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### WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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# SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1-0) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (0-1)

WEEK 2, GAME 2  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 15  
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 3, GAME 3  
SEPT. 22 AT BUFFALO

## GAME NOTES

**Kickoff:** 1 p.m. Eastern.

**Television:** The game will air on FOX-TV. In the Bengals' home region, it will be carried by WXIX-TV (Ch. 19) in Cincinnati, WGRT-TV (Ch. 45) in Dayton, WDKY-TV (Ch. 56) in Lexington, and WTTE-TV (Ch. 28) in Columbus. Broadcasters are Thom Brennaman (play-by-play), Chris Spielman (analyst) and Shannon Spake (sideline reporter).

**Radio:** The game will air on the Bengals Radio Network, led by Cincinnati flagship stations WCKY-AM (ESPN 1530; all sports) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst). WLW-AM (700) joins the flagship stations in broadcasting the Bengals game initially, but will break away to broadcast the Cincinnati Reds game (at approximately 3:30 p.m. Eastern).

**Setting the scene:** Cincinnati hosts the San Francisco 49ers in the regular-season home opener on Sunday at Paul Brown Stadium. The Bengals, though, will have to shake off last week's loss to Seattle, a game in which they dominated the stat sheet but lost by a narrow one-point margin.

"I'm very disappointed," Bengals head coach Zac Taylor said on Monday. "When you watch the tape, the way our defense played and the energy they played with gave us a chance to win that game. Offensively, we did some really good things, but ultimately we left a few points on the field. That's the difference between winning and losing on the road, especially against a good team in a tough environment with the success that they have had (there)."

The Bengals' loss came despite lopsided statistical advantages in several key categories, including total yards (429 to 233), first downs (22 to 12), net passing yards (395 to 161) and time of possession (35:50 to 24:10). But the Seahawks forced three turnovers to the Bengals' one, and they scored TDs on both red-zone opportunities while Cincinnati managed just two FGs on its three opportunities.

"It was one of those games where I looked up toward the end of the third quarter and said, 'It's 17-14?'" said TE C.J. Uzomah. "We should be killing them. That's not taking a shot at them, it's just the way we were playing. We were dominating the game.

"It hurts the team that much more, knowing we played the way we did and came out with a loss. But at the same time, it's like, 'All right, we know what we did. It was just stupid stuff we know we can correct.'"

Despite the disappointing result, Sunday's game created a healthy dose of optimism after strong performances on both sides of the ball. On offense, QB Andy Dalton notched career-highs in both completions (35) and passing yards (418), en route to a 106.5 passer rating. It was Dalton's first career 400-yard passing game, and the most passing yards in a season-opener in Bengals history.

Also garnering praise was third-year WR John Ross, who had his best game as a pro after two seasons of battling injuries and struggling to stay on the field. Ross, who played collegiately at the University of Washington, starred in his homecoming to the Emerald City, logging career-highs in receptions (seven), receiving yards (158) and receiving TDs (two). Ross' TDs went for 33 yards on a flea-flicker, and 55 yards on a deep ball to put the Bengals on top at halftime.

On the other side of the ball, the defensive line stole the show. The line held the Seahawks' powerful rushing attack to just 72 yards, 88 below their NFL-best 160-yard average last season. The Bengals also recorded six tackles for losses on the day, including four sacks. Two of those sacks came from second-year DE

Sam Hubbard, who was making his first career start.

"Coach (Lou) Anarumo had those guys ready to play," Taylor said after the game. "Our defense stepped up to the challenge and they put pressure on those guys.

"Seattle was one of the top rushing offenses in the NFL last year, and we held them to them to (72) yards. And we got four sacks. If our defensive line plays like that this year, we are going to be in very good shape."

The Bengals' nine previous head coaches were 4-5 in their home debuts, a mark Taylor will look to even up this weekend. A key factor in doing so will be the availability of injured HB Joe Mixon (ankle) and OT Cordy Glenn (concussion), whose statuses Taylor deemed on Monday as "day-to-day."

San Francisco last week won their season-opener at Tampa Bay, 31-17.

**The series:** The 49ers lead, 11-4, including their close victories in each of the Bengals' two Super Bowls. The 49ers prevailed 26-21 in Super Bowl XVI at Pontiac, Mich. (1981 season) and won 20-16 in Super Bowl XXIII at Miami ('88 season). (Game summaries of Super Bowls XVI and XXIII are on pages 333 and 335 of the Bengals' 2019 media guide, and starting lineups for each game are on page 304.)

The 49ers hold the highest winning percentage (.733) against the Bengals of any NFL team, but the Bengals have won three of the last five meetings, including the most recent meeting, 24-14 at San Francisco in 2015. The 49ers' last win came in their most recent trip to Cincinnati, 13-8 in 2011.

This weekend's matchup is just the third visit to Paul Brown Stadium for the 49ers, and it's only their seventh visit ever to Cincinnati. The series is split 1-1 at PBS, and the 49ers lead the series 4-2 in the Queen City overall.

The complete series results can be found on page 208 of the 2019 Bengals media guide.

### Team bests from the series:

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 44, in a 44-30 win at Cinergy Field in 1999. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 18, in a 21-3 victory at San Francisco in 1974. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in the 21-3 win in 1974.

**49ers — MOST POINTS:** 38, in a 41-38 loss in 2003 at Paul Brown Stadium. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 18, in a 21-3 victory at Cincinnati in 1981. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in the 21-3 win in '81.

**The last meetings:** Summaries of the last two Bengals-49ers meetings — at Cincinnati in 2011, and at San Francisco in '15 — are on page 15 of this news release.

**Home opener history:** The Bengals are 30-21 in past home openers, including 17-9 in years in which the home opener has not been the season opener. The Bengals are 6-4 in their last 10 home openers.

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

- QB Andy Dalton has 3972 career pass attempts, 503 behind QB Ken Anderson (4475) for the Bengals' all-time lead.
- Dalton has 2478 career completions, 176 shy of Anderson (2654) for the Bengals' all-time lead.
- Bengals WR Alex Erickson has 91 career punt returns, tied with S Tommy Casanova (91) for fifth place all-time and seven shy of CB Adam Jones (98) for fourth place. WR Brandon Tate (153) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- Erickson has 719 career punt return yards, 65 shy of Casanova (784) for fifth place all-time. Tate (1411) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Erickson has 107 career kickoff returns, eight shy of FB Eric Ball (115) for fifth place all-time. S/CB Tremain Mack (146) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Erickson has 2522 career kickoff return yards, 230 behind RB Stanford Jennings (2752) for fourth place all-time. Mack (3583) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- DE Carlos Dunlap has 73.5 career sacks, 10 short of DE Eddie Edwards\* (83.5) for the Bengals' all-time lead.
- DT Geno Atkins has 71 career sacks, 2.5 short of Dunlap (73.5) for second place all-time. Edwards\* (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader
- WR A.J. Green has 63 career receiving TDs, three behind WR Chad Johnson (66) for the Bengals' all-time lead.
- Green has 63 total TDs, one short of WR Carl Pickens and RB James Brooks (both with 64) for third place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

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

**Records vs. 49ers:** The Bengals list no individual or team records set in a game with San Francisco. The 49ers have one entry for individual opponent records set against the Bengals. From a 1978 game at San Francisco, 49ers DB Anthony Leonard shares the mark of most interceptions (three) in a game against Cincinnati. Five players share that mark.

**Individually vs. 49ers:** Current Bengals' past offensive performances for Cincinnati against San Francisco in regular season include:

- QB Andy Dalton: One game; 17 or 32 passing for 157 yards, zero TDs and two INTs (40.8 passer rating); one rush for five yards.
- WR A.J. Green: Two games; five receptions for 66 yards.
- HB Giovani Bernard: One game; 14 rushes for 33 yards; four receptions for 18 yards.

**Bengals-49ers connections:** 49ers TE Garrett Celek (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform) is from Cincinnati (La Salle High School) ... Bengals HB Joe Mixon is from Oakley, Calif. (Freedom High School) ... Bengals OT Jonah Williams (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform) is from Folsom, Calif. (Folsom High School) ... Bengals QB Jeff Driskel (Reserve/Injured) entered the NFL as a sixth-round draft pick of the 49ers in 2016 ... 49ers DL Nick Bosa played at Ohio State University ... Bengals DT Niles Scott (Reserve/Injured) entered the NFL as a college free agent signee of the 49ers in 2018, and spent time on the team's practice squad last season ... Bengals S Trayvon Henderson (practice squad) is from Sacramento, Calif. (Grant Union High School) ... Bengals LB Hardy Nickerson (practice squad) is from Oakland, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd High School) and played at the University of California, Berkeley from 2012-15 ... 49ers LS Colin Holba is from Louisville, Ky., and played at the University of Louisville ... Bengals linebackers coach Tem Lukabu was on the 49ers' coaching staff from 2016-17 ... Bengals wide receivers coach Bob Bicknell was on the 49ers' coaching staff in 2016 ... Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan attended De La Salle High School in Concord, Calif., where he played quarterback during part of the school's national-record 151-game winning streak ... 49ers director of performance monitoring/strength and conditioning assistant Shea Thompson was an assistant with the Bengals' strength and conditioning staff from 2016-18 ... 49ers assistant offensive line coach Zach Yenser is from Fort Mitchell, Ky. ... 49ers running backs coach Robert Turner played at Ohio State from 1989-90 ... Bengals strength and conditioning coach Joey Boese coached at Fresno State University from 2012-15

... Bengals assistant strength and conditioning coach Todd Hunt played defensive end (2012-15) and coached ('16-17) at Fresno State University ... Bengals assistant strength and conditioning coach Garrett Swanson was a punter/kicker at Fresno State University from 2012-15.

**BENGALS-49ERS NFL RANKINGS**

	BENGALS	49ERS
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored.....	21st (20.0)	7th(31.0)
Points allowed.....	13th (21.0)	T-9th (17.0)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total.....	10th (429.0)	27th (256.0)
Rushing.....	29th (34.0)	T-19th (98.0)
Passing.....	2nd (395.0)	30th (158.0)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total.....	4th (233.0)	8th (295.0)
Rushing.....	8th (72.0)	20th (121.0)
Passing.....	4th (161.0)	7th (174.0)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential.....	T-23rd (minus-2)	T-5th (plus-2)

**Uniform watch:** The Bengals are scheduled to wear black jerseys and black pants this week vs. San Francisco.

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

JERSEY	PANTS	W-L-T	PCT.
Orange*	Black.....	6-1-0	.857
Orange*	White.....	16-6-1	.717
White (CR)*	White (CR)*.....	2-1-0	.667
Black	Black.....	16-14-1	.532
Black	White.....	36-34-1	.514
White	Black.....	28-35-0	.444
White	White.....	19-30-0	.388

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

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

**BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 3	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 2
<b>Total scores:</b> 2 (66.7%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 2 (100.0%)
TDs: 0 (0.0%)	TDs: 2 (100.0%)
FGs: 2 (66.7%)	FGs: 0 (0.0%)
TD% rank: T-28th	TD% rank: T-24th
<b>No scores:</b> 1 (33.3%)	<b>No scores:</b> 0 (0.0%)

**49ERS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 3	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 4
<b>Total scores:</b> 2 (66.7%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 2 (50.0%)
TDs: 0 (0.0%)	TDs: 1 (25.0%)
FGs: 2 (66.7%)	FGs: 1 (25.0%)
TD% rank: T-28th	TD% rank: T-6th
<b>No scores:</b> 1 (33.3%)	<b>No scores:</b> 2 (50.0%)

**THE HEAD COACHES**

**Zac Taylor** was named the 10th head coach in Cincinnati Bengals history on Feb. 4, 2019. He comes to Cincinnati after two seasons with the L.A. Rams, where he served as assistant wide receivers coach in 2017 and quarterbacks coach in '18.

In 2018, Taylor helped guide Rams QB Jared Goff to career highs in every major passing category — completions (364), attempts (561), passing yards (4688), passing TDs (32), completion percentage (64.9), yards per attempt (8.36) and passer rating (101.1). 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 pass yards per game (239.4). Taylor directed the

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. Kupp (869 yards), TE Gerald Everett (244) and WR Josh Reynolds (104) — all rookies — helped the Rams finish with the third-most receiving yards among rookie pass catchers.

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

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

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

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

His father, Sherwood, was a defensive back and captain at the University of Oklahoma, playing under Sooners head coach Barry Switzer from 1976-79.

Sherwood Taylor later served as an assistant coach at Oklahoma and Kansas State University. Taylor's brother, Press, played quarterback at Marshall University and is currently quarterbacks coach for the Philadelphia Eagles.

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

**Kyle Shanahan** became the 20th head coach in 49ers franchise history on Feb. 6, 2017 after spending the prior two seasons as offensive coordinator of the Atlanta Falcons. His career record as head coach is 11-22.

Shanahan has 15 seasons of coaching experience at the NFL level, including nine of the past 10 seasons as an offensive coordinator for four different teams — the Atlanta Falcons (2015-16), Cleveland Browns ('14), Washington Redskins ('10-13) and Houston Texans ('08-09). In six of his nine seasons as an offensive coordinator (2008-09, '12-13 and '15-16), Shanahan guided an offense that ranked in the top 10 in the NFL in average yards per game.

In 2016 with Atlanta, QB Matt Ryan earned league MVP honors and threw for a single-season franchise record and career-high 4944 passing yards and 38 TDs under Shanahan.

In Shanahan's first season as head coach of San Francisco, the 2017 49ers finished the season winners of five consecutive games. In 2018, the team won two of their final four games.

In college, Shanahan played WR at Duke (1998-99) and Texas (2001-02). He collegiately coached at UCLA (2003).

Shanahan was born on Dec. 14, 1979 in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Taylor vs. 49ers:** No previous meetings.

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

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

## BENGALS NOTES

**Coach, QB tandem off to strong start:** All eyes were on the Bengals' offense as the team took the field for the first time under head coach Zac Taylor in Seattle last weekend. And if the first game is any indication, Taylor and Bengals QB Andy Dalton have the potential to light up the stat sheet in their first season together.

In his regular-season debut under Taylor, Dalton posted career-highs in both completions (35) and passing yards (418), completed 68.6 percent of his passes, and posted a passer rating of 106.5. It was Dalton's first career 400-yard passing game, and it also counted as the most attempts (51), completions and passing yards by a Bengals QB in a season-opener.

Eight different Bengals caught passes from Dalton against Seattle. Among them was John Ross III, who posted career-highs in receptions (seven), receiving yards (158) and TDs (two). Ross also had a career-long 55-yard TD, which counted as the Bengals' longest pass play in the last 25 games (70-yard TD from Dalton to WR A.J. Green on Nov. 12, 2017 at Tennessee). Also of note, TE C.J. Uzomah posted a career-high 66 receiving yards (on four catches), and WR Tyler Boyd's eight catches were the third-highest total of his career.

Asked after the game about the potential of his offense, Taylor said, "There's no question that we feel we're just scratching the surface."

**Ross' happy homecoming:** After battling injuries and struggling to stay on the field during his first two NFL seasons, Bengals WR John Ross III admitted over the offseason that he hadn't been himself.

"I can honestly say now that I lost confidence in myself the last two years," Ross explained. "I think that's what a lot of players lack sometimes."

Nevertheless, there was no shortage of pressure on the Bengals' 2017 first-round pick (ninth overall) entering his third season. To make matters worse, Ross suffered a hamstring injury just before the Bengals' first training camp practice, didn't practice until late August, and didn't play at all in preseason.

And so it seemed fitting that the Bengals were to open their season in Seattle, home of Ross' impressive college career at the University of Washington, and in the very stadium (CenturyLink Field) where he worked security in college.

Ross, though, struggled early on with drops, a problem that plagued him

during his first two seasons in Cincinnati. But instead of finding himself on the bench, the Bengals stuck with him. After one drop in the second quarter where he would have had room to run for a significant gain, Dalton went right back to Ross on the next play and connected for a 55-yard TD (career-long for Ross).

"I just knew (Dalton) wasn't going to stop going to me," Ross said of his bounce-back TD. "I ran a route when I knew we needed a big play, and I had to go down the field, so I just figured I should just run as fast as I can, go up and make a big play."

When all was said and done at Seattle, Ross had posted career highs in receptions (seven), receiving yards (158) and receiving TDs (two). Only one other Bengal had ever broken 150 receiving yards and scored two TDs in a season-opener — A.J. Green in 2013 (162 yards, two TDs at Chicago). Not a bad homecoming.

"It felt surreal," Ross said of playing in front of the Seattle fans. "To be able to play here in front of people who used to watch me in college, it did feel good. I'm thankful."

"Now I come in with a different mentality, and now I've got to go out there and continue to believe in myself."

**Bengals' defensive turnaround:** The Bengals struggled on defense last season, ranking last in the NFL in total defense (413.6 yards per game), last in pass defense (275.9), 29th in rush defense (137.8) and 30th in points allowed (28.4). And although the team hired a new head coach with an offensive background, much attention was paid by the team to improving the defense over the offseason.

And while the Bengals have played just one game so far this season, it appears the defense is on the right track. After the completion of Week 1 games, the Bengals rank fourth in the NFL in total defense (233.0), fourth in pass defense (161.0), eighth in rush defense (72.0) and 13th in points allowed (21.0). It should also be noted that Seattle, Cincinnati's Week 1 opponent, led the NFL in rushing offense last season at 160 yards per game.

