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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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CINCINNATI BENGALS (2-3) AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (4-1)

WEEK 6, GAME 6
SUNDAY, OCT. 16
AT GILLETTE STADIUM

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 7, GAME 7
SUNDAY, OCT. 23 VS. CLEVELAND

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

Television: CBS broadcast with Ian Eagle (play-by-play), Dan Fouts (analyst) and Evan Washburn (sideline reporter). The game will be aired in the Bengals home market on WKRC-TV (Channel 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Channel 7) in Dayton and on WKYT-TV (Channel 27) in Lexington, Ky.

Radio: Coverage on the Bengals Radio Network, led by a "triple-cast" on Cincinnati flagship stations WLW-AM (700), WCKY-AM (1530) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

Setting the scene: The Bengals are 2-3. They have climbed out of deeper holes under head coach Marvin Lewis, ending the season in the playoffs, but their challenge is formidable this week as they hit the road for a second straight game.

The opponent is New England, the gold standard for NFL success for more than 15 years, and the Bengals come off a 28-14 loss at Dallas in which they trailed 28-0 after three quarters. It was the least competitive effort in many games for a club with five straight playoff berths on its resume. The Bengals now trail 4-1 Pittsburgh by two games in the AFC North Division race, and Cincinnati is one back of 3-2 Baltimore.

Last week's play and this week's circumstances warrant a look back to the eight-game mark of 2012, when Cincinnati was 3-5 and on a four-game losing streak. But in Game 9, the Bengals won 31-13 at Paul Brown Stadium against a N.Y. Giants team that was 6-3 and leading the NFC East by two-and-one-half games. The win proved to be the opener of a 7-1 finish, tying the best second half of a 16-game season in franchise history. The Bengals' 10-6 record was good for a Wild Card playoff berth, and they became, at that time, one of only nine among 131 teams since '90 to start 3-5 and wind up in the playoffs.

"So we've come back from worse," NT Domata Peko said as he boarded the flight home from Dallas.

"This is my seventh year here, and we've one bad year," said CB Adam Jones. "So we usually find a way to get it together. I believe in this team and I believe in our coaches."

A small measure of satisfaction was taken by the Bengals for checking out and accepting a blowout loss to the now 4-1 Cowboys. Cincinnati won the fourth quarter 14-0 and could have given Dallas at least a few anxious moments by recovering the onside kick that followed their second score.

"We're a veteran team," said DE Carlos Dunlap. "We know the things we have to fix. Sure, they beat us pretty good today, but I really do kind of feel like we just ran out of time. We just need to start in New England the way we finished today."

In his postgame address to the team, head coach Marvin Lewis said:

"There's nobody I want to go to war with except the people in this room. I've got no excuses, no pretty words and no magic words for what happened today. But you know you're going to go through trials and tribulations toward the end goal of being the best. So let's figure it out and keep hammering, and fix it."

The Patriots got QB Tom Brady back last week, after a four-game suspension, and won 33-13 at Cleveland. Brady passed for 406 yards, with a rating of 127.7. On the season, the Patriots rank seventh in the NFL in net offense (377.2) and fourth in scoring defense (14.8), and they're in their customary spot among the league's winners in turnover differential (plus-4).

The Bengals played turnover-free on offense at Dallas but had a long gain of only 22 yards. The Cowboys, rolled for 402 net yards, with an average of 7.4

yards per play.

"We need to come up with the big plays, the almost-miracle type of plays that turn games around," said Bengals OT Andrew Whitworth. "We know we can do that, we've done it before. This was our worst effort of the year so far, so hopefully we have the resolve on this team to come back and play our best game against the Patriots."

The series: The Patriots lead 15-9, including 9-2 as the home team. New England won the last meeting, 43-17 at Gillette Stadium in 2014, and the Bengals won the meeting previous to that, 13-6 at Paul Brown Stadium in 2013.

Cincinnati's first victory in the series was a memorable one, as the 1970 team won 45-7 over Boston at Riverfront Stadium to clinch the AFC Central Division title. The Paul Brown-coached Bengals, in their third season, became at the time the youngest franchise ever to reach the playoffs.

In 1988, a Super Bowl-bound Bengals team opened the season with a 6-0 start before losing 27-21 at New England in Game 7.

The series began at baseball's storied Fenway Park. In an American Football League game in 1968, the Patriots beat the expansion Bengals, 33-14.

The complete Bengals-Patriots series listing is on page 210 of the 2016 Bengals Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 45, in a 45-7 win at Riverfront Stadium in 1970. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 38, in the 45-7 win in 1970. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 6, in the most recent Bengals win, a 13-6 decision at Cincinnati in 2013.

Patriots — MOST POINTS: 43, in the most recent meeting, in 2014 at New England. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 26, in the 2014 game. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 2, in a 7-2 victory at New England in 1993.

The last meetings: Summaries of the last two Bengals-Patriots meetings — in 2013 at Cincinnati, and in '14 at New England — are on page 15 of this news release.

Not enough wins, but plenty of points: Though the Bengals trail 15-9 in their all-time series with New England, Cincinnati leads in total points, 501-489. The Bengals' last two wins have been one-score affairs (13-6 in 2013 and 23-17 in 2001), the Bengals' first six wins over New England came by an average margin of 26.5.

The scores of those six games were 45-7, 31-7, 27-10, 31-7, 41-7 and 29-7.

Bengals visit turnover kings: During the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), the Bengals rank sixth in the NFL in turnover differential, at plus-50. They're only four behind the second-best team, Green Bay at plus-53.

But the Patriots since 2003 are in an entirely different world than the rest of the NFL in this category. They are at plus-153, nearly three times better than Green Bay.

"There are a lot of reasons the Patriots have been successful," Lewis says, "but that one would have to stand out against just about anything."

Since '03, NFL teams with just a plus-one differential have won 68.6 percent of those games. At plus two the percentage has been 81.9. Teams with any plus from one to five have won at a 79.1 percent clip.

Under Lewis, the Bengals have reversed their fortunes in turnover

differential. Prior to Lewis' tenure, the Bengals had posted a minus turnover differential for five straight years (1998-2002).

Here are the top five teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England	407.....	254	+153
Green Bay.....	365.....	312	+53
Carolina	398.....	346	+52
Indianapolis.....	348.....	296	+52
Seattle.....	367.....	315	+52
Cincinnati.....	389.....	339	+50

Since 2003, Bengals rank fourth in takeaways (389) and sixth in points off turnovers (1181).

Bengals-Patriots connections: Bengals WR Brandon LaFell played for the Patriots from 2014-15 ... Pats TE Greg Scruggs is from Cincinnati (St. Xavier High School) and played at Louisville ... Pats DB Nate Ebner played at Ohio State and is from Dublin, Ohio ... Pats RB James Develin was on Bengals practice squad for part of 2010 season and all of '11 season; he also was with Bengals during '12 training camp ... Pats OL Joe Thuney is from Centerville, Ohio (Alter High School) ... Bengals secondary coach Kevin Coyle played at the University of Massachusetts, and coached at Holy Cross from 1984-90 ... Bengals strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton is from Hamden, Conn. ... Patriots cornerbacks coach Josh Boyer is from Heath, Ohio and coached at Dayton in 2001.

Red zone reports: The Bengals took too long to reach the red zone on offense at Dallas, not getting a snap inside the Cowboys 20 yard-line until the fourth quarter, but they scored TDs on both their final-period penetrations, improving their season TD percentage to 40.0 percent. That's not good enough, ranked tied for 29th in the NFL this week, but better than the last-place 30.8 they brought into the game.

Defensively, Cincinnati forced a red-zone turnover, as DE Carlos Dunlap forced a third-quarter fumble that teammate Vincent Rey recovered. But as was the case on offense, it was too little, too late. Dallas scored TDs on each of its first three possessions (all with snaps inside the red zone), moving to a 21-0 lead.

New England's red-zone TD production could also stand improvement. The Patriots rank tied for 20th in offensive TD percentage and tied for 30th on defense. The defense, however, has allowed opponents only 10 red-zone opportunities, tied for fourth-fewest and only one short of the low figure of nine shared by three teams.

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 15	Inside-20 possessions: 14
Total scores: 14 (93.3%)	Total scores: 12 (85.7%)
TDs: 6 (40.0%)	TDs: 9 (64.3%)
FGs: 8 (53.3%)	FGs: 3 (21.4%)
TD% rank: T-29th	TD% rank: 25th
No scores: 1 (6.7%)	No scores: 2 (14.3%)

PATRIOTS RED-ZONE REPORT

Inside-20 possessions: 15	Inside-20 possessions: 10
Total scores: 13 (86.7%)	Total scores: 10 (100.0%)
TDs: 8 (53.3%)	TDs: 8 (80.0%)
FGs: 5 (33.3%)	FGs: 2 (20.0%)
TD% rank: T-20th	TD% rank: T-30th
No scores: 2 (13.3%)	No scores: 0 (0.0%)

BENGALS-PATRIOTS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	PATRIOTS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored.....	T-24th (18.4)	17th (22.8)
Points allowed.....	16th (22.0)	4th (14.8)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	10th (366.4)	7th (377.2)
Rushing.....	26th (83.8)	4th (128.0)
Passing.....	5th (282.6)	14th (249.2)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	11th (338.6)	13th (345.0)
Rushing.....	19th (114.0)	9th (86.4)
Passing.....	11th (224.6)	18th (258.6)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential.....	T-9th (plus-two)	5th (plus-4)

THE HEAD COACHES

Marvin Lewis in 2016 extends his Bengals-record head coaching tenure to 14 seasons. The Bengals head coaches with the second-most years in the position have been Paul Brown (1968-75) and Wyche (1984-91), each with eight seasons.

Lewis has led his teams to the postseason seven times, including the last five years. The total number of playoff appearances and the current streak of consecutive appearances are also Bengals records. The Bengals are one of only four NFL teams to reach the playoffs the last five years, joining Denver, Green Bay and New England.

Lewis has 114 career victories, the most in Bengals history by a margin of 50 over Sam Wyche (64). Lewis' record is 114-97-2 in the regular season and 114-104-2 including postseason. The Bengals' 54-30-1 record over the last six regular seasons (including 2016 games to date) gives the team a .641 winning percentage for the span, ranked sixth in the NFL.

The 2015 Bengals were widely considered as Lewis' best team yet. Their 12-4 record tied the 1981 and '88 Super Bowl teams for the best winning percentage (.750) in a 16-game season in Bengals history. Additionally, Cincinnati finished second in the NFL and first in the AFC in scoring defense, at 17.4 points allowed per game. The No. 2 NFL ranking was the highest in franchise history. Overall, the team had eight players selected for the Pro Bowl, second-most in club annals.

Lewis ranks second in the NFL in longest current tenure with one team, trailing only Bill Belichick, who is in his 17th straight season with New England. In the category of most seasons as head coach with one or more teams, Lewis in 2016 ranks fifth among active coaches, behind Belichick (22nd season in '16), Jeff Fisher (22), Andy Reid (18) and John Fox (15).

Lewis was the consensus choice as NFL Coach of the Year in 2009, when the Bengals won the AFC North Division while sweeping all six division games. The Bengals were AFC North champions under Lewis also in 2005 and '13.

Lewis came to the Bengals with credentials as a record-setting NFL defensive coordinator, having played a huge role in a championship season. His

six seasons (1996-2001) as Baltimore Ravens coordinator included a Super Bowl victory in 2000, when his defense set the NFL record for fewest points allowed in a 16-game campaign (165). That team clipped 22 points off the previous mark. The 2000 Ravens are always an entry in discussions regarding the best NFL defensive units of all time.

Lewis began his coaching career as linebackers coach at his alma mater Idaho State from 1981-84. He played LB at Idaho State, earning All-Big Sky Conference honors for three consecutive years (1978-80). He also saw action at quarterback and free safety during his college career. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Idaho State in 1981, and earned his master's in athletic administration in '82. He was inducted into Idaho State's Hall of Fame in 2001.

Born Sept. 23, 1958, Lewis attended Fort Cherry High School in McDonald, Pa. (near Pittsburgh), where he was an all-conference quarterback and safety. He also earned high school letters in wrestling and baseball. He and his wife, Peggy, have a daughter, Whitney, and a son, Marcus. Marcus Lewis has been on the Bengals' coaching staff since 2014.

New England's **Bill Belichick** is in his 42th season as an NFL coach and in his 17th season as head coach of the Patriots. He has led the team to 15 consecutive winning seasons (second-most since the 1970 merger to Tom Landry of Dallas at 16), and he has brought home four Lombardi trophies, most recently in 2014 with a win over Seattle in Super Bowl XLIX.

He is the only head coach in league history to win three Super Bowls in a four-year span. His Patriots teams also captured league titles in the 2001, '03 and '04 seasons. They also advanced to the Super Bowl in the 2007 and '11 seasons, losing those games. They have won 12 of the last 13 AFC East titles, including the last seven. Last year's New England team went 12-4 and lost to Denver in the AFC Championship game.

Belichick has a 213-79 New England record, including 22-9 in postseason. His Patriots clubs hold NFL records for most overall consecutive wins (21) and consecutive playoff wins (10).

He was head coach of the Cleveland Browns from 1991-95, posting a 37-45 mark, including 1-1 in postseason. Overall, Belichick's NFL head coaching record is 250-124, including 23-10 in postseason.

Belichick has long been known as one of the NFL's best defensive coaches and was a highly successful assistant with the N.Y. Jets and with the Patriots. His first NFL assignment was as a special assistant with the Baltimore Colts in 1975, his first year out of Wesleyan College, where he played center and tight

end from 1971-74.

Belichick was born in Nashville, Tennessee.

Lewis vs. Patriots: Patriots lead 5-1.

Lewis vs. Belichick: Belichick leads 5-1.

Belichick vs. Bengals: Belichick leads 14-4, including 8-2 with Cleveland and 6-2 with New England.

BENGALS NOTES

Individually, Andy shines in a storm: QB Andy Dalton had few easy-chair moments last week at Dallas. He was sacked four times and knocked down after passing an additional five times. And it was largely Dallas' pressure that led him to rush the ball an additional six times (for 34 yards).

And the Bengals didn't win, scoring just 14 points. But when the day was done, Dalton had a 104.6 passer rating, with 29 completions in 41 attempts (70.7 percent) for 269 yards, with two TD passes and no INTs.

"Andy did a good job of throwing the ball accurately when he had the chance," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "He kept his eyes down the field as much as he could. He didn't panic and make mistakes. He kept on playing smart, tough football, and that was one thing in the game that was good to see. It's the kind of play we need to get from Andy all year long."

Dalton's TD passes at Dallas were both red-zone throws, covering seven and five yards to WR Brandon LaFell in the fourth quarter. He has not suffered an INT in the last two games and had only two for the season.

The Dallas game raised Dalton's season passer rating to 96.2, which is good, though not as great as his 106.3 of last year. But Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis also singled Dalton out for praise after he posted a 111.8 rating in Game 4, a win Sept. 29 vs. Miami.

"In the first twenty plays, our quarterback threw five passes on what we had called as running plays," Lewis said after the Dolphins game. "That shows his ability to handle the offense and understand it. He was four out of five on those throws. We give him the liberty to do that, and later it led to a touchdown. He continues to do a good job on his decision making, accuracy, and running the offense with good tempo."

Dalton now second in pass yards: Andy Dalton this week has moved up from 15th to 13th in the NFL passer rating pack, with a score of 96.2. His forte has been his yardage production. He leads the AFC this week, and he has moved from third to second in the NFL, with 1503 yards (300.6 per game). He trails only Atlanta's Matt Ryan (1740 yards).

Dalton is fifth in the NFL in yards-per-attempt (8.04) and seventh in lowest interception percentage (1.1, with two INTs in 187 attempts).

Five games into the season, he is on pace for 4810 yards, miles above his own club record of 4293, set in 2013.

"His vertical throws have been spot on," said Lewis, "and that's where he's getting that good yards per attempt. His ability to throw the ball based on the look has been really good, as always."

Putting Dalton's 96.2 rating in perspective, it's better than his career rating of 89.0, and his career rating is itself a Bengals record, topping the second-place mark of 86.9 posted by Carson Palmer between 2004-10.

The Bengals' only previous NFL passing yards leader for a full season has been Ken Anderson, who led twice, with 2667 yards in 1974 and 3169 in '75. Those were 14-game seasons in an era of tougher passing rules, so even Anderson's 3169 is far short of Dalton's 4293.

"Andy is just one of the best," says WR A.J. Green, who ranks second in the NFL in receptions (36) and receiving yards (518). "He's so confident, so poised, and he's having fun. I've been with Andy six years now, and his level of play has risen so high."

Dalton didn't have the size (6-2, 210) or the absolute rocket arm to be a first-round NFL draft choice after his stellar career at TCU. The Bengals got him in round two. But he's as tall and strong as many top QBs in NFL history, and he has justified the faith the Bengals showed in his accuracy and his smarts.

"Andy is just so good at getting us into the right plays and out of the wrong ones," says Lewis. "The decisions he makes before the snap put us in position to be successful when the ball is in play."

Our guys or no one: Andy Dalton is averaging 37.4 passes per game this season, more than his previous career high for a full season, 36.6 in 2013. But Dalton suffered a career-most 20 interceptions '13, and this year, with only two INTs, he's on pace for a career-low six (actual projection of 6.4). Dalton also was stingy about giving up INTs last season, with only seven. His 386

attempts last season were the fewest of his career, but his INT percentage of 1.8 was his lowest.

"It's being smart with the ball," Dalton says, "knowing when you can take chances, and trusting your guys to make plays. It's the understanding of when you can take the chance to try to fit one in, and when to hold on to it and check the ball down, or try to get out and make a play outside the pocket. I knew I needed to do a better job of that early on this year. Several years ago I had too many turnovers, so it was making the conscious effort of, 'If you don't turn the ball over, you're giving the team a better chance to win.'"

Andy at 100 spells big success: The Bengals encountered a rarity last week. QB Andy Dalton posted a 104.6 passer rating at Dallas, but the Cowboys won the game, 28-14. The result broke a streak of 10 straight games the Bengals had won with Dalton at 100 or above, and for Dalton's career, the Bengals are 27-4 with the "Red Rifle" as a triple-digit passer. That's a winning percentage of .871.

LaFell on Andy: WR Brandon LaFell, signed as a free agent for 2016, previously spent time with Carolina and New England, taking throws from Cam Newton and Tom Brady. And he's seen no drop-off in his QB partner since joining Andy Dalton with the Bengals.

"Watching them reel off eight straight wins (in 2015), I knew Andy was pretty good," said LaFell, who caught a pair of Dalton TD passes last week. "But he's way better than advertised. The first two things that impress you are his ball placement and accuracy. Then it's how fast he gets the ball out. His command of the huddle. The way he always has us in the right play. The way he demands everybody to play to a certain level."

Dalton was leading the NFL in passing last season entering the Game 13 Pittsburgh contest in which he suffered a season-ending thumb fracture.

Taking care of Andy: It's sort of a joke, but sort of serious. Some of his teammates don't want QB Andy Dalton attempting any heroics this season on a play where the defense finds itself in possession of the ball. Adam Jones, Cincinnati's always-salty CB, puts it this way:

"Oh yeah. We've made that clear here. Whatever happens out there, he needs to run his butt back to the sidelines."

Jones refers, of course, to the worst break the Bengals got last season — a thumb fracture that ended Dalton's year in Game 13 vs. Pittsburgh. Dalton suffered it while making a solo tackle on 303-pound Steelers DE Stephon Tuitt following an interception.

But the best thing Bengals fans saw last season before the injury was Dalton's unquestioned arrival into the upper tier of NFL QBs. He led the team to a 10-2 record in the games he started and finished, and he was the AFC passing champion, with a 106.3 rating that was a Bengals record, ranking second in the NFL. Only Seattle's Russell Wilson (110.1) was better.

"If you go back and look at what he was doing before he hurt his hand, if he's not the top, he's at least in the top three," Jones said. "He's stepped up tremendously with his leadership, and well you saw how good he played. He's not careless with the ball. That's the biggest thing, if it's not there, throw it away or check it down. He's done a great job."

