  
 Sean Mannion

## 5th Year (2)

Rashod Hill  
 Brett Jones

## 4th Year (5)

Dalvin Cook  
 C.J. Ham  
 Jaleel Johnson  
 Hardy Nickerson  
 Eric Wilson

## 3rd Year (8)

Chad Beebe  
 Mike Boone  
 Tyler Conklin  
 Jaylin Holmes  
 Chris Jones  
 Hercules Mata'afa  
 Ifeadi Odenigbo  
 Brian O'Neill

## 2nd Year (10)

Garrett Bradbury  
 Jordan Brailford  
 Ryan Connelly  
 Hale Hentges  
 Bisi Johnson  
 Alexander Mattison  
 Dru Samia  
 Irv Smith Jr.  
 Oli Udoh  
 Armon Watts

## 1st Year (1)

Dylan Mabin

## Rookies (13)

Dan Chisena  
 Ezra Cleveland  
 Cameron Dantzler  
 Troy Dye  
 Jeff Gladney  
 Harrison Hand  
 Kyle Hinton  
 Justin Jefferson  
 Blake Lynch  
 James Lynch  
 Josh Metellus  
 K.J. Osborn  
 D.J. Wonnum

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| DATE        | POS | PLAYER             | TRANSACTION                                   |
|-------------|-----|--------------------|---|
| September 2 | P   | BERRY, Jordan      | Signed  |
| September 2 | P   | COLQUITT, Britton  | Released                                      |
| September 2 | WR  | JACKSON, Trishton  | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 2 | QB  | MANNION, Sean      | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | TE  | SMITH JR., Irv     | Placed on Reserve/Injured                     |
| September 1 | RB  | NWANGWU, Kene      | Placed on Reserve/Injured                     |
| September 1 | WR  | CHISENA, Dan       | Placed on Reserve/Injured                     |
| September 1 | DE  | GRIFFEN, Everson   | Signed  |
| September 1 | LS  | DePAOLA, Andrew    | Signed  |
| September 1 | DE  | HOLMES, Jalyn      | Waived  |
| September 1 | TE  | ELLEFSO, Ben       | Claimed - Assigned via Waivers (Jacksonville) |
| September 1 | DE  | WILLEKES, Kenny    | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | CB  | SMITH, Tye         | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | RB  | ROSE JR., A.J.     | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | WR  | PHILYOR, Whop      | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | CB  | NICKERSON, Parry   | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | WR  | MITCHELL, Myron    | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | G   | HINTON, Kyle       | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | G   | DOZIER, Dakota     | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | S   | DORN, Myles        | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | TE  | DAVIDSON, Zach     | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | LB  | BORLAND, Tuf       | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | FB  | BARGAS, Jake       | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | T   | BAILEY, Zack       | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| September 1 | RB  | ABDULLAH, Ameer    | Signed to Practice Squad                      |
| August 31   | TE  | HERNDON, Chris     | Acquired via Trade (New York Jets)            |
| August 31   | QB  | STANLEY, Nate      | Waived/Injured                                |
| August 31   | G   | SAMIA, Dru         | Waived/Injured                                |
| August 31   | S   | KIRK, Luther       | Waived/Injured                                |
| August 31   | WR  | BEEBE, Chad        | Waived/Injured                                |
| August 31   | TE  | ZYLSTRA, Shane     | Waived  |
| August 31   | DE  | WILLEKES, Kenny    | Waived  |
| August 31   | RB  | ROSE JR., A.J.     | Waived  |
| August 31   | WR  | PHILYOR, Whop      | Waived  |
| August 31   | CB  | NICKERSON, Parry   | Waived  |
| August 31   | WR  | MITCHELL, Myron    | Waived  |
| August 31   | DE  | MATA/AFA, Hercules | Waived  |
| August 31   | G   | HINTON, Kyle       | Waived  |
| August 31   | S   | DORN, Myles        | Waived  |
| August 31   | TE  | DAVIDSON, Zach     | Waived  |
| August 31   | QB  | BROWNING, Jake     | Waived  |
| August 31   | LB  | BORLAND, Tuf       | Waived  |
| August 31   | FB  | BARGAS, Jake       | Waived  |
| August 31   | T   | BAILEY, Zack       | Waived  |
| August 31   | CB  | SMITH, Tye         | Released                                      |
| August 31   | DE  | GRIFFEN, Everson   | Released                                      |
| August 31   | G   | DOZIER, Dakota     | Released                                      |
| August 31   | LS  | DePAOLA, Andrew    | Released                                      |
| August 31   | RB  | ABDULLAH, Ameer    | Released                                      |
| August 28   | RB  | SMITH, Ito         | Waived  |
| August 28   | DT  | JOHNSON, Zeandae   | Waived  |
| August 28   | C   | CABRAL, Cohl       | Waived  |
| August 25   | T   | KSIEZARCZYK, Evin  | Waived  |
| August 23   | RB  | SMITH, Ito         | Signed  |
| August 23   | DE  | ROBINSON, Janarius | Placed on Reserve/Retired                     |
| August 23   | DT  | SCOTT, Jordan      | Waived/Injured                                |
| August 23   | LB  | ELLISS, Christian  | Waived  |
| August 23   | QB  | ETLING, Danny      | Waived  |
| August 23   | DE  | GRIFFEN, Everson   | Signed  |
| August 23   | LB  | SMITH, Cameron     | Placed on Reserve/Retired                     |
| August 22   | WR  | JACKSON, Warren    | Waived  |
| August 22   | CB  | MABIN, Dylan       | Waived  |
| August 17   | CB  | HENDERSON, Amari   | Waived  |
| August 16   | WR  | PROEHL, Blake      | Waived/Injured                                |
| August 16   | K   | PATTERSON, Riley   | Waived/Injured                                |
| August 15   | DE  | BRAILFORD, Jordan  | Waived  |

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| DATE      | POS | PLAYER                | TRANSACTION                                   |
|-----------|-----|-----------------------|---|
| August 15 | LS  | BERNARD, Turner       | Waived  |
| August 11 | WR  | MITCHELL, Myron       | Activated from Reserve/COVID-19               |
| August 10 | QB  | MOND, Kellen          | Activated from Reserve/COVID-19               |
| August 9  | WR  | JACKSON, Warren       | Signed  |
| August 5  | QB  | COOKUS, Case          | Waived  |
| August 5  | K   | PATTERSON, Riley      | Passed Physical                               |
| August 5  | QB  | STANLEY, Nate         | Activated from Reserve/COVID-19               |
| August 5  | QB  | COUSINS, Kirk         | Activated from Reserve/COVID-19               |
| August 3  | CB  | GLADNEY, Jeff         | Released                                      |
| August 2  | QB  | ETLING, Danny         | Claimed - Assigned via Waivers (Seattle)      |
| August 2  | QB  | COOKUS, Case          | Signed  |
| August 2  | WR  | JOHNSON, Bisi         | Placed on Reserve/Injured                     |
| August 2  | WR  | MITCHELL, Myron       | Placed on Reserve/COVID-19                    |
| August 2  | QB  | STANLEY, Nate         | Placed on Reserve/COVID-19                    |
| August 2  | QB  | MOND, Kellen          | Placed on Reserve/COVID-19                    |
| August 2  | QB  | COUSINS, Kirk         | Placed on Reserve/COVID-19                    |
| July 27   | K   | PATTERSON, Riley      | Placed on Active/Physically Unable to Perform |
| July 26   | DT  | TWYMAN, Jaylen        | Waived (Non-Football Injury)                  |
| July 26   | WR  | WESTBROOK, Dede       | Signed  |
| July 26   | LB  | SURRATT, Chazz        | Signed  |
| July 26   | DE  | JONES II, Patrick     | Signed  |
| July 26   | G   | DAVIS, Wyatt          | Signed  |
| June 15   | QB  | MOND, Kellen          | Signed  |
| June 15   | P   | VON ROSENBERG, Zach   | Waived  |
| June 15   | DT  | RICHARDSON, Sheldon   | Signed  |
| June 8    | CB  | HENDERSON, Amari      | Signed  |
| June 4    | CB  | BREELAND, Bashaud     | Signed  |
| June 3    | CB  | SMITH, Tye            | Signed  |
| May 24    | C   | CABRAL, Cohl          | Claimed - Assigned via Waivers (Houston)      |
| May 18    | DE  | ROBINSON, Janarius    | Signed  |
| May 17    | CB  | NICKERSON, Parry      | Signed  |
| May 17    | T   | KSIEZARCZYK, Evin     | Signed  |
| May 15    | RB  | NWANGWU, Kene         | Signed  |
| May 14    | DT  | TWYMAN, Jaylen        | Signed  |
| May 14    | WR  | SMITH-MARSETTE, Ihmir | Signed  |
| May 14    | TE  | DAVIDSON, Zach        | Signed  |
| May 14    | T   | DARRISAW, Christian   | Signed  |
| May 14    | S   | BYNUM, Camryn         | Signed  |
| May 13    | CB  | HUGHES, Mike          | Traded to Kansas City                         |
| May 7     | TE  | ZYLSTRA, Shane        | Signed  |
| May 4     | P   | VON ROSENBERG, Zach   | Agreed to Terms                               |
| May 4     | DT  | SCOTT, Jordan         | Agreed to Terms                               |
| May 4     | RB  | ROSE JR., A.J.        | Agreed to Terms                               |
| May 4     | WR  | PROEHL, Blake         | Agreed to Terms                               |
| May 4     | WR  | Philyor, Whop         | Agreed to Terms                               |
| May 4     | K   | PATTERSON, Riley      | Agreed to Terms                               |
| May 4     | WR  | MITCHELL, Myron       | Agreed to Terms                               |
| May 4     | DT  | JOHNSON, Zeandae      | Agreed to Terms                               |
| May 4     | LB  | ELLISS, Christian     | Agreed to Terms                               |
| May 4     | LB  | BORLAND, Tuf          | Agreed to Terms                               |
| May 4     | LS  | BERNARD, Turner       | Agreed to Terms                               |
| May 1     | DT  | TWYMAN, Jaylen        | Drafted                                       |
| May 1     | TE  | DAVIDSON, Zach        | Drafted                                       |
| May 1     | WR  | SMITH-MARSETTE, Ihmir | Drafted                                       |
| May 1     | DE  | ROBINSON, Janarius    | Drafted                                       |
| May 1     | S   | BYNUM, Camryn         | Drafted                                       |
| May 1     | RB  | NWANGWU, Kene         | Drafted                                       |
| April 30  | DE  | JONES II, Patrick     | Drafted                                       |
| April 30  | G   | DAVIS, Wyatt          | Drafted                                       |
| April 30  | LB  | SURRATT, Chazz        | Drafted                                       |
| April 30  | QB  | MOND, Kellen          | Drafted                                       |
| April 29  | T   | DARRISAW, Christian   | Drafted                                       |
| March 30  | TE  | HENTGES, Hale         | Placed on Reserve/Retired                     |
| March 30  | G   | DOZIER, Dakota        | Signed  |
| March 29  | CB  | ALEXANDER, Mackensie  | Agreed to Terms                               |
| March 29  | S   | WOODS, Xavier         | Agreed to Terms                               |