The Bengals' defense forced seven three-and-outs (any time a defense has three or fewer plays with no first downs, excluding kneel-downs) at Seattle, their most in a game since the 2017 season finale at Baltimore, and only the third time

with as many three-and-outs since the beginning of the 2015 season.

The Bengals also outgained the Seahawks by 196 yards (429 to 233), marking only the fourth time in team history Cincinnati lost a game while outgaining an opponent by as many yards, and the first time since the 2010 season (Game 16 vs. Baltimore — 395 to 199 total yards).

**Rookies get the call to start:** Bengals head coach Zac Taylor raised more than a few eyebrows at his Aug. 25 news conference, when he named two rookies — WR Damion Willis and G Michael Jordan — as starters for Game 1 at Seattle. The announcement, which came prior to the preseason finale, was not only the antithesis of the closely guarded approach many head coaches take with similar information, it signified what some in the media called a meritocracy — Taylor’s willingness to play the best players, regardless of experience, salary or draft position.

Willis, a college free agent from Troy, now stands as only the 11th rookie WR ever to start an opener for Cincinnati, and the first to do so since A.J. Green in 2011. All 10 previous Bengals receivers to start an opener were drafted in the fourth round or higher.

Here’s a look at the 11 Bengals rookie receivers to start the season-opener, along with their eventual rookie season receiving totals.

YEAR	ROOKIE WR	RECEPTIONS	YDS	TD
2019	Damion Willis.....	3*	30*	0*
2011	A.J. Green .....	65	1057	7
2010	Jordan Shipley .....	52	600	3
2000	Ron Dugans .....	14	125	1
2000	Peter Warrick.....	51	592	4
1985	Eddie Brown .....	53	942	8
1981	Cris Collinsworth .....	67	1009	8
1976	Billy Brooks.....	16	191	0
1973	Isaac Curtis .....	45	843	9
1969	Speedy Thomas .....	33	481	3
1968	Warren McVea .....	21	264	2

\*—Willis has played one game so far in 2019.

Jordan, a fourth-round pick out of Ohio State, won a training-camp battle for the No. 1 LG position after longtime starter Clint Boling retired in July. Jordan now stands as just the 16th Bengals rookie ever to start along the offensive line in an opener, the seventh to ever do so at G, and the seventh to do so after being drafted in the fourth round or lower.

Here’s a look at the 16 Bengals rookie offensive linemen to start a season-opener, along with how many games they ended up starting as a rookie.

YEAR	PLAYER	DRAFT ROUND	STARTS
2019	G Michael Jordan .....	4	1*
2018	C Billy Price .....	1	10
2014	C Russell Bodine.....	4	16
2012	G Kevin Zeitler .....	1	16
2011	G Clint Boling .....	4	3
2003	G Eric Steinbach .....	2	15
1996	G Ken Blackman .....	3	10
1996	G Rod Jones .....	7	1
1993	OT Tom Scott.....	6	13
1983	C Dave Rimington .....	1	11
1980	OT Anthony Munoz .....	1	16
1978	C Blair Bush .....	1	16
1971	OT Vernon Holland .....	1	14
1968	OT Howard Fest.....	6	14
1968	C Bob Johnson.....	1	14
1968	G Dave Middelndorf.....	5	13

\*—Jordan has played one game so far in 2019.

**How rookie head coaches stack up:** When a first-time NFL head coach takes over, the age-old debate of “fresh face vs. experience” soon follows. So when Zac Taylor took over the Bengals in February, that debate surfaced, along with questions about how quickly he could produce results.

Over the last 10 seasons (2009-18), first-time NFL coaches in their first full season have gone a combined 304-352 (.463). Here’s a look at how many wins those 41 rookie head coaches piled up in their first full regular season.

(NOTE: This includes only rookie coaches who made their NFL head coaching debut at the start of a season.)

RECORD	NO. OF TIMES ACHIEVED (2009-18)
16-0.....	0
15-1.....	0
14-2.....	1
13-3.....	1
12-4.....	1
11-5.....	3
10-6.....	4
9-7.....	7
8-8.....	4
7-9.....	5
6-10.....	4
5-11.....	1
4-12.....	6
3-13.....	2
2-14.....	1
1-15.....	1
0-16.....	0

**ZT aims to buck a trend:** When Zac Taylor was named Bengals head coach on Feb. 4, questions immediately surfaced about how quickly he could return the team to the playoffs. But he’ll have to buck a trend to get there, as even the best coaches in Bengals history have taken time to right the ship.

Here’s a look at the nine previous Bengals head coaches’ records in their first full season as the team’s head coach.

HEAD COACH	1ST FULL SEASON	RECORD
Paul Brown.....	1968	3-11-0
Bill “Tiger” Johnson.....	1976	10-4-0
Homer Rice .....	1979	4-12-0
Forrest Gregg.....	1980	6-10-0
Sam Wyche.....	1984	8-8-0
Dave Shula .....	1992	5-11-0
Bruce Coslet .....	1997	7-9-0
Dick LeBeau.....	2001	6-10-0
Marvin Lewis.....	2003	8-8-0

**Keep an eye on Andy:** QB Andy Dalton owns a 68-51-2 record as a starter, good for the top winning percentage (.570) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts. And as the numbers have shown, the Bengals’ success is tied closely to that of their QB.

Dalton has thrown at least two TDs 61 times in his career, and the Bengals are 41-19-1 (.680) in those contests. In his 23 games with at least three TD passes, the Bengals are 22-1 (.957), with the only outlier coming in a 2012 loss at Cleveland. Conversely, the Bengals are just 6-15 (.286) when Dalton is held without a TD pass, and haven’t won such a game since 2014 at Cleveland.

A similar trend is true with passing yardage. In the 48 instances of Dalton topping 250 passing yards, the Bengals are 29-17-2 (.625). He’s topped 300 yards 25 times, with Cincinnati going 15-9-1 (.620) in those contests.

The Bengals have also proven tough to beat when Dalton is at his most accurate. When he completes at least 65 percent of his passes (minimum 20 attempts), the Bengals are 36-14-1 (.716), including wins in eight of their last 11 such games. And when that completion percentage jumps to at least 70, the Bengals are 21-5-1 (.796), with wins in 12 of their last 14 such games.

**Bengals tough when Joe’s clicking:** Bengals head coach Zac Taylor has alluded several times to his intent to lean more heavily upon HB Joe Mixon in 2019. History shows that probably is a good idea.

The Bengals are 6-1 since Mixon’s rookie season of 2017 when he gets at least 20 carries, with the lone outlier being a loss at the L.A. Chargers late last year after the Bengals had lost QB Andy Dalton and WR A.J. Green for the season due to injuries.

The Bengals are also 6-4 in games where Mixon has reached 100 total yards, with two of the four losses coming late last year without Dalton and Green. And when Mixon reaches 100 rushing yards, Cincinnati is 3-2, with both losses coming last year without Dalton and Green.

Mixon did not reach any of those three marks in the season opener at Seattle, after leaving the game early with an ankle injury.

**Mixon looks to build on strong 2018:** Third-year HB Joe Mixon this season is looking to defend a strong 2018 campaign in which he became the only Bengals player ever to lead the AFC in rushing yards (1168) in a season (RB Paul Robinson led the AFL in rushing in 1968). Mixon, who also led the conference in rushing attempts (237), achieved the feat despite missing two games with a knee injury.

"I feel like Coach Taylor's going to throw the load on me," Mixon said of his 2019 approach. "But I've got to be physically and mentally prepared to be able to take it on and do the best job that I can do. As long as I'm in great condition, I feel like I'll thrive in this offense."

Mixon last season recorded the 22nd 1000-yard rushing season in Bengals history, and became just the 11th Bengal ever to hit that mark. He also scored a team-high nine TDs (eight rushing, one receiving), and had four games of 100 or more yards rushing and seven games of 100 or more yards from scrimmage.

Mixon rushed for 10 yards on six carries in the opener at Seattle, however his day was cut short due to an ankle injury suffered in the third quarter.

**Joe shows his versatility:** Bengals HB Joe Mixon totaled 100 yards from scrimmage seven times last season, the most by a Cincinnati RB since Cedric Benson did it eight times in 2009.

It should also be noted that Mixon missed two games early in 2018 due to a knee injury.

Here are Mixon's seven games of 100 or more yards from scrimmage in 2018.

DATE/GAME	RUSHING YDS	RECEIVING YDS	TOTAL YARDS
9-9 at Indianapolis	95	54	149
10-7 vs. Miami	93	22	115
10-28 vs. Tampa Bay	123	15	137
11-25 vs. Cleveland	89	66	155
12-9 at L.A. Chargers	111	27	138
12-16 vs. Oakland	129	1	130
12-31 at Pittsburgh	105	2	107

**Boyd looks for another thousand:** With WR A.J. Green missing time due to an ankle injury, WR Tyler Boyd has again stepped into the spotlight as the Bengals No. 1 WR. But it's familiar territory for the fourth-year pro. Boyd served in the same role the second half of last season while Green was out with a foot injury, and he ended the year with a career-high 1028 receiving yards.

Boyd himself ended up missing the Bengals' last two games of 2018 due to a knee injury, but not before becoming the first Bengal other than Green to top 1000 receiving yards in a season since 2009 (Chad Johnson, 1047). Now fully healthy, and fresh off of a new contract extension that keeps him in Cincinnati through 2023, Boyd and head coach Zac Taylor have their sights set on another productive season.

"Tyler is a young, up-and-coming receiver in this league, and he's had great production over the years," Bengals head coach Zac Taylor said of Boyd. "He's a great separator, he's got great hands, has great attention to detail and is very coachable. All the traits that we look for in receivers, Tyler exhibits."

Boyd got off to a fast start in the Bengals' season-opener at Seattle, as his eight catches (60 yards) were the third-highest single-game total of his career.

**T.B. a menace on third down:** Bengals WR Tyler Boyd on Sunday started the 2019 season right where he left off the last two years, catching two third-down conversions that extended Bengals drives.

Boyd finished with 22 first-down receptions on third down last season, good for a career-high and the most in a season by a Bengal since 2008 (26 by T.J. Houshmandzadeh). That total also tied for last year's league lead in that category with Houston's DeAndre Hopkins and New Orleans' Michael Thomas. It should also be noted that Boyd missed the final two games of 2018 due to a knee injury.

Overall on third down last season, Boyd had 24 catches (tied for third in AFC) for 302 yards (12.6 average) and three TDs.

Having success on third down isn't a new trend for Boyd. As a rookie in 2016, his 22 third-down receptions led all rookies, and his 16 third-down receptions that converted first downs tied for the rookie lead with the N.Y. Giants' Sterling Shepard.

**Bengals draft picks stick in NFL:** As the 2019 season gets underway, a familiar trend has emerged regarding which teams have the most

keen eye for talent in the draft, and the Bengals are again at the top of the list. As of Tuesday (9/10), there were 51 players on NFL rosters who entered the NFL as draft picks of the Bengals, tied with Baltimore for the most of any team in the NFL.

Cincinnati was among the top three teams all of last season as well, and even held a double-digit lead over the second place team early in the year before 13 qualifying players landed on Reserve/Injured. Only players on active 53-man rosters are counted in this data.

Of the 53 players on Cincinnati's active roster on Tuesday (9/10), 41 entered the NFL with the Bengals — 35 as draft picks, and six as college free agents. That total includes OT Andre Smith, a Bengals first-round pick in 2009 who later spent time with Minnesota and Arizona before rejoining Cincinnati.

Of the Bengals' 35 draft picks on their roster, seven were first-round picks (including Smith), seven were second-rounders, five were third-rounders, seven were fourth-rounders, four were fifth-rounders, three were sixth-rounders and two were seventh-rounders.

Here's a look at the teams with the most draft picks on an active NFL roster, as of Tuesday, Sept. 10.

TEAM	DRAFT PICKS ON NFL ROSTERS
Cincinnati Bengals	51
Baltimore Ravens	51
New England Patriots	48
San Francisco 49ers	46
Seattle Seahawks	45

**Bates aims to defend tackle crown:** With a team-high 111 tackles in 2018, S Jessie Bates III became only the sixth rookie to ever lead the Bengals in tackles, and the first to do so since LB Vontaze Burfict in 2012 (127 tackles). Each of the previous five rookies to earn the tackle crown were linebackers.

Bates finished three tackles ahead of fellow S Shawn Williams (108), and 27 ahead of LB Nick Vigil (84).

In a season in which the Bengals were severely hampered by injuries, Bates, a 2018 second-round draft pick (54th overall) out of Wake Forest, became the first defensive rookie to start all 16 games since Takeo Spikes in 1998.

Here's a list of the only Bengals rookies to ever lead the team in tackles.

PLAYER, POSITION	ROOKIE YEAR	HOW ACQUIRED	TACKLES
Reggie Williams, LB	1976	Draft, 3rd Round	106
James Francis, LB	1990	Draft, 1st Round	76
Takeo Spikes, LB	1998	Draft, 1st Round	112
Odell Thurman, LB	2005	Draft, 2nd Round	105
Vontaze Burfict, LB	2012	College free agent	127
Jessie Bates III, S	2018	Draft, 2nd Round	111

**25 points does the trick:** Since 2011, the rookie season of both QB Andy Dalton and WR A.J. Green, the Bengals own a 46-1-2 record (.959) when scoring 25 or more points. Only Miami has a better winning percentage, at .970 (32-1-0), when topping the 25-point mark over that span.

The Bengals were a perfect 6-0 in 2018 when scoring 25 points or more, and 0-10 when failing to hit the mark.

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

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WINNING PCT.
Miami Dolphins	32	1	0	.970
Cincinnati Bengals	46	1	2	.959
Arizona Cardinals	35	3	1	.910
New England Patriots	80	8	0	.909
Denver Broncos	51	6	0	.895

**Ross the TD machine:** In the season opener at Seattle, Bengals WR John Ross III had the breakout game everyone had waited for since Cincinnati selected him with the ninth overall pick of the 2017 draft. The third-year pro, who battled injuries and struggled to find the field consistently in his first two seasons, turned heads against Seattle with career-highs in receptions (seven), receiving yards (158) and receiving TDs (two). His touchdowns came on passes of 33 and 55 yards (career long).

But while the season opener was his first game with lofty receptions and receiving yardage totals, Ross has proved over the last two seasons to have a nose for the end zone. In 2018, Ross scored seven TDs on 21 catches, good for a 33.3 TD percentage, tied for the highest in a season in Bengals history with TE

Bob Trumpy in 1976 (seven TDs, 21 catches), and WR Isaac Curtis in '74 (10 TDs, 30 catches). The percentage was also the highest of any NFL player in 2018 (minimum 20 catches).

But perhaps most surprising last season was the way he scored his touchdowns. Ross came to Cincinnati as an acknowledged deep threat, after running a record 4.22-second 40-yard dash at the 2017 NFL Combine, however five of his seven TDs in 2018 came from inside the 10-yard line, and only one was longer than 25 yards.

Here's a look at the NFL players in 2018 with the highest percentage of receptions that went for a TD (minimum 20 catches).

PLAYER, TEAM	RECEPTIONS	TDs	PCT.
John Ross III, Cincinnati Bengals.....	21	7	33.3
Kareem Hunt, Kansas City Chiefs.....	26	7	26.9
Mike Williams, L.A. Chargers.....	43	10	23.3
Anthony Miller, Chicago.....	33	7	21.2
Jordan Thomas, Houston.....	20	4	20.0
Cameron Brate, Tampa Bay Buccaneers.....	30	6	20.0

**Dalton chasing Kenny in TDs:** After two straight seasons of being held out of the end zone, QB Andy Dalton in 2019 continues his pursuit of former Bengals QB Ken Anderson for most career TDs by a QB in team history. Dalton currently stands at 19 total TDs for his career, just one short of Anderson's record of 20. Dalton in 2019 is playing his ninth season, while Anderson played 16 Bengals seasons (1971-86).

All of Anderson's 20 TDs were rushing scores. Dalton has 18 rushing TDs, and he has 19 total by virtue of being the only Bengals QB ever to catch a touchdown pass. He scored on an 18-yard gadget connection from WR Mohamed Sanu vs. Tennessee in 2014.

The next-most TDs by a Bengals QB is 10, by Jeff Blake.

Dalton and Jack Thompson share the Bengals season record for touchdowns by a QB, at five. Dalton had five in 2014, tying the record first set by Thompson in 1979.

**'Ice-Water' Andy:** Bengals QB Andy Dalton now has 24 career game-winning drives, including four last season despite missing the final five games of the season due to a thumb injury, the most in Bengals history ahead Boomer Esiason (22).

A game-winning drive is defined as a drive that results in an offensive score in the fourth quarter or overtime that is responsible for putting the team ahead to stay (PATs included).

The Bengals' record for most game-winning drives in a season is five, set by former QB Jeff Blake in 1996, and then tied by former QB Carson Palmer in '09.

Since 2011, the year the Bengals drafted him, Dalton's 24 game-winning drives are tied with Seattle QB Russell Wilson for the third-most in the NFL.