Ready for another streak: Though QB Andy Dalton is coming off an injury-shortened 2015 season, he still rates as a very durable performer. He has played every offensive snap in the season's five games, and prior to his thumb fracture in Game 13 of last season, he had not missed a regular-season or postseason start for the Bengals, covering 81 games. And the fracture occurred during unusual duty, as he made a solo tackle on 303-pound DE Stephon Tuitt after an interception.

"On that play I was the hitter, not the 'hittee,'" Dalton said. "As far as when I have the ball, I think it's knowing how to take a hit and when not to take a hit. That's part of it. I've been fortunate."

Dalton 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 third in NFL history for the start of a career by a QB, trailing only Peyton Manning of Indianapolis (208) and Joe Flacco of Baltimore (122).

Key to a record: A huge factor in Andy Dalton's Bengals-record 106.3 passer rating last season was his re-setting of a 34-year-old performance standard for Bengals passers — best ratio of TD passes compared to interceptions.

Ken Anderson had held the mark at 2.9-to-1 since 1981, when he had 29 TDs and just 10 INTs. But Dalton last year had 25 TD passes against seven INTs, a mark of 3.6-to-1.

"It's just a basic for your quarterback," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "Produce touchdowns, and don't give the ball away to the other team."

Dalton's 106.3 ranks 24th all-time among NFL passers for a season, and that includes after-the-fact calculation of passer performances prior to the institution of the rating system. Sammy Baugh, for example, is credited with a 109.9 for 1945. The top all-time season rating has been 122.5, by Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers in 2011.

This season, Dalton is also in a good spot with TD-to-INT ratio, standing at 2.5-to-1, with five scores and two picks.

Postseason is Andy's standard equipment: Bengals QB Andy Dalton has joined Baltimore's Joe Flacco as the NFL's only starting QBs in the Super Bowl era to lead a team to postseason in each of his first five campaigns. Flacco did it with Baltimore from 2008-12, and Dalton has done it from 2011-15. Flacco's streak was snapped when the Ravens missed the playoffs in 2013. If Dalton leads the Bengals to the playoffs again in 2016, he'll have set a new benchmark in this category.

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

- Dalton's .640 winning percentage as a starter (52-29-1 regular season) ranks fifth among active QBs with 50 or more starts, behind Tom Brady (.772), Russell Wilson (.721), Aaron Rodgers (.675) and Ben Roethlisberger (.672).
- Dalton's .640 winning percentage also is the best of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts.
- Dalton and Peyton Manning are the only NFL QBs to pass for 3000 or more yards in each of their first five seasons.
- Dalton holds club season records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33), both set in 2013.
- His career 15.0-to-1 ratio of TD passes to INTs (90-6) in the red zone ranks seventh among active NFL passers.
- He is the only Bengals passer to throw for 300-plus yards in four consecutive games (2013).
- Since entering the NFL in 2011, Dalton is one of just six QBs not drafted in the first round who have started at least nine games in at least four seasons. The other five are Drew Brees (second round), Russell Wilson (third), Tom Brady (sixth), Ryan Fitzpatrick (seventh) and Tony Romo (undrafted).
- Dalton passed for exactly 366 yards on both Games 1 and 2 this season, becoming the first Bengal to hit 366 or higher in consecutive games.

A.J. bound for Gang of Four: Bengals WR A.J. Green is clearly on track for a sixth trip to the Pro Bowl, and he's in only his sixth season. If he makes it again this season, he'll join OT Anthony Munoz (11 in 13 seasons), WR Chad Johnson (six in 10 seasons) and CB Lemar Parrish (six in eight seasons) as the only Bengals to hit six.

And the conclusion of Week 5 play sees Green ranked second in the AFC in receptions (36) and first in receiving yards (518). His reception total is just one behind Pittsburgh's Antonio Brown (37), and his yards total leads the conference by 11 over Indianapolis' T.Y. Hilton (507). Green's 36 catches also are good for second in the NFL, and his yardage total is second in the NFL. The NFL yards leader is Marvin Jones of Detroit, just one ahead of Green at 519.

Green had modest numbers of four-for-50 last week at Dallas, but he has had games of 12-for-180 (Sept. 11 at Jets) and 10-for-173 (Sept. 29 vs. Miami). His 12 catches against the Jets is tied for the NFL high this season.

Green was in man-on-a-mission mode for his 10-for-173 in Game 4 vs. Miami, after faulting himself for a dropped ball that helped Denver seal a win at Paul Brown Stadium in Game 3.

"I hold myself to a very high standard," he said. "I know what I'm capable of, and when I don't perform to that level, I've got to refocus myself. Coming off a

game that wasn't my best, I had to make plays whenever the ball or the opportunity presented itself."

For all his exploits, Green has yet to win a league or conference title in catches or receiving yards. His highest league rankings have been sixth in catches (98 in 2013) and fifth in receiving yards (1426 in 2013).

The Bengals in their history have claimed only one piece of an NFL receptions title, that coming in 2007 when T.J. Houshmandzadeh's 112 catches shared the league (and the AFC) lead. Cincinnati has claimed three outright AFC receptions titles, two by Carl Pickens (1995-96) and one by Chad Johnson (2005).

The Bengals have won six previous AFC receiving yards titles, but only one NFL crown. The league title came in 2006, when Johnson paced all receivers at 1369. Johnson won four straight AFC titles from 2003-06 and is the only player ever to win four straight in either conference. The other Bengals to win AFC receiving yards titles have been Isaac Curtis in 1973 and Eddie Brown in 1988.

Green's 26 games of 100 or more receiving yards rank second behind Chad Johnson, who logged a record 31 over his 10 seasons.

Green still on record paces: Through five games, Bengals WR A.J. Green is on pace to set Bengals season records for receptions and receiving yards. Though he was held to a modest four receptions for 50 yards last week at Dallas, his 36 catches on the season project to 115, and his 518 yards project to 1658. The projected catch total would top T.J. Houshmandzadeh's club mark of 112 in 2007, and the yards total would blow away Chad Johnson's mark of 1440, also set in 2007.

Earlier this season, Green had receiving days of 12-for-180 at the Jets (Game 1) and 10-for-173 vs. Miami (Game 4). The 12 catches at New York tied his career high.

Re Green, Bengals NT Domata Peko says:

"That's why people buy tickets. To watch guys like A.J. make plays. I see people in the seats up close, and they'll be like, 'I can't believe what I see.'"

Call it 'Phase II' for Amazing A.J.: A.J. Green has done his time as one of the most promising "young" wide receivers in Bengals history. The 2011 first-round draft choice (fourth overall) turned 28 early in training camp, and with five seasons under his belt, he's now in contention for recognition as the best WR in the NFL, period. And he's heading into prime years that could push him past Chad Johnson for the Bengals' all-time leads in receptions, receiving yards and receiving TDs.

Johnson, who played 10 Bengals seasons to Green's five-plus-five-games, remains for now a runaway leader in the first two of the above three categories. Johnson's 751 receptions are 221 more than No. 2 Carl Pickens (530), and his 10,783 receiving yards are 3682 more than second-place Isaac Curtis (7101).

But Green, who through last week has 451 receptions and 6689 yards, has had a largely healthy career, and he said as training camp began that he thinks he can play at least 12 seasons.

Though Detroit superstar WR Calvin Johnson announced his retirement this past offseason after a nine-year career, Green doesn't see a parallel.

"Calvin's a big guy," Green said. "His body took a lot of pounding. I feel like I'm more of a slim guy (at 6-4 and 210). My knees don't have that much wear and tear. Calvin used to take big hits, cheap shots. The way he hit the ground all the time, that's a big body at 230 (pounds) slamming down. I think my body is set up differently."

Even taking away the statistical effects of Green's prodigious start in 2016, if one extrapolates to 12 years Green's averages of 83 catches and 1234 yards for his five full seasons, it's Chad Johnson who becomes outpaced by a Bengals country mile. After season 12, Green would have 996 catches (245 more than Johnson) and 14,810 yards (4027 more).

One could say Green won't produce at those levels forever, especially not in seasons 11 and 12. But even if Green played just 10 seasons at the pace of his first five full seasons, he'd top Johnson by 79 catches (830) and by 1584 yards (12,342).

In all-time receiving TDs, Chad Johnson leads the Bengals with 66, three more than Pickens. Green already has 47. He averaged 9.0 TDs for his first five seasons, which projects to 90 after 10 seasons.

Green has been signed by the Bengals for at least four more seasons, through 2019.

A.J. climbing in '16: A.J. Green started the season in sixth place on the Bengals in all-time receptions, but he's now at No. 4. He has 451 catches and has blown by Isaac Curtis (416) and Cris Collinsworth (417), who led him entering the season.

It would take a 93-catch season total, which Green has twice surpassed, to

put Green in third place, ahead of T.J. Houshmandzadeh (507). A 116-catch season would be required for Green to pass Carl Pickens (530) into second place. Green is still 300 catches behind first-place Chad Johnson (751). But if Green remains his productive self, he could pass Johnson in 2019.

Green is in his sixth Bengals season, whereas Curtis played 12 seasons, Johnson 10, and Collinsworth and Houshmandzadeh eight.

In receiving yards, Green has 6689 through Week 4 of this season. He ranks fifth in Bengals annals, but he should be in fourth place by the end of this week's New England game and in second place by season's end. He needs just 10 yards to pass fourth-place Collinsworth (6698), 199 to pass third-place Pickens (6887) and 413 to pass second-place Curtis (7101). Green needs 4095 yards to pass Johnson for the all-time lead, another feat that projects to possible passage in 2019.

Dalton and Green made five-year history: WR A.J. Green and QB Andy Dalton were the Bengals' first two draft selections in 2011, and they had quite a ride for their first five seasons (2011-15).

Per Elias Sports Bureau, they stand as the most productive QB-WR duo in NFL history for players in their first five seasons. Their 395 completions and 5789 yards are most by any duo for seasons 1-5, and their 40 TD connections are tied for most with Dan Marino and Mark Clayton of Miami (1983-87).

Only A.J.: Cincinnati's A.J. Green is the only NFL receiver since the 1970 merger to start his career with five consecutive 1000-yard seasons (averaging more than 1200 yards) and five trips to the Pro Bowl. The last pass-catcher to start his career with five consecutive Pro Bowl appearances was Hall of Fame TE Mike Ditka (1961-65).

LaFell providing what offense needs ... : Bengals fans had not seen much of WR Brandon LaFell before this regular season began. The veteran free agent acquisition, a New England Patriot in 2014 and '15, had only one brief game appearance in preseason, due to a hand injury. But his play in the first five games has reinforced confidence that he'll amply fill the role of a veteran to play in the base offense along with flagship pass-catcher A.J. Green.

LaFell led the team last week at Dallas in catches (eight) and receiving yards (68), and he scored both Bengals TDs, on catches of seven and five yards from Andy Dalton. For the season, LaFell has 21 catches for 276 yards, and he has also drawn two pass interference penalties against defenders. His numbers project to 67 catches and 883 yards for the season. Both figures would be greater than any Bengals receiver other than Green has had in the Green era (2011-present).

LaFell came to the Bengals with plenty of skins on the wall after six seasons with Carolina and New England. He had 74 catches for New England's 2014 Super Bowl winners, and he scored the first TD in the Patriots' climactic victory over Seattle.

"He's healthy, and he doesn't have to be taught how to play," said Green. "That guy is the ultimate pro, and a good veteran for me to learn from. I haven't really had that in my first five years here, at least not to the extent he can provide it. He's played well everywhere he's been, and he's going to be big for us."

"The guy has played a lot of wide receiver at a very high level, and for a long time by NFL standards," says Bengals wide receivers coach James Urban. "He's tough. He's big (6-3, 210). He's physical."

... and rookie WR Boyd also doing the job: WR Tyler Boyd, being counted on for significant production as a rookie, is off to a solid start for the Bengals. The second-round draft choice out of Pitt has 15 receptions for 163 yards, an early pace for 48 catches and 522 yards. He's in the No. 3 WR role behind veterans A.J. Green and Brandon LaFell.

Boyd caught three-for-33 last week at Dallas.

"Obviously we saw a lot in Tyler, as a second-round draft choice, but he has been even better to this point than we had reason to expect," says head coach Marvin Lewis. "He's a young guy (not turning 22 until Nov. 15), but he's in tune with everything we're doing."

"I feel like I've practiced hard, and worked hard in the classroom, and that it has paid off," Boyd says. "I didn't just bring my skills in here and think it would all fall into place without the effort. I'm just trying to increase my performance with every game. I didn't do that last week, but that's still my goal."

Dunlap 'strips' again: Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap executed a sack-and-strip for the second straight game last week at Dallas, separating Dak Prescott from the ball in the backfield at the Bengals 26, late in the third quarter.

LB Vincent Rey returned the fumble to the Cincinnati 41, setting up the Bengals' first scoring drive of the game.

Dunlap leads the team for the season in sacks (four) and he's the only player on the team with more than one forced fumble (two). Though he had no passes defended at Dallas, he has a rare lineman's lead in that category for the season, at five. He had a team-leading three QB hits against the Cowboys, with two in addition to the sack, and he leads the team in the hit category as well (nine). He also leads the line in tackles (22), ranked fifth on the team.

Dunlap had two sacks and two passes defended in the previous game, Sept. 29 vs. Miami.

"Carlos brings us a lot, and he needs to keep bringing it for us," said defensive coordinator Paul Guenther. "The key thing for Carlos is that he's an athlete, and a very big athlete. He's got long arms, he's explosive and he just makes plays. He has also developed into a mature guy and a team leader."

Dunlap now has 53 sacks for his career, ranked fourth all-time on the Bengals and closing in on the third-place player, DE Ross Browner at 59.

And with continued play at the level he's shown he can produce, Dunlap could wind up as the franchise's all-time sacks leader. He averaged 8.2 sacks over his six full seasons, and now he's on an early pace for 13 in 2016. All-time Bengals sacks leader Eddie Edwards (83.5) averaged 7.0 sacks over his 12 seasons (1977-88), second-place Reggie Williams (62.5) averaged 4.5 sacks over 14 seasons (1976-89), and third-place Browner (59) averaged 6.6 over nine campaigns (1978-86).

Last season Dunlap had 13.5 sacks, second-most in Bengals history, and besides his 53 sacks, his career totals include 14 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 31 passes defended, four blocked FGs and two TDs scored.

Jones claims a dual crown: Already the holder of the Bengals' career record for punt return average (11.0), Bengals CB Adam Jones added the kickoff return record to his resume on Sept. 29 vs. Miami. His average is 26.4 yards. He did not have a kickoff return last week at Dallas.

Jones' one kickoff return against the Dolphins was for a modest 21 yards, but the length didn't matter much. Jones entered the game with an average already well ahead of CB Lemar Parrish (24.7 average from 1970-77), but Jones had only 49 career returns for Cincinnati, one short of the 50 needed to qualify. Even if Jones had netted zero yards on his 50th return, he still would have moved in as the all-time leader.

With a starting role on defense, the last two seasons, Jones has been used selectively by the coaching staff on kickoff and punt returns. But having turned 33 years old the day after the Miami game, Jones is still a big weapon in the return game. There's no reason to believe he can't still be the same returner who set a Bengals record in 2014 with a league-leading 31.3 KOR average, and that same season he finished second in the league in punt returns (12.0). In addition to Jones' 1.8 yards-per-carry lead over Parrish for the team's KOR record, he has a 1.0-yard lead over former WR Quan Cosby (10.0) for the PR record.

Jones has been a terror on kick returns ever since entering the NFL with Tennessee in 2005. Adding in three NFL seasons played elsewhere to his seven years (2010-16) of Bengals play, Jones has NFL career averages of 26.0 per KOR and 10.3 per PR.

Jones has five career PR for touchdowns, third-most among active players, but he has never had a kickoff return for a score. He had a 97-yarder for the Bengals in 2014 vs. Carolina, but he was downed at the Panthers three. The return did set up a TD, however, and it stands as the longest play in Bengals history that did not itself result in a TD.

First time in a long time: Dallas RB Ezekiel Elliott rushed for 134 yards against the Bengals last week, but it was the first time in 17 games (including postseason) for the Cincinnati defense to allow a 100-yard rusher. Cincinnati's streak of 16 games without a 100-yard gainer was third-most in the league entering the game.

Prior to Elliott, the last rusher to gain 100 against the Bengals was Thomas Rawls of Seattle, who rushed 23-for-169 in Cincinnati's 27-24 overtime victory at Paul Brown Stadium on Oct. 11 of last season.

When Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis was defensive coordinator at Baltimore, the Ravens had a 46-game streak without allowing a 100-yard rusher, accomplished from 1998 through 2001. That streak was broken on Dec. 23, 2001 by Cincinnati's Corey Dillon, who rushed 24-for-127 at Baltimore.

Largest regular-season crowd: Last week's attendance of 91,653 at Dallas was the largest ever for a Bengals regular-season game, topping a house of 87,786 for a 2004 visit to FedEx Field in Washington. The largest crowd for any Bengals game remains 92,045, for a 1990 season playoff game against the Los Angeles Raiders at the L.A. Coliseum.

30-rush mark almost magic: Trailing from the early stages, the Bengals had only 19 rushing attempts in last week's loss at Dallas. But they ran the ball 37 times the previous week vs. Miami, and though they netted only 77 yards, it again proved true that 30 or more rushes in a game under head coach Marvin Lewis is a powerful victory signal. The Bengals have now had 99 regular-season games under Lewis at the 30 mark or above, and Cincinnati stands 82-17 in those contests, for a winning percentage of .828.

"It's not always the rushing yardage total that's most important," says Lewis. "When you're running the ball a lot, it's a sign that even though the yardage will vary, you're controlling the ball, controlling the clock, and keeping your defense off the field. As it shows for us that is very likely going to be a winning combination."

The Bengals are 37-2 (.949) under Lewis when an individual rusher records 25 or more carries, but no individual has hit that mark since 2014. The Bengals are 41-7-1 (.846) under Lewis with an individual 100-yard rusher, but they have had no such games this year and had only one last year. The reduction in the individual-rusher performances the last two seasons stems in part from Jeremy Hill and Giovani Bernard splitting carries.

"We love seeing a guy get 100 yards," Lewis says, "but sometimes a guy can break one big gain and then get to 100 even though you may not be running as consistently well and controlling the game like you do when you get those those high-carry numbers."

HB Bernard sets team pace at Dallas: Fourth-year HB Giovani Bernard got a start last week at Dallas, playing ahead of HB Jeremy Hill for the first time this season, and he wound up leading the team in yards from scrimmage (96). Always a dual threat, Bernard rushed nine-for-50 (5.6) and added six catches for 46 yards.

Bernard's rushing effort was a bit of a breakout for him — he had been limited to 25-for-68 in the first four games — but his receiving year has been a good one all along. He ranks second on the team in catches (25) and third in receiving yards (211).

Bernard's reception total is first in the AFC among RBs this season and second in the NFL. Detroit's Theo Riddick is one ahead of Bernard, at 26, and Tennessee's DeMarco Murray is second in the AFC at 24. Bernard's 211 receiving yards rank first in the AFC and third in the NFL among RBs. He trails only Tevin Coleman of Atlanta (313) and David Johnson of Arizona (238).

Bernard is one of only four NFL running backs with a 100-yard receiving game this season — he hit 100 on the nose on a career-best nine catches on Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh — and he's on pace for 80 catches and 675 yards.

An 80-catch season would smash Bernard's own club record for receptions by an RB — 56 in 2013. A 675-yard season would be second in Bengals annals by a RB, behind only 686 by James Brooks in 1986.

The Sept. 18 Pittsburgh game marked the second time Bernard has been in triple digits in receiving yards. His 128 yards at Arizona last season is the franchise record for receiving yards by a RB in a game.

Bernard averaged 49.3 receptions over his first three seasons, and with just 49 more in 2016, he would already have the second-most receptions by a RB in team history at 197, trailing only Brooks (297 in eight seasons). Bernard has averaged 1146.6 yards from scrimmage for his first three seasons.

Hill declines the dance: HB Jeremy Hill has scored a lot of touchdowns for the Bengals — 24 in 37 regular-season games, and two more over a pair of postseason games. He had 12 TDs last season, most by a Bengals RB since Rudi Johnson had 12 in 2006, and he tied for the NFL lead last season in rushing TDs (11).