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| DATE | OPPONENT             | 9/12  | 9/19  | 9/26 | 10/3 | 10/10 | 10/17 | 10/31 | 11/7  | 11/14 | 11/21 | 11/28 | 12/5  | 12/9 | 12/20 | 12/25 | 1/3  | 1/9 | 2021 Season |     |     | Career |     |     |
|------|----------------------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-----|-------------|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|
|      |                      | @ CIN | @ ARZ | SEA  | CLE  | DET   | @ CAR | DAL   | @ BAL | @ LAC | GB    | @ SF  | @ DET | PIT  | @ CHI | LAR   | @ GB | CHI | GP          | GS  | DNP | IA     | GP  | GS  |
|      | Abdullah, Ameer      |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 74          | 22  |     |        | 74  | 22  |
|      | Alexander, MacLennie |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 68          | 20  |     |        | 68  | 20  |
|      | Bailey, Zack         |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 0           | 0   |     |        | 0   | 0   |
|      | Bargas, Jake         |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 1           | 0   |     |        | 1   | 0   |
|      | Barr, Anthony        |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 87          | 87  |     |        | 87  | 87  |
|      | Beebe, Chad          |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 20          | 0   |     |        | 20  | 0   |
|      | Berry, Jordan        |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 91          | 0   |     |        | 91  | 0   |
|      | Borland, Tuf         |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 0           | 0   |     |        | 0   | 0   |
|      | Boyd, Kris           |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 26          | 5   |     |        | 26  | 5   |
|      | Bradbury, Garrett    |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 32          | 32  |     |        | 32  | 32  |
|      | Brandel, Blake       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 0           | 0   |     |        | 0   | 0   |
|      | Breeland, Bashaud    |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 94          | 88  |     |        | 94  | 88  |
|      | Bynum, Camryn        |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 0           | 0   |     |        | 0   | 0   |
|      | Chisena, Dan         |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 14          | 0   |     |        | 14  | 0   |
|      | Cleveland, Ezra      |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 13          | 9   |     |        | 13  | 9   |
|      | Cole, Mason          |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 46          | 32  |     |        | 46  | 32  |
|      | Conklin, Tyler       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 47          | 6   |     |        | 47  | 6   |
|      | Connelly, Ryan       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 18          | 3   |     |        | 18  | 3   |
|      | Cook, Dalvin         |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 43          | 42  |     |        | 43  | 42  |
|      | Cousins, Kirk        |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 109         | 104 |     |        | 109 | 104 |
|      | Dantzler, Cameron    |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 11          | 10  |     |        | 11  | 10  |
|      | Darrisaw, Christian  |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 0           | 0   |     |        | 0   | 0   |
|      | Davidson, Zach       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 0           | 0   |     |        | 0   | 0   |
|      | Davis, Wyatt         |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 0           | 0   |     |        | 0   | 0   |
|      | DePaola, Andrew      |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 72          | 0   |     |        | 72  | 0   |
|      | Dillon, Brandon      |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 4           | 0   |     |        | 4   | 0   |
|      | Dorn, Myles          |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 0           | 0   |     |        | 0   | 0   |
|      | Dozier, Dakota       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 70          | 27  |     |        | 70  | 27  |
|      | Dye, Troy            |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 11          | 5   |     |        | 11  | 5   |
|      | Ellefson, Ben        |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |     | 7           | 4   |     |        | 7   | 4   |

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| DATE | OPPONENT            | 2021 Season   |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             | Career     |     |     |
|------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-----|-----|
|      |                     | 9/12<br>@ CIN | 9/19<br>@ ARZ | 9/26<br>SEA | 10/3<br>CLE | 10/10<br>DET | 10/17<br>@ CAR | 10/31<br>DAL | 11/7<br>@ BAL | 11/14<br>@ LAC | 11/21<br>GB | 11/28<br>@ SF | 12/5<br>@ DET | 12/9<br>PIT | 12/20<br>@ CHI | 12/25<br>LAR | 1/3<br>@ GB | 1/9<br>CHI | GP  | GS  |
|      | Griffen, Everson    |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 161 | 90  |
|      | Ham, C.J.           |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 62  | 21  |
|      | Hand, Harrison      |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 14  | 1   |
|      | Herndon, Chris      |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 33  | 25  |
|      | Hill, Rashod        |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 59  | 17  |
|      | Hinton, Kyle        |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 0   | 0   |
|      | Hunter, Danielle    |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 78  | 49  |
|      | Jackson, Trishton   |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 0   | 0   |
|      | Jefferson, Justin   |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 16  | 14  |
|      | Johnson, Bisi       |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 32  | 9   |
|      | Jones II, Patrick   |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 0   | 0   |
|      | Joseph, Greg        |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 16  | 0   |
|      | Kendricks, Eric     |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 85  | 81  |
|      | Kirk, Luther        |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 0   | 0   |
|      | Lynch, Blake        |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 4   | 1   |
|      | Lynch, James        |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 9   | 0   |
|      | Mannion, Sean       |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 13  | 2   |
|      | Mattison, Alexander |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 26  | 2   |
|      | Metellus, Josh      |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 15  | 0   |
|      | Mitchell, Myron     |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 0   | 0   |
|      | Mond, Kellen        |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 0   | 0   |
|      | Nickerson, Parry    |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 21  | 3   |
|      | Nwangwu, Kene       |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 0   | 0   |
|      | O'Neill, Brian      |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 46  | 42  |
|      | Osborn, K.J.        |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 9   | 0   |
|      | Peterson, Patrick   |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 154 | 154 |
|      | Philvior, Whop      |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 0   | 0   |
|      | Pierce, Michael     |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 60  | 30  |
|      | Proehl, Blake       |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 0   | 0   |
|      | Richardson, Sheldon |               |               |             |             |              |                |              |               |                |             |               |               |             |                |              |             |            | 121 | 118 |

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2020 VIKINGS REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