Here's a look at the NFL quarterbacks with the most game-winning drives in the fourth quarter or overtime since 2011.

QUARTERBACK	TEAM	GAME-WINNING DRIVES SINCE 2011
Matthew Stafford	Detroit.....	31
Drew Brees	New Orleans.....	26
Andy Dalton	Cincinnati.....	24
Russell Wilson	Seattle.....	24
Matt Ryan	Atlanta.....	23
Eli Manning	N.Y. Giants.....	23

**'Crazy Legs' Andy:** QB Andy Dalton's 18 career rushing TDs not only put him in rare company in team history, he also is among the best when compared to his current NFL peers. In the category of rushing TDs by a QB, only Carolina's Cam Newton, whose 58 are beyond similarity, ranks higher than Dalton since 2011. Dalton and Dallas QB Dak Prescott (18) stand tied for second behind Newton, with Russell Wilson (16) and Tyrod Taylor (16) not far behind.

**An Andy roundup:** Other records and notable accomplishments in QB Andy Dalton's career include:

- Dalton has posted 47 career games with a passer rating of 100 or more, and the Bengals are 39-8 (.830) in those contests.
- Dalton's .570 winning percentage (68-51-2) is the best of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts.
- Dalton holds club season records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33), both set in 2013.

- He is the only Bengals passer to throw for 300-plus yards in four consecutive games (2013).

• He opened his career with 77 consecutive regular-season starts, a Bengals record for quarterbacks at any point during a career. The previous mark had been 61, posted by Boomer Esiason from 1985-89. Dalton's streak ranks tied for fourth in NFL history for the start of a career by a QB, trailing only Peyton Manning of Indianapolis (208), Joe Flacco of Baltimore (122) and Russell Wilson of Seattle (113 and counting). Dalton is tied with Tennessee QB Ryan Tannehill, whose streak of 77 ended in 2016 while with Miami.

**The Huber roundup:** Long considered the top punter in Bengals history, 11th-year pro Kevin Huber now has the career records to back up that claim. Already a considerable presence in the Bengals' record book heading into last season, Huber moved into first place in the only two remaining career punting categories in the Bengals' record book.

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

- Punts (772)
- Punting yards (34,795)
- Gross average (45.07)
- Net average (39.79)
- Inside-20 punts (267)

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

- He holds the top four Bengals season averages in gross yardage and the top five Bengals season averages in net. His gross record is 46.84, and his net record is 42.10 — both were set in 2014.
- He shares the team record for longest punt (75 yards) with Kyle Larson.
- His 33 inside-20 punts in 2012 is a single-season franchise record.
- His six inside-20 punts on Sept. 14, 2017 vs. Houston are tied with Lee Johnson (Nov. 2, 1997) for the most in a game in Bengals history.

**Dunlap's PD frenzy:** While he didn't record a pass defended in the season opener at Seattle, Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap has a reputation as one of the league's best defensive linemen at batting down passes at the line of scrimmage. And he has the numbers to back it up, too.

Dunlap had eight passes defended in 2018, second-most in the NFL among non-DBs. His eight PDs were the third-highest single-season total of his career, behind the 2013 (10) and '16 (15) seasons. His 2016 total led all Bengals defenders and all other NFL defensive linemen, and it was the first time since Cincinnati began recording defensive stats in 1976 that a Bengals defensive lineman had ever led the team in PDs.

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

PLAYER	POS	TEAM	PDs SINCE 2016
Carlos Dunlap	DE	Cincinnati.....	30
Alec Ogletree	LB	St. Louis/L.A. Rams/N.Y. Giants.....	30
Deion Jones	LB	Atlanta.....	27
Eric Kendricks	LB	Minnesota.....	24
Cameron Jordan	LB	New Orleans.....	23

**Dunlap's, Atkins' dominance = team success:** Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap and DT Geno Atkins entered the NFL together in 2010 as draft picks of the Bengals, and in the 10 seasons since they've established themselves among the top pass-rushing duos in the league. Most importantly though, the record shows that when Dunlap and Atkins are at their most dominant, it usually spells success for Cincinnati.

The Bengals are 10-6 (.625) when Dunlap records more than one sack, and 8-4 (.667) when Atkins records more than one sack. There have been two instances in which both have had more than one sack in the same game (Bengals are 1-1 in those contests), which means Cincinnati is a combined 17-9 (.654) when getting more than one sack from either player.

The Bengals are 7-1 since the beginning of the 2015 season when Dunlap records more than one sack, with the only outlier coming in a 20-17 overtime loss at Denver in 2015. Dunlap had a career-best three sacks in that Denver game and finished 2015 with a career-high 13.5, second-most in Bengals history. Dunlap had one multi-sack game in 2018, which came in a win vs. Tampa Bay in Game 8 (two sacks).

Since 2015, the Bengals are 6-2 when Atkins has more than one sack. The only outliers during that span were losses vs. Houston and at Minnesota in 2017. Atkins had three multi-sack games in 2018 — Game 2 vs. Baltimore (two), Game 5 vs. Miami (two) and Game 14 vs. Oakland (three) — and the Bengals were 3-0



in those contests.

Dunlap and Atkins are under contract with the Bengals through the '21 and '22 seasons, respectively. Dunlap (73.5 career sacks) currently stands second on the Bengals' all-time sack list, and Atkins (71) is third. The Bengals' leader in career sacks is DE Eddie Edwards, with 83.5.

**Dunlap, Atkins neck-and-neck in career sacks:** Just 2.5 sacks separate Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap (73.5 career sacks) and DT Geno Atkins (71), who rank second and third, respectively, on Cincinnati's all-time sack list behind all-time leader Eddie Edwards (83.5). And now that Edwards' record is within sight, the race is on to see which player catches him first.

Atkins, who missed nearly half of the 2013 season with a torn ACL, has almost double the number of sacks of the next-closest interior defensive lineman in Bengals history (Tim Krumrie, 34.5). Atkins in 2018 had a team-high 10 sacks, the third-highest single-season sack total of his career (he had a career-high 12.5 in 2012, and 11 in '15). Atkins has finished with at least a share of the NFL lead for sacks by an interior lineman five times in nine NFL seasons, including in three of the last four years (see "Geno looks to re-claim his crown" below).

Dunlap, a two-time Pro Bowler (2015 and '16) who turned 30 after the '18 season, averaged 8.1 sacks over his first nine NFL seasons, while Edwards averaged just under seven over 12 seasons. In 2015, Dunlap set a career-high in sacks, with 13.5, the second-most in Bengals history. Besides his 73.5 sacks, Dunlap's career totals include 18 FFs, nine FRs, 56 PDs, four blocked FGs and three TDs.

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

**Geno looks to re-claim his crown:** Bengals DT Geno Atkins in 2019 is looking to reclaim a crown that, for all intents and purposes, has been his for much of this decade. In nine previous NFL seasons (2010-18), Atkins has five times finished in at least a tie for most sacks by an NFL interior defensive lineman. He claimed it outright in 2012 (12.5 sacks), '16 (nine) and '17 (nine), while sharing it in '11 (7.5) and '15 (11).

Last season though, he finished in fourth place after his 10 sacks fell just two shy of the leader, 49ers DT DeForest Buckner (12). It marked the first time in the previous four seasons that Atkins failed to finish in at least a tie for the top spot.

Atkins has been selected to the Pro Bowl seven times in his nine previous seasons. Those seven selections are the most by a Bengals defensive player in team history, just ahead of CB Lemar Parrish (six). No other Bengals defensive lineman has been selected more than twice. Atkins currently stands at 71 career sacks, the most by a Bengals interior lineman and third overall.

**Geno on HOF pace:** Bengals DT Geno Atkins, who in 2018 played his ninth NFL season, currently stands at 71 career sacks, third in team history and the most ever by a Bengals interior defensive lineman.

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

Here's a look at the sack totals of notable Hall-of-Fame DTs through their ninth seasons, as well as where they stood at the end of their careers. It should also be noted that Atkins missed nearly half of the 2013 season, due to a torn ACL. (NOTE: This list includes only DTs whose careers started after 1982, when the NFL began counting sacks as official statistics):

NAME	YEARS ACTIVE	THRU 9 SEASONS	CAREER SACKS
John Randle.....	1990-2003.....	96.....	137.5
Warren Sapp.....	1995-2007.....	77.....	96.5
Geno Atkins.....	2010-present.....	71.....	71
Cortez Kennedy.....	1990-2000.....	50.5.....	58

**15 carries for Gio does the trick:** Over his now seven seasons in Cincinnati, Giovani Bernard has carved out a spot among the top

dual-threat running backs in team history.

But when examining Bernard's workload specifically as a rusher throughout his career, a significant trend becomes apparent — the Bengals are 10-1-1 in games in which Bernard has at least 15 rushing attempts. Cincinnati was 1-0 in 2018 when Bernard hit the mark (15 rushes for 69 yards in Game 4 at Atlanta).

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

**Gio sets sights on Brooks:** After a strong start to his 2019 season, Bengals HB Giovani Bernard stands within striking distance of the team's all-time leads in both receptions and receiving yards by a running back. With 267 career receptions, Bernard stands 30 short of James Brooks' record of 297. And with 2320 receiving yards, Bernard is 692 short of Brooks' record of 3012. Brooks played eight seasons with the Bengals (1984-91), while 2019 is Bernard's seventh.

Bernard has averaged 898 yards from scrimmage in his first six NFL seasons — 518 rushing, 380 receiving — although his pursuit of Brooks' records has been slowed slightly by injuries in recent years. In 2018, he got off to a fast start before a knee injury sidelined him for four games. He also missed the final six games of 2016 due to a torn ACL in his left knee.

**Three Bengals hail from Queen City:** The Bengals have three players — LB Preston Brown, DE Sam Hubbard and P Kevin Huber — who grew up in Greater Cincinnati.

Brown, who grew up in College Hill and attended Northwest High School, is in his second year with the Bengals in 2019. He spent his first four NFL seasons with the Buffalo Bills. After signing with Cincinnati as an unrestricted free agent in March of 2018, Brown called the opportunity "living out a dream."

"When I started looking around (in free agency), I knew there might be a spot here," Brown said. "And the Bengals definitely jumped to the top of my list when I found out they had interest in me as well."

After missing nine games due to multiple injuries in his first Bengals season, Brown is now back for Year 2 as a starting LB.

Hubbard, a Moeller High School alum and former Ohio State standout, is now in his second season with the Bengals. A third-round draft pick (77th overall) a year ago, Hubbard followed up a productive rookie season by earning the Bengals' No. 1 RDE spot in preseason. He's off to a fast start in Year 2, with two sacks in the season-opener at Seattle.

"It's insane," Hubbard said after being drafted by his hometown Bengals. "Seeing that 513 area code pop up on my phone on draft day was just incredible. To get an opportunity to represent the city of Cincinnati one more time, and to do it for the pro team in this city, is a dream come true. I watched every game the Bengals played. I was there when Carson Palmer got hurt in the playoff (in the 2005 season). I've just always been a big fan."

Huber, an Anderson Township native and alum of McNicholas High School and the University of Cincinnati, was a fifth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2009. He has played in all but two games over his career in Cincinnati, and he currently stands as the Bengals' career leader in both gross (45.07) and net (39.79) punting average.

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

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

**Bengal bites:** Three Bengals on the 53-player roster have changed uniform numbers since preseason — CB Darius Phillips now is No. 24, CB B.W. Webb now is No. 23 and WR Damion Willis now is No. 15 ... The tallest Bengal is QB Jake Dolegala, who is 6-7 ... The shortest Bengal is HB Trayveon Williams, who is 5-8 ... There is a tie for heaviest Bengals player between DT Josh Tupou and OT Cordy Glenn, who are both 345 pounds ... The lightest Bengal is CB Tony McRae, who is 185 pounds ... The oldest Bengal is LS Clark Harris, who is 35 (born July 10, 1984) ... The youngest Bengal is G Michael Jordan, who is 21 (Jan. 25, 1998).

## BENGALS QUOTES

**Bengals president Mike Brown**, on head coach Zac Taylor and a young staff of assistant coaches:

"It's new. It's different, and we're going to find out. You'll get a feel for (Taylor) as they go about it. They all have good certifications, good backgrounds, and I'm as interested as anybody to see just how it fits together out on the field and how it all works. It's going to be quite different for us. That's the fact. I think that's what our fans wanted. They felt we needed that. I think maybe they're right in how they feel."

**Head coach Zac Taylor**, on handling play-calling duties:

"It leaves you with a lot on your plate, but at the same time I know what I want this thing to look like. (Offensive coordinator) Brian Callahan and I are in lockstep. We're on the same page, along with all the other coaches in this offense. It may be me calling the plays, but everybody has input. Even at practice, I'm listening to Brian and some of the other coaches talk about ideas. Even though it's coming out of my mouth, it doesn't mean the ideas for play-calls are solely coming from me. (Communication between us) is something we try to iron out in practice — we try to make it as game-like as possible — and it's important that everyone is equally involved."

**WR A.J. Green**, on new head coach Zac Taylor's approach to team practices:

"Playing with (former Bengals head) coach (Marvin) Lewis, it was all about the defense. You didn't show up the defense at practice. But at OTA No. 1 (this year), Zac was like, 'We're going to kick the defense's butt.' That's what we like to hear on offense. I love the way he teaches. He's not yelling at you — he's teaching every little detail and having you understand why we run it a certain way."

**QB Andy Dalton**, on the changes under new head coach Zac Taylor:

"With Zac getting here and the whole change, and trying to make it feel new and feel different, I think he's done great. From the day he stepped in here, you felt the change. Obviously he had a plan for what he wanted, and they're doing it. You can see it with all the construction (around the building) and the way the staff came together. They're all in for what Zac is wanting to do."

**Offensive coordinator Brian Callahan**, on the offense being temporarily without A.J. Green, who was injured early in training camp:

"Listen, we all want A.J. out there. Everyone wants him. When you have those guys, you find ways to use them. But there are plenty of instances where you may not have him. You always stay true to what you believe offensively is going to help you win the game. If that involves featuring matchups with a guy as dynamic as A.J., then that's going to be part of it. If we don't have that piece, we will move the pieces around to get us the best matchups that help us win the game. That's what our system is designed to do — move pieces wherever we need them."

**Taylor**, on playing time being based on merit and not experience (referencing rookies Damion Willis and Michael Jordan earning starting positions, along with fourth-year player Trey Hopkins):

"I wouldn't say that we're trying to make a statement in any way, shape or form. The guys that have earned opportunities will get them. We haven't factored experience into our decision making. That's not the way we are approaching it. We're approaching it as they've earned that time (with their performances) in practice and in preseason games. We feel like they have our trust, so let's get them out there and let them go compete. We've done a really good job — especially in this last draft — of bringing in new guys who have the right mindset, and these moments aren't too big for them."

**Taylor**, on the progression and play of WR Damion Willis, who has been named a starter in place of injured WR A.J. Green:

"He's been steadily improving. I wouldn't say that there have been any setbacks. You see undrafted rookie receivers that often times flash (their abilities) and then take a step back, and then they flash again and take a step back again. That hasn't been the case with Damion. He has continued to make plays every time we've called his number. Ultimately, that's what we need from those guys — to be playmakers."

**Callahan**, on WR Damion Willis, who has been named a starter in place of injured WR A.J. Green:

"I'm so happy for Damion. I'm pleased and proud at the same time. He has come out of nowhere and earned it. He has flat-out earned it. What better story is there for anybody to get excited about?"

**WR John Ross III**, on the play of WR Damion Willis:

"He's amazing; you can see it. I told him that I haven't seen anyone as talented as him with no buzz in a long time. I just told him to keep working, because I don't think his game has limits. He's a complete player — that's what makes him special — and he catches the ball really well. He makes tough catches, and he's smart. The kid can play. I told him to just keep that mentality and he's going to be really good, because not a lot of people are blessed with the things he has."

**Ross**, on his outlook for his third NFL season:

"Not to make excuses, but I haven't put my best foot forward in preparing my body physically. Mentally, I don't think I've been there each year, based on me not being ready. Now, given a full offseason, working with T.J. (Houshmandzadeh), coming here, speaking to Coach Taylor and Coach (Bob) Bicknell — I feel like I'm more ready than I've ever been."

**Dalton**, on WR John Ross:

"You can't coach speed, and that's one thing he definitely has. Anytime you put a guy with his elite speed on the field, that changes everything. We are excited to have him in this offense. He's going to have a big role in what we do this year."

**Taylor**, on HB Giovani Bernard, who signed a contract extension on Sept. 3:

"He's consistent with his approach every day. You know what you're getting from him. He's very detailed with his craft — he's a good runner, he's a good receiver and he's a good protector. He fits all three of those traits that you want in a running back, and particularly in a No. 2 running back, because Joe gets the majority of the touches. Gio has always been reliable and goes about it the right way. He sets a great example for the other players on this team. He's very deserving of what he received (with a contract extension) and I'm happy for him."

**Taylor**, on offensive line coach Jim Turner:

"Our experience working together (in the past) has great value. We see protections the same way, we see the run game the same way (and) the cadences the same way. We are always on the same page. ... I believe in Jim. I've seen him coach for six years live and in person now. I've seen what he has gotten out of players and the way he has developed players. Jim's attention to detail is unmatched. Our offensive linemen are going to be disciplined and know how we want it done. I don't believe in anybody more than I believe in Jim to get that job done."