He has three rushing TDs this season. His rushing yardage numbers are relatively modest — 62-for-233 (3.8) — but he frankly has not had great holes to date.

Hill saw only limited duty last week at Dallas, sidelined by a chest injury after rushing four times for 12 yards. But he said after the game that he hopes to play at New England, and a breakout soon by Hill is one of the things the Bengals are counting on as they look to get their season back on a playoff track.

"I think he's a guy who's ready to have a big season," says OT Andrew Whitworth, "and I think he's prepared and excited for that opportunity."

Said WR A.J. Green:

"Jeremy is a big, physical guy, and our coaches preach to him, 'Keep the play alive; nobody wants to tackle you.'"

Over the previous two seasons, Hill became known for his TD celebrations — the best the Bengals have seen since iconic shuffler Ikey Woods in the late 1980s. But Hill hasn't celebrated after any of his TDs this year (including two

others in preseason). He has simply handed the ball to an official and then had a few handshakes with teammates.

"I'm just out there working," Hill says. "Not having any distractions, just working. And I want to be a leader on this team."

The coach likes it: In the view of head coach Marvin Lewis, the no-nonsense attitude of HB Jeremy Hill (see previous item) befits the third-year player's situation.

"He's a great young player and has shown a lot, but he's a guy with something to prove this year," Lewis says.

Indeed, Hill comes off a sophomore season that was not as good as his freshman edition. His 223 rushes were one more than he had in 2014, but he gained 230 fewer yards (794 after 1124 as a rookie). His receiving yards total dropped from 215 to 79, and in the Wild Card playoff loss to Pittsburgh, he had a crucial lost fumble.

"I have to be more dynamic this year, make more plays," Hill says. "And take care of the ball at all times. I feel healthier than last year. I had some little things last year that didn't keep me out, but I think they slowed me down some. I feel quicker."

The Bengals know the talent is there. Over the last nine weeks of the 2014 campaign, Hill's 929 rushing yards were the most in the NFL, and by more than 100. He also became only the third rookie in NFL history to rush for 140 or more yards in four games.

Hill has been accessible and forthright with media in discussing his costly fumble in last year's Pittsburgh playoff game. He owns the miscue and says he uses it now as motivation.

"He's still the same old Jeremy," says WR A.J. Green, "but I think he's just got a fire lit under him. He's definitely on a mission this year."

Seeking a return to remarkable: Thus far this season, the Bengals defense has made four interceptions while allowing 11 TD passes. That's a differential of minus-seven in the comparative category.

But most defenses do post a minus in this area, and the Cincinnati defense's effectiveness in avoiding it the last two seasons — their first two years under coordinator Paul Guenther — is worth noting.

The Bengals ranked third in the NFL in INTs (21) last season and ranked second in fewest TD passes allowed (18). Only Cincinnati and Carolina had more INTs than TD passes allowed, both finishing plus-three in the category. Numerous teams were minus-10 or worse, including one at minus-33.

The Bengals also excelled in this category in 2014, when their plus-two (20 INTs, 18 TD passes allowed) made them one of only two teams with a plus.

Over 2014-15, the Bengals led the league at plus-five and were the only outfit with a plus among the 32 teams.

Vontaze looks more like himself: LB Vontaze Burfict played his second game of the season last week at Dallas and returned to a familiar spot — leading the team in tackles. His 10 stops included nine solos, the team-high for this season. Burfict missed Games 1-3 on an NFL suspension and made his 2016 debut in Game 4 vs. Miami, logging three tackles and a pass defended.

The fifth-year pro has been a physical and remarkably instinctive force in recent Cincinnati seasons, and Bengals Nation is eager to see him fully unleashed for the remainder of 2016.

Burfict has been limited by injuries the last two seasons, and the coaching staff held him out of 2016 preseason play as an injury precaution. So the Miami game marked his first live action of any kind in 2016. But Burfict led the Bengals in tackles by wide margins in 2012 and '13, and in '13 he was an initial-ballot Pro Bowl selection, as well as earning a second-team spot on the prestigious Associated Press All-Pro team.

And in the 10 games Burfict did play last season, he led the team in tackles per games played (7.4).

Told by media that several teammates have said his return puts more energy in the entire defense, Burfict said:

"I just try to be a leader. I know the defense's ins and outs. I just want everyone accountable, including myself."

Said head coach Marvin Lewis:

"We have been looking forward to getting Vontaze back out there when it counts. He's not only a great player, he's an extension of the coaching staff on the field."

Bengals president Mike Brown was emphatic regarding Burfict when he spoke to media before the season.

"Vontaze is one hell of a football player," Brown said, "and we expect more outstanding play from him. He's a difference-maker. We're lucky to have him."

Geno's got time, but ... : It's a measure of DT Geno Atkins' excellence that Bengals fans simply expect him to contend strongly every year for the NFL lead in sacks by interior linemen. His 11.0 sacks last year tied for first, he led the category by a wide margin in 2012 with 12.5, and in 2011, he tied for the lead with 7.5. He was not in contention in 2014 and '15, but a knee injury had a lot to do with that.

This season, Atkins has 2.5 sacks, on pace for eight, and he's tied for fifth among interior linemen. Leonard Williams of the Jets leads at 5.0, Fletcher Cox of Philadelphia is second at 4.0, and third place at 3.0 is shared by Nick Fairley of New Orleans and Linval Joseph of Minnesota.

Atkins did not have a sack last week at Dallas. He collected his 2.5 over Games 3-4.

Injury now ancient history for Geno: On Halloween Night in 2013, the Bengals suffered what for a time seemed potentially as one of the most damaging injuries in franchise history.

DT Geno Atkins, playing monstrously well and coming off a 2012 season in which his 12.5 sacks blew away the field among NFL interior linemen, suffered a major knee injury (tom ACL) against the Dolphins. It shelved him for the remainder of the season, and though he came back to start every game in 2014, he clearly was not the same. His 34 tackles and 3.0 sacks were career lows for him as a starter. The injury was the first major one in Atkins' entire football career, and though his knee was deemed medically sound for '14, his full football package was still under renovation.

But last season, Atkins quickly erased any doubts that his career as one of the NFL's elite defensive linemen was resumed. He regained the first-team Associated Press All-Pro honors he had claimed in 2012 and led the Bengals to a No. 2 NFL rank in scoring defense (17.4 per game). He had 11.0 sacks, second on the team to DE Carlos Dunlap's 13.5, and he led the team in total tackles-for-loss (17) while ranking second in QB hits (19).

This season, Atkins has 2.5 sacks among his 11 tackles, and he leads the team in tackles-for-loss (five).

Without question, Atkins stands as one of the biggest draft bargains in Bengals history. He came out of Georgia with good reviews but no eye-popping accomplishments, and 119 players were off the board before the Bengals selected him in the fourth round. He was considered a bit undersized (6-1, 290) to rate as a top NFL prospect.

But on draft day, then-defensive line coach Jay Hayes made comments that today seem prescient.

"Geno is not small," Hayes said. "He's short, but he benched 34 times at the Combine. He's strong. He runs a 4.8 in the 40, and he's very quick in tighter space. He uses his hands well. His father (Gene Atkins, NFL DB from 1987-96) was a heck of a player in this league, so Geno has known what the NFL is like from an early age. All of this is why we project him as a guy who can help us."

Not content to envision an NFL future as a garden-variety fourth-rounder, Atkins forecast his own success prior to his rookie season.

"I come in with the idea I have something to prove," he said. "A lot of people think I'm undersized. So I think I have a little chip on my shoulder."

Now the only question is whether Atkins is not only the best DT in the league, but possibly the best defensive lineman overall, challenging even an acknowledged superstar like Houston DE J.J. Watt.

"No doubt, no doubt, no question," said Bengals defensive coordinator Paul Guenther, repeating himself for effect. "He should be in that conversation. You ask anybody on any offense that we play, when they turn the tape on Monday morning, he's the first guy they look at. They say, 'Oh, shoot. we better have a plan for this guy.' We were No. 2 in scoring defense, and he's our best player."

Margus needs another: After blocking a Brandon McManus PAT try on Sept. 25 vs. Denver, Bengals DE Margus Hunt enjoyed two weeks as the only player in the NFL with two blocked kicks this season. Hunt also had a blocked 22-yard Nick Folk FG attempt on Sept. 11 at the Jets.

But now Hunt has company. Miami DT Jason Jones had his second block of the season, on a PAT try, last week vs. Tennessee.

Hunt's blocked kicks are the first two of his four-year NFL career, but he was a kick-swatting terror in college at Southern Methodist. His 17 career blocked place kicks included an NCAA-record 10 blocked field goals.

The Bengals have been good the last two seasons in the difficult art of blocking kicks. Last season, DE Carlos Dunlap blocked two field goals, one of only two NFL players to do that.

Case of the lost kudos: It's a mystery tale known well around some NFL teams, but it's relatively new to Cincinnati this season.

Title it "Karlos Dansby and the Missing Honors."

Dansby is the new big name in the Bengals' LB corps, filling the No. 1 SLB spot. He leads the team in tackles (29) through four games, and he also has two passes defended and a fumble recovery. He's a 13th-year NFL veteran with a playmaking resume few others can match. He has 41.0 career sacks and 19 interceptions, and with one more INT, he'll become only the fifth LB in NFL history to become a 40-20 man.

The other 40-20 guys are Ray Lewis, Seth Joyner, Wilber Marshall and Brian Urlacher. The quartet has 27 Pro Bowls among them, plus three NFL Defensive Player of the Year awards (two for Lewis and one for Urlacher).

"People want to know why I still play this game, and it's because I want to be the best to ever do it," Dansby says. "And once I get this one interception, I'm putting myself in that conversation. And I can't be taken out of that conversation, because you can't take those plays away from me."

And thus the mystery: Dansby has not made even one Pro Bowl. His career bears similarity to that of a longtime Bengals standout, CB Ken Riley (1969-83). Riley is so far ahead of his nearest Bengals competitor in career INTs, it looks like a misprint. His 65 are almost twice the total of second-place Louis Breeden. But Riley, inexplicably, also never made a Pro Bowl.

Dansby, a Birmingham, Ala., native who played at Auburn, opened his NFL career in 2004 as a second-round draft choice of Arizona. He played six seasons with the Cardinals and started all of the team's six playoff games, including a Super Bowl vs. Pittsburgh. He was twice named Arizona's franchise player.

Then came three seasons with Miami, another one with Arizona, and two with Cleveland. He topped the 100-tackle mark in four of those six seasons, with 93 as his low. He had 15.5 sacks and nine INTs in the span, with four of his picks going for touchdowns.

But no Pro Bowls. It's a mystery that Dansby admits he's frustrated with, but he moves on as a pro.

"I still get the respect," he says. "Some guys think I've been to like eight Pro Bowls, the way I play the game. They see it on film. They know what a Pro Bowl player looks like, and I fit the bill. You can say a lot of different things (about the Pro Bowl snubs). A popularity contest. Politics. Whatever. All I can do is play and try to help this team win a Super Bowl. That's the real goal in my mind."

Is this the year for Dansby? Some might think that Karlos Dansby (also featured in previous item) is too late in his career to break his puzzling streak of no Pro Bowl selections. He's in his 13th NFL season and will turn 35 on Nov. 3.

But perhaps some should think again. Dansby has started all but seven of his teams' games over the last eight seasons, and last year for Cleveland, he showed no signs of slowing down. He started every game and led the Browns in tackles (108) and INTs (three), returning two of his three picks for touchdowns. One TD was a 52-yarder, the longest INT return of his career. And his tackle total led the team by 27.

And this season, he leads the Bengals in tackles (26).

"Karlos has been great for us," says Bengals LBs coach Jim Haslett. "He's smart, he knows what to do, and he knows how to win."

"He's been everything we expected," says defensive coordinator Paul Guenther. "Great talent, and a great pro to be around. Maybe this is the year he makes it."

Dansby leads Bengals LBs in snaps this season.

Tackles; they're what LBs do: LB Karlos Dansby leads the Bengals in tackles (29) through four games, and LB Vincent Rey's 2015 team tackling title marked the 18th consecutive season that a LB has led the Bengals. The last player at another position to claim the crown in statistics crew compilation of tackles was S Sam Shade in 1997. The last defensive lineman to lead was NT Tim Krumrie in 1992.

LBs in distinguished hands: Jim Haslett comes to the Bengals in 2016 as linebackers coach, bringing one of the most impressive overall football resumes of any position coach ever to join the franchise. To wit:

- From 1975-78, he was a four-time Little All-America player (LB and DE) at Indiana (Pa.) University.
- In 1979, he was a second-round draft choice of the Buffalo Bills.
- From 1979-87, he was a standout NFL linebacker, playing eight seasons for the Bills and one for the Jets. He earned Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year honors in '79, was an All-Pro selection in '80, and was later named to the Buffalo's Silver Anniversary team.

- He was an NFL head coach for six seasons (2000-05) with New Orleans, and he finished the '08 season as St. Louis Rams head coach after Scott Linehan was released. In 2000, his first year as Saints coach, he led the team from a 3-13 year to an NFC South championship and also to the first postseason victory in franchise history.

All of the above adds up to Haslett holding a unique three-part football distinction. He is the only person to be recognized as a 1) College Football Hall of Fame member, 2) an AP NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and 3) an AP NFL Coach of the Year.

Who in the history of Bengals coaching can match that? The comparisons are subject to differing interpretations, but here's a partial attempt:

Paul Brown, Forrest Gregg and Dick LeBeau are Pro Football Hall of Famers. Brown's legendary accomplishments need no repeat here. Gregg was not only a top player, he coached the Bengals to a Super Bowl. But Brown, Gregg and LeBeau all were Bengals head coaches. (LeBeau was also a Bengals defensive coordinator.) Other outstanding NFL players who became Bengals position coaches include Ken Anderson, Mark Carrier, Boyd Dowler, Rodney Holman, Tim Krumrie, Mike McCormack and Dick Modzelewski.

Haslett was defensive coordinator for the Washington Redskins from 2010-14 and was out of the NFL last year, serving as a consultant to the Penn State University football program. He had several offers to return to the NFL for 2016, and he offers this accounting of how he came to the Bengals:

"My wife (Beth) asked me, 'Which one has the best chance of winning?' I told her 'Cincinnati,' and she said, 'That's what we need, don't worry about the money. Don't worry about the place. Let's go see if we win us some games. If we have a chance to win the Super Bowl, let's go see if we can.'

"So that's what we did, and we're glad to be here. When you have lofty goals and a chance to win the Super Bowl, those things are good. Most teams don't have a chance. This team does."

Longer PATs no problem for Nugent: Bengals K Mike Nugent is eight-for-eight this season on PATs, not a remarkable figure, but he's continuing on his positive performance from last year, when the NFL moved PATs back to 33-yard attempts. Nugent made 48 of 49 last season, with his only miss being blocked. Only five kickers had a better PAT percentage last season than Nugent's 97.8, and three of those had fewer than 30 attempts.

Nugent is 12-for-14 this season on field goal attempts, and both his misses have come from 50-plus yards. He did not have a field goal last week at Dallas, and he was wide left on a 50-yard try.

Nugent has 44 points, tied for fourth in the NFL in scoring. Nugent has 670 points in his Bengals career (2010-present), ranked third in club annals. Earlier this season he passed Doug Pelfrey (660) into third. Jim Breech leads the Bengals in career scoring at 1151, and Shayne Graham is second at 779.

Nugent passes 1000: K Mike Nugent's 44 points this season have pushed him past the 1000 mark for his NFL career, to the 1004 mark. Nugent has 670 points since joining the Bengals in 2010, and he previously had 334 over stints with the Jets, Bucs and Cardinals. Nugent is in his 12th NFL season.

Huber differential still strong: Bengals P Kevin Huber has 10 inside-20 kicks this season and only two touchbacks. His plus-eight differential in the category ranks tied for sixth in the NFL.

Already a considerable presence in the Bengals record book, Huber this season has captured the all-time franchise lead in total inside-20 punts. His 10 have pushed him to 192 for his eight-year career, past Lee Johnson (186), who punted over 11 Bengals seasons (1988-98).

Huber is averaging 44.7 gross yards per punt this season and 39.7 net.

Huber's other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

- He has the franchise's all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (3.9-to-1, with 192 inside-20s and 49 touchbacks).

- He is the franchise leader in career gross average (44.8) and net average (39.7).

- He holds the top two Bengals season averages in gross and the top four Bengals season averages in net. His gross record is 46.8 in 2014, and his net record is 42.1, also in 2014.

- He shares the team record for longest punt (75 yards) with Kyle Larson.

- His 33 inside-20 punts in 2012 is a franchise record.

Huber was an initial-ballot Pro Bowl selection in 2014 and also was named first-team All-Pro by The Sporting News.

Punt return security: Punt returns are probably football's most dangerous endeavors when it comes to turnovers. But according to Elias Sports Bureau, over the 13 seasons plus three games of Cincinnati special teams coach Darrin Simmons, the Bengals have had the fewest fumbled punts (16) and the tied-for-fewest lost fumbles on punts (four) in the NFL. New Orleans and Atlanta are tied for the second-fewest fumbles (20), and Minnesota is tied with the Bengals for fewest lost fumbles. And it's not as if the Bengals have sacrificed production. They rank in the league's top half in return average for Simmons' 13 full seasons, standing 15th at 9.1.

"The first thing is to make sure we have the ball when the play is over," says Simmons. "I'm looking for guys who can manage the play correctly. When their number is called, they go out there and make the correct decision. And first and foremost, that we have the ball when the play is over. I'm proud of the fact that whether it's been Brandon Tate or Adam Jones or Keiwan Ratliff or Quan Cosby, we've not been turning the ball over."

Rockin' in the Jungle: With their Sept. 29 victory over Miami, the Bengals sport a 23-6-1 record in their past 30 regular-season home games. That works out to a winning percentage of .783. Over those 30 contests, they have held opposing passers to a rating of just 71.0. An individual with a 71.0 rating last season would have ranked 33rd among qualifiers for the NFL rankings, and an individual at 71.0 for this season would rank 28th.

The 23-6-1 mark is a half-game short of the club record of 24-6-0 for 30 consecutive games. That mark was achieved three times between 1973-77.

"Give it up to the fans in 'The Jungle,' they're the 12th man," says DE Carlos Dunlap. "They make it hard on quarterbacks to make checks and adjustments. It's a lot easier to play in front of the home crowd. And the last couple of years, it's been way louder than when I first got here. The last two or three years it's been crazy loud."

"That's what you call home-field advantage," says DE Michael Johnson. "The fans bring great energy. They know when to get loud, and they also know when to quiet down. I love playing here. It's one of the loudest places I've ever heard, especially on third down. It's tough to come into The Jungle."

Secret (sort of) weapon: Ryan Hewitt doesn't attract much in the way of headlines, but he's a headliner in head coach Marvin Lewis' book. Thus, it was with very good feelings for the future that the Bengals H-back was signed Aug. 2 to a three-year contract extension, through 2019.

Hewitt (6-4, 255; Stanford) is a third-year NFL player in 2016. He has played in Games 1-5, with four starts. He is one of the Bengals' best longshot stories of recent seasons, a college free agent signee who quickly developed into a punishing run blocker out of the backfield and a stout pass protector. His role is often similar to that of a traditional fullback, but he also sees action as a tight end and meets with the tight end group during the practice week. He has played 35 games, with 26 starts, since signing for 2014.

"Ryan came to us undrafted and quickly became an integral part of our offense," Lewis said. "He's a strong and physical player. His role of doing the dirty work may go unnoticed sometimes by the public, but it is never unnoticed by his teammates or our opponents. We're excited to have him on board now for well beyond this season."

Hewitt does not have an offensive touch this season, but he has 18 career receptions for 185 yards (10.3), plus three-for-37 in postseason. He contributed last season to a scoring average of 26.2 per game, ranked seventh in the NFL.

"This team is very similar to others I've been on," Hewitt said. "Blue-collar, downhill teams. Smash-mouth in the running game and open it up in the passing game. I love being in Cincinnati. It's a great team. I love the coaching staff."