Won 7, Lost 9

|       |          |                  |
|-------|----------|------------------|
| 9/13  | L, 34-43 | vs. Green Bay    |
| 9/20  | L, 11-28 | at Indianapolis  |
| 9/27  | L, 30-31 | vs. Tennessee    |
| 10/4  | W, 31-23 | at Houston       |
| 10/11 | L, 26-27 | at Seattle       |
| 10/18 | L, 23-40 | vs. Atlanta      |
| 11/1  | W, 28-22 | at Green Bay     |
| 11/8  | W, 34-20 | vs. Detroit      |
| 11/16 | W, 19-13 | at Chicago       |
| 11/22 | L, 28-31 | vs. Dallas       |
| 11/29 | W, 28-27 | vs. Carolina     |
| 12/6  | W, 27-24 | vs. Jacksonville |
| 12/13 | L, 14-26 | vs. Jacksonville |
| 12/20 | L, 27-33 | vs. Chicago      |
| 12/25 | L, 33-52 | at New Orleans   |
| 1/3   | W, 37-35 | at Detroit       |

|                      | Minnesota | Opponent |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|
| Total First Downs    | 383       | 366      |
| Rushing              | 139       | 136      |
| Passing              | 212       | 208      |
| Penalty              | 32        | 22       |
| 3rd Down: Made/Att   | 74/181    | 73/185   |
| 3rd Down Pct.        | 40.9%     | 39.5%    |
| 4th Down: Made/Att   | 13/23     | 17/24    |
| 4th Down Pct.        | 56.5%     | 70.8%    |
| Possession Avg.      | 29:47     | 30:13    |
| Total Net Yards      | 6292      | 6292     |
| Avg. Per Game        | 393.3     | 393.3    |
| Total Plays          | 1023      | 1036     |
| Avg. Per Play        | 6.2       | 6.1      |
| Net Yards Rushing    | 2283      | 2151     |
| Avg. Per Game        | 142.7     | 134.4    |
| Total Rushes         | 468       | 472      |
| Net Yards Passing    | 4009      | 4141     |
| Avg. Per Game        | 250.6     | 258.8    |
| Sacked/Yards Lost    | 39/156    | 23/126   |
| Gross Yards          | 4265      | 4267     |
| Attempts/Completions | 516/349   | 541/358  |
| Completion Pct.      | 67.6%     | 66.2%    |
| Had Intercepted      | 13        | 15       |
| Punts/Average        | 56/43.5   | 42/45.9  |
| Net Punting Avg.     | 36.7      | 42.4     |
| Penalties/Yards      | 82/650    | 83/723   |
| Fumbles/Ball Lost    | 22/10     | 17/7     |
| Touchdowns           | 55        | 53       |
| Rushing              | 20        | 19       |
| Passing              | 35        | 30       |
| Returns              | 0         | 4        |

| SCORE BY PERIODS | Q1 | Q2  | Q3  | Q4  | OT | Pts |
|------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Vikings          | 93 | 82  | 115 | 137 | 3  | 430 |
| Opponents        | 74 | 137 | 128 | 136 | 0  | 475 |

| SCORING     | TD | Ru | Pa | Rt | PAT   | FG    | 2Pt | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| D.Cook      | 17 | 16 | 1  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 3   | 108 |
| A.Thielen   | 14 | 0  | 14 | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 1   | 86  |
| D.Bailey    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 37/43 | 15/22 | 0   | 82  |
| J.Jefferson | 7  | 0  | 7  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 2   | 46  |
| I.Smith     | 5  | 0  | 5  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 1   | 32  |
| A.Mattison  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 0   | 18  |
| A.Abdullah  | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 0   | 12  |
| C.Beebe     | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 0   | 12  |
| M.Boone     | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 0   | 6   |
| T.Conklin   | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 0   | 6   |
| C.Ham       | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 0   | 6   |
| K.Cousins   | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 0   | 6   |
| K.Rudolph   | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 0   | 6   |
| O.Johnson   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 1   | 2   |
| I.Odenigbo  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0/0   | 0/0   | 0   | 2   |
| Vikings     | 55 | 20 | 35 | 0  | 37/43 | 15/22 | 8   | 430 |
| Opponents   | 53 | 19 | 30 | 4  | 42/46 | 35/39 | 3   | 475 |

SCORING 2-PT. CONVERSIONS

Vikings: 8/12  
Opponents: 3/7

SACKS

Y.Ngakoue 5.0, I.Odenigbo 3.5, D.Wonnum 3.0, E.Wilson 3.0, H.Mata'afa 2.5, J.Johnson 1.5, T.Davis 1.0, J.Lynch 1.0, H.Hill 1.0, H.Smith 0.5, S.Stephen 0.5, A.Watts 0.5  
Vikings: 23.0  
Opponents: 39.0

| PASSING   | Att | Cmp | Yds  | Cmp%  | Yds/Att |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|-------|---------|
| K.Cousins | 516 | 349 | 4265 | 67.6% | 8.3     |
| Vikings   | 516 | 349 | 4265 | 67.6% | 8.3     |
| Opponents | 541 | 358 | 4267 | 66.2% | 7.9     |

| RUSHING     | No. | Yds  | Avg | Long | TD |
|-------------|-----|------|-----|------|----|
| D.Cook      | 312 | 1557 | 5.0 | 70t  | 16 |
| A.Mattison  | 96  | 434  | 4.5 | 25   | 2  |
| K.Cousins   | 32  | 156  | 4.9 | 16   | 1  |
| M.Boone     | 11  | 59   | 5.4 | 19   | 1  |
| A.Abdullah  | 8   | 42   | 5.3 | 13   | 0  |
| C.Ham       | 5   | 18   | 3.6 | 10   | 0  |
| A.Thielen   | 3   | 15   | 5.0 | 8    | 0  |
| J.Jefferson | 1   | 2    | 2.0 | 2    | 0  |
| Vikings     | 468 | 2283 | 4.9 | 70t  | 20 |
| Opponents   | 472 | 2151 | 4.6 | 42t  | 19 |

| RECEIVING   | No. | Yds  | Avg  | Long | TD |
|-------------|-----|------|------|------|----|
| J.Jefferson | 88  | 1400 | 15.9 | 71t  | 7  |
| A.Thielen   | 74  | 925  | 12.5 | 51   | 14 |
| D.Cook      | 44  | 361  | 8.2  | 50t  | 1  |
| I.Smith     | 30  | 365  | 12.2 | 36   | 5  |
| K.Rudolph   | 28  | 334  | 11.9 | 25   | 1  |
| C.Beebe     | 20  | 201  | 10.1 | 40t  | 2  |
| T.Conklin   | 19  | 194  | 10.2 | 30   | 1  |
| O.Johnson   | 14  | 189  | 13.5 | 29   | 0  |
| A.Mattison  | 13  | 125  | 9.6  | 26t  | 1  |
| C.Ham       | 8   | 97   | 12.1 | 30   | 1  |
| A.Abdullah  | 8   | 58   | 7.3  | 22t  | 2  |
| M.Boone     | 2   | 10   | 5.0  | 6    | 0  |
| B.Dillon    | 1   | 6    | 6.0  | 6    | 0  |
| Vikings     | 349 | 4265 | 12.2 | 71t  | 35 |
| Opponents   | 358 | 4267 | 11.9 | 61   | 30 |

| INTERCEPTIONS | No. | Yds | Avg  | Long | TD |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|------|----|
| H.Smith       | 5   | 33  | 6.6  | 16   | 0  |
| E.Wilson      | 3   | 23  | 7.7  | 16   | 0  |
| E.Kendricks   | 3   | 0   | 0.0  | 0    | 0  |
| C.Dantzier    | 2   | 0   | 0.0  | 0    | 0  |
| H.Nickerson   | 1   | 5   | 5.0  | 5    | 0  |
| H.Hand        | 1   | 4   | 4.0  | 4    | 0  |
| Vikings       | 15  | 65  | 4.3  | 16   | 0  |
| Opponents     | 13  | 177 | 13.6 | 43t  | 1  |

| PUNTING     | No. | Yds  | Avg  | Net  | TB | In20 | Lg | B |
|-------------|-----|------|------|------|----|------|----|---|
| B.Collquitt | 54  | 2435 | 45.1 | 36.7 | 3  | 11   | 59 | 2 |
| Vikings     | 56  | 2435 | 43.5 | 36.7 | 3  | 11   | 59 | 2 |
| Opponents   | 42  | 1929 | 45.9 | 42.4 | 4  | 18   | 61 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | Ret | FC | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|--------------|-----|----|-----|-----|------|----|
| C.Beebe      | 9   | 5  | 42  | 4.7 | 13   | 0  |
| K.Osborn     | 7   | 6  | 27  | 3.9 | 8    | 0  |
| Vikings      | 16  | 11 | 69  | 4.3 | 13   | 0  |
| Opponents    | 33  | 11 | 321 | 9.7 | 32   | 0  |

| KICKOFF RETURNS | No. | Yds | Avg  | Long | TD |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|------|----|
| A.Abdullah      | 15  | 352 | 23.5 | 33   | 0  |
| K.Osborn        | 14  | 303 | 21.6 | 38   | 0  |
| C.Ham           | 2   | 31  | 15.5 | 20   | 0  |
| C.Beebe         | 1   | 19  | 19.0 | 19   | 0  |
| M.Boone         | 1   | 17  | 17.0 | 17   | 0  |
| Vikings         | 33  | 722 | 21.9 | 38   | 0  |
| Opponents       | 27  | 670 | 24.8 | 104t | 1  |

FUMBLES/LOST

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| K.Cousins   | 9/5   |
| D.Cook      | 5/3   |
| C.Beebe     | 2/1   |
| K.Rudolph   | 1/1   |
| K.Osborn    | 2/0   |
| G.Bradbury  | 1/0   |
| J.Jefferson | 1/0   |
| T.Conklin   | 1/0   |
| Vikings     | 22/10 |
| Opponents   | 17/7  |

Opponent Fumble Recoveries:

|                 |
|-----------------|
| E.Wilson - 2    |
| J.Brailford - 1 |
| D.Chasina - 1   |
| C.Dantzier - 1  |
| J.Metellus - 1  |
| A.DePaola - 1   |
| Total: 7        |

| FIELD GOALS | 1-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ |
|-------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| D.Bailey    | 0/0  | 6/6   | 3/4   | 4/7   | 2/5 |
| Vikings     | 0/0  | 6/6   | 3/4   | 4/7   | 2/5 |
| Opponents   | 2/2  | 8/9   | 8/8   | 11/12 | 6/8 |