**Offensive line coach Jim Turner**, on rookie G Michael Jordan being named a starter:

"Mike jumped out at us at Ohio State. He jumped out at us on tape, and I went up there and interviewed him. The scouts loved him, I loved him, and obviously he was the right decision. He's just very smart, very physical, and he's ready to play. He's the guy we think can help us win right now at left guard."

**Dalton**, on rookie G Michael Jordan being named a starter:

"He's going to get a lot of experience early on in his career. He's been great so far. He keeps getting better. One thing about him is that he's a guy with size that can move well too. And he has a good understanding of everything that we're doing. I'm glad for him. He's earned that spot."

**Turner**, on C Trey Hopkins being named a starter:

"We feel like, right now, Trey can help us win at center better than anybody else on our team. As far as the performance of playing center and all the things that go into that position, Trey's got a lot of experience. When you watch the tape over Trey's career, he has done a heck of a job, and he has developed into a heck of a player. We expect a lot out of him now, having given him this responsibility."



**HB Joe Mixon**, on his approach for the season:

"(I will do) as much as I have to do individually and as much as I can for the team, to put ourselves on top. If it takes 250 (carries), I'm going to take 250. If it takes 400, that's what I'm going to do. At the end of the day, every touch counts. I've always been a one-play-away guy until I just break, and I'll continue to do that. If it takes 400 touches, then that's what I'm going to want."

**Taylor**, on rookie TE Drew Sample:

"He's a gritty player. He really just has a special knack in all three phases — pass protection, run blocking and being a receiver. (The first preseason game) was his welcome-to-the-NFL moment. I thought he played much better (the next at Washington), and he's only going to improve with every single game he plays against a different defensive line and different linebackers he will have to go against. We are only going to see him improve. I'm very pleased with the direction he is headed in."

**Callahan**, on TEs C.J. Uzomah and Tyler Eifert:

"There's no question — when we put those guys in different positions in formations, they can do a lot for us both as coverage indicators and as pieces in the passing game. On top of that, they can run block well. We're going to be able to run a lot of different things with them in the lineup."

**Tight ends coach James Casey**, on using TEs C.J. Uzomah and Tyler Eifert on the field at the same time:

"It opens up so many possibilities with both those guys on the field. I don't think C.J. gets enough credit for how well he runs and catches the ball, and I

don't think Tyler gets enough credit for how well he does blocking."

**S Shawn Williams**, on new defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo:

"There isn't a big difference in the playbook — there's actually a lot of carryover. But there's no gray. I want to say it's simplifying everything, but it's really not, because some aspects are the same. There's no gray, so we can play fast. Everything is simple. No hesitation."

**Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo**, on his coaching philosophy:

"It's to make sure that we allow the players to play as fast as possible. Whatever their job description is on a particular play, if it's clear cut, they can do it faster. That's with any job on the planet. If I'm supposed to put concrete over there, I can do it quick. If I'm not sure where to put it, I'm going to do it slower."

**Taylor**, on carrying only four LBs on the roster:

"We feel like (the defensive line is a) strong position for us up front and those guys can play a lot of different roles, depending on the team we play against. I feel good about the four linebackers we have. I understand that it's a little untraditional in terms of that approach. But we feel it's the right approach for us right now."

**Anarumo**, on DE Carl Lawson:

"He's a powerful guy. I watched Cam Wake do it for six years (with the Miami Dolphins). Carl has the same body type and can also jack up 300-pound tackles in the run game. And Carl has that same kind explosion. I think Carl's an all-around player and a three-down guy for us, for sure."

## POSITION BY POSITION

**Quarterbacks:** Veteran **Andy Dalton** takes the reins as the Bengals' starting QB for the ninth consecutive season, after being limited to just 11 games last year by a thumb injury (suffered in Game 11 vs. Cleveland). Dalton got off to a fast start in the season-opener at Seattle, posting career-highs in completions (35) and passing yards (418), en route to a 106.5 passer rating. Dalton owns a 68-51-2 regular-season record as a starter, good for the top winning percentage (.570) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts. He stands as the Bengals' all-time leader in career passer rating (89.0) and 300-yard passing games (25), and is second in career completions (2478), passing yards (28,518), passing TDs (190) and completion percentage (62.39). His 190 career TD passes and 104 INTs are good for a ratio of 1.83-to-1, the best in Bengals history ahead of second-place Carson Palmer at 1.54-to-1 (154-100). Dalton has posted 47 career games with a passer rating at or above 100, and the Bengals' record in those contests is 39-8 (.830). Dalton's injury in 2018 limited him to just 2566 passing yards, the first time in his eight seasons he failed to reach 3000 passing yards in a season; Dalton, Carolina's Cam Newton and former Colts/Broncos QB Peyton Manning had previously been the only NFL passers to hit 3000 passing yards in each of their first seven seasons (Newton hit the mark for the eighth time in 2018). The Bengals traded up in April's draft to select N.C. State's **Ryan Finley** in the fourth round. Finley jumped from third to second on the Bengals' QB depth chart after a strong preseason in which he notched a 99.3 passer rating. Touted by scouts for his accuracy and football intelligence, Finley left N.C. State with the top career completion percentage (.645) in school history. Despite playing only three seasons (2016-18) at N.C. State, Finley finished his career ranked third in ACC history in both passing yards (10,505) and 300-yard passing games (18). Finley began his college career at Boise State (2013-15), then graduated and played his final three seasons ('16-18) at N.C. State. Perhaps the biggest surprise of training camp was the play of college free agent **Jake Dolegala** of Central Connecticut State, a tall (6-foot-7), athletic and strong-armed passer who impressed in a little more than one game of action in preseason. Dolegala set school records in college for career passing yards (8129) and TDs (48).

**Running backs:** **Joe Mixon** enters his third season with the Bengals, after a 2018 season in which he rushed for 1168 yards and became the first Cincinnati RB ever to lead the AFC in rushing yards in a season (Paul Robinson led the AFL in rushing as a rookie in 1968). Mixon, though, suffered an ankle injury in the season-opener at Seattle, and his status for this week's game vs. San Francisco is uncertain. In 29 career games (21 starts), Mixon has five 100-yard rushing performances, and 10 games of at least 100 yards from scrimmage. In 2018, he topped 100 yards from scrimmage in seven of his 14 games played. Also a threat through the air, he caught 43 passes for 296 yards and a TD in '18. A 2017 second-round pick out of Oklahoma, Mixon began his rookie season listed as the Bengals' No. 3 HB, but he worked his way to the No. 1 spot by mid-

season. **Giovani Bernard**, a 2013 second-round pick of the Bengals, again serves in the No. 2 HB role behind Mixon. In the opener at Seattle, Bernard caught two passes for 42 yards, including a 35-yarder on a screen pass to convert a third-and-eight. Bernard played in 12 games in 2018, missing four due to a knee injury, and totaled 56 rushes for 211 yards and three TDs on the ground, and 35 catches for 218 yards through the air. Bernard stands second in Bengals history in both receptions (267) and receiving yards (2320) by a RB, trailing only James Brooks (297 and 3012). Brooks played seven Bengals seasons (1984-91), and Bernard in 2019 is playing his seventh season. Bernard also owns the Bengals' record for receiving yards in a game by a RB (128), which he set in 2015 at Arizona, and his 89-yard TD run vs. Carolina in '14 stands as the second-longest rush in team history. New to the Bengals' backfield this season is rookie sixth-round pick **Trayveon Williams** of Texas A&M. Williams suffered a foot injury in preseason, which caused him to miss Game 1 at Seattle, and his status for Sunday's game vs. San Francisco is uncertain. In three seasons at A&M, Williams amassed 4176 yards from scrimmage and 35 total TDs. Last season, Williams led the Southeastern Conference in rushing yards (1760) and TDs (18), while ranking second among SEC running backs in receptions (27) and third in receiving yards (278). Adding depth to the running backs room is HB **Samaje Perine**, a waiver acquisition from the Washington Redskins after roster cut-downs. Perine played just one snap on offense in the opener at Seattle, but was a contributor on special teams with 23 snaps. A fourth-round pick of Washington in 2017, Perine rushed for 635 yards and a TD on 183 carries in two seasons with the Redskins. In college at Oklahoma, Perine shared the backfield with Mixon, and the two formed one of college football's most productive running back tandems. In 2014 at Oklahoma, Perine rushed for an NCAA single-game record 427 yards vs. Kansas.

**Wide receivers:** **Tyler Boyd** has stepped into the No. 1 receiving role at the beginning of the season, while **A.J. Green** rehabs from an ankle injury suffered in the first practice of training camp. Boyd has gotten off to a fast start in 2019, posting eight catches (team-high) for 60 yards in the opener at Seattle. Last season, Boyd led the Bengals in receptions (76) and receiving yards (1028), despite missing the final two games of the season due to a knee injury. Boyd's 1000-yard season was the first of his career, and the first by a Bengal other than Green since Chad Johnson in 2009. Boyd has become among the most reliable and productive receivers in the league on third down. Last season, his 22 first-down catches on third downs tied for the league lead and counted as the most by a Bengal since T.J. Houshmandzadeh's 26 in 2008. Boyd enters 2019 having caught at least one pass in all 40 of his career games. Originally a 2016 second-round pick of the Bengals, Boyd signed a contract extension in July that will keep him in Cincinnati through the 2023 season. **John Ross III**, the Bengals' first-round pick out of Washington in 2017, is off to a fast start in his third NFL season. Ross posted career-highs in receptions (seven), receiving yards (158)

and TDs (two) in the opener at Seattle. His catches went for 33 yards on a flea-flicker, and a career-long 55-yards to give the Bengals the lead at the half. Known for his record-breaking speed — his 4.22-second 40-yard dash at the 2017 NFL Combine is considered to be the fastest in the event's history — Ross surprised many last season by making an impact primarily in the red zone, as five of his seven TDs (tied for team lead) came from inside the 20. His seven TDs came on 21 catches last season, the highest percentage in the NFL in 2018 and tied with TE Bob Trumpy in 1976 (seven TDs, 21 catches) and WR Isaac Curtis in '74 (10 TDs, 30 receptions) for highest TD percentage for a season in Bengals history. Joining Boyd and Ross as starters is college free agent **Damion Willis** of Troy, who entered training camp as a long shot to even make the roster. In Game 1 at Seattle, Willis became just the 11th WR to start a season-opener for the Bengals; all 10 of the previous players to do it were drafted in the fourth round or higher. Willis caught three passes for 30 yards in his NFL debut. **Alex Erickson**, who has served as the Bengals' No. 1 PR and KOR since joining the team as a CFA in 2016, will also have a role in the WR rotation this season. A versatile weapon, Erickson has seen time at both returner spots, WR and even as an emergency RB. In 2018, Erickson started six games at WR and caught 20 passes for 167 yards. Erickson has played in all 49 games of his NFL career. Second-year pro **Auden Tate**, a 6-5 WR out of Florida State, carved out a roster spot out of training camp for the second straight year, after another strong preseason showing. Tate, though, missed Game 1 at Seattle with a knee injury, which he suffered in the third preseason game, and his status for this week's game vs. San Francisco is uncertain. As a rookie last season, Tate caught four passes for 35 yards in limited offensive action. In college at FSU, 15 of Tate's 16 career TDs came from the 20-yard line or closer. Adding depth at receiver is **Pharoh Cooper**, a Sept. 2 waiver acquisition who previously played with the Cardinals and Rams. Cooper, a fourth-year player, spent most of the last two seasons with the Rams while Bengals head coach Zac Taylor served on the offensive staff. Regarding ninth-year wideout Green, his climb up the Bengals' record books is temporarily on hold, while he rehabs from an ankle injury suffered in Cincinnati's first training camp practice. There is no specific timeline on Green's return, however Bengals head coach Zac Taylor has said that he expects Green to miss the first few games. Last season, Green was limited by a toe injury to just nine games, and for the first time in his eight seasons missed out on earning a Pro Bowl nod. Green, though, still stands as the only NFL WR since the 1970 merger to start his career with seven consecutive Pro Bowl nominations. Green's seven Pro Bowl selections are tied with DT Geno Atkins for second in Bengals history, behind HOF OT Anthony Munoz (11). Despite his limited action in 2018, Green finished second on the team in receptions (46), receiving yards (694) and receiving TDs (six); it was the first time in his eight seasons he did not lead the team in receptions and receiving yards. Green currently ranks second in team history in career receptions (602) and receiving yards (8907); Chad Johnson, who played 10 Bengals seasons, is first in both categories (751 and 10,783). Green is the Bengals' all-time leader in 100-yard receiving games (33), after passing Johnson (31) last season.

**Tight ends:** Fifth-year pro **C.J. Uzomah**, who signed a three-year contract extension (through 2021) with the Bengals over the offseason, has gotten off to a fast start, posting four catches for a career-high 66 yards in the opener at Seattle. Last season, Uzomah stepped in to shoulder the load after the Bengals lost three TEs to season-ending injuries by midyear. He turned in a career season, and notched career-highs in catches (43), receiving yards (439) and TDs (three). **Tyler Eifert** enters 2019 healthy, after being limited to just 14 games from 2016-18 due to back and ankle injuries. Eifert, whose season ended after four games last season due to a serious ankle injury, returned to action in Game 1 at Seattle, and posted five catches for 27 yards. When healthy, Eifert has proved to be among the top pass-catching TEs in the NFL. In 2015, Eifert caught 13 TDs (in just 13 games), the most ever by a Bengals TE. Cincinnati invested a second-round pick in April's draft in **Drew Sample** of Washington, who was touted by scouts as a well-rounded prospect who excels in the blocking game. Sample caught 46 career passes for 487 yards and five TDs at Washington, and he was a key part of a blocking effort that helped Huskies RB Myles Gaskin top 1200 rushing yards and score double-digit TDs in each of his four seasons. **Cethan Carter**, a third-year player out of Nebraska, is healthy again this year after missing all of 2018 with a shoulder injury suffered in the preseason finale. As a rookie in 2017, Carter saw limited time on offense (no statistics) but was one of the Bengals' top special teams contributors.

**Offensive linemen:** Rookie G **Michael Jordan**, a Bengals fourth-round pick and the youngest player on the roster (turns 22 in January), is listed as the Bengals No. 1 LG this season. Jordan entered training camp as a long shot for the job, with several veterans in front of him, but strong performances in

practices and preseason games prompted Zac Taylor to announce Jordan as a starter on Aug. 25, prior to the final preseason game. In the season-opener at Seattle, Jordan became just the 16th Bengals rookie ever to start on the offensive line in an opener, the seventh to ever do so at G, and the seventh to do so after being drafted in the fourth round or lower. Jordan, a three-year starter in college at Ohio State, is one of only six players, and the first offensive lineman since Pro Football Hall of Famer Orlando Pace in 1994, to ever start an opening game as a true freshman at OSU. At RG this season is **John Miller**, an unrestricted free agent signee who spent his first four seasons with the Buffalo Bills. At 6-3, 315, Miller is considered a powerful run-blocker and helped the Bills rank in the top 10 in rushing offense in each of his four seasons with the team. In 47 career starts with the Bills, Miller helped the team top 100 net yards rushing 33 times, and top 200 yards 10 times. Between Jordan and Miller at center will be veteran **Trey Hopkins**, who won the starting center job after a strong preseason. Hopkins, now in his sixth season in Cincinnati, is known for his intelligence, versatility (has started all three interior OL spots during his career) and experience (21 career starts). **Bobby Hart** again holds down the ROT position, after starting all 16 games there last season. Hart was originally a seventh-round pick of the N.Y. Giants in 2015 and spent his first three seasons there, before joining Cincinnati in the '18 offseason. The Bengals invested a first-round pick in OT **Jonah Williams** of Alabama, who was slated as the 2019 starter at LOT, but a shoulder injury suffered in OTAs will cause Williams to miss most or all of his rookie season (currently on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform). Instead, veteran **Cordy Glenn**, last year's No. 1 LOT who had been slated to move inside to LG, will return back outside to LOT. Glenn, who has played all 91 of his career NFL games at LOT, was acquired in a trade with Buffalo during the 2018 offseason. Glenn, though, missed the final two preseason games and regular-season opener with a concussion, and his status for Sunday's game vs. San Francisco is unknown. Providing depth at all of the interior offensive line positions is **Billy Price**, who has been slowed by a foot injury since the start of training camp in July. The Bengals' first-round pick out of Ohio State a year ago, Price played last season as the Bengals' No. 1 C but was limited to just 10 games by a foot injury. Backing up both OT positions is veteran **Andre Smith**, the Bengals' 2009 first-round draft choice. In the season-opener at Seattle, Smith made his first career start at LOT in place of the injured Glenn. Smith, who has played the majority of his 10 NFL seasons with Cincinnati, re-signed with the Bengals as a free agent on July 25. His career totals include 111 games played, with 94 starts. Also providing depth at G is veteran **John Jerry**, who signed with the Bengals in June after Williams' injury. Jerry has valuable experience under offensive line coach Jim Turner and head coach Zac Taylor from their time together with the Miami Dolphins. Jerry has played in 121 career games, with 101 starts, and has twice filled in as a starter at LOT in previous seasons. G **Alex Redmond**, who last year started 15 games at RG, will miss the first four games of the season due to a suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances.