12-year TV streak at 172: In each of the last 172 Cincinnati TV ratings weeks that have included a Bengals regular-season or postseason broadcast — dating back to the 2004 season — the Bengals have ruled the local airwaves. They have been the top-rated show among all programming in the Cincinnati market each week, and usually by a wide margin.

Cincinnati rating and rankings information for the Bengals' Oct. 9 game at Dallas was not available at press time for this notes package.

The highest rating since the streak began was posted just last year, as the Wild Card playoff vs. Pittsburgh drew a 46.1. The second-highest rating has been 45.5, posted for a playoff game vs. Pittsburgh in the 2006 season and matched for the Mon., Nov. 16 game last season vs. Houston. The rating number indicates the percentage of market households tuned to the game — including those not watching TV at the time.

The high rating of Bengals games has occurred despite the fact most games are played in the afternoon, when overall TV viewership is not as high as it is during the evening.

Bengals big for a smaller market: Cincinnati is the fifth smallest TV market in the NFL, defined by "TV households" (868,900). The only smaller markets are Jacksonville, New Orleans, Buffalo and Green Bay.

Cincinnati ranks 36th in TV households among all U.S. markets. There are 11 markets larger than Cincinnati that do not have NFL teams. Those markets and their rankings are Orlando (19), Sacramento (20), St. Louis (21), Portland (24), Raleigh-Durham (25), Hartford (30), Columbus (31), San Antonio (32), Salt Lake City (34) and Milwaukee (35).

A stat that matters: The Bengals lost last week at Dallas with a plus-one turnover differential (one takeaway, no giveaways), but during the full term of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), a plus-differential in turnovers is linked to a big plus in wins. And the reverse has gone for a minus.

The Bengals are 71-16-1 in regular season under Lewis with a plus (.813 winning percentage), but they are only 16-60-1 with a minus differential.

"It makes a huge difference," Lewis says. "You see it game after game in the NFL. You've got to possess the football. If you possess the football, good things can happen. If you turn the ball over to them, you've got a harder day."

The Bengals' experience with turnovers under Lewis is backed up by league numbers. Since the start of the 2003 season, Lewis' first as head coach, here are the records of teams with varying turnover differentials.

(NOTE: Minus differentials are not included because they are the exact reverse of the plus figure for the same numbers.)

DIFFERENTIAL	W-L-T	PCT.
Plus-1.....	831-380-3	.686
Plus-2.....	658-145-0	.819
Plus-3.....	373-35-1	.913
Plus-4.....	199-6-0	.971
Plus-5 or more	94-3-0	.969

Plus teams last week went 9-4, for a .692 winning percentage. The best week of the season for plus teams has been Week 4, when they were 12-1 (.923). In Week 3, plus teams were 13-2 (.867). In Week 1, teams with a plus had only a 6-7 record, and that stands (through this week) as the only losing week for plus teams since Week 10 of 2013. Plus teams are 45-17 (.726) for this season. Since 2003, teams with any plus have a combined record of 2155-569-4, a winning percentage of .791.

And when it's even? The Bengals are 27-21 in head coach Marvin Lewis' full tenure in games when the turnover differential has been even, for a winning percentage of .563. That includes this season's Week 2 loss at Pittsburgh. The Bengals have won 10 of their last 15 with even differential, dating back to 2012.

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear white jerseys and black pants at New England. Since 2004, 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.....	3-0-0	1.000
Orange*	White.....	14-6-1	.690
Black	Black.....	14-10-1	.580
Black	White.....	31-30-0	.508
White	Black.....	24-24-0	.500
White	White.....	20-25-0	.444

* — Orange is designated as a "specialty jersey" with the NFL and can be worn for only two games per year.

Bengal bites: October has been the only losing month (23-28-1, .452) for the Bengals in the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis. November has been the team's best month under Lewis (31-21-1, .594), and his clubs are also above .500 for September (27-20-0, .574), and for regular season in December/January (33-28-0, .541) ... On Sept. 11 at the Jets, the Bengals allowed seven sacks but won the game, prevailing for only the fourth time in 21 games all-time in which they have allowed seven or more. The record with seven or more allowed is now 4-16-1 ... Andy Dalton passed for exactly 366 yards in Games 1 and 2 this season, becoming the first Bengal to hit 366 or higher in consecutive contests. His total of 732 for the two games was good for the NFL passing yards lead through Week 2, but it is not a Bengals two-game record. It ranks fifth. And trivia buffs can note that Dalton is the only QB in NFL history to pass for exactly 366 yards in consecutive games ... With their victory Dec. 6 of last season at Cleveland, the Bengals posted a new benchmark for the biggest lead held by either side in the 46-year history of the "Battle of Ohio" series. Cincinnati's lead is now seven games, at 46-39. The Browns' biggest lead in the signature series has been five games, at 6-1 after the first meeting of 1973 ... The tallest player on the Bengals 53-man roster is DE Margus Hunt, at 6-8 ... The shortest player is HB Giovani Bernard at 5-9 ... The heaviest players are DT Pat Sims and OT Andrew Whitworth, both at 330 ... The lightest player is CB Adam Jones, at 180.

BENGALS QUOTES

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on the "on to New England" process:

"There wasn't a lot to be happy about with the Dallas game. The important thing is to take the critical look at it, and move forward and make corrections. It's a tough week; time to go to work, play better, and improve. There's nobody here but the people in the building to get it done, and they have the ability to get it done. I have confidence in that."

Lewis, on the players leaving Dallas behind and looking ahead:

"The NFL is so different now. Our players saw the video on the plane home from Dallas. By the time they come in Monday, they've seen it two or three times. They know the plusses and minuses. That's what you have to feel good about; that they know what they have to do better."

LB Rey Mauluga, on Dallas rushing for 180 yards:

"This is not who we are as a defense. I don't know what the word is ... embarrassing."

WR Brandon LaFell, on the New England game:

"We definitely can't come out and play flat like we did in Dallas, not with a high-powered offense like those guys have. With Tom Brady back, we've got to come out and score some points early."

LaFell, on the goal of winning the Super Bowl:

"Since we (Patriots in 2014) won it all, all I've been thinking about is winning another one. I've told guys it's like playing golf. Once you hit that perfect swing, that's all you're chasing the rest of the time that you're playing. It's the same way with football. Once you win a big game, you want to continue to win big games. I wanted to come in to a great situation where I had an opportunity to play with a

good quarterback, get a lot of playing time, and to win. Since I've been here, I've been seeing all those signs."

Lewis, on DE Will Clarke getting his first three career sacks in the first five games:

"Will has worked hard and taken advantage of opportunities. He's done a good job as a rotation guy, and as player who can take advantage of a situation. Most importantly, he is finishing plays. He'd have one more sack if he could have gotten the QB down against Miami instead of dragging him for seven yards. (Laughs). We saw some bright spots for him earlier in his career, and now is the time for him to take the step forward."

OT Cedric Ogbuehi, on taking over the starting ROT position as a second-year player:

"I'm eager to show my worth and just show why they got me. I'm ready for the challenge. I want to show that I'm a great player. I have to keep earning it, obviously, but in my mind, right tackle is my job. I don't worry about being strong enough, but I would say with all humility that I think my athletic ability is rare for the position. I can block a lot of different players. From the guys who bull rush to the quick guys, I believe I can handle it."

Lewis, on distribution to receivers in the passing game:

"Some people think Andy (Dalton) has to throw the ball all the time to No. 18 (A.J. Green). But we have a lot of other guys who can make plays. It's about reading it out and letting it happen. If it's designed and gets to 18 based on coverage, then great. If not, let it happen to the design of the play, where we perceive the weakness in the coverage is. Accurate throws come from clean pockets and everyone on the same page down the field in the routes."

Lewis, on LB Vincent Rey being voted captain of the special teams:

"Vinny hands down was selected again as captain of the unit. He continued to lead the meeting, even when he was starting on defense for Vontaze (Burfict) and wasn't an integral part of the special teams plan. He takes real responsibility for that. The calmness that comes with his leadership is good."

WR A.J. Green, on the Sept. 21 birth of his first child, son Easton Ace Green, to he and his wife Miranda:

"It feels great; unbelievable. Just to see him come out, and he's crying, and when you hold him, he looks so innocent. You see this guy, and you're going to have to raise him, that's yours till death do y'all part. You helped create that and you're going to have to show him the ropes."

LB Karlos Dansby, on joining the Bengals for his 13th NFL season:

"I'm playing with a bunch of guys I love being around ... a bunch of guys who have the same drive. There's something different about that aspect of it, guys that have the same motor. And you don't want to let those guys down."

QB Andy Dalton, on rookie WR Tyler Boyd:

"He's got really good hands, and he's really smooth. And already you can see he has learned a lot. He's playing a lot faster than he was initially, just from knowing what's going on. He listens really well. He's got the right mindset, and it's been a lot of fun to see."

G Kevin Zeitler, on vets bringing younger players quickly up to speed:

"I think as a young guy, because the group's been together so long and you're the new one in there, you don't want to be the guy who messes everything up. I think there's a little extra motivation to do extra, to catch up, to figure things out, because you never want to be that guy."

WR Tyler Boyd, on joining a lineup filled with returning veterans:

"We've got a lot of vets that can help you and teach you a lot of things that

you don't know. It's better than coming into a young team that hasn't seen the things that these guys have seen. Just getting a head start like that helps me and influences me and keeps me more comfortable. It allows me to know my assignment and play consistent. And just stay poised. As long as you're calm and collected, you can go out there and be yourself. They're doing a great job of making me feel comfortable."

Dalton, on Ken Zampese being promoted from QBs coach to offensive coordinator:

"He's really smart. He understands, by certain ways that guys line up, how teams are attacking us, and how we can attack them. He knows the type of players we have and what's been successful here, so there's no need to change things drastically. There will be some new stuff, and he'll have his own twist on things — that's just all part of it."

CB Dre Kirkpatrick, on continuity and chemistry:

"To win championships, you need to have good chemistry. And when I look at this team, we have some great chemistry. We grew up together. I've been here five years, and I look around, and I've been blessed to be on the same defense. It's so many of the same faces."

S George Iloka, on second-year pro Josh Shaw taking the team's nickel CB spot:

"He has the skill set, he has the instincts. He's bigger than Leon (Hall, who filled the role last season). He has done a good job taking things in stride. He doesn't make the same mistake twice. He's young in terms of playing the nickel in this defense and I've been impressed with how fast he's picked it up. He's out there playing fast. Even if it's not exactly how they drew it up, he runs around and he makes plays."

Secondary coach Kevin Coyle, on the defense:

"There's not a starting 11 on defense. There are 13, 14, 15 guys that are going to be regulars according to the situation. They'll all be an integral part of what we'll do."

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: Through five games, sixth-year pro **Andy Dalton** leads the AFC in passing yards (second in NFL), with 1503, on 126-for-187 passing (96.2), with five TDs and two INTs. Last week at Dallas, Dalton completed 29 of 41 passes, for 269 yards. It was his second consecutive game of a passer rating above 100.0, and third of the season. Dalton threw TD passes of seven and five yards to WR Brandon LaFell and had no interceptions. In the season opener at the Jets, Dalton had one of his best career performances, posting a 114.0 passer rating despite being sacked a career-high seven times. Dalton is only the second NFL QB in the Super Bowl era to lead his team to the playoffs in each of his first five seasons, and he posted a Bengals-record 106.3 passer rating in 2015, ranked first in the AFC and second in the NFL. Dalton suffered a thumb fracture in Game 13 vs. Pittsburgh last season and missed the remainder of the season and the postseason. Dalton's 52-29-1 regular-season record as a starter works out to the best winning percentage (.640) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts. His 89.0 career passer rating is tops in Bengals history, and he holds club records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33) in a season. Second-year pro **AJ McCarron** has been an active-DNP for Games 1-5. McCarron finished preseason with a 106.8 passer rating. He showed much promise while filling in for Dalton after Dalton's thumb injury last season, logging a 101.1 passer rating for his three regular-season starts (2-1 record) and leading a dramatic comeback in the Wild Card playoff vs. Pittsburgh, only to see the Steelers prevail 18-16 on a late field goal. As a collegian, McCarron led Alabama to a pair of national championships. On Sept. 4, the Bengals acquired rookie **Jeff Driskel** on waivers from San Francisco. A sixth-round 49ers draft choice this year, Driskel has been inactive for Games 1-5. Driskel played in all four 49ers preseason games, after passing for 4033 yards last season at Louisiana Tech.

Running backs: The Bengals boast one of the NFL's most potentially dynamic HB duos in **Jeremy Hill** and **Giovani Bernard**. Both are players with big upsides and already proven skills. Hill was limited last week at Dallas with a chest injury he suffered in the third quarter, but he should have a chance to play against the Patriots. He rushed for 12 yards on four carries last week, bringing his rushing total for the season to 62-for-233. His three TDs (all rushing) lead the team through five games. He has 24 TDs in 37 career games, plus two more in a pair of playoff games. Hill is a bruising 235-pounder with excellent speed and agility for his size. He scored 12 TDs last season, most total TDs by a Bengals RB since 2006, when Rudi Johnson had 12. In his rookie season of 2014, Hill rushed for 1124 yards, second-most by a Bengals rookie, and he led the NFL

over the last nine weeks of 2014 with 929 yards. Through five games, Bernard's impact has been felt particularly through the air, as his 25 catches rank second on the team and his 211 yards rank third. His catch total is first in the AFC among RBs and second in the NFL. His reception yards total ranks first among AFC RBs and third for the group in the NFL. Bernard saw an increased rushing workload last week at Dallas with Hill limited due to injury, and had nine carries for a season-high 50 yards. He also caught six catches for 46 yards and led the team in yards from scrimmage (96). For the season, Bernard has rushed for 118 yards on 34 carries. In Week 2 at Pittsburgh, Bernard was the Bengals' leading receiver, logging a career-high nine catches for 100 yards, including the Bengals' lone TD of the day, a 25-yard reception in the fourth quarter. Bernard is smaller than Hill, at 5-9 and 205, but he has good power to go along with top-level speed and elusiveness. Bernard has averaged 49.3 receptions over his first three seasons, and with 49 more in 2016, he would already have the second-most receptions by a RB in team history at 197, trailing only James Brooks. Bernard averaged 1146.6 yards from scrimmage for his first three full seasons. Another veteran HB on the roster with good performance record is **Rex Burkhead**. Burkhead has not yet had an offensive touch this season but could see an expanded role in the coming weeks should Hill miss time. He has three kickoff returns for a 21.0 average. Burkhead is a fourth-year Bengal who had a career-best 10 receptions last season, with a TD. He started at WR in a 2014 season playoff game, in part due to injuries among the WR corps. Veteran HB **Cedric Peerman**, a Pro Bowl special teams player last year, suffered a left forearm fracture on Aug. 28 at Jacksonville and was placed Sept. 4 on the Reserve/Injured list. It's hoped he'll recover in time for consideration as the one R/I player each team may return to the roster later in the season.

Wide receivers: Already earning general acclaim as the top WR in Bengals history, **A.J. Green** returns for his sixth season in 2016. Through five games, Green's 36 receptions is second in the NFL and the AFC, and his 518 receiving yards rank first in the AFC and second in the NFL. Last week at Dallas, Green caught four-for-50 despite facing double teams from Cowboys DBs most of the game, and he also drew a 13-yard pass interference penalty against the Cowboys. In Week 4 vs. Miami, Green turned in the performance of the game, leading all players in receptions (10) and receiving yards (173). It was the second 10-plus reception game of the season for Green and ninth of his career. In Week 1 against the Jets, Green tied his career receptions high (12) while gaining 180 yards, including a 54-yard touchdown. Through five weeks, Green's

12 receptions at the Jets are tied for the most in an NFL game. Green's 451 career receptions already rank fourth in Bengals history, and his 6689 receiving yards also rank fourth, just 412 yards short of second place. His 47 career receiving TDs also rank fourth, and his 26 games of 100 or more receiving yards rank second behind Chad Johnson, who took 10 seasons to record his record 31. The WR cast behind Green has changed for 2016, and veteran free agent signee **Brandon LaFell** and rookie second-round draft choice **Tyler Boyd** emerged from preseason in the Nos. 2-3 roles. Last week at Dallas, LaFell made his mark, catching eight passes for 68 yards and two fourth quarter TDs. LaFell now stands third on the team for the year in receptions (21) and second in receiving yards (276). A seventh-year pro, LaFell caught 74 passes for New England's 2014 Super Bowl winners. LaFell's last three teams each won 12 games, and he said the Bengals' 33 wins the last three seasons put Cincinnati atop his free agent shopping list. Boyd has gotten off good start in his first five NFL games, notching 15 receptions for 163 yards. He caught three-for-33 last week at Dallas. In just three seasons at the University of Pittsburgh, Boyd established himself as the school's career leader in receptions (254) and receiving yards (3361). Third-year pro **James Wright**, who missed all of last season for continued rehab of a serious 2014 knee injury, was inactive last week at Dallas with a hamstring injury. He had been back in action in Games 1-4 this season. Wright is three-for-27 receiving on the season. Wright also is tied for the team lead in special teams tackles (six). College free agent **Alex Erickson** of Wisconsin, who made a successful longshot roster bid after impressing in preseason both as a receiver and kick returner, has one catch on the season for 20 yards, and he's averaging 20.3 yards on three KOR and 7.0 yards on six PR. Erickson has played in Games 1-5. Sixth-round draft choice **Cody Core** of Ole Miss made his regular-season debut last week at Dallas. He was not targeted, but had a special teams tackle. He had been inactive for Games 1-4. Core earned a roster spot with a solid preseason, leading the team in receptions (eight) and receiving yards (135).

Tight ends/H-back: Second-year pros **C.J. Uzomah** and **Tyler Kroft** have together helped fill the void left by injured Pro Bowl TE **Tyler Eifert**, a 2013 first-round draft choice who has yet to see the field this season as he recovers from ankle and back injuries. Uzomah was the Bengals No. 3 TE as a rookie last year, but he has started four games this season while playing in all five. He has 16 catches for 187 yards. Last week at Dallas, Uzomah caught five-for-43. Kroft has played in all five games, including a start last week at Dallas as part of a two-TE set. He caught three-for-29, including catches of nine and seven yards in the fourth quarter to set up the second Bengals TD. Kroft also has played in five games, starting three. He has six catches for 64 yards on the season. A third-round 2015 draft choice, Kroft progressed steadily as a rookie. He started five of the last six games, both filling in for the injured Eifert and as part of two-TE sets. Eifert's return could bring added firepower to the passing game. He scored 13 TDs last season, a Bengals record for TEs and just one off the league lead, despite missing significant playing time in four games due to injuries. He had 52 catches for 615 yards, third on the team in each category. The Bengals also have a young standout at the H-back position, third-year pro **Ryan Hewitt** of Stanford, who has played in Games 1-5, with four starts (no touches or targets). Hewitt made the team as a college free agent in 2014 and provided immediate impact as a blocker out of the backfield and as a situational receiver. He has played in 36 of 37 games over his first three seasons and has 18 receptions for 185 yards.

Offensive linemen: The Bengals return four well-established starters on the offensive line, and the ROT position has been claimed by **Cedric Ogbuehi**, the team's first-round draft choice in 2015. All five front-liners have started the first five games. Ogbuehi missed the last three preseason games, due to a toe injury suffered during his start at ROT in the preseason opener, but he returned in time for the regular season. Ogbuehi played in only five games last season, but it was known at the time he was drafted that he needed recovery time from a knee injury suffered in his final college game for Texas A&M. At LOT, **Andrew Whitworth** is back after the most celebrated season of his career. An 11th-year pro for 2016, Whitworth last season was a first-team selection on the king of All-Pro teams, the long-recognized Associated Press version. He also was a first-ballot Pro Bowl selection. **Clint Boling** and **Kevin Zeitler** have been Cincinnati's starting guard tandem since 2012, Boling on the left side and Zeitler on the right. Boling joined the team in 2011 as a fourth-round draft choice, and Zeitler was a first-round pick in 2012. Since 2014, **Russell Bodine** has been between Boling and Zeitler at C. A fourth-round 2014 draft, Bodine has not missed a Bengals start, covering 37 regular-season games and two postseason contests. **Jake Fisher**, Cincinnati's 2015 second-round draft choice, has served as the "big tight end" in extra-blocker situations so far this season. He was active

at Dallas, but had missed time during the practice week due to a back strain and did not play. He played in Games 1-4. Fisher played in 14 games as a rookie last year and can fill a variety of roles. He was moved to H-back late last season to replace the injured Ryan Hewitt. The Bengals also have a veteran with recent ROT experience in 10th-year pro **Eric Winston**, who has played in Games 1-5, primarily on special teams. Winston played in 17 games for the Bengals, with four starts at ROT, over the last two seasons. **C.T.J. Johnson** also has Bengals playing experience, with a career-best 12 games logged last season. He suffered a concussion in preseason game three and sat out the preseason finale, but he returned for the regular season and has played in Games 1-5, primarily on special teams. Cincinnati's only 2016 draft pick on the line is **Christian Westerman**, fifth-round guard selection from Arizona State, a prolific performer in the Sun Devil weight room. Westerman played in all four preseason games and has been inactive for Games 1-5.