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| D.Bailey  | (35G), (21G), (41G, 49), (31G, 55) (52G, 46G), (37G, 43G), (53G, 25G), (48G, 51, 23G), (36, 54, 46), (24G, 22G), (46, 23G)  |
| Vikings   | (35G), (21G), (41G, 49), (31G, 55), (52G, 46G), (37G, 43G), (53G, 25G), (48G, 51, 23G), (36, 54, 46), (24G, 22G), (46, 23G)   |
| Opponents | (31G, 43G), (28G, 38G, 38G, 44G), (39G, 31G, 30G, 51G, 54G, 55G), (50G, 28G, 25), (50G, 21G, 47G, 43G) (46, 23G, 45G), (23G, 42G), (19G), (28, 40G, 21G, 54), (22G, 62), (18G, 48G), (42G, 35G, 48G, 42G), (30G), (54G) |

| TD | TD%  | Int | Int% | Long | Sack/Yards | Rating |
|----|------|-----|------|------|------------|--------|
| 35 | 6.8% | 13  | 2.5% | 71t  | 39/256     | 105.0  |
| 35 | 6.8% | 13  | 2.5% | 71t  | 39/256     | 105.0  |
| 30 | 5.5% | 15  | 2.8% | 61   | 23/126     | 97.0   |

## 2020 GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

## 2020 DEFENSIVE STATS

|                    | TKL        | AST        | COMB       | TFL       | SACK        | QBH       | FF       | FR       | INT       | PD        |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| vs. GB - 9/13      | 50         | 12         | 62         | 2         | 0.0         | 2         | 1        | 0        | 0         | 1         |
| at IND - 9/20      | 56         | 14         | 70         | 5         | 2.0         | 2         | 1        | 0        | 1         | 3         |
| vs. TEN - 9/27     | 45         | 23         | 68         | 5         | 2.0         | 7         | 1        | 0        | 1         | 5         |
| at HOU - 10/4      | 38         | 25         | 63         | 4         | 3.0         | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0         | 3         |
| at SEA - 10/11     | 29         | 12         | 41         | 5         | 4.0         | 9         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 2         |
| vs. ATL - 10/18    | 50         | 25         | 75         | 8         | 2.0         | 5         | 1        | 1        | 0         | 2         |
| at GB - 11/1       | 43         | 21         | 64         | 0         | 1.0         | 2         | 1        | 1        | 0         | 2         |
| vs. DET - 11/8     | 43         | 31         | 74         | 3         | 2.0         | 7         | 1        | 0        | 3         | 4         |
| at CHI - 11/16     | 28         | 12         | 40         | 5         | 2.0         | 12        | 0        | 0        | 1         | 5         |
| vs. DAL - 11/22    | 30         | 36         | 66         | 2         | 1.0         | 2         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 3         |
| vs. CAR - 11/29    | 26         | 40         | 66         | 5         | 0.0         | 3         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 4         |
| vs. JAX - 12/6     | 34         | 38         | 72         | 2         | 2.0         | 7         | 2        | 2        | 2         | 5         |
| at TB - 12/13      | 24         | 22         | 46         | 1         | 0.0         | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0         | 1         |
| vs. CHI - 12/20    | 37         | 37         | 74         | 2         | 1.0         | 2         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 3         |
| at NO - 12/25      | 42         | 28         | 70         | 0         | 0.0         | 1         | 0        | 0        | 2         | 5         |
| at DET - 1/3       | 30         | 15         | 45         | 4         | 1.0         | 1         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 7         |
| <b>2020 TOTALS</b> | <b>605</b> | <b>391</b> | <b>996</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>23.0</b> | <b>69</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>55</b> |

## 2020 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

|                    | SOLO      | AST      | COMB      | FF       | FR       | BL       |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| vs. GB - 9/13      | 2         | 0        | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at IND - 9/20      | 6         | 1        | 7         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| vs. TEN - 9/27     | 3         | 0        | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at HOU - 10/4      | 4         | 0        | 4         | 1        | 1        | 0        |
| at SEA - 10/11     | 1         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| vs. ATL - 10/18    | 5         | 0        | 5         | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| at GB - 11/1       | 3         | 0        | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| vs. DET - 11/8     | 4         | 4        | 8         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at CHI - 11/16     | 3         | 2        | 5         | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| vs. DAL - 11/22    | 3         | 2        | 5         | 0        | 1        | 1        |
| vs. CAR - 11/29    | 4         | 0        | 4         | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| vs. JAX - 12/6     | 3         | 0        | 3         | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| at TB - 12/13      | 1         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| vs. CHI - 12/20    | 4         | 0        | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at NO - 12/25      | 5         | 0        | 5         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| at DET - 1/3       | 5         | 0        | 5         | 1        | 1        | 0        |
| <b>2020 TOTALS</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>65</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>2</b> |

2020 VIKINGS REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

| 2020 DEFENSIVE STATS |     |     |      |     |      |     |    |    |     |    |
|----------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----|----|-----|----|
|                      | TKL | AST | COMB | TFL | SACK | QBH | FF | FR | INT | PD |
| Eric Wilson          | 62  | 60  | 122  | 8   | 3.0  | 9   | 1  | 2  | 3   | 8  |
| Eric Kendricks       | 69  | 38  | 107  | 4   | 0.0  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 3   | 6  |
| Anthony Harris       | 58  | 46  | 104  | 2   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 7  |
| Harrison Smith       | 54  | 35  | 89   | 2   | 0.5  | 5   | 0  | 0  | 5   | 10 |
| Jeff Gladney         | 63  | 18  | 81   | 7   | 0.0  | 2   | 1  | 0  | 0   | 3  |
| Jaleel Johnson       | 22  | 23  | 45   | 3   | 1.5  | 2   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Cameron Dantzler     | 35  | 10  | 45   | 3   | 0.0  | 0   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 3  |
| Jalyn Holmes         | 16  | 20  | 36   | 2   | 0.0  | 5   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2  |
| Ifeadi Odenigbo      | 16  | 19  | 35   | 3   | 3.5  | 15  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Shamar Stephen       | 20  | 14  | 34   | 2   | 0.5  | 3   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Todd Davis           | 15  | 19  | 34   | 2   | 1.0  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2  |
| Armon Watts          | 12  | 19  | 31   | 0   | 0.5  | 2   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Kris Boyd            | 21  | 9   | 30   | 1   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2  |
| Troy Dye             | 13  | 14  | 27   | 0   | 0.0  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2  |
| Holton Hill          | 19  | 5   | 24   | 0   | 1.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 3  |
| Hercules Mata'afa    | 12  | 12  | 24   | 3   | 2.5  | 6   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| D.J. Wonnum          | 16  | 8   | 24   | 5   | 3.0  | 8   | 1  | 0  | 0   | 1  |
| Chris Jones          | 18  | 1   | 19   | 0   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Mike Hughes          | 9   | 4   | 13   | 0   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1  |
| Yannick Ngakoue      | 12  | 0   | 12   | 5   | 5.0  | 7   | 2  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Harrison Hand        | 9   | 3   | 12   | 0   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1   | 3  |
| Blake Lynch          | 7   | 4   | 11   | 0   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1  |
| Hardy Nickerson      | 5   | 4   | 9    | 0   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1   | 1  |
| Eddie Yarbrough      | 5   | 3   | 8    | 0   | 0.0  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Anthony Barr         | 6   | 0   | 6    | 0   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| George Iloka         | 4   | 1   | 5    | 1   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| James Lynch          | 2   | 1   | 3    | 1   | 1.0  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Jordan Brailford     | 2   | 0   | 2    | 0   | 0.0  | 0   | 1  | 1  | 0   | 0  |
| Dylan Mabin          | 1   | 1   | 2    | 0   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2  |
| Cordrea Tankersley   | 1   | 0   | 1    | 0   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Mark Fields II       | 1   | 0   | 1    | 0   | 0.0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| TOTALS               | 605 | 391 | 996  | 54  | 23.0 | 69  | 8  | 4  | 15  | 55 |

| 2020 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS |      |     |      |    |    |    |
|--------------------------|------|-----|------|----|----|----|
|                          | SOLO | AST | COMB | FF | FR | BL |
| Josh Metellus            | 6    | 1   | 7    | 0  | 2  | 0  |
| Dan Chisena              | 6    | 0   | 6    | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Ryan Connelly            | 6    | 0   | 6    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| C.J. Ham                 | 5    | 1   | 6    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Harrison Hand            | 5    | 0   | 5    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Mike Boone               | 4    | 1   | 5    | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Hardy Nickerson          | 4    | 1   | 5    | 2  | 0  | 0  |
| Kris Boyd                | 3    | 1   | 4    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| K.J. Osborn              | 2    | 1   | 3    | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Ameer Abdullah           | 2    | 0   | 2    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Chad Beebe               | 2    | 0   | 2    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Tyler Conklin            | 2    | 0   | 2    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Josh Metellus            | 2    | 0   | 2    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Austin Cutting           | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Todd Davis               | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Andrew DePaola           | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| George Iloka             | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Blake Lynch              | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Irv Smith Jr.            | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Cordrea Tankersley       | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Troy Dye                 | 0    | 1   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Curits Riley             | 0    | 1   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Eric Wilson              | 0    | 1   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| D.J. Wonnum              | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| TOTALS                   | 56   | 9   | 65   | 3  | 5  | 2  |