**Defensive linemen:** Considered one of the top interior defensive linemen in football, 10th-year DT **Geno Atkins** again anchors the Bengals' defensive line and continues his climb up the Bengals' all-time sack list. Atkins' 71 career sacks are third-most in team history, most by a Bengals interior lineman and 12.5 shy of the all-time lead. Atkins in 2018 led the Bengals in sacks (10) for the fifth time in his career. In his nine previous seasons, Atkins has finished in at least a share of the NFL lead for sacks by an interior defensive lineman five different times — he claimed it outright three times (2012, '16, '17) and shared it twice ('11 and '15). Atkins has 12 career games with more than one sack, and the Bengals are 8-4 in those contests, including 6-2 since 2015 and 3-0 last season. Atkins' seven Pro Bowl selections are the most ever by a Bengals defensive player, and tied with teammate A.J. Green for the second-most in team history behind Hall of Fame OT Anthony Munoz (11). Standing in second place on the Bengals' all-time career sack list is 10th-year DE **Carlos Dunlap**, whose 73.5 sacks stand 2.5 ahead of Atkins and just 10 shy of all-time leader Eddie Edwards (83.5). Dunlap already has one sack this season, which he registered in Game 1 at Seattle. Dunlap finished second on the team in sacks (eight) last season. Dunlap has 16 career games with more than one sack, and the Bengals are 10-6 in those contests, including 7-1 since the beginning of 2015. Also considered one of the NFL's most proficient defensive linemen at batting down passes, Dunlap's 30 PDs between 2016-18 were the most in the NFL among non-defensive backs. In 2016, he became the first-ever defensive lineman to lead the Bengals in passes defended (15). And in 2015, Dunlap's career-best 13.5 sacks were the second-most in a season in Bengals history. Fourth-year DT **Andrew Billings** in 2019 lines up as Cincinnati's No. 1 NT for the second straight season. Last season, Billings started all 16 games and totaled 32 tackles and 2.5 sacks. Billings missed his entire rookie season in 2016 due to a knee injury (meniscus tear) suffered early in training camp, and then

saw rotational action in '17 before taking over full-time NT duties in '18. Second-year DE **Sam Hubbard**, a Cincinnati native (Archbishop Moeller High School), has taken over at RDE this season. Hubbard made his first career start in the opener at Seattle, and recorded a team-high 10 tackles, including two sacks of Seahawks QB Russell Wilson. Hubbard played in all 16 games as a rookie in 2018, and saw action on 45 percent of defensive snaps as a rotational defensive lineman. He totaled six sacks on the season, and made one of the year's most memorable plays when he recovered a fumble by Miami QB Ryan Tannehill late in the fourth quarter and returned it 19 yards for a score, helping seal a Bengals victory. Third-year DE **Carl Lawson**, considered one of the Bengals' most talented young defenders, has returned to action this season after having his 2018 campaign cut short by a torn ACL in his right knee. Lawson turned heads in 2017, when his 8.5 sacks led all NFL rookies and tied for the second-most ever by a Bengals rookie. Lawson, who suffered his knee injury in Game 8 last season, had just one sack early in the season but was praised by analysts and coaches for his consistent pressure (eight QB hits). Third-year DT **Ryan Glasgow**, who also suffered a torn ACL in his right knee early last season, has returned to action in 2019. Considered a reliable rotational DT, Glasgow played in 16 games (one start) as a rookie in 2017 and totaled 23 tackles. New to the roster this season is veteran DE **Kerry Wynn**, an unrestricted free agent signee who spent his first five seasons with the N.Y. Giants. Wynn played in 63 career games (15 starts) for the Giants, and totaled 122 tackles and 4.5 sacks. Also providing depth at DE is third-year pro **Jordan Willis**, who has been a reliable rotational DE since joining the Bengals as a third-round pick out of Kansas State in 2017. Willis saw action on 47 percent of defensive snaps last year and totaled 20 tackles, including four for losses and one sack. The only rookie on the defensive line entering 2019 is DT **Renell Wren**, a fourth-round pick out of Arizona State. Wren, who checks in at a massive 6-5, 318, totaled 14.5 tackles for losses and three sacks in four seasons at ASU. Veteran DT **Josh Tupou**, who is tied for the heaviest Bengal on the roster, adds a massive run-stuffing presence to the middle of the Bengals' defensive line. Tupou spent his first two Bengals seasons between the roster and practice squad, and played in seven games with nine tackles. Tupou missed the final six games of 2018 due to a torn pectoral muscle. Rounding out the Bengals' defensive line is DE **Andrew Brown**, a 2018 Bengals fifth-round draft pick out of Virginia who made a successful roster bid in training camp this year after spending his rookie season on Cincinnati's practice squad and Practice Squad/Injured list (hand). Brown was the Gatorade National Player of the Year coming out of high school in 2013, and totaled 26.5 TFLs and 10.5 sacks in four seasons at UVA.

**Linebackers:** The Bengals' linebackers are led in 2019 by fourth-year pro **Nick Vigil**, who enters his third season as a full-time starter. Vigil got off to a strong start in the opener at Seattle, posting seven tackles, including one for a loss. Last season, Vigil finished third on the team in tackles (84), despite missing five games due to a knee injury. Vigil had three games of 10 or more tackles in 2018, including a 17-tackle performance in the season finale at Pittsburgh. Lining up next to Vigil is sixth-year pro and Cincinnati native (Northwest High School) **Preston Brown**, who is in his second season with the Bengals. Brown also had an impactful start in Game 1 at Seattle, and recorded four tackles and a forced fumble (Bengals recovered). After playing in all 64 possible games over his first four seasons in Buffalo, Brown suffered an ankle injury in last season's opener and was limited to just seven games. When healthy, Brown has proved to be one of the NFL's most productive tacklers, after recording an NFL-best 504 combined tackles from 2014-17. Third-year pro **Jordan Evans**, a 2017 sixth-round pick of the Bengals, has seen time mainly as a rotational linebacker over his three seasons in Cincinnati, with 30 games played and nine starts. Evans ended 2018 on Reserve/Injured, due to an ankle injury suffered in Game 14. The Bengals this year invested a third-round draft pick on **Germaine Pratt** of North Carolina State, who began his college career at S before switching to LB. Last season was Pratt's first as a starting LB, and he ended up leading the Wolfpack in tackles (104) and earning first-team All-ACC honors.

**Defensive backs:** Considered one of Cincinnati's top young defenders, **William Jackson III** is in his fourth season as a Bengal, and second as a full-time starting CB. Jackson started all 16 games a year ago. Jackson, the Bengals' first-round pick in 2016, has just one career INT — a 75-yard pick-six off of Packers QB Aaron Rodgers in 2017 — however many analysts have noted opposing offenses' reluctance to throw his way. Manning the other starting CB spot for the fifth straight season is **Dre Kirkpatrick**, a first-round pick of the Bengals in 2012. Kirkpatrick got off to a strong start in the season-opener in Seattle, posting five tackles, including a sack, along with a fumble recovery. Kirkpatrick struggled with a shoulder injury late last season and missed three games, but he's proven mostly durable over his career, playing in 91 of the last

97 possible games (including postseason). Kirkpatrick has 10 career INTs, one behind teammate **Shawn Williams** (11) for the lead among active Bengals. Williams, a 2013 third-round draft pick, fills a starting S position for the fourth straight season. In 2018, Williams started all 16 games, led the Bengals with five INTs (second in AFC), and ranked second on the team in tackles with a career-high 108. At the other safety spot, second-year pro **Jessie Bates III** looks to build off of a strong rookie campaign in which he became just the sixth Bengals rookie, and the first since 2012, to lead the team in tackles (111). Bates in 2018 also became the first Bengals rookie defender to start all 16 games since Takeo Spikes in 1998. Bates, the Bengals' second-round pick out of Wake Forest in 2018, played 98.7 percent of Cincinnati's defensive snaps as a rookie and recorded three INTs, including a pick-six off of Tampa Bay QB Jameis Winston. At nickel DB, the Bengals turn to veteran CB **B.W. Webb**, an unrestricted free agent signee who has spent time with the N.Y. Giants (2018), Cleveland ('17), New Orleans ('16), Tennessee ('15), Pittsburgh ('14) and Dallas ('13). Last season with the Giants, Webb's defensive backs coach was current Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo. Adding depth at safety is **Clayton Fejedelem**, a seventh-round pick of the Bengals in 2016 who has become a core special teams player and valuable reserve on defense. Fejedelem has played in all 49 possible games over his career (six starts), and he's led the Bengals in special teams tackles in each of his first three seasons. Fejedelem made perhaps the defensive play of the year for the Bengals in the 2018 season-opener at Indianapolis, when with 24 seconds left and the Bengals clinging to a three-point lead deep in their own territory, he forced a fumble by Colts TE Jack Doyle and returned it 83 yards for a game-sealing TD. Adding depth at CB is 2018 fifth-round pick **Darius Phillips**, who played in 15 games as a rookie, with one start at nickel DB. Phillips did not see much action as a returner as a rookie, but in college at Western Michigan he ranked as one of the top returners in college football history and set the FBS record with 12 total returns for TDs (five KOR, one PR, five INT, three FRs). S **Brandon Wilson**, a 2017 sixth-round pick of the Bengals, has seen limited time on defense throughout his career but is considered a valuable part of Cincinnati's special teams units. Wilson, who is known for his speed, played in all 16 games last season and finished second in special teams tackles (nine). CB **Tony McRae**, a rotational defensive player and special teams regular, also returns in 2019. McRae has played in 16 career games for Cincinnati, and has five tackles on defense and nine on special teams.

**Special teams:** WR **Alex Erickson** has held the Bengals' No. 1 PR and KOR positions since joining the team as a CFA in 2016. Erickson, though, has seen more action at WR early this season due to injuries at that position group, so the Bengals have taken him off of KOR return duty. He still serves as the No. 1 PR though, and in the opener at Seattle he totaled 34 yards on four returns; he also had a fumble during a punt return (Seattle recovered). Last season, Erickson averaged 26.2 yards on kickoff returns, and his 1049 kickoff return yards were second-most in the NFL. Erickson also averaged a career-best 10.6 yards per punt return last season. As a rookie in 2016, Erickson posted an AFC-best 27.9-yard average on kickoff returns, the second-best mark in team history. Eighth-year pro **Randy Bullock** has served as the Bengals' placekicker since midway through the 2016 season, when he joined Cincinnati on waivers from Pittsburgh. Bullock is two-for-two so far this season on PATs, and two-for-three on FG attempts. Last season, Bullock converted 19 of 23 FG attempts (82.6 percent), and two of his four misses were blocked. He also converted 95.1 percent (39 of 41) on PATs, his best percentage for a season since the PAT distance was moved to 33 yards in 2015. Handling punting duties again this season is 11th-year pro **Kevin Huber**, the longest-tenured Bengal on the roster. Huber, a Cincinnati native (McNicholas High School), stands as the Bengals' career leader in every significant punting category, including punts (772), punting yards (34,795), gross average (45.07), net average (39.79) and inside-20 punts (267). He also shares the franchise record for longest punt (75), and owns the Bengals' best career ratio for inside-20s to touchbacks (4.2-to-1; 267-63). Huber, who also serves as the holder for placekicks, has played in 163 of 165 possible games (including postseason) since joining the team as a fifth-round draft pick in 2009. LS **Clark Harris**, the oldest Bengal on the roster at 35, has served as the Bengals' long snapper since midway through the 2009 season. Harris has been a paragon of reliability throughout his career in Cincinnati, with no unplayable snaps in 1437 attempts as a Bengal (769 punts, 668 placekicks). In 2017, Harris became the first-ever Bengals long snapper to earn a Pro Bowl nod. Harris has also been solid in kick coverage throughout his time in Cincinnati, with 33 career special teams tackles. The Bengals return three of their top four special teams tacklers from a year ago, including S **Clayton Fejedelem**, whose 13 tackles led the team. Fejedelem led the Bengals in special teams snaps in each of his first three seasons (2016-18), and led the team in special teams tackles in each of the last two seasons. Fejedelem has made a mark on special teams outside of

kick coverage as well — last season, he had a blocked punt and ran for a first down on a fake punt. S **Brandon Wilson**, a 2017 sixth-round pick out of

Houston, ranked second in special teams tackles last year. Known for his speed, Wilson excels on punt and kick coverage. CB **Tony McRae**, who ranked fourth on the team in special teams tackles last season, is also known for his speed and figures to contribute heavily on punt and kick coverage.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- 2019**
- Sept. 24 — Beginning on the Tuesday following the third weekend of regular-season games, the claiming priority is based on the inverse order of the standing of clubs in the current season's games.
  - Mid-Oct. — Beginning on the sixth calendar day prior to a club's seventh regular-season game (including any bye week) clubs are permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness (if the player failed his preseason physical due to a non-football injury or illness) for a period not to exceed 21 days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period, provided that no player may be activated to participate in a Week Six game.
  - Mid-Oct. — At any time after six weeks have elapsed since a player was placed on Reserve/Injured or Reserve/Non-Football Injury/Illness, each club is permitted to designate two players for return from either list to the Club's 53-player Active/Inactive List.  
A player who is "Designated For Return" must have suffered a major football-related injury or non-football-related injury or illness after reporting to training camp and passing his preseason physical examination and must have been placed on the applicable Reserve List after 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day following the final roster reduction.  
A player whom the Club wishes to designate for return is permitted to return to practice for a period not to exceed 21 days. The Club is required to notify the League office that the player has been "Designated For Return" on the first day the player begins to practice. The player cannot be returned to the Active/Inactive List until eight games have elapsed since the date he was placed on Reserve.
  - Oct. 15-16 — Fall League Meeting, Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
  - Oct. 29 — All trading ends for 2019 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
  - Oct. 30 — Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons are subject to the waiver system for the remainder of the regular season and postseason.
  - Nov. 4 — Any increase in a player's 2019 Salary from a renegotiation or extension that is received by the Management Council after 4 p.m. Eastern, on this day, will be treated as Signing Bonus, and prorated over the entire term of the Player Contract, including 2019.
  - Nov. 12 — At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.
  - Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their unsigned Franchise and Transition Players, including Franchise Players who were eligible to receive Offer Sheets until this date. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
  - Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "May 7 Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
  - Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the "June 1 Tender" was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
  - Nov. 12 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for Clubs to sign their Drafted Rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2019.
  - Nov. 28, 30, Dec. 2 — Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the last business day prior to a club's Week 13 game for reinstatement of players in Reserve List categories of Retired, Did Not Report, and Exclusive Rights, and of players who were placed on Reserve/Left Squad in a previous season.

- Nov. 29 — Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of players who received, or filed a grievance for, the Basic or Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2019 season.
  - Dec. 1 — Beginning this date through Jan. 31, 2020, NFL clubs are permitted to conduct non-contact tryouts and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2020, or whose 2019 contracts are due to expire on Feb. 11, 2020. Prior to any tryout or negotiation, NFL clubs must first receive written permission from the player's CFL club.
  - Dec. 1 — All salary paid to a Practice Squad player during the postseason will count as Salary if the player's practice player contract was executed or renegotiated on or after this date for more than the minimum Practice Squad salary.
  - Dec. 10 — NFLMC Labor Seminar, Four Seasons Resort, Las Colinas, Texas.
  - Dec. 11 — Special League Meeting, Four Seasons Resort, Las Colinas, Texas.
  - Dec. 28 — A claiming period of 24 hours shall be in effect for any waivers requested during the period from the Saturday of the final regular-season weekend through the conclusion of the final postseason game, except for waiver requests on Friday and Saturday of each week, which shall expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday.  
Assignment of player contracts will be deferred until the first business day after the Pro Bowl or the Super Bowl, whichever occurs later.  
Terminations of player contracts will occur at the expiration of the claiming period.  
A club that is participating in the playoffs may sign players whose contracts have been terminated to its Active/Inactive List, Practice Squad, or Reserve/Future List. A club whose playing season has concluded may sign such players to its Reserve/Future List only.
  - Dec. 29 — Final Week of Regular-season Games.
  - Dec. 30 — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2020 season.
  - Dec. 30 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2017 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Dec. 30, 2019, but prior to May 5, 2020 (i.e., not later than May 4).
  - Dec. 30 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2017 College Draft or any Undrafted Rookie who signed in 2018. Any permissible renegotiated or extended Player Contract will not be considered a Rookie Contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit Rookie Contracts.
  - Dec. 30 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club's owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club's 2019 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2020 Team Salary.
- 2020**
- Jan. 4-5 — Wild Card Playoff Games.
  - Jan. 5 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that have byes in the Wild Card weekend may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of the Wild Card games.
  - Jan. 11-12 — Divisional Playoff Games.
  - Jan. 12 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that won their Wild Card games may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of Divisional Playoff games.
  - Jan. 13 — NCAA National Championship Game, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, New Orleans, Louisiana.