Defensive linemen: DE **Carlos Dunlap** was a bright spot for the defense last week at Dallas, logging four tackles, including a strip sack of QB Dak Prescott in the third quarter. It was his third consecutive game with a sack and the second straight in which he forced a fumble with on a sack. Dunlap leads the team with four sacks this season, and he now has 53 sacks for his career (all with Cincinnati). He ranks fourth all-time on the Bengals in sacks. His five passes defended and two forced fumbles also lead the team for the season. He has a line-leading 22 tackles on the year (fifth on the team). A seventh-year pro, Dunlap had 13.5 sacks last season, the second-most in Bengals history, and went to his first Pro Bowl. Dunlap also has 14 career forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 31 passes defended, four blocked field goals and two touchdowns scored. Seventh-year pro **Geno Atkins** is recognized as one of the best defensive linemen in Bengals history. He went to his fourth Pro Bowl last season and earned his second first-team berth on the prestigious Associated Press All-Pro team. His 11.0 sacks tied for the NFL lead among interior linemen. He also tied for the league lead in that category in 2011, and he led outright in 2012. He did not record any defensive statistics last week at Dallas, but he has 11 tackles for the season, including a team-high five tackles-for-loss and 2.5 sacks. Alongside Atkins on the interior line is another Bengals pillar, **Domata Peko**. The 11th-year pro has started 106 consecutive regular-season games, and last year he had a career-best 5.0 sacks. Peko had a tackle last week at Dallas, and he has 15 tackles on the season, plus a pass defended and a fumble recovery. DE **Michael Johnson**, an eighth-year player for 2016, led the line in tackles (six) at Dallas, including one for a loss. He ranked second on the team in tackles. Johnson has started the first five games and on the season has 13 tackles, a shared sack and a pass defended. Veterans at the backup DE spots are **Margus Hunt** and **Will Clarke**, both of whom are showing notably increased production this season. Clarke did not dent the stat columns at Dallas, but for the season he has three sacks, second on the team, and five total tackles. He's a third-year player, a third-round 2014 Bengals draft choice, who played in 12 games last season. Hunt also was not on the stats page at Dallas, but for the season he has six tackles and two passes defended. Hunt has two blocked kicks, a FG try at the N.Y. Jets and a PAT vs. Denver, and he shares the NFL lead for blocked kicks with DT Jason Jones of Miami. The Bengals get strong rotational play on the interior line from veteran **Pat Sims**, who had four tackles, with one for a loss, at Dallas. Sims has 13 tackles on the season, plus a QB hit. Sims is a ninth-year pro for 2016. **Brandon Thompson** was a contributor at DT last season, but the fifth-year pro has not played this season, still rehabbing a knee injury suffered late last season. Thompson is on the Reserve/PUP list and could return to play at some point after Game 6. Second-year DT **DeShawn Williams** had a strong preseason, with 10 tackles, and claimed a roster spot. He has been inactive for Games 1-5.

Linebackers: The Bengals boast a LB corps that is deep as well as talented. The notable new addition for 2016 is 13th-year veteran **Karlos Dansby**, signed as a free agent and filling the starting SLB position. He logged three tackles last week at Dallas, and he leads the team in tackles for the season (29). He also has two passes defended and a fumble recovery. Dansby led Cleveland last season in tackles (108) and INTs (three). Dansby ranks among NFL's all-time best in the combo stat of sacks-plus-INTs (61, 41-20), and he joins Hall of Famers Bobby Bell and Derrick Brooks as only LBs with six career INTs for TDs. WLB **Vontaze Burfict**, one of the league's best instinctive talents, led the team in tackles last week at Dallas, with 10. He made his season debut in Week 4 vs. Miami after missing Games 1-3 on an NFL suspension and logged three tackles plus a pass defended. Burfict looks for a fully healthy season after battling knee and foot problems that limited him to 15 games over the last two years. Burfict started the last 10 games last season and led the team in tackles per game played (7.4). MLB **Rey Mauluga** has averaged 14 starts per year since joining the team as a second-round draft choice in 2009, and he has played in every game this season, with four starts. He had one tackle at Dallas

and has 14 for the year, plus a pass defended. Sixth-year pro **Vincent Rey** can play all the LB positions and last year led the team in tackles (95), playing 16 games with eight starts. He also led the team in 2014. Last week at Dallas, Rey had two tackles and returned a Dak Prescott fumble 10 yards to the Bengals 41 in the third quarter. He's tied for second on the team for the season in tackles (25) and has one pass defended. Rookie third-round draft choice **Nick Vigil** of Utah State had a strong preseason, leading the team in tackles (17) with one INT. He has played in Games 1-5, primarily on special teams. He has three special teams tackles. Third-year pro **Marquis Flowers** spent 2015 on Reserve/Injured (shoulder), but the sixth-round '14 draft pick is back in action this season, having played in Games 1-5 on special teams, where he ranks third with five tackles. He led the special teams at Dallas with two tackles.

Defensive backs: Tenth-year vet **Adam Jones** earned his first Pro Bowl berth in 2015 and heads the CB corps in 2016 again. He has started Games 1-5 and has 24 tackles (fourth on team), one INT and four total passes defended (tied for second on team). He had five tackles and an end-zone pass defended last week at Dallas. On Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh, Jones picked off a fourth-down Ben Roethlisberger pass at the Bengals 21 in the first quarter and returned two yards to the 23. Jones' time as a kick returner was limited last season by his CB duties, but he's a longtime threat in that area. In 2014, he led the NFL with a Bengals-record 31.3 average on KOR and was second in PR (12.0). This season, he has five punt returns for an 5.0 average and three kickoff returns for a 18.7 average. He is the Bengals' all-time leader in kickoff return average (26.4) and punt return average (11.0). **Dre Kirkpatrick**, a 2012 Bengals first-round draft choice, returned to action last week at Dallas after sitting out Week 4 vs. Miami with a hamstring injury. He had two tackles and a goal-line pass defended. He has played in 52 of the last possible 53 games (including postseason). He has seven tackles and one INT on the season, and his four total passes defended is tied for second on the team. Kirkpatrick led the team last season in passes defended (16). He has two career INTs for TDs. CB **Josh Shaw** logged two tackles last week at Dallas. For the season, Shaw has 12 tackles and an INT, and he's tied for first on the special teams with six tackles. He had the game-clinching play in the season opener against the Jets, intercepting a Ryan Kirkpatrick pass intended for Eric Decker at the Jets 40 with 0:40 to play. Shaw played in 15 games as a rookie and also has the ability to play safety. The CB room also includes 2014 first-round draft pick **Darqueze Dennard** of Michigan State, who had a one defensive and special teams stop apiece last week at Dallas. He had a team-high six tackles Week 4 vs. Miami. Dennard has 11 tackles on the season. Other veteran CBs on the roster are **Chris Lewis-Harris** and **Chykie Brown**. Lewis-Harris has played in all five games and has four tackles, with one INT and two total passes defended. His first career INT came Sept. 29 vs. Miami, when he picked off Ryan Tannehill in the fourth quarter. Brown has played in two games (Games 1 and 4, one special teams tackle) and has been inactive for three. Another first-rounder at CB, 2016 choice **William Jackson** of the University of Houston, is on the Reserve/Injured list, due to a torn pectoral muscle tendon he suffered in an early training camp practice. It's hoped he'll recover in time for consideration as the one R/I player each team may return to the roster later in the season. Jackson led the nation in 2015 with a school-record 23 pass breakups and added a career-best five interceptions, also leading nation in total passes defended (28). Fifth-year pro **George Iloka** has been Cincinnati's starting SS since 2013 and heads the corps

again this year. The 6-4, 225-pounder had a defensive and special teams tackle at Dallas, and he has 16 tackles with one PD for the season. He has five career INTs and 23 total passes defended, and coaches see him as still a rising performer. Taking over this season as the starting FS is fourth-year pro **Shawn Williams**, who logged three tackles last week at Dallas. He's tied for second for the season in tackles (25), leading the secondary. Williams has played in all 56 possible games (regular season and postseason) in his Bengals career. Second-year pro **Derron Smith** has played in all five games, with two tackles on defense and one on special teams. His two tackles on defense came on Sept. 25 vs. Denver. Smith played in every game last season, mostly on special teams. **Clayton Fejedelem** comes to Cincinnati as a seventh-round draft choice after last year being named Illinois' Defensive Player of the Year. He has played on special teams in Games 1-5, with one tackle. He played in all four preseason games and had nine tackles, and had a team-leading four special teams stops.

Special teams: The Bengals' excellent specialist trio returns for a seventh straight season working together. K **Mike Nugent**, a 12th-year NFL player in his seventh Bengals season, is 12-for-14 on FG attempts for the season, with both his misses coming from 50-plus yards. He was wide left on his only try at Dallas, a 50-yarder in the second quarter. On Sept. 29 vs. Miami, Nugent converted all five of his FG attempts, tying his career high for a game. Nugent had the game-deciding score Sept. 11 at the Jets, hitting a 47-yard field goal with 0:58 to play, giving the Bengals their final 23-22 margin. He is tied for second in the AFC and tied for fourth in the NFL this season in scoring (44 points). Nugent holds club season records for points (132) and field goals (33), both set in 2011. In 2014 he kicked a club-record 57-yard FG in the playoffs, second-longest in NFL postseason history, and he also shares the club record for longest regular-season FG (55). Nugent also handles kickoffs, and 18 of his 23 kicks have reached the end zone, with 10 going for touchbacks. P **Kevin Huber** has posted the top two seasons in Bengals history for gross average and the top four for net average. Against the Cowboys, he averaged 39.2 gross yards and 33.2 net on four kicks, with two inside-20s and one touchback. He's at 44.7 gross and 39.7 net for the season, and he's tied for sixth in the NFL in differential between inside-20 kicks and touchbacks (plus-eight). Huber was an initial-ballot Pro Bowler in 2014. He also boasts the franchise's all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (3.9-to-1, with 192 inside-20s and 49 touchbacks). Huber is also the proven reliable holder for Nugent. The final member of the trio is LS **Clark Harris**, who has handled 1075 snaps in his Bengals career without an unplayable delivery. Harris is also a solid player on punt coverage, with 20 career tackles, including a career-best five last season. The Bengals have split the kick return duties this season. Veteran CB **Adam Jones** and rookie WR **Alex Erickson** have been the punt returners, with Erickson averaging 7.0 yards and Jones averaging 5.0. They have also returned kickoffs. Erickson averaged 23.0 yards on two kickoffs last week at Dallas, good for a 20.3 average on the season. HB Rex Burkhead returned one kickoff for 23 yards last week at Dallas, and has averaged 21.0 yards on three returns. WR **James Wright** and **Josh Shaw** share the team lead in special teams tackles, with six apiece. DE Margus Hunt has two blocked kicks this season. He blocked a 22-yard FG try on Sept. 11 at the Jets and blocked a PAT on Sept. 25 vs. Denver. He and Miami DT Jason Jones are the only NFL players with two blocked kicks this season. The special teams suffered a significant blow Aug. 28 at Jacksonville when HB **Cedric Peerman**, a Pro Bowl coverage player in 2015, suffered a left forearm fracture on a rushing attempt. The team hopes he could return to action at midseason.

IMPORTANT DATES

2016

- Mid.-Oct. — Beginning on the sixth calendar day prior to a club's seventh regular season game (including any bye week) and continuing through the day after the conclusion of the 11th regular season weekend, clubs are permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/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 6 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 one player for return from either list to the club's 53-player Active/Inactive List.
- Mid.-Oct. — The player who is "Designated For Return" must have suffered a major football-related or non-football-related injury after reporting to training camp and must have been placed on the applicable Reserve List after 4 p.m. Eastern on the day after the final roster reduction.
- Mid.-Oct. — 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 weeks have elapsed since the date he was placed on Reserve.
- Oct. 18-19 — Fall League Meeting, Houston, Texas.
- Oct. 23 — NFL International Series, New York Giants vs. Los Angeles Rams, London, England.
- Oct. 30 — NFL International Series, Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, London, England.
- Nov. 1 — All trading ends for 2016 at 4 p.m. Eastern.
- Nov. 2 — 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. 15 — At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive offer sheets.
- Nov. 15 — 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 2016.
- Nov. 15 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "May 10 Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2016.
- Nov. 15 — 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 2016.
- Nov. 15 — 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 2016.
- Nov. 21 — NFL International Series, Houston Texans vs. Oakland Raiders, Mexico City, Mexico.

2017

- Jan. 2 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the rookie contract of a drafted rookie who was selected in any round of the 2014 NFL Draft. Any permissible renegotiated or extended player contract will not be considered a rookie contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit rookie contracts.
- Jan. 2 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-

- Jan. 7-8 — Round Selections from the 2014 NFL Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 2, 2017, but prior to May 3, 2017.
- Jan. 8 — Wild Card Playoffs.
- Jan. 14-15 — 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. 15 — Divisional Playoffs.
- Jan. 15 — 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. 16 — Deadline for college players that are underclassmen to apply for special eligibility. A list of players who are accepted into the NFL Draft will be transmitted to clubs on Jan. 20.
- Jan. 21 — East-West Shrine Game, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- Jan. 22 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 28 — Senior Bowl, Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Ala.
- Jan. 29 — NFL Pro Bowl, Camping World Stadium, Orlando, Fla.
- Jan. 29 — 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.
- Feb. 5 — Super Bowl LI, NRG Stadium, Houston, Texas.
- Feb. 15 — First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- Feb. 28-March 6 — Combine Timing and Testing, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.
- March 1 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- March 7-9 — During the period beginning at noon Eastern on March 7 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 9, 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 2016 player contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern on March 9. However, a contract cannot be executed with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern on March 9.
- March 7-9 — During the above two-day negotiating period, no direct contact is permitted between a prospective unrestricted free agent and any employee or representative of a club, other than the player's current club.
- March 9 — The 2017 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. The first day of the 2017 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 9. 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 9.
- March 9 — Trading period for 2017 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2016 contracts.
- March 26-29 — Annual League Meeting, Phoenix, Ariz.
- April 3 — Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2016 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
- April 17 — Clubs with returning head coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
- April 21 — Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
- April 26 — Deadline for prior club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
- April 27-29 — NFL Draft (site TBD).

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- Feb. 4* — Super Bowl LII, U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis, Minn.

* Tentative date.

MEDIA SCHEDULE

<p>Tues., Oct. 11 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Oct. 12 — Conference call from New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick at 10 a.m.; Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon; Practice from 1-3 p.m. (practice open to media from 1-1:30 p.m., but no video after 1:20 p.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player availability after practice is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance; Conference call from New England Patriots player TBD.</p> <p>Thurs., Oct. 13 — Practice from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. (practice open to media from 11:15-11:45 a.m., but no video after 11:35 a.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off practice field; Locker room open from 1:15-2 p.m.</p> <p>Fri., Oct. 14 — Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 10:45 a.m.-noon (practice open to media from 10:45-11:15 a.m., but no video or still cameras).</p> <p>Sat., Oct. 15 — Team travels to New England; No media access.</p> <p>Sun., Oct. 16 — Game 6, Bengals at New England, 1 p.m.</p> <p>Mon., Oct. 17 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open</p>	<p>from 3:15-4 p.m.</p> <p>Tues., Oct. 18 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Oct. 19 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon; Practice from 1-3 p.m. (practice open to media from 1-1:30 p.m., but no video after 1:20 p.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player availability after practice is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance; Conference calls from Cleveland Browns TBD.</p> <p>Thurs., Oct. 20 — Practice from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. (practice open to media from 11:15-11:45 a.m., but no video after 11:35 a.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off practice field; Locker room open from 1:15-2 p.m.</p> <p>Fri., Oct. 21 — Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 10:45 a.m.-noon (practice open to media from 10:45-11:15 a.m., but no video or still cameras).</p> <p>Sat., Oct. 22 — No media access.</p> <p>Sun., Oct. 23 — Game 7, Bengals vs. Cleveland at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m.</p>
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THE LAST BENGALS-PATRIOTS MEETINGS

2013 SEASON

WEEK 5, GAME 5

Cincinnati Bengals 13, New England Patriots 6 Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals' defense took the starring role as Cincinnati knocked off an unbeaten New England team. The Patriots were limited to 248 net yards and converted just one of 12 third downs. New England failed to score a TD for the first time in 67 games, and QB Tom Brady was held without a TD pass for the first time in 53 games. The Patriots threatened late for a tying TD, gaining a first down at the Cincinnati 27 with 26 seconds left, but CB Adam Jones, starting in place of injured CB Leon Hall, made an acrobatic INT at the Bengals' three-yard line to ice the win. Cincinnati's offense didn't have big point production, but the rushing game totaled 162 yards, and the offense drove 93 yards for the game's only TD on a 14-play march spanning the third and fourth quarters. The big play of the drive was a 28-yard pass from QB Andy Dalton to WR Marvin Jones on a third-and-15 play from the Bengals' two-yard line. The Bengals converted two more third downs on the drive, and they scored the TD on a rush by HB BenJarvus Green-Ellis on fourth-and-goal from the one. The Bengals improved to 3-2, staying in a tie with Baltimore and Cleveland for the AFC North Division lead. The Patriots fell to 4-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
New England.....	0	3	0	3	—	6
Cincinnati.....	0	3	3	7	—	13

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — M.Nugent 39 field goal.....	2-3:12
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 42 field goal.....	2-0:08
Cin. — M.Nugent 50 field goal.....	3-5:43
Cin. — B.Green-Ellis 1 run (M.Nugent kick).....	4-9:21
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 19 field goal.....	4-6:28

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 64,259. **Time:** 2:56.

TEAM STATISTICS	N.E.	CIN.
First downs.....	15	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	1-12	6-15
Total net yards.....	248	341
Net yards rushing.....	82	162
Net yards passing.....	166	179
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	38-18-1	27-20-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-31	4-33
Punts-average.....	8-44.1	6-45.8
Punt returns-yards.....	4-43	3-17
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-93	1-29
Penalties-yards.....	0-0	7-59
Fumbles-lost.....	4-1	1-1
Time of possession.....	25:44	34:16

RUSHING

N.E.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
L.Blount	12	51	10	0	B.Green-Ellis	19	67	13	1
B.Bolden	5	24	12	0	G.Bernard	13	62	28	0
J.Edelman	1	7	7	0	A.Dalton	6	25	9	0
					M.Jones	1	8	8	0
TOTALS	18	82	12	0	TOTALS	39	162	28	1

PASSING

N.E.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
T.Brady	38	18	197	0-1	A.Dalton	27	20	212	0-1
TOTALS	38	18	197	0-1	TOTALS	27	20	212	0-1

RECEIVING

N.E.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
B.Bolden	6	40	14	0	A.Green	5	61	18	0
D.Amendola	4	55	21	0	T.Eifert	5	53	22	0
K.Thompkins	3	16	6	0	J.Gresham	4	24	12	0
A.Dobson	2	49	53	0	M.Jones	2	39	28	0
J.Edelman	2	35	18	0	M.Sanu	2	28	17	0
M.Hoomanawanui	1	2	2	0	G.Bernard	2	7	6	0
TOTALS	18	197	53	0	TOTALS	20	212	28	0

DEFENSE

New England (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.McCourty 8-4-12, B.Spikes 7-5-12, J.Mayo 7-4-11, S.Gregory 6-1-7, A.Talib 5-0-5, K.Arrington 4-0-4, Chr.Jones 4-0-4, Cha.Jones 1-3-4, T.Kelly 2-1-3, R.Ninkovich 1-2-3, J.Vellano 1-2-3, A.Dennard 1-1-2, D.Hightower 1-1-2, D.Harmon 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Chr.Jones 1.5-13, T.Kelly 1-8, Cha.Jones 0.5-4, J.Mayo 0.5-4, R.Ninkovich 0.5-4. **INT.-YDS.:** B.Spikes 1-3. **PD:** J.Mayo 1, B.Spikes 1, A.Talib 1. **FF:** D.McCourty 1. **FR-YDS.:** J.Mayo 1-2.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Burfict 7-4-11, R.Mauluga 6-4-10, C.Crocker 4-4-8, C.Dunlap 5-1-6, G.Atkins 4-2-6, W.Gilberry 2-3-5, A.Jones 3-0-3, G.Iloka 1-2-3, D.Peko 0-3-3, T.Mays 2-0-2, T.Newman 2-0-2, J.Harrison 1-1-2, R.Nelson 0-1-1, V.Rey 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** W.Gilberry 1.5-10.5, V.Burfict 1-10, G.Atkins 1-8, C.Crocker 0.5-2.5. **INT.-YDS.:** A.Jones 1-0. **PD:** C.Crocker 2, A.Jones 2, T.Newman 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap 1, W.Gilberry 1, G.Iloka 1. **FR-YDS.:** R.Nelson 1-6.