| 2020 INTERCEPTIONS |     |     |     |      |    |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|
|                    | No. | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
| Harrison Smith     | 5   | 33  | 6.6 | 16   | 0  |
| Eric Wilson        | 3   | 23  | 7.7 | 16   | 0  |
| Eric Kendricks     | 3   | 0   | 0.0 | 0    | 0  |
| Cameron Dantzler   | 2   | 0   | 0.0 | 0    | 0  |
| Hardy Nickerson    | 1   | 5   | 5.0 | 5    | 0  |
| Harrison Hand      | 1   | 4   | 4.0 | 4    | 0  |
| Totals             | 15  | 65  | 4.3 | 16   | 0  |

| 2020 SACKS        |       |      |
|-------------------|-------|------|
|                   | SACKS | YDS  |
| Yannick Ngakoue   | 5.0   | 26   |
| Ifeadi Odenigbo   | 3.5   | 19.5 |
| Eric Wilson       | 3.0   | 14.5 |
| D.J. Wonnum       | 3.0   | 16   |
| Hercules Mata'afa | 2.5   | 18   |
| Jaleel Johnson    | 1.5   | 8.5  |
| James Lynch       | 1.0   | 8    |
| Todd Davis        | 1.0   | 4    |
| Holton Hill       | 1.0   | 0    |
| Harrison Smith    | 0.5   | 5    |
| Shamar Stephen    | 0.5   | 4.5  |
| Armon Watts       | 0.5   | 2    |
| Totals            | 23.0  | 126  |

## REGULAR SEASON GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

## 2020 VIKINGS

| 1st Downs |    |      |     |     |        |      |      |           |    | INTs By Minn. |    |    |    |    |      |         |    |    |    | Punt Returns |    |    |     | KO Returns |        |        |       | Pen |    | Fum |       | R   |       |      |     | Scoring |        |     |     |    |     |    |    |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|----|------|-----|-----|--------|------|------|-----------|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|------|---------|----|----|----|--------------|----|----|-----|------------|--------|--------|-------|-----|----|-----|-------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|-----|-----|----|-----|----|----|---|---|---------|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|----|---|--------|-------|----|----|---|-------|---|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T         | R  | P    | Pa  | Pe  | Yd     | Ru   | At   | Total Yds | A  | C             | I  | N  | Yd | Lg | TD   | N/Avg.  | N  | Yd | FC | Lg           | TD | N  | Yd  | Lg         | TD     | N      | Yd    | TD  | N  | Yd  | TD    | R   | P     | Rt   | PAT | 2PT     | FG     | 3   |     |    |     |    |    |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 10        | 12 | 3    | 382 | 194 | 22     | 248  | 2/11 | 25        | 19 | 1             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 2/40.0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0            | 0  | 2  | 64  | 38         | 0      | 5/20   | 0/0   | 2   | 0  | 0   | 1/1   | 3   | 1/1   | 0    | 0   | 0       | 0      | 0   | 1/1 | 3  | 1/1 | 0  |    |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5         | 15 | 80   | 18  | 95  | 3      | 378  | 26   | 11        | 3  | 1             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 3/18 | 0       | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0            | 4  | 7  | 26  | 0          | 6/45.0 | 0      | 1     | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0     | 1   | 0     | 0    | 1   | 0       | 0      | 1   | 0   | 0  | 1   | 0  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 10        | 11 | 4    | 176 | 226 | 33     | 238  | 2/13 | 27        | 16 | 2             | 1  | 16 | 16 | 0  | 0    | 3/42.0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0            | 0  | 4  | 47  | 25         | 0      | 3/20   | 2/1   | 1   | 3  | 0   | 0     | 3   | 0     | 3    | 0   | 3       | 0      | 3   | 0   | 3  | 0   | 3  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 14        | 10 | 0    | 410 | 162 | 40     | 248  | 3/12 | 22        | 16 | 0             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 2/40.0  | 1  | 6  | 2  | 6            | 0  | 2  | 40  | 20         | 0      | 4/36   | 0/0   | 3   | 1  | 0   | 0     | 4   | 4     | 0    | 4   | 0       | 4      | 0   | 4   | 0  | 4   | 0  | 4  | 0 |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 12        | 17 | 2    | 449 | 201 | 41     | 248  | 3/1  | 39        | 27 | 1             | 1  | 7  | 7  | 0  | 0    | 2/48.0  | 2  | 7  | 0  | 7            | 0  | 2  | 37  | 20         | 0      | 6/55   | 3/1   | 1   | 2  | 0   | 2     | 2   | 2     | 0    | 2   | 2       | 0      | 2   | 0   | 2  | 0   | 2  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3         | 14 | 2    | 365 | 32  | 13     | 333  | 1/10 | 36        | 24 | 3             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 4/49.5  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0            | 0  | 3  | 73  | 29         | 0      | 3/30   | 0/0   | 0   | 3  | 0   | 1/1   | 2   | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0       | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6         | 3  | 324  | 373 | 34  | 151    | 1/9  | 14   | 11        | 0  | 0             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 3/37.7  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0            | 0  | 4  | 66  | 27         | 0      | 7/36   | 0/0   | 3   | 1  | 0   | 4     | 4   | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0       | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 20        | 11 | 1    | 487 | 275 | 34     | 212  | 1/8  | 20        | 13 | 0             | 3  | 16 | 16 | 0  | 0    | 5/31.4  | 1  | -3 | 0  | -3           | 0  | 5  | 98  | 26         | 0      | 9/69   | 0/0   | 2   | 3  | 0   | 4     | 5   | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0       | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  |    |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 10        | 11 | 1    | 385 | 99  | 33     | 286  | 1/6  | 36        | 25 | 1             | 1  | 8  | 8  | 0  | 0    | 5/41.6  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0            | 0  | 5  | 98  | 26         | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0     | 1    | 0   | 0       | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 14        | 14 | 1    | 385 | 99  | 33     | 286  | 1/6  | 36        | 25 | 1             | 1  | 8  | 8  | 0  | 0    | 5/41.6  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0            | 0  | 5  | 98  | 26         | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0     | 1    | 0   | 0       | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 9         | 14 | 1    | 430 | 125 | 29     | 305  | 2/9  | 30        | 22 | 0             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 3/51.3  | 1  | 3  | 2  | 3            | 0  | 1  | 20  | 20         | 0      | 8/80   | 3/2   | 1   | 3  | 0   | 4     | 4   | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0       | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 7         | 18 | 1    | 387 | 96  | 24     | 291  | 2/16 | 45        | 34 | 0             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 3/51.0  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 0            | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0          | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0       | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 7         | 18 | 1    | 387 | 96  | 24     | 291  | 2/16 | 45        | 34 | 0             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 3/51.0  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 0            | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0          | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0       | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 10        | 17 | 3    | 420 | 165 | 38     | 275  | 4/10 | 43        | 28 | 1             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 7/43.3  | 3  | 21 | 0  | 8            | 0  | 3  | 63  | 25         | 0      | 6/41   | 2/1   | 0   | 3  | 0   | 1/3   | 0   | 3     | 0    | 1/3 | 0       | 3      | 0   | 1/3 | 0  | 3   | 0  |    |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 14        | 2  | 335  | 162 | 33  | 173    | 6/32 | 37   | 24        | 0  | 2             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 2/38.0  | 2  | 15 | 0  | 10           | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0          | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0     | 1   | 0     | 0    | 1   | 0       | 0      | 1   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  |    |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 11        | 14 | 2    | 335 | 162 | 33     | 173  | 6/32 | 37        | 24 | 0             | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 2/38.0  | 2  | 15 | 0  | 10           | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0          | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0     | 0   | 1     | 0    | 0   | 1       | 0      | 0   | 1   | 0  | 0   | 0  |    |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 12        | 3  | 407  | 158 | 28  | 249    | 3/22 | 35   | 24        | 1  | 0             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 2/40.0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0            | 0  | 1  | 30  | 30         | 0      | 1/5    | 1/0   | 1   | 2  | 0   | 3/3   | 0   | 3     | 0    | 3   | 0       | 3      | 0   | 3   | 0  | 3   | 0  |    |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6         | 17 | 2    | 364 | 90  | 27     | 274  | 2/17 | 24        | 27 | 0             | 2  | 9  | 5  | 0  | 0    | 4/46.5  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0            | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0          | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0     | 3   | 4     | 0    | 3   | 4       | 0      | 3   | 4   | 0  | 3   | 4  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 18        | 20 | 3    | 508 | 125 | 31     | 383  | 3/22 | 40        | 28 | 0             | 1  | 9  | 9  | 0  | 0    | 3/45.7  | 2  | 69 | 0  | 13           | 0  | 4  | 107 | 33         | 0      | 4/35   | 2/0   | 2   | 3  | 0   | 4     | 5   | 0     | 4    | 5   | 0       | 4      | 5   | 0   | 4  | 5   | 0  |    |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 32        | 32 | 6283 | 468 | 400 | 39/256 | 516  | 348  | 13        | 15 | 65            | 16 | 65 | 16 | 0  | 0    | 56/43.5 | 15 | 69 | 11 | 13           | 0  | 33 | 722 | 38         | 0      | 82/650 | 12/10 | 20  | 35 | 0   | 37/43 | 8   | 15/22 | 1    | 0   | 0       | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |   |   |         |    |    |    |    |   |    |     |    |   |        |       |    |    |   |       |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| TOTAL:388 |    |      |     |     |        |      |      |           |    |               |    |    |    |    |      |         |    |    |    |              |    |    |     |            |        |        |       |     |    |     | 138   | 210 | 32    | 6283 | 468 | 400     | 39/256 | 516 | 348 | 13 | 15  | 65 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 56/43.5 | 15 | 69 | 11 | 13 | 0 | 33 | 722 | 38 | 0 | 82/650 | 12/10 | 20 | 35 | 0 | 37/43 | 8 | 15/22 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## 2020 THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY

|               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| vs. GB        | 3/6           | 50.5%        |
| at IND        | 2/9           | 22.2%        |
| vs. TEN       | 4/10          | 40.0%        |
| at HOU        | 5/12          | 41.7%        |
| at SEA        | 6/14          | 42.9%        |
| vs. ATL       | 3/10          | 30.0%        |
| at CB         | 4/8           | 50.0%        |
| vs. DET       | 4/10          | 40.0%        |
| at CHI        | 8/15          | 53.3%        |
| vs. DAL       | 6/10          | 60.0%        |
| vs. CAR       | 6/13          | 46.2%        |
| vs. JAX       | 7/16          | 43.8%        |
| at TB         | 5/15          | 33.3%        |
| vs. CHI       | 4/11          | 36.4%        |
| at NO         | 3/9           | 33.3%        |
| at DET        | 4/13          | 30.8%        |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>74/181</b> | <b>40.9%</b> |

## 2020 SCORING SUMMARY

|                  | 1ST | 2ND | 3RD | 4TH | OT | TOTAL | MIN. F.G. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|-----------|
|                  | 7   | 3   | 0   | 24  | -  | 34    | 35        |
| vs. GB<br>at IND | 3   | 0   | 0   | 8   | -  | 11    | 21        |
| vs. TEN          | 7   | 10  | 7   | 6   | -  | 30    | 41        |
| at HOU           | 7   | 10  | 7   | 7   | -  | 31    | 31        |
| at SEA           | 7   | 6   | 6   | 7   | -  | 26    | 52, 46    |
| vs. ATL          | 0   | 0   | 7   | 16  | -  | 23    |           |
| at GB            | 7   | 7   | 14  | 0   | -  | 28    |           |
| vs. DET          | 13  | 7   | 7   | 7   | -  | 34    |           |
| at CHI           | 7   | 0   | 6   | 6   | -  | 19    | 37, 43    |
| vs. DAL          | 7   | 0   | 7   | 14  | -  | 28    |           |
| vs. CAR          | 7   | 3   | 0   | 18  | -  | 28    | 53, 25    |
| vs. JAX          | 0   | 6   | 13  | 5   | 3  | 27    | 48, 23    |
| at TB            | 0   | 6   | 8   | 0   | -  | 14    |           |
| vs. CHI          | 7   | 3   | 10  | 7   | -  | 27    | 24, 22    |
| at NO            | 7   | 7   | 13  | 6   | -  | 33    |           |
| at DET           | 7   | 14  | 10  | 6   | -  | 37    | 23        |
| TOTALS:          | 93  | 82  | 115 | 137 | 3  | 430   |           |

## REGULAR SEASON GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

## 2020 OPPONENTS

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## 2020 SCORING SUMMARY

|               | 6/11          | 54.5%        |                | 1ST       | 2ND        | 3RD        | 4TH        | OT       | TOTAL      | MIN. | FG                 |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------|--------------------|
| vs. GB        | 3/11          | 27.3%        | at IND         | 3         | 19         | 7          | 14         | -        | 43         | 31   | 43                 |
| vs. TEN       | 3/13          | 23.1%        |                | 0         | 15         | 3          | 10         | -        | 28         | 28   | 38, 38, 44         |
| at HOU        | 3/12          | 25.0%        |                | 6         | 3          | 16         | 6          | -        | 31         | 39   | 31, 30, 51, 54, 55 |
| at SEA        | 0/7           | 0.0%         | at SEA         | 0         | 6          | 10         | 7          | -        | 23         | 50   | 28, 25             |
| vs. ATL       | 9/17          | 52.9%        |                | 0         | 0          | 21         | 6          | -        | 27         | 27   |                    |
| at GB         | 5/11          | 45.5%        |                | 10        | 10         | 10         | 10         | -        | 40         | 50   | 21, 47, 43         |
| vs. DET       | 6/12          | 50.0%        |                | 7         | 7          | 0          | 8          | -        | 22         | 20   |                    |
| at CHI        | 2/11          | 18.2%        | vs. DET        | 0         | 10         | 0          | 10         | -        | 20         | 23   | 45                 |
| vs. DAL       | 5/11          | 45.5%        | at CHI         | 3         | 3          | 7          | 0          | -        | 13         | 23   | 42                 |
| vs. CAR       | 6/14          | 43.0%        | vs. DAL        | 6         | 10         | 0          | 15         | -        | 31         | 19   |                    |
| vs. JAX       | 4/13          | 30.8%        | vs. CAR        | 0         | 7          | 14         | 6          | -        | 27         | 40   | 21                 |
| at TB         | 5/11          | 45.5%        | vs. JAX        | 9         | 0          | 7          | 8          | 0        | 24         | 22   |                    |
| vs. CHI       | 6/12          | 50.0%        | at TB          | 0         | 17         | 6          | 3          | -        | 26         | 18   | 48                 |
| at NO         | 5/9           | 55.6%        | vs. CHI        | 10        | 10         | 7          | 6          | -        | 33         | 42   | 35, 48, 42         |
| at DET        | 5/10          | 50.0%        | at NO          | 14        | 10         | 7          | 21         | -        | 52         | 30   |                    |
|               |               |              | at DET         | 6         | 10         | 13         | 6          | -        | 35         | 54   |                    |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>73/185</b> | <b>39.5%</b> | <b>TOTALS:</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>137</b> | <b>128</b> | <b>136</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>475</b> |      |                    |

## 2020 THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY

|               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| vs. CB        | 6/11          | 54.5%        |
| at IND        | 3/11          | 27.3%        |
| vs. TEN       | 3/13          | 23.1%        |
| at HOU        | 3/12          | 25.0%        |
| at SEA        | 0/7           | 0.0%         |
| vs. ATL       | 9/17          | 52.9%        |
| at CB         | 5/11          | 45.5%        |
| vs. DET       | 6/12          | 50.0%        |
| at CHI        | 2/11          | 18.2%        |
| vs. DAL       | 5/11          | 45.5%        |
| vs. CAR       | 6/14          | 43.0%        |
| vs. JAX       | 4/13          | 30.8%        |
| at TB         | 5/11          | 45.5%        |
| vs. CHI       | 6/12          | 50.0%        |
| at NO         | 5/9           | 55.6%        |
| at DET        | 5/10          | 50.0%        |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>73/185</b> | <b>39.5%</b> |



MIKE ZIMMER

HEAD COACH

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 43RD SEASON  
NFL EXPERIENCE: 28TH SEASON  
VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 8TH SEASON

Mike Zimmer enters his 8th season as Vikings Head Coach in 2021 having notched 66 wins, including playoffs, in his 7 seasons leading the team with a pair of NFC North titles and 3 playoff appearances.

Zimmer was hired as the 9th head coach in Vikings history on Jan. 15, 2014. A veteran defensive coordinator, 2021 marks Zimmer's 28th season on an NFL sideline. In his NFL tenure, Zimmer has been a part of 14 playoff teams and teams that have won 9 Division titles. He coached DBs when Dallas won Super Bowl XXX over Pittsburgh after the 1995 season.

Navigating an unprecedented 2020 season, while also dealing with a rash of injuries and a roster that relied heavily on rookies in key roles, the Vikings rebounded from a 1-5 start to finish with a 7-9 mark. The Vikings offense ended the season ranked #4 in the NFL and had record-breaking performances from rookie WR Justin Jefferson. A balanced attack resulted in the 2nd straight season the Vikings had a 3,000-yard passer (Cousins-4,265), 1,000-yard rusher (Cook-1,557) and 1,000-yard receiver (Jefferson-1,400). The team tied a team mark by starting 6 rookies in a game at New Orleans and got heavy contributions from the 2020 rookie class, including regular starters at CB Jeff Gladney and Cameron Dantzler while Ezra Cleveland took over at RG for 9 games. Jefferson and Cook earned Pro Bowl honors and Jefferson was a 2nd-Team AP All-Pro honoree, the 1st NFL rookie WR to earn All-Pro since Randy Moss with the Vikings in 1998. Jefferson and Dantzler were each named to the PFWA All-Rookie team.