(Important dates, continued)

Jan. 18	— East-West Shrine Game, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Florida.	March 16-18	— Protection Benefit. — During the period beginning at noon Eastern, on March 16 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 18, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with, the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2019 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 18. During the above two-day negotiating period, a prospective UFA who is not represented by an NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor is permitted to communicate directly with a new club's front office officials (excluding the Head Coach and other members of the club's coaching staff) regarding contract negotiations. No prospective Unrestricted Free Agent is permitted to execute a contract with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern, on March 18.
Jan. 18	— NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California.	March 18	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must exercise options for 2020 on all players who have option clauses in their 2019 contracts.
Jan. 19	— AFC and NFC Championship Games.	March 18	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation.
Jan. 20	— Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2020 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 24.	March 18	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2019 contracts who have fewer than three Accrued Seasons of free agency credit.
Jan. 25	— Senior Bowl, Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Alabama.	March 18	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2020 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern.
Jan. 26	— NFL Pro Bowl, TBD.	March 18	— All 2019 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern.
Jan. 26	— An assistant coach, whose team is participating in the Super Bowl, who has previously interviewed for another club's head coaching job may have a second interview with such club no later than the Sunday preceding the Super Bowl.	March 18	— The 2020 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. The first day of the 2020 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 18. Clubs will receive a Personnel Notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern, and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern, on March 18.
Jan. 31	— Deadline for NFL clubs to try out and negotiate with CFL players who are entering an option year in 2020, or whose 2019 contracts are due to expire at noon Eastern, on Feb. 11, 2020.	March 18	— Trading period for 2020 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2019 contracts.
Jan. 31	— Deadline for any player claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2020 season to notify his former Club in writing.	March 18	— Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern, Clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2020 and if not renegotiated after Dec. 29, 2019, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).
Feb. 2	— Super Bowl LIV, Hard Rock Stadium, South Florida.	March 29- April 1	— Annual League Meeting, The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla.
Feb. 3	— Deadline for non-playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2020 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.	April 1	— Deadline for Clubs to meet 2020 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.
Feb. 3	— Waiver system begins for 2020. A 24-hour claiming period will be in effect through the Friday prior to the last regular-season game (waiver requests made on Friday and Saturday of each week will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern, on the following Monday.) Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons whom a club desires to terminate are not subject to the waiver system until after the trading deadline.	April 6	— Clubs that hired a new Head Coach after the end of the 2019 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
Feb. 11	— Beginning at noon Eastern, NFL clubs may begin to sign players whose 2020 CFL contracts have expired. Players under contract to a CFL club for the 2020 season or who have an option for the 2020 season are not eligible to be signed.	April 15	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.
Feb. 17	— Deadline for playoff Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2020 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.	April 17	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
Feb. 24- March 2	— NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana.	April 20	— Clubs with returning Head Coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
Feb. 25	— First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	April 22	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
Feb. 27	— Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 4(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2020 season.	April 22	— Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.
March 2	— Beginning this date, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an assistant coach, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as its head coach, the employer club is under no obligation to grant the coach the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.	April 23-25	— Annual Player Selection Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev.
March 2	— Beginning this date through the conclusion of the Annual Selection Meeting, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an individual, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as a high-level club employee, the employer club is under no obligation to grant the individual the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club if his current responsibilities include gathering information on and evaluating draft-eligible players or veteran free agent players. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.	April 30-May 4	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie mini-camp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
March 10	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	May 4	— Deadline for Clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2017 Draft.
March 13	— Deadline for all Clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2020 Extended Injury	May 5	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "May 5 Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern, only with his Prior Club.
		May 7-11	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie

*(Important dates, continued)*

- minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
- May 11 — Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
- May 14-17 — NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first

and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their respective clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period.

- May 19-20 — Spring League Meeting, Ritz-Carlton, Marina Del Ray, Calif.

### **MEDIA SCHEDULE**

- Tues, Sept. 10 — Players' day off (no media access).
- Wed., Sept. 11 — Andy Dalton news conference at 12:45 p.m.; Locker room open from 12:45-1:30 p.m.; Zac Taylor news conference at 1:30 p.m.; Practice from 2-3:30 p.m. (practice is open from 2-2:40 p.m.); Conference call with San Francisco 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan at 3:45 p.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 12 — Locker room open from 12:45-1:30 p.m.; Practice from 2-3:45 p.m. (practice is open from 2-2:40 p.m.).
- Fri., Sept. 13 — Practice from 10:30-11:45 a.m. (practice is open from 10:30-10:50 a.m., but video and still photography are not permitted); Locker room open from 11:45-12:30 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 14 — No media access.
- Sun., Sept. 15 — Bengals vs. San Francisco 49ers at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m.
- Mon., Sept. 16 — Locker room open from 2:05-2:50 p.m.; Zac Taylor news conference at 2:50 p.m.

- Tues, Sept. 17 — Players' day off (no media access).
- Wed., Sept. 18 — Andy Dalton news conference at 12:45 p.m.; Locker room open from 12:45-1:30 p.m.; Zac Taylor news conference at 1:30 p.m.; Practice from 2-3:30 p.m. (practice is open from 2-2:40 p.m.); Conference call with Buffalo Bills head coach Sean McDermott, TBD.
- Thurs., Sept. 19 — Locker room open from 12:45-1:30 p.m.; Practice from 2-3:45 p.m. (practice is open from 2-2:40 p.m.).
- Fri., Sept. 20 — Practice from 10:30-11:45 a.m. (practice is open from 10:30-10:50 a.m., but video and still photography are not permitted); Locker room open from 11:45-12:30 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 21 — Team travels to Buffalo (no media access).
- Sun., Sept. 22 — Bengals vs. Buffalo Bills at New Era Field, 1 p.m.
- Mon., Sept. 23 — Locker room open from 2:05-2:50 p.m.; Zac Taylor news conference at 2:50 p.m.
- Tues, Sept. 24 — Players' day off (no media access).

**THE LAST BENGALS-49ERS MEETINGS**

**2011 SEASON**

**WEEK 3, GAME 3**

**San Francisco 49ers 13, Cincinnati Bengals 8**  
Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011 at Paul Brown Stadium

San Francisco trailed for most of the day in the Bengals' 2011 home opener, but after falling behind 6-3 with 9:04 left in the fourth quarter, the 49ers mounted the game's only TD drive, going 72 yards in 10 plays for a 10-6 lead. San Francisco raised its lead to 13-6 on a 53-yard FG by K David Akers with 2:16 to play, and the 49ers gave up an intentional safety as time was running out. On a day when both offenses struggled, the most glaring statistic was a one-for-10 Bengals performance on third-down conversions. Cincinnati settled for a FG after gaining a second-and-goal from the 49ers' two on the game's opening drive. And in the fourth quarter, after DE Jonathan Fanene recovered a fumble forced by LB Rey Maulaluga at the San Francisco 16, Cincinnati was again forced to settle for a FG. The Bengals fell to 1-2 while the 49ers improved to 2-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
San Francisco	0	0	3	10	—	13
Cincinnati	3	0	0	5	—	8

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — M.Nugent 22 field goal	1-8:44
S.F. — D.Akers 23 field goal	3-3:29
Cin. — M.Nugent 23 field goal	4-9:04
S.F. — K.Hunter 7 run (D.Akers kick)	4-3:59
S.F. — D.Akers 53 field goal	4-2:16
Cin. — A.Lee out of bounds in end zone for safety	4-0:02

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 43,363. **Time:** 3:07.

TEAM STATISTICS	S.F.	CIN.
First downs	16	14
Third down conversions-attempts	5-15	1-10
Total net yards	226	228
Net yards rushing	50	79
Net yards passing	176	149
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	30-20-0	32-17-2
Sacks against-yards lost	5-25	1-8
Punts-average	7-45.7	7-45.3
Punt returns-yards	3-19	3-31
Kickoff returns-yards	2-59	3-54
Penalties-yards	12-70	6-40
Fumbles-lost	3-1	1-1
Time of possession	35:20	24:40

**RUSHING**

S.F.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
F.Gore	17	42	12	0	C.Benson	17	64	10	0
K.Hunter	9	26	11	1	B.Scott	2	10	8	0
B.Miller	1	2	2	0	A.Dalton	1	5	5	0
V.Davis	1	-2	-2	0					
A.Lee	1	-18	-18	0					
TOTALS	29	50	12	1	TOTALS	20	79	10	0

**PASSING**

S.F.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Ale.Smith	30	20	201	0-0	A.Dalton	32	17	157	0-2
TOTALS	30	20	201	0-0	TOTALS	32	17	157	0-2

**RECEIVING**

S.F.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
V.Davis	8	114	39	0	A.Caldwell	6	53	14	0
B.Miller	4	25	11	0	J.Gresham	4	51	22	0
M.Crabtree	3	24	8	0	A.Green	4	29	18	0
J.Morgan	2	17	12	0	D.Lee	1	11	11	0
K.Hunter	2	12	10	0	B.Leonard	1	7	7	0
D.Walker	1	9	9	0	J.Simpson	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	20	201	39	0	TOTALS	17	157	22	0

**DEFENSE**

**San Francisco** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** N.Bowman 7-4-11, D.Goldson 5-3-8, P.Willis 3-5-8, A.Brooks 1-4-5, C.Rogers 3-1-4, I.Sopoaga 0-4-4, M.Williams 2-1-3, T.Brown 1-1-2, D.Whitner 1-1-2, J.Smith 0-2-2, P.Haralson 0-1-1, S.Spencer 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** A.Brooks 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** R.Smith 1-11, C.Rogers 1-0. **PD:** C.Rogers 2, T.Brown 1, R.Smith 1, S.Spencer 1, D.Whitner 1, P.Willis 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Nelson 7-6-13, R.Maulaluga 7-2-9, N.Clements 7-0-7, T.Howard 2-5-7, G.Atkins 3-3-6, F.Rucker 3-3-6, C.Crocker 3-2-5, J.Fanene 3-2-5, L.Hall 3-1-4, D.Skuta 3-1-4, M.Johnson 2-2-4, D.Peko 2-2-4, P.Sims 2-1-3, G.Wilson 0-2-2, K.Jennings 1-0-1, M.Lawson 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Fanene 2-13, F.Rucker 1-4, G.Atkins 1-0, C.Crocker 0-5-4, D.Skuta 0-5-4. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** N.Clements 1, L.Hall 1. **FF:** R.Maulaluga 1, D.Peko 1, D.Skuta 1. **FR-YDS.:** J.Fanene 1-0.

**2015 SEASON**

**WEEK 15, GAME 14**

**Cincinnati Bengals 24, San Francisco 49ers 14**  
Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015 at Levi's Stadium

Locked in a scoreless tie for much of the first half, the Bengals scored three TDs in the last 5:16 of the second quarter for a 21-0 lead and held on from there to subdue the 49ers. The win clinched a fifth consecutive playoff berth for Cincinnati. DE Carlos Dunlap started the onslaught by forcing a fumble from WR Anquan Boldin and returning it 21 yards to the San Francisco 11-yard line. Cincinnati scored in five plays, on a one-yard rush by HB Jeremy Hill, for a 7-0 lead. Hill got another one-yard TD at the 1:17 mark, on a drive set up by a short San Francisco punt, and Cincinnati went up 21-0 at halftime when QB AJ McCarron passed 20 yards to TE Tyler Kroft with 0:53 to play. The McCarron-Kroft connection was a one-play drive, set up when LB Vontaze Burfict intercepted a bobbled 49ers pass at the San Francisco 36, returning it 16 yards to the 20. McCarron won his first pro start, subbing for Andy Dalton, who was out due to a thumb fracture suffered the previous week vs. Pittsburgh. The Bengals improved to 11-3, while the 49ers fell to 4-10.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	0	21	3	0	—	24
San Francisco	0	0	7	7	—	14

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — J.Hill 1 run (M.Nugent kick)	2-5:16
Cin. — J.Hill 1 run (M.Nugent kick)	2-1:17
Cin. — T.Kroft 20 pass from A.McCarron (M.Nugent kick)	2-0:53
Cin. — M.Nugent 22 field goal	3-8:40
S.F. — B.Miller 1 run (P.Dawson kick)	3-3:14
S.F. — A.Boldin 15 pass from B.Gabbert (P.Dawson kick)	4-2:17

**Missed FGs:** P.Dawson (41B). **Attendance:** 70,799. **Time:** 3:17.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	S.F.
First downs	14	17
Third down conversions-attempts	4-14	2-14
Total net yards	242	318
Net yards rushing	68	55
Net yards passing	174	263
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	21-15-0	50-30-3
Sacks against-yards lost	4-18	4-32
Punts-average	8-51.6	7-40.6
Punt returns-yards	3-(-1)	6-40
Kickoff returns-yards	2-46	3-87
Penalties-yards	6-45	11-98
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Time of possession	30:59	29:01

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	S.F.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	14	33	6	0	S.Draughn	9	38	14	0
J.Hill	19	31	9	2	B.Gabbert	2	10	6	0
A.McCarron	2	2	1	0	T.Cadet	2	4	2	0
M.Sanu	1	2	2	0	B.Miller	2	3	2	1
					K.Gaskins	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	36	68	9	2	TOTALS	17	55	14	1

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	S.F.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.McCarron	21	15	192	1-0	B.Gabbert	50	30	295	1-3
TOTALS	21	15	192	1-0	TOTALS	50	30	295	1-3

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	S.F.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
M.Jones	4	89	47	0	A.Boldin	8	74	29	1
G.Bernard	4	18	14	0	K.Gaskins	6	52	16	0
T.Kroft	3	31	20t	1	B.Bell	4	43	27	0
M.Sanu	2	8	6	0	T.Cadet	4	32	12	0
A.Green	1	37	37	0	Q.Patton	3	37	16	0
R.Hewitt	1	9	9	0	T.Smith	2	33	17	0
					V.McDonald	1	10	10	0
					B.Miller	1	10	10	0
					S.Draughn	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	15	192	47	1	TOTALS	30	295	29	1

**DEFENSE**

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Maulaluga 7-3-10, V.Burfict 5-2-7, L.Hall 5-0-5, D.Kirkpatrick 5-0-5, G.Atkins 4-0-4, R.Nelson 3-1-4, S.Williams 3-1-4, C.Dunlap 3-0-3, A.Jones 2-1-3, D.Peko 1-2-3, P.Dawson 2-0-2, W.Gilberry 2-0-2, A.Hawk 2-0-2, M.Johnson 1-1-2. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 2-13, V.Burfict 1-10, D.Peko 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** V.Burfict 1-16, A.Jones 1-14, S.Williams 1-14. **PD:** V.Burfict 3, P.Dawson 1, A.Jones 1, R.Nelson 1, S.Williams 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap. **FR-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-21.

**San Francisco** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** N.Bowman 7-4-11, G.Hodges 9-1-10, I.Williams 6-0-6, J.Ward 5-1-6, Q.Dial 4-2-6, A.Brooks 3-2-5, E.Reid 4-0-4, E.Harold 3-0-3, K.Acker 2-0-2, J.Tartt 2-0-2, C.Lemonier 1-1-2, D.Johnson 1-0-1, M.Purcell 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Ward 1-9, I.Williams 1-6, E.Reid 1-3, A.Brooks 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Ward 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** I.Williams 1-0.



# 2019 GAME SUMMARIES

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

### Seattle Seahawks 21, Cincinnati Bengals 20 Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019 at CenturyLink Field

Cincinnati outgained Seattle by 196 net yards (395-161), recorded 10 more first downs (22-12) and held more than a 10-minute advantage in time of possession (35:50-24:10), but the Bengals ultimately were inefficient in converting yards into points and lost their first game under new head coach Zac Taylor. The Bengals scored just one FG in three trips inside the Seahawks' red zone in the game. And in the third quarter alone, three times Cincinnati reached Seattle's 36-yard line or farther (36, 27 and 12) and came away with no points (the drives ended on a fumble, a missed FG and a turnover on downs). Seattle, however, scored TDs on three of their four drives into Cincinnati territory overall, including two TDs on their only two trips inside the Bengals' red-zone. QB Andy Dalton had career highs in yards (418) and completions (35) in 51 attempts, tossed two long TDs to WR John Ross III, and had a 106.5 passer rating. Ross had career highs in catches (seven) and receiving yards (158), and his TDs came on passes of 55 and 33 yards. The Bengals' defense enjoyed a solid game overall, recording four sacks and holding the Seahawks, who led the NFL in rushing in 2018, to just 72 yards on the ground. Seahawks QB Russell Wilson, however, stung the Bengals with a 44-yard TD pass to WR Tyler Lockett on the first play of the fourth quarter for what ultimately were the game's winning points.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	3	14	0	3	—	20
Seattle .....	0	14	0	7	—	21

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — R.Bullock 38 field goal .....	1-2:48
Sea. — C.Carson 1 run (J.Myers kick) .....	2-6:36
Cin. — J.Ross 33 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) .....	2-5:12
Sea. — C.Carson 10 pass from R.Wilson (J.Myers kick) .....	2-0:52
Cin. — J.Ross 55 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) .....	2-0:07
Sea. — T.Lockett 44 pass from R.Wilson (J.Myers kick) .....	4-14:53
Cin. — R.Bullock 27 field goal .....	4-7:00

**Missed FGs:** R.Bullock (45WL). **Attendance:** 68,710. **Time:** 3:12.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	SEA.
First downs .....	22	12
Third down conversions-attempts .....	6-15	4-12
Total net yards .....	429	233
Net yards rushing .....	34	72
Net yards passing .....	395	161
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions .....	51-35-0	20-14-0
Sacks against-yards lost .....	5-23	4-35
Punts-average .....	4-44.3	8-47.0
Punt returns-yards .....	4-34	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards .....	0-0	1-21
Penalties-yards .....	7-57	8-55
Fumbles-lost .....	4-3	1-1
Time of possession .....	35:50	24:10

#### RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	SEA.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	7	21	11	0	C.Carson	15	46	21	1
J.Mixon	6	10	6	0	R.Penny	6	18	5	0
T.Boyd	1	3	3	0	R.Wilson	4	8	5	0
TOTALS	14	34	11	0	TOTALS	25	72	21	1

#### PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	SEA.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	51	35	418	2-0	R.Wilson	20	14	196	2-0
TOTALS	51	35	418	2-0	TOTALS	20	14	196	2-0

#### RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	SEA.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Boyd	8	60	14	0	C.Carson	6	35	11	1
J.Ross	7	158	55t	2	D.Metcalf	4	89	42	0
T.Eifert	5	27	7	0	N.Vannett	2	16	11	0
C.Uzomah	4	66	36	0	T.Lockett	1	44	44t	1
A.Erickson	4	28	13	0					
D.Willis	3	30	17	0					
G.Bernard	2	42	35	0					
J.Mixon	2	7	10	0					
TOTALS	35	418	55	2	TOTALS	14	196	44t	2

#### DEFENSE

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** S.Hubbard 6-4-10, C.Dunlap 4-3-7, N.Vigil 2-5-7, D.Kirkpatrick 5-0-5, J.Bates 2-3-5, S.Williams 2-2-4, P.Brown 1-3-4, G.Atkins 0-2-2, C.Fejedelem 1-0-1, W.Jackson 1-0-1, A.Billings 0-1-1, R.Glasgow 0-1-1, C.Lawson 0-1-1, G.Pratt 0-1-1, B.Webb 0-1-1, K.Wynn 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.Hubbard 2-16, C.Dunlap 1-10, D.Kirkpatrick 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** None. **FF:** P.Brown. **FR-YDS.:** D.Kirkpatrick 1-11.