2014 SEASON

WEEK 5, GAME 4

New England Patriots 43, Cincinnati Bengals 17 Sunday night, Oct. 5, 2014 at Gillette Stadium

The Bengals started the Sunday night game as the NFL's only remaining unbeaten team (3-0), but New England quickly signaled that the singular status would end. The Patriots scored TDs on their first two possessions for a 14-0 lead, and the Bengals were not able to reduce that deficit into single figures. Cincinnati pulled to within 20-10 in the third quarter, when CB Adam Jones' 47-yard punt return set up a TD pass from QB Andy Dalton to WR Mohamed Sanu, but the Patriots responded with an 86-yard TD drive and then went up 34-10 when CB Kyle Arrington returned a Bengals fumble of the ensuing kick for a TD. The Patriots churned out 505 yards of net offense and posted a plus-three edge in turnover differential. The Bengals fell to 3-1 and the Patriots improved to 3-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	3	14	0	—	17
New England.....	14	6	14	9	—	43

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
N.E. — S.Ridley 1 run (S.Gostkowski kick).....	1-10:03
N.E. — T.Wright 17 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick).....	1-3:12
Cin. — M.Nugent 23 field goal.....	2-4:33
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 48 field goal.....	2-1:12
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 19 field goal.....	2-0:09
Cin. — M.Sanu 37 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	3-11:27
N.E. — R.Gronkowski 16 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick).....	3-6:06
N.E. — K.Arrington 9 fumble return (S.Gostkowski kick).....	3-6:00
Cin. — A.Green 17 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	3-3:43
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 23 field goal.....	4-14:54
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 47 field goal.....	4-7:53
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 35 field goal.....	4-2:55

Missed FGs: M.Nugent (52SH). **Attendance:** 68,756. **Time:** 3:00.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	N.E.
First downs.....	17	30
Third down conversions-attempts.....	0-7	6-16
Total net yards.....	320	505
Net yards rushing.....	79	220
Net yards passing.....	241	285
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	29-18-0	35-23-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-8	1-7
Punts-average.....	4-41.5	3-40.3
Punt returns-yards.....	2-53	3-12
Kickoff returns-yards.....	7-141	1-16
Penalties-yards.....	4-37	12-114
Fumbles-lost.....	3-3	1-0
Time of possession.....	21:04	38:56

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	N.E.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	13	62	13	0	S.Ridley	27	113	43	1
A.Dalton	2	16	12	0	S.Vereen	9	90	19	0
J.Hill	2	1	5	0	T.Brady	4	13	6	0
B.Tate	1	0	0	0	J.Develin	2	5	5	0
					B.Bolden	1	3	3	0
					J.Garoppolo	3	-4	-1	0
TOTALS	18	79	13	0	TOTALS	46	220	43	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	N.E.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	24	15	204	2-0	T.Brady	35	23	292	2-0
J.Campbell	5	3	45	0-0					
TOTALS	29	18	249	2-0	TOTALS	35	23	292	2-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	N.E.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	5	81	35	1	R.Gronkowski	6	100	27	1
M.Sanu	5	70	37	1	T.Wright	5	85	30	1
J.Hill	3	68	38	0	J.Edelman	5	35	14	0
J.Gresham	2	15	12	0	S.Vereen	3	18	14	0
G.Bernard	2	10	7	0	B.LaFell	1	20	20	0
D.Senzenbacher	1	5	5	0	A.Dobson	1	16	16	0
					J.Develin	1	11	11	0
					D.Amendola	1	7	7	0
TOTALS	18	249	38	2	TOTALS	23	292	30	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** G.Iloka 5-4-9, R.Mauluga 5-4-9, T.Newman 7-1-8, L.Hall 4-4-8, D.Peko 3-5-8, V.Rey 5-2-7, E.Lamur 4-3-7, W.Gilberry 3-4-7, C.Dunlap 2-3-5, R.Nelson 2-2-4, A.Jones 2-1-3, R.Geathers 1-2-3, G.Atkins 1-1-2, D.Still 0-2-2, D.Kirkpatrick 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** R.Geathers 1-7. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** E.Lamur 2, A.Jones 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

New England (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Mayo 4-4-8, K.Arrington 4-3-7, P.Chung 4-2-6, D.Revis 4-1-5, J.Collins 1-3-4, A.Dennard 2-1-3, R.Ninkovich 2-1-3, Ch.Jones 1-2-3, L.Ryan 1-0-1, C.Walker 1-0-1, M.Buchanan 0-1-1, D.Easley 0-1-1, D.McCourty 0-1-1, D.Skinner 0-1-1, V.Wilfork 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Ch.Jones 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** D.McCourty 1. **FF:** K.Arrington 1, D.Revis 1. **FR-YDS.:** J.Collins 1-3, D.Harmon 1-(-1).

2016 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Cincinnati Bengals 23, N.Y. Jets 22 Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 at MetLife Stadium

The Bengals survived a seesaw battle to win a road season opener for the third year in a row. They trailed 7-0 but blocked a 22-yard Jets FG try to avoid getting two scores down. They came back to lead 10-7, but trailed 16-13 at halftime. They led 20-16, but later trailed 22-20. With 58 seconds left, K Mike Nugent got the winning points on a 47-yard FG. The Jets' last chance for a comeback was snuffed with 40 seconds remaining when second-year CB Josh Shaw intercepted a pass from QB Ryan Fitzpatrick. QB Andy Dalton posted a 114.0 passer rating despite being sacked seven times. It was the first Bengals win with seven or more sacks allowed since 1990. WR A.J. Green posted NFL-leading totals for Week 1 with 12 receptions and 180 receiving yards.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	3	10	7	3	—	23
N.Y. Jets.....	7	9	0	6	—	22

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
NYJ — Q.Enunwa 3 pass from R.Fitzpatrick (N.Folk kick).....	1-7:40
Cin. — M.Nugent 33 field goal.....	1-1:29
Cin. — A.Green 54 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	2-11:23
NYJ — E.Decker 15 pass from R.Fitzpatrick (kick failed).....	2-9:38
NYJ — N.Folk 45 field goal.....	2-3:19
Cin. — M.Nugent 21 field goal.....	2-0:00
Cin. — J.Hill 12 run (M.Nugent kick).....	3-3:09
NYJ — N.Folk 20 field goal.....	4-11:26
NYJ — N.Folk 23 field goal.....	4-3:23
Cin. — M.Nugent 47 field goal.....	4-0:54

Missed FGs: M.Nugent (52WR), N.Folk (22B).
Attendance: 78,160. **Time:** 3:01.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	NYJ
First downs.....	18	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-11	4-12
Total net yards.....	381	340
Net yards rushing.....	57	152
Net yards passing.....	324	188
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	30-23-1	35-19-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	7-42	1-1
Punts-average.....	3-48.0	3-51.3
Punt returns-yards.....	2-21	2-11
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-50	3-110
Penalties-yards.....	5-44	7-95
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	25:07	34:53

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	NYJ	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Hill	9	31	12t	1	M.Forte	22	96	14	0
G.Bernard	5	25	11	0	B.Powell	4	41	16	0
A.Dalton	3	7	5	0	R.Fitzpatrick	4	15	9	0
J.Wright	2	-6	2	0					
TOTALS	19	57	12	1	TOTALS	30	152	16	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	NYJ	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	30	23	366	1-1	R.Fitzpatrick	35	19	189	2-1
TOTALS	30	23	366	1-1	TOTALS	35	19	189	2-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	NYJ	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	12	180	54t	1	Q.Enunwa	7	54	23	1
B.LaFell	4	91	49	0	M.Forte	5	59	24	0
C.Uzomah	2	59	54	0	B.Marshall	3	32	18	0
T.Boyd	2	24	14	0	E.Decker	2	37	22	1
G.Bernard	2	5	4	0	B.Powell	2	7	7	0
J.Wright	1	7	7	0					
TOTALS	23	366	54t	1	TOTALS	19	189	24	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Dansby 5-6-11, V.Rey 5-4-9, S.Williams 4-5-9, A.Jones 5-1-6, C.Dunlap 4-1-5, G.Atkins 3-1-4, G.Iloka 2-2-4, J.Shaw 3-0-3, C.Lewis-Harris 2-1-3, M.Johnson 0-2-2, D.Peko 0-2-2, P.Sims 0-2-2, M.Hunt 1-0-1, D.Kirkpatrick 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** Shaw 1-0. **PD:** C.Dunlap 2, M.Hunt 2, M.Johnson 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, J.Shaw 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.
N.Y. Jets (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** M.Wilkerson 5-2-7, D.Revis 5-2-7, D.Lee 3-3-6, L.Williams 3-3-6, S.McLendon 5-0-5, M.Williams 3-1-4, D.Harris 2-2-4, B.Skrine 2-1-3, L.Mauldin 1-2-3, M.Gilchrist 2-0-2, L.Thomas 1-1-2, E.Henderson 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** L.Williams 2-5-19.5, M.Wilkerson 1-5-7.5, S.McLendon 2-14, L.Mauldin 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Williams 1-14. **PD:** D.Harris 1, M.Williams 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

WEEK 2, GAME 2

Pittsburgh Steelers 24, Cincinnati Bengals 16 Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 at Heinz Field

The red zone told a big part of the story as the Bengals fell one score short against the Steelers. Cincinnati was held to FGs on each of its three possessions inside the Pittsburgh 20-yard line, while the Steelers score TDs on each of their two penetrations. Trailing 24-9 after Pittsburgh scored a TD with 6:48 left, the Bengals got their first TD of the day on a 75-yard drive. Cincinnati's defense then got a three-and-out, and the offense drove to a first down at the Steelers' 39 at the two-minute warning. But rookie WR Tyler Boyd, who had posted good numbers for the day in his hometown, had a lost fumble on the next play. The Bengals contended that replay video did not support the fumble call, but the fumble ruling was upheld after review. Bengals QB Andy Dalton passed for 366 yards for the second straight game and ended Week 2 as the NFL passing yards leader, but Cincinnati had a poor rushing output for the second straight week, netting only 46 yards on 18 carries. The Bengals fell to 1-1 on the season, and Pittsburgh improved to 2-0.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	3	3	3	7	—	16
Pittsburgh.....	7	3	7	7	—	24

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Pitt. — X.Grimble 20 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick).....	1-3:46
Cin. — M.Nugent 25 field goal.....	1-0:23
Pitt. — C.Boswell 49 field goal.....	2-4:10
Cin. — M.Nugent 33 field goal.....	2-0:00
Pitt. — J.James 9 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick).....	3-6:16
Cin. — M.Nugent 21 field goal.....	3-2:10
Pitt. — D.Williams 4 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick).....	4-6:48
Cin. — G.Bernard 25 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	4-3:25

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 65,072. **Time:** 3:14.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	PITT.
First downs.....	21	19
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-16	7-17
Total net yards.....	412	374
Net yards rushing.....	46	124
Net yards passing.....	366	250
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	54-31-0	37-19-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-0	1-9
Punts-average.....	9-45.2	8-47.1
Punt returns-yards.....	3-19	5-45
Kickoff returns-yards.....	0-0	1-22
Penalties-yards.....	5-31	5-54
Fumbles-lost.....	2-2	0-0
Time of possession.....	27:05	32:55

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Hill	11	22	5	0	D.Williams	32	94	11	0
G.Bernard	5	17	10	0	B.Roethlisberger	1	14	14	0
A.Dalton	2	7	5	0	S.Coates	1	6	6	0
					D.Richardson	1	6	6	0
					F.Toussaint	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	18	46	10	0	TOTALS	36	124	14	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	54	31	366	1-0	B.Roethlisberger	37	19	259	3-2
TOTALS	54	31	366	1-0	TOTALS	37	19	259	3-2

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	9	100	25t	1	A.Brown	4	39	17	0
T.Boyd	6	78	29	0	D.Williams	4	38	20	1
B.LaFell	3	39	17	0	J.James	3	29	11	1
J.Hill	3	37	25	0	S.Coates	2	97	53	0
T.Kroft	3	35	21	0	X.Grimble	2	26	20t	1
C.Uzomah	3	9	5	0	E.Rogers	1	9	9	0
A.Green	2	38	21	0	F.Toussaint	1	9	9	0
A.Erickson	1	20	20	0	D.Heyward-Bey	1	7	7	0
J.Wright	1	10	10	0	D.Johnson	1	5	5	0
TOTALS	31	366	29	1	TOTALS	19	259	53	3

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Dansby 8-2-10, R.Mauluga 6-1-7, V.Rey 3-3-6, S.Williams 5-0-5, C.Dunlap 3-2-5, D.Peko 3-2-5, G.Iloka 3-1-4, M.Johnson 3-1-4, A.Jones 3-1-4, D.Dennard 3-0-3, P.Sims 2-1-3, G.Atkins 1-2-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-0-2, M.Hunt 1-1-2, W.Clarke 1-0-1, J.Shaw 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** W.Clarke 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** A.Jones 1-2, D.Kirkpatrick 1-0. **PD:** A.Jones 2, D.Kirkpatrick 2, K.Dansby 1, G.Iloka 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.
Pittsburgh (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Shazier 6-6-12, R.Golden 5-3-8, L.Timmons 6-1-7, W.Gay 4-0-4, M.Mitchell 3-1-4, S.Tuitt 3-1-4, R.Cockrell 2-1-3, A.Moats 1-2-3, C.Heyward 2-0-2, A.Burns 1-1-2, J.Jones 1-1-2, A.Chickillo 1-0-1, S.Davis 1-0-1, J.Hargrave 1-0-1, J.Harrison 1-0-1, D.McCullers 1-0-1, R.Mathews 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** A.Moats 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** R.Cockrell 2, W.Gay 2, C.Heyward 2. **FF:** J.Harrison 1. **FR-YDS.:** R.Golden 1-21, C.Heyward 1-1.

WEEK 3, GAME 3

Denver Broncos 29, Cincinnati Bengals 17
Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals took a 17-16 lead early in the fourth quarter, on a 34-yard FG by K Mike Nugent, but the defending NFL champion Broncos ruled Paul Brown Stadium's "Jungle" from that point. Denver responded with final-period TD drives of 82 and 83 yards, capping the 83-yarder with a 50-yard pass from second-year QB Trevor Siemian to WR Demaryius Thomas.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Denver: 3, 13, 0, 13, —, 29. Cincinnati: 7, 7, 0, 3, —, 17.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT. Includes plays like J.Hill 3 run, B.McManus 20 field goal, E.Sanders 41 pass from T.Siemian.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 63,850. Time: 3:05.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns DEN., CIN. for First downs, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, etc.

RUSHING table with columns DEN., CIN. for ATT, YDS, LG, TD for C.Anderson, D.Booker, T.Siemian, etc.

PASSING table with columns DEN., CIN. for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for T.Siemian, A.Dalton.

RECEIVING table with columns DEN., CIN. for NO, YDS, LG, TD for E.Sanders, D.Thomas, J.Phillips, etc.

DEFENSE table with columns DEN., CIN. for ST-AT-TT, SKS.-YDS., INT.-YDS., PD, FR-YDS. for B.Marshall, D.Stewart, etc.

DEFENSE table with columns DEN., CIN. for ST-AT-TT, SKS.-YDS., INT.-YDS., PD, FR-YDS. for A.Jones, V.Rey, D.Peko, etc.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

Cincinnati Bengals 22, Miami Dolphins 7
Thursday night, Sept. 29, 2016 at Paul Brown Stadium

Miami stunned the Bengals with a 74-yard TD pass on its second offensive play, but the Bengals weathered the blow and dominated the Dolphins, particularly on defense, for the remainder of the Thursday night game. Cincinnati logged five sacks, including two with one forced fumble by DE Carlos Dunlap, and the Dolphins managed only 43 offensive snaps.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Miami: 7, 0, 0, 0, —, 7. Cincinnati: 10, 6, 3, 3, —, 22.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT. Includes plays like M.Nugent 42 field goal, K.Stills 74 pass from R.Tannehill.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 60,834. Time: 2:51.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns MIA., CIN. for First downs, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, etc.

RUSHING table with columns MIA., CIN. for ATT, YDS, LG, TD for J.Ajayi, K.Drake, D.Williams, etc.

PASSING table with columns MIA., CIN. for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for R.Tannehill, A.Dalton.

RECEIVING table with columns MIA., CIN. for NO, YDS, LG, TD for J.Landry, D.Parker, J.Ajayi, etc.

DEFENSE table with columns MIA., CIN. for ST-AT-TT, SKS.-YDS., INT.-YDS., PD, FR-YDS. for R.Jones, K.Alonso, etc.

DEFENSE table with columns MIA., CIN. for ST-AT-TT, SKS.-YDS., INT.-YDS., PD, FR-YDS. for D.Dennard, C.Dunlap, etc.

WEEK 5, GAME 5

Dallas Cowboys 28, Cincinnati Bengals 14
Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 at AT&T Stadium

The Bengals trailed by 28 points in a game (28-0) for the first time since the 2012 season opener and suffered only their fifth loss in the last 21 games against an NFC opponent. The Dallas rookie duo of QB Dak Prescott and RB Ezekiel Elliott, supported by one of the NFL's best offensive lines, ruled the day. Prescott posted a 117.9 passer rating, and Elliott gained 171 yards from scrimmage, including 134 yards rushing on 15 carries (8.9-yard average). The Bengals offense was unable to get on track until the fourth quarter. The Cowboys scored TDs on their first three possessions and put the game effectively out of reach when Elliott authored a 60-yard TD run on Dallas' first offensive play of the second half. The Bengals fell to 2-3 while the Cowboys improved to 4-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	0	0	14	—	14
Dallas	7	14	7	0	—	28

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Dall. — E.Elliott 13 run (D.Bailey kick)	1-11:09
Dall. — D.Prescott 5 run (D.Bailey kick).....	2-14:43
Dall. — C.Beasley 14 pass from D.Prescott (D.Bailey kick)	2-4:09
Dall. — E.Elliott 60 run (D.Bailey kick)	3-11:38
Cin. — B.LaFell 7 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	4-10:10
Cin. — B.LaFell 5 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	4-2:39

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 91,653. **Time:** 2:47.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	DALL.
First downs	27	21
Third down conversions-attempts	5-12	4-8
Total net yards	345	402
Net yards rushing	96	180
Net yards passing	249	222
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	41-29-0	24-18-0
Sacks against-yards lost	4-20	1-5
Punts-average	5-39.2	2-43.5
Punt returns-yards	1-0	2-10
Kickoff returns-yards	3-69	2-45
Penalties-yards	6-49	7-45
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-1
Time of possession	32:17	27:43

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	DALL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	9	50	14	0	E.Elliott	15	134	60t	2
A.Dalton	6	34	13	0	A.Morris	6	33	17	0
J.Hill	4	12	8	0	L.Whitehead	1	9	9	0
					D.Prescott	7	4	5t	1
TOTALS	19	96	14	0	TOTALS	29	180	60t	3

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	DALL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	41	29	269	2-0	D.Prescott	24	18	227	1-0
TOTALS	41	29	269	2-0	TOTALS	24	18	227	1-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	DALL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
B.LaFell	8	68	14	2	T.Williams	5	70	21	0
G.Bernard	6	46	11	0	C.Beasley	4	53	18	1
C.Uzomah	5	43	14	0	J.Witten	3	43	31	0
A.Green	4	50	22	0	E.Elliott	3	37	22	0
T.Boyd	3	33	20	0	B.Butler	2	20	13	0
T.Kroft	3	29	13	0	R.Smith	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	29	269	22	2	TOTALS	18	227	31	1

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Burfict 9-1-10, M.Johnson 5-1-6, A.Jones 4-1-5, C.Dunlap 3-1-4, P.Sims 2-2-4, K.Dansby 2-1-3, S.Williams 2-1-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-0-2, V.Rey 1-1-2, J.Shaw 1-1-2, D.Dennard 1-0-1, R.Mauluga 1-0-1, G.Iloka 0-1-1, D.Peko 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** A.Jones 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap 1. **FR.-YDS.:** V.Rey 1-10.