In 2019, the Vikings used a new offensive scheme with a renewed emphasis on balance and a strong ground game to return to the playoffs with a 10-6 mark, earning a Wild Card win at New Orleans and advancing to face #1 seed San Francisco in the Divisional Round. Minnesota sent 8 players to the Pro Bowl - RB Dalvin Cook, S Harrison Smith, DE Danielle Hunter, FB C.J. Ham, DE Everson Griffen, LB Erik Kendricks, QB Kirk Cousins and CB Xavier Rhodes - marking the team's highest number of representatives since sending 10 players in 2009. Kendricks led the team in tackles for the 5th straight season and earned 1st-

Team Associated Press honors for the first time in his career. The team advanced to the playoffs for the 3rd time under Zimmer and notched a road win in overtime at New Orleans in the Wild Card round.

The 2018 Vikings finished a game out of the playoffs but had a talented core all post career-best seasons. DE Danielle Hunter led the team and tied for 4th in the NFL with 14.5 sacks and earned his 1st career Pro Bowl berth. Adam Thielen earned his 2nd Pro Bowl berth and set a career-high with 113 catches. Joining in the Pro Bowl honors were Harrison Smith and Anthony Barr, the 4th consecutive honor for each player.

The 2017 Vikings were highlighted by a #1 ranking in total defense, marking the 1st time the Vikings have achieved the feat since the 1993 season. The season served as a testament to Zimmer's scheme and teaching since he inherited the #31 defense in the NFL when he took over as head coach in 2014. The 2017 Vikings also ranked 2nd in franchise history for wins in a regular season with 13, trailing only the 15-1 club in 1998. The Vikings landed 4 players on the Associated Press All-Pro teams - S Harrison Smith (1st Team), CB Xavier Rhodes (1st Team), WR Adam Thielen (2nd Team), and DE Everson Griffen (2nd Team), and had 7 players earn Pro Bowl honors- Thielen, Smith, Griffen, Rhodes, Barr, DT Linval Joseph and TE Kyle Rudolph. The team had to overcome its fair share of adversity early in the season to get on a roll after a 2-2 start. QB Case Keenum stepped in at QB after regular starter Sam Bradford went on injured reserve and rallied the offense despite losing rookie RB Dalvin Cook to injury early in the season. Individually, Thielen led the team with 1,276 yards on 91 catches and free agent pickup RB Latavious Murray led the ground game with 842 yards and 8 TDs. Griffen had a team-high 13.0 sacks to tie for 4th in the NFL and Harrison Smith had 5 interceptions. Keenum had a career year, posting an 11-3 record as the starter to go along with his 67.6% completion mark, which ranked #2 in the NFL and stood as the 4th-best completion percentage in Vikings history.

The 2016 Viking battled throughout the season to finish 8-8 while plugging new talents into the offense, an opportunistic

RACKING UP WINS

Since taking over head coaching duties with the Vikings Mike Zimmer has led the team to the 8th-most wins in the NFL in that 7-season span with 64 victories, which stands as the 4th-most in the NFC. Zimmer has stressed home field advantage with the Vikings since moving into U.S. Bank Stadium and has led the team to a tie for the 3th-best home record in the NFC and 7th in the NFL.

NFL WINS 2014-20 (REGULAR SEASON)

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| New England .....      | 81        |
| Kansas City .....      | 80        |
| Seattle .....          | 74        |
| Pittsburgh.....        | 74        |
| New Orleans .....      | 70        |
| Green Bay.....         | 71        |
| Baltimore .....        | 67        |
| <b>Minnesota .....</b> | <b>64</b> |

NFL WINS AT HOME 2016-20 (REGULAR SEASON)

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| New England .....      | 31        |
| Kansas City .....      | 30        |
| Baltimore.....         | 29        |
| Pittsburgh.....        | 29        |
| Green Bay.....         | 29        |
| New Orleans .....      | 29        |
| <b>Minnesota .....</b> | <b>26</b> |
| Philadelphia.....      | 26        |
| Dallas.....            | 26        |



defense with a knack for takeaways (27) and a special teams group posted 3 TDs (2 PR, 1 KOR). The Vikings had 6 players earn Pro Bowl honors- Griffen (2nd honor), Smith (2nd honor), KR Cordarrelle Patterson (2nd honor), Barr (2nd honor) and Rhodes earned his 1st berth in the all-star game.

The loss of QB Teddy Bridgewater to injury late in the preseason led to a trade with Philadelphia to bring in Sam Bradford, who went on to start the final 15 games in what was a record-setting season. Bradford set the NFL completion percentage record for a season at 71.6%, set a new team mark for completions with 395 and set a new team record for interception percentage at 0.9%, with only 5 INTs in 552 attempts. Bradford developed chemistry with several pass catchers, as WR Adam Thielen lead the club with 967 yards in a breakout season. Veteran TE Kyle Rudolph had the best season of his career while setting a new team mark for receptions by a TE with 83 and a new career TDs by a TE mark at 29 while leading the club with 7 receiving TDs. Hunter led the team in sacks with 12.5 as a situational rusher. Rhodes notched a career-high with 5 INTs on the season to lead the club, and the defense scored a total of 4 TDs and while moving to #3 in the NFL rankings for total defense, the highest rank since 1993.

In his 2nd season leading the Vikings in 2015, Zimmer piloted the club to an NFC North title and a Wild Card Playoff berth. The team played clean, smart football down the stretch and won 3 in a row to end the regular season, capturing the division crown at Green Bay and taking the title from the 4-time defending NFC North champs. The Vikings 11-5 mark tied for the 2nd-best record since 2000 and gave the Vikings their 1st North crown since 2009. Minnesota was the least-penalized team in the NFL with 88.

The 2015 Vikings earned their success with a strong running game and stingy defense. Adrian Peterson led the NFL in rushing for the 3rd time in his career en route to 1st-Team All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors. Bridgewater continued to grow in his role as a playmaker and engineering the offense, improving throughout his 2nd pro season. The Vikings defense ranked 5th in the NFL by allowing only 18.9 points per game.

The Vikings rookies made an impact as the club was led in tackles by LB Eric Kendricks and in receiving by WR Stefon Diggs. DE Danielle Hunter ranked 2nd on the team in sacks, and tied a team record with 6 rookies start in a game, at Arizona.

Defensively, the 2014 Vikings improved from #31 in total defense to #14 in the NFL with a new lineup. The Vikings #7 ranking in the NFL in passing defense was the highest finish since the 1993 season when the club was #6. The Vikings had a 113-point improvement in offensive points allowed from 2013 to 2014, the biggest improvement in the NFL in that span.

Zimmer's arrival in Cincinnati for the 2008 season signaled a franchise turnaround on the defensive side of the ball. The Bengals notched top-10 defensive rankings in 2009, '11, '12 and '13 after only cracking the NFL's top 10 once in 18 seasons prior to Zimmer joining the team. During his tenure, Zimmer coached Geno Atkins as he became one of the top DTs in the NFL, earning consensus All-Pro honors in 2012 and Pro Bowl berths in 2011 and 2012. LB Vontaze Burfict continued his rise from an undrafted rookie free agent in 2012 to a Pro Bowler in 2013. Atkins became the 1st Bengals defensive lineman since Tim Krumrie in 1988 to earn a Pro Bowl trip, and Burfict was the 1st Bengals LB to be honored since Jim LeClair in 1976.

Zimmer led top-10 defenses for Dallas in both a 4-3 and 3-4 scheme. The 2003 Cowboys defense ranked #1 in the NFL with only 253.3 yards per game allowed. During Zimmer's tenure in Dallas as DBs coach (1994-99) and defensive coordinator (2000-06) the team ranked in the top 5 of NFL scoring defense a total of 6 times. The 1995 Cowboys hoisted the Lombardi Trophy in Super Bowl XXX with a win over Pittsburgh, and one of Zimmer's pupils, CB Larry Brown, won the Super Bowl MVP award with a pair of INTs in the game. Brown is 1 of only 3 DBs to earn Super Bowl MVP honors in the history of the game.

Before moving to the NFL ranks, Zimmer spent 15 seasons coaching at the collegiate level. He spent his final 5 seasons in the college ranks as defensive coordinator at Washington State from 1989-93. Zimmer was at Weber State from 1981-88, serving as defensive coordinator from '83-88. He entered the profession at Missouri as an assistant from 1979-80.

Zimmer played QB and later LB at Illinois State, earning a degree in physical education. He has 3 children - son, Adam, and daughters, Corri and Marki. Adam is coaching the Vikings LBs and serves as Co-Defensive Coordinator in 2020 after having spent time with Kansas City, New Orleans and Cincinnati as an assistant LBs and DBs coach. The father and son have each both earned Super Bowl titles with Adam's coming after the 2009 season when the Saints won Super Bowl XLIV over Indianapolis. Coaching is a family tradition with the Zimmer as Mike's father, Bill, earned Illinois Hall of Fame honors as a prep football and wrestling coach. Zimmer played football, baseball and wrestled at Lockport Township High School in suburban Chicago. Both Bill and Mike Zimmer have been inducted into the Lockport Hall of Fame, and Bill is also in the Bradley University and Illinois High School Hall of Fame.