**Seattle** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Flowers 9-1-10, B.Wagner 7-2-9, M.Kendricks 5-2-7, Q.Jefferson 2-4-6, K.Wright 2-3-5, B.McDougald 4-0-4, Shaqui.Griffin 3-0-3, T.Thompson 1-2-3, U.Amadi 2-0-2, P.Ford 2-0-2, B.Jackson 2-0-2, J.Clowney 1-1-2, R.Green 1-1-2, A.Woods 1-1-2, B.Mone 0-2-2. **SKS.-YDS.:** Q.Jefferson 2-14, J.Clowney 1-2, R.Green 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** Shaqui.Griffin 2, Q.Jefferson 2, J.Clowney 1, T.Flowers 1, M.Kendricks 1. **FF:** R.Green 1, B.McDougald 1. **FR-YDS.:** A.Woods 1-5, T.Flowers 1-0.

# THE BENGALS ARE:

## REGULAR SEASON

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

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

# BEST PERFORMANCES

## REGULAR SEASON

### RUSHING YARDS

21 — Giovanni Bernard, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 10 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 3 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

7 — Giovanni Bernard, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 6 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 1 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### LONGEST RUSHES

11 — Giovanni Bernard, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 6 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 5 — (two times)

### RECEPTIONS

8 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 7 — John Ross III, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 5 — Tyler Eifert, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### RECEIVING YARDS

158 — John Ross III, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 66 — C.J. Uzomah, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 60 — Tyler Boyd, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### PASSING YARDS

418 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### PASS ATTEMPTS

51 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### PASS COMPLETIONS

51 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### LONGEST PASSES

55 — Andy Dalton to John Ross III, Sept. 8 at Seattle (TD)  
 36 — Andy Dalton to C.J. Uzomah, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 35 — Andy Dalton to Giovanni Bernard, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

158 — John Ross III, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 66 — C.J. Uzomah, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 63 — (two times)

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

(none)

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

11 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 11 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 9 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

10 — Sam Hubbard, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 7 — Carlos Dunlap, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 7 — Nick Vigil, Sept. 8 at Seattle

### SOLO TACKLES\*

6 — Sam Hubbard, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 5 — Dre Kirkpatrick, Sept. 8 at Seattle  
 4 — Carlos Dunlap, Sept. 8 at Seattle

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

# GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 8	at Seattle	429	14-34	395	35-51	2/0	5-23	22	6-15	4-3	35:50
Sept. 15	SAN FRANCISCO										
Sept. 22	at Buffalo										
Sept. 30	at Pittsburgh										
Oct. 6	ARIZONA										
Oct. 13	at Baltimore										
Oct. 20	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 27	vs. L.A. Rams (at London)										
Nov. 3	— BYE —										
Nov. 10	BALTIMORE										
Nov. 17	at Oakland										
Nov. 24	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 1	N.Y. JETS										
Dec. 8	at Cleveland										
Dec. 15	NEW ENGLAND										
Dec. 22	at Miami										
Dec. 29	CLEVELAND										
<b>TOTALS</b>		429	14-34	395	35-51	2/0	5-23	22	6-15	4-3	35:50

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 8	at Seattle	233	25-72	161	14-20	2/0	4-35	12	4-12	1-1	24:10
Sept. 15	SAN FRANCISCO										
Sept. 22	at Buffalo										
Sept. 30	at Pittsburgh										
Oct. 6	ARIZONA										
Oct. 13	at Baltimore										
Oct. 20	JACKSONVILLE										
Oct. 27	vs. L.A. Rams (at London)										
Nov. 3	— BYE —										
Nov. 10	BALTIMORE										
Nov. 17	at Oakland										
Nov. 24	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 1	N.Y. JETS										
Dec. 8	at Cleveland										
Dec. 15	NEW ENGLAND										
Dec. 22	at Miami										
Dec. 29	CLEVELAND										
<b>TOTALS</b>		233	25-72	161	14-20	2/0	4-35	12	4-12	1-1	24:10

# TRANSACTIONS

## (TRANSACTIONS FROM 9-3-18 THROUGH 6-27-19 ARE IN BENGALS' 2019 MEDIA GUIDE)

<p>June 27, 2019 — Signed LB <b>Germaine Pratt</b> (D3).</p> <p>July 15, 2019 — Placed G <b>Clint Boling</b> on the Reserve/Retired list.</p> <p>July 23, 2019 — Signed WR <b>Tyler Boyd*</b> to a contract extension.</p> <p>July 25, 2019 — Signed OT <b>Andre Smith</b> (FA) and LS <b>Dan Godsil</b> (CFA-Indiana); Waived WR <b>Kermit Whitfield</b>.</p> <p>July 26, 2019 — Signed DE <b>Immanuel Turner</b> (FA); Waived HB <b>Darrin Hall</b>.</p> <p>July 30, 2019 — Signed CB <b>Tony Lippett</b> (FA); Waived LB <b>Chris Worley</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 8, 2019 — Placed DT <b>Niles Scott</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 13, 2019 — Waived OT <b>Kent Perkins</b> (left squad).</p> <p>Aug. 14, 2019 — Acquired DT <b>Dare Odeyingbo</b> on waivers from Tampa Bay.</p> <p>Aug. 26, 2019 — Signed C <b>Kirk Barron</b> (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 30, 2019 — Waived the following 11 players: LB <b>Curtis Akins</b>, C <b>Kirk Barron</b>, S <b>Demetrious Cox</b>, LS <b>Dan Godsil</b>, CB <b>Tony Lippett</b>, DT <b>Dare Odeyingbo</b>, DT <b>Christian Ringo</b> (injury settlement), LB <b>Sterling Sheffield</b>, DE <b>Immanuel Turner</b>, K <b>Tristan Vizcaino</b> and G <b>Christian Westerman</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2019 — Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Injured list: HB <b>Rodney Anderson</b> and QB <b>Jeff Driskel</b>; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list: CB <b>Darqueze Dennard</b> and OT <b>Jonah Williams</b>; Terminated the contract of G <b>John Jerry</b>; Waived the following 21 players: TE <b>Moritz Böhringer</b>, CB <b>Jordan Brown</b>, WR <b>Ventell Bryant</b>, CB <b>Anthony Chesley</b>, WR <b>Cody Core</b>, LB <b>Deshaun Davis</b>, LB <b>Noah Dawkins</b>,</p>	<p>HB <b>Jordan Ellis</b>, OT <b>Justin Evans</b>, HB <b>Quinton Flowers</b>, TE <b>Jordan Franks</b>, CB <b>Davontae Harris</b>, S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b>, LB <b>Malik Jefferson</b>, S <b>Tyree Kinnel</b>, C <b>Brad Lundblade</b>, WR <b>Stanley Morgan</b>, CB <b>Kei'Varae Russell</b>, TE <b>Mason Schreck</b>, WR <b>Hunter Sharp</b> (injury settlement) and G <b>Keaton Sutherland</b>; G <b>Alex Redmond</b> played by the NFL on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list.</p> <p>Sept. 1, 2019 — Acquired the following two players on waivers: WR <b>Pharoh Cooper</b> from the Arizona Cardinals and HB <b>Samaje Perine</b> from the Washington Redskins; Waived WR <b>Josh Malone</b> and LB <b>Hardy Nickerson</b>; Signed the following nine players to the practice squad: TE <b>Moritz Böhringer</b>, CB <b>Anthony Chesley</b>, LB <b>Noah Dawkins</b>, HB <b>Jordan Ellis</b>, TE <b>Jordan Franks</b>, S <b>Trayvon Henderson</b>, WR <b>Stanley Morgan</b>, TE <b>Mason Schreck</b> and G <b>Keaton Sutherland</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2019 — Signed G <b>John Jerry</b> (FA); Placed OT <b>O'Shea Dugas</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed OT <b>Wyatt Miller</b> (FA) to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2019 — Signed HB <b>Giovani Bernard*</b> to a contract extension; Signed LB <b>Hardy Nickerson</b> (FA) to the practice squad.</p>
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*\* NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.*

# PARTICIPATION CHART

## LEGEND

<p><i>(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)</i></p> <p><b>P</b> — played as a substitute</p> <p><b>DNP</b> — did not play</p> <p><b>IL</b> — inactive list</p> <p><b>PS</b> — practice squad (IPP = Intl. Player Pathway)</p>	<p><b>RI</b> — reserve/injured list</p> <p><b>RPUP</b> — reserve/physically unable to perform list</p> <p><b>RNFI</b> — reserve/non-football injury list</p> <p><b>RNF-I</b> — reserve/non-football illness list</p> <p><b>RSBC</b> — reserve/suspended by commissioner list</p>	<p><b>PSI</b> — practice squad/injured list</p> <p><b>REX</b> — roster exemption</p> <p><b>^</b> — reserve/injured player designated for return</p> <p><b>*</b> — eligible to practice while on a reserve list</p> <p><b>NWT</b> — not with team</p>
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NAME	G-S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		@Sea.	S.F.	@Buff.	@Pitt.	ARIZ.	@Balt.	JAX.	@LAR	BALT.	@Oak.	PITT.	NYJ	@Cle.	N.E.	@Mia.	CLE.
Anderson, Rodney.....	0-0	RI															
Atkins, Geno.....	1-1	DT															
Bates, Jessie.....	1-1	S															
Bernard, Giovanni.....	1-0	P															
Billings, Andrew.....	1-0	P															
Böhringer, Moritz.....	0-0	PS															
Boyd, Tyler.....	1-1	WR															
Brown, Andrew.....	0-0	IL															
Brown, Preston.....	1-1	LB															
Bullock, Randy.....	1-0	P															
Carter, Cethan.....	1-0	P															
Chesley, Anthony.....	0-0	PS															
Cooper, Pharoh.....	1-0	P															
Dalton, Andy.....	1-1	QB															
Dawkins, Noah.....	0-0	PS															
Dennard, Darqueze.....	0-0	RPUP															
Dolegala, Jake.....	0-0	IL															
Driskel, Jeff.....	0-0	RI															
Dugas, O'Shea.....	0-0	RI															
Dunlap, Carlos.....	1-1	LDE															
Eifert, Tyler.....	1-0	P															
Ellis, Jordan.....	0-0	PS															
Erickson, Alex.....	1-0	P															
Evans, Jordan.....	1-0	P															
Fejedelem, Clayton.....	1-0	P															
Finley, Ryan.....	0-0	DNP															
Franks, Jordan.....	0-0	PS															
Glasgow, Ryan.....	1-1	NT															
Glenn, Cordy.....	0-0	IL															
Green, A.J.....	0-0	IL															
Harris, Clark.....	1-0	P															
Hart, Bobby.....	1-1	ROT															
Henderson, Trayvon.....	0-0	PS															
Hopkins, Trey.....	1-1	C															
Hubbard, Sam.....	1-1	RDE															
Huber, Kevin.....	1-0	P															
Jackson, William.....	1-1	CB															
Jerry, John.....	0-0	DNP															
Jordan, Michael.....	1-1	LG															
Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	1-1	CB															
Lawson, Carl.....	1-0	P															
McRae, Tony.....	1-0	P															
Miller, John.....	1-1	RG															
Miller, Wyatt.....	0-0	PS															
Mixon, Joe.....	1-1	HB															
Morgan, Stanley.....	0-0	PS															
Nickerson, Hardy.....	0-0	PS															
Perine, Samaje.....	1-0	P															
Phillips, Darius.....	1-0	P															
Pratt, Germaine.....	1-0	P															
Price, Billy.....	1-0	P															
Redmond, Alex.....	0-0	RSBC															
Ross, John.....	1-1	WR															
Sample, Drew.....	1-0	P															
Schreck, Mason.....	0-0	PS															
Scott, Niles.....	0-0	RI															
Smith, Andre.....	1-1	LOT															
Sutherland, Keaton.....	0-0	PS															
Tate, Auden.....	0-0	IL															
Tupou, Josh.....	1-0	P															
Uzomah, C.J.....	1-1	TE															
Vigil, Nick.....	1-1	LB															
Webb, B.W.....	1-1	NCB															
Williams, Jonah.....	0-0	RPUP															
Williams, Shawn.....	1-1	S															
Williams, Trayveon.....	0-0	IL															
Willis, Damion.....	1-1	WR															
Willis, Jordan.....	0-0	IL															
Wilson, Brandon.....	1-0	P															
Wren, Renell.....	1-0	P															
Wynn, Kerry.....	1-0	P															

# DEPTH CHART

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## OFFENSE

<b>WR</b>	18	A.J. Green	<u>15</u>	<u>Damion Willis</u>	19	Auden Tate
<b>LOT</b>	77	Cordy Glenn	71	Andre Smith		
<b>LG</b>	<u>60</u>	<u>Michael Jordan</u>	64	John Jerry		
<b>C</b>	66	Trey Hopkins	53	Billy Price		
<b>RG</b>	67	John Miller	64	John Jerry		
<b>ROT</b>	68	Bobby Hart	71	Andre Smith		
<b>TE</b>	87	C.J. Uzomah	85	Tyler Eifert	<u>89</u>	<u>Drew Sample</u>
					<u>82</u>	Cethan Carter
<b>WR</b>	83	Tyler Boyd	12	Alex Erickson		
<b>WR</b>	11	John Ross III	16	Pharoh Cooper		
<b>QB</b>	14	Andy Dalton	<u>5</u>	<u>Ryan Finley</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Jake Dolegala</u>
<b>HB</b>	28	Joe Mixon	25	Giovani Bernard	<u>32</u>	<u>Trayveon Williams</u>
					<u>34</u>	Samaje Perine

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	96	Carlos Dunlap	72	Kerry Wynn	75	Jordan Willis
<b>NT</b>	99	Andrew Billings	91	Josh Tupou	<u>95</u>	<u>Renell Wren</u>
<b>DT</b>	97	Geno Atkins	98	Ryan Glasgow		
<b>RDE</b>	94	Sam Hubbard	58	Carl Lawson	93	Andrew Brown
<b>LB</b>	59	Nick Vigil	50	Jordan Evans		
<b>LB</b>	52	Preston Brown	<u>57</u>	<u>Germaine Pratt</u>		
<b>NCB</b>	23	B.W. Webb	29	Tony McRae		
<b>CB</b>	27	Dre Kirkpatrick	29	Tony McRae		
<b>CB</b>	22	William Jackson III	24	Darius Phillips		
<b>S</b>	36	Shawn Williams	42	Clayton Fejedelem		
<b>S</b>	30	Jessie Bates III	40	Brandon Wilson		

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	10	Kevin Huber				
<b>K</b>	4	Randy Bullock				
<b>LS</b>	46	Clark Harris				
<b>H</b>	10	Kevin Huber				
<b>PR</b>	12	Alex Erickson	24	Darius Phillips	23	B.W. Webb
					83	Tyler Boyd
<b>KOR</b>	12	Alex Erickson	24	Darius Phillips		