Dallas (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** S.Lee 5-5-10, B.Church 7-1-8, A.Brown 3-3-6, J.Durant 3-3-6, T.McClain 4-1-5, B.Jones 4-0-4, A.Hitchens 1-3-4, M.Claiborne 3-0-3, J.Wilcox 3-0-3, B.Mayowa 1-2-3, B.Carr 2-0-2, J.Crawford 1-1-2, C.Thornton 1-1-2, T.Crawford 0-2-2, R.Davis 1-0-1, M.Collins 0-1-1, A.Gachkar 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.McClain 1-5-8-5, C.Thornton 1-6, B.Mayowa 1-4, J.Crawford 0-5-1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** M.Claiborne 2, B.Carr 1, B.Jones 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

IN 2016, THE BENGALS ARE:

REGULAR SEASON

1-1 at home
1-2 on the road
1-1 when scoring first
1-2 when opponent scored first
1-0 in games decided by three points or fewer
1-0 in games decided by seven points or fewer
1-0 when leading at halftime
0-0 when tied at halftime
1-3 when trailing at halftime
2-0 when leading after three quarters
0-0 when tied after three quarters
0-3 when trailing after three quarters
0-1 when rushing for 100 net yards

1-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
1-1 with plus turnover differential
1-1 with even turnover differential
0-1 with minus turnover differential
2-1 when passing for 250 net yards
0-2 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
2-0 when scoring 20 points or more
1-3 when opponent scored 20 points or more
2-2 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
0-1 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
0-1 on natural grass
2-2 on synthetic surface
2-1 with fewer penalty yards

UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

64-40-2 at home
50-57-0 on the road
77-32-1 when scoring first
37-65-1 when opponent scores first
21-20-2 in games decided by three points or fewer
53-44-2 in games decided by seven points or fewer
80-26-2 when leading at halftime
11-2-0 when tied at halftime
23-69-0 when trailing at halftime
91-16-1 when leading after three quarters
7-4-0 when tied after three quarters
16-77-1 when trailing after three quarters
78-35-1 when rushing for 100 net yards

71-26-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
71-16-1 with plus turnover differential
27-21-0 with even turnover differential
16-60-1 with minus turnover differential
39-32-1 when passing for 250 net yards
32-37-2 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
93-36-1 when scoring 20 points or more
39-86-1 when opponent scores 20 points or more
109-90-2 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
5-7-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
39-34-0 on natural grass
75-63-2 on synthetic surface
61-48-1 with fewer penalty yards

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

97 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 25 vs. Denver
71 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
50 — Giovani Bernard, Oct. 9 at Dallas

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

21 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
17 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 25 vs. Denver
11 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh

LONGEST RUSHES

50 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 25 vs. Denver
19 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
15 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 25 vs. Denver

RECEPTIONS

12 — A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
10 — A.J. Green, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
9 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh

RECEIVING YARDS

180 — A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
173 — A.J. Green, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
100 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh

PASSING YARDS

366 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
366 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
296 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

PASS ATTEMPTS

54 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
41 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 9 at Dallas
31 — (two times)

PASS COMPLETIONS

31 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
29 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 9 at Dallas
23 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets

LONGEST PASSES

54 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets (TD)
54 — Andy Dalton to C.J. Uzomah, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
51 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

180 — A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
173 — A.J. Green, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
117 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

24 — Alex Erickson, Oct. 9 at Dallas
23 — Rex Burkhead, Oct. 9 at Dallas
22 — Alex Erickson, Oct. 9 at Dallas

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

15 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
12 — Adam Jones, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
12 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

TOTAL TACKLES*

11 — Karlos Dansby, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
10 — Karlos Dansby, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
10 — Vontaze Burfict, Oct. 9 at Dallas

SOLO TACKLES*

9 — Vontaze Burfict, Oct. 9 at Dallas
8 — Karlos Dansby, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
6 — Rey Mauluga, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh

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

TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 11	at N.Y. Jets	381	19-57	324	23-30	1/1	7-42	18	3-11	0-0	25:07
Sept. 18	at Pittsburgh	412	18-46	366	31-54	1/0	1-0	21	4-16	2-2	27:05
Sept. 25	DENVER	332	29-143	189	21-31	0/1	4-17	20	5-12	1-1	32:06
Sept. 29	MIAMI	362	37-77	285	22-31	1/0	1-11	19	3-15	2-0	38:02
Oct. 9	at Dallas	345	19-96	249	29-41	2/0	4-20	27	5-12	0-0	32:17
Oct. 16	at New England										
Oct. 23	CLEVELAND										
Oct. 30	VS. WASHINGTON										
Nov. 6	— BYE —										
Nov. 14	at N.Y. Giants										
Nov. 20	BUFFALO										
Nov. 27	at Baltimore										
Dec. 4	PHILADELPHIA										
Dec. 11	at Cleveland										
Dec. 18	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 24	at Houston										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
TOTALS		1832	122-419	1413	126-187	5/2	17-90	105	20-66	5-3	30:55

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 11	at N.Y. Jets	340	30-152	188	19-35	2/1	1-1	22	4-12	1-0	34:53
Sept. 18	at Pittsburgh	374	36-124	250	19-37	3/2	1-9	19	7-17	1-0	32:55
Sept. 25	DENVER	355	23-52	303	23-35	4/0	2-9	21	6-12	1-1	27:54
Sept. 29	MIAMI	222	13-62	160	15-25	1/1	5-29	8	2-11	1-1	21:58
Oct. 9	at Dallas	402	29-180	222	18-24	1/0	1-5	21	4-8	3-1	27:43
Oct. 16	at New England										
Oct. 23	CLEVELAND										
Oct. 30	VS. WASHINGTON										
Nov. 6	— BYE —										
Nov. 14	at N.Y. Giants										
Nov. 20	BUFFALO										
Nov. 27	at Baltimore										
Dec. 4	PHILADELPHIA										
Dec. 11	at Cleveland										
Dec. 18	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 24	at Houston										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
TOTALS		1693	131-570	1123	94-156	11/4	10-53	91	23-60	7-3	29:05

TRANSACTIONS

(TRANSACTIONS FROM 6-24-15 THROUGH 7-28-16 ARE IN BENGALS' 2016 MEDIA GUIDE)

<p>July 28, 2016 — Signed S Jimmy Wilson (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 2, 2016 — Signed H-B Ryan Hewitt* to a contract extension.</p> <p>Aug. 3, 2016 — Signed CB Corey Tindal (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 9, 2016 — Signed CB Tony McRae (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 29, 2016 — Waived the following 11 players: WR Michael Bennett; LB Jayson DiManche; DE Jack Gangwish; WR Antwane Grant; LB Darien Harris; K Zach Hocker; QB Joe Licata; FB Jeff Luc; TE John Peters; S Floyd Raven; CB Corey Tindal.</p> <p>Aug. 30, 2016 — Placed DT Andrew Billings on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed DT Brandon Thompson on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Waived WR Mario Alford (injured); Waived K Jonathan Brown from the Reserve/Injured list; Terminated the contract of WR Brandon Tate.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2016 — WR Mario Alford cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2016 — Terminated the contract of S Jimmy Wilson.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2016 — Placed DT Marcus Hardison on the Reserve Injured list; Placed LB Vontaze Burfict on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list; Terminated the contract of CB Chykie Brown; Waived WR Mario Alford from the Reserve/Injured list (injury settlement); Waived the following 18 players: FB Andrew Bonnet, DE Ryan Brown, HB Tra Carson, C Alex Cooper, DT David Dean, OT Aaron Epps, HB Bronson Hill, CB Darius Hillary, G Trey Hopkins, WR Jake Kumerow, TE Matt Lengel, CB Tony McRae,</p>	<p>G Alex Redmond, WR Alonzo Russell, WR Rashaun Simonise, G Trip Thurman, OT John Weidenaar and QB Keith Wenning.</p> <p>Sept. 4, 2016 — Acquired QB Jeff Driskel on waivers from San Francisco; Waived LB P.J. Dawson; Placed CB William Jackson and HB Cedric Peerman on the Reserve/Injured list; Re-signed CB Chykie Brown and G Trey Hopkins; Signed the following nine players to the practice squad: DE Ryan Brown, HB Tra Carson, DT David Dean, CB Darius Hillary, WR Jake Kumerow, TE Matt Lengel, CB Tony McRae, G Alex Redmond, WR Alonzo Russell.</p> <p>Sept. 7, 2016 — Signed LB P.J. Dawson to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 15, 2016 — Acquired CB KeiVarae Russell on waivers from Kansas City; Waived G Trey Hopkins.</p> <p>Sept. 16, 2016 — Signed G Trey Hopkins to the practice squad; Released CB Tony McRae from the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 26, 2016 — Announced that the NFL granted LB Vontaze Burfict (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a three-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.</p> <p>Sept. 29, 2016 — Activated LB Vontaze Burfict from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived LB Trevor Roach.</p> <p>Sept. 30, 2016 — Signed LB Trevor Roach to the practice squad; Released CB Darius Hillary from 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

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

P — played as a substitute DNP — did not play IL — inactive list PS — practice squad	RI — reserve/injured list RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list RNF-I — reserve/non-football illness list RSBC — reserve/suspended by commissioner list	RF — reserve/future list REX — roster exemption ^ — reserve/injured player designated for return * — eligible to practice while on a reserve list NWT — not with team
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NAME	Cin. G-S	1 @NYJ	2 @Pitt.	3 DEN.	4 MIA.	5 @Dal.	6 @N.E.	7 CLE.	8 WASH.	9 @NYG	10 BUFF.	11 @Balt.	12 PHIL.	13 @Cle.	14 PITT.	15 @Hou.	16 BALT.
Atkins, Geno.....	5-5	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT											
Bernard, Giovanni.....	5-1	P	P	P	P	HB											
Billings, Andrew.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Bodine, Russell.....	5-5	C	C	C	C	C											
Boling, Clint.....	5-5	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG											
Boyd, Tyler.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Brown, Chykie.....	2-0	P	IL	IL	P	IL											
Brown, Ryan.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Burfict, Vontaze.....	2-2	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	LB	WLB											
Burkhead, Rex.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Carson, Tra.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Clarke, Will.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Core, Cody.....	1-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	P											
Dalton, Andy.....	5-5	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB											
Dansby, Karlos.....	5-3	LB	P	SLB	P	SLB											
Dawson, P.J.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Dean, David.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Dennard, Darqueze.....	4-1	IL	P	P	LCB	P											
Driskel, Jeff.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL											
Dunlap, Carlos.....	5-5	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE											
Eifert, Tyler.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL											
Erickson, Alex.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Fejedelem, Clayton.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Fisher, Jake.....	4-0	P	P	P	P	DNP											
Flowers, Marquis.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Green, A.J.....	5-5	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR											
Hardison, Marcus.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Harris, Clark.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Hewitt, Ryan.....	5-4	H-B	H-B	H-B	P	H-B											
Hill, Jeremy.....	5-4	HB	HB	HB	HB	P											
Hillary, Darius.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT											
Hopkins, Trey.....	0-0	IL	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Huber, Kevin.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Hunt, Margus.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Iloka, George.....	5-5	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS											
Jackson, William.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Johnson, Michael.....	5-5	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE											
Johnson, T.J.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Jones, Adam.....	5-5	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB											
Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	4-4	LCB	LCB	LCB	IL	LCB											
Kroft, Tyler.....	5-3	P	P	TE	TE	TE											
Kumerow, Jake.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
LaFell, Brandon.....	5-3	WR	WR	P	WR	P											
Lengel, Matt.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Lewis-Harris, Chris.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Mauluga, Rey.....	5-4	P	LB	MLB	LB	MLB											
McCarron, AJ.....	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP											
McRae, Tony.....	0-0	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT											
Nugent, Mike.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Ogbuehi, Cedric.....	5-5	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT											
Peerman, Cedric.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI											
Peko, Domata.....	5-5	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT											
Redmond, Alex.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Rey, Vincent.....	5-3	LB	LB	WLB	P	P											
Roach, Trevor.....	3-0	P	P	P	NWT	PS											
Russell, Alonzo.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS											
Russell, KeiVarae.....	0-0	NWT	IL	IL	IL	IL											
Shaw, Josh.....	5-3	nkIDB	nkIDB	P	nkIDB	P											
Sims, Pat.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Smith, Derron.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Thompson, Brandon.....	0-0	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP											
Uzomah, C.J.....	5-4	TE	TE	P	2ndTE	2ndTE											
Vigil, Nick.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Westerman, Christian.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL											
Whitworth, Andrew.....	5-5	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT											
Williams, DeShawn.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL											
Williams, Shawn.....	5-5	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS											
Winston, Eric.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P											
Wright, James.....	4-1	P	P	WR	P	IL											
Zeitler, Kevin.....	5-5	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG											

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	H-B	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 11	at N.Y. Jets	Green	Whitworth	Boling	Bodine	Zeitler	Ogbuehi	Uzomah	Hewitt	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Sept. 18	at Pittsburgh	Green	Whitworth	Boling	Bodine	Zeitler	Ogbuehi	Uzomah	Hewitt	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Sept. 25	DENVER	Green	Whitworth	Boling	Bodine	Zeitler	Ogbuehi	Kroft	Hewitt	Wright	Dalton	Hill
Sept. 29	MIAMI	Green	Whitworth	Boling	Bodine	Zeitler	Ogbuehi	Kroft	Uzomah(2ndTE)	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Oct. 9	at Dallas	Green	Whitworth	Boling	Bodine	Zeitler	Ogbuehi	Kroft	Hewitt	Uzomah(2ndTE)	Dalton	Bernard
Oct. 16	at New England											
Oct. 23	CLEVELAND											
Oct. 30	VS. WASHINGTON											
Nov. 6	— BYE —											
Nov. 14	at N.Y. Giants											
Nov. 20	BUFFALO											
Nov. 27	at Baltimore											
Dec. 4	PHILADELPHIA											
Dec. 11	at Cleveland											
Dec. 18	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 24	at Houston											
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE											

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	SLB	MLB	WLB	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
Sept. 11	at N.Y. Jets	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Dansby(LB)	Shaw(nickel)	Rey(LB)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Sept. 18	at Pittsburgh	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Shaw(nickel)	Mauluga(LB)	Rey(LB)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Sept. 25	DENVER	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Dansby	Mauluga	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Sept. 29	MIAMI	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Shaw(nickel)	Mauluga	Burfict	Dennard	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Oct. 9	at Dallas	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Dansby	Mauluga	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Oct. 16	at New England											
Oct. 23	CLEVELAND											
Oct. 30	VS. WASHINGTON											
Nov. 6	— BYE —											
Nov. 14	at N.Y. Giants											
Nov. 20	BUFFALO											
Nov. 27	at Baltimore											
Dec. 4	PHILADELPHIA											
Dec. 11	at Cleveland											
Dec. 18	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 24	at Houston											
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE											

DEPTH CHART

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OFFENSE

WR	18	A.J. GREEN	86	James Wright		
LOT	77	ANDREW WHITWORTH	74	Jake Fisher		
LG	65	CLINT BOLING	<u>63</u>	<u>Christian Westerman</u>		
C	61	RUSSELL BODINE	60	T.J. Johnson		
RG	68	KEVIN ZEITLER	<u>63</u>	<u>Christian Westerman</u>		
ROT	70	CEDRIC OGBUEHI	73	Eric Winston		
TE	85	TYLER EIFERT	81	Tyler Kroft		
H-B/TE	89	RYAN HEWITT (H-back)	87	C.J. Uzomah (tight end)		
WR	11	BRANDON LaFELL	<u>83</u>	<u>Tyler Boyd</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Alex Erickson</u>
QB	14	ANDY DALTON	5	AJ McCarron	<u>6</u>	<u>Jeff Driskel</u>
HB	32	JEREMY HILL	25	Giovani Bernard	33	Rex Burkhead

DEFENSE

LDE	96	CARLOS DUNLAP	99	Margus Hunt		
NT	94	DOMATA PEKO	92	Pat Sims		
DT	97	GENO ATKINS	69	DeShawn Williams		
RDE	90	MICHAEL JOHNSON	93	Will Clarke		
SLB	56	KARLOS DANSBY	53	Marquis Flowers		
MLB	58	REY MAUALUGA	57	Vincent Rey		
WLB	55	VONTAZE BURFICT	<u>59</u>	<u>Nick Vigil</u>		
LCB	27	DRE KIRKPATRICK	37	Chris Lewis-Harris	26	Josh Shaw
RCB	24	ADAM JONES	21	Darqueze Dennard	23	Chykie Brown
					<u>20</u>	<u>KeiVarae Russell</u>
SS	36	SHAWN WILLIAMS	<u>42</u>	<u>Clayton Fejedelem</u>		
FS	43	GEORGE ILOKA	31	Derron Smith		

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber				
K	2	Mike Nugent				
LS	46	Clark Harris				
H	10	Kevin Huber				
PR	24	Adam Jones	<u>12</u>	<u>Alex Erickson</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>Tyler Boyd</u>
KOR	24	Adam Jones	<u>12</u>	<u>Alex Erickson</u>	33	Rex Burkhead