Vikki Zimmer, Mike's wife of 27 years, passed away in Cincinnati on Oct. 8, 2009. The Pro Football Writers of America recognized Zimmer overcoming the tragedy by voting him the winner of the Halas Award for the season, an annual award presented to the individual in the NFL that overcame the most adversity to succeed. The Zimmer family awards scholarships to deserving students through the Mike Zimmer Foundation, which also hosts an annual football camp for youth and a fundraising golf tournament.

## ZIMMER'S BACKGROUND

### Player

1974-77..... Illinois State // QB/LB

### Coach

1979-80..... Missouri // Assistant

1981-82 ..... Weber State // DBs

1983-88 ..... Weber State // Defensive Coordinator

1989-93..... Washington State // Defensive Coordinator

1994-99..... Dallas Cowboys // DBs

2000-06..... Dallas Cowboys // Defensive Coordinator

2007..... Atlanta Falcons // Defensive Coordinator

2008-13..... Cincinnati Bengals // Defensive Coordinator

2014-..... Minnesota Vikings // Head Coach

## ZIMMER'S TOP PUPILS

During Mike Zimmer's tenure coaching defense in the NFL, he has consistently helped players reach their potential and exceed expectations.

## PRO BOWL DEFENSIVE PLAYERS UNDER ZIMMER

| Player, Team, Position               | Pro Bowls                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Darren Woodson, Dallas, S.....       | 1994, '95, '96, '97, '98 |
| Deion Sanders, Dallas, CB.....       | 1996, '97, '98, '99      |
| Dexter Coakley, Dallas, LB.....      | 2001, '03                |
| La'Roi Glover, Dallas, DT.....       | 2002, '03, '04, '05      |
| Roy Williams, Dallas, S.....         | 2004, '05, '06           |
| DeMarcus Ware, Dallas, LB.....       | 2006                     |
| Geno Atkins, Cincinnati, DT.....     | 2011, '12                |
| Vontaze Burfict, Cincinnati, LB..... | 2013                     |
| Anthony Barr, Minnesota, LB.....     | 2015, '16, '17, '18      |
| Everson Griffen, Minnesota, DE.....  | 2015, '16, '17, '19      |
| Harrison Smith, Minnesota, S.....    | 2015, '16, '17, '18, '19 |
| Xavier Rhodes, Minnesota, CB.....    | 2016, '17, '19           |
| Linval Joseph, Minnesota, DT.....    | 2016, '17                |
| Danielle Hunter, Minnesota, DE.....  | 2018, '19                |
| Eric Kendricks, Minnesota, LB.....   | 2019                     |

**ZIMMER'S COACHING CAREER, YEAR-BY-YEAR (\*- HEAD COACH)**

| Year      | Team                  | Regular Season |    |   |  |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|----|---|--|
|           |                       | W              | L  | T |  |
| 1979..... | Missouri .....        | 7              | 5  |   | Hall of Fame Bowl (W)  |
| 1980..... | Missouri .....        | 8              | 4  |   | Liberty Bowl (L)   |
| 1981..... | Weber State.....      | 7              | 4  |   |  |
| 1982..... | Weber State.....      | 4              | 7  |   |  |
| 1983..... | Weber State.....      | 6              | 5  |   |  |
| 1984..... | Weber State.....      | 5              | 6  |   |  |
| 1985..... | Weber State.....      | 6              | 5  |   |  |
| 1986..... | Weber State.....      | 3              | 8  |   |  |
| 1987..... | Weber State.....      | 10             | 3  |   | NCAA Division I-AA playoffs - 2nd round                      |
| 1988..... | Weber State.....      | 5              | 6  |   |  |
| 1989..... | Washington State..... | 6              | 5  |   |  |
| 1990..... | Washington State..... | 3              | 8  |   |  |
| 1991..... | Washington State..... | 4              | 7  |   |  |
| 1992..... | Washington State..... | 9              | 3  |   | Copper Bowl (W)  |
| 1993..... | Washington State..... | 5              | 6  |   |  |
| 1994..... | Dallas .....          | 12             | 4  |   | advanced to NFC Championship Game, NFC East Champions (1-1)  |
| 1995..... | Dallas .....          | 12             | 4  |   | Super Bowl XXX Champions, NFC East Champions (3-0)           |
| 1996..... | Dallas .....          | 10             | 6  |   | advanced to NFC Divisional Round, NFC East Champions (1-1)   |
| 1997..... | Dallas .....          | 6              | 10 |   |  |
| 1998..... | Dallas .....          | 10             | 6  |   | advanced to NFC Wild Card Round, NFC East Champions (0-1)    |
| 1999..... | Dallas .....          | 8              | 8  |   | advanced to NFC Wild Card Round (0-1)                        |
| 2000..... | Dallas .....          | 5              | 11 |   |  |
| 2001..... | Dallas .....          | 5              | 11 |   |  |
| 2002..... | Dallas .....          | 5              | 11 |   |  |
| 2003..... | Dallas .....          | 10             | 6  |   | advanced to NFC Wild Card Round (0-1)                        |
| 2004..... | Dallas .....          | 6              | 10 |   |  |
| 2005..... | Dallas .....          | 9              | 7  |   |  |
| 2006..... | Dallas .....          | 9              | 7  |   | advanced to NFC Wild Card Round (0-1)                        |
| 2007..... | Atlanta.....          | 4              | 12 |   |  |
| 2008..... | Cincinnati.....       | 4              | 11 | 1 |  |
| 2009..... | Cincinnati.....       | 10             | 6  |   | advanced to AFC Wild Card Round, AFC North Champions (0-1)   |
| 2010..... | Cincinnati.....       | 4              | 12 |   |  |
| 2011..... | Cincinnati.....       | 9              | 7  |   | advanced to AFC Wild Card Round (0-1)                        |
| 2012..... | Cincinnati.....       | 10             | 6  |   | advanced to AFC Wild Card Round (0-1)                        |
| 2013..... | Cincinnati.....       | 11             | 5  |   | advanced to AFC Wild Card Round, AFC North Champions (0-1)   |
| 2014..... | Minnesota*.....       | 7              | 9  |   |  |
| 2015..... | Minnesota*.....       | 11             | 5  |   | advanced to NFC Wild Card Round, NFC North Champions (0-1)   |
| 2016..... | Minnesota*.....       | 8              | 8  |   |  |
| 2017..... | Minnesota*.....       | 13             | 3  |   | advanced to NFC Championship Game, NFC North Champions (1-1) |
| 2018..... | Minnesota*.....       | 8              | 7  | 1 |  |
| 2019..... | Minnesota*.....       | 10             | 6  |   | advanced to NFC Divisional Round (1-1)                       |
| 2020..... | Minnesota*.....       | 7              | 9  |   |  |

**GETTING DEFENSIVE**

In his tenure as an NFL defensive coordinator and head coach, Mike Zimmer's units have ranked in the NFL's top 10 in yards allowed 9 times and have ranked in the top 10 of points allowed in the NFL 8 times. The Vikings 2017 defense led the league in scoring defense, the 1st time Zimmer has done so in his 24 years in the NFL. Zimmer's Dallas unit in 2003 and his 2017 Minnesota defense had the NFL's #1-ranked defense in yards. In 3 seasons (2011-13), Zimmer's Bengals ranked in the top of yards and points allowed each season as the team advanced to the playoffs 3 straight times. Prior to Zimmer's arrival in Cincinnati in 2008, the Bengals defense had only cracked the NFL's top 10 during 1 season in the previous 18. In 2016 the Vikings were #3 in total defense, the highest rank since leading the NFL in 1993. Zimmer took over in Minnesota as head coach for the 2014 season, the previous year the club ranked #31 in the NFL in yards allowed and have since ranked #14, #13, #3, #1, #4 and #14.

**ZIMMER'S TOP 10 NFL DEFENSES (YARDS ALLOWED)**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Dallas, 2001 .....     | #4  |
| Dallas, 2003 .....     | #1  |
| Dallas, 2005 .....     | #10 |
| Cincinnati, 2009 ..... | #4  |
| Cincinnati, 2011 ..... | #7  |
| Cincinnati, 2012 ..... | #6  |
| Cincinnati, 2013 ..... | #3  |
| Minnesota, 2016 .....  | #3  |
| Minnesota, 2017 .....  | #1  |
| Minnesota, 2018 .....  | #4  |

**ZIMMER'S TOP 10 NFL DEFENSES (POINTS ALLOWED)**

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Dallas, 2003 .....     | #4 |
| Cincinnati, 2009 ..... | #8 |
| Cincinnati, 2011.....  | #9 |
| Cincinnati, 2012 ..... | #6 |
| Cincinnati, 2013 ..... | #4 |
| Minnesota, 2015 .....  | #5 |
| Minnesota, 2016 .....  | #5 |
| Minnesota, 2017 .....  | #1 |
| Minnesota, 2018 .....  | #4 |
| Minnesota, 2019 .....  | #5 |