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Lou <b>Anarumo</b> (Defensive Coordinator)..... ann-ah-ROO-mo <b>Geno</b> Atkins..... JEE-no <b>Giovani</b> Bernard..... jee-o-VAHN-ee Joey <b>Boese</b> (Strength and Conditioning Coach)..... bo-ZAY Moritz <b>Böhringer</b> (Practice Squad)..... BOAR-ringer Randy <b>Bullock</b> ..... BULL-luck <b>Cethan</b> Carter..... SEE-thin <b>Pharoh</b> Cooper..... FAIR-o <b>Darqueze</b> Dennard (Reserve/PUP)..... dar-KWEZ deh-NARD Jake <b>Dolegala</b> ..... DOLE-leh-gah-lah O'Shea <b>Dugan</b> (Reserve/Injured)..... DOO-gah	Tyler <b>Eifert</b> ..... EYE-fert Clayton <b>Fejedelem</b> ..... FEDGE-uh-lemm (the "d" is silent) Ryan <b>Glasgow</b> ..... GLASS-go <b>Trayvon</b> Henderson (Practice Squad)..... TRAY-vahn <b>Daronte</b> Jones (Secondary/Cornerbacks Coach)..... duh-RAHN-tay <b>Dre</b> Kirkpatrick..... DRAY <b>Tem Lukabu</b> (Linebackers coach)..... TEMM LUKE-uh-boo <b>Samaje</b> Perine..... suh-MAH-jay PEE-rhine Josh <b>Tupou</b> ..... TEW-po C.J. <b>Uzomah</b> ..... yew-ZAH-mah <b>Renell</b> Wren..... reh-NELL RENN
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# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

**SEPT. 10, 2019**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	10	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
30	Bates, Jessie, III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	2	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
25	Bernard, Giovanni	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	7	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
99	Billings, Andrew	DT	6-1	328	3-6-95	4	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	203	11-15-94	4	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
93	Brown, Andrew	DE	6-3	290	12-30-95	1	Virginia	Chesapeake, Va.	D5b'18
52	Brown, Preston	LB	6-1	255	10-27-92	6	Louisville	Cincinnati, Ohio	UFA(Buff.)'18
4	Bullock, Randy	K	5-9	210	12-16-89	8	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
82	Carter, Cethan	TE	6-3	248	9-5-95	3	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
16	Cooper, Pharoh	WR	5-11	207	3-7-95	4	South Carolina	Havelock, N.C.	W(Ariz.)'19
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	9	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
7	Dolegala, Jake	QB	6-7	242	10-7-96	R	Central Connecticut State	Hamburg, N.Y.	CFA'19
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	10	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
85	Eifert, Tyler	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	7	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
12	Erickson, Alex	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	4	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
50	Evans, Jordan	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	3	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
42	Fejedelem, Clayton	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	4	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
5	Finley, Ryan	QB	6-4	207	12-26-94	R	North Carolina State	Phoenix, Ariz.	D4a'19
98	Glasgow, Ryan	DT	6-3	300	9-30-93	3	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
77	Glenn, Cordy	OT	6-6	345	9-18-89	8	Georgia	Riverdale, Georgia	T(Buff.)'18
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	9	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	11	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
68	Hart, Bobby	OT	6-5	310	8-21-94	5	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'18
66	Hopkins, Trey	C/G	6-3	316	7-6-92	4	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
94	Hubbard, Sam	DE	6-5	265	6-29-95	2	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	D3a'18
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	11	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
22	Jackson, William, III	CB	6-0	196	10-27-92	4	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
64	Jerry, John	G	6-5	340	6-14-86	9	Mississippi	Batesville, Miss.	FA'19
60	Jordan, Michael	G	6-6	315	1-25-98	R	Ohio State	Canton, Mich.	D4c'19
27	Kirkpatrick, Dre	CB	6-2	190	10-26-89	8	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
58	Lawson, Carl	DE	6-2	265	6-29-95	3	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
29	McRae, Tony	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	3	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'17
67	Miller, John	G	6-3	315	8-12-93	5	Louisville	Miami, Fla.	UFA(Buff.)'19
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	3	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
34	Perine, Samaje	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	3	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Wash.)'19
24	Phillips, Darius	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	2	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
57	Pratt, Germaine	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	R	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
53	Price, Billy	C	6-4	310	10-11-94	2	Ohio State	Austintown, Ohio	D1'18
11	Ross, John, III	WR	5-11	194	11-27-95	3	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
89	Sample, Drew	TE	6-5	258	4-16-96	R	Washington	Bellevue, Wash.	D2'19
71	Smith, Andre	OT	6-4	325	1-25-87	11	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'19
19	Tate, Auden	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	2	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
91	Tupou, Josh	DT	6-3	345	5-2-94	3	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
87	Uzomah, C.J.	TE	6-6	260	1-14-93	5	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
59	Vigil, Nick	LB	6-2	235	8-20-93	4	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
23	Webb, B.W.	CB	5-11	190	5-3-90	6	William & Mary	Newport News, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19
36	Williams, Shawn	S	6-0	212	5-13-91	7	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
32	Williams, Trayveon	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	R	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
15	Willis, Damion	WR	6-3	204	6-20-97	R	Troy	Meridian, Miss.	CFA'19
75	Willis, Jordan	DE	6-4	270	5-2-95	3	Kansas State	Kansas City, Mo.	D3'17
40	Wilson, Brandon	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	3	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
95	Wren, Renell	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	R	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19
72	Wynn, Kerry	DE	6-5	261	2-12-91	6	Richmond	Louisa, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date signed)**

49 +	Böhringer, Moritz (9-1-19)	TE	6-5	250	10-16-93	1	Aalen (Germany)	Aalen (Germany)	FA'18
38	Chesley, Anthony (9-1-19)	CB	6-0	190	5-31-96	R	Coastal Carolina	Temple Hills, Md.	CFA'19
44	Dawkins, Noah (9-1-19)	LB	6-1	235	8-13-97	R	The Citadel	Lyman, S.C.	CFA'19
31	Ellis, Jordan (9-1-19)	HB	5-10	225	3-22-96	R	Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	CFA'19
88	Franks, Jordan (9-1-19)	TE	6-4	240	2-1-96	2	Central Florida	Wakulla, Fla.	CFA'18
41	Henderson, Trayvon (9-1-19)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
76	Miller, Wyatt (9-2-19)	OT	6-6	302	10-23-95	R	Central Florida	Douglas, Ga.	FA'19
17	Morgan, Stanley (9-1-19)	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	R	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
56	Nickerson, Hardy (9-3-19)	LB	6-0	235	1-5-94	3	Illinois	Oakland, Calif.	CFA'17
86	Schreck, Mason (9-1-19)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	3	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
74	Sutherland, Keaton (9-1-19)	G	6-5	316	2-12-97	R	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	CFA'19

**RESERVE/SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONER (date assigned; length of suspension)**

62	Redmond, Alex (8-31-19; four games)	G	6-5	320	1-18-95	3	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
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**RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)**

21	Dennard, Darqueze (8-31-19; knee)	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	6	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
73	Williams, Jonah (8-31-19; shoulder)	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	R	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19

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

33	Anderson, Rodney (8-31-19; knee)	HB	6-0	224	9-12-96	R	Oklahoma	Katy, Texas	D6c'19
6	Driskel, Jeff (8-31-19; hamstring)	QB	6-4	235	4-23-93	4	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
70	Dugas, O'Shea (9-2-19; knee)	OT	6-4	335	9-22-96	R	Louisiana Tech	Lafayette, La.	CFA'19
69	Scott, Niles (8-8-19; foot)	DT	6-2	320	9-30-95	2	Frostburg State	Elkton, Md.	PS(Den.)'18

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4	Randy Bullock	K	5-9	210	12-16-89	8	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
5	Ryan Finley	QB	6-4	207	12-26-94	R	North Carolina State	Phoenix, Ariz.	D4a'19
7	Jake Dolegala	QB	6-7	242	10-7-96	R	Central Connecticut State	Hamburg, N.Y.	CFA'19
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	11	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	John Ross III	WR	5-11	194	11-27-95	3	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
12	Alex Erickson	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	4	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
14	Andy Dalton	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	9	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
15	Damion Willis	WR	6-3	204	6-20-97	R	Troy	Meridian, Miss.	CFA'19
16	Pharoh Cooper	WR	5-11	207	3-7-95	4	South Carolina	Havelock, N.C.	W(Ariz.)'19
18	A.J. Green	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	9	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
19	Auden Tate	WR	6-5	228	2-3-97	2	Florida State	Irmo, S.C.	D7c'18
22	William Jackson III	CB	6-0	196	10-27-92	4	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
23	B.W. Webb	CB	5-11	190	5-3-90	6	William & Mary	Newport News, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19
24	Darius Phillips	CB	5-10	190	6-26-95	2	Western Michigan	Detroit, Mich.	D5c'18
25	Giovani Bernard	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	7	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
27	Dre Kirkpatrick	CB	6-2	190	10-26-89	8	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	7-24-96	3	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
29	Tony McRae	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	3	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'17
30	Jessie Bates III	S	6-1	200	2-26-97	2	Wake Forest	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D2'18
32	Trayveon Williams	HB	5-8	206	10-18-97	R	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	D6a'19
34	Samaje Perine	HB	5-11	240	9-16-95	3	Oklahoma	Pflugerville, Texas	W(Wash.)'19
36	Shawn Williams	S	6-0	212	5-13-91	7	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
40	Brandon Wilson	S	5-10	200	7-27-94	3	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
42	Clayton Fejedelem	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	4	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	11	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
50	Jordan Evans	LB	6-3	242	1-27-95	3	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
52	Preston Brown	LB	6-1	255	10-27-92	6	Louisville	Cincinnati, Ohio	UFA(Buff.)'18
53	Billy Price	C	6-4	310	10-11-94	2	Ohio State	Austintown, Ohio	D1'18
57	Germaine Pratt	LB	6-3	245	5-21-96	R	North Carolina State	High Point, N.C.	D3'19
58	Carl Lawson	DE	6-2	265	6-29-95	3	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
59	Nick Vigil	LB	6-2	235	8-20-93	4	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
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71	Andre Smith	OT	6-4	325	1-25-87	11	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'19
72	Kerry Wynn	DE	6-5	261	2-12-91	6	Richmond	Louisa, Va.	UFA(NYG)'19
75	Jordan Willis	DE	6-4	270	5-2-95	3	Kansas State	Kansas City, Mo.	D3'17
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95	Renell Wren	DT	6-5	318	10-23-95	R	Arizona State	St. Louis, Mo.	D4b'19
96	Carlos Dunlap	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	10	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	10	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
98	Ryan Glasgow	DT	6-3	300	9-30-93	3	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
99	Andrew Billings	DT	6-1	328	3-6-95	4	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date signed)**

17	Stanley Morgan (9-1-19)	WR	6-0	205	9-7-96	R	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'19
31	Jordan Ellis (9-1-19)	HB	5-10	225	3-22-96	R	Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	CFA'19
38	Anthony Chesley (9-1-19)	CB	6-0	190	5-31-96	R	Coastal Carolina	Temple Hills, Md.	CFA'19
41	Trayvon Henderson (9-1-19)	S	6-0	205	8-15-95	2	Hawaii	Sacramento, Calif.	CFA'18
44	Noah Dawkins (9-1-19)	LB	6-1	235	8-13-97	R	The Citadel	Lyman, S.C.	CFA'19
49 +	Moritz Böhringer (9-1-19)	TE	6-5	250	10-16-93	1	Aalen (Germany)	Aalen (Germany)	FA'18
56	Hardy Nickerson (9-3-19)	LB	6-0	235	1-5-94	3	Illinois	Oakland, Calif.	CFA'17
74	Keaton Sutherland (9-1-19)	G	6-5	316	2-12-97	R	Texas A&M	Flower Mound, Texas	CFA'19
76	Wyatt Miller (9-2-19)	OT	6-6	302	10-23-95	R	Central Florida	Douglas, Ga.	FA'19
86	Mason Schreck (9-1-19)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	3	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
88	Jordan Franks (9-1-19)	TE	6-4	240	2-1-96	2	Central Florida	Wakulla, Fla.	CFA'18

**RESERVE/SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONER (date assigned; length of suspension)**

62	Alex Redmond (8-31-19; four games)	G	6-5	320	1-18-95	3	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
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**RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)**

21	Darqueze Dennard (8-31-19; knee)	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	6	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
73	Jonah Williams (8-31-19; shoulder)	OT	6-5	305	11-17-97	R	Alabama	Folsom, Calif.	D1'19

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

6	Jeff Driskel (8-31-19; hamstring)	QB	6-4	235	4-23-93	4	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
33	Rodney Anderson (8-31-19; knee)	HB	6-0	224	9-12-96	R	Oklahoma	Katy, Texas	D6c'19
69	Niles Scott (8-8-19; foot)	DT	6-2	320	9-30-95	2	Frostburg State	Elkton, Md.	PS(Den.)'18
70	O'Shea Dugas (9-2-19; knee)	OT	6-4	335	9-22-96	R	Louisiana Tech	Lafayette, La.	CFA'19

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DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-8-19	L	20-21	at Seattle	68,710
9-15-19			SAN FRANCISCO	
9-22-19			at Buffalo	
9-30-19			at Pittsburgh	
10-6-19			ARIZONA	
10-13-19			at Baltimore	
10-20-19			JACKSONVILLE	
10-27-19			vs. L.A. Rams (at London)	
11-3-19			— BYE —	
11-10-19			BALTIMORE	
11-17-19			at Oakland	
11-24-19			PITTSBURGH	
12-1-19			N.Y. JETS	
12-8-19			at Cleveland	
12-15-19			NEW ENGLAND	
12-22-19			at Miami	
12-29-19			CLEVELAND	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	22	12
Rushing	1	4
Passing	18	6
Penalty	3	2
3rd Down: Made-Att	6-15	4-12
3rd Down Pct.	40.0	33.3
4th Down: Made-Att	0-1	0-0
4th Down Pct.	0.0	0.0
POSSESSION AVG.	35:50	24:10
TOTAL NET YARDS	429	233
Avg. Per Game	429.0	233.0
Total Plays	70	49
Avg. Per Play	6.1	4.8
NET YARDS RUSHING	34	72
Avg. Per Game	34.0	72.0
Total Rushes	14	25
NET YARDS PASSING	395	161
Avg. Per Game	395.0	161.0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-23	4-35
Gross Yards	418	196
Att.-Completions	51-35	20-14
Completion Pct.	68.6	70.0
Had Intercepted	0	0
PUNTS-AVG.	4-44.3	8-47.0
Net Punting Avg.	4-39.3	8-42.8
PENALTIES-YARDS	7-57	8-55
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	4-3	1-1
TOUCHDOWNS	2	3
Rushing	0	1
Passing	2	2
Returns	0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	3	14	0	3	0	20
OPPONENTS	0	14	0	7	0	21

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
John Ross	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	2-2	2-3	0	8
BENGALS	2	0	2	0	2-2	2-3	0	20
OPPONENTS	3	1	2	0	3-3	0-0	0	21

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

**Sacks-yards:** Sam Hubbard 2-16, Carlos Dunlap 1-10, Dre Kirkpatrick 1-9. BENGALS 4-35, OPPONENTS 5-23.

**Fumbles-lost:** Andy Dalton 2-2, Alex Erickson 1-1, Giovanni Bernard 1-0. BENGALS 4-3. OPPONENTS 1-1.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	51	35	418	68.6	8.20	2	3.9	0	0.0	55t	5-23	106.5
BENGALS	51	35	418	68.6	8.20	2	3.9	0	0.0	55t	5-23	106.5
OPPONENTS	20	14	196	70.0	9.80	2	10.0	0	0.0	44t	4-35	134.6

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Giovani Bernard	7	21	3.0	11	0
Joe Mixon	6	10	1.7	6	0
Tyler Boyd	1	3	3.0	3	0
BENGALS	14	34	2.4	11	0
OPPONENTS	25	72	2.9	21	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Tyler Boyd	8	60	7.5	14	0
John Ross	7	158	22.6	55t	2
Tyler Eifert	5	27	5.4	7	0
C.J. Uzomah	4	66	16.5	36	0
Alex Erickson	4	28	7.0	13	0
Damion Willis	3	30	10.0	17	0
Giovani Bernard	2	42	21.0	35	0
Joe Mixon	2	7	3.5	10	0
BENGALS	35	418	11.9	55t	2
OPPONENTS	14	196	14.0	44t	2

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

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	4	177	44.3	39.3	1	1	51	0
BENGALS	4	177	44.3	39.3	1	1	51	0
OPPONENTS	8	376	47.0	42.8	0	2	60	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	4	3	34	8.5	11	0
BENGALS	4	3	34	8.5	11	0
OPPONENTS	0	2	0	—	—	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
(None)	0	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	0	0	—	—	0
OPPONENTS	1	21	21.0	21	0

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

**Randy Bullock:** (39G, 45WL, 27G).  
**Opponents:** (—).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Sam Hubbard	6	4	10	2-16	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	4	3	7	1-10	0-0	0	0	0-0
Nick Vigil	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	5	0	5	1-9	0-0	0	0	1-11
Jessie Bates III	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Shawn Williams	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Preston Brown	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
Geno Atkins	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Clayton Fejedelem	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
William Jackson III	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Andrew Billings	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Ryan Glasgow	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carl Lawson	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Germaine Pratt	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
B.W. Webb	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Kerry Wynn	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Cethan Carter	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Samajeh Perine	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kerry Wynn	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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