NOTE: Players whose names are CAPITALIZED are projected starters in the team's base units. Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<p>Geno Atkins..... JEE-no</p> <p>Giovani Bernard.....jee-o-VAHN-ee</p> <p>Russell Bodine.....BO-dine</p> <p>Chykie Brown.....CHAH-kee</p> <p>Vontaze Burfict.....VONN-tez BER-fict (rhymes with "perfect")</p> <p>Darqueze Dennard.....dar-KWEZ deh-NARD</p> <p>Tyler Eifert.....IE(rhymes with "tie")-fert</p> <p>Clayton Fejedelem.....FEDGE-uh-lemm (the "d" is silent)</p> <p>Marquis Flowers.....mar-KEECE(rhymes with "peace")</p> <p>Paul Guenther (defensive coordinator).....GUN-thur</p> <p>Jim Haslett (linebackers coach).....HAZ-lett</p> <p>Ryan Hewitt.....HUE-it</p> <p>Margus Hunt.....MAR-guss</p> <p>George Iloka.....ie(rhymes with "tie")-LO-kuh</p>	<p>Dre Kirkpatrick.....DRAY</p> <p>Jake Kumerow (Practice Squad).....KOO-mer-o</p> <p>Bill Lazor (quarterbacks coach).....(pronounced as "laser")</p> <p>Matt Lengel (Practice Squad).....LENG-guhl (hard "g" on second syllable)</p> <p>Rey Maualuga.....RAY mow(rhymes with "now")-uh-LOO-guh</p> <p>Cedric Ogbuehi.....o-BWAY-hee</p> <p>Domata Peko.....DOE-mah-tah PECK-o</p> <p>Vincent Rey.....RAY</p> <p>KeiVarae Russell.....kee-VAR-ay</p> <p>Derron Smith.....duh-RONN</p> <p>C.J. Uzomah.....yew-ZAH-mah</p> <p>Ken Zampese (offensive coordinator).....zam-PEE-zee</p> <p>Kevin Zeitler.....ZITE-ler</p>
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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	7	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
25	Bernard, Giovanni	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	4	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
61	Bodine, Russell	C	6-3	308	6-30-92	3	North Carolina	Scottsville, Va.	D4'14
65	Boling, Clint	G	6-5	305	5-9-89	6	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	FA'11
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	197	11-15-94	R	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
23	Brown, Chykie	CB	5-11	191	12-26-86	5	Texas	Houston, Texas	FA'16
55	Burfict, Vontaze	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	5	Arizona State	Corona, Calif.	CFA'12
33	Burkhead, Rex	HB	5-10	210	7-2-90	4	Nebraska	Plano, Texas	D6a'13
93	Clarke, Will	DE	6-6	280	5-4-91	3	West Virginia	Pittsburgh, Pa.	D3'14
16	Core, Cody	WR	6-3	210	4-17-94	R	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	6	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
56	Dansby, Karlos	LB	6-3	251	11-3-81	13	Auburn	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'16
21	Dennard, Darqueze	CB	5-11	198	10-10-91	3	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
6	Driskel, Jeff	QB	6-4	231	4-23-93	R	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	280	2-28-89	7	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
85	Eifert, Tyler	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	4	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
12	Erickson, Alex	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	R	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
42	Fejedelem, Clayton	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	R	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
74	Fisher, Jake	OT	6-6	305	4-23-93	2	Oregon	Traverse City, Mich.	D2'15
53	Flowers, Marquis	LB	6-3	245	2-16-92	3	Arizona	Phoenix, Ariz.	D6'14
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	6	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	8	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
89	Hewitt, Ryan	H-B	6-4	255	1-24-91	3	Stanford	Denver, Colo.	CFA'14
32	Hill, Jeremy	HB	6-1	235	10-20-92	3	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	D2'14
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	211	7-16-85	8	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
99	Hunt, Margus	DE	6-8	295	7-14-87	4	Southern Methodist	Karksi-Nuia (Estonia)	D2b'13
43	Iloka, George	S	6-4	225	3-31-90	5	Boise State	Houston, Texas	D5c'12
90	Johnson, Michael	DE	6-7	272	2-7-87	8	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	FA'15
60	Johnson, T.J.	C	6-4	300	7-17-90	3	South Carolina	Aynor, S.C.	D7b'13
24	Jones, Adam	CB	5-10	180	9-30-83	10	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
27	Kirkpatrick, Dre	CB	6-2	185	10-26-89	5	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
81	Kroft, Tyler	TE	6-6	250	10-15-92	2	Rutgers	Downingtown, Pa.	D3a'15
11	LaFell, Brandon	WR	6-3	210	11-4-86	7	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	FA'16
37	Lewis-Harris, Chris	CB	5-10	185	2-11-89	4	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Smyrna, Ga.	CFA'12
58	Maulaluga, Rey	LB	6-2	258	1-20-87	8	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
5	McCarron, AJ	QB	6-3	220	9-13-90	2	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	D5'14
2	Nugent, Mike	K	5-10	190	3-2-82	12	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
70	Ogbuehi, Cedric	OT	6-5	310	4-25-92	2	Texas A&M	Allen, Texas	D1'15
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	325	11-27-84	11	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
57	Rey, Vincent	LB	6-0	250	9-6-87	6	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
20	Russell, KeiVarae	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	R	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
26	Shaw, Josh	CB	6-1	200	3-27-92	2	Southern California	Palmdale, Calif.	D4a'15
92	Sims, Pat	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	9	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	UFA(Oak.)'15
31	Smith, Derron	S	5-10	200	2-4-92	2	Fresno State	Banning, Calif.	D6'15
87	Uzomah, C.J.	TE	6-6	265	1-14-93	2	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
59	Vigil, Nick	LB	6-2	239	8-20-93	R	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
63	Westerman, Christian	G	6-3	300	2-23-93	R	Arizona State	Chandler, Ariz.	D5'16
77	Whitworth, Andrew	OT	6-7	330	12-12-81	11	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
69	Williams, DeShawn	DT	6-1	295	12-29-92	1	Clemson	Central, S.C.	CFA'15
36	Williams, Shawn	S	6-0	210	5-13-91	4	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
73	Winston, Eric	OT	6-7	310	11-17-83	10	Miami (Fla.)	Midland, Texas	FA'14
86	Wright, James	WR	6-1	201	12-31-91	3	Louisiana State	Buras, La.	D7a'14
68	Zeitler, Kevin	G	6-4	320	3-8-90	5	Wisconsin	Waukesha, Wis.	D1b'12

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

76	Brown, Ryan (9-4-16)	DE	6-6	276	6-10-94	R	Mississippi State	New Orleans, La.	CFA'16
39	Carson, Tra (9-4-16)	HB	5-11	231	10-24-92	R	Texas A&M	Texarkana, Texas	CFA'16
47	Dawson, P.J. (9-7-16)	LB	6-0	245	1-13-93	2	Texas Christian	Dallas, Texas	D3b'15
71	Dean, David (9-4-16)	DT	6-1	302	2-16-93	R	Virginia	Virginia Beach, Va.	CFA'16
66	Hopkins, Trey (9-16-16)	G	6-3	310	7-6-92	2	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
84	Kumerow, Jake (9-4-16)	WR	6-4	206	2-17-92	1	Wisconsin-Whitewater	Bartlett, Ill.	CFA'15
88	Lengel, Matt (9-4-16)	TE	6-7	266	12-27-90	1	Eastern Kentucky	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	CFA'15
62	Redmond, Alex (9-4-16)	G	6-5	310	1-18-95	R	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
52	Roach, Trevor (9-30-16)	LB	6-2	247	3-6-92	1	Nebraska	Elkhorn, Neb.	CFA'15
17	Russell, Alonzo (9-4-16)	WR	6-4	206	9-29-92	R	Toledo	Washington, D.C.	CFA'16

RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)

98	Thompson, Brandon (8-30-16; knee)	DT	6-2	310	10-19-89	5	Clemson	Thomasville, Ga.	D3b'12
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RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

75	Billings, Andrew (8-30-16; knee)	DT	6-1	325	3-6-95	R	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16
91	Hardison, Marcus (9-3-16; shoulder)	DT	6-3	310	2-14-92	2	Arizona State	Natchitoches, La.	D4b'15
20 +	Jackson, William (9-4-16; pectoral)	CB	6-0	187	10-27-92	R	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
30 +	Peerman, Cedric (9-4-16; forearm)	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	7	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
2	Mike Nugent.....	K	5-10	190	3-2-82	12	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
5	AJ McCarron.....	QB	6-3	220	9-13-90	2	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	D5'14
6	Jeff Driskel.....	QB	6-4	231	4-23-93	8	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
10	Kevin Huber.....	P	6-1	211	7-16-85	R	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Brandon LaFell.....	WR	6-3	210	11-4-86	7	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	FA'16
12	Alex Erickson.....	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	R	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
14	Andy Dalton.....	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	6	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
16	Cody Core.....	WR	6-3	210	4-17-94	R	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
18	A.J. Green.....	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	6	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
20	KeiVarae Russell.....	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	R	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
21	Darqueze Dennard.....	CB	5-11	198	10-10-91	3	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
23	Chykie Brown.....	CB	5-11	191	12-26-86	5	Texas	Houston, Texas	FA'16
24	Adam Jones.....	CB	5-10	180	9-30-83	10	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
25	Giovani Bernard.....	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	4	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
26	Josh Shaw.....	CB	6-1	200	3-27-92	2	Southern California	Palmdale, Calif.	D4a'15
27	Dre Kirkpatrick.....	CB	6-2	185	10-26-89	5	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
31	Derron Smith.....	S	5-10	200	2-4-92	2	Fresno State	Banning, Calif.	D6'15
32	Jeremy Hill.....	HB	6-1	235	10-20-92	3	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	D2'14
33	Rex Burkhead.....	HB	5-10	210	7-2-90	4	Nebraska	Plano, Texas	D6a'13
36	Shawn Williams.....	S	6-0	210	5-13-91	4	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
37	Chris Lewis-Harris.....	CB	5-10	185	2-11-89	4	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Smyrna, Ga.	CFA'12
42	Clayton Fejedelem.....	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	R	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
43	George Iloka.....	S	6-4	225	3-31-90	5	Boise State	Houston, Texas	D5c'12
46	Clark Harris.....	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	8	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
53	Marquis Flowers.....	LB	6-3	245	2-16-92	3	Arizona	Phoenix, Ariz.	D6'14
55	Vontaze Burfict.....	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	5	Arizona State	Corona, Calif.	CFA'12
56	Karlos Dansby.....	LB	6-3	251	11-3-81	13	Auburn	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'16
57	Vincent Rey.....	LB	6-0	250	9-6-87	6	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
58	Rey Mauluga.....	LB	6-2	258	1-20-87	8	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
59	Nick Vigil.....	LB	6-2	239	8-20-93	R	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
60	T.J. Johnson.....	C	6-4	300	7-17-90	3	South Carolina	Aynor, S.C.	D7b'13
61	Russell Bodine.....	C	6-3	308	6-30-92	3	North Carolina	Scottsville, Va.	D4'14
63	Christian Westerman.....	G	6-3	300	2-23-93	R	Arizona State	Chandler, Ariz.	D5'16
65	Clint Boling.....	G	6-5	305	5-9-89	6	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
68	Kevin Zeitler.....	G	6-4	320	3-8-90	5	Wisconsin	Waukesha, Wis.	D1b'12
69	DeShawn Williams.....	DT	6-1	295	12-29-92	1	Clemson	Central, S.C.	CFA'15
70	Cedric Ogbuehi.....	OT	6-5	310	4-25-92	2	Texas A&M	Allen, Texas	D1'15
73	Eric Winston.....	OT	6-7	310	11-17-83	10	Miami (Fla.)	Midland, Texas	FA'14
74	Jake Fisher.....	OT	6-6	305	4-23-93	2	Oregon	Traverse City, Mich.	D2'15
77	Andrew Whitworth.....	OT	6-7	330	12-12-81	11	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
81	Tyler Kroft.....	TE	6-6	250	10-15-92	2	Rutgers	Downingtown, Pa.	D3a'15
83	Tyler Boyd.....	WR	6-2	197	11-15-94	R	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
85	Tyler Eifert.....	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	4	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
86	James Wright.....	WR	6-1	201	12-31-91	3	Louisiana State	Buras, La.	D7a'14
87	C.J. Uzomah.....	TE	6-6	265	1-14-93	2	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
89	Ryan Hewitt.....	H-B	6-4	255	1-24-91	3	Stanford	Denver, Colo.	CFA'14
90	Michael Johnson.....	DE	6-7	272	2-7-87	8	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	FA'15
92	Pat Sims.....	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	9	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	UFA(Oak.)'15
93	Will Clarke.....	DE	6-6	280	5-4-91	3	West Virginia	Pittsburgh, Pa.	D3'14
94	Domata Peko.....	DT	6-3	325	11-27-84	11	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
96	Carlos Dunlap.....	DE	6-6	280	2-28-89	7	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins.....	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	7	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
99	Margus Hunt.....	DE	6-8	295	7-14-87	4	Southern Methodist	Karksi-Nuia (Estonia)	D2b'13

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

17	Alonzo Russell (9-4-16).....	WR	6-4	206	9-29-92	R	Toledo	Washington, D.C.	CFA'16
39	Tra Carson (9-4-16).....	HB	5-11	231	10-24-92	R	Texas A&M	Texarkana, Texas	CFA'16
47	P.J. Dawson (9-7-16).....	LB	6-0	245	1-13-93	2	Texas Christian	Dallas, Texas	D3b'15
52	Trevor Roach (9-30-16).....	LB	6-2	247	3-6-92	1	Nebraska	Elkhorn, Neb.	CFA'15
62	Alex Redmond (9-4-16).....	G	6-5	310	1-18-95	R	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
66	Trey Hopkins (9-16-16).....	G	6-3	310	7-6-92	2	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
71	David Dean (9-4-16).....	DT	6-1	302	2-16-93	R	Virginia	Virginia Beach, Va.	CFA'16
76	Ryan Brown (9-4-16).....	DE	6-6	276	6-10-94	R	Mississippi State	New Orleans, La.	CFA'16
84	Jake Kumerow (9-4-16).....	WR	6-4	206	2-17-92	1	Wisconsin-Whitewater	Bartlett, Ill.	CFA'15
88	Matt Lengel (9-4-16).....	TE	6-7	266	12-27-90	1	Eastern Kentucky	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	CFA'15

RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)

98	Brandon Thompson (8-30-16; knee).....	DT	6-2	310	10-19-89	5	Clemson	Thomasville, Ga.	D3b'12
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RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

22 +	William Jackson (9-4-16; pectoral).....	CB	6-0	187	10-27-92	R	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
30 +	Cedric Peerman (9-4-16; forearm).....	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	7	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
75	Andrew Billings (8-30-16; knee).....	DT	6-1	325	3-6-95	R	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16
91	Marcus Hardison (9-3-16; shoulder).....	DT	6-3	310	2-14-92	2	Arizona State	Natchitoches, La.	D4b'15

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STATISTICS

RECORD: 2-3

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-11	W	23-22	at N.Y. Jets	78,160
9-18	L	16-24	at Pittsburgh	65,072
9-25	L	17-29	DENVER	63,850
9-29	W	22-7	MIAMI	60,834
10-9	L	14-28	at Dallas	91,653
10-16			at New England	
10-23			CLEVELAND	
10-30			VS. WASHINGTON	
11-6			— BYE —	
11-14			at N.Y. Giants	
11-20			BUFFALO	
11-27			at Baltimore	
12-4			PHILADELPHIA	
12-11			at Cleveland	
12-18			PITTSBURGH	
12-24			at Houston	
1-1			BALTIMORE	

TEAM STATISTICS		BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	.....	105	91
Rushing	.....	24	28
Passing	.....	69	53
Penalty	.....	12	10
3rd Down: Made-Att	.....	20-66	23-60
3rd Down Pct.	.....	30.3	38.3
4th Down: Made-Att	.....	3-4	0-2
4th Down Pct.	.....	75.0	0.0
POSSESSION AVG.	.....	30:55	29:05
TOTAL NET YARDS	.....	1832	1693
Avg. Per Game	.....	366.4	338.6
Total Plays	.....	326	297
Avg. Per Play	.....	5.6	5.7
NET YARDS RUSHING	.....	419	570
Avg. Per Game	.....	83.8	114.0
Total Rushes	.....	122	131
NET YARDS PASSING	.....	1413	1123
Avg. Per Game	.....	282.6	224.6
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....	17-90	10-53
Gross Yards	.....	1503	1176
Att.-Completions	.....	187-126	156-94
Completion Pct.	.....	67.4	60.3
Had Intercepted	.....	2	4
PUNTS-AVG.	.....	26-44.7	25-47.7
Net Punting Avg.	.....	26-39.7	25-42.6
PENALTIES-YARDS	.....	31-233	31-303
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	.....	5-3	7-3
TOUCHDOWNS	.....	8	14
Rushing	.....	3	3
Passing	.....	5	11
Returns	.....	0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	23	26	13	30	0	92
OPPONENTS	31	39	14	26	0	110

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mike Nugent	0	0	0	0	8-8	12-14	0	44
Jeremy Hill	3	3	0	0	—	—	0	18
A.J. Green	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Brandon LaFell	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Giovani Bernard	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	8	3	5	0	8-8	12-14	0	92
OPPONENTS	14	3	11	0	11-13	5-6	0	110

Two-point conversions: None. BENGALS 0-0 (0-0 R, 0-0 P), OPPONENTS 0-1 (0-1 R, 0-0 P).

Sacks-yards: Carlos Dunlap 4-25, Will Clarke 3-12, Geno Atkins 2.5-11.5, Michael Johnson 0.5-4.5. BENGALS 10-53, OPPONENTS 17-90.

Fumbles-lost: Andy Dalton 2-0, Giovani Bernard 1-1, Tyler Boyd 1-1 Adam Jones 1-1. BENGALS 5-3, OPPONENTS 7-3.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	187	126	1503	67.4	8.04	5	2.7	2	1.1	54t	17-90	96.2
BENGALS	187	126	1503	67.4	8.04	5	2.7	2	1.1	54t	17-90	96.2
OPPONENTS	156	94	1176	60.3	7.54	11	7.1	4	2.6	74t	10-53	96.5

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Jeremy Hill	62	233	3.8	50	3
Giovani Bernard	34	118	3.5	14	0
Andy Dalton	23	76	3.3	15	0
Brandon LaFell	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
James Wright	2	-6	-3.0	2	0
BENGALS	122	419	3.4	50	3
OPPONENTS	131	570	4.4	60t	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	36	518	14.4	54t	2
Giovani Bernard	25	211	8.4	25t	1
Brandon LaFell	21	276	13.1	49	2
C.J. Uzomah	16	187	11.7	54	0
Tyler Boyd	15	163	10.9	29	0
Tyler Kroft	6	64	10.7	21	0
Jeremy Hill	3	37	12.3	25	0
James Wright	3	27	9.0	10	0
Alex Erickson	1	20	20.0	20	0
BENGALS	126	1503	11.9	54t	5
OPPONENTS	94	1176	12.5	74t	11

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Chris Lewis-Harris	1	11	11.0	11	0
Adam Jones	1	2	2.0	2	0
Dre Kirkpatrick	1	0	0.0	0	0
Josh Shaw	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	4	13	3.3	11	0
OPPONENTS	2	15	7.5	14	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	26	1162	44.7	39.7	2	10	58	0
BENGALS	26	1162	44.7	39.7	2	10	58	0
OPPONENTS	25	1193	47.7	42.6	3	10	66	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	6	7	42	7.0	15	0
Adam Jones	5	0	25	5.0	12	0
BENGALS	11	7	67	6.1	15	0
OPPONENTS	13	5	90	6.9	15	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Rex Burkhead	3	63	21.0	23	0
Alex Erickson	3	61	20.3	24	0
Adam Jones	3	56	18.7	21	0
BENGALS	9	180	20.0	24	0
OPPONENTS	12	310	25.8	65	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mike Nugent	0-0	5-5	3-3	4-4	0-2
BENGALS	0-0	5-5	3-3	4-4	0-2
OPPONENTS	0-0	3-4	0-0	2-2	0-0

Mike Nugent: (33G, 21G, 52WR, 47G), (25G, 33G, 21G), (34G), (42G, 22G, 43G, 22G, 47G), (50WL).

Opponents: (22B, 45G, 20G, 23G), (49G), (20G), (—), (—).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Karlos Dansby	18	11	29	0-0	0-0	2	0	1-0
Shawn Williams	16	9	25	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Vincent Rey	15	10	25	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-10
Adam Jones	18	6	24	0-0	1-2	4	1	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	15	7	22	4-25	0-0	5	2	0-0
George Iloka	11	5	16	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Domata Peko	7	8	15	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-0
Rey Mauluga	9	5	14	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Vontaze Burfict	11	2	13	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	8	5	13	0.5-4.5	0-0	1	0	0-0
Pat Sims	5	8	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Shaw	6	6	12	0-0	1-0	1	0	0-0
Darqueze Dennard	9	2	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Geno Atkins	6	5	11	2.5-11.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	6	1	7	0-0	1-0	4	0	0-0
Margus Hunt	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Will Clarke	3	2	5	3-12	0-0	0	0	0-0
Chris Lewis-Harris	3	1	4	0-0	1-1	2	0	0-0
Derron Smith	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Josh Shaw	4	2	6	0	0-0	0	0	0
James Wright	2	4	6	0	0-0	0	0	0
Marquis Flowers	5	0	5	0	0-0	0	0	0
Nick Vigil	1	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Rex Burkhead	1	1	2	1	0-0	0	0	0
Darqueze Dennard	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Clark Harris	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Chykie Brown	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Clayton Fejedelem	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
George Iloka	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tyler Kroft	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Vincent Rey	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Derron Smith	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cody Core	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Margus Hunt	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	1	1
Mike Nugent	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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